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ALICE¹ FREEMAN, WIFE OF JOHN TOMPSON
OF PRESTON CAPES, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE,
AND OF ROBERT¹ PARKE OF CONNECTICUT

New Information on Her Parents, Siblings, Children, and First Husband

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A submission in the genealogical column of the *Boston Evening Transcript* for 25 July 1917 issue presented baptismal records of children of John and Alice¹ (Freeman) Tompson at Preston Capes, Northamptonshire, as well as an abstract of John Tompson's will.¹ Two articles published in this journal in 1936 and 1953 extended coverage of Alice's paternal and maternal ancestral lines of Freeman and Edwards, respectively.² While further research has mainly explored her royal ancestors³ and royal descendants,⁴ there is still very little in print concerning her parents and siblings. This article presents new information from parish registers, probates, and other sources on Alice's parents, siblings, children, and first husband.

As no probate records or burial record were found for Alice's father to determine his approximate date of death, an Inquisition post mortem (I.P.M.) fills this void. The inquisition held at Kettering, Northamptonshire, on 14 October, 4

¹ "Boston Evening Transcript Genealogical Columns, Newspaper Clippings, July 1916 – Feb. 1923," p. 132, no. 6473 [scrapbook of clippings, Family History Library (FHL), Salt Lake City, film #14,738]. The author of this column, identified only as "J. D. F.," was probably John Dean Fish (1846–1935), who "was a genealogist and contributor to the *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*" (according to the New York Public Library, Archives and Manuscripts Department website, archives.nypl.org) and a descendant of Alice Freeman: John Dean Fish⁹ (*Mary Esther Blodgett*⁸, *Esther Holmes*⁷, *Mary Denison*⁶, *Esther Wheeler*⁵, *William Wheeler*⁴, *Martha Parke*³, *Dorothy*² *Tompson, Alice*¹ (*Freeman*) *Tompson*) (John Denison Baldwin, *A Record of the Descendants of Capt. George Denison, of Stonington, Conn. . . .* [Worcester, Mass., 1881], 131, 132, 134; Richard Anson Wheeler, *History of the Town of Stonington, County of New London, Connecticut . . . With a Genealogical Register of Stonington Families* [New London, Conn., 1900], 637, 639; and Frank Sylvester Parks, *Genealogy of the Parke Families of Connecticut* [Washington, D.C., 1906], 31, 32, 34).

² Clarence Almon Torrey, "Alice (Freeman) (Tompson) Parke," TAG 13(1936):1–8 (hereafter cited as Torrey, "Alice Freeman"), and Robert L. Steenrod, "Alice (Freeman) (Tompson) Parke," TAG 29(1953):215–18.

³ A listing of many of these works up to 1983 is in David L. Greene, "Mary, Wife of the Rev. Richard Blinman of Marshfield, Gloucester, and New London: An Unsolved Problem," *The Genealogist* 4(1983):173–186, at 184, note 25 (hereafter cited as Greene, "Rev. Richard Blinman").

⁴ Richard K. Evans, *The Ancestry of Diana Princess of Wales for Twelve Generations* (Boston, Mass., 2007), 331.

Charles I [1606] to inquire after the death of Henry Freeman, gentleman, deceased, found [*emphasis added*]:

