

The PERRIN family before Watringbury

Thomas' early life

Thomas PERRIN's father was Richard PERRIN and he was having his family around 1730. Researchers should look for children of a Richard baptized around 1730 in Kent.

Note especially that Richard PERRIN and Eliza had Eliza baptized on 4 November 1733 at Leigh. There is a chance that this is Richard's first wife and that Anne was his second wife.

Thomas' mother was probably Ann but Ann's maiden name is unknown. Her name was not PANKHURST which was eliminated as a possibility.

Research into Thomas' origins shows that Thomas was probably an apprentice with his mother's family not far from Watringbury in the 1740's.

It is possible that his mother's family was the HILL family at Malling. See the baptism of Ann HILL 1708 at East Malling and her sister Elizabeth HILL 1705. Years later Thomas employed George HILL before George set up his own carpentry business in the south of west corner of Watringbury.

Richard PERRIN

There is no evidence that Thomas' father Richard was a carpenter or that he ran his own business.

For Richard the baptism should be around 1700 and his parents could be Richard PERRIN and Ann WALTER who were married at Marden on 13 April 1691. This also gives a ten year gap for other children of Richard and Anne. Some of the descendants of the Marden and Langley PERRINs might have details about Richard and Anne's children and there might be a connection to that PERRIN family.

Richard PERRIN's father

It could have been Thomas' grandfather and Richard's father who arrived in England as a teenager with his family. Possibly they settled in Maidstone in 1680 from Vendome, France.

THERE IS NO KNOWN CONNECTION WITH JOHN PERRIN OF AYLESFORD.