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was christened George Carter the sonne of felix Carter of Steepleaston.”^[6] Elizabeth’s baptism record follows the next year: “The 29th day of October in the same yeare [1575] was christened Elizabeth Carter the daughter of felix Carter.”^[7] The family moved to Claydon before the baptism of their next child in 1577.

No baptism record for Margaret Tredwell in Steeple Aston was identified; the records in the parish about 1550 are spotty, and many Tredwell families were having children there at the time. However, two of the extant wills for Tredwells dying in Steeple Aston during her lifetime provide some clues for further possible research:

1. The will of Edward Tredwell, husbandman, of Steeple Aston, dated 27 July 1577 and proved 13 September 1577, left bequests to “George Carter...and his syster,”^[8] probably the two eldest children of Felix and Margaret, though no mention was made of Margaret herself. Margaret’s third child was only baptized in Claydon on 28 July 1577, so was probably not yet known about in Steeple Aston when the will was written.
2. The will of John Tredwell of Steeple Aston, dated 13 January 1588/9 and proved 3 February 1588/9, mentioned Felix Carter: “I geave and bequeathe to my godsonne Felix Carter his sonne vjs viijd and to everye of his other children xxd apeece.”^[9] There was no mention in John’s will of his having a daughter Margaret.

Connections to Over Worton, Long Hanborough, Combe, Witney, and North Leigh, Oxfordshire

Felix’s parents were found living in the village of Over Worton, about 2 miles north of Steeple Aston. Extant Over Worton parish records don’t begin until 1628, but court cases provided the details. In 1608, Felix was sued by John Hill of Bampton, husbandman, regarding land his grandfather had held: the “Riding peece” and a “woodground or coppice” in Long Hanborough, lands and houses in “Northleigh” (North Leigh), “longcombe” (Combe), and “in other places all . . . in [Oxfordshire].” The villages lie roughly 10 miles southwest of Steeple Aston and are all within a few miles of each other. John Hill accused “Felix Carter of Claydon, yeoman,” of seizing the lands and houses that weren’t his by right to hold, illicitly having their use for many years.

Felix defended himself by explaining that “Thomas Sumer of Longecombe in the Countie of Oxon” in his will of October 1529 had bequeathed to “Margarett Sumer, his eldest daughter & to her heires of her bodye, lawfully to be begotten, all his howses lande meadowes closses and app[er]ten[en]ce[s] in the p[ar]ishe of Lambright . . . called Longhanboroughe,” that were his by right or inheritance, and that after she had entered and seized the property with the approval of the manor of Long Hanborough, she “did marrye, and

⁶ Steeple Aston PRs.

⁷ Steeple Aston PRs.

⁸ Archdeaconry of Oxford registered wills, 185.475; images on FindMyPast.com.

⁹ Archdeaconry of Oxford registered wills, 188.16; images on FindMyPast.com.

take to husband, one Richard Carter . . . and] had ysseu of theire tow bodies, lawfully begotten between them, tow sonnes . . . this defend[ant] and one John Carter, and five daughters.” After Richard’s death, Margaret had had the “proffitte of the sayd lande howse and hereditamente to theire owne uses . . . verye neare fortye years” and “by her laste will and testamente in writing, did bequeathe and geve unto him this defend[ant] & to the heires male, of his bodye, all her sayd lande . . .”^[10]

Two years later, in another legal case, Felix made a similar argument. Richard Carter of Over Worton, yeoman, son of John Carter (thus Felix’s nephew), stated that Thomas Somer had held in freehold three messuages and certain lands, tenements, and hereditaments in Long Hanborough, as well as certain copyhold lands held of the manor of Woodstock, and conveyed them to Margaret, his daughter, in his will. He argued that the lands should have descended to Richard and Margaret’s eldest son, John, and his eldest son, the complainant, Richard, not to Felix, John’s younger brother, because while copyhold lands descended per “Burrow English” custom upon the youngest son, freehold lands held “in Taile” should have descended to the next heir per Common Law, the eldest son.

Felix responded with the same evidence regarding the “Freehold land coppihould lande and berry [bury] lande”^[11] his mother had held in her own right, citing his inheritance per his mother’s will, which he said the manor court had accepted.^[12] While the outcome is not recorded, Felix’s position was strong enough that he likely prevailed. Though Felix Carter’s will of 1619 only included his house and an orchard next to it in Claydon,^[13] most of his land holdings were likely sold or passed on to his children before his death.

A search was made for the wills of Richard and Margaret (Somer) Carter, as well as her father, Thomas Somer, and fortunately, all three have survived.

Will of Richard Carter, Yeoman, of Over Worton, 1550/1^[14]

Dated 15 January 1550/1 and proved 14 March 1550/1; “Richarde Carter off Overworton in the Countie of Oxforde yeoman”; to be buried in Over Worton churchyard; to mother church of Oxford 2*d.*; to son John Carter £6-13-4 and a cart; to son Felyxe Carter a cow and ten sheep; to daughter Katheryne Carter ten sheep and two kine (cows); to daughter Agnes Carter ten sheep and two kine; to daughter Julyan Carter ten sheep and two kine; to daughter Elizab[eth] Carter ten sheep and two kine; to daughter Margaret Carter £6-13-4; to sister Jane Carter a cow and 20*s.*; to godson Wyllyam Hollwaye a heifer; to daughter

¹⁰ The National Archives [TNA] C 2/JasI/H14/26, *Hill v. Carter*. Hill’s complaint was filed 28 April 1608, and Carter’s answer on 31 April 1608.

¹¹ For further information on these land types, see Alan Crossley and C. R. Elrington, eds., *A History of the County of Oxford: Volume 12, Wootton Hundred (South) Including Woodstock* (London: Victoria County History, 1990) [hereafter *VCH Oxford vol. 12*], 431–435.

¹² TNA C 2/JasI/C25/14, *Carter v. Carter*. Richard’s complaint was received 20 or 21 June 1610, and Felix’s answer on 4 Oct. 1610. Felix also denied the existence of any deeds conveying the land “in taile” (an entail on property was a legal procedure restricting land to inheritance by specific heirs over time, often the eldest son of the eldest son). Because the lands in question were property that Margaret held in her own right, she had the right to dispose of them as she willed.

¹³ Banbury and Thames Peculiars original wills, Pec.34/4/29; images on FindMyPast.com, Also transcribed in Goldwthwaite, *Boardman Genealogy*, 133–135.

¹⁴ Archdeaconry of Oxford registered wills, 180.42; images on FindMyPast.com.

Alice Maunder six sheep; to all of my godchildren 4*d.* each; residue to wife Margaret, she to be executrix; overseers Owyn Barret and Davye Rignedale; witnesses Steuyn [*i.e.*, Steven] Coxe, Richarde Moseley, Thomas Kyrke, and Thomas Carter.

Nothing has been found to identify Richard's parents. Richard's only proven sibling was his sister, Jane Carter, named in his will; the Thomas Carter, witness to his will, was perhaps a brother.^[15]

Will of Margaret Carter of Over Worton, Widow, 1585/6^[16]

Dated 10 March 1585/6 and proved 6 April 1586; "Margreat Cartar of Overwoorton widow sicke in bodie"; "my bodye...to be layd by my husband"; to the mother church 2*d.*; to three of my poorest neighbors 12*d.* each; to son Felixe Cartar and the heirs male of his body all my lands; for want of such heirs, to son John Carter and the heirs of his body; to Margreat Robyns a gown, a petticoat, and 10*s.*; to daughter Katerine Swadlinge 10*s.*; to daughter Anne Walker 10*s.*; to Gyles Walker the son of Anne Walker 20*s.*; to daughter Gylyan Boulton ten ewes; to daughter Elisabeth Savage 10*s.*; to Rychard Cartar the son of John Cartar furniture and metal implements (described); to his sister Ellen Cartar a bedstead and a coffer; to Dorothee Cartar a bed and bedding and other household items (described); to Deones Cartar a bedstead, a great candlestick, and a platter; to Margreat Cartar a pair of sheets, a platter, and a bedstead; to Jone Swadlinge two kine; to my godchildren 6*d.* each; residue to son John Cartar, he to be executor; overseers Thomas Walker and Wyllm Gylkes (they to have 3*s.* 4*d.* each); witnesses Raufe Houghton, Willm Gylkes, Thomas Walker, and John Moseleye.

Will of Thomas Somer of Longcombe (Combe), 1529^[17]

Dated 3 October 1529 and proved 2 May 1530; "Thomas Sum[m]er of Longeco[m]be in the dio[cese] of Lincoln . . . syke in bodye"; to be buried in the chancel of the church of St. Lawrence in Long Combe; to the mother church of Lincoln 4*d.*; to the repairing of the bells of Long Combe 20*d.*; bequests for the maintenance of the parsonage lands (described); to son Edwarde Sum[m]er all my land and houses in Mary Magdalene Parish in "Mylke" Street in London; to said Edwarde the right and title for time to come in the said land and houses; to eldest daughter Margaret Sum[m]er and her heirs a parcel of land in the lordship of Witney called the Stape in the west side of North Leigh Heath; to said daughter Margaret a house in the parish of Hanborough and all the lands in the fields with closes and meadows appertaining in the said parish of Hanborough;

¹⁵ This Thomas Carter was perhaps the "Thomas Carter of Overwoorter[*sic*] sicke in bodye" whose will was dated 3 Oct. 1585 and proved 27 Nov. 1585 (Consistory Court of Oxford original wills, 10/4/4; images on FindMyPast.com). He named his wife Margaret (executrix), sons Thomas, Richard, and Felix ("Phelix") Carter, and daughters Prudence and Fryswyde Carter (witnesses Ralph ("Raufe") Houghton, George Coxe, and John Carter). This Thomas Carter's widow left a will dated 27 Nov. 35 Elizabeth (1592) and proved 12 Jan. 1592/3, with an inventory taken 12 Dec. 1592 (Archdeaconry of Oxford, 296/1/14 [inventory] and 189.237 [registered will]; images on FindMyPast.com): "Margeret Carter of Overworto[n]...widow being sick in bodie"; son Robert Carter, Thomas Carter (son of Felix Carter), sister "Elnor Lawnde," and daughters Prudence and Frisweede Carter (executrices); overseers were neighbors John Meese and Richard Carter.

¹⁶ Archdeaconry of Oxford original wills, 10/4/9; also registered wills, 186.400; images on FindMyPast.com. Spellings of names preserved from the original will.

¹⁷ Archdeaconry of Oxford registered wills, 178.20; images on FindMyPast.com. This will is referenced in *VCH Oxford vol. 12*, 92–96.

said Margaret to enter the said properties when 18; if Margaret dies without heirs of her body, then the properties to my heirs with my wife Elizabeth Sum[m]er, equally divided; to wife Elizabeth the remnant of my lands in the lordship of Witney named Pyrtons with the little close named Merry Fields, and my leases of Knavebold and a close in the parish of North Leigh named Newells Close, for her life, then to my heirs by her equally divided; a cottage of mine in Longcombe to be for the profit of the church, the churchwardens to see that a dirge and mass are done yearly for my soul and all Christian souls, and to distribute to the poor of the parish and the bell ringers 16*d.* in bread and ale; if the churchwardens fail to do so for two years together, the cottage to revert to my heirs; to son Thomas Sum[m]er, servant to Mr. Lyonells Croftes, 6*s.* 8*d.*; to daughter Mary Sum[m]er 13*s.* 4*d.*; to the poor 20*s.*; residue to wife Elizabeth Sum[m]er, she to be executrix; supervisor Mr. Thomas Elyott esquire (he to have 20*s.*); witnesses John Colls, Cristofer Mayes, Geoffery in the Closse, Robert Newma[n], Hugh Kyrto[n], and John Colpresse.

These wills and above-mentioned court cases bring to light Richard and Margaret (Somer) Carter's connections to a scattering of villages further south in Oxfordshire around Combe, where Margaret's father, Thomas Somer, had resided and held property. They also reveal that Thomas held property in London.

The Somer Family in Mylke (Milk) Street, London

In Thomas Somer's will he bequeathed to his eldest son, Edward, his property in St. Mary Magdalene parish on Milk Street in London. Milk Street still exists, beginning on the north side of Cheapside and running north one long block to Kerton Street. Cheapside was then the leading commercial street in London, and Milk Street abutted the heart of it. About sixty years later, Milk Street was described as a place of "many fair houses for wealthy merchants and other,"^[18] as a handful of influential wardens and masters of the nearby Mercers Guild lived on the street. The larger northern portion of the street was in the parish of St. Lawrence Jewry, and the southern part, closest to Cheapside, was in the parish of St. Mary Magdalene on Milk Street, which must have been where Thomas's house was located.^[19] The church of that parish burned in the Great Fire of 1666 and was never rebuilt.

A court case from 1517 provides more details on the Somer family in London. John and Richard Somer, sons of "Thomas Somer there fader late Citizen and haberdassher of London," sued their brother, "Thomas Somer, gentleman of Longcombe, Oxford," over their father's place and dwelling house with appurtenances in Milk Street, St. Mary Magdalene parish, London, which they said Thomas had claimed as his own. They said their father Thomas had left the property "by his last wyll . . . to the use of Isabelle his wyfe for time of her lyff and after the deccasse of the seid Isabelle to the use of John Somer

¹⁸ Map of Early Modern London (from MapOfLondon.uvic.ca): "Milk Street". Quote from William J. Thoms, ed., *A Survey of London, Written in the Year 1598, by John Stow* (London: Whittaker and Co., 1892), 111.

¹⁹ Francis Carpinelli, "Merchant Neighbors of the More Family on Milk Street" *Moreana* 50 (2013):229–266 (especially 235).

and Richard Somer chylderyn of the seid Thomas Somer, . . . ”^[20] Thomas responded that he had inherited the property as eldest son, an argument which must have sufficed.^[21]

Parish records for St. Mary Magdalene parish start in 1538, too late for this family. While many records for contemporaneous Somers (and related spellings) in London were located, only two showed a clear connection to this Thomas Somer. In 1476/7, Thomas Somer, citizen and haberdasher, and Conand Somer, clerk,^[22] purchased rights to property in St. Mary Magdalene in Milk Street parish in Cripplegate Ward, London.^[23] Ten years later, Thomas took Conand Somer, clerk, to court for detention of deeds, bills, and obligations, saying he had given them to Conand about 1479 in “singular trust,” as he had intended to “passe on the see.” If he were to die before returning, Conand was to keep the papers safe for Thomas’s children and have the guiding of them until they were grown. However, since Thomas had come safely home, Conand had refused to return the documents, and Thomas asked the court for assistance.^[24] Though the connection between Thomas and Conand is not precisely stated (in his 1486 suit Thomas called Conand his “kynnesman”), it seems likely the two were closely related.

“Conand” (more commonly “Conan”) was a Celtic name, raising the possibility that these Somers were of Irish, Breton, Welsh, or Scottish origin. This is supported in part by records of taxed exports of aliens and denizens from London in 1480–1, in which a Thomas Somer was listed, titled “denizen merchant.”^[25] The term “denizen” at the time was used for people not born in England who were not yet naturalized, but who had some tax advantages over “aliens.” As no other record for a Thomas Somer who was a merchant in London at the time has been found, the taxed shipments were likely made by this man. Thus, Thomas was probably born outside of England and had

²⁰ This will has not been located.

²¹ TNA C 1/444/34, *Somer v. Somer*. The complaint is undated (though addressed to Thomas [Wolsey], Cardinal Archbishop of York, Chancellor of England, so in or after 1515); but the answer of Thomas Somer was dated 10 May 9 Henry VIII (1517).

²² There was a Conand Somer who was a district rector in Cambridge and Derbyshire 1466–1472 (Berend Wispelwey, *Biographical Index of the Middle Ages* [München: K.G. Saur, 2008], 1030). A Conan (Conandus) Somer was ordained deacon 2 April 1468 and priest 16 April 1468 in Darley abbey, Coventry and Lichfield diocese (David M. Smith, ed., *York Clergy Ordinations 1450–1474* [University of York, 2018], 189, 190). Conand Somer earned a Bachelor of Canon Law in 1471 and a Doctorate of Canon Law in 1481 from Cambridge University (John Venn and J. A. Venn, eds., *Alumni Cantabrigienses...*, first series, vol. 4 [Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1927], 184). Conand was appointed a fellow of King’s Hall, Cambridge on 24 May 1474. In 1478–9 he was one of five stewards of the Hall (William Rouse Buell, *The King’s Scholars & King’s Hall* [Printed privately, 1917], 50). In 1493, he was rector of Mackworth, Derbyshire (W. E. Godfrey, “Derbyshire Clergy” *Journal of the Derbyshire Archaeological and Natural History Society* 53 [1932]:36). He was said to have donated 40s. to the King’s Hall building fund in 1504 (*A Catalogue of the Manuscripts Preserved in the Library of the University of Cambridge*, vol. 5 [Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1867], 230).

²³ London Court of Husting, Roll 206, #28 (FSL DGS 008839717, image 425). Dated 25 Jan. 16 Edward IV (1476/7).

²⁴ TNA C 1/78/67, *Somer v. Somer*.

²⁵ H. S. Cobb, ed., *The Overseas Trade of London: Exchequer Customs Accounts, 1480–1*, London Record Society vol. 27 (London: London Record Society, 1990), xi–xlvii.

moved to London where he was able to purchase the freedom of the City of London, becoming one of its Citizens.^[26]

The Somer and Elyot Families

Returning to Thomas Somer of Combe, Oxfordshire, eldest son of this Thomas Somer of London, the tax assessment of 1524 in Combe showed that 30 people paid taxes in the village that year. The three highest rate payers were Thomas Elyot, the lord of the manor, assessed on goods valued at £160, John Colles, assessed on goods of £30, and Thomas Somer, who leased the rectory, assessed on £20.^[27] Thomas Elyot was soon to be an overseer of Thomas Somer's will, and John Colles a witness (see above). Thomas Somer also appeared in a 1508 court case with Richard Elyot, serjeant-at-law, who was Thomas Elyot's father and at that time lord of the manor of Combe. They sought to recover seisin (legal freehold ownership) of the manor of Over Bourton/Burton (or just Bourton) in Shrivenham in southwest Oxfordshire from Thomas Beckingham of Ducklington.^[28] The conjunction of their names multiple times, and the fact that Richard Elyot and Thomas Somer held legal claim to property together, make it likely they shared a familial connection.

