

# Other Family Trees – MARRIS of Thornton Curtis (2)

## First Generation

1. **George Marris** was born in 1775/1776. He died on 19 Feb 1841. He was buried on 21 Feb 1841 in Thornton Curtis, 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](http://www.marrisfamilyhistory.uk). According to his age at death, George Marris would have been born in 1775 or 6. His parents have yet to be identified.

George married **Sarah Cliff** on 13 Oct 1801 in Thornton Curtis, Lincs. Sarah was christened on 1 Jan 1782 in Thornton Curtis, Lincs. She died on 15 Feb 1858. She was buried on 17 Feb 1858 in Thornton Curtis, Lincs.

This pedigree is founded on a couple of MIs at St Lawrence Church, Thornton Curtis, Lincs, which I found in a hardcopy book at the Society of Genealogists (Shelf Mark LI / M51).

The first MI was as follows:

- George Marris, died 19 February 1841, age 65,
- Also his wife Sarah, died 15 February 1858, age 76,
- Also their son George, died 12 September 1909, age 86.

The above transcription came with a note that the grave was in the Maw family plot. Another Marris researcher visited the Church in 1996 but couldn't verify this as he found the gravestone leaning against the outside of the porch. He read the age of George Marris junior as 85 rather than 86.

The second Thornton Curtis MI was as follows:

William Marris of Thornton Curtis, died 8 May 1888, aged 65. Parish Clerk for 39 years.  
Also his wife Eliza, died 15 May 1888, age 67,  
Also their son George, died 21 June 1897, age 45.

William Marris of Thornton Curtis was the son of the above George & Sarah Marris.

The 1841 Census at Thornton Curtis (indexed by Ancestry as Harris), Lincs, shows:

Sarah Marris, 55, Y  
Sarah Richardson, 9, Y

The 9-year-old Sarah Richardson was presumably the grand daughter of Sarah Marris.

The 1851 Census at Church Road, Thornton Curtis, shows:

Sarah Marris, Widow, 64, Pauper, born Lincoln Thornton.

George Marris, Son, Unm, 27, Ag Lab, born Lincoln Thornton.

Returning to George Marris senior, a Death Notice in the Hull Advertiser (February 26, 1841) reads:

On Friday, the 19th inst at Thornton Curtis near Barton in middle life Mr George Marris late landlord of the Hare & Hounds public house in the former place.

[Note - if this is the same George M, it is odd they referred to him "in middle life" when the MI above said "age 65"].

So who was the William Marris who married Eliza? Assuming he was born ca. 1822/23, he is presumed to be the William Marris baptised on 30 Jun 1822 at Thornton Curtis, the son of George & Sarah Marris (father a Labourer of Thornton). The parents (George & Sarah) appear to have had a number of children baptised at Thornton Curtis in the years 1802–1824, viz:

- Thomas bapt 24 Jan 1802
- Sarah bapt 11 Jun 1809
- William bapt 1 Oct 1820
- William bapt 30 Jun 1822
- George bapt 7 Mar 1824

The fifth child (George, bapt 7 Mar 1824) would appear to be the same George as appears in the first of the two MIs above, i.e.:

- George, died 12 September 1909, age 86.

Based on the above MIs, this pedigree is an attempt to identify all family members and their descendants. A number of assumptions have been made and these are made clear below.

The Thornton Curtis PRs contain the likely marriage of the parents, as follows:

George Marris married Sarah Cliff by Licence at Thornton Curtis on 13 Oct 1801. The marriage was witnessed by Robert Cliff & Thos Cliff.

The IGI shows her presumed baptism at Thornton Curtis on 01 Jan 1782, the daughter of Thos & Sarah Cliffe.

The index of wills at Somerset House shows:

Sarah Marris (Widow), Late of Thornton Curtis, Lincs. d. 15 Feb 1858 at Thornton Curtis. £20. To; George Marris of Thornton Curtis (Laborer in Husbandry, the Son & sole Executor).