the aforesaid Henry Freeman, named in the said writ, held on the day, on which he died in his demesne as of fee one capital messuage, one cottage, two closes of land, one of which is called Pantsons, and five virgates of arable land, situated and being in the vill and fields of Cranford in the said county of Northampton. And one close of land, situated and being in the fields of Barton by Ketteringe. And one capital messuage, one cottage and three virgates of land, situated and being in the vill and fields of Wellingborowe in the said county of Northampton. And the aforesaid Henry Freeman, being seized thus, as is aforesaid, died on the fifth day of August last past [1606] seized of the aforesaid tail estate. And the aforesaid jurors say upon their aforesaid oaths that all the aforesaid messuages, cottages, closes of land and other premises in Cranford, Barton and Wellingborowe, aforesaid (except the certain aforesaid close in Cranford called Pantsons) are held and at the time of the death of the said Henry were held, but of whom or by what service the aforesaid jurors are completely ignorant. And that the aforesaid close of land in Cranford called Pantsons is held and at the time of death of the said Henry was held of the said lord king as of his honor of Gloucester by knight service, but by what part of the knight's fee the aforesaid jurors are completely ignorant. And that all the aforesaid messuages, cottages, lands, tenements, closes and other premises in Cranford, aforesaid, are worth per annum in all issues beyond reprise 10s. And that the close of land in Barton, aforesaid, is worth per annum in all issues beyond reprise 2s 6d. And that all the messuages, cottages and lands and other premises in Wellingborowe, aforesaid, are worth per annum in all issues beyond reprise 6s 8d. And that Thomas Freeman is the son and heir of the aforesaid Henry Freeman, deceased, and is of the age at the time of the taking of this inquisition of thirteen years and two months. And that Margaret, wife of the aforesaid Henry, is still alive and in full life at Cranford, aforesaid. And that the aforesaid Henry Freeman or anyone else or any others to his use did not have any other lands, tenements, rents or services in use, possession, reversion or remainder in the same county of Northampton or elsewhere to their knowledge.⁵

The will and codicil of "Thomas Freeman of Cranford in the County of Northampton, gent[leman]," brother of Alice, dated 14 August 1637 and 23 August 1637, respectively, and proved in September 1637, provides additional information about their mother and Alice's children [*emphasis added*]:

First i give and bequeath my messuage or dwelling house wherein I have lately dwelt together with the orchards gardens and backsides thereunto adioyneing and the yards houses and outhouses on the East side of the com[m]on streete, and two acres of arrable land in each of the three feilds, and my meadowe called the Arrables, unto my loving mother for and dureing the space of tenn years if shee live soe long, But if yt happen that my said mother dye before the end and determination of the said tenn years Then I will that my brother in lawe William Spenser of Scaldwell and my kinsman Robert Peake of Achurch shall have and enjoy my said dwelling house and all other things bequeathed to my mother for and dureing all the residue of the said terme of tenn years then to come and unexpired. Item I give and bequeath unto my brother in lawe William Spenser and to my kinsman Robert Peake all my six yard land in the parish of Cranford St. John and all the Com[m]on meadowe and pasture with the appurtenanc[e]s thereunto belonging And likewise my Closes in the parish of Cranford St. John namely Lawrence Close Peare yard Close

⁵ The National Archives [TNA] [United Kingdom], C142/293/5 (Chancery, Inquisitions Post Mortem, Series II), translated from Latin by Simon Neal.

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the two Butt Closes Barneyard Close together with long barne and barne yard the neatshouse and hovells thereunto adioyneing, my three tenements in the parish of Cranford St. John And one Close in the parish of Cranford St. Andrewe called Hallyard, and one other Close in the parish of Barton Called Coltshome for and dureing the space of tenn yeares, To the intent that they shall pay all such legacyes as I shall appoint to be payd by this my last will and Testament. As first I will that they pay to the fowre daughters of my brother Henry Freeman namely to Joane Margret Frauncis and Elizabeth the sume of twenty pounds apeece at their severall ages of one and twenty yeares. Item I will that they pay to *certain of the Children of my sister Tompson namely to Samuel Nathaniell Mary Bridget Dorothy and Martha* the sume of tenn pounds a peece at their severall ages of one and twenty yeares. Item I will that they pay to all the Children of my sister Spenser the sume of tenn pounds a peece at their severall ages of one and twenty yeares. Item I will that they pay unto each of my sisters namely to Alice Tompson widdowe and to Joane Spenser wife to william Spenser and to Thomas Freeman my brothers sonne and to *Thomas Tompson my sisters sonne* and likewise to [blank] Brooks the wife of Christofer Brooks my Aunt the sume of tenn shillings apeece as tokens of my love to each of them. Item I will that they pay to my uncle Nicolis Edwards the sume of tenn shillings yearly upon the First day of May for and dureing the space of tenn yeares if he the said Nicolis Edwards shall soe long live Item I will that they pay unto mr. Lambe the minister of our parish the sume of twenty shillings Item I give to m^r John Fosbrooke minister of the other parish called St. Andrewes parishe the sume of tenn shillings Item I give to each of my servants tenn shillings a peece Item I give to the poore of the parishe called St. Johns in Cranford the sume of thirteene shillings fowre pence to be payd them yearly upon the first day of May for and dureing the space of tenn yeares, and my will is that yt shalbe distributed according to the discretion of the minister and Churchwardens of the said parish Item I give to the poore of the parish called St. Andrewes the sume of six shillings eight pence to be payd upon the Day aforesaid yearely dureing the terme of tenn yeares and to be Distrubuted as aforesaid.