Sir Richard Elyot's will of 1520 provides the answer: “. . . And all the tenements that I have in London for defaute of suche heires of me the said Richard Thomas my sonne and of our daughters as re aforesaid/ to remayn to *Thomas Somer my coseyn/son of Isabell daughter of kateryn sister of my moder Johane daughters of John Bryce otherwise called Basset* and to the heires males of his body begotten/ And for defaute of suche heires of me the said Richard and Thomas my sonne and of our daughters as is aforesaid remayn to James Brice sonne of myn uncle *John Brice sonne of the said John Basset/sonne of Bryce Basset my great-grauntfader* of my moder syde . . .”^[29] Sir Richard Elyot

²⁶ For more on denizens and citizenship, see Helen Bradley, ed., *The Views of the Hosts of Alien Merchants, 1440-1444*. London Record Society, vol. 46 (London: Boydell Press, 2012), xi.

²⁷ PRO (now TNA) E 179/161/175 and LR 2/197, f. 37, as referenced in *VCH Oxford vol. 12*, 84-91.

²⁸ William Page and P. H. Ditchfield, *A History of the County of Berkshire: Volume 4* (London: Victoria County History, 1924), 531-543 (referencing De Banco R. Hil. 23 Hen. VII, m. 326).

²⁹ Prerogative Court of Canterbury (PCC) 24 Maynwaring (PROB 11/20 folios 189-190) (emphasis added). Also transcribed in Henry Herbert Stephen Croft, ed., *The Boke Named the Gouvernour Devised by Sir Thomas Elyot, Knight...*, 2 vols. (London: Kegan Paul, Trench, & Co., 1883) [hereafter Croft, *The Boke Named the Gouvernour*], 1:308-316

This two-part will of “Sir Richard Elyot knight one of the kings Justices of his com[m]en benche” was dated 9 and 12 Oct. 1520 and proved 26 May 1522; in it he named among others son Thomas Elyott, daughter Margery wife of Robert Puttenham, esquire, daughter Elynor “mynchyn” [nun] of Shaftesbury, son John Fetiplace the elder, esquire, the children “of my wife Elizabeth late the wife of Richard Fetiplace Esquier,” sons Edward Fetiplace and John Fetiplace the younger, sons Antony and Thomas Fetyplace, cousin Agnes Brice the daughter of James Brice, cousin Margaret sometime the wife of Richard Haukyns, her daughter Joan wife of John Barowe gentleman of Gloucestershire, John Mychell otherwise called Elyot of Coker, Somerset, his son William sometime my clerk, daughter-in-law Elynor daughter of Richard Fetiplace esquire, cousin Thomas Fyndern of Cambridgeshire, John Gilperne son of my sister Alice, Richard Crouche son of my sister Joan sometime of Wyncalton, Somerset, “Thomas Somer my coseyn son of Isabell daughter of Kateryn sister of my moder Johane daughters of John Bryce otherwise called Basset” (quoted above), “James Brice sonne of myn uncle John Brice sonne of the said John Basset sonne of Bryce Basset my great grauntfader of my modersyde,” “John Michell otherwise called Elyot of

and Thomas Somer of Long Combe were first cousins once removed through their mothers, both descendants of a John Brice *alias* Basset.

The Brice *alias* Basset Family

No verifiable documentation for John Brice *alias* Basset or his father, Brice Basset, has yet been found. A Brice family lived at Witney in the early 1500s, where they leased the bishop's manor farm and demesne farm, as well as Waley's fulling mill.^[30] The town of Witney was a prosperous and growing center of cloth production at the time, with ties to London and European markets, which would provide a natural connection to Thomas Somer, haberdasher in London.^[31] However, none of the known Brice lessees were named "John." Other Brice families can be found in Somerset and London, but none show clear connections to this family.^[32] As for the name "Basset," many gentry Basset families existed at the time, but none have been found in extant records that contained a "Brice" or had similar names to those used by the Elyots or Somers.

Genealogical Summary: Brice *alias* Basset and Elyot Families ^[33]

1. BRICE BASSET, born say 1375.

Known child of Brice and _____ (_____) Basset:

- 2 i. JOHN BRICE *alias* BASSET, b. say 1400.

2. JOHN BRICE *alias* BASSET (*Brice*), born say 1400.

Known children of John and _____ (_____) Brice *alias* Basset (order uncertain):

- 3 i. JOAN BRICE *alias* BASSET, b. say 1425; m. SIMON ELYOT.
- ii. KATHERINE BRICE *alias* BASSET, b. say 1435; m. _____.

Known child of _____ and Katherine (Brice *alias* Basset) _____:

- a. *Isabelle* _____, b. say 1455; d. bef. 1518;^[34] m. *Thomas Somer* (see Somer and Carter section below).

- iii. JOHN BRICE *alias* BASSET, b. say 1440.

Coker in the Countie of Somers sonne of Philip sonne of Michell Elyot my grauntfader," "John Huet of Tawnton and... John Soper sonnes of Alice daughter of Kateryn Lydford sister of my fader Symon Elyot," and cousin Alice Wynborne.

The relationships from this will were summarized in tree form in George Sherwood, *The Pedigree Register*, vol. 1, (London, 1907–1910) [hereafter *Sherwood, Pedigree Register*], 292–293.

³⁰ Simon Townley, ed., *A History of the County of Oxford: Volume 14, Bampton Hundred (Part Two)* (London: Victoria County History, 2004) [hereafter *VCH Oxford vol. 14*], 108–111.

³¹ *VCH Oxford vol. 14*, 77–88.

³² R. W. Dunning, ed., *A History of the County of Somerset: Volume 4* (London: Victoria County History, 1978), 147–151. Sylvia L. Thrupp, *The Merchant Class of Medieval London* (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 1948) [hereafter *Thrupp, Merchant Class of Medieval London*], 326.

³³ The first several generations of this come from the 1520 will of Sir Richard Elyot noted above.

³⁴ In TNA C 1/444/55 (*Somer v. Somer*), Isabelle was noted as being deceased.

3. **JOAN BRICE** *alias* **BASSET** (*John, Brice*), born say 1425; married say 1440
SIMON ELYOT, born say 1415, son of Michael Elyot.^[35]

Probable children of Simon and Joan (Brice *alias* Basset) Elyot (order uncertain):^[36]

- i. **WILLIAM ELYOT**, b. between 1439 and 1448;^[37] d. bef. 19 March 1506/7, when his will was proved.^[38] Clerk. Admitted to All Souls College, Oxford University as a fellow in 1465, vacated in 1479.^[39]

William Elyot held a great many church and civil offices over the course of his career, as summarized by Emden.^[40] Besides holding various rectories, canonships, etc., he was a Clerk of the Chancery by 1484^[41] and from 1485 to 1487 was, with Robert Morton, Keeper of the Rolls in the Office of Chancery.^[42] He ended his career as Archdeacon of

³⁵ Simon's brother, Philip, through his son, John Mychell *alias* Elyot, of Coker, Somerset, was possibly an ancestor of Andrew¹ Elliott of East Coker, Somerset, and Beverly, Massachusetts (see Alfred Johnson, "Charles William Eliot, LL.D., M.D." *Register* 81 [1927]:3-23 [especially 3-4] and William Wyman Fiske, "Ancestry of Bennet Eliot of Nazeing, Essex, Father of Seven Great Migration Immigrants to Massachusetts" *Register* 161 [2007]: 85-91, 186-198, 250-259, 162 [2008]:65-72, 128-139 [hereafter Fiske, "Ancestry of Bennet Eliot"] [especially 161:193-195]). Charles Burr Todd, *A General History of the Burr Family, with a genealogical record from 1193 to 1902*, 4th ed., (New York: Knickerbocker Press, 1902), 185, purports to carry down the line to the immigrant, though without any supporting documentation.

³⁶ It is possible that Simon Elyot married more than once and that not all of his children were by Joan Brice *alias* Basset, though certainly at least Sir Richard Elyot was Joan's child.

³⁷ He was admitted as a fellow to All Souls College, Oxford, in 1465 (see below). At this time, fellows of All Souls were to be between the ages of 17 and 26 at their election. They were to take holy orders as well, when eligible by age (though differing in the timing otherwise, depending on whether the fellow was there as an academic or legal scholar) (H. E. Salter and Mary D. Lobel, eds., *A History of the County of Oxford: Volume 3, the University of Oxford* [London: Victoria County Histories, 1954], 173-193). Oddly, though, when William Elyot was created a Notary Public by papal authority on 23 March 1475/6, one of the provisos was that he not be in holy orders, which he must have been both before this (from his fellowship at All Souls) and after (serving in multiple places as a priest in various capacities) (*Calendar of Papal Registers Relating to Great Britain and Ireland: Volume 13, 1471-1484* [London: Her Majesty's Stationery Office, 1955], 642-648).

³⁸ PCC 21 Adean (PROB 11/15 folio 165): will of William Elyot, dated 25 Oct. 1500 and proved 19 March 1506/7. As discussed in Fiske, "Ancestry of Bennet Eliot," 161:193, he named his brother Richard and sister Alice Gilp[er]ne, the latter of whom was also called a sister in Sir Richard Elyot's will (see above; Margaret Haukyns and Alice Winborne were also in both wills).

³⁹ A. B. Emden, *A Biographical Register of the University of Oxford to A.D. 1500*, vol. 1 A to E (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1957) [hereafter Emden, *Oxford Biographical Register*], 639.

⁴⁰ Emden, *Oxford Biographical Register*, 639.

⁴¹ K. H. Ledward, ed., *Calendar of Close Rolls, Henry VII: Volume 1, 1485-1500* (London: H.M. Stationery Office, 1955) [hereafter *Close Rolls 1485-1500*], 116-117 (no. 414).

⁴² Edward Foss, *The Judges of England...*, vol. 5 1485-1603 (London: Longman, Brown, Green, Longmans, & Roberts, 1857), 48. He served in that position together with Robert Morton, nephew of John Morton, Archbishop of Canterbury, because Morton needed assistance in that role (*Calendar of the Patent Rolls... Henry VII vol. 1 1485-1494* [London: H.M. Stationery Office, 1914], 128: "...because the said Robert Morton, who is deeply engaged about the king's business, has recommended William Elyot, king's clerk, to be associated with him in the said office, to the above Robert and William in survivorship...with the keeping of the house and one tun of Gascon wine yearly"). Though the appointment was supposed to be lifelong, neither Elyot nor Morton appear to have held the office after the latter became Bishop of Worcester in 1487, and David William took office. Elyot continued to be a protégé of the Mortons, though, as he appeared as

Barnstable, Canon Residentiary of Salisbury, Canon and Prebendary of Exeter, Chancellor of Salisbury, and Provost of St. Edmund's College in Salisbury. Most of the positions held by William had incomes of various types, making him a wealthy man.

Among multiple property transactions to which he was a party, Master William Elyot, Clerk, and John Elyot in 1486–7 leased a tenement with gardens, stables and buildings in St. Clement's parish without Temple Bar, beside Clement's Inn (one of the Inns of Chancery), as well as a "hospice called 'Clement's Inn' within the parish of St. Clement Danes" for 80 years from Henry Cantlowe.^[43] He also purchased property in 1488 with Richard Elyot and John Elyot, gentlemen, and Henry Edyall and Walter Hodgis, Clerks, from Thomas Russell and wife Agnes.^[44]

On 12 Feb. 1497/8 William Elyot, Clerk in London, leased four tenements in St. Clement's without Temple Bar for ten years from Alice Yerman, widow, and William Smyth, mercer. The transaction resulted in legal trouble for William and his brother, Richard, including a petition from William Smyth to the King in 1509.^[45]

On 13 May 1498, William Elyot, Clerk, and Richard Elyot, with John Esyngton, Clerk, and William Esyngton, purchased the manor of Fenne in Lincolnshire, along with several thousand acres of lands and rents in other locales, for £500 sterling.^[46] On 12 Nov. 1497 and 13 June 1501, the same group of men purchased the manor of "Skreyng" (Crane's End) in Freiston, Lincolnshire, along with some other lands and rents, for 200 marks of silver.^[47]

William was also involved in multiple court cases over the years, starting about 1480 in Exeter, Devon.^[48] Around 1485–6, he was sued for detention of deeds relating to a chapel in Somerset.^[49]

Henry Sutton, clerk and treasurer of the cathedral church of Sarum, named "my friend, Master William Elyott, clerk," as his executor in his will of 1 April 1500.^[50] As noted above, William's will was proved by a Thomas Eliot, probably the brother mentioned in his probable brother John's will. William left some lands he held in Wiltshire to his brother, Richard, who sold them in 1512–13.^[51]

clerk to John Morton, Archbishop of Canterbury, on 10 July 1494 (*Close Rolls 1485–1500*, 207 [no. 709]).

⁴³ *Close Rolls 1485–1500*, 63–64 (no. 235). This transaction and the next were also noted by Fiske, "Ancestry of Bennet Eliot," 161:193.

⁴⁴ *A Calendar to the Feet of Fines for London and Middlesex: Vol. 2, Henry VII - 12 Elizabeth* (London, 1893), 1–15.

⁴⁵ I. S. Leadem, ed., *Select Cases in the Court of Requests A.D. 1497–1569*. Selden Society publications, vol. 12 (London: Bernard Quaritch, 1898), 11–14.

⁴⁶ Feet of Fines, CP 25/1/145/164, #24. Summarized at medievalgenealogy.org.uk.

⁴⁷ Feet of Fines, CP 25/1/145/164, #36. Summarized at medievalgenealogy.org.uk.

⁴⁸ TNA C 1/54/281, *Chalvedon v. Elyot*; C 1/124/49, *Chalvedon v. Elyot*.

⁴⁹ TNA C 1/77/6, *Elyot v. Kete*.

⁵⁰ Frederic William Weaver, ed., *Somerset Medieval Wills, Vol. 19* (London: Somerset Record Society, 1903), 4–5.

⁵¹ TNA E 326/11082: Richard Elyot, Serjeant-at-Law, brother & heir of William Elyot, clerk, late chancellor of Salisbury, to Thomas, son & heir of John Sturmye.

5. ii. Sir RICHARD ELYOT, b. say 1455; d. bef. 26 May 1522.
- iii. JOHN ELYOT,^[52] d. between 11 and 28 Nov. 1492 from the dates of his will,^[53]
 - m. AGNES _____. John was a principal in Clement's Inn.^[54] As noted above under Thomas Elyot's entry, John Elyot was involved in several land transactions with both Thomas and Richard Elyot.
- iv. THOMAS ELYOT, alive 1507. Probably the man who proved William's will in 1506/7 and was called brother in John's 1492 will.
- v. JOAN ELYOT, alive in 1520 when she was named in her brother Richard's will;
 - m. _____ CROUCH of Wyncalton (Wincanton), Somerset.
 Known child of _____ and Joan (Elyot) Crouch:
 1. *Richard Crouch*, alive in 1520.
- vi. ALICE ELYOT, alive 1520; m. _____ GILPERNE. William Elyot and Richard Elyot both named Alice Gilperne as sister in their wills (see above).
 Known child of _____ and Alice (Elyot) Gilperne:
 1. *John Gilperne*, alive in 1520.

4. JOHN BRICE *alias* BASSET (*John, Brice*), born say 1440.

Known child of John and _____ (_____) Brice *alias* Basset:

- i. JAMES BRICE *alias* BASSET, born say 1470; alive in 1520 when he was named in the will of Richard Elyot.
 Known child of James and _____ (_____) Brice *alias* Basset:
 1. *Agnes Brice* (*alias Basset*), alive and unmarried in 1520.

5. Sir RICHARD ELYOT (*Joan Brice alias Basset, John, Brice*), born say 1455, died shortly before 26 May 1522;^[55] married first^[56] say 1496 ALICE (DELAMERE) DAUBRIDGECOURT, daughter of Sir Thomas Delamere of Aldermaston, Berkshire,^[57] and widow of Thomas Daubridgecourt. Richard married second

⁵² McGerr calls this John Elyot a cousin of William Elyot and Sir Richard Elyot (Rosemarie Potz McGerr, *A Lancastrian Mirror for Princes: The Yale Law School New Statutes of England, Vol. 1327, Part 3* [Indiana University Press, 2011] [hereafter McGerr, *A Lancastrian Mirror*], 129–131). However, given that John called Thomas Elyot a brother and that Thomas was appointed executor of William Elyot's will, John was more likely their brother.

⁵³ PCC 15 Dogett (PROB 11/09 folio 116): dated 11 Nov. 1492 and proved 28 Nov. 1492; "John Eliott of the p[ar]tish of seint Clementes the Danes w[i]t[h]out the bauvys of the new tempyll of London...gent"; the only relatives named as such were wife Agnes and brother Thomas Eliott, both of whom were executors,

⁵⁴ McGerr, *A Lancastrian Mirror*, 129–131.

⁵⁵ When his will was proved; see above. His last known activity was when he "went to the Western Circuit for the last time in February 1522" (Croft, *The Boke Named the Gouvernor*, 1:xlvi); so he must have d. between Feb. and May of that year.

⁵⁶ Or at least the first marriage of which we have record. Having a first marriage this late in life would have been unusual, but no record could be found of a former marriage or children by such a marriage.

⁵⁷ TNA C 1/631/18, *Elyott v. [Unknown]*: from the catalog description, "Thomas Elyott of Carlton... esquire, son and heir of Richard Elyott and of Alice, his wife, daughter of Thomas Delamere, knight."

after 1510 **ELIZABETH (BESILLES) FETTIPLACE**, widow of Richard Fettiplace and daughter and heiress of William Besilles of Besselsleigh, Berkshire.^[58]

Richard's career was in the law. Between 1492 and 1521 he served in various roles, including advocate, serjeant-at-law (the highest rank of attorney with special privileges and responsibilities), king's serjeant (akin to an Attorney General), justice of the peace for Wiltshire, Essex, Oxfordshire, and Berkshire, Member of Parliament for Salisbury, arbitrator, and judge of the court of common pleas. He was knighted by 1517.^[59] Richard was party to numerous court cases and land transactions during his lifetime and held lands in Lincolnshire, Wiltshire, Oxfordshire, Somerset, Dorset, Berkshire, and London.