George and Sarah had the following children:

+ 2 M i. **Thomas Marris** was christened on 24 Jan 1802.

3 F ii. **Sarah Marris** was christened on 11 Jun 1809 in Thornton Curtis, Lincs.

Sarah married **William Richardson** on 9 Sep 1832 in Thornton Curtis, Lincs.

One assumes this was Sarah Marris's marriage. The marriage was witnessed by William Cliff & Sarah Jackson.

The 1841 Census at Thornton Curtis shows a possible daughter, Sarah Richardson, age 9, in the household of Sarah Marris (nee Cliff) - see under George Marris & Sarah Cliff above.

4 M iii. **William Marris** was born in Aug 1820. He was christened on 1 Oct 1820 in Thornton Curtis, Lincs. He was buried on 8 May 1821 in Thornton Curtis, Lincs.

The Thornton Curtis PRs say that William was buried at the age of 8 months.

+ 5 M iv. **William Marris** was christened on 30 Jun 1822. He died on 8 May 1888.

6 M v. **George Marris** was born in 1823/1824 in Thornton Curtis, Lincs. He was christened on 7 Mar 1824 in Thornton Curtis, Lincs. He died on 12 Sep 1909. He was buried on 14 Sep 1909 in Thornton Curtis, Lincs.

The 1861 Census at Thornton Curtis shows George Marris (age 37, Agr Lab, born Lincoln Thornton) as a Lodger in the household of his brother William Marris and family (see under William & Eliza Marris above).

The 1871 Census at Thornton Curtis, Lincs, shows:

George Marris, Head, Unm, 47, Shepherd, born Lincoln Thornton

The 1881 Census at Village, Thornton Curtis, Lincs, shows:

George Marras (sic), Head, Unmar, 57, Farm Labourer, born Lincoln Thornton Curtis

The 1891 Census at Thornton Curtis, Lincs, shows George Marris living on his own, as follows:

George Marris, Head, S, 67, Agricultural Laborer, born Lincs Thornton Curtis.

The 1901 Census finds George living on his own at Thornton Curtis (Head, single, aged 77, retired farm labourer, born at Thornton Curtis). One can find his baptism in the Thornton Curtis PRs. He was baptised there on 7th March 1824, the son of George & Sarah Marris, the father described as a Labourer of Thornton.

An MI at St Lawrence Church, Thornton Curtis, reads:

- George Marris, died 19 February 1841, age 65,
- Also his wife Sarah, died 15 February 1858, age 76,
- Also their son George, died 12 September 1909, age 86.

The index of wills at Somerset House shows:

George Marris of Thornton Curtis, died 12 Sep 1909. £40 to William Marris (paper merchant).

Another Marris researcher passed me a copy of the will of George Marris. The William Marris named in the will was the testator's nephew who was living at 59 Morpeth Street, Spring Bank, Kingston upon Hull, Yorks. The will says that nephew William was in fact a Merchant's Clerk rather than a paper merchant. The will was dated 19th November 1907 and proved on 18th January 1910.

## Second Generation

2. **Thomas Marris** (George) was christened on 24 Jan 1802 in Thornton Curtis, Lincs.

Thomas married **Ann Porter** on 22 Jun 1828 in Ulceby By Barton, Lincs. Ann was born in 1807/1808 in Croxton, Lincs.

From the Census records (below), we know Thomas Marris was married to Ann. I have assumed she was Ann Porter based on the year of the wedding, the close proximity of Ulceby to Croxton (where Ann was born) and that one of the marriage witnesses was Sarah Marris, who would have been Thomas's sister.