And if it shall happen that any Controversy shall arise betweene my Executors or any other of my kinsfolke or freinds to whom I have given any legacy Then my will and desire is That my ex-ecutors and the rest of my freinds among whom any such Controversy shall arise, I say my desire is that they would referre all such controversies betweene them unto Thomas Pentloe of Wilby gent[leman] and to John Ekins of Ringsted gent[leman] whom I make ou[er]seers of this my last will and testament entreating them that they would take some paynes to end such Controversyes if any shall happen. And as a token of my love I give unto them forty shillings a peece. Item I give and bequeath unto my loving brother in lawe William Spenser and to his heires for ever all that one yard land which heretofore I purchased of Thomas Tresham gent[leman] And my will is that my said brother in lawe shall enjoy the said yard land with the appurtenances to him and his heires forever And as for all the overplus of the rents and proffitts issueing out of my lands and tenements and likewise out of my Closes dureing the said tenn yeares, and likewise all my goods and Chattells yett unbequeathed I give and bequeath unto my loving brother in lawe William Spenser and to *my kinsman Robert Peake* whom I make my executors of this my last will and testament And because my brother hath many Children my will is that he shall have two parts of three parts of the overplus of the rents and p[ro]fitts of the lands and of the goods and Chattells soe be-queathed unto them as before, and *my kinsman Robert Peake* shall have the other third part of the overplus of the rents and proffitts of the lands and of the goods and Chattells bequeathed unto them And in witnes that this is my last will and Testament I have to each leafe hereof (being two) sett to my hand, and to this last leafe sett to my seale the day and yeare first above written.

Witnesses: Rob[er]t Lambe, Christopher Hanch, and Frauncis Freman

Item I doe will and bequeath unto my mother Margaret Freeman and unto my Nephew Thomas Freeman their executors and assignes for the terme of one whole yeare next after my de-

cease all my spinney of wood in Cranford in the county of North[amp]ton called the Hall yard Spinney And my will and minde is that during the sayd terme the sayd Margaret and Thomas shall sell all the wood and trees growing in the sayd Spinney to the best value they can & that the one halfe of the moneyes which shall bee made thereof shall bee to the only use of the sayd Thomas and that the other halfe thereof shall bee to the use of the sayd Margaret and that after the sayd wood and Trees shall bee soe sold as afforesayd that then the sayd Spiney shall bee pr[e]serwed by the sayd Thomas to the use of the sayd Thomas & his heires for ever
Witnesses: Tho[mas] Mulso, Christopher Hanche, and Thomas [his mark] Whyte.⁶

The will mentions Samuel, an additional son of his sister Alice not previously known in the genealogical literature. Since it is known that her eldest son Thomas was born in 1616, the Preston Capes, Northamptonshire, parish registers were reviewed, since they begin in 1614. The following two baptisms were found that were not reported in the 1917 genealogical column:

Thomas the sonn of John Tompson baptized the 23 of december [1616].
Samuell the son of John Tompson & Alice his wife baptized the 25 of May [1618].⁷

In addition, the identity of "my kinsman Robert Peake of [Thorpe] Achurch," mentioned in Thomas's will (above), is resolved with the following entry in the parish register for Cranford St. John, Northamptonshire:

Robert Peake of Achurch in the County of Northam[p]t[on] Yeoman & Margaret Thompson Neece unto Mr Thomas Freeman of this parish were married July 31 An[n]o 1634.⁸

Therefore, John and Alice Tompson also had another daughter, Margaret. Given that she married in 1634, she was born by say 1614. If she was baptized at Preston Capes, it was perhaps before 28 August 1614, the date of the earliest baptism in the surviving parish register.