Children of Sir Richard and Alice (Delamere) (Daubridgecourt) Elyot:

- i. Sir THOMAS ELYOT, b. say 1497;^[60] d. Carlton, Cambridgeshire, 25 March 1546; m. MARGARET ABARROW.^[61] She married as her second husband Chief Justice James Dyer.^[62] Thomas and Margaret had no surviving children.

The historically-significant career of Sir Thomas Elyot as an author, lexicographer, and humanist is well-described elsewhere.^[63] Among the highlights of his career, he was clerk to the Privy Council, ambassador to Charles V, and a member of Parliament. He also wrote a Latin-English dictionary, considered his most important contribution; though his *The Boke Named the Governour* [Governor] is perhaps his most famous

⁵⁸ R. J. Schoeck, "Sir Richard Elyot (d. 1522)" (*Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*, online edition, 2004, repub. 2008) [hereafter *ODNB: Sir Richard Elyot*] (which spells the names "Dabridgecourt" and "Fetiplace"). Fiske points out that Elyot's first marriage must have come after the 1495 death of his wife's first husband Thomas Daubridgecourt (Fiske, "Ancestry of Bennet Eliot," 161:194).

⁵⁹ *ODNB: Sir Richard Elyot*.

⁶⁰ Though several works assert that he was born about 1490 (see below), his parents could not have married until late 1495 at the earliest, and most likely about 1496.

⁶¹ Stanford Lehmborg, "Sir Thomas Elyot (c. 1490–1546)." *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*.

⁶² Charles Raymond Booth Barrett, *Somersetshire: Highways, Byways, and Waterways*, (London: Bliss, Sands & Foster, 1894), 215–216.

⁶³ Readily available sources include the "Life of Elyot" which makes up the vast majority of the introduction to Croft, *The Boke Named the Governour*, 1:xix–clxxxix, and his sketch in *The History of Parliament* (historyofparliamentonline.org): "Elyot, Sir Thomas (c.1490–1546)." Both of these works assert that he was born about 1490, Croft going so far as to say "...in 1511, we find [Sir Richard Elyot's] son Thomas accompanying him on the Western circuit in the capacity of Clerk of Assize. Now as it is in the highest degree improbable that an office of such importance would be conferred upon a minor, even though he were the son of a judge, we are justified in assuming that Thomas Elyot was born certainly not later than 1490" (xxx). Croft, however, had misidentified Sir Richard Elyot's first wife as a fictitious "Alice Fynderne" (xxxiii) and so was not aware of the 1495 *terminus a quo* for this marriage. Thomas Elyot was evidently a child prodigy of sorts (though doubtless his father's influence was also vital to secure his position); in the previous year (on 7 Nov. 1510) he had been admitted to the Middle Temple as "Elyot, junior" (H. A. C. Sturgess, ed., *Register of Admissions to the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple...*, vol. 1 [London: Butterworth & Co., 1949], 7). According to Thomas Elyot's own account, he was at first taught at home, but then had no teachers other than his own reading and study after the age of 12 (mentioned in his Parliamentary biography and quoted in Elyot's own Latin by Croft [xxxvii–xxxviii]). Interestingly, if he was indeed born about 1497, that would place the end of his home-instruction by tutors just a year or so before the start of his youthful career.

work. He was knighted in 1530. His wife Margaret was educated by Sir Thomas More, and both of them moved in his circle for some time. Chalk and ink portraits of both Thomas and Margaret, drawn by Hans Holbein the younger about 1535, have survived.^[64]

The will of “Sir Thomas Eliot knyghte” was dated 29 Aug. 23 Henry VIII (1531), reaffirmed by the testator 23 or 24 March 37 Henry VIII (1545/6) (as “sir Thomas Eliot Sicke in boddy”), and proved 2 July 1546.^[65] Besides bequests to servants and others, he decreed “that all my bookes be soulede and the money therof commynge to be distributed to poore scolers.” Relatives named were “Robarte Putenham Esquier my brother in Lawe,” wife Margaret (executrix), “my Sister margerye and . . . the heires of her boddye Lafullye begotton . . . John Eliot of grewer[s] and . . . theires males [i.e., the heirs male] of his boddye . . . And . . . theires males of John mychell otherwise called John Eliot of Frome in the countie of Somerset”; masses were to be said “For the soules of Sir William Fynderne knyghte Sir Richarde Eliot knyghte and Alice his wife” (with the later implication that these last were his father and mother).

- ii. ELEANOR ELYOT, b. say 1500; alive in 1520, when in her father’s will she was described as “Elynor mynchyn of Shaftesbury.” An earlier work assumed from this that that was Eleanor’s married surname,^[66] however, “mynchyn” was a medieval term for a nun—Eleanor was a nun at the Abbey of Shaftesbury.
- iii. MARGERY ELYOT, b. say 1502; m. ROBERT PUTTENHAM of Sherfield upon Loden, Hampshire.^[67]

Sir Thomas Elyot dedicated his book *The Education or bringinge up of children, translated oute of Plutarche* “to his only entierly beloued syster Margery Puttenham [with the hope that she would] folowe the intent of Plutarche in brynginge and inducyng my litell newewes into the trayne and rule of vertue.”^[68] Those nephews (and nieces) included eldest son Richard Puttenham, George Puttenham (who apparently inherited his grandfather’s writing proclivities), Rose Puttenham (first wife of Thomas Blundeville), Margery Puttenham (wife of _____ Dockwray and Sir John Throckmorton), Anne Puttenham (wife of John Edwards), Francis Puttenham, and Mary Puttenham (wife of Richard Charnock).^[69]

⁶⁴ Both are held by the Royal Collection Trust and can be viewed on their website (rct.uk): Sir Thomas Elyot (c. 1490[sic]–1546) and Margaret, Lady Elyot (d. 1560).

⁶⁵ PCC 14 Alen (PROB 11/31 folio 110).

⁶⁶ Sherwood, *Pedigree Register*, 293.

⁶⁷ Steven W. May, “George Puttenham (1529–1590/91).” *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*.

⁶⁸ Croft, *The Boke Named the Gouvernor*, 1:cxlii–cxliii.

⁶⁹ Eben Putnam, *The Putnam Lineage...* (Salem, Mass.: The Salem Press Company, 1907), lviii–lxviii, which includes also a son William (between Francis and Mary), who “prob[ably] d[ied] y[oung].” A 1543 indenture noted by Putnam (lviii) names Robert Puttenham of Sherfield, Esq., his eldest son Richard Puttenham, gent., and younger sons Francis and George.

For Rose Puttenham, Putnam notes the existence of a monument in the church at Newton, Norfolk, erected in 1571, which commemorates Thomas Blundeville and his two wives, with two shields (with the arms of Blundeville impaling those of Johnson and Puttenham, respectively) and the inscription “Rosa et Margareta Uxores Thome Blundeville...” [Rose and Margaret, wives of Thomas Blundeville...] (lviii–lix). The “Blundevile” pedigree in the visitation of Norfolk gives

Genealogical Summary: Somer and Carter Families

1. **THOMAS SOMER**, born probably outside of England say 1448; died probably in London before 24 July 1493;^[70] married say 1473 **ISABELLE** _____ (daughter of _____ and Katherine [Brice *alias* Basset] _____; see the Brice *alias* Basset section above), born say 1455, died between 1505 and 1517, probably in London where she lived.^[71] Thomas Somer was a citizen of London and haberdasher.

The Worshipful Company of Haberdashers was one of the early livery companies in London, formed in 1448. Haberdashers sold small goods like “ribbons, beads, purses, gloves, pins, caps, and toys”;^[72] however, once becoming a member of the Company, Thomas could have traded in a wide variety of goods.

Four shipping records were located showing Thomas Somer exporting cloth via four different ships with two shipments in June 1481, probably headed to the Whitsun Mart in Antwerp, and two in September of that year, probably headed either for the Bamis Mart in Antwerp or the Cold Mart in Bergen-op-Zoom.^[73]

About 1475 or 1476, Thomas Somer of London, haberdasher, sued Richard Babkary of Sherborne for payment, after Thomas’s apprentice, Robert Pare, went to collect monies owed from Richard but was robbed and killed on his return trip before Thomas received the money.^[74] In an additional court case of the same period, Gean Goded, merchant, acting on behalf of Roull Drigo,

this “Thomas Blundevile of Newton Flotman” two wives—first, “. . . da. of . . . Putnam” and second, “Margaret da. of John Johnson of Woodnorton in Norfolk” (Walter Rye, ed., *The Visitation of Norfolk. . . 1563. . . and. . . 1613*, Harleian visitations vol. 32 [London: Harleian Society, 1891], 41).

For Margery Puttenham, see the Parliamentary sketch of her second husband, Sir John Throckmorton (historyofparliamentonline.org, “Throckmorton, John I (c.1520–80), of Feckenham, Worcs.”); and for Anne Puttenham, see that of her son, John Edwards (“Edwards, John II [c.1562–1625], of Plas Newydd, Chirk, Denb.”).

The marriage of “Mary daughter of Robert Puttenham of Shirvill in com. South.” to “Richard Charnocke of Holcott in com. Bedf. ar. sonne and heire [of Robert Charnocke]” is recorded in the “Charnocke” pedigree in the visitation of Bedfordshire (Frederic Augustus Blaydes, ed., *The Visitations of Bedfordshire. . . 1566, 1582, and 1634. . .*, Harleian visitations vol. 21 [London: Harleian Society, 1884], 12). On 27 Aug. 1570, George Puttenham, Richard Puttenham, and their brother-in-law Richard Charnock brought suit against one Anslay (TNA C 43/5/76), as described in the Folger Shakespeare Library’s Catalog of English Literary Manuscripts 1450–1700, listed under George Puttenham (celm.folger.edu/authors/puttenhamgeorge.html), which see for more documents related to George Puttenham, the probable author of (among other more certain works) *The Arte of English Poesie*.

⁷⁰ TNA C 131/83/6. Inquisition on the death of Thomas Somer of St. Mary Magdalene parish, Milk Street, Cripplegate Ward; wife Isabel; taken 24 July 1493.

⁷¹ TNA C 1/355/64, *Somer v. Harlowe* (see below), and C 1/444/34, *Somer v. Somer*.

⁷² “Company History,” haberdashers.co.uk.

⁷³ H. S. Cobb, ed., *The Overseas Trade of London: Exchequer Customs Accounts, 1480–1* (London: London Record Society, 1990) [hereafter *Overseas Trade of London 1480*], xi–xlvii. The records cover Petty Custom accounts for exports from September 1480 through September 1481; these are the only shipments mentioned for him during that year (124–136, 144–164).

⁷⁴ TNA C 1/1489/117, *Somer v. Babkary*. The complaint is undated (and no reply survives), but in that complaint Somer said that the payment had been due on 20 Aug. 15 Edward IV (1475), which was when his apprentice had attempted to bring it back and was killed in so doing.

deceased, complained about the partiality of the jury in a previous action of debt brought by Thomas Somer.^[75] Thomas was a juror at the inquisitions *post mortem* in London of Sir William Petche on 1 October 1489 and of Richard Peverell on 30 July 1492.^[76]

On 12 May 1486, Thomas Somer, citizen and haberdasher of London, borrowed £250 (a small fortune at the time) for five years from John Warner, the elder, citizen and esquire of London.^[77] The money was borrowed for Thomas to invest in buildings, but the investment turned out to be worth “lyttel money wher by the saide Thomas hadde greate losse,”^[78] making it hard to repay the debt. This debt would weigh heavily on the family both before and after Thomas’s death, which probably occurred shortly before 30 July 1493, when an inquisition into his holdings was made at the Guildhall in London. The National Archives (UK) summarizes the inquisition:

The reply of John Wynger and Robert Fabyan, Sheriffs: Thomas Somer is dead. They have valued all his lands and goods [as follows]: Thomas Somer of the parish of St. Mary Magdalene in Milk Street in Cripplegate Ward, was seised in demesne in the right of his wife, Isabel, for her life-time, of: certain lands and tenements in the parish, namely a messuage inhabited by..., worth £11 6s. 8d.; and another messuage, inhabited by John Parker, fustian-shearer, worth £4 6s. 8d.; and another messuage, inhabited by Thomas Lawley, ironmonger, worth 40s. a year; and another messuage inhabited by..., worth 46s. 8d. a year: totaling £20 a year after expenses.^[79]

On 16 November 1493, the Sheriffs let the court know they had delivered Thomas Somer’s property listed in the writ to John Warner, noting that one of the tenements was one Thomas Somer himself inhabited.^[80]

About six years later, Isabelle, late the wife of Thomas Somer of London, haberdasher, appealed to John Morton, Archbishop of Canterbury and Chancellor of England (an associate of her cousin William Elyot),^[81] arguing for her right to the tenements. She explained that “at the greate cost and charge of her Friends [she] was maryed unto the said Thomas beyng that time a young man and of lyatt substance,” at which time Thomas had promised her and her friends that if he died before she did, all his goods, chattels, lands, and tenements were to be hers for her lifetime. After their marriage, Thomas had used her dowry money and help from her friends to purchase the rights to land and to build tenements with a yearly income of £20, and he enfeoffed them to William Elyot, clerk, and her other friends.

Isabelle stated that afterward, Thomas had gotten a loan from John Warner to make further investments, but that when the investments didn’t earn what was expected, and even though Thomas had repaid him in part, Warner had

⁷⁵ TNA C 1/64/144, *Goded v. the Sheriffs of London*.

⁷⁶ G. S. Fry, ed., *Abstracts of Inquisitiones Post Mortem For the City of London: Part 1* (London: British Record Society, 1896), 5–27.

⁷⁷ TNA C 241/266/48 and C 131/83/6.

⁷⁸ TNA C 1/160/47, *Somer v. Warner*.

⁷⁹ Catalog entry for TNA C 131/83/6.

⁸⁰ TNA C 131/248/10.

⁸¹ As noted above, Elyot served as Morton’s clerk and had been advanced with Morton’s nephew Robert Morton as Keeper of the Rolls several years earlier.

made Thomas “breke up his houshold yn London to sell all his [silver]platte and other stuff of houshold.” When this wasn’t enough to satisfy the debt, Warner had wanted Thomas to secure the remaining debt with the tenements in a Statute Staple (a public bond that allowed him to seize their property if Thomas defaulted on the debt). Thomas, “to kepe hym[self] oute of danger of arrow and of imprisonment of the said Warner” had complied, having William Elyot and the others enfeoff the property back to him, and tying it to the debt he owed John Warner as collateral.

When Thomas was on his deathbed, he willed that his first agreement with Isabelle and her friends should stand, and that she should pay back Warner from the profits of the tenements. Warner did not accept this. Isabelle had had to leave her home and move her family in “with a broder of his [Thomas’s] wher thei have lidvid right porely by the space of v. or vi. yerres immediately after the deth of hir saide husbond and yet they doe.” However, Isabel wrote, those tenements were hers by right of promise of her late husband and by right of dowry and that Warner was trying “utterly to disinheret them.”^[82]

It seems that her argument prevailed, the debt was finally repaid, or good connections helped, as in later years, Isabelle clearly held full rights to the property. In 1505, Isabelle sued Richard Harlowe of London, grocer, who had leased a tenement of hers in Milk Street, for removing “pypes of lede (lead) . . . and many shelvys & latices a bokt (bucket) w^d a cheyne . . . anndeyrons (andirons) tynned . . . lengths of wenscott (wainscot) . . .” and despoiling the building when he “hathe broken the stone walles therof. . . .”^[83] She was also able to leave the tenements to her heirs.

This case provides glimpses into Thomas and Isabelle’s lives. First, it tells us Thomas likely had an unnamed brother living in London, who was not as well off as Thomas had been before his bad investment. Second, it suggests that as Thomas was young and didn’t have much money when he and Isabelle married, he either came from a good family or seemed promising, to be considered a suitable match for a woman with a substantial dowry. While an income from £20 in rents per year beyond what Thomas made as a haberdasher didn’t put Thomas and Isabelle anywhere near the upper echelons of merchant families, it was still significant. A 1474 survey of citizens with over £5 annual rental income from property in London listed only 106 names out of approximately 700 citizens (and 40–50,000 residents) in London at the time (though not all merchants owned property in London and some would have had income from property outside of London).^[84]

Known children of Thomas and Isabelle (_____) Somer:

- 2 i. THOMAS SOMER, b. say 1475.
- ii. JOHN SOMER, b. say 1478, probably in London; alive 1517.^[85]

⁸² TNA C 1/160/47, *Somer v. Warner*.

⁸³ TNA C 1/355/64, *Somer v. Harlowe*. The suit was brought 22 April 20 Henry VII (1505). The lease “for c[er]teyn yerres ended at Cristmas last passed” (*i.e.*, 25 Dec. 1504).

⁸⁴ Thrupp, *Merchant Class of Medieval London*, 108.

⁸⁵ TNA C 1/444/34, *Somer v. Somer*.

- iii. RICHARD SOMER, b. say 1481, probably in London; alive 1517.^[86]
- iv. _____ SOMER, poss. b. about 1493. Isabelle stated that she was “great with child” when Thomas died.^[87]

2. **THOMAS SOMER** (*Thomas*), born probably in London say 1475; died probably in Combe, Oxfordshire, between 3 October 1529 and 2 May 1530, from the dates of his will (see above); possibly married first say 1510, _____; married possibly second **ELIZABETH** _____, died after 3 October 1529 (when she was named in Thomas’s will).

