

Other Family Trees – MARRIS of South Willingham

First Generation

1. **Thomas Marrace** was buried on 9 Mar 1797 in South Willingham, Lincs.

This is one of a number of MARRIS trees that has not been connected into the main Marris pedigree published on www.marrisfamilyhistory.uk.

The surname in the South Willingham Parish Registers was spelt MARRACE but was generally MARRIS (sometimes MARRAS) thereafter.

Thomas married **Catharine**. Catharine was buried on 28 Oct 1809 in South Willingham, Lincs.

The start of this tree has gaps. The starting couple were Thomas & Catherine Marrace who had eight known children, all baptised at South Willingham, Lincs. The South Willingham PRs show the burials of Thomas Marrace and Catharine Marrace in 1797 and 1809. The burial entries give no further details. So, although it is certain that Thomas and Catherine Marrace existed and had children, one can only assume that those particular burials were theirs.

Neither the baptisms nor the marriage of Thomas & Catherine Marrace have been located.

The South Willingham PRs record the marriage of a presumed relative (a sister?) of Thomas Marrace. This was Mary Marrace who married Richard Wattam by Banns on 22 January 1759. They were both of the Parish of South Willingham, The marriage was witnessed by Benjamin Bett & Edward Schrimshaw(?). The relationship between Mary and Thomas Marrace remains to be determined.

Thomas and Catharine had the following children:

- 2 M i. **William Marrace** was christened on 25 Apr 1756 in South Willingham, Lincs.

- + 3 M ii. **John Marris** was born in 1757/1758. He died on 6 Nov 1841.

- 4 F iii. **Elizabeth Marrace** was christened on 22 Mar 1761 in South Willingham, Lincs.

- 5 M iv. **Thomas Marrace** was born in 1763. He was buried on 14 Mar 1763 in South Willingham, Lincs.
- + 6 M v. **Thomas Marris** was christened on 29 Apr 1764.
- 7 F vi. **Mary Marrace** was christened on 15 Mar 1767 in South Willingham, Lincs.
- 8 M vii. **Peter Marrace** was christened on 3 Jun 1769 in South Willingham, Lincs.
- 9 F viii. **Frances Marrace** was christened on 28 Jun 1772 in South Willingham, Lincs.

Second Generation

3. **John Marris** (Thomas) was born in 1757/1758 in South Willingham, Lincs. He was christened on 11 Mar 1759 in South Willingham, Lincs. He died on 6 Nov 1841 in Stallingborough, Lincs. He was buried on 8 Nov 1841 in Stallingborough, Lincs.

Based on his age at death, John Marris was born in 1757 or 58.

John married (1) **Ann Coxon** on 6 Jun 1775 in Keelby, Lincs. Ann was born about 1749/1750. She was buried on 25 Nov 1788 in Keelby, Lincs.

The Keelby PRs say that John Marris and Ann Coxon were both of Keelby at the time of their marriage. They married by Banns. The marriage was witnessed by Sarah Marrass & William Coxon.

I had originally thought that Ann Coxon married a different John Marris, the son of William Marris & Sarah Sargent (see separate "Marris of Keelby(2) tree) but altered this after another Marris researcher pointed out that the signature of John Marris in the Keelby marriage register was identical to his signature when he signed a Methodist Dissenting Certificate in 1786.

Two years before the marriage, one finds the baptism at Keelby of Sarah, daughter of Ann Cockson (sic) on 25 December 1773. The name of the father is not given. Could the father have been a very young John Marris whom Ann Coxon married two years later in 1775? John Marris would only have been in his mid teens at the time. Whatever the truth of the matter, Sarah appears to have been christened Cockson and later adopted the surname Marris (hence "Sarah Marris alias Coxon").

Later on, the Keelby PRs show the marriage by Banns of Sarah Marris and William Towl on 5 September 1790. The marriage entry described her as "Sarah Marris alias Coxon". The marriage was witnessed by Joseph Coxon & John Marrass.

If John Marris was the father of "Sarah Marris alias Coxon", then she can rightly be plugged in as the eldest child of John Marris and Ann nee Coxon (and inserted ahead of Eunice Marris below).

The burial entry of John Marris on 8 November 1841 described him as "Age 83, of Stallingborough". The burial entry of Ann Marris (née Coxon) on 25 November 1788 described her as "Age 38(?)", the "Wife of John Marris".

Once one accepts that this John Marris married Ann Coxon at Keelby on 6 June 1775, one immediately finds five children baptised at Keelby in the years immediately following. These children are shown below.

John and Ann had the following children:

- 10 F i. **Eunice Marris** was christened on 14 Apr 1776 in Keelby, Lincs. She was buried on 31 Jan 1839 in Keelby, Lincs.

Eunice married **Thomas Porteus** on 12 Jul 1802 in Keelby, Lincs. Thomas was born in 1769/1770. He was buried on 25 Apr 1803 in Keelby, Lincs.

One assumes it was this Eunice Marris who married Thomas Porteus on 12 July 1802. The Keelby PRs described the couple as both of Keelby. They were married by Banns. The marriage was witnessed by "Owen(?), Condock(?) & Hannah Marras".

The Keelby PRs show the burial of Thomas Portis (sic), Labourer, age 33, on 25 April 1803. The widowed Eunice Porteus (née Marris) went on to marry a second time. Eunice Porteous (sic) married Edward Whelpton by Banns on 20 May 1807 at Keelby. They were both of the Parish of Keelby. The marriage was witnessed by John Waker(?) and Mary France.

Eunice, the wife of Edward Whelpton (Cordwainer), aged 62 of Keelby, was buried at Keelby on 31 January 1839.

The couple are not known to have had children.

