

The Identity of Ann, Wife of Thomas¹ Jones of Hingham, Hull, and Manchester, Massachusetts

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Thomas¹ Jones, age 36, tailor, of Caversham, Oxfordshire, his wife Ann, four children (all under 10 years old, unnamed), and two servants (William Baunche and Jude Denley) were listed as passengers on the *Confidence* of London out of Southampton to New England on 24 April 1638.^[1] From what is known of the family from Massachusetts records, those four children were apparently sons Abraham and John and daughters Sarah and Hannah.^[2] In his discussion about Robert¹ Jones of Caversham, Oxfordshire, and Hingham, Massachusetts, a probable relative of Thomas, Threlfall said that “Thomas and wife Anne had three children baptized at Caversham, probably more, but part of the register has gaps.”^[3] In setting the number at “three” he was apparently

¹ The passenger list was published in Samuel G. Drake, *Result of Some Researches Among the British Archives for Information Relative to the Founders of New England Made in the Years 1858, 1859 and 1860* (Boston: H. W. Dutton and Son, 1860; repr. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1963), 57-59. The surnames of the servants are given there as “Baunsh” and “Donley;” however, from the original (viewable on findmypast.co.uk) they should be as appears above. The age of “24” was in the margin next to Baunche and Denley; it is not clear to which man (if not both) it should apply.

² Claude W. Barlow, “Descendants of Thomas Jones of Hingham, Hull, and Manchester, Mass.” *Register* 113 (1959):42-52 and 131-146.

³ John Brooks Threlfall, *Fifty Great Migration Colonists to New England and their Origins* (n.p., 1992; repr. Westminster, Md.: Heritage Books, 2008), 205-9 (esp. 209).

Threlfall pointed out the baptisms of three of Robert¹ Jones’s immigrant children in Caversham (as noted below), as well as his first marriage there to Margaret “Garrebord” (thought by him to be a sister of the Jane Garnford who had married John Jones there two years earlier), his second marriage to a widow Curtis (possibly an Alexander by birth, mother of Elizabeth and Jane Curtis; see below), and his third marriage to Elizabeth ____.

As evidence for the second marriage of Robert¹ Jones, Threlfall pointed out the 1646 letter of attorney from “Elizabeth Curtes & Jane Curtes granted unto Robert Jones of Hingham their father in law” to secure their inheritance from the will of their grandmother Jane Alexander of Reading, Oxfordshire [*sic*, should be Berkshire] (*A Volume Relating to the Early History of Boston Containing the Aspinwall Notarial Records from 1644 to 1651* [Boston: Municipal Printing Office, 1903], 49-50).

A further item in *Aspinwall* not noted by Threlfall adds a bit of information: on 21 Dec. 1649, “Thomas Collier of Hull husband of Jane the daughter of Curtes late of Reading in Berkshire did constitute John Curtes his brother in law” attorney to recover the same inheritance from the will of his wife’s grandmother Jane Alexander, late of Reading (266). The marriage of “Robert Jones of Caversham” and “Jane Curtise of this parish” took place 9 June 1636 in South Stoke, Oxfordshire (Registers of South Stoke, Oxfordshire, 1552ff; Oxfordshire Family History Society transcript, CD OXF-SO03 2nd edition). The WikiTree entry for Robert¹ Jones (wikitree.com/wiki/Jones-594) includes a link to an image of the bond for this marriage from FHL film #506451 (DGS 8088776, image number 220). The principals in this bond were Robert Jones of Caversham, Oxfordshire, husbandman, widower, and Jane Curtise of Reading, Berks, widow; bondsman for the groom was Christopher Garford of St. Michael’s, Oxford, bookbinder (doubtless a relative of Robert’s first wife); the wedding was to take place in South Stoke. Both Robert Jones and Christopher Garford signed the bond.

counting on the probability that they had at least one child baptized there in the gap in the baptismal register between 1631 and 1635, as there are in fact only two extant baptisms of their children in the Caversham registers.

Jones entries in the registers of Caversham, Oxfordshire:^[4]

Baptisms

1602/3 Jan 23	Thomas Joanes s Roger
1604 May 14	Richard Joanes s Richard
1606 May 18	Symon Joanes s Robert
1610 Apr 1	Silvanus Jones s Robert
1622 Oct 6	Robt: Johnes s Robt:
1624/5 Jan 9	John Joanes s Roberte
1627 Sep 26	Marie Johns d [?Nicolas]
1628 Nov 30	Joseph Johns s Robt:
1630/1 Jan 28	Saray Joans d Thomas
<i>(gap Jun 1631 – Apr 1635)</i>	
1636 Nov 5	John Jones s Thomas & Anne

Burials

1604 Nov 16	Lewis Joanes
<i>(gap 1606-1611)</i>	
1611/12 Feb 26	Silv: s Robt: Joanes
1624 Aug 28	Symon s Richard Jones
1627 Sep 24	Benjanyme[sic] Joans

Marriages

1604 Sep 24	Wyllm: Joanes and Elizabeth Courteyes
1619 Aug 15	John Joynes and Jane Garnford
1621 Apr 30	Robt: Johnes and Margaret Garrebord

Here we have the baptisms of Thomas and Ann Jones's children Sarah and John; Hannah's baptism probably fell in the aforementioned gap or else took place elsewhere shortly before the family's voyage to New England.