Thomas Somer, gentleman, of Long Combe, leased as his primary residence the rectory in Combe. He held freehold and copyhold land, as well as fields, messuages, tenements, etc., scattered around Oxfordshire. He also held rights to the tenements in London his father had built and his mother had fought to retain. Thomas’s holdings never reached the level that allowed him to purchase his own manor; however, they did give him sufficient wealth to allow him to gift a cottage to the churchwardens of the parish of Combe in his will, so that they would have the income from it, a gift from which the parish continued to benefit for another four hundred years, until the cottage was sold in 1952.^[88]

Thomas’s will stated that the property left to his wife, Elizabeth, for her lifetime, after her death should be shared by the children “begotten by me and her.” This suggests that Elizabeth was not his only wife, and that another woman was the mother of at least some of his children. The fact that he left so much property to his eldest daughter, Margaret, suggests his probable first wife came to the marriage with some property that Thomas wanted to hand down to her daughter at his death. As his will stated that if Margaret did not have children, the lands he had left her were to go to Elizabeth rather than directly to Edward, which would not be logical if Edward was also the child of a first marriage; thus, Edward was probably Elizabeth’s son, along with the younger children.

Child of Thomas Somer possibly by an unknown first wife:

- 3 i. MARGARET SOMER, b. after 1511; m. RICHARD CARTER.

Children of Thomas and Elizabeth (_____) Somer:

- ii. EDWARD SOMER, b. say 1520; alive in 1529.
- iii. THOMAS SOMER, b. say 1523; live in 1529.
- iv. MARY SOMER, b. say 1526; alive in 1529.

⁸⁶ TNA C 1/444/34, *Somer v. Somer*.

⁸⁷ TNA C 1/160/47, *Somer v. Warner*.

⁸⁸ *VCH Oxford vol. 12*, 92–96, referencing O.R.O MS. Oxf. Dioc. c 1781.

3. **MARGARET SOMER** (*Thomas, Thomas*), born probably in London or Combe after 1511;^[89] died probably in Over Worton between 10 March 1585/6 and 6 April 1586 (from the dates of her will; see above); married say 1534 **RICHARD CARTER**, born by 1503;^[90] died probably in Over Worton between 15 January and 14 March 1550/1 (from the dates of his will; see above).

There was a Richard Carter in Over Worton in 1524 paying taxes only on wages, but by 1543, he (or possibly another of the same name) was one of the highest taxpayers; he held four yardlands, which were eventually all freehold.^[91]

In 1566, “Margaret Carter of overworton in the Countie of Oxford widowe layte wief of Richard Carter deceased,” sued one Henry Salter. She stated that Salter was trying to claim land in Hanborough for himself that she had leased to him, and she substantiated her land claim by stating that “Thomas Sommer of in the said countie gentleman Father to youre said oratrice...” had left her the land in his will. She said that Salter was rich, but that she was a poor widow and begged assistance.^[92]

Children of Richard and Margaret (Somer) Carter (sequence per their wills, exact order uncertain, probably b. in Over Worton):^[93]

- i. KATHERINE CARTER, b. say 1535; bur. Sunningwell, Berkshire on 27 July 1604;^[94] m. there 21 Feb. 1553/4 NICHOLAS SWADLING,^[95] bur. there 30 March 1609.^[96] Nicholas m. there (2) 28 Feb. 1604/5 Joan Bisley.^[97]

⁸⁹ Her father’s 1529 will stated that Margaret could come into her property when she was 18.

⁹⁰ If he was the Richard Carter paying taxes in 1524 (see below).

⁹¹ Alan Crossley, ed., *A History of the County of Oxford: Volume 11, Wootton Hundred (Northern Part)* (London: Victoria County History, 1983) [hereafter *VCH Oxford vol. 11*], 293–300, referencing P.R.O., E 179/161/196; E 179/162/235. A yardland varied in size from place to place, averaging about 30 acres. Most likely Richard and Margaret received income from renting out the properties inherited by Margaret, enabling them to purchase the Over Worton properties.

⁹² TNA C 3/36/15, *Carter v. Salter*. The date “18 Junij 1566” is written in the top corner of the sheet bearing Margaret’s complaint; as it is not in the same hand as the complaint, it is probably the date it was received by the court.

⁹³ Richard named a married daughter “Alice Manders” at the end of his will, not consecutively with the other children; and this daughter was not mentioned in Margaret’s will. She was perhaps a child of a first marriage for Richard, and is therefore not included among the children of Margaret Somer here.

⁹⁴ Parish register of Sunningwell, Berkshire (FSL 88422 item 1) [hereafter *Register of Sunningwell*]: Katerine wife of Nicho: Swadlinge of Kenn:.

⁹⁵ *Register of Sunningwell*: Nichus Swadlinge et Katherina Carter. The year is in a soiled part of the page and is difficult to read.

⁹⁶ *Register of Sunningwell*: Nicholas Swadlinge of Keningto[n]. The will of “Nicholas Swadling of Kennington in the Countie of Berkes yeoman being sicke in bodie” was dated 8 July 1608 and proved 28 June 1609 (Archdeaconry of Berkshire registered wills, K:581; FSL 88101). In it he named son Thomas Swadling, son Felix Swadling, John Willis’s children, wife Joan, son John Swadling the younger, John Swadling the elder (not called son but implied so), daughter Alice, daughter Katherine, Thomas Swadling’s eldest son (unnamed), John Willis the younger, John Butcher, and Katherine Willis; executor John Swadling the younger; signed by mark; witnesses Edward Swadling (by mark), Willm Ayres (by mark), John Wyat, and Peter Fisher.

⁹⁷ *Register of Sunningwell*: Nicholas Swadlinge of Kennington & Jone Bisley daughter of John Bisley of Bayworth.

Known children of Nicholas and Katherine (Carter) Swadling
(bp. Sunningwell):^[98]

1. *Joan Swadling*, bp. 24 Aug. 1554.^[99] She was named in her grandmother's 1585/6 will.
2. *John Swadling*, bp. 20 May 1556;^[100] bur. Sunningwell 15 Jan. 1619/20;^[101] m. (perhaps second) *Joan* _____.^[102]
3. *Thomas Swadling*, bp. 29 Sep 1558.^[103]
4. *Elizabeth Swadling*, bp. 15 Oct. 1564.^[104]
5. (poss.) *Mary Swadling*, bp. 19 Dec. 1566.^[105]
6. *John Swadling* (again), bp. 4 Dec. 1569.^[106] In this case, the fact that Nicholas and Katherine had a second son named John does not mean that the first one had died. From the wills of Nicholas and the older John Swadling (see above), it is clear that both survived and were called respectively John the elder and John the younger.
7. *Felix Swadling*, b. about 1572.^[107] He (or possibly his son of the same name) was named as a godson in the 1619 will of Felix Carter (see above).
8. (poss.) *Edmund Swadling*, bp. 28 Feb. 1574/5.^[108]

⁹⁸ From the will of Nicholas Swadling it would seem that one of their daughters married John Willis (the children of John Willis as a group were listed among Nicholas's children), and John Willis the younger and Katherine Willis were also legatees. In the 1619/20 will of John Swadling the elder (see below), he mentioned sisters Mary Willis and Katherine Willis; so it could be that two of Nicholas Swadling's daughters married Willises.

⁹⁹ *Register of Sunningwell*: Joanna filia Nichi Swadlinge.

¹⁰⁰ *Register of Sunningwell*: Johes filius Nichi Swadlinge.

¹⁰¹ *Register of Sunningwell*: John Swadling. The will of "John Swadling the elder of Kennington in the Countie of Berks yeoman" was dated 16 Jan. 16[19/]20[sic] and proved 22 Feb. 1619/20 (PCC 14 Soame; PROB 11/135 folio 114). In it, he named as relatives wife Joan, brother John Swadling the younger, sisters Mary Willis, Alice Banister, and Katherine Willis, and brothers Thomas Swadling and Felix Swadling (executors).

¹⁰² See his will above. "Agnes the wife of John Swadlinge the elder of Kenington" was bur. 11 Nov. 1609 in Sunningwell (*Register of Sunningwell*).

¹⁰³ *Register of Sunningwell*: Thomas filius Nichi Swadlinge. The bottom line (including the year) is partially cut off; the year could be 1559. There was a "Tho Swadlinge de Kennyngto[n]" bur. there 7 May 1562; he was probably a different member of the family (given that Thomas Swadling was still alive when named in his brother John's 1619/20 will [see above]).

¹⁰⁴ *Register of Sunningwell*: Elizabeth filia Nicholai Swadlinge.

¹⁰⁵ *Register of Sunningwell*: Mary Swadlinge [no parents given]. An Edward Swadling was also having children bp. in Sunningwell from at least 1569 (his daughter Joan on 3 July).

¹⁰⁶ *Register of Sunningwell*: Johes Swadlinge filius Nichi.

¹⁰⁷ Janitor of St. John's cCollege, Oxford University; mentioned as such (with age) in his son's entry: "Swadling, Felix, s. Felix, of Oxford (city), pleb. Magdalen Coll., matric. 28 June, 1633, aged 16, chorister 1626–34; his father janitor of St. John's cCollege, privilegiatus 16 June, 1610, aged 38." (Joseph Foster, *Alumni Oxonienses... 1500–1714...*, 4 vols. [Oxford: James Parker & Co., 1891], 4:1445). This Felix Swadling was doubtless the man of that name who m. Margaret Clarke in St. Giles, Oxford, Oxfordshire, 27 Feb. 1599/1600 (*Register of St. Giles, Oxford, 1576–1681*; images on Ancestry.com).

¹⁰⁸ *Register of Sunningwell*: Edmundus Swadlinge [no parents given].

9. *Alice Swadling*, bp. 1 Jan. 1575/6;^[109] m. Sunningwell 21 May 1596
William Bannister.^[110]
10. *Katherine Swadling*, bp. 2 Dec. 1578.^[111]
11. *Friswide Swadling*, bp. 20 Aug. 1581;^[112] m. Sunningwell 15 May
1603 *Richard Coldrill*.^[113]

ii. AGNES/ANNE CARTER, b. say 1537; m. say 1565, THOMAS WALKER.

Known child of Thomas and Agnes/Anne (Carter) Walker:

1. *Giles Walker*, b. say 1570.

iii. JOHN CARTER, b. say 1539;^[114] d. probably in Over Worton after 5 Dec. 1589 (from the date of his will);^[115] m. say 1565 MARGARET (prob. Binks),^[116] d. prob. in Over Worton between 2 Nov. 1614 and 27 April 1615 (from the dates of her will).^[117]

On 2 March 1586, probably around the time of his mother's death, John Carter and son Richard, who had been copyholders of the land, purchased a quarter part of the manor of Over Worton.^[118] On 6 Feb. 1589 (1588/9?), John and Richard purchased another fourth of a messuage and 4-1/4 virgates (another name for a yardland) of land with appurtenances in Over Worton, land on which John had held a tenure.^[119] These lands, along with the 4-1/2 yardlands of his father he likely inherited, probably totaled over half the manor of Over Worton.

¹⁰⁹ *Register of Sunningwell*: Alicia filia Nichs Swadlinge.

¹¹⁰ *Register of Sunningwell*: Willmus Banyster et Alicia Swadlinge.

¹¹¹ *Register of Sunningwell*: Katherina Nichi Swadlinge [*sic*]. There was a "Katherina Swadling" bur. there 11 May 1588, but from Nicholas Swadling's 1608 will his daughter Katherine was still living.

¹¹² *Register of Sunningwell*: Friswida Nichi Swadlinge [*sic*].

¹¹³ *Register of Sunningwell*: Richard Coldrill of Fifeild & Friswid Swadlinge of Kennington.

¹¹⁴ There was a John son of Richard Carter bp. 30 May 1551 in Sunningwell, Berks, probably too late to be this man (*Register of Sunningwell*: Johes filius Richi Carter).

¹¹⁵ Consistory Court of Oxford original wills, 10/5/26 (images on FindMyPast.com): will of "John Cartar of Overwoorton husbandman[n] sicke in bodye"; dated 5 Dec. 1589; no probate recorded; relatives named were wife Margret Cartar, son Rychard Cartar (when 21); other children are mentioned but not named; wife Margret to be executrix; overseers brother Morgan Will[ia]ms, brother Felix Cartar, and friend John Meese; witnesses were Raufe Houghton, Thomas Binks, and Willm Gilks. In an undated document, the three overseers promised to ensure that all of John Carter's children received their portions when 21 or married (though without naming them); this was witnessed by Raufe Houghton, Rychard Persons, Henry Done, John Moseley, Willm Gilks, and Tho. Binks.

¹¹⁶ In her will (see below) she named her brother Thomas Binks as an overseer.

¹¹⁷ Archdeaconry of Oxford original wills, 11/5/17 (also registered wills, 196.81) (images on FindMyPast.com): dated 2 Nov. 1614; proved 27 April 1615; "Margrett Carter of overworton being sicke of bodie"; son Richard Carter, daughter Elinore Alline, daughter Deanes Coxe, daughter Margrett Carter, daughter Vincent (not a legatee), daughter Elizabeth Carter, son John Carter, godson Edmund Cox, godson Walter Allin, godson John Carter, son Hugh Carter (executor), overseers son-in-law John Cox and brother Thomas Binks; witnesses Richard Gregson and John Coxe (by mark).

¹¹⁸ The share included 1/4 part of a messuage (a house), a garden, an orchard, 120a. land, 25a. meadow, 80a. pasture, 9a. wood, 80a. furze, and 60a. moor or marsh, with appurtenances (E50/D/5 [Smi. 1/5], Licence of Alienation, 2 March 1586. Oxfordshire History Centre). Also, *VCH Oxford vol. 11*, 293–300.

¹¹⁹ E50/D/14 (Smi. 1/15), Licence of Alienation, 6 Feb. 1589. Oxfordshire History Centre. Land sale by William Leeche and William Shepereve, gentlemen to John Carter and son Richard Carter.

Known children of John and Margaret (prob. Binks) Carter (order uncertain):

1. *Richard Carter*, b. say 1569; m. *Isabella* _____.^[120] In 1610, as his father's eldest son, Richard sued his uncle, Felix Carter, over lands left by his grandmother, Margaret (Somer) Carter to Felix, her second-oldest son, instead of her eldest son, Richard's father, John.^[121] In the same time period, he took to court William Bostock, William Hopper, William Coates and Ann Coates, his wife, and Rowland, Bishop of Bristol, over a messuage and land in Over Worton.^[122] By 1615, he had to mortgage his land and eventually had to sell his freehold land.^[123]
2. *Elinor Carter*, b. say 1571; m. _____. *Allen*.
 Known child of _____ and Elinor (Carter) Allen:
 - i. *Walter Allen*, named (as godson) in his grandmother's 1614 will.
3. *John Carter*, b. say 1573.
4. *Dionise Carter*, b. say 1575; m. say 1595 *John Cox*., d. bef. 12 April 1617.^[124]
 Known child of John and Dionise (Carter) Cox:
 - i. *Edmund Cox*, named (as godson) in his grandmother's 1614 will.
5. *Margaret Carter*, b. say 1577.
6. *Hugh Carter*, b. say 1579, perhaps the Hugh Carter who m. in Charlbury, Oxfordshire (about 3 miles from Combe and 6–7 miles from Over Worton) on 6 June 1615 *Laura Wickins*.^[125]

¹²⁰ Matilda Tesdale was pardoned on 7 July 1620 for acquiring premises from "Richard Carter and his wife, Isabella," without permission (E50/D/22 [Smi. 1/23], Pardon of Alienation. Oxfordshire History Centre). See below for more on this transaction, which took place five years earlier. A separate document, part of the settlement of Matilda Tesdale's estate, refers to property Matilda held in Over Worton that was "late in the tenure of Richard and Margaret Carter." The author presumes this refers to Richard and Margaret (Somer) Carter (E50/D/23 [Smi. 1/24], Oxfordshire History Centre).

Earlier, on 24 Feb. 1603/4, Richard Carter, yeoman, was pardoned for "all injuries and crimes committed before 20th March last, and for all alienations made without licence from the late Queen Elizabeth" (E50/D/18 [Smi. 1/19], Oxfordshire History Centre). This was most likely a specific example of the general pardon issued by James I upon his accession.

¹²¹ TNA C 2/JasI/C25/14, *Carter v. Carter*.

¹²² TNA C 2/JasI/C26/56, *Carter v. Bostock*.

¹²³ *VCH Oxford vol. 12*, 84–91, referencing P.R.O., E 179/161/175 and LR 2/197, f. 37. On 24 April 1615, he sold probably the remainder of the family's holdings in Over Worton to Matilda Tesdale, widow, for £200: a messuage, garden, orchard, 120a. land, 25a. meadow, 90a. pasture, 3a. wood, 80a. furze, and 60a. moor, with appurtenances (E50/D/19 [Smi. 1/20], Final Concord. Oxfordshire History Centre).

¹²⁴ Administration of the estate of John Cox of Over Worton was given to his widow "Dionisiae als Deanes" 12 April 1617 (Archdeaconry and Consistory Court of Oxford admons., 106.95; image on FindMyPast.com). The inventory of his estate was taken 14 April 1617 by John Meese, Richarde Apletree, Thomas Marten, and Thomas Binkes; included in that were debts owed by Robert Allen, Thomas Allen, Thomas Marten, and Hugh Carter (Archdeaconry and Consistory Court of Oxford inventories, 296/1/95; images on FindMyPast.com).

¹²⁵ Register of Charlbury, Oxfordshire; images on Ancestry.com. Many of the images have significant illegible portions; there are possibly other entries for this family that could not be read. Children

7. _____ Carter (dau.), b. say 1581. She was called “daughter Vincent” in her mother’s 1614 will (in reference to a debt owed by her); most likely she m. _____ Vincent.
8. *Elizabeth Carter*, b. say 1583.

iv. JULIAN CARTER, b. say 1541; m. _____ BOLTON.

v. ELIZABETH CARTER, b. say 1543; m. _____ SAVAGE.

vi. MARGARET CARTER, b. say 1545.

4 vii. FELIX CARTER, b. say 1547.

