

The Staffordshire Family
of Moss
Together with other
Genealogies



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CORRECTIONS

Moss Pedigree.

Kathleen Constance, *b. March 31st.*

(On reverse) Emily Kate *Wain.*

JONES Pedigree.

Hugh Meyrick, *b. 1885.*

WARINGTON Pedigree.

Adm. Wm. Henry Smyth.

Maule.

P.38 *Jonas* to Jones.



THE MANOR FARM, WALL



HAMMERWICH PLACE
Home of Eleanor Jackson. Birthplace of Wm. Moss, 1818



WILLIAM MOSS
1818-1905



ALFRED MOSS
1859-1936



MAY JANE MOSS
(*nee* Cotton), *circa* 1930



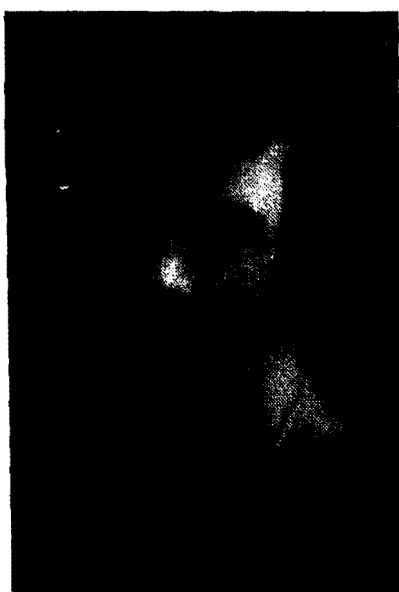
WILLIAM MOSS
circa 1930



KENNETH NEVILLE MOSS
circa 1930



MARGARET MAY JONES
(*nee* Moss), *circa* 1934

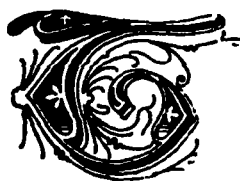


KATHLEEN CONSTANCE
WHEATLEY (*nee* Moss),
circa 1928



ARTHUR WILLIAM MOSS
circa 1925

Introduction



THE pedigrees, wills and records of the Moss family of Staffordshire and of the various families recently connected by marriage are gathered together in this book to form a permanent record.

It is hoped that it may be of some slight interest to the local social historian and genealogist as well as to the families concerned.

Searches in working out the Moss pedigree, which is completely proved back to Hugh Moss, born *c.* 1640, were made at a number of parish churches; at the College of Arms; the Public Record Office, London; the Birmingham Probate Registry; the William Salt Library; and at a number of local libraries.

Much time and trouble has been taken in an attempt to prove the parentage of Hugh Moss, *c.* 1640, and the College of Arms had the search in hand for some time, but without success. There is little doubt that he was the son of Thomas Moss, of Norton Canes, but the parish registers for this district during the Commonwealth period were very badly kept, and two of them—Bushbury and Cannock—were destroyed, hence the difficulty of proof. Also the wills for the vital period 1640-1660 are missing, as also are the various manor rolls of the district.


In view of the fact that Moss is an uncommon name, it is assumed that families of the name living in Staffordshire prior to 1750 are very largely of the same descent.

As there is the possibility of a member of the family wishing to continue the search at some future time, a list of all the records consulted is included here so that he may begin where the writer ended.

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ARTHUR W. MOSS,
"Gairloch," Penns Lane,
Erdington.

The Family of Moss

EAR Lichfield, in Staffordshire, within the Manor of Shenstone and to the south-west of Shenstone Church, is a place called "The Moss." It is described fully in Shaw's *History of Staffordshire*, and a picture is given of the mansion situated there. The place derives its name from its marshy situation; the name for bog or marsh in Saxon times being *meos*, which later became Moss or sometimes Mess or Meece. There is little doubt that the Staffordshire family of Moss received its name from this place. The Windsor Herald of the College of Arms, who undertook the earlier part of the genealogical search, found that a Henry de le Mosse apud le Mosse (1305) and a Robert atte Mosse (1328) were both mentioned in Shenstone Charters. The place in his opinion gave the family its name.

The branch of the family with which this History is principally concerned has lived within ten miles of Shenstone for the last 3-400 years at least; but it is improbable that it lived in the locality continuously since 1300, as some early sixteenth-century records of Shenstone make no mention of the name. Whether the Moss was at one time a Manor and whether the Mosses were ever Lords of the Manor appears to be uncertain, but on page 47, volume II, of Shaw's *History of Staffordshire*, there is this sentence: "This place the possessor calls the Manor, so do old records and in the collection of Dr. Wilks: his words are 'In the Manor of Shenstone was a Manor called the Manor of the Moss.' " Also in Volume XVII of the *Historical Collection of Staffordshire* there is the following note: "In the Exchequer Depositions, Hillary No. 5. 44 Eliz. 1602. William Parker of Chesterfield, aet 80, declares he 'doth know a place in Neather Stonnall feyld where a chapple hath sometyme stoode, which is now decayde wherein there hath bin courts kept for the Manor of Mosse.' "

The tradition that the Moss family is descended from the Earls of Warwick is significant in view of the fact that at the time the Mosses lived at Shenstone Moss, the Earls of Warwick were then Lords of the Manor of Shenstone, which came into their hands in 1233.

Occupations run in families to a very marked extent and in the Staffordshire family of Moss the number of yeomen and ecclesiastics is remarkable. The members of the branch whose pedigree is shown facing page 6 have been yeomen for at least 300 years; and another branch who lived at Meece

Hall, near Eccleshall, produced incumbents and yeomen for a long period. It is doubtful whether race or heredity is the dominant factor in the determination of a family tendency to a particular occupation; it appears far more likely to be due to the environment, the father passing his knowledge and his capital in the form of land, stock and implements on to his children. The yeoman for this reason was particularly prone to remain in his ancient groove. The yeoman caste is peculiarly English, forming as it did a large free middle class with connections with the peasantry on the one side and the gentry on the other. They were described thus by Thomas Fuller in the early seventeenth century:—

“The yeomanry is an estate of people almost peculiar to England. France and Italy are like a die which hath no points between sink and ace, nobility and peasantry——. The Yeoman wears russett clothes but makes golden payments having tin in his buttons and silver in his pockets. In his own country he is a main man in Juries. He seldom goes abroad and his credit stretches farther than his travel.”