The Inquisition Post Mortem taken on 16 September 1628 for John Tompson, first husband of Alice, states that he died in London on 6 November 1626.⁹ This date is in agreement with his will, which was dated the same day and proved on 11 April 1627.¹⁰ Yet he also made a codicil to his will on the next day, 7 November 1626. Therefore, the date of death in the I.P.M. must be incorrect. Since only

⁶ Archdeaconry Court of Northampton, original wills, series 2, vol. G, no. 211 [FHL film #187,602].

⁷ Preston Capes, Northants., parish registers, 1614-1812 [FHL fiche #6,128,702].

⁸ Cranford St. John, Northants., parish register, 1627-1753 [FHL film #865,053, item 2].

⁹ Clarence Almon Torrey, "John Tomson of Little Preston, Northamptonshire, England," TAG 14(1937-38):145-46 (hereafter cited as Torrey, "John Tomson"). The abstract of the I.P.M. in this article is correct, except the day of the inquisition should be the 16th instead of the 26th (TNA, C142/485/88 [Chancery, Inquisitions Post Mortem, Series II]: "decimo sexto die Septembr[is]").

¹⁰ Torrey, "Alice Freeman," 1-2.

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abstracts of the will have been published, the following is a complete transcript of the will and codicil:

[...] 1626 the sixt day of November . . . I John Tompson of little Preston in Com[itatu] [i.e. county] of Northampton gent[leman] being weake of body but of good and perfect remembrance, doe make and ordeine this my last will and testament in manner and forme followeing And hereby revokeing all former wills by me made . . . And as touching the lands tenements leases goods cat-tells Chattells and worldly estate wherewithall th[a]t hath pleased God to blesse mee withall I give devise and bequeath as followeth[:] First I give will devise and bequeath all my messuages closes lands tenements and hereditaments whatsoever scituate lyeing and being in the towne par-ishe and feilds of Woodford by Hynton in the aforesaid Com[itatu] of Northampton to my broth-ers in lawe William Spencer Clarke and Henry Freeman gent[leman] and to their heires and as-signs for ever To the intent that they shall sell the same to the utmost valewe that will be given for the same bona fide And the money thereof made and rayed to be distrubuted equally amongst all my Children except my sonne Thomas Tompson and to be payd unto them at their severall ages of one and twenty yeares or dayes of Marriage And in case any of them shall dye before that tyme, then my will is that the parte of the Childe or Children soe dyeing shalbe equally devided among the rest And whereas Richard Tryst esquier and the said Thomas Freeman are possessed of a lease for divers yeares yett to come of the one halfe of the moiety of the Mannor of Saxby and of the one halfe of all other my lands tenements closes and hereditaments in Saxbie in the Com[itatu] of Leicester in truste and to my use, my intent will and meaning is That my wife Alice Tompson shall enjoy the same untill such tyme as my sonne Thomas Tompson shall accomplish his full age of one and twenty yeares And from and after such tyme as the said Thomas shall ac-complish the age of one and twenty yeares Then my will and meaning is That the said lease shal-be and the said Richard Tryst and Thomas Freeman shall dispose thereof for the raising of the sume of one hundred pounds to be equally devided among all my Children w[hi]ch then shall be liveing (except my said sonne Thomas) And after such sume of one hundred pounds soe leavyed or secured the said lease shalbe for the use of my said sonne Thomas his executors and assignes. And as for all the rest of my personall estate goods Chattells householde stuffe and implements of householde and all other goods and Chattells aswell reall as personall and not herein and hereby by mee disposed of I give and bequeath unto Alice my said wife and to the said Thomas Freeman my brother in lawe whom I make my sole executors of this my last will and testament In witnes whereof I have hereunto putt my hand and seale and published the same as my last will and tes-tam[en]t: the daye and yeare above written.