The 1841 Census at Swallow Top Farm, Swallow, Lincs, shows:

- Thomas Marris, 35, Ag Lab, y
- Ann Marris, 30, y
- Thomas Marris, 13, y
- Sarah Marris, 10, y
- Jane Marris, 6, y
- George Marris, 4, y
- Dinah Marris, 2, y
- William Marris, 1, y

The 1851 Census at Smallthorn Hill, North Kelsey, Lincs, shows:

Thomas Marris, Head, Mar, 49, Farm Labour, born Thornton Curtis  
Ann Marris, Wife, Mar, 43, born Croxton, Lincs  
Dinah Marris, Daur, 12, Scholar, born Cuxwoud, Lincs  
Jane Ann Marris, Grandaur, 1, born North Kelsey, Lincs

The above Census entry doesn't indicate who Jane Ann's parents were. The GRO index of births shows her birth registered at Caistor Reg. District in Jun Qtr 1849. I have assumed that the father was Thomas Marris Junior.

The 1861 Census at Kellet's Row, Grasby, shows:

Thomas Marris, Head, Mar, 59, Ag Laborer, born Thornton Curtis  
Ann Marris, Wife, Mar, 53, born Croxton, Lincs  
Jane Ann Marris, Grandaur, 11, House serv, born North Kelsey, Lincs

The 1871 Census at Searby Road, Searby, Lincs, shows:

Thomas Marris, Head, Mar, 69, Ag Laborer, born Thornton Curtis  
Ann Marris, Wife, Mar, 65, born Croxton, Lincs

The 1871 Census at Housham, Cadney, Lincs shows Jane Marris in the household of John H Skipworth. One assumes this was the grand daughter Jane Ann Marris above. Her entry reads:

Jane Marris, Serv, unem, 21, cook, born Lincolnshire North Kelsey.

Jane Ann Marris married in June Qtr 1871. The marriage was registered at Glanford Brigg Reg. District. FreeBMD shows two marriages on the same page in the marriage register. The two grooms on the page were Joseph Hogg and Theophilus Roberts. Of the two, Jane would appear to have married Theophilus Roberts.. The 1881 Census at Cadney, Lincs, shows:

Theophilus Roberts, Head, Mar, 37, Agri. Lab, born Lincoln North Kelsey  
Jane Roberts, Wife, Mar, 31, born Lincoln North Kelsey]

This is supported by the Ancestry web site which records the marriage as taking place on 17 May 1871 at Cadney-cum-Housham, Lincs, with her father's name given as Thomas Marris.

Thomas and Ann had the following children:

+ 7 M i. **Thomas Marris** was born in 1827/1828.

8 F ii. **Sarah Marris** was born in 1830/1831 in Searby, Lincs.

The 1851 Census at North Kelsey, Lincs, shows a Sarah Marris of the right age in the household of John Wilson, Farmer. One assumes that the entry relates to this Sarah Marris. It reads as follows:

- Sarah Marris, Serv, 19, house servant, born Searby, Lincs

9 F iii. **Jane Marris** was born in 1835. She was buried on 12 Jun 1841 in Swallow, Lincs.

The Swallow PRs record the burial of "Jane Marris, Age 5 of Swallow" on 12 Jun 1841, three days before the burials of her brothers George and William.

10 M iv. **George Marris** was born in 1837. He was buried on 15 Jun 1841 in Swallow, Lincs.

The Swallow PRs record the burial of "George Marris, Age 4 of Swallow" on 15 Jun 1841, the same day as his brother William and three days after his sister Jane.

11 F v. **Dinah Marris** was born in Sep 1838 in Cuxwold, Lincs.

Dinah married **Phillip Staff** in Sep 1860 in Hull Reg. Distr., Yorks.

Dinah Marris married Phillip Staff in Hull. The GRO marriage indexes show this marriage in September Qtr 1860. FreeBMD shows two males on the same page of the marriage register, viz: Phillip Staff and George Johnson Taylor.

The 1861 Census at 1 Johns Place Edwards Place (sic), Myton, Hull Holy Trinity, Yorks, shows Dinah Staff in a household on her own, as follows:

Dinah Staff, Wife, Mar, 22, Wife of fireman on board a Steamer, born Lincolnshire Searby.

Her place of birth in the above entry (i.e. Searby) disagrees with Cuxwold which was given as her place of birth in 1851 Census when she was still at home with her parents (see above).