The seventeenth-century middle class lived very simply and in great contrast to the luxuries of today. The inventories and wills shown in this book indicate a standard of living which we would consider very low nowadays. Also money was scarce, but it had a much higher buying value than it has now: 250 years ago a £1 would buy what £15 to £20 would buy today.

The family does not appear to have distinguished itself in any way: none of its members having taken any notable or notorious part in the nation's history. The name Moss is not numerous either in Staffordshire or elsewhere, but Staffordshire, Lancashire and Cheshire appear to contain more Mosses than the rest of the country. Moss is not an unusual place name in Lancashire and the north of England, and this no doubt accounts for the families of that name in those parts prior to 1700.

The following names, in chronological order, are taken from the *Historical Collection of Staffordshire* (S.H.C.), *The Dictionary of National Biography* (D.N.B.), *Bibliotheca Staffordiensis* (B.S.) and from various local histories.

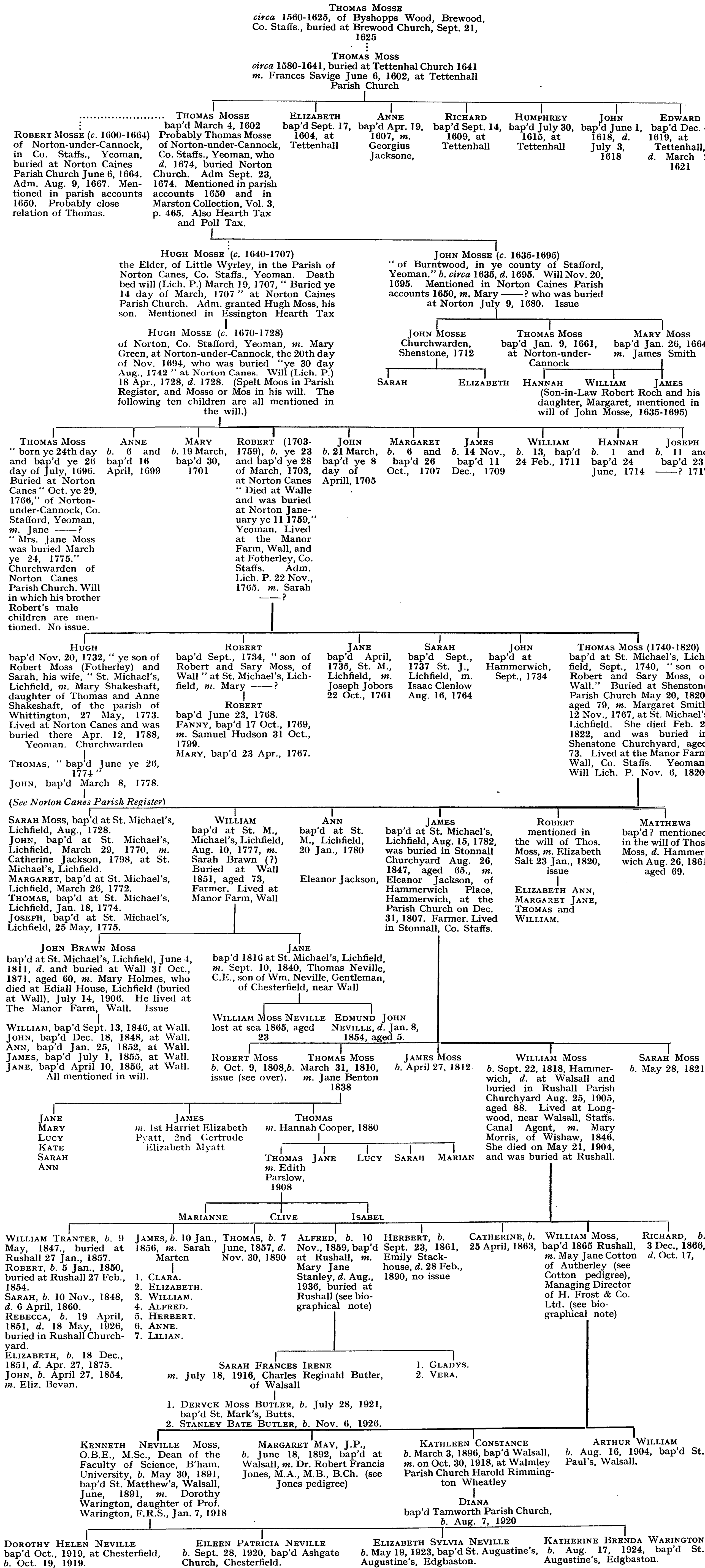
- 1253. William de Moys, Newcastle, Co. Staffs. 37. Henry III. S.H.C. 1911.
- 1276. William del Mos (Wife, Matilda; Son, Richard). Ed. I. S.H.C. VI.
- 1305. Henricus de le Mosse apud le Mosse, Shenstone, C. Staffs. S.H.C. XVII.
- 1315. Gregory del Mos de Balterdelaye. S.H.C. 1911.
- 1323. William del Moss. S.H.C. XI.
- 1328. Roberto atte Mosse, Shenstone. S.H.C. XVII. (See also Shenstone Charters. S.H.C. 1923.)
- 1333. Stephen del Mosse, of Balterdelaye, Staffs. S.H.C. X.
- 1361. William del Mosse, the elder, of Endon. 34. Ed. III. S.H.C. XIV.
- 1387. Roger Mos, of Careswalle. S.H.C. XV.