Witnesses: John Readinge, John Smith, Will[ia]m Lee.

Whereas I have devised to have my land at Woodford sould for raising of porcons for my yonger Children. I will that my Leasees in trust of those landes shall assigne the Lease for the ad-vancement of the sale to such as the purchasers of the inheritance thereof shall appointe, And in wittnes that this is likewise my will I have hereunto sett to my hand and Seale, and published the same, the Seaventh daie of November above written.

Witnesses: John Smith, Henr[y] Barker, William Lee¹¹

John died between 7 November 1626 and 11 April 1627, the date of his codicil and the date his will was proved. The later limit can, however, be further reduced

¹¹ Prerogative Court of Canterbury [PCC], 42 Skynner [FHL film #92,109]. Although proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, the original will was subsequently filed with the Archdea-conry Court of Northampton (original wills, series 2, vol. N, no. 139 [FHL film #187,608]). The PCC probate memorandum, attached to the original will, states "Sum of the inventory £278 9s."

to 17 December 1626, since he is mentioned as deceased in the entry for the baptism of his youngest child, a datum omitted when this entry was abstracted for the 1917 genealogical column. The original baptismal record reads:

Martha the daughter of John Tompson deseased & Alice his wiffe baptized the 17 day of december [1626].¹²

If the date of John's death in his I.P.M. is incorrect, then his place of death stated there may also be incorrect. He may have been buried at Preston Capes, but burial records for that parish are missing for the period 1626–1631.

The following genealogical summary incorporates this new information on the Freemans and Alice's children into the genealogy already established by Torrey.¹³

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

¹ HENRY^A FREEMAN was born say 1566, son of Thomas Freeman of Irchester, Northamptonshire. He married say 1591, but before 25 December 1591 (the date of the will of his wife's father), MARGARET EDWARDS, daughter of Edward and Ursula (Coles) Edwards, who was born say 1570. He died on 5 August 1606, probably at Cranford St. John, Northamptonshire, and held crown lands in Cranford, Barton by Kettering (i.e. Barton Seagrave), and Wellingborough in this county at his death, as indicated in his I.P.M. His widow, Margaret, was living on 23 August 1637, when given a bequest in the codicil to her son Thomas's will.

Children of Henry^A and Margaret (Edwards) Freeman:

- i THOMAS FREEMAN, b. ca. Aug. 1593 (age from his father's I.P.M.), bur. Cranford St. John, Northants., 26 Aug. 1637.¹⁴ His will and codicil were dated 14 Aug. 1637 and 23 Aug. 1637, respectively, and proved in Sept. 1637.
- ii HENRY FREEMAN, b. say 1594, bur. Wellingborough, Northants., 13 July 1631;¹⁵ m. Finedon, Northants., 16 April 1618, ELEANOR MULSHO,¹⁶ bur. Wellingborough, 28 Dec. 1633.¹⁷ The nuncupative will of "Eleanor Freeman late of Well[*blot*] . . . widow," proved 7 June 1634, left to "my sonne Thomas Freeman" a rug and two silver bowls, to "my cossen William Mulso my godsonne" 10s., to "my cossen Margrett Tomson" 10s., to "my sisters Frances Stow[,] Elizabeth Clarke[,] Alice Tomson &

¹² Preston Capes, Northants., parish registers, 1614–1812 [FHL fiche #6,128,702].

¹³ Uncited information from Torrey, "Alice Freeman," or previously mentioned in this article.

¹⁴ Cranford St. John, Northants., parish register, 1627–1753 [FHL film #865,053, item 2] ("Thomas Freeman Gentlem[a]n was buryed").

¹⁵ Wellingborough, Northants., parish register, 1624–1675 [FHL fiche #6,129,276] ("Henry Freeman gent[leman] was buried").