If Abraham was the eldest of the four immigrant children, there are no apparent gaps in the registers of Caversham in which his baptism might have fallen. He was thus probably baptized elsewhere, perhaps in his mother's native parish. A search of neighboring parishes turned up just such a baptism: in Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire, about 4 miles northwest of Caversham, Abraham "Johnes," son of Thomas, was baptized 19 October 1628;^[5] this Thomas had married "Anna Linney" there about 2 years prior (see below).

Linney entries in the registers of Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire:^[6]

Baptisms

1565/6 Jan 27	Francis Lynne filius Georgi
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⁴ Registers of St. Peter, Caversham, Oxfordshire, 1597ff, checked through 1640 (Oxfordshire Family History Society transcript; CD OXF-SO01 2nd edition).

⁵ Registers of St. Mary, Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire, 1558–1734 (images on Ancestry.com): Abrahamus Johnes filius Thome.

⁶ Henley on Thames registers [note 5]. The 1602/3 marriage of "Sara Tinney" is included as a potential misspelling of the surname.

1600 Oct 5	Joyce Linny filia Floricij
1603 Dec 26	Agnes Linney fil: Floricij
1606/7 Jan 4	Mary Linney fil: Florisaei
1608 Jun 26	Simon Linnie fil: Floricij
1610 Dec 9	Martha Linney fil: Florentij
1625 Aug 25	Thomas Lynney filius Eduardi Lynney
1627/8 Mar 23	Francisca Lynney filia Eduardi Lynney
1630/1 Feb 19	Joane Leeny daughter of Edward
1635 Apr 4	Samuel Linny son of Simon
1637 Dec 10	Martha Liney daughter of Simon
1643/4 Jan 30	Ann Linny daughter of Simon
1651/2 Feb 7	Joane Linny filij Simon

Burials

1607 May 3	Mary Linney fil: Florisaei
1614 Aug 27	A childe of Florence Lyneys
1631 Dec 28	a child of Edward Lenys
1642/3 Feb 11	Florris Linny
1643 Apr 13	Goodwife Linnee
1644/5 Feb 7	Symon Linnies child
1648 Dec 24	Edward Linney
1662 May 2	A Child of Simon Linnis
1662 Dec 20	Samuel Linny son of Simon
1669/70 Feb 27	Ann Linneyes Child
1670 Mar 28	Widow Linney
1683/4 Mar 10	Simon Lenney
1686 Nov 26	Widow Linney

Marriages

1597 Jun 26	Floris Leneye & Helene Benson
1602/3 Mar 3	Rafe Cutler & Sara Tinney
1624 Jun 20	Eduardus Lynney et Thomasia Symons
1626 Nov 24	Thomas Johnes et Anna Linney
1630 Apr 19	Robard Widmore and Joyes Liny
1634 Jul 1	Simon Linny to Martha Beard [by banns]
1661 Apr 24	Samuell Linny and Joane Paine [by banns]

Genealogical Summary

FLORIS/FLORENCE^A LINNEY, born say 1572; buried 11 February 1642/3 in Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire; married there 26 June 1597, **HELEN BENSON** (buried there 13 April 1643).^[7] No probate records have been found for either Floris or Helen.

Children of Floris^A and Helen (Benson) Linney (bp. in Henley on Thames):^[8]

⁷ Helen Benson was possibly related to John¹ Benson of Caversham and Hingham, Massachusetts, who (with wife Mary and children John and Mary) was a fellow passenger with the family of Thomas¹ and Ann (Linney) Jones on the *Confidence* in 1638 (see Richard H. Benson, *The Benson Family of Colonial Massachusetts* (Boston: Newbury Street Press, 2003), 7–22).

⁸ The Edward Linney who married 1624 in Henley on Thames and had several children baptized there was perhaps also a son of this couple, born before or after Joyce.

