

THE BOOTH FAMILY OF BENENDEN, KENT

Thomas BOOTH Married Sarah BENTLEY
 1743 at Benenden
 Died after 1777
 At Cranbrook ?

Sarah BOOTH Bapt. 1744 Cranbrook Baptist	Stephen BOOTH Born c.1746 Cranbrook ? Died 1828 Benenden Married 1771 Benenden Sarah BARNES Bapt. 1749 Benenden Died 1828 Benenden
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Stephen BOOTH 1772 -1823	George BOOTH 1773 -1850	Charlotte BOOTH 1775 ?	William BOOTH 1777 -1786	Mercy BOOTH 1778 ?	David BOOTH 1780 ?
Married 1793	Married 1794	Married 1795		Married ?	Married 1811
1) Jane BROWN -1802	Jane WENMAN 1773 -1854	William YOUNG		John JURY	Mary GOODWIN

Edward Haffenden WENMAN 1792 - ?	George BOOTH 1796 -1879	Jane BOOTH 1801 ?	Harriet BOOTH 1804 -1864	Martha BOOTH 1806 ?	Louisa BOOTH 1809 ?	Maria BOOTH 1812 ?	Stephen BOOTH 1815 ?
Married ?	Married c. 1815	Married ?	Married 1830 Cobham	Married ?	Married 1832 Frindsbury	Married ?	Married 1843
	Elizabeth ? 1793-1857 lived at Benenden		George PERRIN 1803-1852 lived at Aylesford		John EVERETT lived at Chatham		Sarah FOARD lived at Beddington

THE BARNES FAMILY OF BENENDEN

Richard BARNES and Sarah SAXBY (Bur. 8 Dec 1793)
Married 2 Oct 1733 at Benenden

Children

Henry BARNES 28 Jul 1734 - 8 Jan 1764
Richard BARNES 8 Aug 1736 – 12 Jul 1800
Mary BARNES 15 Nov 1741– 13 Dec 1760
John BARNES 15 Jan 1744 – 30 Mar 1823 married Susannah HARDEN
Sarah BARNES 13 Oct 1745 – 1745 ?
Margaret BARNES 19 Apr 1747 – 20 Apr 1827 married Thomas BAKER
Sarah BARNES 5 Mar 1749 – 13 Dec 1828 married Stephen BOOTH
Hannah BARNES 21 Oct 1750 - ? married Philip WILKINS
Anne BARNES 22 Mar 1752 - ?
Elizabeth BARNES 11 Nov 1753 - ? married Henry WENMAN
Martha BARNES 25 Apr 1756 - ?

All researchers have assumed that the father of Richard BARNES was Henry BARNES because Richard named his first son Henry and a Henry was married at Benenden earlier. The problem is that Henry could have moved away and been replaced by a different family named BARNES which was common in the area. The only baptisms found for Henry's children are in Rolvenden where he lived a short time.

Henry BARNES born c.1670 and Catherine HEYTON born 1677
Married 4 May 1704 at Benenden

Children

? James BARNES c. 1704
Jane BARNES 7 Mar 1706 Rolvenden
Philip BARNES 5 May 1707 Rolvenden
? Richard BARNES c. 1709 – 25 Nov 1774 married Sarah SAXBY
? John BARNES c. 1720 - ? married Margaret BRISSENDEN

The father of Henry BARNES who married Catherine HEYTON was probably the son or grandson of Henry BARNES of Tenterden since they came from wealthy families. There should be a will of this Henry BARNES.

Henry Barnes mayor of Tenternden 1674.
Wittersham churchyard. Here lyeth interred the body of Henry BARNES late of Tenterden in the county of Kent, gent., deceased who died the 20 day of November in the year of Our Lord 1677 and in the 48 year of his age. Here lieth the family
Barneses....

UNTIL MORE RESEARCH IS DONE ON THE BARNES FAMILY THE
FOLLOWING CAN ONLY BE CONSIDERED AS A POSSIBLE ANCESTRY

THE HEYTON FAMILY AT KINGSTON UPON THAMES

John HEYTON and his wife Margaret both born c.1505

John HEYTON senior could be the uncle or father of John HEYTON junior. He probably moved from Lancashire to Hampton Court about 1535 but there were certainly HEYTON men with the king long before this time: Roger de HEYTON, the surgeon, accompanied King Edward III on his French campaigns in the 1340's and King Henry VI dismissed a William HEYTON, the keeper of the King's Signet Ring, as his secretary in 1432. In 1597 another Roger HEYTON of Heyton made a will concerning his manor and lands at Deane in Lancashire and this could be where John HEYTON was in the 1530's. His father was probably John HEYTON of Heyton.