¹⁶ "Northamptonshire Marriages" (database, findmypast.co.uk, from data provided by Northamptonshire Family History Society). The Finedon parish registers are available only at the church, according to the Northamptonshire Record Office.

¹⁷ Wellingborough, Northants., parish register, 1624–1675 [FHL fiche #6,129,276] ("Mrs. Ellen Freeman was bur[ied]").

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Jane Spencer" each a pair of gloves, to "my cossen Jeffery Fishers wife" a pair of gloves, to "goodwife Pittiwant" a pair of gloves, to "goodwife Dust" 5s., to "my mayd and the rest of the servants according to the discretion of my freyns", and to "Joane Freeman[,] Margaret Freeman[,] Frances Freeman and Elizabeth Freeman my daughters" the residue to be divided equally among them.¹⁸

- 2 iii ALICE¹ FREEMAN, b. say 1595; m. (1) JOHN TOMPSON, m. (2) ROBERT¹ PARKE.
 iv JANE FREEMAN, b. say 1598, d. 4 [missing month] 1674/5, bur. Scaldwell, Northants.;¹⁹ m. (license) 13 Jan. 1617/8, (Rev.) WILLIAM SPENCER, d. 26 Jan. 1674/5, bur. Scaldwell.²⁰ Administration of the estate of "William Spenser minister of the rectory of Scaldwell" included a deed of gift dated 22 Sept. 1674 by which he gave to "Elizabeth Collins my grandchild who is now pr[e]sent w[i]th me" all of his estate with the condition she is to pay "Susanna Spencer my grandchild" £10, "Katherine Spencer my grandchild" £10, "Joseph Spencer an apprentice to a joyner" 20 nobles, and "my sonn Charles children" any amount over £100 from the sale of "the goods and chattells belonging unto me . . . sold at the discrecon of her [Elizabeth Collins] and my kinsman Mr Thomas Freeman of Cranford and my kinsman Alexander Spencer of Brixwor[th]."²¹

2 ALICE¹ FREEMAN was born say 1595. She married, first, say 1613, JOHN TOMPSON of Little Preston (a village in the parish of Preston Capes),²² Northamptonshire, who had an earlier wife with whom he had at least one child, a son John born 1 October 1611.²³ John and Alice purchased half of the lands and manor of Saxby in Leicestershire on 1 April 1616.²⁴ John died between 7 November 1626, the date of his codicil, and 17 December 1626, the date of baptism of his youngest child. Alice and at least two of her daughters emigrated to New England. She was living in Roxbury, Massachusetts, by 2 April 1640, when a complaint was drawn up against "Alice Tompson widdow."²⁵ She married, second, between 30 May

¹⁸ Archdeaconry Court of Northampton, original wills, series 2, vol. H, no. 119 [FHL film #187,603] (the date her will was taken was not recorded).

¹⁹ Scaldwell, Northants., parish register, 1653–1694 [FHL fiche #6,128,851] ("Mrs. Jane Spencer the wife of M[edge] William Spencer deceased the 4th of [edge] and was buried the 6th").

²⁰ Scaldwell parish register, 1653–1694 [FHL fiche #6,128,851] ("Mr William Spencer lately Rector of Scaldwel deceased the 26th of January [edge] buried the 28th"; this entry immediately follows the death/burial entry of his wife).

²¹ Archdeaconry Court of Northampton, administrations and inventories, 1678, no. 1 [FHL film #187,673].

²² "The parish of Preston Capes includes two villages, Preston Capes and Little Preston. In the past Preston Capes has been known as Great Preston, West Preston or Preston on the Hill, whilst Little Preston has been known as Preston Parva or Wood Preston" (descriptive orientation from a local-interest website, prestoncapes.org.uk/history).

²³ Torrey, "John Tomson," 146.

²⁴ Torrey, "John Tomson," 146.