1403. William Mosse. " Parson of the Church of Langeport. S.H.C. II and III, N.S. also I.
1404. John Mosse (*History of Adams Family, Staffs.*).
1405. Richard del Moss, Bailiff of Liverpool. (Surnames of U. K. Harrison).
1410. William Mosse, co-founder of the College at Tong (*History of Tong*).
1528. Sir John Mosse, priest. See Marston Collection, Staffs. (Record Society, Lancs. & Cheshire Wills, XXX.)
1535. William Moss, the elder, and William Moss, the younger of Moche Chatwall. S.H.C. 1912.
1539. Ralph Mosse, Gnosall. Munster Roll. S.H.C. V. N.S.
Thomas Mosse, Ronton. Munster Roll. S.H.C. V. N.S.
Oliver Mosse, Ronton. Munster Roll S.H.C. V. N.S.
1555. Sir Roger Mosse, of Prees (late). S.H.C. 1926.
1565. William Mowse. S.H.C. 1931.
1573. Thomas Mosse, of Chedleton. S.H.C. XIII.
1575. Thomas Mosse, patron of Mavesyn Ridware Parish Church. S.H.C. 1915.
1577. Thomas Mosse. (Harwood's *History and Antiquities of Staffordshire*.)
1579. Roger Mosse, Vicar of Ilam, 1579-1632. S.H.C. 1915. *Scholairs ruralis, in sacris litteris exercitatus, gregum suum bene instructus.* Ordained by Thos. Bentham. "A preacher-weake" (Hackwood's *Staffordshire Gleanings*).
1577. Nicholas Mosse, his son Richard executed for murder. Thomas heir to Richard. (*History of Leek*.)
1586. Mary Mosse. S.H.C. 1929.
1594. Sarah Mosse, of Chedulton. S.A.C. 1932.
1596. Thomas Mosse, Gnosall (also spelt Morse). S.H.C. 1932.
1597. Robert Mosse, Stafford (Juror). S.H.C. 1932.
1597. William Mosse, Eccleshall (Vituller). S.H.C. 1932.
1598. Robert Mosse, of Tutburge. S.H.C. 1935.
1599. John Mosse, of Codsall. S.H.C. 1935.
1599. William Mosse, Eccleshall. S.H.C. 1935.
1601. Thomas Mosse, late of Gnosall (Yeoman). S.H.C. 1935.
1602. John Mosse, late of Mear and Aston (Yeoman). S.H.C. 1935.
- 1580-1614. Miles Moss, Divine. Ed. Cambridge. D.N.B.
1625. Thomas Mosse, of Eccleshall, Co. Stafford (Yeoman). (*Notes on Staffordshire Families*). Probably of the Moss family of Meece Hall, near Eccleshall. (*Adams Family of Staffs.*) S.H.C., 1910.
1629. Clement Mosse (Clerk). *History of Wolverhampton School*.
1642. Rev. Robert Moss, born Stafford, 1642. Son of Francis Mosse, Esq. Mat. Brasenose Coll., Oxford, 1668; B.A. 1672. Rector of Ingestre, Co. Stafford, 1682. D.N.B.
1663. John of ye Mosse (Wedgwood pedigree). *History of Leek*.

1666. Josiah Mosse, warden of Conduit lands, 1668; Sheriff, 1671; Junior Bailiff, 1674; Churchwarden of St. Mary's Parish Church, 1666. Lived in Lichfield, Co. Staffs. Coat of Arms on Trade Token: "Three hanks of cotton between three billets." See S.H.C. 1936. Harwood's *History & Antiquities of Staffs*. Shaw's *History of Staffs*.
1666. Robert Moss, Dean of Ely, his father a country gentleman of Postwick. Coat of Arms "Ermine, a cross patée," mentioned in various national biographical books including D.N.B.
1676. Robert Moss, rector of St. Mary's, Stafford. S.H.C. 1915 and 1919.
1681. John Mosse, born Stafford, 1681. Son of Rev. Robert Moss, Rector of Ingestre. D.N.B.
1690. William Moss, Bird Street, Lichfield (Hearth Tax 5H). S.H.C. 1936. Married Mary Ward, daughter of Thomas Ward, of Wood End Hall, Sheustone. Children baptized at St. Mary's, Lichfield. (Shaw's *History of Staffs*.)
1701. Rev. Samuel Moss, born Middlewich, Cheshire, 1701, son of William Moss, Esq., B.A. 1722. P.C. of Horton; 50 years Vicar of Dilhorne. Died 1776. B.S.
1701. Rev. Robert Moss, A.M., Incumbent of Manceter Church.
1708. Rev. John Moss, Vicar of Walsall, 1708-1733. Died 1733. Buried in North Chancel. (Probably the John Moss, born 1681, referred to above). Wilmore's *History of Walsall*.
1711. Charles Moss (1711-1802), Bishop of Bath and Wells. Son of William Moss and Sarah, who farmed an estate at Postwick, Co. Norfolk. Paternal uncle Dr. Robert Moss (Dean of Ely) who died 1729. D.N.B.
1712. Bartholomew Mosse (1712-1759), Son of Thomas Moss, Rector of Maryborough, Queens County. Philanthropist. D.N.B.
1716. Rev. Thomas Moss, Rector of Farnworth, Son of John Moss, of Manchester, Co. Lancs. Married Mary Aspinall, 1737. Born 1716, died 1791 and buried under altar. (Mercier Pedigree.)
1729. Rev. John Moss, Vicar of Brewood, died 1737, aged 85. *History of Brewood*.
1740. Rev. Thomas Moss, born about 1740, died December 7, 1808, of Trentham and Kingswinford, Co. Staffs. Poet of "The Beggars Petition." *Poets of the Shires*, p. 86. Lawley's *History of Bilston*. B.S.
1763. Charles Moss, Bishop of Oxford, Son of Charles Moss (1711-1802). Born 1763, died 1811.

The famous head-master of Shrewsbury, Preb. Henry Whitehead Moss, was believed to be connected with the Staffordshire family, but the writer has found no confirmation of this. According to his son the Rev. Claude Beaufort Moss, the family came from Lincoln, and traces its descent from Thomas Moss, of Thorner, *circa* 1730.

Pedigree of the Moss Family of South Staffordshire



This pedigree is fully proved back to Hugh Mosse c. 1640, by the official records, including parish registers, wills, etc.
The part prior to 1640 is tentative.

Kenneth Neville Moss, O.B.E., M.Sc., Dean of the Faculty of Science and Professor of Mining. (For full details, see *Who's Who*.)

William Moss, born 1865, Longwood, Walsall. Son of the late William Moss. Married Mary Jane Cotton, 1890. Managing Director of H. Frost & Co. Ltd., Walsall, and Director of Taylor Law & Co. Ltd., Birmingham. Member of Sutton Coldfield Town Council from 1929; Chairman of various committees; Chairman of the Walsall Permanent Building Society for thirty-two years; Churchwarden of Walmley Parish Church for twenty years.

