

# Other Family Trees – MARRIS of Wisbech

## First Generation

### 1. Robert Marris.

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). The line starts in Newark on Trent, Notts, but becomes quickly established in Wisbech, Cambs. I have chosen the latter place for the title of this tree.

It is quite likely that this Robert Marris was the one baptised at Newark on Trent, Notts, on 15 Aug 1740, the son of John Marris & Elizabeth nee Clay. If so, this tree can be merged with the "Marris of Newark upon Trent" tree.

Robert married **Elizabeth Middlebrook** on 25 Sep 1782 in Newark Upon Trent, Notts.

The marriage was found in both Phillimore and the IGI with Robert's surname spelt as Marris. FreeReg confirms the marriage date and place but gives Robert Marris's surname as Morris. The interchange between Marris and Morris was particularly noticeable in the Newark PRs (see the separate "Marris of Newark & Barton" tree for many other instances).

Robert Marris and Elizabeth Middlebrook married by Licence.

Robert and Elizabeth had the following children:

- + 2 M i. **Robert Marris** was born in 1783. He died in 1835.
- 3 F ii. **Elizabeth Marris** was christened on 4 Feb 1784 in Newark Upon Trent, Notts.

Elizabeth married **John Wright** on 10 Mar 1813 in Newark Upon Trent, Notts.

FreeReg shows that they married by Licence at St Mary's Church, Newark.

- 4 F iii. **Ann Marris** was christened on 20 Jul 1787 in Newark Upon Trent, Notts.

Ann married **James Carver**.

## Second Generation

2. **Robert Marris** (Robert) was born in 1783. He was christened on 20 Mar 1783 in Newark Upon Trent, Notts. He died in 1835. He was buried on 3 Jul 1835 in Wisbech, Cambs.

Robert married (1) **Mary Thompson** on 26 Oct 1814 in Cambridge, Cambs. Mary was born in 1786/1787. She was buried on 21 Jan 1817 in Wisbech, Cambs.

It appears that Robert Marris married twice. FreeReg shows the marriage of Robert Marris and Mary Thompson at St Benedict's, Cambridge, on 26 Oct 1814. The couple married by Licence. Robert Marris was of the Parish of Wisbech St Peter while Mary Thompson was of the Parish of Cambridge St Benedict's.

Robert & Mary Marris had one child, Mary Susanna, before Mary Marris, the mother, died young. FreeReg shows the burial of Mary Marris on 21st January 1817 at St Peter's, Wisbech, Cambs. The entry described her as age 30 of Sheep (sic) Lane.

Robert and Mary had the following children:

- 5 F     i. **Mary Susanna Marris** was christened on 21 Aug 1815 in Wisbech, Cambs. She was buried on 17 Feb 1817 in Wisbech, Cambs.

FreeReg shows the baptism of Mary Susanna, daughter of Robert & Phillis Marris, on 21st August 1815 at St Peter's, Wisbech, Cambs. The entry described Robert senior as a Grocer and the "abode" as Ship Lane, Wisbech St. Peters.

FreeReg shows the burial of Mary Susan (sic) Marris on 17th February 1817 at St Peter's, Wisbech, Cambs. The entry described her as aged 18 months, of Ship Lane.

Robert married (2) **Phillis Rogby** on 31 Mar 1818 in Wisbech, Cambs. Phillis was born in 1794 in Wisbech, Cambs. She was christened on 4 Apr 1794 in St Peter, Wisbech, Cambs. She died on 16 Aug 1858. She was buried on 23 Aug 1858 in St Peter, Wisbech, Cambs.

FreeReg provided the marriage of Robert Marris and Phillis Rogby at St Peter's, Wisbech on 31 Mar 1818.

The 1841 Census at Wisbech, St Peter, Cambs, shows:

Phillis Marris, 45, Ind, y  
Jane Rogby, 43, Ind, y  
Elizabeth Clarke, 30, F. Servant, y

The 1851 Census at Lynn Road, Wisbech, Cambs, shows:

Phillis Marris, Head, Widow, 57(?), Proprietor of land and houses, born Cambridgeshire Wisbech  
Robert Marris, Son, U, 32, Chemist and Druggist Assistant, born Cambridgeshire Wisbech  
Jane Rogby, Sister, U, 59, Proprietor land and houses, born Cambridgeshire Wisbech  
. . . and two servants.