- 11 F ii. **Elizabeth Marris** was christened on 6 Jan 1778 in Keelby, Lincs. She was buried on 4 Dec 1782 in Keelby, Lincs.

The burial entry for Elizabeth in the Keelby PRs gives her age as "2 Yrs" and her father's name as John Marris.

- 12 M iii. **George Marris** was christened on 21 May 1780 in Keelby, Lincs. He was buried on 19 May 1836 in Keelby, Lincs.

One assumes that it was this George Marris who was buried at Keelby on 19 May 1836. The Keelby PRs describe him as "Age 56, of Keelby".

- 13 F iv. **Hannah Marris** was christened on 10 Dec 1783 in Keelby, Lincs. She was buried on 23 Mar 1865 in Keelby, Lincs.

Hannah married **Christopher Lowe** on 27 Jan 1807 in Ulceby by Barton, Lincs. Christopher was born in 1782/1783. He was buried on 11 Jun 1833 in Keelby, Lincs.

One assumes that it was this Hannah Marris who married Christopher Low (sic) - although some supporting evidence would be useful. The IGI shows the marriage of Hannah Marris to Christopher Lowe on 27 July 1807. The marriage took place at Ulceby by Barton, Lincs, which is about 4.5 miles from Keelby where the couple then settled.

Another Marris researcher found 10 children born to this couple between then and 1826. The eldest, William, born 1807, married Ellen Rhodes on 24th May 1832. Mary, one of his sisters, was a witness, age 20.

The Keelby PRs record the burial of Christopher Lowe, age 50 of Keelby, on 11 June 1833.

The 1841 Census at Keelby, Lincs, shows Hannah Low (sic), age 55, Widow, with three of her adult children.

The 1851 Census at Keelby, Lincs, shows Hannah Lowe (age 66, Widow, Pauper, born Keelby).

Despite the age discrepancy, it is presumably this Hannah Lowe (née Marris) who was buried at Keelby, age 80, on 23 March 1865.

14 F v. **Ruth Marris** was christened on 29 Jul 1787 in Keelby, Lincs. She was buried on 8 Oct 1788 in Keelby, Lincs.

The burial entry for Ruth in the Keelby PRs gives her parents' names as John & Ann Marris.

John married (2) **Dorothy Holt** on 7 Jan 1802 in Stallingborough, Lincs. Dorothy was born in 1763/1764. She was buried on 28 Sep 1837 in Stallingborough, Lincs.

The Stallingborough PRs confirm the date of the marriage and that Dorothy Holt was a widow. At the time of their marriage, John Marris was of Covenham St Mary, Lincs (about 13 miles from Stallingborough) and Dorothy Holt was of Stallingborough.

John Marris's baptism has proved elusive but the Rev. Joshua Hocken wrote in his 1839 work entitled "Brief History of Wesleyan Methodism in the Grimsby Circuit" that John Marris of Stallingborough "now aged eighty-one" was born at South Willingham and that he lived at Tealby in 1772-4.

John Marris was alive on the night of the 1841 Census but not recorded at Stallingborough. So, where was he? The possible answer lies in the 1841 Census at Cheapside, Waltham, Lincs, which shows:

John Marris, 80, Ind, Y
. . . and four servants.

The above John Marris was "Independent" and had four servants. This makes it less likely to be the same John Marris because John Marris of Stallingborough had only a very small farm in Pinfold Lane, Stallingborough, which he rented. On the other hand, bearing in mind that ages were rounded down in 1841, the age of John Marris of Waltham is consistent with the age John Marris of Stallingborough. The two places are only six miles apart.

The Stallingborough PRs show the burial of John Marris on 8th November 1841, aged 83. Another Marris researcher has confirmed his date of death (6th November 1841) from his Death Certificate. He died at Stallingborough of 'old age'. Thomas Dawson, Shoemaker, of Stallingborough, informed the registrar of his death.

The death of John Marris was reported in the Hull Advertiser on 19th November 1841, as follows:

On Sat, the 6th inst at Stallingborough near Grimsby, aged 83 years, Mr John Marris. He was an acceptable local preacher of the Wesleyan Methodist Society for more than half a century and left a satisfactory testimony behind him.

The following was found in The Methodist Hymn Book:

Possessing an athletic frame, a mind of great energy, and a natural fearless daring, John Marris, of Stallingborough, Grimsby, was distinguished amongst his worldly companions for folly and dissipation. In 1785 he was convinced of sin through a sermon preached by the Rev. L. Harrison, and soon afterwards found peace in believing under a sermon by the Rev. George Holder. His clear perception of divine truth made him a great blessing to many dwelling in the darkness which surrounded him; and as a class-leader and local preacher he was earnest, affectionate, firm, and stimulating. He was a good man, and carried the power of his goodness about with him. God spared his useful life for eighty-three years, and when death was at hand he maintained his confidence in God unshaken. With great strength of voice and fervour of spirit, just before he died, he repeated -

"Wide as the world is Thy command;
Vast as eternity Thy love;
Firm as a rock Thy truth shall stand,
When rolling years shall cease to move."

Shortly afterwards he faintly breathed out:

"I am bound for the kingdom, go to glory with me"

- and he entered into rest, 6th October, 1845(?), aged eighty-three.

John and Dorothy had the following children:

+ 15 M vi. **John Marris** was born in 1803. He died on 11 Mar 1847.

6. **Thomas Marris** (Thomas) was christened on 29 Apr 1764 in South Willingham, Lincs.

Thomas married **Dinah Gibson** in 1790 in Welton-by-Lincoln, Lincs. Dinah was born in 1755/1756. She was buried on 14 Dec 1832 in South Willingham, Lincs.