Children (assuming he is the father of John HEYTON junior and Francis)

John HEYTON born Lancashire c. 1530

Ann HEYTON born c. 1532 married 6 Nov 1552 Michael BLAKESON

Francis HEYTON born c. 1536 (lived on John's lands in Lancashire)

George HEYTON 17 Apr 1542 at Kingston upon Thames

Richard HEYTON 28 Apr 1544, death and will 1583 (COULD PROVE THE LINK)

Joanne HEYTON 23 Nov 1550 married 15 May 1576 Edward SONE

(children George 1581, Joan 1583, Edward 1585, Katherine 1587, Richard 1590)

John HEYTON senior lived in Kingston near Hampton Court Palace and would have known various members of the King's Household such as Richard TAVERNER, the keeper of the Signet Ring at this time, who was the same age as himself.

John HEYTON senior either died or fled at the time Queen Mary came to the throne in July 1553 but Mary appointed John HEYTON junior as Sergeant of the Larder.

16 Oct. 1553 Lease by Queen Mary to the queen's servant, John HEYTON, yeoman of the larder, from Ladyday last for 21 years of a close of pasture called "Erles Hethe" (50 acres.) adjacent to the palace.

John HEYTON born c. 1530, sergeant of larder to Queen Mary and Elizabeth I, lived at Kingston and East Greenwich. Made a will 1584. Memorial Kingston on Thames.

Children of first wife

Francis HEYTON born c.1556 married 1583 Sarah BLOMER

(Frances a daughter of Francis 19 Aug 1583 at Kingston. Francis son of Richard ?)

John HEYTON and second wife Joan (FOWLE of Carshalton ?, married 1558)

Eleanor HEYTON c.1560 married c.1582 Richard TAVERNER

(children John 1583, Richard 1585)

Thomas HEYTON c.1563

The Monument to John HEYTON in the church at Kingston upon Thames

Here resteth the body of John HEYTON Esq.
Born in Lancashire
Sergeant of the Larder to the most gracious sufferaigne Lady Q. Elizabeth.
The said John departed this life upon Whitsunday, the 9th June 1584
& Ann, Reginae Eliz. 26.
The said John had issue at the time of his decease, three children viz.
Francis HEYTON his son and heir by his first wife
And by Joan his second wife he had Thomas HEYTON and Elinor
The which Elinor married Richard TAVERNER of Kingston Esq
The said Joan his last wife, he made his whole Executrix
At whose cost this monument is erected in remembrance of him.

By the time of his death John HEYTON had acquired a lot of land and property in Greenwich including a house, which he rented to a tenant on the north side of the churchyard at Greenwich and another in East Lane. His main residence called Copshall, with two more tenements close by, was in Clerkwell Street next to Greenwich Palace. When his son married, there was an agreement about the property in Greenwich. Two tenements and an orchard with other pieces of land were provided for the son's wife Sarah BLOMER.

Francis HEYTON son of John HEYTON married Sarah BLOMER

The agreement before the marriage,

1 Oct 1583. An Indenture being a marriage settlement between John HEYTON of East Greenwich, co. Kent, esq., and Francis his son and heir, of the one pt., and John BLOMER, citizen and haberdasher of London, and Edmond his son and heir, of the other part, concerning tenements and lands in East Greenwich, and the marriage of the said Francis and Sarah daughter of the said John BLOMER. Witness : John Dryon. Signature : John BLOMER. 2 Seals £2.

John BLOMER, haberdasher died on 22 January 1586. There was an inquisition post mortem at Guildhall on 30 April because he had been accused of usury shortly before his death. There were several accusations against him by Christopher Fenton and others. In his will, John BLOMER left most of his property to his son Edmond. He owned seven houses in London, which were rented to tenants. His own house and garden, where he had been living since 1582, was in Shoe Lane, Fleet Street and another house was in Bowyer Row further along Fleet Street in the direction of St Paul's near St Martin's Church.

Eleanor HEYTON the daughter of John HEYTON married Richard TAVERNER

This Richard TAVERNER was a grandson or nephew of the famous Richard TAVERNER known to John HEYTON senior as the keeper of the Signet Ring.

The elder Richard TAVERNER 1505 –14 July 1575 studied at Christ Church, Oxford, and was caught reading William Tyndale's New Testament of 1526 which had been banned. He had to do a public act of penance with several other students.

Because of the danger of arrest in England, Coverdale went to Zurich to produce his Bible in 1535.