Alfred Moss, born 1859, at Longwood, died 1936. Son of the late William Moss. Married Jane Stanley. Director of Moss, Stone & Co.; founder of the South Staffordshire Musical Festival in 1921; Vice-President, Vice-Chairman and Treasurer of the Walsall Philharmonic Society for a number of years. Church of England lay preacher in the Lichfield diocese for twenty years. Composed a number of hymns which were set to music by Mr. John Ireland and Sir Frederick Bridge, organist of Westminster Abbey. He wrote a number of poems a collection of which was printed in *Staffordshire Poets* and in a book which he edited, *Songs from the Heart of England*. A number of his poems were published in the *Poetry Review*, and notably "The Silent Navy" in the naval magazine *Sea Pie*. He wrote *The Life of Jerome K. Jerome*, which was published in 1929.

Parish Registers

The following extracts from parish registers are taken from either the original registers or the printed and unindexed registers of the Staffordshire Parish Registers Society.

St. Michael's, Lichfield—1600-1800

Thomas Moss and Margaret Green were married 24 January, 1628.

Samuel Mose and Sarah Broughton (widdowe) were married on 15 July, 1640.

Baptized September, 1740. Thomas, son of Robert and Sary Moss, of Wall.

„ 1737. September. Sarah, daughter of Robert Moss, of Wall.

„ 1735. April. Jane, daughter of Robert and Sary Moss, of Wall.

„ 1734. September. Robert, son of Robert and Sary Moss, of Wall.

Buried. 1723. May. Widow Moss.

„ 1720. July. Joseph, son of Wm. Moss.

„ 1719. May. William Moss.

„ 1697. April. Buried daughter of John and Damaris Moss.

„ 1696. December 12th. John, son of Wm. and Mary Moss.

„ 1679. February 18th. Hannah, the daughter of Josiah Moss.

„ 1675. March 12th. William, son of Josiah Moss.

Marriages. 1766. August 17th. Benjamin Moss and Anne Cressall.

„ 1767. November 12th. Thomas Moss married Margaret Smith.

„ 1777. May 19th. William Moss married Anne Elliott.

„ 1781. David Moss married Eliz. Lilly.

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„ 1791. May 22nd. John Merry married Fanny Moss.

„ 1798. John Moss married Catherine Jackson.

„ 1799. October 31st. Sam Hudson married Anne Moss.

„ 1803. Robert Moss married Jane Nicholls.

1752. November 3rd. Married John Hodgkins and Mary Moss.

1754. July 11th. Buried Mr. Moss in the Church. (No trace. Church repaved 1796.)

1756. February 16th. Edward Cheadle married Eliz. Moss.

1761. January 20th. Buried a child of Mr. Moss.

1761. October 20th. Married Joseph Jobors and Jane Moss.

1764. August 16th. Married Issac Clenlow and Sarah Moss.

1765. August 22nd. Buried a child of Mr. Moss, a boy.

1766. February 27th. Bap'd Sarah, daughter of Robert and Mary Moss, of Wall.

1766. August 17th. Married Benjamin Moss and Anne Cressall.

1767. April 23rd. Bap'd Mary, daughter of Robert and Mary Moss, of Wall.

1768. August. Sarah, daughter of Thomas and Margaret Moss, of Wall.

1768. June 23rd. Bap'd Robert, son of Robert and Mary Moss.

1679. October 17th. Bap'd Fanny, daughter of Robert and Mary Moss, of Wall.
1770. 29th March. Bap'd John, son of Thomas and Margaret Moss, of Wall.
1771. 16th June. Bap'd John, son of Thomas and Margaret Moss, of Wall.
1772. 26th March. Bap'd Margaret, daughter of Thomas and Margaret Moss, of Wall.
1774. January 18th. Bap'd Thomas, son of Thomas and Margaret Moss, of Wall.
1775. May 25th. Bap'd Joseph of above.
1777. April 19th. Married Wm. Moss and Anne Elliott.
1777. August 10th. Bap'd Wm., son of Thomas and Margaret Moss, of Wall.
1780. January 20th. Bap'd Ann, daughter of above.
1782. August 25th. Bap'd James, son of above.
1784. October 6th. Bap'd Eliz. and Ann, daughters of David Moss.
1788. February 3rd. Buried Wm. Moss.
1791. August 29th. Bap'd Harriett, daughter of David and Eliz. Moss.
1777. Bap'd John, son of Robert and Mary Moss.
1734. Bap'd John, son of Robert and Sarah Moss.

Many entries after 1800.

St. Mary's, Lichfield—1650-1702

1655. 10th April. Henry Lakin and Margery Muse were married.
1647. 15th November. Samuel Mose and Joice Silvester (Widdowe) were married.
1650. 4th May. Bap'd Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel Mose.
1610. 18th October. Bap'd Dorothy, daughter of Adam Moose.
1687. 18th September. Bap'd Ann, daughter of Wm. Moss.
1689. 19th August. Bap'd Thomas, son of above.
1691. 10th September. Bap'd Mary, daughter of above.
1693. 6th September. Bap'd Richard, son of above.
1695. 29th October. Bap'd William, son of above.
1696. 8th December. Bap'd John, son of above.
1697. 2nd December. Bap'd Joseph, son of above.
1699. 17th April. Bap'd Benjamin, son of above.
1700. 20th November. Bap'd Eliz., daughter of above.

Norton Canes—1567-1812

First Fragment, 1608-1611. Books, 1567-1629.

Second Fragment, 1657-1670. Books, 1671-1679.

Third Fragment, 1676-1693. Books, 1692-1713.

Fourth Fragment, 1692-? Books, 1713-1761.

Fifth Fragment, 1710-1711. Books, 1757-1812.

Sixth Fragment, 1716-1728. List of Church Accounts
Churchwarden's Record Book.

All the Fragments and the Books prior to 1750 are in a very bad state, many names being quite illegible.

The period 1630-1656 is entirely missing.

Thomas, Robert and John Mosse all mentioned in parish accounts for 1650. Thomas Moss, son of John Mosse and Mary, his wife, was bap'd 9th January, 1661.

Mary Mosse, daughter of John Mosse and Mary, his wife, was bap'd 26th January, 1664.

Robert Moss was buried 6th June, 1664.