It is reasonable to assume that the Dinah shown above was Dinah Gibson. Thomas Marrace (Bachelor) and Dinah Gibson (Spinster), both of the Parish of Welton by Lincoln, were married by Banns in the Church there on 12th April 1790. The marriage was witnessed by Sarah Hardy(?) and John Wheatley. Their first two children (William and Ann) were baptised at Welton By Lincoln in 1790 and 1792 respectively. Against both baptisms, it was noted that Thomas Marris was a pauper.

Thomas & Dinah Marris may have had further children at Welton by Lincoln but the Parish Register pages were too faint to read.

Their next known child occurred in 1797 when their daughter Elizabeth Marrace was baptised at the nearby village of Snarford, Lincs. Two years later, the couple were at South Willingham Lincs (less than 10 miles from Snarford) where their remaining three children were baptised.

Dinah's burial was found in the NBI V3. She was aged 76, thus born in 1755 or 1756.

Thomas and Dinah had the following children:

16 M i. **William Marris** was christened on 27 Jun 1790 in Welton By Lincoln, Lincs.

17 F ii. **Ann Marris** was christened on 27 May 1792 in Welton By Lincoln, Lincs.

18 F iii. **Elizabeth Marris** was christened on 5 Feb 1797 in Snarford, Lincs. She was buried on 1 Jul 1819 in South Willingham, Lincs.

19 F iv. **Jane Marris** was christened on 4 Aug 1799 in South Willingham, Lincs.

20 F v. **Susannah Marris** was christened on 3 Nov 1801 in South Willingham, Lincs.

+ 21 M vi. **John Marris** was born in 1800/1801. He was buried on 5 Sep 1880.

Third Generation

15. **John Marris** (John Marris, Thomas) was born in 1803. He was christened on 19 Jul 1803 in Stallingborough, Lincs. He died on 11 Mar 1847. He was buried on 14 Mar 1847 in Stallingborough, Lincs.

The Stallingborough PRs show that John Marris was baptised at Stallingborough on 19th July 1803, the son of John & Dorothy Marris.

John married **Mary Clifton** on 7 May 1833 in Stallingborough, Lincs. Mary was born in 1806 in Legsby, Lincs. She was buried on 18 Feb 1874 in Stallingborough, Lincs.

John Marris married Mary Clifton at Stallingborough on 7 May 1833. The marriage entry in the Stallingborough PRs describes John Marris as a Bachelor of this Parish (i.e. Stallingborough) and, similarly, Mary Clifton as Spinster of this Parish. The couple were married by Banns on 7th May 1833 in the Presence of (?) Plackitt, Mary Plackitt, Ann Willows(?) and John Clifton.

Mary Clifton was the daughter of William Clifton (1771-1850) and his wife Margaret (1771-1849). Mary was the youngest of three children, born 1806.

John Marris was a cottager cum agricultural labourer who lived with his wife Mary at Little London Farm, Stallingborough, Lincs during 1833-35. Their first child, Margaret was born at Stallingborough. They then appear to have spent a few years at Waltham, Lincs, where their next two children were born. After that, they returned to Stallingborough where they settled at Pinfold Farm.

The 1841 Census at Stallingbro', Lincs, shows:

John Marris, 35, Ag Lab, y
Mary Marris, 30, y
Margaret Marris, 6, y
Sarah Marris, 5, y
Henery [sic] Marris, 3, y
Emma Marris, 1, y

John Marris died in 1847, Lincs, aged 43, and was buried at Stallingborough on 14 March 1847. Another Marris researcher provided me with 11 Mar 1847 as John Marris's date of death. The cause of death was 'decline'.

After his death, Mary Marris (née Clifton) moved to Pinfold Lane, Stallingborough, probably in the old farm house which has a stone above its door engraved with the year "1791".

The 1851 Census at In Town, Stallingborough, Lincs, shows:

Mary Marris, Head, Wid, 42 (?), at home domestic duties (?), born Lincoln Legsby(?)
Margaret Marris, Daur, 17, Dressmaker, born Lincoln, Stallingboro
John Marris, Son, 9, Scholar, born Lincoln, Stallingboro
Dorothy Marris, Daur, 7, At Home, born Lincoln, Stallingboro
Mary Susan Marris, Daur, 4, At Home, born Lincoln, Stallingboro

The 1861 Census at Top Town, Stallingborough, Lincs, shows:

[Head from home]

Dorothy Marris, Daur, Un, 18, House Maid, born Lincoln Stallingborough
Mary S Marris, Daur, Un, 15, Needle Worker, born Lincoln Stallingborough
Hannah Marris, Gd Daur, Un, 3, born Lincoln Stallingborough

The 1861 Census for 16 Valentines Road, Boston, Lincs, shows:

Enoch Hall, Head, Mar, 24, Millwright, born Lincolnshire Heddlethorpe
Margaret Hall, Wife, Mar, 25, born Lincolnshire Stallingbro
Mary Marris, Visitor, Widow, 53, Landowner, born Lincolnshire Ascoughby (sic)
Sarah Mettam, Visitor, Nurse[sic], 50, Nurse, born Lincolnshire Dorrington
Abraham Hall, Lodger, Un, 22, Machine ????, born Lincolnshire Heddlethorpe

The 1871 Census for Pinfold House, Stallingborough, Lincs, shows, with two other families:

Mary Marris, Head, W, 60, Annuitant, born Oscaby (sic), Linc
Mary S Marris, Daur, Unm, 23, Dress Maker, born Stallingboro' Linc
Anne S Marris, Grand Daur, 13, Scholar, born Stallingboro' Linc
John Bacon, Visitor, Unm, 25, Ag Labourer, born Keelby Linc

The Stallingborough PRs show the burial of Mary Marris on 18 Feb 1873 at Stallingborough. It is assumed to be the burial of the above Mary (née Clifton) who married John Marris on 7 May 1833.