Since Phillis's sister Jane Rogby was unmarried, one assumes that Rogby was Phillis's maiden name. This is also confirmed by the Robert Marris's will (below).

FreeReg shows the burial of Robert Marris on 3 July 1835 at St Peter's, Wisbech, Cambs. He was described as age 52, of Lynn Road.

Robert Marris, Grocer of Wisbech, Isle of Ely, Cambridge (PRO Wills 1835, PROB 11/1853) on 20th August 1822 and added Codicils on 20th August 1822 and 11th March 1828. The will was proved on 20th October 1835. His will names among others:

Phillis Marris (wife)  
Robert Marris, Son & Heir  
Ann Carver, sister, the wife of James Carver  
James Carver, Brother in law , Innkeeper of Newark on Trent  
Elizabeth (mother), now the wife William Stevenson  
William Stevenson, of Newark on Trent  
Elizabeth Wright, Sister  
John Wright, Brother in law, Executor, Tailor of Newark on Trent  
Henry Rogby the younger, Executor, Farmer of Ely St Mary, Lincs  
Jane Rogby, Sister in law  
Mary Cole Rogby, Sister in law

FreeReg shows the burial of Phillis Marris on 23 Aug 1858 at St Peter's, Wisbech, Cambs. She was described as age 64, of Lynn Road.

The index of wills at Somerset House shows:

Phillis Marris, Widow, Late of Wisbech St.Peter, Isle of Ely, Cambs. d. 16 Aug 1858. £300. Admon.  
To; Robert Marris (Druggist) of Wisbech, the only child of the deceased..

Given the clear link with Newark on Trent, and looking at the Christian names of Robert Marris's sisters (named in the above will), one can quickly identify their baptisms. Robert and his sisters Elizabeth and Ann were baptised there respectively on 20 March 1783, 4 February 1784 and 20 July 1787. The Newark PRs give the parents' names as Robert and Elizabeth.

Robert and Phillis had the following children:

- + 6 M    ii. **Robert Marris** was born in 1819. He died on 15 Aug 1872.

## Third Generation

6. **Robert Marris** (Robert, Robert) was born in 1819 in Wisbech, Cambs. He was christened on 6 Apr 1819 in Wisbech, Cambs. He died on 15 Aug 1872 in Wisbech Reg. Distr., Cambs.

FreeReg shows the baptism of Robert, son of Robert & Phillis Marris, on 6th April 1819 at St Peter's, Wisbech, Cambs. The entry described Robert senior as a Grocer and the "abode" as Ship Lane, Wisbech St. Peters.

Robert married **Martha Oakley** in Sep 1862 in Wisbech Reg. Distr., Cambs. Martha was born in 1842/1843 in Thorney, Cambs. She died in Mar 1902 in Barton upon Irwell Reg. Distr., Lancs.

Martha's surname was deduced from the GRO marriage index on FreeBMD.

The 1861 Census at 28 Lynn Road, Wisbech St Peter, Cambs, shows:

Robert Marris, Head, Un, 43, Landed & House Proprietor, born Cambridgesh Wisbech  
. . . and two servants

The 1871 Census at 28 Lynn Road, Wisbech St Peter, Cambs, shows:

Robert Marris, Head, Mar, 52, Formerly a Chemist, born Cambridge Wisbech  
Martha Marris, Wife, Mar, 28, born Cambridge Thorney  
Phillis E Marris, Daur, 7, Scholar, born Cambridge Wisbech  
Herbert Marris, Son, 3, Scholar, born Cambridge Wisbech  
Robert A Bilkley, Boarder, Unm, 25, Wesleyan Minister, born Lancaster Manchester

FreeReg shows the burial of Robert Marris on 20th August 1872 at St Peter's, Wisbech, Cambs. He was described as age 53, of Lynn Road.