Dinah's marriage to Phillip Staff is supported by the 1871 Census which shows one of her children with "Marris" as a middle name. The Census entry at 46 Bridge Street South, Great Grimsby, Lincs, shows:

Philip Staff, Head, Mar, 35, Laborer, born ? Norfolk  
Dinah Staff, Wife, Mar, 32, born Grasby (sic!) Lincolnshire  
Arthur Marris Staff, Son, 9, born Hull Yorkshire  
Tom Charles Staff, Son, 7, born Hull Yorkshire  
James Staff, Son, 5, born Hull Yorkshire  
Charlotte Staff, Daughter, 5m, born Grimsby Lincolnshire

12 M vi. **William Marris** was born in Mar 1840 in Caistor Reg. Distr., Lincs. He was buried on 15 Jun 1841 in Swallow, Lincs.

The Swallow PRs record the burial of "William Marris, Age 2 of Swallow" on 15 Jun 1841, the same day as his brother George and three days after his sister Jane.

5. **William Marris** (George) was christened on 30 Jun 1822 in Thornton Curtis, Lincs. He died on 8 May 1888. He was buried on 10 May 1888 in Thornton Curtis, Lincs.

William married **Eliza Ellaby** on 21 May 1850 in Horkstow, Lincs. Eliza was born in 1820/1821 in Nettleton, Lincs. She died on 15 May 1888. She was buried on 18 May 1888 in Thornton Curtis, Lincs.

The second of the two MIs at Thornton Curtis (see above) helps confirm relationships. William Marris married Eliza née Ellaby at Horkstow, Lincs, on 21 May 1850. The PR entry described William as Parish Clerk of Thornton Curtis and Eliza a servant maid of Thornton Curtis.

The 1851 Census at Thornton Curtis, Lincs, shows:

William Marris, Head, Mar, 29, Ag Lab, born Lincoln Thornton  
Eliza Marris, Wife, Mar, 30, Ag Lab Wife, born Lincoln Nettleton

The 1861 Census at Thornton Curtis (indexed by Ancestry under "Barris") shows:

William Marris, Head, Mar, 38, Agr Lab, born Lincoln Thornton  
Eliza Marris, Wife, Mar, 40, Agr Lab Wife, born Lincoln Thornton  
George Marris, Son, Un, 9, Agr Lab Son, born Lincoln Thornton  
Harriett Marris, Daur, 6, Agr Lab Daur, born Lincoln Thornton  
William Marris, Son, 4, Agr Lab Son, born Lincoln Thornton  
Sarah Marris, Daur, 1, Agr Lab Daur, born Lincoln Thornton  
George Marris, Lodger, Un, 37, Agr Lab, born Lincoln Thornton

George Marris, Lodger, is assumed to be the brother of William Marris.

The 1871 Census at Thornton Curtis, Lincs, shows:

Willm Marris, Head, Mar, 49, Agl Labor, born Lincoln Thornton  
Eliza Marris, Wife, Mar, 50, Agl Labor Wife, born Lincoln Thornton  
George Marris, Son, Unm 19, born Lincoln Thornton  
Willm Marris, Son, 14, Scholar, born Lincoln Thornton  
Sarah Marris, Daur, 11, Scholar, born Lincoln Thornton

At the time of the above Census, daughter Harriett Marris was working as a servant in Barrow on Humber (see below).

The 1881 Census at Village, Thornton Curtis (indexed by Ancestry under "Morris"), Lincs, shows:

William Marras, Head, Mar, 68, Farm Labourer, born Lincoln Thornton Curtis  
Eliza Marras, Wife, Mar, 60, born Lincoln Nettleton



George Marras, Son, Unm, 29, Farm Labourer, born Lincoln Thornton Curtis

William Marras, Son, Unm, 24, General Clerk, born Lincoln Thornton Curtis

An MI at St Lawrence, Thornton Curtis (as mentioned above), reads:

William Marris of Thornton Curtis, died 8 May 1888, aged 65. Parish Clerk for 39 years.