John and Mary had the following children:

- 22 F i. **Margaret Marris** was born in 1834 in Stallingborough, Lincs. She was christened on 7 Jul 1834 in Stallingborough, Lincs.

In the 1851 Census at Stallingborough, Lincs, Margaret Marris was a dressmaker.

Margaret married **Enock Hall** in Mar 1860 in Caistor Reg. Distr., Lincs.
Enock was born in 1836/1837 in Heddlethorpe, Lincs.

As above, the 1861 Census for 16 Valentines Road, Boston, Lincs, shows:

Enoch Hall, Head, Mar, 24, Millwright, born Lincolnshire Heddlethorpe
Margaret Hall, Wife, Mar, 25, born Lincolnshire Stallingbro
Mary Marris, Visitor, Widow, 53, Landowner, born Lincolnshire Ascoughby
Sarah Mettam, Visitor, Nurse[sic], 50, Nurse, born Lincolnshire Dorrington
Abraham Hall, Lodger, Un, 22, Machine ????, born Lincolnshire Heddlethorpe

+ 23 F ii. **Sarah Ann Marris** was born in 1835.

24 M iii. **Henry Boringahm Marris** was born on 21 Oct 1837 in Waltham, Lincs. He was christened on 25 Oct 1837 in Waltham, Lincs. He was buried on 7 May 1847 in Stallingborough, Lincs.

It is an assumption that Henry Marris who appears aged 3 in the 1841 Census at Stallingborough, Lincs is the Henry Boringham Marris, baptised on 25 Oct 1837 at Waltham, Lincs. This baptism appears in the Waltham PRs and confirms the parents' names as John & Mary Marris, with John Marris described as of Waltham, a Farmer.

The assumption is strengthened by the burial entry for Henry Boringham Marris on 7 May 1847 at Stallingborough, Lincs. The burial entry described him as "aged 9, of Stallingborough".

25 F iv. **Emma Marris** was born in 1839 in Stallingborough, Lincs. She was christened on 1 Dec 1839 in Stallingborough, Lincs. She died on 25 Aug 1853. She was buried on 27 Aug 1853 in Stallingborough, Lincs.

The 1851 Census at Saturday Market, Beverley, Yorks, shows:

Francis Riggall, Head, Mar, 43, Brewing Victualler, Retailer of Beer Wines and Spirits, born Yorkshire Beverley
Sarah Rigall, Wife, Mar, 35, born Lincolnshire Tetney
Emma Marris, Visitor, U, 10, Scholar, born Lincolnshire Stallingborough.

The NBI shows that Emma was aged 14 at the time of her burial at Stallingborough on 27 Aug 1853.

Another Marris researcher provided me with 25 Aug 1853 as the date of death, with "paraplegia" given as the cause.

+ 26 M v. **William John Marris** was born on 2 Jan 1842. He died on 25 Feb 1926.

27 F vi. **Dorothy Marris** was born in 1843 in Stallingborough, Lincs. She was christened about 10 Jun 1843 in Stallingborough, Lincs.

Dorothy married **William Selby** in Mar 1870 in Caistor Reg. Distr., Lincs. William was born in 1838/1839 in Market Overton, Rutland.

FreeBMD shows the marriage of Dorothy Marris in March Qtr. 1870 in Caistor Registration District, Lincs. On the same marriage page were William Hardy and William Selby.

The 1871 Census at 73 High St, Scotter, Lincs, shows:

William Selby, Head, Mar, 32, Police Constable, born Market Overton Rutland
Dorothy Selby, Wife, Mar, 27, Policeman's wife, born Stallingborough Lincolnshire

28 F vii. **Mary Susannah Marris** was born in 1846 in Stallingborough, Lincs. She was christened on 11 Oct 1846 in Stallingborough, Lincs. She was buried on 23 Oct 1902 in Stallingborough, Lincs.

Mary married **Joseph Tripp** in Dec 1873 in Caistor Reg. Distr., Lincs. Joseph was born in 1847/1848 in South Ferriby, Lincs. He was buried on 26 Dec 1907 in Stallingborough, Lincs.

The FreeBMD web site has the marriage of a Mary Susannah Marris in Oct-Dec Qtr 1873, registered at Caistor. On the same marriage page were John Thomas Robinson and Joseph Tripp.

The 1881 Census at 54 Hendon Road, Bishop Wearmouth, Durham, shows:

Joseph Tripp, Head, ?, 33, Millinery (sic), born Lincolnshire
Mary Susannah Tripp, Wife, Mar, 33, Haberdasher, born Lincolnshire
Elizabeth Tripp, Daur, 6, born Sunderland
Ethel Tripp, Daur, 4, born Sunderland
Sarah Ann Tripp, Daur, 2, born Grimsby Lincoln

(in the above Census, one assumes that Joseph Tripp's occupation was "Miller".)

In 1891, Joseph Tripp (43, Miller, born South Ferriby) and his wife Mary Susannah Tripp (43, born Stallingborough) were living at Mill House, Stallingborough with their four daughters: Elizabeth M (15), Ethel (14), Sarah A (12) and Ellen M (8).

In 1901, the couple along with daughter Sarah A Tripp were living at The Mill, Stallingborough - with Mary Susannah continuing to knock two years off her actual age.

At the time of her death, Mary Susannah was living at Stallingborough Mill. At the time of his death, Joseph was living at 109 Thoresby Street, Hull.

21. **John Marris** (Thomas Marris, Thomas) was born in 1800/1801 in South Willingham, Lincs. He was christened on 19 Jan 1804 in South Willingham, Lincs. He was buried on 5 Sep 1880 in Claxby by Normanby, Lincs.