When Henry VIII decided to support the Protestant Church, TAVERNER began his literary career in support of the Reformation. His most famous work was his translation of the Bible in 1539. This was followed by a commentary published in 1540 with Henry VIII's approval. TAVERNER's Bible was largely a revision of the Matthew Bible of 1537 which was itself based on Tyndale.

Cromwell's fall and execution in 1540 temporarily ended TAVERNER's literary support and on 2 December 1541 he was briefly sent to the Tower of London by Henry VIII but TAVERNER was restored to his position as keeper of the signet ring until 1547. When the Catholic Queen Mary came to the throne in 1553, he wrote *An Oration Gratulatory* but stayed at his manor called Norbeton in Kingston upon Thames. When the Protestant Queen Elizabeth I succeeded Mary in 1558, he addressed a congratulatory epistle to her but refused a knighthood she offered him

In 1569, TAVERNER published *Proverbs or Adages by Desideius Erasmus Gathered out of the Chiliades and Englished*, which was reprinted several times.

Richard TAVERNER died on July 14, 1575 and was buried in the chancel of the church at Wood Eaton near Oxford.

Richard TAVERNER junior

After Richard TAVERNER junior married Eleanor HEYTON they had only two children, John in 1583 and Richard in 1585. The reason could be that Richard was one of the members of the settlement at Roanoke taken to America by Walter Raleigh in 1787. A Richard TAVERNER was one of the people left there. All disappeared.

Jamestown, Virginia was first settled in May 1607 and one of the purposes of the settlement was to look for the people who had disappeared from Roanoke. John TAVERNER, the son born in 1583, was probably considered too young to be part of the 1607 expedition but he could be the person who took a place on the first supply ship in January 1608 and was listed as John TAVERNER gentleman. He was probably able to get a place because he knew the Smythe family who ran the Virginia Company to settle America. The Smythes were masters of the Haberdashers Company. John BLOMER had also been in the company and probably his son Edmond BLOMER was in the company. John was granted 100 acres of Land in Rappahannock, Virginia in 1618 but had to return to England soon after, probably because his wife died in England and left a son. The son John later went to Virginia.

THE HEYTON FAMILY AT GREENWICH

Francis HEYTON, will 1623, wife Sarah BLOMER lived at Greenwich and was a member of the household of Elizabeth I and James 1 at Greenwich Palace.

Children

Richard HEYTON born c. 1590

Mary HEYTON born c.1595 married Richard Blackwell 1616

Francis HEYTON born c. 1600

? Anne HEYTON married 1625 Samuel Snape St Alphage Greenwich

The main family property was now called Heyton Hall, possibly the same place previously known as Copshall in Clerkwell Street. Heyton Hall was passed to Francis' son Richard HEYTON who owned most of the land between the church and the Queen's House at Greenwich. He sold some of the land to John Roan in the 1620's. John Roan also lent Richard some money and when Richard HEYTON died, John Roan claimed administration of Heyton Hall and Richard's children. John Roan used the estate to found a school, later known as Roan School. The astronomers from the nearby observatory also gave classes at what was still called Heyton Hall in the early 1700's. See Kent administrations 21 June 1634, vol 20, page 24.

Richard HEYTON, died 1634 (Kent administrations), and his wife

Children at Greenwich

Sarah HEYTON 17 Jan 1619 St Alphage

Thomas HEYTON 27 Aug 1621 St Alphage

Ann HEYTON 7 Mar 1622 St Alphage

Richard HEYTON 10 Jun 1624 St Alphage married ?

Frances HEYTON 10 Nov 1625 St Alphage

Richard's sister Mary HEYTON married Robert BLACKWELL of Bushey Hall, on 5 Oct 1616 at Totteridge, Herts.

Robert BLACKWELL was one of the three chief clerks of the Pettibag in Chancery. He died on 14 May 1630 and left all his part of the estate at Bushey Hall to his son Richard. The will of Robert BLACKWELL 1630 mentions that he leased a house and orchard in East Greenwich Kent known as Paternoster Crofte from his brothers in law Richard and Francis HEYTON. Robert's father was still alive and confirmed the grant before he too died in 1645. Will.

Richard BLACKWELL the son, married Winifrede White daughter of John White of the Middle Temple, London, Esq. They had Robert, Robert, Richard, Winifred and Mary. Richard died 6 April 1655.

Richard BLACKWELL the grandson married Susan the daughter of Charles EVANS on 26 March 1667 at Thatcham but Richard died in 1677 before he had any children.