4. **FELIX CARTER** (*Margaret Somer, Thomas, Thomas*), born probably in Over Worton say 1547; buried in Claydon. Oxfordshire, 29 May 1619;^[126] married in Steeple Aston 20 April 1573 **MARGARET TREDWELL**, born probably in Steeple Aston say 1552; died probably in Claydon between 14 October 1621 and 6 April 1624.^[127]

Felix Carter was perhaps the man of that name who on 20 January 1603 gave a statement in a hearing into possible misuse of lands given for charitable use in Bloxham, Oxfordshire,^[128] a village 4–5 miles south of Over Worton. He was likely the man of that name incidentally mentioned in the marriage settlement between Sir Edward Raleigh and Dame Katherine Raleigh of 31 March 1611, as the previous occupant of a piece of property known as Upper New Ground lying in Farnborough, Warwickshire, a village close to Claydon.^[129] On 2 June 1613, he was a party to a land sale of $\frac{3}{4}$ of a yardland belonging with a messuage occupied by a Richard Wadye in Claydon. The land was purchased by Francis Ward of Claydon, Felix’s son-in-law, for £90.^[130] This probably correlates to the “debte in the hands of Franncys Warrd by specialty” mentioned in Felix’s estate inventory;^[131] he probably helped his son-in-law purchase the property. Felix left an estate of more than £130, though the bulk of that was tied up in the loan to his son-in-law. Felix Carter’s will of 1619 only mentioned his home, Dunn house, and an orchard next to it in Claydon; most of his land holdings were likely sold or passed on to his children before his death.

of this couple (bp. and bur. in Charlbury, surname Carter) were *Jane* (bp. 3 July 1618), *Edmond* (bp. 6 July 1620; bur. 18 May 1628), *Dorothy* (bp. 24 Aug. 1624), *Mary* (bp. 11 July 1627), *Robert* (bp. 3 June 1632), *Sarah* (bp. 20 Nov. 1634), and *Elizabeth* (bp. 7 April 1638).

¹²⁶ Register of Claydon, Oxfordshire, 1569–1689 (images on Ancestry.com) [hereafter *Register of Claydon*]: Felyx Carter.

¹²⁷ From the dates of her will, as transcribed in Goldthwaite, *Boardman Genealogy*, 135. There is a page missing in the burial records of Claydon covering dates between 7 Nov. 1620 and 5 June 1626 (*Register of Claydon*).

¹²⁸ Northamptonshire Archives C(A)Box 105/29 (as summarized at nationalarchives.gov.uk). The summary does not say whether the intended year was 1602/3 or 1603/4. As noted above, Thomas Carter of Over Worton, a possible uncle of Felix Carter, had a son also named “Felix” who may have been the man in question.

¹²⁹ Warwickshire County Record Office CR0457/10/21, as summarized at nationalarchives.gov.uk.

¹³⁰ Warwickshire County Record Office CR0457/85/1, as summarized at nationalarchives.gov.uk.

¹³¹ Goldthwaite, *Boardman Genealogy*, 132.

Known children of Felix and Margaret (Tredwell) Carter:

- i. GEORGE CARTER, bp. Steeple Aston 17 May 1574; bur. Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire, 18 April 1624;^[132] m. there 2 Feb. 1600/1 SARA HENSHAW,^[133] bur. there 17 July 1624.^[134] George and Sara's wills named no children. George left debts that his creditors tried to collect by suing his siblings and others.^[135]
- ii. ELIZABETH CARTER, bp. Steeple Aston 29 Oct. 1575; bur. Claydon 12 May 1631;^[136] m. there 2 Feb. 1595/6 THOMAS^A BOREMAN,^[137] b. say 1568, likely the son of William and Annis (____) Boreman,^[138] bur. Claydon 9 Mar. 1627/8.^[139]

Children of Thomas^A and Elizabeth (Carter) Boreman (bp. in Claydon):

1. William Boreman, bp. 20 Nov. 1596;^[140] bur. Claydon 10 March 1612/3.^[141]
2. Felix Boreman, bp. 4 March 1598/9;^[142] m. St. Stephen, Coleman Street, London, on 3 Jan. 1625/6, Tabitha Anderson.^[143] On 17 March 1628/9, the Massachusetts Bay Colony paid £4 12s. for 25 swords to Felix Boreman of Fleet Lane, London.^[144]

¹³² Register of Chipping Norton with Over Norton, 1560–1649 (images on Ancestry.com) [hereafter *Register of Chipping Norton*]. Will: PCC 51 Byrde (PROB 11/143 folio 409): dated 28 April 1623, codicil dated 13 April 1624, proved 5 June 1624; “George Carter of Chipping Norton in the County of Oxon Baker”; relatives named were wife Sara Carter (executrix), brother Peter Carter, father Felix Carter (deceased), sister Gillian Bourman wife of Christofer Bourman, niece Anne Bourman daughter of said Christofer and Gillian, sister Anne Good wife of Thomas Goode, sister Joane Ward wife of Francis Ward, Felix Ward son of the said Francis and Joane, nephew Felix Bourman son of Thomas Bourman, sister Alice Gardner wife of Phillip Gardner, sister Elizabeth Bourman wife of Thomas Bourman, nephew John Bourman son of the said Elizabeth, and this John's siblings Felix Bourman, Samuel Bourman, Thomas Bourman, Daniell Bourman, Joseph Bourman, Jobe Bourman, and Sara Bourman; overseers Thomas Fowler, William Hawton, Richard Gorstelowe, Barnard Powis, Peter Carter, and James Henshawe; witnesses to will Richard Astley, Barnard Powis, and James Henshawe; witnesses to codicil Ba. Powis, Giles Carrick, Richard Coleman, Peter Carter, and James Henchawe.

¹³³ *Register of Chipping Norton*: george carter & sara henchowe.

¹³⁴ *Register of Chipping Norton*. Will: PCC 71 Byrde (PROB 11/144 folio 43: dated 10 July 1624, proved 4 Aug. 1624; “Sara Carter of Chipping Norton in the Countie of Oxon widow beinge sick in bodie”; to be buried in Chipping Norton church near my late husband; relatives named were nephew William Henshaw the son of my brother William Henshawe, nephew Raphe Henshawe, niece Mary Henshawe, niece Anne Bourman daughter of Christopher Bourman, mother Margerett Henshawe, cousin Timothie Weaver (apparently female), “my Five sister in lawes beinge the natural sisters of my late deceased husband George Carter,” niece and godchild Sara Bourman daughter of Thomas Bourman, and brother James Henshawe (executor); overseers John Pringe clerk, Thomas Fowler, Barnard Powis, and Giles Carricke; witnesses Ba. Powis, Thomas Fawler, Richard Coleman, and Willm Ward.

¹³⁵ TNA C 8/86/202, *Elsing v. Warde*.

¹³⁶ *Register of Claydon*: Elizabeth Boreman the wyffe of Thomas Boreman.

¹³⁷ *Register of Claydon*: Thomas Boreman and Elizabeth Carter.

¹³⁸ Goldthwaite, *Boardman Genealogy*, 81.

¹³⁹ *Register of Claydon*: Thomas Boreman.

¹⁴⁰ *Register of Claydon*: Willm Boreman the sonne of Thomas Boreman.

¹⁴¹ *Register of Claydon*: Willm Borman the sonne of Thomas Borman.

¹⁴² *Register of Claydon*: Felix Boreman the sonne of Thomas Boreman.

¹⁴³ Register of St. Stephen, Coleman Street, London, London, 1598–1636; images on Ancestry.com.

¹⁴⁴ Robert Charles Anderson, *The Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England, 1620–1633* (Boston: NEHGS, 1995) [hereafter *Great Migration Begins*], 355; also Goldthwaite, *Boardman*

3. *Thomas¹ Boreman*, bp. 18 Oct. 1601;^[145] d. in Ipswich, Mass., between 3 May 1673, when he added a codicil to his will, and 26 May 1673, when his estate inventory was taken;^[146] m. St. Helen Bishopsgate, London, 17 Aug. 1630, *Margaret Offing*;^[147] d. Ipswich 25 Nov. 1679.^[148] Cooper. Emigrated to New England in 1634. He left a will dated 17 Dec. 1670, proved 19 June 1673.^[149]
 4. *Samuel Boreman*, bp. 4 Feb. 1603/4.^[150] Probably d. young; not mentioned in his father's will.
 5. *Daniel Boreman*, bp. 21 March 1605/6.^[151]
 6. *John Boreman*, bp. 30 Oct. 1608.^[152]
 7. *Joseph Boreman*, bp. 17 April 1611.^[153]
 8. *Job Boreman*, bp. 18 Dec. 1613;^[154] poss. the Job Boreman who was bur. at St. Antholin, Budge Row, London, 1 Oct. 1632.^[155]
 9. *Sara Boreman*, bp. 4 May 1617.^[156]
- iii. PETER CARTER, bp. Claydon 28 July 1577;^[157] d. between 27 Jan. 1635/6 and 23 May 1636 (from the dates of his will);^[158] m. say 1610 FRANCES _____, d. bef. 1636 (not mentioned in Peter's will).^[159]
- Children of Peter and Frances (_____) Carter (bp. in Claydon):
1. *Raleigh Carter*, bp. 22 April 1612;^[160] probably the "Rawleigh" Carter who m. William Lambert 1638 in Northampton, Northamptonshire, abt. 25 miles from Claydon.^[161]
 2. *Elizabeth Carter*, b. say 1615.

Genealogy, 103. As the latter work points out, the Claydon and London Felix Boremans may be identified together not just due to their unusual name but also because in 1630 payment was made out of the estate of Thomas Boreman of Claydon (by his widow Elizabeth) to Felix Boreman of London.

¹⁴⁵ *Register of Claydon*: Thomas Boreman the sonn of Thomas Boreman.

¹⁴⁶ *Great Migration Begins*, 353.

¹⁴⁷ Register of St. Helen Bishopsgate, London, 1598–1653, images on Ancestry.com.

¹⁴⁸ Ipswich Church Records, p.62, *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620–1988*, Ancestry.com.

¹⁴⁹ *Great Migration*, 352.

¹⁵⁰ *Register of Claydon*: Samuell Boreman the sonne of Thomas Boreman.

¹⁵¹ *Register of Claydon*: Daniell Boreman the sonne of Thomas Boreman and Elizabeth his wyffe.

¹⁵² *Register of Claydon*: John Boreman the sonne of Thomas Boreman and Elizabeth his wyffe.

¹⁵³ *Register of Claydon*: Josephe Boreman the sonne of Thomas Boreman and Elizabeth his wyffe.

¹⁵⁴ *Register of Claydon*: Job Borman the sonne of Thomas Borman and Elizabeth his wyffe.

¹⁵⁵ Register of St. Antholin, Budge Row, London, 1538–1741, images on Ancestry.com.

¹⁵⁶ *Register of Claydon*: Sara Borman the daughter of Thomas Borman & Elizabeth his wyffe.

¹⁵⁷ *Register of Claydon*: Peter Carter sonne of Felyx Carter and Margaret his wyffe.

¹⁵⁸ PCC 52 Pile (PROB 11/171 folio 77): dated 27 Jan. 1635/6; proved 23 May 1636; "Peeter Carter of Cleydon in the County of Oxon yeoman being sicke in body"; named "my three daughters Raleigh Elizabeth and Sarah Carter."

As "Peter Carter of Claydon," he was mentioned in the marriage settlement of John Freckleton and Anne Dod of 17 Dec. 1641 as having been the previous owner of 1-1/2 yardlands of arable land, meadow, and pasture in Claydon, now owned by John Freckleton the elder (CR0457/13/27, Warwickshire Archives).

¹⁵⁹ She was not mentioned in her husband's will (see above).

¹⁶⁰ *Register of Claydon*: Raleigh Carter the daughter of Peter Carter and Francis his wyffe.

¹⁶¹ *Boyd's Marriage Indexes, 1538–1850*, FindMyPast.com

3. *Sara Carter*, bp. 14 May 1620;^[162] possibly the Sarah Carter who m. John Lovell 15 Oct. 1644 in Thorpe Mandeville, Northamptonshire, about 8 miles from Claydon.^[163]
- iv. ANN CARTER, bp. Claydon 25 Sept. 1579;^[164] m. there 3 Aug. 1601 THOMAS GOOD.^[165]
- Known child of Thomas and Ann (Carter) Good:
1. *Henry Good*.^[166]
- v. JOHN CARTER, bp. Claydon 21 Oct. 1581;^[167] not mentioned in his father's 1619 will.
- vi. JULIAN CARTER, bp. Claydon 20 Dec. 1583;^[168] d. aft. 1661;^[169] m. Claydon 19 Nov. 1604 CHRISTOPHER^A BOREMAN,^[170] s. of Thomas "the younger," and wife, Dorothy (Gregory) Boreman,^[171] bp. there 22 Dec. 1581;^[172] bur. there 1 April 1640.^[173]

Children of Christopher^A and Julian (Carter) Boreman (first six bp. Banbury, Oxfordshire, last two Claydon):

1. *Anne Boreman*, bp. 15 Sept. 1605.^[174]
2. *Felix Boreman*, bp. 18 Aug. 1607;^[175] bur. Banbury 10 Oct. 1613.^[176]
3. *Elizabeth Boreman*, bp. 26 Nov. 1609;^[177] m. J. _____ Middleton.^[178] In London in 1661, when she wrote her brother, Samuel, in New England.^[179]
4. *Sara Boreman*, bp. 6 Sept. 1612.^[180]
5. *Samuel¹ Boreman*, bp. 20 Aug. 1615;^[181] d. Wethersfield, Conn., April 1673; m. *Mary Betts*, d. 3 Aug. 1684, Wethersfield.^[182]
6. *Margaret Boreman*, bp. 13 April 1618.^[183]

¹⁶² *Register of Claydon*: Sara Carter the daughter of Peter Carter and Franncys his wyffe.

¹⁶³ *England Marriages, 1538–1973*, FindMyPast.com

¹⁶⁴ *Register of Claydon*: Ann Carter daughter of Felyx Carter and Margaret his wyffe.

¹⁶⁵ *Register of Claydon*: Thomas Good and Ann Carter.

¹⁶⁶ Named in his grandfather's 1619 will (Goldthwaite, *Boardman Genealogy*, 133).

¹⁶⁷ *Register of Claydon*: John Carter sonne of Felyx Carter and Margaret his wyffe.

¹⁶⁸ *Register of Claydon*: Julian Carter the daughter of Felix Carter and Margaret his wyffe.

¹⁶⁹ Goldthwaite, *Boardman Genealogy*, 131. Mentioned in a letter of that year from her daughter, Elizabeth Middleton, of London, to Elizabeth's brother, Samuel Boreman, in Wethersfield.

¹⁷⁰ *Register of Claydon*: Christopher Boreman and Julyan Carter.

¹⁷¹ Goldthwaite, *Boardman Genealogy*, 93 (and see next note).

¹⁷² *Register of Claydon*: Christopher Boreman the sonne of Thomas Boreman & Dorathe his wyffe. Their marriage took place there 16 Feb. 1579/80: Thomas Boreman and Dorithe Gregorie.

¹⁷³ *Register of Claydon*: Christopher Bourman.

¹⁷⁴ Register of St. Mary, Banbury, Oxfordshire, 1558–1653 (images on Ancestry.com) [hereafter *Register of Banbury*]: Anne Bowrman daughter to Chrystopher Bowrman.

¹⁷⁵ *Register of Banbury*: Felyx Bowrman sonne to Chrystopher Bowrman.

¹⁷⁶ *Register of Banbury*: Felix Boreman.

¹⁷⁷ *Register of Banbury*: Elizabeth Borman daughter to Christofer Borman.

¹⁷⁸ Goldthwaite, *Boardman Genealogy*, 43.

¹⁷⁹ Goldthwaite, *Boardman Genealogy*, 131.

¹⁸⁰ *Register of Banbury*: Sara daughter to Xpofer Borema[n].

¹⁸¹ *Register of Banbury*: Samuel Borma[n] son to Xpofer Borma[n] & Julian his wife.

¹⁸² Goldthwaite, *Boardman Genealogy*, 138–143, 158–175.

¹⁸³ *Register of Banbury*: Margaret Borman daughter to Christopher Borman.

7. *Christopher Boreman*, bp. 22 Nov. 1620.^[184]
8. *Ursula Boreman*, bp. 18 Dec. 1624.^[185]

vii. JOAN CARTER, bp. Claydon 10 Nov. 1585;^[186] bur. there 7 April 1637;^[187] m. say 1608 FRANCIS WARD, bur. Claydon 1 Aug. 1634.^[188] Francis left an undated will proved 13 May 1636, naming his sons John, Francis, Felix, and Thomas, and his brother Richard Ward, and making his (unnamed) wife his executor.^[189]

Children of Francis and Joan (Carter) Ward (bp. in Claydon):

1. *John Ward*, bp. 17 Jan. 1609/10.^[190]
2. *Francis Ward*, bp. 1 May 1613.^[191]
3. *Thomas Ward*, bp. 12 Feb. 1615/6;^[192] d. prob. bef. 2 May 1622.
4. *Felix Ward*, bp. 3 Oct. 1618.^[193]
5. *Thomas Ward* (again), bp. 2 May 1622.^[194]

viii. ALICE CARTER, bp. Claydon 17 July 1589;^[195] d. aft. 1625 (when her last known child was born); m. say 1612 PHILIP GARDNER, bp. Claydon 2 May 1584, son of Edward and Julian (_____) Gardner.^[196]

Known children of Philip and Alice (Carter) Gardner (bp. in Claydon):

1. *Julian Gardner*, bp. 18 Sept. 1614.^[197]
2. *Edward Gardner*, bp. 15 Dec. 1616.^[198]
3. *Margaret Gardner*, bp. 17 Oct. 1619.^[199]
4. *Mary Gardner*, bp. 2 March 1621/2.^[200]
5. *Ann Gardner*, bp. 1 Oct. 1625.^[201]

¹⁸⁴ *Register of Claydon*: Christopher Borman the sonne of Christopher Borman and Julyan his wyffe.

¹⁸⁵ *Register of Claydon*: Ursula Borman the daughter of Christopher Borman and Julyan his wyffe.

¹⁸⁶ *Register of Claydon*: Jone Carter the daughter of felix Carter and Margaret his wyffe.