John married **Elizabeth Sparling** on 11 Jul 1828 in Scotter, Lincs. Elizabeth was born in 1804/1805 in Scotter, Lincs. She was buried on 9 Dec 1881 in Claxby by Normanby, Lincs.

The Scotter PRs record the marriage of John Marrows [sic], bachelor of the Parish of South Willingham, Lincs, and Elisabeth [sic] Sparling, spinster of the parish of Scotter. They were married by Banns on 11th July 1828 in the presence of witnesses George May and Mary Smith.

The 1841 Census at Claxby, Lincs, shows:

John Marris, Ag Lab, 35, y
Elizabeth Marris, 30, y
Dinah Marris, 10, y
Thomas Marris, 8, y
Mary Marris, 6, y
Sparling Marris, 4, y

The Claxby by Normanby PRs show the burial of Elizabeth Marrows (sic) of Claxby (PR says "accidentally burnt to death"), Sept 26th 1835, age 5. This is assumed to be the Elizabeth Marris baptised 13 Nov 1828 at South Willingham, Lincs, the daughter of John & Elizabeth Marris.

The 1851 Census at Claxby, Lincs, shows:

John Marris, Head, Mar, 50, Ag Lab, born Lincoln South Willingham
Elizabeth Marris, Wife, Mar, 46, born Lincoln Scotter
Sparling Marris, Son, 14, Ag Lab, born Lincoln Scotter
Eliza Marris, Daur, 9, Scholar, born Lincoln Scotter

The 1861 Census at Clixby (sic), Lincs, shows (curiously):

John Marrows [sic], Head, Mar, 56, Ag Lab, born Lincolnshire South Willingham
Elizabeth Marrows, Wife, Mar, 54, Ag Lab Wife, born Lincolnshire Scotter

The 1871 Census at Claxby, Lincs, shows:

John Marris, Head, Mar, 71, Ag Lab, born Lincolnshire South Willingham
Elizabeth Marris, Wife, Mar, 68, born Lincoln Messingham [sic]
. . . and 1 Boarder

The 1881 Census at Claxby, Lincs, shows:

Elizabeth Marris, Head, W, 77, Housekeeper, born Lincoln Messingham
Sparling Marris, Son, Unm, 40, ?, born Lincoln Claxby
Fanny Beal, Grand Daur, 14, Domestic Servt, born Lincoln Osgodby

The Kirkby Cum Osgodby PRs show the baptism of Fanny, daughter of William & Eliza Beels (sic) on 22 April 1866.

FreeBMD shows the marriage of William Beel or Beels in Jun Qtr 1863 at Casitor Reg. Distr., Lincs. On the same marriage page was Eliza Marris. This was presumably Elizabeth Marris, the seventh child of John Marris & Elizabeth née Sparling shown below.

The Claxby by Normanby PRs show the burials of John & Elizabeth Marris as follows:

John Marrows (sic) of Claxby, buried September 5th 1880, age 80 yrs.
Elizabeth Marrows (sic) of Claxby, buried December 9th 1881, age 78 years

John and Elizabeth had the following children:

- 29 F i. **Elizabeth Marris** was christened on 13 Nov 1828 in South Willingham, Lincs. She was buried on 26 Sep 1835 in Claxby by Normanby, Lincs.

The Claxby by Normanby PRs show the following burial:

Elizabeth Marrows of Claxby, Accidentally burnt to death, Sept 26th 1835, age 5.

- 30 F ii. **Dinah Marris** was christened on 26 Dec 1830 in Claxby Near Normanby, Lincs.

The 1851 Census at Caistor, Lincs, shows Dinah Marris in the household of William & Susan Grantham, as follows:

Dinah Marris, hs(?), U, 20, House Sert, born Claxby

Dinah married **Robert Rickles** in Jun 1856 in Glanford Brigg Reg. Distr..

FreeBMD records the marriage of a Dinah Marris in June Qtr 1856. On the same marriage page are William Ponsford and Robert Rickles.

The 1861 Census at 3 Hewitts Buliding, Sculcoates St Paul, Yorks, indicates that Dinah married the latter. One assumes this is the right Dinah as her place of birth is given as Lincolnshire, Claxby. The full entry reads as follows:

Robert Rickles, Head, Mar, 29, Joiner, born Yorkshire Hull
Dinah Rickles, Wife, Mar, 20, born Lincolnshire Claxby
George Rickles, Son, 4, born Lincolnshire Claxby
Fred Rickles, Son, 2, born Yorkshire Hull
Sarah A Rickles, Daur, 1mth(?), born Yorkshire Hull

31 M iii. **Thomas Marris** was christened on 11 Nov 1832 in Claxby Near Normanby, Lincs.

The 1851 Census at Holton Le Moor, Lincs, shows Thomas Marris in the household of Robert & Mary ?, as follows:

Thomas Marris, Servant, U, 18, Ag Svt, born Lincoln Claxby

32 F iv. **Mary Marris** was christened on 25 Dec 1834 in Claxby Near Normanby, Lincs.

33 M v. **Sparling Marris** was christened on 22 Jan 1837 in Claxby Near Normanby, Lincs. He died in Dec 1918 in Lincoln Reg. Distr., Lincs.