²⁵ Mary Lovering Holman, *Ancestry of John Harrington Stevens and His Wife Frances Helen Miller*, 2 vols. (Concord, N.H., 1948), 1:422 (hereafter cited as Holman, *Ancestry of John Harrington Stevens*). The complaint: *Note-book Kept by Thomas Lechford, Esq., Lawyer, in Boston, Massachusetts Bay, from June 27, 1638, to July 29, 1641*, ed. Edward Everett Hale, Jr. (Cambridge, 1885), 308 (hereafter cited as *Note-book Kept by Thomas Lechford*).

1644 (when the Massachusetts House of Deputies granted permission) and 28 October 1644 (when Gov. Wyllys of Connecticut mentioned in a letter to his son in England that "Mr Parke of Weathersfield . . . married my Cosin Tompson & his sonne Thomas hath married hir Daughter dorothy Tompson")²⁶ ROBERT¹ PARKE, as his second wife, son of Robert^A and Alice (Chaplin) Parke.²⁷ They moved to New London, Connecticut, by 1651.²⁸ Alice died after 24 December 1658, probably at New London or Stonington, Connecticut, when she was a witness to a deed.²⁹ Robert Parke was of Mystic [Stonington], Connecticut, when he made his will on 14 May 1660, in which he named only sons from his first marriage.³⁰ He died on 4 February 1664[5].³¹

Children of John and Alice¹ (Freeman) Tompson, ii through ix bp. Preston Capes:

- i MARGARET TOMPSON, b. say 1614, living in 1639 (baptism of youngest known child);³² m. Cranford St. John, Northants., 31 July 1634. ROBERT PEAKE, son of Boniface and Joan (Clarke) Peake.³³
- ii THOMAS TOMPSON, b. and bp. 23 Dec. 1616,³⁴ d. between 20 Oct. 1641, when "Thomas Tompson of London, fishmonger," agreed to sell for the sum of £700 the "moiety of Saxby manor,"³⁵ and 27 Jan. 1645/6, when "Samuel Tompson of Preston Parva in parish of Preston Capes, co. Northampton, gent[leman], executor of will of Thomas Tompson, his brother, late citizen and fishmonger of London," gave a general release.³⁶ Thomas Thompson, son of John of Preston, Northamptonshire, gentleman, was apprenticed to Charles Mitchell of the Fishmongers' Company on 20 Dec. 1630.³⁷

²⁶ Holman, *Ancestry of John Harrington*, 1:422.

²⁷ Clifford L. Stott, "The Chaplin Family of Co. Suffolk, Ancestors of the Plumb and Parke Families of Connecticut," TAG 82(2007):250-60, at 258 (hereafter cited as Stott, "The Chaplin Family").

²⁸ Stott, "The Chaplin Family," 259.

²⁹ New London, Conn., Deeds, 3:210 (stamped number) [FHL film #5,983, item 4] ("Robert Parke of Southerion [Stonington] sold land to John Russell, one of the other two witnesses was 'Thomas Parke'").

³⁰ Greenc, "Rev. Richard Blauhan," 176-77.

³¹ Stott, "The Chaplin Family," 259.

³² Cranford St. John, Northants., parish register, 1627-1753 [FHL film #805,053, item 1] ("Robert Peake the son of Robert Peake & of Margaret his wife was baptized March 31 1639").

³³ Randy A. West, "English Origin of Christopher Peake of Woburn, Massachusetts," in *ibid.* issue, 204-8.

³⁴ Although it is possible that he was born and baptized on the same day, his age in his father's L.P.M. used to calculate his date of birth is possibly incorrect, and therefore he may have been born a few days earlier than his baptism date.

³⁵ Leicester and Rutland Record Office, DR461/642; *Griffin (Shirard) Manuscripts*, File 804b, Leicestershire, basky (abstract, INA #8000002 smultigues).

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³⁷ Cliff Watt, *London Livery Company Apprenticeship Registers*, vol. 4b, Fishmongers' Company (no date) (London, 1968) 50b.