Also his wife Eliza, died 15 May 1888, age 67,

Also their son George, died 21 June 1897, age 45.

. . . and inside the Church, there is:

William Marris, Parish Clerk 1849

The Thornton burial register described William Marris as "Age 65, of Thornton Curtis, Parish Clerk for 39 yrs".

William and Eliza had the following children:

- 13 M     i. **George Marris** was born in 1851/1852 in Thornton Curtis, Lincs. He was christened on 16 May 1852 in Thornton Curtis, Lincs. He died on 21 Jun 1897. He was buried on 24 Jun 1897 in Thornton Curtis, Lincs.

The 1891 Census at Village Street, Thornton Curtis, Lincs, shows:

George Marris, Head, S, 39, Agricultural Laborer, born Lincs Thornton Curtis  
Sarah Marris, Sister, S, 31, Teacher of Sewing at School, born Lincs Thornton Curtis.

The Thornton Curtis PRs show the burial of George Marris, age 45, of Thornton Curtis, on 24 Jun 1897.

- 14 F     ii. **Harriett Marris** was christened on 10 Dec 1854 in Thornton Curtis, Lincs.

The 1871 Census shows Harriet Marris working as a house maid in the household of Ann Maw, Land owner, at Wold Road, Barrow upon Humber, Lincs, as follows:

Harriet Marris, Serv, Unm, 16, House Maid, born Lincoln Thornton

Harriett married **Thomas West** in Mar 1881 in Glanford Brigg Re. Distr., Lincs. Thomas was born in 1857/1858 in Thornton Curtis, Lincs.

One assumes that it was Thomas West married this Harriet Marris. The 1881 Census at Village Vicarage, Thornton Curtis, Lincs, shows the couple in the household of the Vicar of Thornton Curtis, as follows:

William Latham, Head, Unmar, 32, Vicar of Thornton Curtis, born Ireland  
Harriett West, Servant, Mar, 26, Housekeeper, born Lincoln Thornton Curtis  
Thomas West, Lodger, Mar, 23, Carpenter, born Thornton Curtis.

The GRO index of marriages shows the marriage of Harriet Marris in March Qtr, 1881 at Glanford Brigg Reg. District. FreeBMD confirms that the person she married was Thomas West.

- + 15 M   iii. **William Marris** was born in Mar 1857. He died in Mar 1920.
  
- 16 F   iv. **Sarah Marris** was born in 1859/1860 in Thornton Curtis, Lincs. She was christened on 25 Dec 1859 in Thornton Curtis, Lincs.

Sarah married **Albert E Branch** in Sep 1891 in Glanford Brigg Reg. Distr, Lincs. Albert was born in 1863/1864 in Farmborough, Somerset.

The 1881 Census at Kirmington, Lincs, finds Sarah Marris in the household of Wm Parkinson Neal (Farmer) & family as follows:

Sarah Marris, Unm, 21, Nursemaid, born Thornton Lincoln

And, as above, in 1891, Sarah was in the household of her eldest brother George Marris back in Thornton Curtis.

FreeBMD shows the marriage of Sarah Marris to Albert Branch. One assumes it was this Sarah Marris because of her details in the 1901 Census.

The 1901 Census at West End, Winteringham, Lincs, shows:

Albert E Branch, Head, M, 37, Groom & Gardener, born Somerset Farmborough  
Sarah Branch, Wife, M, 41, born Lincs Thornton Curtis  
Eliza U Branch, Daur, S, 7, born Yorks Hoyland

## Third Generation

7. **Thomas Marris** (Thomas, George) was born in 1827/1828 in Kirmington, Lincs.

The 1851 Census shows a possible match for Thomas Marris. The entry shows him in the household of Stephen Smith, Miller Masterman, at Grimsby Road, Laceby, Lincs, as follows:

Thomas Marris, Serv, U, 22, Journeyman Miller, born Lincoln Kirmington

After that, he has been impossible to trace. We do know from the information above that he had a daughter Jane Ann but her mother's identity has not been found.