The 1871 Census at Cottage, Skinningrove, Yorks, shows Sparling Marris in the household of Joseph & Ann Carliss, as follows:

Sparling Marris, Boarder, Unm, 34, Labourer, born Claxby Lincolnshire

As mentioned above, the 1881 Census at Claxby, Lincs, shows:

Elizabeth Marris, Head, W, 77, Housekeeper, born Lincoln Messingham
Sparling Marris, Son, Unm, 40, ?, born Lincoln Claxby
Fanny Beal, Grand Daur, 14, Domestic Servt, born Lincoln Osgodby

The GRO indexes record the death of Sparling Marrows [sic] in Dec. Qtr 1918 at Lincoln. His age at death was 81 - which surely makes him the Sparling Marris in this tree. It would seem that this family were still using variant surname spellings right into the 20th Century. Based on that spelling, one finds Sparling Marrows in the 1901 and 1911 Census.

In 1901, he was boarding at Heath Lane, Coleby, Lincs, in the household of the Reeson family, as follows:

- Sparling Marrows, Boarder, S, 64, Agricultural Labourer, Worker, born Lincs Claxby

In 1911, he was living on his own in two rooms at Brunbury(Boundary?) Cottages, Coleby Hocton(?), Lincoln, as follows:

- Sparling Marrows, Head, 74, Nil, Single, Farm Labourer, on Farm, born Claxby Lincolnshire

- 34 M vi. **Charles Marris** was christened about 1839. He was buried on 22 Jul 1839 in Claxby Near Normanby, Lincs.

The Claxby by Normanby PRs show the burial of Charles Marris, an infant, on 22 July 1840. Although the index doesn't name the parents, it is reasonable to assume they were John & Elizabeth Marris, the only known Marris couple having children baptised at Claxby in this period.

- 35 M vii. **George Marris** was christened on 6 Feb 1842 in Claxby Near Normanby, Lincs. He was buried on 18 Jul 1849 in Claxby Near Normanby, Lincs.

The NBI V3 records the burial of George Marris at Claxby, aged 7.

- 36 F viii. **Elizabeth Marris** was christened on 6 Feb 1842 in Claxby Near Normanby, Lincs.

Elizabeth married **William Beel** in Jun 1863 in Casitor Reg. Distr., Lincs.

The 1871 Census at Searby, Lincs, shows:

William Beel, Head, mar, 33, Blacksmith, born Lincolns Osgodby
Eliza Beel, Wife, Mar, 29, born Lincolns Claxby
George Beel, Son, Unm, 7, born Lincolns Osgodby
Fanny Beel, Daur, 5, born Lincolns Osgodby
William Beel, Son, 3, born Lincolns Searby
John T Beel, Son, 10mo, born Lincolns Searby
Cooper Beel, Visitor, Unm, 30, Blacksmith, born Lincolns Osgodby

In 1881, Fanny Beel was in the household of her Marris grandparents (see above).

- 37 F ix. **Sarah Ann Marris** was christened on 23 Oct 1852 in Claxby Near Normanby, Lincs. She was buried on 24 Feb 1856 in Claxby Near Normanby, Lincs.

The NBI V3 records the burial of Sarah Ann Marris at Claxby, aged 3.

Fourth Generation

23. **Sarah Ann Marris** (John Marris, John Marris, Thomas) was born in 1835. She was christened on 17 Aug 1835 in Waltham, Lincs.

It is likely that the Sarah Marris who appears aged 5 in the 1841 Census at Stallingborough, Lincs (see above) was baptised at Waltham, Lincs (on 17 Aug 1835). This baptism appears in the Waltham PRs and confirms the parents' names as John & Mary Marris, with John Marris described as of Waltham, a Farmer. Waltham is 6 miles from Stallingborough where, according to later Censuses, Sarah Ann was born.

This Sarah Ann appears in the household of Joseph Askey in the 1861 Census at Road(?) House, Great Coates, Lincs, as follows:

Sarah A Marris, Serv, Un, 25, Genl. Servant, born Lincolnshire Stallingbro.

The 1861 Census at Wood(?) House, Great Coates, Lincs, finds Sarah Ann Marris as a servant in the household of Joseph Askey (Shepherd and Wesleyan Local Reader) as follows:

Sarah A Marris, Serv, Un, 25, General Servant, born Lincolnshire Stallingbro

Another Marris researcher told me that, in 1871, Sarah Ann was a servant in Mr West's house in East Sculcoates, Hull - but I have been unable to locate the household on Ancestry.

It would appear, later on, that Sarah Ann Marris was married. It looks like it was this Sarah Ann Marris whose marriage to William Moody was registered in September Qtr 1864 at Caistor, Lincs.

The 1881 Census at 34 Wood St, Grimsby shows a possible match for this couple and their children, viz:

William Moody (Head, 39, Sanitary Inspector, born Croxton, Lincs

Sarah A Moody Wife, 41, born Waltham, Lincs

and their 4 children.

The 1901 Census at the same address (34 Wood St) shows William & Sarah A Moody (age 60) with their daughter Rose (24). On this occasion, Sarah A Moody gave her place of birth as Stallingborough rather than Waltham. If aged 60, that would make her appear 5 years younger than she actually was.

The GRO index of deaths shows quite a few entries for Sarah Ann Moody. The best fit is the Sarah Ann Moody whose death was registered at Grimsby in March Qtr 1906, age 70 (so born c.1835/6).

Sarah had the following children:

- 38 F i. **Hannah Sofia Marris** was born on 22 Jul 1857 in Stallingborough, Lincs. She died on 12 Feb 1895 in Grimsby Union Workhouse, Lincs.

Hannah Sofia Marris was born out of wedlock. Sarah Ann Marris was aged 21 at the time and unmarried. The father's name was not recorded on the birth certificate.

Hannah married **Richard Sutton Chapman** on 25 Dec 1878 in St. Andrew, Great Grimsby, Lincs. Richard was born in 1857/1858 in Wisbech, Cambs.