Richard HEYTON's brother, Francis HEYTON born c.1600 and his wife

Children at Greenwich

Henry HEYTON 22 Apr 1628 St Alphage

Francis HEYTON 19 Oct 1630 St Alphage moved to Benenden died 1682 inv. 26 Jun

Dorothy HEYTON 11 Apr 1632 St Alphage married Matthew Kemp

Catherine HEYTON 2 Jun 1634 St Alphage

Robert HEYTON 30 Jul 1635 St Alphage –1692 will 22 Mar married Mary Turner 15 Sept 1681. See his will 1692.

Frances HEYTON 27 Apr 1637 St Alphage died 23 Mar 1639

Eleanor HEYTON 4 Oct 1638 St Alphage

Sarah HEYTON 2 Apr 1640 St Alphage

Dorothy HEYTON married Col. Matthew Kemp whose father was Sir Robert Kemp a member of the Privy Council of Charles 1. Some of Kemp's uncles had gone out to Virginia to help govern the colony. Soon after the marriage Matthew and Dorothy Kemp set out for Virginia. They lived at first in Lancaster, which then included the town of Middlesex, and Matthew was justice and sheriff of that county in 1659. On Nov. 15, 1660, a certificate was granted by Lancaster county court to Matthew Kemp for the importation of certain head-rights, that is they were importing slaves for their plantations. The certificate also mentions his wife Dorothy.

Later in life the family moved to Gloucester county which Col. Matthew Kemp represented in the house of burgesses. In 1676 Bacon, in his proclamation for rebellion, included him among Gov. Berkeley's "wicked and pernicious councillors, aiders and assistants against the Commonality." The commissioners, sent to suppress the rebellion, however, regarding his character from their point of view, speak of him as a gentleman of an honest, loyal family, a very deserving person and a great sufferer at the hands of the rebels.

In the years 1678 and 1679 Kemp was speaker of the house of burgesses, and on Dec. 12, 1681, he had recently been appointed by the governor a member of the council while still a burgess. He was county lieutenant of Gloucester, and on May 8, 1682, Gov. Chicheley wrote to the King that he had dispatched Col. Kemp, with orders, to raise horse and foot and suppress riotous "plant cutters." This he soon succeeded in doing, making a number of arrests. He died in 1683.

Dorothy's brother Robert HEYTON was admitted to Lincoln's Inn and left a will dated 1692.

Dorothy's brother Francis HEYTON married Alice PETTYWARD whose family were merchants involved with the trade to Virginia. They owned or part owned several ships including the "Thomas and John" and the "Loyalty" which carried settlers to the colony of Virginia from the 1820's. Many Americans can trace their ancestry to people in the passenger lists of these ships.

THE PETTIWARD FAMILY

John PETTEWARD a clothier of Bury St Edmunds died 1595, will 23 July 1595

Children

Thomas 14 Aug 1567

Roger born c 1569

Margaret 13 Dec 1571

Roger and Thomas moved to London, St Dunstan in the East, and became merchants.

Children of Roger PETTIWARD, will 22 May 1639 and Martha, will at Thunderidge
7 Feb 1640

Roger 1 Sept 1600

Peter 13 Feb 1603

Robert 9 Nov 1606

Roger 22 Jul 1610

Martha 20 Sept 1612

Mary 12 Feb 1615

Sarah 9 Nov 1617

Roger and Thomas lived in Thames Street where they also traded in Iron and Salt. By the 1620's and 1630's they were sending ships all around the world to trade in various products. Also in Thames Street were Edmond Turville, grocer and Samuel Gott, ironmonger who were partners in some of the trade.

Children of Thomas PETTYWARD, will 10 Nov 1635, and his wife Alice

Roger 6 Oct 1611

Thomas 30 Apr 1615 married Frances COURTHOPE

Martha 9 Nov 1620

In 1639 Alice was granted administration of the will of Thomas Thurstone of Faversham (Kent administrations vol 20 page 31) because she was owed money.

In 1643 she deposited money with parliament and in 1644 her son petitioned the government to be allowed to send his ships to the East Indies because he was losing trade by being forced to keep them in port. Alice died in 1661/2, inventory 4 Jan 1662

Children of Thomas PETTYWARD and his wife Frances COURTHOPE married 2
Apr 1638 at Cranbrook. The COURTHOP family were from Cranbrook so one of the
children was later baptized there.

Alice 30 Dec 1640 St Dunstan, but born earlier

Jane 13 Mar 1641 Cranbrook married Thomas LANIER 1658

Alice 16 Mar 1643 St Dunstan married Francis HEYTON 1660

Before Alice PETTYWARD married Francis HEYTON her sister had married
Thomas LANIER whose family were court musicians.