Thomas had the following children:

17 F     i. **Jane Ann Marris** was born in 1849/1850 in North Kelsey, Lincs.

Jane married **Theophilus Roberts** on 17 May 1871 in Cadney-Cum-Housham, Lincs. Theophilus was born in 1843/1844 in North Kelsey, Lincs.

The Ancestry web site says that he was the son of Mark Roberts.

15. **William Marris** (William, George) was born in Mar 1857 in Thornton Curtis, Lincs. He was christened on 29 Mar 1857 in Thornton Curtis, Lincs. He died in Mar 1920 in Scunthorpe Reg. Distr., Lincs.

William married **Mary Ann Gibson** in Jun 1883 in Market Harborough Reg Distr, Leics. Mary was born in 1858/1859 in Geddington, Northants. She died on 2 Dec 1939 in Harrogate, Yorks.

The Census shows Mary Ann as the wife of William Marris. She was born in Geddington, Northants. The most like candidate was Mary Ann Gibson whose marriage to William marris was registered at Market Harborough, Leics, in June Qtr 1883. Geddington, the birth place of Mary Ann Marris in the Census falls within the Market Harborough Reg. District.

The 1891 Census at 89 Peel Street, Sculcoates, Yorks, shows:

Wm Marris, Head, M, 33, Commercial Traveller, born Thornton Curtis Ulceby Lincolnshire

Mary A Marris, Wife, M, 32, born Geddington Northamptonshire

Laura A Marris, Daur, 7, born Hull  
Beatrice C Marris, Daur, 4, born Hull

The 1901 Census at 52 Trinity St, Kingston upon Hull, Yorks, shows:

William Marris, Head, M, 44, Commercial Traveller Stationery, born Lincs Thornton Curtis  
Mary A Marris, Wife, M, 42, born Northt Geddington  
Laura A Marris, Daur, S, 16, Dressmaker, born Yorks Hull  
Beatrice C Marris, Daur, S, 14, born Yorks Hull

The 1911 Census at Thornton House, 67 Morpeth St, Hull, Yorks, shows:

William Marris, Head, 54, Married, Wholesale Paper Merchant, born Thornton Curtis, Lincs  
Mary Ann Marris, Wife, 52, Married 27 years, 2 children both still living, born Geddington  
Northamptonshire  
Laura Marris, Daughter, 27, Single, born Hull Yorkshire  
Beatrice Marris, Daughter, 24, Single, born Hull Yorkshire

The GRO indexes show the death of William Marris, age 63, at Mar Qtr 1920 at Sculcoates Reg. District, Yorks. One assumes this was the same William Marris as his age at death (63) means he would have been born in 1856/7.

The index of wills at Somerset House shows:

Mary Ann Marris (Widow), at Sirram, 18 Westbourne Ave, Harrogate, Yorks. d. 02 Dec 1939. Age 81. £3,853. To; Laura Addey Kendall (w/o James William Kendall. Railway Clerk). & James William Kendall.

William and Mary had the following children:

- 18 F     i. **Laura Addey Marris** was born in Mar 1884 in Hull, Yorks.  
          Laura married **James William Kendall** in Jun 1915 in Hull Reg. Distr.,  
          Yorks.
- 19 F     ii. **Beatrice Clara Marris** was born in Sep 1886 in Hull, Yorks. She died in  
          Jun 1926 in Sculcoates Reg. Distr., Yorks.
- Beatrice married **Leonard Llewellyn G Coley** in Sep 1914 in Hull Reg.  
          Distr., Yorks. Leonard was born on 13 Sep 1886. He died in Mar 1973  
          in Buckrose, Yorks.

FreeBMD provides evidence of Beatrice's husband:

- marriage of Beatrice C Marris to Leonard L G Coley in Sept Qtr, 1914 at Hull Reg. District.
- death of Beatrice C Coley in June Qtr 1926, age 39
- death of Leonard Llewellyn G Coley in Mar Qtr 1973 at Buckrose, Yorks, DoB 13 Sep 1886.