¹⁸⁷ *Register of Claydon*: Joane Ward. Will: Oxfordshire peculiars of Banbury and Thames original wills, Pec.54/3/33 (images on FindMyPast.com): undated; proved 3 May 1637; inventory taken 9 Nov. 1637; "Joane Ward wife to Frauncis ward late deceased and his executrix"; named son Francis Ward (executor), son Felix (Phelixe) Ward, and son Thomas; signed by mark; witnesses John Chauncy, Alies Allen (by mark) and Xpofer Bormane.

¹⁸⁸ *Register of Claydon*: Francis Ward.

¹⁸⁹ PCC 44 Pile (PROB 11/171 folio 16): "Francis Ward of Cledon in the Countie of Oxford being sick in bodie." While Francis did not name his wife in the will, she was named in the probate clause: "Joanne Ward Relicte."

¹⁹⁰ *Register of Claydon*: John Ward the sonne of Francis Ward and Jone his wyffe.

¹⁹¹ *Register of Claydon*: Francys Ward the sonne of Francys Ward and Jone his wyffe.

¹⁹² *Register of Claydon*: Thomas Ward the sonne of Francys Ward and Jone his wyffe.

¹⁹³ *Register of Claydon*: Felix Ward the sonne of Francys Ward and Jone his wyffe.

¹⁹⁴ *Register of Claydon*: Thomas Ward the sonne of Franncys Ward and Jone his wyffe.

¹⁹⁵ *Register of Claydon*: Alice Carter the daughter of Phelix Carter and Margaret his wyffe.

¹⁹⁶ *Register of Claydon*: Phillip Gardner the sonne of Edward Gardner and Julian his wyffe.

¹⁹⁷ *Register of Claydon*: Julyan Gardner the daughter of Phillip Gardner and Alice his wyffe.

¹⁹⁸ *Register of Claydon*: Edward Gardner the sonne of Phillip Gardner and Alice his wyffe.

¹⁹⁹ *Register of Claydon*: Margaret Gardner the daughter of Phillip Gardner and Alice his wyffe.

²⁰⁰ *Register of Claydon*: Mary Gardner the daughter of Phillip Gardner and Alice his wyffe.

²⁰¹ *Register of Claydon*: Ann Gardner the daughter of Phillip Gardner and Alice his wyffe.

- ix. RICHARD CARTER, bp. Claydon 6 Nov. 1591;^[202] bur. there 17 April 1616.^[203]
In the nuncupative will of “Rychard Carter the sonne of Felix Carter of Cleydon in the p[ar]ish of Cropredie . . . yeoman” (dated 16 Sept. 1616) he left “three score and eight sheep” to his father; he also mentioned his sister Julian’s children; and “Franncys Ward” was one of the witnesses.^[204]

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²⁰² *Register of Claydon*: Rychard Carter the sonne of Felyx Carter.

²⁰³ *Register of Claydon*: Rychard Carter the sonne of Felix Carter.

²⁰⁴ Goldthwaite, *Boardman Genealogy*, 136–137. The inventory was taken on 20 Sept. 1616 by John Stockley, Francis (Frances) Ward, and George Carter.

Solomon⁶ Walker of Langdon, New Hampshire; Delmar, Tioga County, Pennsylvania; and Nicholas County, (West) Virginia

Eugene Allen Walker and Neva P. Adams

In 1773, Seth⁵ Walker (*Seth*⁴⁻³, *Joseph*², *Samuel*¹) was the first settler of that portion of Charlestown, New Hampshire, which was set off and incorporated as the town of Langdon in 1787.^[1] He married at Deerfield, Massachusetts, on 23 October 1770 Eunice Graves.^[2]

Solomon⁶ Walker was the only son of Seth and Eunice (Graves) Walker.^[3] He was born say 1774 at Charlestown (Langdon),^[4] and married Leah Boyden, with intentions given 18 October 1795 in Alstead, New Hampshire.^[5] She was born 8 January 1766 at Walpole, Massachusetts, the daughter of Ezekiel and Leah (Richardson) Boyden.^[6]

At a Langdon town meeting on 1 March 1796, Seth Walker was chosen moderator. His son Solomon Walker and five others were chosen “Hog Reaf” [hog reeve] at the same meeting.^[7] Solomon Walker joined the Universalist

¹ Frank Burnside Kingsbury, *History and Genealogical Register of the Town of Langdon, Sullivan County, New Hampshire* (Keene, N. H.: the author, 1932) [hereafter Kingsbury, *History of Langdon*], ii, 14, 245, 715–716. Seth Walker’s dwelling was number 196 in lot three of range five (see map p. ii). Prior to 1827, Charlestown and Langdon were in Cheshire County.

Kingsbury placed Capt. Richard¹ Walker as the father of Samuel¹ Walker (whom he therefore has as Samuel²). From research published in the early 1900s, however, it was clear that Capt. Richard Walker was born too late to be the father of Samuel; more recently, DNA studies have shown that Richard and Samuel were likely first or second cousins (Eugene Allen Walker, “Samuel¹ Walker, Kinsman of Captain Richard¹ Walker,” *American Ancestors* 23.4 [Winter 2023]:38–41 [hereafter Walker, “Samuel¹ Walker, Kinsman of Captain Richard¹ Walker”]).

² Thomas W. Baldwin, comp., *Vital Records of Deerfield, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: Wright & Potter Printing Company, 1920), 241.

³ “Melancholy Accident,” *Courier of New Hampshire* [Concord, N.H.], 16 Nov. 1803, p. 3, GenealogyBank.com [hereafter “Melancholy Accident”], “He [Seth] has left a wife, and one only son, to lament his untimely death”; see also Kingsbury, *History of Langdon*, 715–716.

⁴ S. N. D. North, director, Bureau of the Census, *Heads of Families at the First Census of the United States Taken in the Year 1790, New Hampshire* (Washington: Government Printing Office, 1907), 19. Solomon is “under sixteen years” in the census record for his father Seth Walker at Langdon. Because Seth Walker had moved into Charlestown (Langdon) seventeen years prior to the 1790 Census, we can conclude that Solomon was born at Charlestown (Langdon).

⁵ Town Records of Alstead, New Hampshire, 1752–1863, A:310 (FSL DGS 7750180, image 888), “The Intention of Marriage between Solomon Walker of Langdon & Leah Boyden of Alstead. Entered with me October 18th, 1795, Daniel Perin, T. Clerk.” Kingsbury, *History of Langdon*, 716, incorrectly identifies her as “Lear (or Leah) Boynton of Al[stead].”

⁶ Henry Ernest Woods, editor, *Vital Records of Walpole, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1902), 17.

⁷ Town Records of Langdon, New Hampshire, 1768–1849 [hereafter *Langdon Town Records*], 1:119–20 (FSL DGS 5510757, images 62–63).

Church of Langdon on 23 April 1796.^[8] The 1800 census entry for Solomon Walker of Langdon lists three boys under 10 years of age, a female of age 16–25, and a female of age 26–44 (his wife Leah).^[9]

On 25 October 1803 Solomon Walker discovered that his father Seth Walker had accidentally drowned that evening in a well on the Walker homestead.^[10] Seth died intestate, and his widow Eunice Walker and son Solomon Walker were appointed administrators of his estate on 9 November 1803. An inventory showed that the estate was worth \$2,275.^[11]

At a Langdon town meeting on 11 March 1806, Solomon Walker and Joseph Willard were chosen fence viewers.^[12]

On 5 May 1806, Solomon and Leah Walker sold the Walker homestead in Langdon to James Egerton and Benjamin Stearns for “ten hundred & 50 dollars,” described as follows:

A Certain tract or parcel of Land... in Langdon... being lot N^o three in the fifth range of lots as formerly laid out in Charlestown the whole of said lot excepting Two Acres sold off of the South west corner of said Lot and deeded to Obediah Kingsbury, and Also excepting the use and improvement of the dower of thirds Sett off to Eunice Walker relict of Seth Walker late of Langdon deceas^d during the natural life of said Widow...

[Signed and sealed] Solomon Walker [and] Lear, her X mark, Walker.^[13]

One month later, in June 1806, Solomon Walker and thirty-five other residents of Langdon signed a petition to the New Hampshire Legislature and General Court that a bank be incorporated at Walpole to serve the residents of Cheshire County.^[14]

On 13 January 1807, Eunice Walker, “relict of Seth Walker late of Langdon,” sold her right of dower to James Egerton and Benjamin Stearns for “three hundred and twenty five dollars.”^[15]

Solomon and his family left Langdon sometime after 1806,^[16] perhaps soon after Eunice sold her dower in January 1807. Although a Solomon Walker is listed in the 1810 Census for Claremont, New Hampshire, that Solomon Walker is not the Solomon of Langdon.^[17]

⁸ Kingsbury, *History of Langdon*, 84–85.

⁹ 1800 U. S. Census, Langdon, Cheshire County, New Hampshire, roll 20, p. 914.

¹⁰ “Melancholy Accident”; Kingsbury, *History of Langdon*, 715, citing Chandler’s *History of Shirley, Mass.*, gives the date of death for Seth Walker as “Nov. 1804.”

¹¹ New Hampshire, Probate Court (Cheshire County), Probate Estate Files, 1769–1885, case W143 (FSL DGS 7131428, images 525–538).

¹² *Langdon Town Records*, 1:252 (image 135).

¹³ Cheshire County (New Hampshire), Deeds, 47:279 (FSL DGS 7919208, image 745).

¹⁴ *New Hampshire, U.S., Government Petitions, 1700–1826*, Ancestry.com.

¹⁵ Cheshire County (New Hampshire) Deeds, 50:412–413 [FSL DGS 7836182, images 217–218].

¹⁶ Kingsbury, *History of Langdon*, 716: “they left town, 1806?”

¹⁷ Solomon Walker of Claremont, New Hampshire, married Charity Stevens, granddaughter of Elihu Stevens, Esq., (Cheshire County, New Hampshire, probate estate files (FSL DGS 7131407, images 1354–1384). This family removed to Michigan by 1830. He was likely a son of Andrew and Sarah (Carrol) Walker of Thompson, Windham County, Connecticut, as a Solomon Walker requested appraisers of the Andrew Walker estate and held a \$200 bond at its settlement (Connecticut State Library [(Hartford, Connecticut)], *Probate Files Collection, Early to 1880* [FSL DGS 7629176, images 1171–1183]). Solomon and Charity (Stevens) Walker had a son Andrew Carroll Walker,

Leah Walker of Nicholas County, (West) Virginia

After 1806, Solomon and Leah Walker no longer appear in the public records of Langdon or anywhere else in New Hampshire. However, there was a Leah Walker (widow) who appeared in the Nicholas County, (West) Virginia, personal property tax lists from 1823 through 1826.^[18] Could this be the Leah Walker of Langdon?

On 5 January 1826, this Leah Walker wrote the following marriage consent letter to the clerk of the Nicholas County Court:

Sir yourself, please to Issue a License for John Mosbarger to Marry my daughter Eliza Walker & this shall be your sufficient authority for so doing. Given in my hand this 5 day of January 1826, Leah Walker.

Teste, Solon Walker, Joel Walker.^[19]

A marriage bond was issued for John Mosbarger and Eliza Walker of Nicholas County, Virginia, on 11 January 1826; they were married there on 1 March 1826 by John Skidmore.^[20] The Mosbarger family removed to Huntington Township, Gallia County, Ohio, by 1840, and remained there until after 1850.^[21] Leah Walker, who accompanied the Mosbarger family to Gallia County, died at Huntington Township on 17 August 1842.^[22]

The Mosbarger family then moved to Worth County, Missouri, about 1855.^[23] John Mosbarger died in Allendale in that county on 13 September 1856, and his widow Eliza (Walker) Mosbarger died in Allendale on 6 April 1888.^[24] Both are buried in the Lotts Grove Cemetery, Allendale.^[25]

who may have been named after the likely grandparents Andrew and Sarah (Carrol) Walker of Thompson, Connecticut.

¹⁸ Nicholas County, Virginia, Personal Property Tax Lists, 1818–1850 (FSL DGS 8151581 [hereafter *Nicholas County Tax Lists*], images 235, 253, 273, and 293).

¹⁹ James S. Blake and Evelyn E. Blake, *Early Nicholas County (West) Virginia Marriage Bonds (& Records), 1818–1864* (Craigsville, West Virginia: By the Authors, 1995) [hereafter Blake and Blake, *Early Nicholas County Marriages*], 37. This reference has “Louk? Walker” giving consent, and “Solon Walker-Todd Walker” as Teste (witnesses). However, photocopies of the consent letter and marriage bond were sent to Neva P. Adams by Evelyn E. Blake about 1998–9. Careful examination of these photocopies confirm that the consenting parent was Leah Walker, and that Solon Walker and Joel Walker were the witnesses. It is not known whether the original documents are extant as they are no longer found at the Nicholas County Court.

²⁰ Blake and Blake, *Early Nicholas County Marriages*, 37, 65.

²¹ 1840 U. S. Census, Huntington, Gallia County, Ohio, p. 47; 1850 U. S. Census, Huntington, Gallia County, Ohio, p. 387b.

²² John and Eliza (Walker) Mosbarger Family Bible Records, 1806–1888, *The Holy Bible Containing the Old and New Testaments* (New York: D. Fanshaw, Printer, 1829), privately held by Wayne Mosbarger, a fourth-generation descendant of John and Eliza (Walker) Mosbarger [hereafter *Mosbarger Family Bible*]: “Leah Walker died August the 17th 1842.” She is likely the female age 70–79 enumerated in the 1840 Census for John Mosbarger.

²³ “Obituary–Mosbarger,” *Worth County Tribune* (Grant City, Missouri), 7 Feb. 1923, p. 5 (Newspapers.com): “John Quincy Mosbarger, son of John and Eliza Mosbarger, was born near Vinton, Gallia County, Ohio, on Nov. 2, 1853.... When he was two years of age his parents moved to Gentry County, now Worth County [Missouri].”

²⁴ *Mosbarger Family Bible*: “John Mosbarger Died September the 13th 1856; Eliza Mosbarger Died April 6th, 1888.”

²⁵ Ben Glick, *Lotts Grove Cemetery, Smith Township, Worth Co., MO, Cemetery Transcriptions based on digital Photos taken by Ben Glick August 2001*, worth.mogenweb.org.

Eliza (Walker) Mosbarger of Worth County, Missouri

Eliza (Walker) Mosbarger, widow of John, and daughter of Leah Walker, was born on 15 November 1809.^[26] Her place of birth is listed as Pennsylvania in the 1860 and 1870 censuses.^[27] In the 1880 census she is listed as born in Pennsylvania, father born in New Hampshire, and mother born in Massachusetts.^[28] This matches the profile for Solomon Walker of Langdon, New Hampshire, who was born there, and his wife Leah (Boyden) Walker, who was born in Massachusetts. If Eliza was the daughter of Solomon and Leah Walker of Langdon, then a record of Solomon Walker in Pennsylvania should be found.

A search of the 1810 Pennsylvania census returned a Solomon Walker in Delmar, Pennsylvania.^[29] Eliza Walker, who was born in 1809, should be counted in this census record. However, no females under age 10 are found. A careful examination of the entire census page reveals that the first two columns for females are missing. This census record is consistent with the 1800 census for Solomon Walker of Langdon, with the addition of one boy under 10 years of age, and one adult female age 45 or older.^[30]

This Solomon does not appear in the 1800 or 1820 Pennsylvania censuses. However, a Solomon Walker was listed in the 1816 tax list for Monongalia County, (West) Virginia.^[31] No other entries were found for Solomon Walker for adjacent years or neighboring counties of (West) Virginia. It is likely that Solomon died prior to 1820, leaving a widow and children.

Children of Solomon and Leah (Boyden) Walker

It has been established that Leah Walker of Nicholas County had a daughter Eliza from Leah's consent letter for her daughter's marriage to John Mosbarger. That she had sons Solon and Joel can be inferred from this letter in which Solon Walker and Joel Walker were witnesses. Additional sons of Solomon and Leah Walker have been identified from an examination of Nicholas County records.

An Ira Walker appeared in the personal property tax lists of Nicholas County, (West) Virginia, for the years 1818 through 1820, and 1825 through 1831.^[32] He appropriated 27 acres of land in Nicholas County about 1822 from Hedgman Triplett;^[33] however, no record has been found that he received a grant for this land.

²⁶ *Mosbarger Family Bible*: "Eliza Walker was born November the 15th 1809."

²⁷ 1860 U. S. Census, Township 66, Gentry County, Missouri, p. 905; 1870 U. S. Census, Smith, Worth County, Missouri, p. 406B.

²⁸ 1880 U. S. Census, Smith, Worth County, Missouri, pp. 379A-B. Eliza Mosbarger is enumerated in the household of her son John Quincy Mosbarger.

²⁹ 1810 U. S. Census, Delmar, Tioga County, Pennsylvania, p. 89a, "Solom" Walker, 1-3-0-1-0 / b-b-1-1-1." Note: the first two columns for females appear to be missing on the page.

³⁰ The additional adult female is perhaps Eunice, the widow of Seth Walker and mother of Solomon. It is unlikely that she is Leah's mother, who personally appeared before William Heath, Judge of Probate, on 6 Dec. 1808 at Dedham, Massachusetts, after the Solomon Walker family had left Langdon (Norfolk Co., Mass., *Probate Docket Books and Record Books*, 16:101 [FSL DGS 7703992, image 365]).

³¹ Monongalia County, Virginia, Personal Property Tax Lists, 1783-1850, (FSL DGS 7857026, image 811).

³² *Nicholas County Tax Lists*, images 163, 181, 193, 273, 293, 312, 329, 349, 370, 387.

³³ Library of Virginia, Land Office reel 338, Warrant No. 7224.

On 23 February 1830 Ira Walker appropriated 25 acres of land from John G. Stephenson.^[34] This land was “situate[d] in Nicholas County on Strange Creek a south east branch of Elk river,” surveyed on “11 May 1832 by virtue of a Land Office Treasury Warrant N^o 10,421” and granted to Solon Walker and Joel Walker on 1 November 1832.^[35]

Ira Walker died prior to 23 July 1832, when his estate was appraised.^[36] Since his parcel of 25 acres was granted after his death to Solon and Joel, we conclude that Ira Walker was their brother and a son of Solomon and Leah Walker.