Thomas Mosse was buried 26th June, 167—

Margaret Mosse, wife of Thomas, buried 1671 (uncertain) writing almost obliterated.

Mary Mosse, wife of John Moss, was buried 9th July, 1680.

Hugh Mosse and Mary Green were married ye 20 day of November, 1694.

Mary Moose, daughter of Hugh and Mary Moose, was born ye 19th day March, bap'd ye 30th day March, 1701.

James Moose, son of Hugh and Mary Moose, was born 14th November and bap'd 11th day of December, 1719.

———, son of Hugh and Mary Moose, was born 23rd day and bap'd 28th day of March, 1703.

(This must be Robert. See wills.)

Thomas Moos, son of Hugh and Mary Moos, was born 24th day and bap'd 26th day July, 1696.

Hugh Moss and Mary Green married 20th day of November, 1694.

John Moos, son of Hugh and Mary Moos, was born ye 23rd day of March and bap'd 8th day of Aprili, 1705.

William Moos, son of Hugh and Mary Moos, was born ye 13th day and bap'd ye 24 day of February, 1711.

Hugh Moose was buried ye 14th day March, 1707.

Margaret Moos, daughter of Hugh and Mary Moos, was born ye 5th day and bap'd ye 26th day of October, 1707.

Ann Moose, daughter of Hugh and Mary Moos, was born ye 6th day and bap'd ye 16th day of April, 1699. (Eldest. See will.)

Mary Mose, widow, was buried ye 30th day August, 1742.

Joseph Moos, son of Hugh and Mary Moos, was born ye 11th day and bap'd ye 23rd day, 1717.

Hannah Moose, daughter of Hugh and Mary Moose, was born ye 1st day and bap'd ye 24th day of June, 1714.

John Moss, son of Robert and Sarah, died at Walle, and was buried at Norton August ye 4th, 1758.

Robert Moss, died at Walle, and was buried at Norton, January ye 11, 1759.

Thomas Moss was buried October ye 29, 1766.

Mrs. J. Moss was buried March ye 24, 1775.

Sarah Moss was buried December ye 26, 1782.

Hugh Moss was buried April ye 12, 1788.

Thomas, son of Hugh and Mary Moss, was bap'd June ye 25, 1774.

John, son of Hugh and Mary Moss, was bap'd March ye 8, 1778.

Married. Hugh Moss and Mary Shakeshaft of the parish of Whittington,
1773, 27th May. (Daughter of Thomas and Anne Shakeshaft).

Many entries after 1812.

Eccleshall—1573-1667

1574. March 14th. Bap'd Thomas Mos.
1574. March 14th. Bap'd Mary Mos.
1577. May 27th. Bap'd Thomas Mos.
1578. December 10th. Bap'd William Mosse.
1578. January 11th. Bap'd Susanna Mose.
1583. March 31st. Bap'd Johanna Mosse.
1583. March 13th. Bap'd Humffridus Mosse.
1608. April 10th. Bap'd Margaret, daughter of William Mosse, the younger
of Eccleshall.
1573. May 6th. Lawencs Cotten and Anne Mosse (married).
1591. January 22nd. Wilhelmus Tylsley and Elizabeth Mosse (married).
1605. March 1st. William, son of Wm. Moss, of Eccleshall and Margaret,
daughter of Thomas Walter, of Eccleshall.
1611. September 12th. Thomas Mosse, the younger of Eccleshall (Cowper)
and Jone, daughter of Henry Bloore, the elder.
1574. March 15th. Thomas Mos and Marye, sister, buried.
1576. January 20th. Thomas Mos (Sen.) buried.
1590. July 14th. Robertus Mosse buried.
1591. July 1st. Joanna Mosse buried.
1621. December 9th, Eliz., daughter of Thomas Moss, bap'd.
1622. January 12th. Thomas, son of William Moss (Cowper), bap'd.
1622. January 16th. Thomas, son of William Moss (Cowper) buried.
1624. April 11th. William, son of Margaret, the widow of Wm. Mosse,
bap'd.
1648. September 17th. Ursula, daughter of William Mosse, bap'd.
1648. February 18th. Eliz. Moss (Widow) buried.
1651. April 12th. Robert, son of Wm. Mosse, bap'd.
1653. January 15th. Robert, son of Wm. Mosse, buried.
1654. May 8th. Ellin, daughter of Wm. Moss, Junr., bap'd.
1660. January 2nd. Humphrey Mosse, buried.
1664. January 30th. Frances Mosse, Pershall (Widow), buried.

Wolverhampton—1539-1660

1633. June 3rd. Thomas, son of Moses Mosse, bap'd.
1608. May 31st. Edward Topping and Johan Moss (married).

1639. April 18th. Mrs. Joyce Moss, of Wolverhampton, buried.

MARRIAGES FROM 1660-1690.

1669. June 20. Robert Mose and Alice Talor, both of Bilston.

1673. April 20. James Mosse and Alice Careless.

1680. January 25. Joseph Mosse and Esther Taylor.

1689. April 10. James Moss and Isabell Butler.

Diocesan Registry—Lichfield

STAFFORDSHIRE MARRIAGE REGISTERS—1665-1700.