- i. JOYCE LINNEY, bp. 5 Oct. 1600; bur. Sonning, Berkshire, 21 Nov. 1684;^[9] m. Henley on Thames 19 April 1630, ROBERT WIDMORE/WIGMORE, bur. Sonning 18 Feb. 1675/76.^[10]

Children of Robert and Joyce (Linney) Widmore/Wigmore:

- (1) *Abigail Widmore*, bp. Henley on Thames 16 Jan. 1630/31.^[11]
 - (2) *Hannah Widmore*, bp. Henley on Thames 26 March 1632.^[12]
 - (3) *Sarah Widmore*, bp. Sonning 7 Jan. 1633/4; bur. there 30 Aug. 1639.^[13]
 - (4) *Hester Widmore*, bp. Sonning between April and June 1636; bur. there 1 Aug. 1643.^[14]
 - (5) *John Widmore*, bp. Sonning 26 Nov. 1637.^[15]
 - (6) *Sarah Widmore* (again), bp. Sonning 19 April 1640.^[16]
 - (7) *Mary Widmore*, bp. Sonning 25 Sept. 1642.^[17]
- ii. ANN¹ LINNEY, bp. 26 Dec. 1603; d. probably in Hull, Mass., ca. 1650;^[18] m. (as his first wife) in Henley on Thames 24 Nov. 1626, THOMAS¹ JONES. He is probably the Thomas Jones who was bp. 23 Jan. 1602/03 in Caversham, Oxfordshire, son of Roger Jones. Thomas died in Manchester, Mass., before 9 March 1680/81. Thomas m. (2) in Boston, Mass., 25 June 1657, Abigail (____) (Sumner) Ellithorpe, and (3) Elizabeth _____, who survived him.

Children of Thomas¹ and Ann (Linney) Jones:^[19]

- (1) *Abraham² Jones*, bp. Henley on Thames 19 Oct. 1628.^[20]
- (2) *Sarah Jones*, bp. Caversham 28 Jan. 1630/1.
- (3) *Hannah Jones*, b. perhaps 1633.
- (4) *John Jones*, bp. Caversham 5 Nov. 1636.
- (5) *Thomas Jones*, bp. Hingham, Mass., 29 March 1640.
- (6) *Mary Jones*, bp. Hingham 28 May 1643.

⁹ Registers of Sonning, Berkshire (originally in both Berkshire and Oxfordshire) (Oxfordshire Family History Society transcript; CD OXF-SO01): Joyce Wigmore.

¹⁰ Sonning registers [note 9]: Robt. Wigmore.

¹¹ Henley on Thames registers [note 5]: Abigall Widmor daughter of Robard.

¹² Henley on Thames registers [note 5]: Hana Widmor daughter of Robart.

¹³ Sonning registers [note 9]: Sarah Wigmore d. Robt.

¹⁴ Sonning registers [note 9]: Hester Widmore d of Robt (bp.), Hester Wigmore d. Robt (bur.).

¹⁵ Sonning registers [note 9]: John Wigmore, s. Robt.

¹⁶ Sonning registers [note 9]: Sarah Wigmore, d. Robt.

¹⁷ Sonning registers [note 9]: Marie Wigmore, d. Robt.

¹⁸ Ethel Farrington Smith, *Early Families of Hull, Massachusetts* (Boston: NHGS, 2007), 114 (from the sketch of Thomas Jones and his descendants on 114–124). This was based for the most part on her earlier Hull article in the *Register* (the Thomas Jones family in 143 [1989]:125–131), which in turn was based on Barlow's article (see note 2). In this particular case, Smith argued that she died in Hull rather than Hingham, where Barlow had placed her death. The following data for events in Massachusetts are drawn from this account.

¹⁹ As noted above, the order of Hannah's birth is uncertain. Her parents perhaps had a child before Abraham who died young: the burial of "Maria Johnes filia Thome Johnes" took place in Henley on Thames on 14 November 1627 (Henley on Thames registers [note 5]). The only other entry for a Thomas Jones in Henley upon Thames in this timeframe was the marriage of "Thomas Joanes" and "Ann-Willis Elisabeth Englesbe" on 29 June 1629.

²⁰ Abraham Jones was an ancestor of President Abraham Lincoln. See Gary Boyd Roberts, comp., *Ancestors of American Presidents 2009 Edition* (Boston: NEHGS, 2009), 49–52, 239–240.

(7) *Ephraim Jones*, bp. Hingham. 27 July 1649.

- iii. MARY LINNEY, bp. 4 Jan. 1606/7; bur. Henley on Thames 3 May 1607.
- iv. SIMON LINNEY, bp. 26 June 1608; bur. Henley on Thames 10 March 1683/34; m. Henley on Thames 1 July 1634, MARTHA BEARD. She was probably the "Widow Linney" bur. there 26 Nov. 1686.

Children of Simon and Martha (Beard) Linney (bp. and bur. in Henley upon Thames):

- (1) *Samuel Linney*, bp. 4 April 1635.
 - (2) *Martha Linney*, bp. 10 Dec. 1637.
 - (3) *Ann Linney*, bp. 30 Jan. 1643/34.
 - (4) [*child*] *Linney*, bur. 7 Feb. 1644/45.
 - (5) *Joan Linney*, bp. 7 Feb. 1651/52.
- v. MARTHA LINNEY, bp. 9 Dec. 1610; nothing further known.
 - vi. [*child*] LINNEY, bur. in Henley on Thames 27 Aug. 1614.

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