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- iii SAMUEL TOMPSON, bp. 25 May 1618, living on 27 Jan. 1645/6, when he was executor of his brother Thomas's will; m. Shalstone, Bucks., 27 Feb. 1639/40, ELIZABETH DAYRELL.³⁸
- iv MARY² TOMPSON, bp. 14 Nov. 1619; probably m. Roxbury, 3 Dec. 1641, JOSEPH WISE.³⁹
- v DOROTHY TOMPSON, bp. 2 July 1621, bur. Preston Capes, 7 Oct. 1621.
- vi BRIDGET² TOMPSON, bp. 10 Sept. 1622,⁴⁰ bur. Roxbury, Aug. 1643;⁴¹ m. there, March 1640, GEORGE² DENISON, son of William¹ and Margaret (Chandler) Denison.⁴² "George Denison of Rocksbery in New England gent[leman] and Bridget Denison his wife daughter of John Thompson late of Preston in the County of North[amp]ton and of M[ist]ris Alice Thompsen now dwelling at Rocksbery" gave a power of attorney on 22 March 1640[1] to recover her share of her father's estate.⁴³
- vii DOROTHY² TOMPSON (again), bp. 5 July 1624; living 9 Aug. 1709, when she swore to the inventory of her husband's estate;⁴⁴ m. by 28 Oct. 1644, THOMAS² PARKE, her stepbrother, son of Robert¹ and Martha (Chaplin) Parke.⁴⁵ Thomas Parke was b. say 1619,⁴⁶ and d. 30 July 1709, probably at Preston, Conn.⁴⁷
- viii NATHANIEL TOMPSON, bp. 16 Oct. 1625, living on 14 Aug. 1637, when given a bequest in his uncle Thomas Freeman's will.
- ix MARTHA TOMPSON, bp. 17 Dec. 1626, living on 14 Aug. 1637, when given a bequest in her uncle Thomas Freeman's will.

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³⁸ Shalstone, Bucks., parish register, 1538–1707 [FHL film #1,966,916, item 8] ("Mr Samuel Tompson of the parish of Great Preston in Northampton and Mrs Elizabeth Dayrell of this parish were married by License").

³⁹ Robert Charles Anderson, "Joseph Wise of Roxbury, Butcher," TAG 56(1980):80–82, at 81; Greene, "Rev. Richard Blinman," 180–81.

⁴⁰ The day of baptism given in the 1917 genealogical column is the 11th, but the original clearly reads the 10th (Preston Capes, Northants., parish registers, 1614–1812 [FHL fiche #6,128,702]).

⁴¹ A Report of the Record Commissioners Containing the Roxbury Land and Church Records (Boston, 1884), 171 ("Bridget Denison, the wife of George Denison . . . died of a fever & consumption;" no day recorded).

⁴² Robert Charles Anderson, *The Great Migration Begins, Immigrants to New England, 1620–1633*, 3 vols. (Boston, 1995), 1:523.

⁴³ Note-book Kept by Thomas Lechford [note 25], 381.

⁴⁴ Selim Walker McArthur, *McArthur-Barnes Ancestral Lines*, ed. Donald Lines Jacobus (Portland, Maine, 1964), 100 (hereafter cited as McArthur, *McArthur-Barnes*).

⁴⁵ Stott, "The Chaplin Family," 259–60.

⁴⁶ It is stated that he was baptized at Hitcham, co. Suffolk, on 13 Feb. 1615[6] (McArthur, *McArthur-Barnes*, 99), and although there is such a baptism ("Thomas Parke filius Roberti Parke bapt[izati] decimo tertio Februarij [1615/6]"), there is also a burial in this same parish register of this same child on 25 Feb. 1615/6 ("Thomas Parke filius Roberti Parke sepult[us] vicesimo quinto Feb[ruarij] [1615/6]") (Hitcham, co. Suffolk, parish register, 1575–1706, Suffolk Record Office, Ipswich, FL 586/4/1).

⁴⁷ Donald Lines Jacobus, "New London (Conn.) Probate Records," TAG 14(1937):16 (inventory of estate of "Mr Thomas Parke senr of Preston Decesed july 30th 1709" taken 8 Aug. 1709).