1665. Richard Bagnall, of Aston, parish of Seighford, and Hester Mosse, of St. Mary's, Stafford, age 25.

1665. John Starrs, of Chesterfield, age 26, and Mary Moss, of Tideswell, age 24.

1666. Robert Farthinge, of Adderley, Co. Salop, age 42, and Margaret Mosse, of Arcall Parva, widow.

1680. Andrew Davison, age 24, and Alice Mose, age 24, both of Leek.

1684. John Hunt, of Seale, Co. Leicester, widower, and Mabel Mosse, of Elford.

1685. Robert Moss and Ann Berrington (Ingestry).

1686. William Moss and Mary Ward (Shenstone).

1688. Richard Moss and Eliz. Tuniey (or Turney) (Derby).

1692. Robert Moss and Rebecca Pool (Lilleshall).

1693. Thomas Moss and Ann Green (Dilhorn).

1694. Richard Moss and Margaret Norcop.

1697. Michael Moss and Mary Dobb (Alfreton).

Hammerwich—1734-1800

1734. September. Bap'd John, son of Robert and Sarah Moss.

1777. November. Buried Jane, daughter of Robert and Mary Moss, of Wall.

1778. October. Bap'd John, son of Robert and Mary Moss.

1782. October 31st. Bap'd Mary Lilley Moss, daughter of David and Eliz. Moss, of Burntwood School.

1784. October 9th. Bap'd Eliz. and Ann, twin daughters of David and Eliz. Moss.

1784. October 9th. Buried Eliz. Moss, wife of David Moss.

1785. March 3rd. Buried Eliz., daughter of David and Eliz. Moss of Burntwood School.

1785. March 3rd. Buried Ann, daughter of David and Eliz. Moss, of Burntwood School.

1785. July 12th. Buried Mary Lilly Moss, daughter of David and Eliz. Moss.

1786. May 26th. Bap'd Wm. Bond, son of Sarah Moss and William Bond.

1794. October 30th. Buried Richard, son of Robert and Mary Moss, of Hammerwich.

- 1796. May 25th. Buried Robert Moss, of Hammerwich.
- 1797. June 18th. Buried Ino Moss.
- 1799. June 24th. Bap'd Mary Ann, daughter of Ino and Cath Moss, Hammerwich.

There are a number of Moss entries after 1800

Stoke-on-Trent—1629-1734

- 1637. March 28th. Buried Margareta Mosse.
- 1702. August 2nd (Conjugia 1702). Joshua Lukenes de Clayton Griffiths and Eliz. Moss (Lab).
- 1715. July 10th. Bap'd Eliz. Moss, daughter of George and Maria.
- 1716. January 5th. Bap'd Hellena Moss, daughter of George and Sarah.
- 1723. February 10th. Married William and Anne Moss.
- 1733. January 27th. Anne Moss, daughter of William Moss de Clayton.
- 1733. March 6th. Eliz. Moss, daughter of William Moss de Clayton.

Shenstone—1700-1800

- 1712. John Moss was Churchwarden of Shenstone Church.
- 1724. February 5th. Buried Damaris, wife of John Moss.
- 1732. November 20th. Bap'd Hugh, ye son of Robert Moss (Fotherley) and Sarah, his wife.
- 1753. May 17th. James Moss and Hannah Williams, both of this Parish, were married.
- 1764. January 2nd. Buried James, son of James and Anne Moss, of Little Aston (affids.).
- 1713. January 21st. Thomas Jobber and Eliz. Moss, both of this parish, were married.
- 1769. June 28th. Buried James Moss, of Little Aston.
- 1782. September 19th. Buried Ann Moss, of Little Aston.

There are a number of Moss entries after 1800

Marriages 1734-69. None.

St. Matthew's Walsall—1570-1700

- 1584. June 25th. Married William Mosse et Anne Mitton.
- 1589. January 9th. Bap'd Alice Mosse fils Moss, the Minstrell.
- 1590. February 25th. Edward Mosse fils William.
- 1591. January 4th. John Mosse fils Thoms Minstrell.
- 1609. June 20th. Bap'd Jeffery Mosse, fils Richard.
- 1617. March 20th. Bap'd Margery Mosse, fils Ed., of Bloxwich.
- 1619. January 23rd. Bap'd John Mosse, fils Ed., of Bloxwich.
- 1622. March 2nd. Bap'd Anne Mosse, fils Ed., of Bloxwich.
- 1652. May 23rd. Bap'd Ann Moose, daughter of John and Elizabeth.

- 1679. May 1st. Bap'd Jacob Mosse, son of John and Ann.
- 1672. December 22nd. Bap'd Mary Mosse, daughter of John and Ann
(Bloxwich).
- 1682. November 26th. Bap'd Edward Mosse, son of John and Ann.
- 1606. August 16th. Buried William Mosse.
- 1615. May 10th. Buried wife of Ric. Mosse.
- 1620. March 12th. Buried old Widdow Mosse.
- 1622. July 3rd. Buried Ric^s Mosse, of Pelsall.
- 1638. December 15th. Buried Anne Mosse, wife of Edward, of Bloxwich.
- 1642. January 23rd. Buried Dorothy Moss, fils of John.
- 1680. August 19th. Buried John Mosse (?), of Bloxwich.
- 1683. August 9th. Buried Anne Mosse, daughter of Jo.
- 1684. March 8th. Buried Jacob, son of John Moss.
- 1693. February 7th. Buried John Mosse, of Bloxwich.

There are a number of entries in the name Moss after 1700

West Bromwich—1608-1658

- 1613. April 7th. Married Thomas Mosse and Ann Myles.
- 1612. Buried Elizabeth Mosse.
- 1633. June 28th. Buried Ann Mosse.
- 1633. August 10th. Buried Thomas *Masse*. (*sic.*)

Brewood—1562-1649

- 1729 ob. 1737. John Moss, Vicar of Breewood.
- 1564. July 16th. Married John Chapman and Elnor *Masse*.
- 1570. June 25th. Married Thomas Shewarde and Anne Mosse.
- 1588. February 25th. Bap'd Edward Mosse.
- 1589. February 12th. Buried Dorothie Moars.
- 1625. September 21st. Buried Thomas Mosse, of Byshopps Wood.

Rugeley, 1569-1721

- 1624. January 16th. Buried John Mosse, pauper, *sylvis repertus et fata functus*.
- 1697. October 12th. Married Richard Owen, of Farewell, and Sarah Moss, of Bromley Regis.
- 1717. September 1st. Bap'd Barbara, daughter of John and Ann Mosse.

Tettenhall—1602-1744

- *1602. March 4th. Bap'd Thomas, son of Thomas Mosse.
- 1604. September 17th. Bap'd Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Mosse.
- 1607. April 19th. Bap'd Anne, daughter of Thomas Mosse.
- 1609. September 14th. Bap'd Richard, son of Thomas Mosse.
- 1615. July 30th. Bap'd Humfray Moss, son of Thomas Moss.

Wills and Administrations

LICHFIELD CONSISTORY AND PECULIARS

Most of the following wills are very briefly summarised in order to save space; but the essential information—relationships and names—are included. A number of the wills calendered are missing. No Moss wills are calendered for the period 1642-1664 and it must be supposed that they were lost during the Commonwealth period.

The Wills prior to 1553 are missing.

CALENDAR OF WILLS IN THE LICHFIELD CONSISTORY COURT 1553-1750.