Ira appeared in the 1820 U. S. Census for Nicholas County, (West) Virginia.^[37] The profile of this census is consistent with that for Solomon Walker’s 1810 U. S. Census for Delmar, Pennsylvania, when considering the absence of Solomon and the addition of Eliza, age 10–15. Ira Walker, the eldest child, became head of the household after Solomon’s death prior to 1820. There are two females in this census age “forty-five and upwards.” They are likely Leah and her mother-in-law Eunice.

On 7 July 1823, Solon Walker and Seth Walker were granted “a certain tract or parcel of land, containing One-hundred acres, situate in the County of Nicholas, on the south side of Elk river.” This land was surveyed “on the eleventh day of September 1822, by virtue of a Land Office Treasury Warrant N^o 7224, issued the 4th of March 1822.”^[38] On 7 October 1831, “in consideration of one dollar lawful money,” Seth Walker sold his share of this land to Joel Walker.^[39] These land transactions help to confirm that Seth Walker was a brother to Solon and Joel Walker.

From a biographical sketch of Albert Walker, we learn the following about his father, Seth Walker:^[40]

Seth Walker was a native of New Hampshire, where his birth occurred on the 9th day of September 1800. The first wife of Seth Walker bore him seven children and died in Brown Township, this county [i.e., Hancock County]; the following are the names of the children: Ira, of Madison County, Indiana..., Solon, of Madison County [NB: probably named after their uncles Ira and Solon Walker].... Seth Walker was reared to manhood in New Hampshire and then went to Virginia, where he lived for some years, going thence to Ohio. For several years he was engaged in rafting and freighting on the Ohio River and on quitting that business came to Indiana and located in Madison County. . . .

³⁴ Library of Virginia, Land Office reel 339, Warrant No. 10421.

³⁵ Virginia Land Office Grants No. 83, 1833–1837 (Library of Virginia, Reel 149, p. 28).

³⁶ Nicholas County, West Virginia, will books, 1:71 (FSL DGS 4713615, image 52). The inventory of Ira Walker’s personal goods was valued at \$65.29 ½ and consisted of a sword, a castor hat, a regimental coat, two volumes of “Matitia Law,” a coat, waist coat, and pantaloons, “one double barrilled gun one half the property of the deceast,” a foot adze, a falling axe, a scythe, a pinch back watch, an inkstand, a cleaver, a bed tick, one third part of a whip saw, a butcher knife, a cotton handkerchief, and a small kettle and lid—essential items for life on the frontier. Ira’s military items may have been his own outright, or inherited from his father Solomon or grandfather Seth Walker.

³⁷ 1820 U. S. Census, Nicholas County, (West) Virginia, p. 205A, “Ira Walker, 0-1-0-3-0-0 / 0-1-0-0-2.”

³⁸ Virginia Land Office Grants No. 72, 1822–1826 (Library of Virginia, Reel 138, p. 294).

³⁹ Nicholas County, West Virginia, deed books, 2:425 (FSL DGS 8588381, image 536).

⁴⁰ *Biographical Memoirs of Hancock County, Indiana* (Logansport, Indiana: B. F. Bowen, 1902) [hereafter *Biographical Memoirs of Hancock County*], 415.

According to the publisher, “every biographical sketch has been submitted for approval and correction to the person for whom it was written” (who in this instance would be Albert Walker, the youngest son of Seth).^[41]

Seth left Nicholas County about 1824.^[42] It was then that he probably went to Ohio via the Elk and Kanawha Rivers, which empty into the Ohio River. He probably moved to Brown Township, Hancock County, Indiana, about 1831, when he sold his Nicholas County property.^[43]

Solon and Joel Walker were very close to each other, as evidenced by both signing Leah’s consent letter and their joint ownership of property. They are listed together in the Braxton County, (West) Virginia, tax lists for the years 1836 through 1850 inclusive, where Joel is enumerated as Joel B. Walker for several of those years.^[44] In the 1850 census for Braxton County, Solon Walker and his family are listed in dwelling number 429. His brother Joel is listed next door in dwelling number 430.^[45] After Solon’s death, his widow Elizabeth moved to Iowa. She is listed in the 1860 census for Union, Iowa; and her brother-in-law Joel is in the same household.^[46]

Y-Chromosome DNA

Y-chromosome DNA testing has indicated that this West Virginia family had its roots in New England. The Y-chromosome is inherited exclusively in the male line, being passed from father to son. Within group GR-12 of the Walker Surname DNA Project, descendants of Samuel¹ Walker of Woburn, Massachusetts, are characterized by short tandem repeat (STR) mutations of 22 at DYS390 and 13 at DYS522.^[47] Big Y-700 DNA tests for descendants of Solon Walker and Seth Walker, both sons of Leah, have these same defining characteristics, confirming descent from Samuel¹.^[48]

The testing also revealed a single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) mutation at I-FT374885. This mutation is unique to the descendants of Seth³ (*Joseph², Samuel¹*) and John³ (*Joseph², Samuel¹*) and is not found in the descendants of Samuel² (*Samuel¹*) or John² (*Samuel¹*), thus indicating descent from Joseph² (*Samuel¹*).

Genealogical Summary

SOLOMON⁶ WALKER (*Seth⁵⁻³, Joseph², Samuel¹*), was born in Charlestown (Langdon), New Hampshire, say 1774, the son of Seth and Eunice (Graves) Walker. He died in West Virginia between 1816 and 1818. Solomon married

⁴¹ *Biographical Memoirs of Hancock County*, Preface.

⁴² 1823 is the last year in which Seth Walker appears in the Nicholas County tax lists (*Nicholas County Tax Lists*, image 235).

⁴³ As noted above. The Seth Walker family appears in Brown Township in 1840 (1840 U. S. Census, Brown, Hancock County, Indiana, p. 197).

⁴⁴ Braxton County, Virginia, Personal Property Tax Lists, 1836–1850 (FSL DGS 8151944, images 20, 36, 47, 61, 176, 200, 217).

⁴⁵ 1850 U. S. Census, District 4, Nicholas County, (West) Virginia, p. 204b.

⁴⁶ 1860 U. S. Census, Union, Des Moines County, Iowa, p. 239.

⁴⁷ Walker, “Samuel¹ Walker, Kinsman of Captain Richard¹ Walker,” 40.

⁴⁸ familytreedna.com/groups/walker-dna-project-mt-dna-results/about, kit numbers 919661 (*DNA donor¹¹, Edward¹⁰, John⁹⁻⁸, Solon⁷, ...*) and 1006487 (*DNA donor¹², Harlan¹¹, Glen¹⁰, Jesse⁹⁻⁸, Seth⁷, ...*).

(intentions published 18 October 1795 at Alstead, New Hampshire) **LEAH BOYDEN**, the daughter of Ezekiel and Leah (Richardson) Boyden. She was born at Walpole, Massachusetts, on 8 January 1766, and died at Huntington, Gallia County, Ohio, on 17 August 1842.

Children of Solomon⁶ and Leah (Boyden) Walker (i-iv born in New Hampshire, probably in Langdon):

- i. IRA⁷ WALKER, b. say 1796; d. Nicholas Co., (West) Virginia, before 23 July 1832.
- ii. SOLON WALKER, b. abt. 1799;^[49] d. Braxton Co., (West) Virginia, abt. 1854/5;^[50] m. Nicholas Co. 18 Dec. 1828 ELIZABETH CART, daughter of John Cart.^[51]
- iii. SETH WALKER, b. 9 Sept. 1800;^[52] d. Brown Twp., Hancock Co., Ind., 19 July 1874;^[53] m. (1) Gallia Co., 12 Jan. 1825 MARY “POLLY” CHILDERS;^[54] m. (2) Henry Co., Ind., 3 Feb. 1842 ELIZABETH ROGERS;^[55] m. (3) Hancock Co., 2 Aug. 1871 NANCY (ROGERS) CASS,^[56] sister of Elizabeth.
- iv. JOEL B. WALKER, b. abt. 1806;^[57] d. Iowa bet. 1895 and 1900.^[58]
- v. ELIZA WALKER, b. probably in Delmar, Pa., 15 Nov. 1809;^[59] d. Allendale, Mo., 6 April 1888;^[60] m. Nicholas Co. 1 March 1826 JOHN MOSBARGER.^[61]

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⁴⁹ 1850 U. S. Census, District 4, Braxton County, (West) Virginia, p. 204B: age 50.

⁵⁰ Braxton County, (West) Virginia), Land Book 1851–1856, pp. 239, 310 (FSL DGS 8613399, images 144, 183), entered for the years 1854 as “Walker, Solon” and 1855 as “Walker, Solon heirs.”

⁵¹ Blake and Blake, *Early Nicholas County Marriages*, 51, 69. This reference has 1828-12-28 which is clearly a transcription error from the original marriage document. A photocopy of the original document was sent to Neva P. Adams by Evelyn E. Blake c. 1998–1999. Careful examination of the photocopy confirms that the marriage date was 18 Dec. 1828. It is not known whether the original marriage document is extant as it is no longer found at the Nicholas County Court.

⁵² *Biographical Memoirs of Hancock County*, 415.

⁵³ *Biographical Memoirs of Hancock County*, 416.

⁵⁴ Marriage records of Gallia County, Ohio), 1:136 (FSL DGS 4016313, image 82).

⁵⁵ Marriage records of Henry County, Indiana, D:452 (FSL DGS 4171276, image 243).

⁵⁶ Marriage records of Hancock County, Indiana, 6:29 (FSL DGS 7730026, image 176).

⁵⁷ 1860 U. S. Census, Union, Des Moines County, Iowa, p. 239: Joel Walker born in N. H., age 54. His age in the 1850 census was given as 42 (District 4, Braxton County, [West] Virginia, p. 204B).

⁵⁸ In the 1895 Iowa State Census (Benton Township, Des Moines County, p.28), Joel Walker was enumerated in the household of James Caten and his wife Susan (Walker) Caten, daughter of Solon Walker. He cannot be found in the 1900 census.

⁵⁹ *Mosbarger Family Bible*.

⁶⁰ *Mosbarger Family Bible*.

⁶¹ *Mosbarger Family Bible*.

The English Origin of Robert¹ Cutler of Charlestown, Massachusetts

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Robert¹ Cutler of Charlestown, Massachusetts, immigrated to New England in 1636; his English origin has remained unknown.^[1] His family consisted of a wife named Rebecca and four children: John, Rebecca, Hannah (married in 1654), and Nathaniel (baptized in Charlestown in 1640).^[2] Robert's son John was born about 1629 based on his gravestone,^[3] and his daughter Rebecca married in 1649 or 1650.^[4] Based on their dates of marriage, daughters Rebecca and Hannah were born say 1630 and 1634, respectively, assuming age 20 at marriage.

A search of English records has found the baptisms for Robert's three elder children in the parish of Wargrave, Berkshire, as well as for an earlier daughter named Rebecca who died young. A transcription of these records is as follows:

15 March 1628/9	Baptism	John Cutler sonne of Robert
10 October 1630	Baptism	Rebecca Cutler daughter of Robert
22 February 1631/2	Burial	Rebecca Cutler daughter of Robert
11 November 1632	Baptism	Rebecca Cutler daughter of Robert
15 February 1634/5	Baptism	Hannah Cutler daughter of Robert ^[5]

The above information is used in the following genealogical summary of the family of Robert¹ Cutler.

Genealogical Summary

ROBERT¹ CUTLER was born say 1603 (assuming age 25 at baptism of eldest known child). He was perhaps baptized in Wargrave, Berkshire, on 14 October 1604 as “Robert Cutler sonne of John Cutler.”^[6] He married by 1628, **REBECCA** _____. She was very likely the Rebecca Kirke who married in Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire, on 9 June 1628, “Robtus Cutler.”^[7] Robert immigrated

¹ Robert Charles Anderson, *The Great Migration Directory: Immigrants to New England, 1620–1640, A Concise Compendium* (Boston: NEHGS, 2015), 85.

² Thomas Bellows Wyman, *The Genealogies and Estates of Charlestown, in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1629–1818*, 2 vols. (Boston: David Clapp and Son, 1879) [hereafter Wyman, *Genealogies and Estates of Charlestown*], 1:254.

³ Wyman, *Genealogies and Estates of Charlestown*, 1:255: “d. Sept. 12, 1694, in 66th y[ea]r. g[rave]. s[tone].”

⁴ Thomas W. Baldwin, comp., *Vital Records of Cambridge, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850*, 2 vols. (Boston: Wright & Potter Printing Co., 1914–1915), 2:100.

⁵ Wargrave, Berkshire, parish register, 1538–1710, Berkshire Record Office, D/P145/1/1 [FSL DGS 7907903] [hereafter *Wargrave Register*], images 466 (John's baptism), 467 (baptisms of the first and second Rebecca and burial of the first Rebecca), and 468 (Hannah's baptism).

⁶ *Wargrave Register*, image 455.

⁷ St. Mary, Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire, parish register, 1558–1734 [*Oxfordshire, England, Church of England Baptism, Marriages, and Burials, 1538–1812*, database at Ancestry.com, image 86 of 171]. This marriage is nine months before the baptism of the immigrant's eldest known

to New England by 1636 and was admitted a member of the Charlestown, Massachusetts, church on 6 November 1637.^[8] He was made a freeman of the Massachusetts Bay Colony on 2 May 1638.^[9] Robert died in Charlestown on 7 March 1664/5 as “Deacon Robert Cutler,”^[10] and his widow died there on 18 March 167[7]/8 as “Rebecca Cutler, widow of Robert Cutler.”^[11] The will of “Robert Cutler of Charlstowne,” dated 1 May 1664 and proved 20 June 1665, gave bequests to “my now beloved Wife Rebecca Cutler . . . my sonn Nathaniel Cuttler . . . my Eldest sonn John Cutler . . . my daughter Rebecca Arington now wife of Abraham Arington . . . my daughter Hannah Griffin now wife unto Mathew Griffin.” His will mentioned “my Cousin Rockwell,” named his “wife Rebecca Cutler and my youngest son Nathaniell Cutler” executors, and desired “my loveing brethren Thomas Lynde and William Stitson” to be overseers.^[12] The will of “Rebecka Cutler of Charlstown widow,” dated 25 July 1676 and proved 3 April 1678, gave bequests to “my son John Cutler . . . my daughter Rebeca the wife of Abraham Errington . . . my son Nathaniell Cutler . . . his wife Elizabeth . . . my GrandChildren that is to say the children of John Cutler and the Children of Rebecca Errington and Hannah Griffins Children.” She named her son Nathaniel the executor of her will.^[13]

Children of Robert¹ and Rebecca (probably Kirke) Cutler (i-iv baptized in Wargrave):

- i. JOHN² CUTLER, bp. 15 March 1628/9,^[14] d. Charlestown, 12 Sept. 1694;^[15] m. (1) by about 1651, ANNA WOODMANSEY,^[16] bp. Loughborough, Leicestershire, 25 March 1627,^[17] d. Charlestown, 31 Aug. 1683,^[18] daughter of

child, and Henley on Thames is about four miles northwest of Wargrave. Thanks to Robert Battle, FASG, for bringing this marriage to my attention.

- ⁸ James Frothingham Hunnewell, *Records of the First Church in Charlestown, Massachusetts, 1632–1789* (Boston: D. Clapp and Son, 1880), 9.
- ⁹ *Records of the Governor and Company of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, 1628–1686*, ed. Nathaniel B. Shurtleff, 5 vols. in 6 (Boston: William White, 1853–1854), 1:374.
- ¹⁰ Roger D. Joslyn, *Vital Records of Charlestown, Massachusetts to the Year 1850, Volume I* (Boston: NEHGS, 1984) [hereafter Joslyn, *Vital Records of Charlestown*], 48–49.
- ¹¹ Joslyn, *Vital Records of Charlestown*, 103.
- ¹² Robert H. Rodgers, *Middlesex County in the Colony of the Massachusetts Bay in New England: Records of Probate and Administration, March 1660/1–December 1670* (Boston: NEHGS, 2001), 263–265.
- ¹³ Middlesex County, Massachusetts, probate papers, case #5555 [FSL DGS 7553419], images 1003–1004.
- ¹⁴ The are three records that state John’s age: (1) deposition dated 15 June 1675 of “John Cutler aged about forty six years” (Middlesex County, Mass., court papers, folio 69 [FSL DGS 8131116], image 378); (2) deposition dated 15 April 1690 of “John Cutler Seneor Aged Sixty Years or there about” (Middlesex County, Mass., court papers, folio 138 [FSL DGS 8131118], image 691); and (3) his gravestone in Phipps Street Burial Ground, Charlestown, which reads “Here Lyes Y^e Body Of Deacon John Cutler Who Died The 12 Of September 1694 An In The 66 Year Of His Age” (FindaGrave.com, memorial no. 3629002). All three of these records correspond very closely with his date of baptism.
- ¹⁵ Joslyn, *Vital Records of Charlestown*, 162: “Jno. Cuttler, deacon of the Church in Charlstown, son of a deacon.”
- ¹⁶ Robert Charles Anderson, *The Great Migration: Immigrants to New England, 1634–1635, Volume VII, T–Y* (Boston: NEHGS, 2011), 523–526 (sketch of Robert Woodmansey), at 525.
- ¹⁷ Robert Battle, “Some English Records of Robert¹ Woodmansey, Schoolmaster of Boston, Massachusetts,” *Register* 175 (2021): 345–347, at 346.
- ¹⁸ Joslyn, *Vital Records of Charlestown*, 120: “Anna, wife of Leiut. Jno. Cuttler.”