The index of wills at Somerset House shows:

Robert (Gentleman), late of St. Peter's, Wisbech, Cambs. d. 15 Aug 1872 at Wisbech St Peter's, £600.To; Martha Marris (Widow & Relict) & Francis Fitzjohn (Grocer) of St. Peters, Wisbech, Cambs.

Robert Marris made his will on 18th January 1872 and it was proved at Peterborough on 18th October 1872. His will names the following:

Phillis Eliza Marris, daughter, not yet 21

Herbert Marris, son, not yet 21

Martha Marris, wife

After the death of her husband Robert Marris in 1872, Martha Marris (nee Oakley) married secondly John Sainty in 1874.

The 1881 Census at 4 Newark Road, North Hyckeham, Lincs, shows John & Martha Sainty and children from both of Martha's marriages. The first three children below were born Marris but were shown as Sainty in the 1881 Census entry, as follows:

John Sainty, Head, Mar, 32, Dairy Farmer, born Norf Burnham

Martha Sainty, Wife, Mar, 37, born Cam Thorney

Phillis Eliza Sainty (sic), Daur, Unm, 16, born Cam Wisbech

Herbert Sainty (sic), son, 13, born Cam Wisbech

Florence May Sainty (sic), Daur, 8, born Cam Wisbech

John Ivon Sainty, Son, 6, born Linc Lincoln

Frank Barnard Sainty, Son, 3, born Linc Lincoln

Maud May Sainty, Daur, 1, born Linc North Hyckeham

Jessie Victor Sainty, Son, 3 (sic), born North Hyckeham

The 1891 Census at 225 Fulfield(?) Road, Eccles, Lancs, shows:

John Sainty, Head, M, 40, Warehouseman (???), born Norfolk Burnham

Martha Sainty, Wife, M, 47, born Cambridge Thorney

Phillis E Marris, Daur of Wife, S, 27, Private Teacher, born Cambridge Wisbeach

. . . and 6 other offspring of John & Martha (not listed here)

The 1901 Census at 89 Cromwell Rd, Eccles, Lancs, shows:

John Sainty, Head, M, 50, Warehouseman, born Norfolk Burhum

Martha Sainty, Wife, M, 58, born Cambridge Thorney

Florence M Sainty (sic), Daur, S, 27, Schoolmistress, born Cambridge Wisbeach

. . . and 4 other offspring of John & Martha (not listed here)

The 1911 Census at 89 Cromwell Rd, Patricroft, Lancs, shows that Martha Marris (nee Oakley) remarried after Robert's death.

John Sainty, Head, 61, Widower, Warehouseman (home tr\*\*), born Norfolk Burnham

Phillis Eliza Marris, Step Daughter, 47, Single, School Mistress, born Cambridgeshire Wisbech

Florence May Marris, Step Daughter, 38, Single, School Mistress, born Cambridgeshire Wisbech

. . . and three boarders

Robert and Martha had the following children:

- 7 F     i. **Phillis Eliza Marris** was born in Mar 1864 in Wisbech Reg. Distr., Cambs. She died in Jun 1929 in Salford Reg. Distr., Lancs.

The 1911 Census at 89 Cromwell Rd, Patricroft, Lancs, shows:

John Sainty(?), Head, 61, Widower, Warehouseman (home tr\*\*), born Norfolk Burnham

Phillis Eliza Marris, Step Daughter, 47, Single, School Mistress, born Cambridgeshire Wisbech

Florence May Marris, Step Daughter, 38, Single, School Mistress, born Cambridgeshire Wisbech

. . . and three boarders

- 8 M     ii. **Herbert Marris** was born in Sep 1867 in Wisbech Reg. Distr., Cambs. Herbert married **Mae Clemens Phillips**.

The Ancestry web site has the following reference to Herbert Marris in its collection of USA Naturalization Records (1795-1972):

Name:           Herbert Marris  
Spouse:         Mae Clemens Phillips Marris  
Birth: 13 Aug 1867 - Wisbech, England  
Civil: 23 Jun 1911 - Spokane, Washington

I have not researched this couple after they went to the USA.

- 9 F     iii. **Florence May Marris** was born in Mar 1873 in Wisbech Reg. Distr., Cambs.