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| 1553. Robert Musse, Butterson. | 1632. Wm. Mosse, Drayton-in-Hales. |
| 1557. Nicholas Mosse, Cheddleton. | 1634-5. Richard Muse, Yoxall. |
| 1557. Richard Mosse, Radford. | 1634-5. Allen Moss, Wem. |
| 1558. John Mosse, Mucklestone. | 1634. Moses Mosse, Wolverhampton (Peculiars missing). |
| 1562. Thomas Morsse, Ranton. | 1640. Thomas Mosse, Swannick. |
| 1563. Margery Mosse, Cheddleton. | 1641. Richard Mosse, Wem. |
| 1566. Francis Mose, Rugby (no document). | |
| 1566. Eliz. Mosse, Swynnerton. | <i>There is a gap here of 23 years. Wills missing.</i> |
| 1575. Thomas Muvsse, Church Broughton. | |
| 1583. Eliz. Mosse and William, ad. Swynnerton. | 1665. John Mosse, Kingsley. |
| 1584. Wm. Mosse, Mucklestone. | 1665. William Mosse, Atton, Co. Salop. |
| 1589. Moss or Mowas als. Buck Humphrey, ad. Sheriff-hales. | 1667. Edward Mosse, Glossop. |
| 1589-90. Richard Mosse, Stoke-on-Tern. | 1670. William Mosse, Cheadle. |
| 1591. Thomas Mosse, Cheddleton. | 1674. Thomas Mosse, Drayton-in-Hales. |
| 1595. John Mosse, Drayton-in-Hales. | 1676. Joan Mosse, Hayfield. |
| 1604. William Mosse, Lullington. | 1677. Francis Mosse, Stafford. |
| 1610. Robert Mosse, Swynnerton. | 1679. Robert Mosse, ad. Stafford. |
| 1610. Thomas Mosse, ad. Chaddesdon. | 1681. Francis Mosse, Ellaston. |
| 1619-20. John Mosse, Staundon (no document). | 1687. John Moss, Ecall. |
| 1624. Wm. Mosse, Bolsover. | 1688. William Moss, Coventry. |
| 1626. Wm. Mosse, ad. Marchington. | 1689. Thomas Moss, Hodnet. |
| 1632. Roger Mosse, Vicar of Ilam. | 1689-90. Humphrey Moss, ad. Stafford. |
| | 1690. James Muse, Tadenhill. |
| | 1691-2. John Mosse, Drayton. |
| | 1691. John Moss, Napton. |
| | 1694. Thomas Mosse, Drayton-in-Hales. |

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| 1701. Thomas Mosse, Drayton-in-Hales. | 1729. Robert Moss, High Ercall. |
| 1705. Joseph Moss, Lullingham. | 1732. John Mosse, Newcastle. |
| 1708. James Moss, Derby. | 1732. Richard Mosse, Whitchurch. |
| 1709. Francis Moss, Dudlaston. | 1732. Thomas Moss, Little Eaton. |
| 1716. Joan Moss, Drayton-in-Hales. | 1733. John Moss, Walsall. |
| 1715-16. Robert Moss (Rev.), Mancetter. | 1733. Thomas Moss, Stapenhill. |
| 1719-20. Thomas Mosse, Hodnet. | 1735. George Moss, Sudbury. |
| 1721. Edward Mosse, Derby. | 1737. Thomas Moss, Stafford. |
| 1722. Thomas Mosse, Stallington. | 1737. Elias Moss, Darley. |
| 1724. Ann Moss, Stone. | 1738. Michael Moss, Alferton. |
| 1724. Thomas Moss, Stapenhill. | 1740. Humphrey Moss, Abbots Bromley. |
| 1727-8. Francis Moss, Drayton-in-Hales. | 1740. John Moss, Cheadle. |
| 1728. John Moss, Wellington. | 1740. William Moss, Loscoe. |
| | 1743. Richard Moss, Drayton-in-Hales. |

CALENDAR OF WILLS IN THE PECULIARS COURT OF LICHFIELD 1510-1850

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| 1664. Eliz. Moss, Tideswell. | 1775. Jane Moss, Norton. |
| 1667. Robert Moss, ad. Norton. | 1776. William Moss, Bilston. |
| 1674. Thomas Mosse, ad. Wyrley. | 1791. Hugh Moss, Little Wyrley. |
| 1686. Thomas Mosse, ad. Mill-Meece. | 1792. Joseph Moss, Bilston. |
| 1689. Wm. Muse, Alrewas. | 1793. Francis Moss, Rugeley. |
| 1695. John Moss, Burntwood. | 1804. Thomas Moss, Eccleshall. |
| 1703. Mary Moss, Eccleshall. | 1809. Thomas Moss, Press (at Shrewsbury). |
| 1707-8. Hugh Moss, Wyrley. | 1820. Thomas Moss, Wall. |
| 1720. Mosse ourse Naden, Elizabeth, Hartington. | 1824. Thomas Moss, Fairfield. |
| 1727. Robert Moss, Eccleshall. | 1831. John Moss, Lichfield. |
| 1728. Hugh Moss, Norton. | 1834. John Moss, Norton-under-Cannock. |
| 1730-1. Joseph Moss, Bilston.- | 1837. John Moss, Eccleshall. |
| 1736. Thomas Moss, Stafford. | 1838. John Moss, Norton. |
| 1756. John Moss, Armitage. | 1848. Charles Moss, Great Wyrley. |
| 1765. Robert Moss, Lichfield. | 1848. Thomas Moss, Norton. |
| 1767. John Moss, Eccleshall. | <i>to 1850</i> |
| 1767. Thomas Moss, Norton. | |

The foregoing include all the wills calendared for Staffordshire, North and East Shropshire, North Warwickshire and South Derbyshire.

The writer has also the calendars of Moss wills for all the Midland Counties and those of Bedford and Lancaster.

ELIZABETH MOSSE, of Tideswell.

Widow of Thomas Moss, Yeoman.

A true and pperfect inventory of the goods chattels and cattells and debts of ELIZABETH MOSSE, widow of Tydswell, in the county of Derby, deceased, taken ye 6th of May, 1664, by us whose names are under written.