- Robert¹ and Anne (Clarke) Woodmansey.^[19] He m. (2) Charlestown, 29 Oct. 1684, MEHITABLE (NOWELL) HILTON,^[20] daughter of Increase¹ and Parnell (Gray) (Parker) Nowell and widow of William (*William*¹) Hilton.^[21]
- ii. REBECCA CUTLER, bp. 10 Oct. 1630, bur. Wargrave, 22 Feb. 1631/2.
- iii. REBECCA CUTLER (again), bp. 11 Nov. 1632, living 29 Nov. 1689 (granted land in Cambridge, Mass.);^[22] m. Cambridge, 1649 or 1650, ABRAHAM¹ ERRINGTON,^[23] bp. All Saints, Newcastle, Northumberland, 19 June 1622,^[24] d. 9 May 1677,^[25] son of William^A and Anne¹ (Liddell) Errington.^[26]
- iv. HANNAH CUTLER, bp. 15 Feb. 1634/5, d. Charlestown, 2 Dec. 1674;^[27] m. there 29 Aug. 1654, as his second wife, MATTHEW¹ GRIFFIN,^[28] d. there 29 Dec. 1691.^[29] Matthew m. (3) by 1678, Deborah (Norton) Hill, daughter of Francis¹ and Mary (Houghton) Norton and widow of Zachariah (*Abraham*¹) Hill.^[30]
- v. NATHANIEL CUTLER, bp. Charlestown, 8 Nov. 1640, d. there, 13 Aug. 1678;^[31] m. there 2 Sept. 1668 ELIZABETH CARTER,^[32] d. there, 3 Nov. 1694,^[33] daughter of Thomas (*Thomas*¹) and Anna (_____) Carter.^[34]

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¹⁹ Robert Battle and John C. Brandon, "Identity of Anne, First Wife of Robert¹ Woodmansey, Schoolmaster of Boston, Massachusetts, and of Her Niece, Anne¹ (Not Storer), Wife of James Truman and Robert Skinner of Maryland," *Register* 177 (2023):67–84, at 75.

²⁰ Joslyn, *Vital Records of Charlestown*, 123: "Deacon Jno. Cutler & Mehetabel Hilton, widow."

²¹ Robert Charles Anderson, *The Winthrop Fleet: Massachusetts Bay Company, Immigrants to New England, 1629–1630* (Boston: NEHGS, 2012), 499–504 (sketch of Increase Nowell), at 503.

²² *The Register Book of the Lands and Houses in the "New Towne" and the Town of Cambridge* (Cambridge: John Wilson & Son, 1896), 168, 176, "A Record of the lotts Granted to the Propriet[ors] of the Com[m]ons in the towne of Cambridge" included in the first division, "The forty eighth Lott was laid out to Widow Errington."

²³ Middlesex County, Massachusetts, deeds, vol. 1 (transcript), p. 248 [FSL DGS 7448437], image 198. The date of the marriage is blank, but it is between marriages in 1649 and 1650.

²⁴ Kerry William Bate, "The English Origins of the Cambridge, Massachusetts, Errington Family," *Register* 132 (1978):44–50, at 50.

²⁵ William Thaddeus Harris, *Epitaphs From the Old Burying-Ground in Cambridge* (Cambridge: John Owen, 1845), 6: "Here lies y^e body of Abraham Erinton [sic] aged 55 y[ea]rs dec[ease]d May y^e 9 1677."

²⁶ Bate, "The English Origins of the Cambridge, Massachusetts, Errington Family," 49.

²⁷ Joslyn, *Vital Records of Charlestown*, 91: "Hannah, wife of Mathew Griffin."

²⁸ Joslyn, *Vital Records of Charlestown*, 14: "Matthew Griffin & Hannah Cutler, both of Charlestowne." Wyman stated that Matthew married an earlier wife named Joan before he married Hannah Cutler (Wyman, *Genealogies and Estates of Charlestown*, 1:445, citing "returns in Reg[istry] of Deeds," but the source has not been found).

²⁹ Joslyn, *Vital Records of Charlestown*, 30, "Mathew Griffin Senr."

³⁰ Roger Thompson, "The English Origins of Captain Francis Norton of Charlestown, Massachusetts," *Register* 165 (2011): 273–279, at 278 [NB: the citation on that page (in note 35) should be to page 445 of Wyman's *Charlestown* rather than 455]

³¹ Joslyn, *Vital Records of Charlestown*, 104: "Nathaniell Cutler of Charlstowne, d. of smallpox."

³² Joslyn, *Vital Records of Charlestown*, 70: "Nathaniell Cutler & Elizabeth Carter."

³³ Joslyn, *Vital Records of Charlestown*, 163: "Elizabeth Cutler, widow."

³⁴ Wyman, *Genealogies and Estates of Charlestown*, 1:187.

Additions and Corrections

BLACKLEACH/PROBEE. “John Blackleach, Merchant, of London and New England,” by Gale Ion Harris, 148 (1994):7–44. The following was submitted by Jared James Nathan.

At page 8, John¹ Blackleach and Elizabeth¹ Bacon are stated to have been married before 31 Aug. 1630, apparently in London. John “Blackleeche” and Elizabeth Bacon were married on 30 Sept. 1623 at St. John of Wapping, Tower Hamlets, Middlesex, England.^[1]

On page 21, John² Blackleach (*John*¹) is noted to have been baptized on 10 Jan. 1631/2 at St. Gregory by St. Paul, London, and to have died on 9 Sept. 1703, “aged 77” [so born about 1626].^[2] At the same church as the recorded baptism, there is a burial record for “John sonne of John Blackleeche” on 20 April 1632. It would seem that John and Elizabeth Blackleach named two children “John,” the surviving one either born about 1634/1635 (following the 1633 birth of his sister Mary) or else before 1631.^[3]

On page 24, a discussion of John² Blackleach’s first wife Elizabeth¹ [Sheafe?] as a possible daughter of Edmund^A and Elizabeth^A (Cotton) Sheafe was presented. Edmund Sheafe and Elizabeth Cotton were married in London on 29 June 1636.^[4] Edmund and Elizabeth were known to have had three

¹ Unless otherwise cited, all London-area parish register entries in this section are from the database with images *London, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1538–1812*, Ancestry.com. The entry for this reads “John Blackleeche of ye p[ar]ish of St Lawrence singleman, and Elizabeth Bacon of this Hamlet singlewoman.” On p. 9 of the article, Elizabeth was said to have “sometime lived in Wapping.”

² Harris acknowledges this discrepancy by noting that Stiles called this age “an apparent exaggeration” (21 note 92).

³ [From the editor] A prior birth would likely have been before 1629, as “A newe borne Infante, the sonne of John Blackleeche, and Elizabeth his wife” was bur. 7 July 1629 in St. Augustine, Watling Street, London. Though Nathan does not raise this particular issue, a 1623 marriage would raise questions about whether Elizabeth (Bacon) Blackleach could have been the Elizabeth Bacon bp. in 1609 (p. 9). When Robert Bacon m. Christian “Locksonne” (11 Oct. 1604 in St. Mary Magdalene, Old Fish Street, London), she was a widow with at least one surviving child (Henry Loxam, bp. 21 Dec. 1603 in St. Dunstan and All Saints, Stepney, son of “Raffe Loxam als Loxley of Stepny weaver”; he was named in the wills of both Robert and Christian Bacon). In that same parish “Raffe Loxam & Christian Jacob both of Stepny” had m. 17 Aug. 1600; “Raffe Loxsonn als Loxley of Stepny weaver” was bur. 30 June 1604; and “Christiann daughter of Edward Jacob” was bp. 29 July 1576. Perhaps Robert Bacon also came to the marriage with a child by a previous marriage, possibly the Elizabeth in question. There are also questions about whether or not there were two different Robert Bacons having children in St. Dunstan and All Saints, Stepney. “Robert sonne of Robert Bakon of Stepny sailler” was bp. there 25 Dec. 1605; the next three baptisms of children of a Robert Bacon all listed his occupation as “weaver” (*John* on 13 March 1607/8, *Elizabeth* on 6 Aug. 1609, and *Anne* on 12 Jan. 1611/12). From the will of Robert Bacon, husband of Christian, it is clear that he was a gunner in the British Navy, which would fit with the occupation of “sailor” but not so well with “weaver.”

⁴ Register of St Michael Paternoster, London, 1568–1666 (FSL 374505).

children, as named in Edmund's 1647 will: Elizabeth, Rebecca, and Sampson.^[5] Sampson¹ Sheafe was bp. at St. Faith Under St. Paul's, London on 6 Feb. 1646/7. Edmund Sheafe was buried there 28 Sept. 1649. Elizabeth (Cotton) Sheafe married second at All Hallows, London on 22 Sept. 1653 Mathew Barker.^[6] In his 1698 will, Matthew Barker of St. Giles Cripplegate, London, named his "late beloved wife Mrs. Elizabeth Barker," his "loving daughter Elizabeth Probee," and his "son in law" [*i.e.*, stepson] Samson Sheafe.^[7] Elizabeth "Shafte" married at St. Leonard Eastcheap, London on 16 July 1661 Edward "Probee" Matthew Probee, the same mentioned in Matthew Barker's will, named his uncle Sampson Sheafe and two sons Sampson and Jacob of New England in his own 1717 will.^[8] Thus, John² Blackleach's first wife Elizabeth could not have been the daughter of Edmund^A Sheafe and sister of Sampson¹ Sheafe, and her "cousin" relationship to Henry¹ Webb is more likely that of an actual kinship. Since Rebecca was not named in Matthew Barker's will, it is possible she died before 1698. It is worth noting that this also corrects an earlier item in *Register* 62 (1908):96, which names the wife of Edward Probee (and mother of Matthew Probee) as Elizabeth Barker, calling her the daughter of Elizabeth (Cotton) Sheafe by her second husband Matthew Barker.

BORODELL. "The Cumbrian Origins and Puritan Connections of Ann (Borodell) Denison and Margaret (Borodell) (Shepard) Mitchell," by Travis Dodge Miscia, 178 (2024):241–259.

Patrick Nielsen Hayden notes that the husband of Margaret Mitchell (p. 258) was *Stephen* Sewall and not *Henry*, with which the author agrees. The citation as given is correct.

FERRIS. "Nowe Lately Gone Into New England': The Essex Origins of Jeffery and Mary (____) Ferris," by Travis Dodge Miscia, 177 (2023):387–394. The following was submitted by Randy A. West, FASG.

In the article, the date of Jeffery¹ Ferris's immigration to New England was determined to be between 5 April 1632 (when he witnessed a will [p. 388]) and June 1633 (when it was stated by defendant John Christmas in the *Borodell v. Christmas* Chancery suit that "said Ferris being nowe lately gone into New England" [p. 390]). John Christmas had earlier filed his bill of complaint in the *Christmas v. Barrowdale* Chancery suit [p. 389], but this source did not include the defendants' answers. Their answers have now been found in TNA C 2/ChasI/C85/13. This TNA reference also included a document dated 16 Nov. 1632 where the Chancery court directed at least two of four named clerks to take the defendants' answers. Two of these clerks returned a document to the court dated 20 Jan. 1632/3 with these answers, two of these defendants being "Jeffrey Ferris & Mary his wief." As Jeffery Ferris and his wife gave their

⁵ *Register* 24 (1870):78; John Brooks Threlfall, *The Ancestry of Reverend Henry Whitfield [1590–1657] and his Wife Dorothy Sheafe [159?–1669] of Guilford, Connecticut* (Madison, Wis.: the author, 1989), 30–31.

⁶ Henry F. Waters, *Genealogical Gleanings in England* (Boston: NEHGS, 1901), 2:1383.

⁷ *Register* 52 (1898):134 (will dated 1 March 1697/8 and proved 20 April 1698).

⁸ *Register* 61 (1907):393.

answers between 16 Nov. 1632 and 20 Jan. 1632/3, they almost certainly did not sail on a passenger ship in late fall 1632 or the winter of 1632–3. As Jeffery Ferris left England by June 1633, he probably sailed in the spring of 1633 and arrived in May of that year (see Robert Charles Anderson, “Ship Arrivals in 1633,” *Great Migration Newsletter* 3 [1992]:1–2).

QUARLES. “Who Was Ursula Woodgate? Identifying the Wife of Francis Quarles and Mother of Joanna (Quarles) Smith of Boston, Massachusetts, and Lyme, Connecticut,” by Robert Battle, 173 (2019):101–118.

John C. Brandon brought to the author’s attention the marriage of “Goder Hall and Anne Leygh wydowe” that was recorded 8 Jan. 1572 in Addington, Surrey.^[9] This was almost certainly the marriage of Goddard Hall to his second wife Anne _____, noted on page 117 of the article.

The registers of Addington were transcribed more completely in *Publications of the Surrey Parish Register Society*. The date of the marriage record noted above was 8 Jan. 1571/2. On 8 May 1571, eight months before the marriage of Goddard Hall and the widow Anne Leigh, “Mr Harry Leygh” was buried in Addington; according to a footnote on that page, this Harry “[w]as second son of John and Isabell Legh; was of Parham, Sussex, and Avenor to King Henry VIII. He died without issue.”^[10] He was almost certainly the “Henrie Leigh of Woodgreene in the Countye of Hertforde Esquier” whose will was dated 26 April 1571 and proved 18 June 1571, in which he left everything to his wife Anne.^[11] This strengthens the case that the “Mrs Hall” who was buried on 17 May 1571 in Nazeing (p. 117 of the article), just nine days after the burial of Henry Leigh, was Goddard Hall’s first wife Cecily.

SPROAT. “Ebenezer Sproat of Scituate and Middleboro, Massachusetts, 1676–1726,” by Elizabeth P. White and Ralph V. Wood Jr., 141 (1987):203–14. The following was submitted by Derek Doran Wood (of no known relationship to Consider Wood).

At 209–210, the authors consider the assertion of Consider Wood (b. abt. 1757) as a child of Josiah and Mary (Sproat) (Holmes) Wood; they reject it on the basis that only Consider’s service in a Revolutionary unit from Middleboro associates him with the putative parents’ hometown. Further research into the question has unearthed the 1772 guardianship record of Consider and Robert Wood, minors over the age of fourteen, sons of Josiah Wood, late of Middleboro, deceased.^[12] Also discovered was the 1837 affidavit of Rhoda Fox, stating that she had been a neighbor of the brothers, Robert and Consider Wood, in Amenia, N.Y.^[13] Consider Wood is confirmed as a child of Josiah and Mary in White and Wood’s article.

⁹ *Collectanea Topographica et Genealogica*, vol. 7 (London: John Bowyer Nichols and Son, 1841), 291.

¹⁰ *Publications of the Surrey Parish Register Society*, vol. 5 (London: Mitchell Hughes and Clarke, 1907), i–x and 1–94; especially 26 (marriage) and 33 (burial).

¹¹ PCC 29 Holney (PROB 11/53, folio 225).

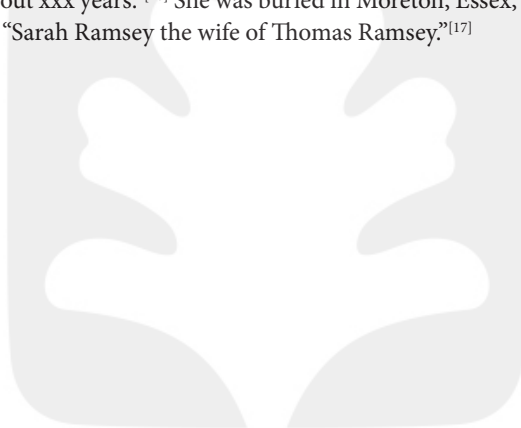
¹² Plymouth Co., Mass., probate records, 21:147.

¹³ Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty records, W.26109, Robert Wood, N.Y.; NARA M804, roll 2629.

WOOD. “Ancestors of Widow Martha¹ (Wood) Beard and Mary¹ (Wood) Platt, Both of Milford, Connecticut,” by Robert Battle, 178 (2024):150–168 and 272–292.

Randy A. West, FASG, found further information on two of the siblings of Martha¹ (Wood) Beard (4.i John Wood and 4.iii Sarah Wood, pp. 164–165):

4. i. JOHN WOOD married in St. Stephen Coleman Street, London on 15 May 1629 HESTER HALE;^[14] their license allegation was dated 14 May 1629: “John Wood of ye p[ar]ish of Epping . . . Essex yeoman and a bachelor aged about 36 . . . [and] Hester Haile of Hunsdon . . . Hertford maiden aged about 23 yeares the daughter of Wm Hayle of ye same place yeoman who consenteth...as is testyfyed by Mary Haile mother of ye said Hester. . . .”^[15] Hester (Hale) Wood was the “Hester Wood widow” buried in Epping 24 June 1656.
4. iii SARAH WOOD married on or shortly after 3 Sept. 1632 THOMAS RAMSEY (when their marriage allegation was made: “Thomas Ramsey of shelley . . . Essex Tanner and a bachelor aged about 26 yeares...[and] Sara Wood of the p[ar]ish of Epping in the same County mayden aged about xxx yeares.”^[16] She was buried in Moreton, Essex, on 10 April 1635, as “Sarah Ramsey the wife of Thomas Ramsey.”^[17]



¹⁴ St. Stephen Coleman Street register, 1598–1636 (LMA P69/STE1/A/002/MS04449/001).

¹⁵ Bishop of London Marriage Allegations, 1627/8–1629, fol. 129v; image on Ancestry.com.

¹⁶ Bishop of London Marriage Allegations, 1631–1633, fol. 110v; image on Ancestry.com.

¹⁷ Register of St. Mary the Virgin, Moreton, Essex, 1558–1808; Essex Record Office D/P 72/1/1.

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New Publication

In Search of Mayflower Pilgrim James Chilton of Canterbury

By Sue Allan

8.25 x 9.75 paperback, 158 pages, illustrated

In the latest book in her popular “In Search of” series, *Mayflower* Pilgrim historian Sue Allan uses her first-hand knowledge of James Chilton’s home county of Kent to pinpoint his home at Canterbury and reconstruct the life of the man and his family.

James Chilton was a complex man with a complex story. He had ties to the Separatist group at Sandwich and to non-conformist communities around Canterbury, Kent. Sue Allan has brought together the historical bits and pieces and added significant new information from her own research to achieve a better understanding of who James Chilton was and what influenced him and his wife to make that fateful journey to New England. In her signature style, Sue has woven all the raw details into a compelling biography of this lesser-known but intriguing *Mayflower* passenger.

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