THE LANIER FAMILY

Thomas LANIER's grandparents were Nicholas LANIER and Lucrese BASSANO married in London in 1571 when Lucrese was fifteen. Nicholas was a musician at the court of King Henry II of France and then Queen Elizabeth I of England. Being musicians at court they met Shakespeare and Lucrese's sister is supposed to be the "dark woman" of Shakespeare's poetry and probably the person who taught him his Italian. Nicholas was the court musician until he died in 1612.

Nicholas' son Andrea LANIER inherited his father's position as court musician to James I in 1612 and was made Master of the Flutes for life but lost his position during the Civil War and in 1643 was held in prison. Until that time he had been training his son Thomas LANIER, bapt. 25 May 1633, to be a musician at the court.

According to the "Annals of English Court Music" by Willibald Nagel, 1863, page 46, "In 1655, about 50 of those formerly in the service of King Charles prepared a petition, after they had tried all other means in vain, to get bread for themselves and their families, hoping to arouse pity for their plight. They only decided to take this last step after a number of their kin died of starvation."

Andrea LANIER, himself, died in 1660 and his son Thomas tried to obtain his father's position after Charles II returned the same year. From the book quoted above, "Thomas Lanier (son of Andrea, and grandson of Nicholas Sr.) petitioned King Charles II to be restored to his third post which had been guaranteed him, and also his father, who had been jailed in 1643; they had given their all in the King's cause."

Thomas LANIER was in fact restored to the Corporation of Music, which was confirmed by a charter in 1664. By this time he had married Jane PETTYWARD on 10 Feb 1658 at St Nicholas Cole Abbey London, and Jane's sister Alice had married Francis HEYTON.

Francis HEYTON (died 1682, inventory Benenden) and Alice PETTYWARD married 26 July 1660 at St Gregory by St Paul, London. Alice was bapt 16 Mar 1643 St Dunstan the daughter of Thomas PETTYWARD and Frances COURTHOPE. Francis and Alice lived at London Street, Greenwich in property leased from Alice's mother's family. Alice later remarried at Benenden 2 March 1684 to Samuel Heron.

Children at Greenwich

Francis HEYTON 26 JAN 1662
John HEYTON 23 Aug 1664
Francis HEYTON 16 FEB 1666
Alice HEYTON 3 OCT 1668

Children at Benenden

Alicia HEYTON 1 Mar 1669 married 1717 William Thatcher
Jane HEYTON 24 Oct 1674 married 1700 Rolvenden George Kadwell
Catherine HEYTON 4 Sept 1677 married Henry BARNES at Benenden
Peter HEYTON 17 Dec 1679

THE COURTHOPE FAMILY

Francis HEYTON moved to Benenden because his wife's cousins lived in the area. Her mother was Frances COURTHOPE the daughter of Sir Peter COURTHOPE, high sheriff of Sussex but the family originally came from Cranbrook where they had lived for hundreds of years.

The earliest COURTHOP known in Cranbrook is Peter COURTHOP who was born about 1430. His son was Alexander Courthope, born about 1465, a clothier who died in 1523. His will is dated 26 February 1523/4 and proved 6 January 1525/6. He married Katherine Foster.

Children:

John born c1490, died 1527 will, married c. 1510 Elizabeth Baker

Richard born 1493, died 1568, married Anne Hendley sister of Sir Walter Hendley

Peter born late 1505, died 1567 married Elizabeth Lynche

William born late 1507 died 1569

Katherine born late 1509

Elizabeth born c September 1510

Eleanor born late 1513

The grandson of one of the above, probably John, by one of his sons; Alexander (died 1542), John, James, or Jerome was,

Alexander COURTHOPE, a clothier, born 1549, married 19 Jan 1572 in Cranbrook, Elizabeth Stempe. Alexander died 1608, will 1608

He had a large family including;

Peter 1576

Thomas 1577

Richard 1580

Nathaniel 1585

Elizabeth 1587

Joshua 1588

Mary 1589

Caleb 1591

Anne 1592

Robert 1596

Katherine 1597

Sir Peter COURTHOPE, born in 1576 died 1657 High Sherriff of Sussex 1650 married 7 Oct 1606 in Cranbrook, Elizabeth Sharpey daughter of John, then married Jane Burrell widow on 10 mar 1618. During the Civil War he supported the parliamentarians and benefitted from the loss of the royalists. He bought the land of the Campions after Sir William Campion was killed at the siege of Colchester in 1648. In 1650 he also bought Danny Great Park, the lands of Lord George Goring.

Ten children including

Henry born 1609 married Anne Burrell

Frances 7 Nov 1611 Cranbrook who married Thomas PETTYWARD