The 1881 Census at 28 Axel Terrace, Great Grimsby, shows:

Richard S Chapman, Head, Mar, 23, Wood Sawyer, born Cambridgeshire Wisbech
Anna S Chapman, Wife, Mar, 23, born Lincolnshire Stallingborough
Mary E Chapman, Daur, 1, born Lincolnshire Grimsby

Another Marris researcher provided me with further information about this couple.

In the 1891 Census, Hannah Sophia Chapman, aged 32, was living as a boarder with Mary J. Raynes and her son Ernest E. Atkin at "Ladyman's Buildings, 36, King Edward Street, Grimsby." Both Mary Raynes and Hannah Sophia Chapman were dressmakers.

In the 1901 Census, Richard (44) & Hannah (43) Chapman were in Clee, Grimsby, Lincs with their baby son Richard, age 2. Their daughter Mary E Chapman had been born in 1880 - so a huge gap between the two children, unless there were others in between.

On the 12th of February 1895, Hannah Sophia, known as Annie Sophia, died in the Grimsby Union Workhouse, King Edward Street, of "Syphilis Exhaustion", age 35. Her occupation was described as being the wife of Richard Sutton Chapman, sawyer, of "back of 36, King Edward Street, Grimsby". So husband and wife did not have a proper home of their own at this time. The workhouse was opened in 1895, the year Hannah died there.

Richard Sutton Chapman, labourer at a sawmill, then married Mary Ann Seller of Glanford Brigg in 1896. They had a son, Richard W. Chapman, in 1898 and lived 214, Willingham Street, Clee, Grimsby.

26. **William John Marris** (John Marris, John Marris, Thomas) was born on 2 Jan 1842 in Stallingborough, Lincs. He was christened on 2 Jan 1842 in Stallingborough, Lincs. He died on 25 Feb 1926 in Bradford, Yorks.

William married (1) **Helen George Deakin** in Jun 1870 in Pontypool, Wales. Helen was born on 15 Mar 1848 in Trevethin, Monmouthshire, Wales. She died on 15 Mar 1900 in Bradford, Yorks.

Helen George Deakin was the daughter of Thomas Deakin (1821-1849) and Temperance Deakin née George (1820-1868). Helen George Deakin died at Westcroft House, High Street, Horton, Bradford.

The Rev. William John Marris was a Wesleyan Minister

The 1871 Census at 7 Grove Ter., Norton, Durham, shows:

William J Marris, Head, Mar, 29, Wesleyan Minister, born Lincolnshire Stallingbro
Helen G Marris, Wife, Mar, 23, born Monmouthshire Yaxley
. . . and one servant

The 1881 Census at 123 Stockport Road, Ardwick, Manchester, Lancs, shows:

William J Marris, Head, Mar, 39, Wesleyan Methodist Minister, born Lincolnshire Stallingboro
Helen G Marris, Wife, Mar, 33, born Monmouthshire Varley
Stanley P Marris, Son, 9, Scholar, born Durham, Stockton on Tees
Alfred W Marris, Son, 7, Do, born Notts Nottingham
Effie A Marris, Daur, 6, Yorkshire Scarboro
Hubert C Marris, Son, 1 mo, born Lancashire Manchester
. . . and one servant

The 1891 Census at 7 Rectory Terrace, Bishop Wearmouth, Durham, shows:

[parents not present]

Alfred Wm Marris, Son, S, 17, Provision Merchants Apprentice, born Notts Nottingham
Effie Adeline Marris, Daur, S, 16, Scholar, born Yorks Scarborough
Clifton Hertbert Marris, Son, 10, Do, born Lancashire Manchester
Hilda Gertrude Marris, Daur, 6, born Yorkshire Sheffield
Roy Trevethin Marris, Son, 4, born Yorkshire Sheffield
. . . and two servants

The 1901 Census at Fernley House, Fence Avenue, Macclesfield, Cheshire, shows:

William J Marris, Head, Widr, 59, Wesleyan Minister, born Lincs Stallingboro

Hilda G Marris, Daughter, S, 16, born Yorks Sheffield
Roy T Marris, Son, S, 14, born Yorks Sheffield
. . . and one servant.

William and Helen had the following children:

- 39 M i. **Stanley Punshon Marris** was born on 29 May 1871 in Stockton-on-Tees, Durham. He died on 31 Aug 1944 in Srinagar, Kashmir.

Stanley Punshon Marris was a pupil at Kingswood School, Lansdown, Bath, 1883-8. The school register says he took a Th.A. at King's College, London, and was Chaplain at Ajmer, Rajputana.

Stanley married **Dora Frances Yule** on 23 Oct 1908 in St Thomas Cathedral, Bombay, India. Dora was born on 12 Mar 1883.

She was the daughter of James Brady Yule, Member of the Stock Exchange, and Fannie Yule, née Rowen.

The index of wills at Somerset House shows:

Dora Frances Marris, Widow, of 42 Tedworth Square, Chelsea, London, d. 29 Jan 1950 at 39 Royal Avenue, Chelsea. £412. To; Elizabeth Cameron (wife of Mark James Walter Cameron).

- 40 M ii. **Alfred William Marris** was born on 11 Apr 1874 in Nottingham, Notts. He died on 28 Oct 1934 in South Africa.

Alfred William was a pupil at Kingswood School, Lansdown, Bath, 1884-9. The school register says he was later manager of a business in Johannesburg, District Commissioner, Transvaal Boy Scouts; Vice-Chairman S. African British-Israel Assoc. Pamphlets on the British-Israel question.

Alfred married **Florence Smith** in 1899 in South Africa. Florence was born on 25 Mar 1875. She died on 3 Jan 1938 in South Africa.

Florence Smith, born on the 25th of March, 1875, was the daughter of Henry Joseph Smith and Julia Kilroe. Henry Smith's family had been in South Africa for several generations.

- 41 F iii. **Effie Adeline Marris** was born in Mar 1875 in Scarborough, Yorks. She died in Dec 1952 in Claro Reg. Distr., Yorks.

Effie married **Ralph Varley Rushworth** on 9 Oct 1900 in Macclesfield Reg. Distr., Yorks. Ralph was born in 1872/1873. He died in Mar 1950 in Claro Reg. Distr., Yorks.

Another Marris researcher told that Effie Adeline Marris was 25 when she married Ralph Varley Rushworth of Bradford, Yorkshire, age 30, a Bank Cashier. The Rev. William Marris, father of the bride, conducted the marriage service on 9 Oct 1900 at Trinity Methodist Chapel, Macclesfield, Cheshire – where he was the Minister at that time. Witnesses at the wedding were Hilda Marris and Grosvenor Rushworth. The bridegroom's father was James Rushworth, a Stuff Warehouse Manager.

- 42 M iv. **Hubert Clifton Marris** was born on 14 Feb 1881 in Ardwick, Cheshire. He died on 20 Jul 1930 in Bolton, Lancs.

Hubert Clifton Marris was a pupil at Kingswood School, Lansdown, Bath, 1892-7. The school register says he became Chief Chemist, later Manager, of W. Walker Ltd, Bolton. 1914-18 - Chief Chemist, Munition Works, Petrograd. d.1930.

A descendant of this branch tells me the location was St Petersburg, not Petrograd, and that the family actually left Russia in 1917 in a hurry when the Revolution started.

The 1901 Census at 65 St Mary's Road, Bradford, shows Hubert Clifton Marris in the household of Elizabeth Rayner, a 58 year old widow, as follows:

Hubert C Marris, Boarder, 20, Analytical Chemist, born Lancashire Manchester

Hubert married **Beatrice Alice Jones** in St Petersburg, Russia. Beatrice was born on 11/23 Jul 1885 in British Church of St. Andrew, Moscow, Russia. She was christened 25 Dec 1888 - 6 Jan 1889 in Anglican Church, Moscow, Russia. She died on 24 Nov 1963 in Holmfield, Halifax, Yorks.

Beatrice Alice Jones was the daughter of Quentin Read Jones & Mary Jane Jones. Her birth and baptism dates are shown in Russian dual calendar format.

The index of wills at Somerset House shows:

Hubert Clifton Marris of 50 Whitecroft Road, Bolton, Lancs, died 20 Jul 1930, £1,331. To; Beatrice Marris (Widow).

and

Beatrice Alice Marris of 98 Oakes Road, South Oakes, Huddersfield, Yorks, d. 24 Nov 1963 at Laurel Bank, Holmfield, Halifax. £587, To; Hubert Quentin Marris (Chemical Engineer).

- 43 F v. **Hilda Gertrude Marris** was born in Sep 1884 in Sheffield, Yorks. She died on 3 Nov 1963 in Sheffield, Yorks.

Hilda was a Deaconess in the Methodist Church. She lived in Sheffield with her companion, Ivy Hardwick, with whom for a time she ran a shop stocking general goods.

The 1911 Census at Wesley Deaconess College, Ilkley, Yorks, finds Hilda Gertrude Marris as a visitor there, as follows:

Hilda Gertrude Marris, Visitor, 26, Single, Wesley Deaconess, born Yorkshire Sheffield

The index of wills at Somerset House shows:

Hilda Gertrude Marris (Spinster) of 67 Bole Hill Lane, Sheffield, Yorks. d. 3 Nov 1963 at The Royal Hospital, Sheffield. £722. To; Ivy Hardwick (Spinster).

- 44 M vi. **Roy Trevethin Marris** was born in Sep 1886 in Sheffield, Yorks. He died on 31 Jan 1959 in Cottage Hospital, Keswick, Cumb.

Death registered at Cockermouth, Cumb, in Mar Qtr 1959.

Roy married **Elizabeth Quibell** in Sep 1919 in Newark Upon Trent, Notts.

The 1911 Census at 104 Vicarage Road, Smethwick, Worcs, finds Roy in the household of Martha Rymill and family as follows:

Roy Marris, Boarder, 23, Single, Electrical Engineer, born Sheffield

The index of wills at Somerset House shows:

Roy Trevethin Marris of The Fort Ashness, near Keswick, Cumberland. d. 31 Jan 1959 at Mary Hewetson Cottage Hospital, Keswick. £3,160. To; Elisabeth Marris (Widow).

William married (2) **Kathleen Dyer** on 25 Sep 1901 in Trinity Methodist Chapel, Harrogate, Yorks. Kathleen died on 21 Oct 1944 in Bradford, Yorks.

The 1911 Census at 71 St Mary's Road, Manningham, Yorks shows:

William John Marris, Head, 69, Married, Wesleyan Minister (Retired), born Stallingboro, Grimsby, Linc
Kathleen Marris, Wife, 55, Married, born Halifax Yorks
Stanley P Marris, Son, 39, Married, Clergyman, Established Church, Indian Government, born Stockton on Tees Durham
Dora Marris, Daughter in law, 28, Married, born Hendon London
. . . and one servant

The index of wills at Somerset House shows:

William John Marris of 71 St. Mary's Rd, Manningham, Bradford, Yorks. d. 25. Feb 1926. £2,413. To; Hubert Clifton Marris (Chemist) & Roy Trevethin Marris (Manager) & Ralph Varley Rushworth (Bank Manager).

Kathleen Marris (Widow) of 71 St Marys Terrace, Manningham, Bradford, Yorks, d. 21 Oct 1944. £2,697. To; Roy Trevethin Marris (Engineer) & Ralph Varley Rushworth (Retired Bank Manager).