Imprimis her purse and apparell	...	...	...	...	3	0	0
It. One cowe and a calfe	...	...	...	...	6	0	0
It. One mare	...	...	...	...	3	0	0
It. Fifty six sheep	...	...	...	...	13	0	0
It. Two bed hillings and one rugge	...	...	...	...	13	4	
It. 2 Coverlids one bed cover	...	...	...	...	1	0	0
It. 4 Peere of blankets	...	...	...	...	16	0	
It. 2 peere of Flaxon sheets	...	...	...	...	1	0	0
It. 7 peere of hempe sheets	...	...	...	...	1	5	0
It. one little sheete 3 pillow beeres	...	...	...	...	4	0	
It. One fether bed 2 pillos 1 boulster	...	...	...	...	1	13	0
It. one peece of curtaines and vallance	...	...	...	...	8	0	
It. 4 chafes beds	...	...	...	...	7	0	
It. one sealed bed 3 peece of bed fflocks	...	...	...	...	2	0	0
It. 5 pleane chests	...	...	...	...	1	0	0
It. 2 litle tables 1 tressell 1 hinge bord	...	...	...	...	10	0	
It. 1 Cuberd 1 dish board...	...	...	...	...	1	6	0
It. In brasse	...	...	...	...	2	0	0
It. In puter	...	...	...	...	1	15	0
It. In Iron ware	...	...	...	...	5	0	
It. 12 cushens	...	...	...	...	4	0	
It. In chears and stooles and other woodenware	...	...	...	...	8	0	
It. In oate meale	...	...	...	...	2	0	0
It. In husbandry ware	...	...	...	...	1	4	0
It. In hay and corne and goodwill of farme	...	...	...	...	7	0	0
It. In Bonnds	4	10	0
It. In debts without speciality	22	19	6
It. In ready moneys	130	0	0
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					£210	3	10
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Appraised by RICHARD MIDDLETON.
EDWARD ALLEYN.

A true and perfect inventory of all and singular ye goods cattle and chattles of JOHN Moss, late of Burntwood, in the County of Stafford, Yeoman, deceased, taken and apprized ye 18th day of November, 1695, by us whose names are uuderwritten.

IN YE KITCHEN

Imprimis one long table and one form one joyned chear on Fireshovel and a pair of Tongs one landiron and Pot- hangle and hooks one pair of bellows	00	11	00
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IN YE WASHOUSE

Item Two tubs two pails one kneading chimnel one gorn and cheese press and oue little firkin	00	7	00
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IN YE CHAMBER OVER YE WASHOUSE

Item One bed one bedstid and all yt belongeth to it one little coffer	1	10	00
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IN YE CHAMBER OVER YE KITCHEN

Item One Chaff bed and low bedstid two straw hampers and three blankets	00	7	00
Item In cheese	...	...	...	...	...	1	10	00
Item two brass cettles one skimmer one frying pan and one iron pot and three small pewter dishes	...	...	...	...	...	00	10	00
Item For napery ware	...	...	...	...	...	00	15	00

IN YE BARN

Item Winter corn barley and oats	...	...	...	...	4	00	00
Item Hay	...	...	...	...	3	00	00
Item One mare four cows two heifers and four calves	...	...	...	...	20	00	00
Item Twentyfive sheep	...	...	...	...	4	10	00
Item One pigg and six geese	...	...	...	...	1	00	00
Item Two acres of winter corn	...	...	...	...	3	00	00
Item One tumbril and other implements of husbandry	...	...	...	...	00	10	00
Item In bills and bonds	...	...	...	...	55	00	00
Item His wearing apparel and money in his purse	1	10	00
Item Shelves and other lumber unnamed	00	2	00

98	2	00
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THO: GREENE
JOHN LEWES
RALPH SMITH :
For his will, see page 34.

JOHN MOSS (Vicar of Walsall 1708-1733)

Inventory

A true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods and chattles of JOHN MOSS, Clerke, of the parish of Walsall in the County of Stafford, deceased, taken and appraised the fourth day of September Ann Dm 1733 by us whose names are underwritten.

HOUSE

	£	s.	d.
Wareing apparell and mony in purse		15	0
One old grate with all belongings	1	0	0
2 old Tables 10 old cheers and one Jack and all belonging and 4 candlesticks one coffee pott... ..	1	5	0
For 40 lb. of old pewter 2 brass kettles one brass pott	1	10	0

PARLOUR

One Table and ½ a dos of cheeres	15	0	
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CHAMBER OVER YE HOUSE

2 fether beds and stids with all belonging	3	0	0
One old table and three old cheers	0	3	0
One parsell of books	1	10	0

CHAMBER OVER YE PARLOUR

One fether bed and stid with all belonging	2	0	0
One old chest a Drawers and Table and some Cheers		15	0
For 15 pars of old sheets and 2 dos of napkins	3	0	0

GARRETT

2 old fether beds and stids with all belongings	1	15	0
2 old boxes with some odd things	0	3	0
1 old Chest	0	4	0

SELLER AND BREWHOUSE

3 old Tubbs and 4 Barrels with some wooden things	0	10	0
Lomber and things forgotten		10	0

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Appraised by SAML SHORT, STEPHEN CHATTERTON.
Administration only: BRIDGETT MOSS, his wife.

FRANCIS MOSSE, of Stafford, Gent.

Inventory.

A true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods cattle and chattells and creditts of FRANCIS MOSSE gent deceased praised att Stafford the sixteenth day of October 1677, by us the prisers JOHN TWIGG, THOMAS CHAMBERLAIN, MOUNTFORD CLARKSON and RICHARD (. . DE . . SNALL?).

	£	s.	d.
Imprmis his purse apparell watch and ring	10	0	0
In the hall one table one Livery Cubbard one screene 2 cheares 4 joynt stooles one deske one graite one little Cubbard over the seller	2	3	6
In the Little Parlour one Table 2 joynt stooles 2 cheares one ffeather bed and bed steeds with furnitute and one little Cubbard	2	8	0
In the painted Chamber one table six stooles one forme one ffeather bed and bed steed and furnitute thereunto and and one truckle bed steed	3	12	6
In the best chamber one ffeather bed and bed steed and furnitute thereunto one truckle bed steed 1 table 4 joynt stooles 6 cushions one great cheare and one graite	6	15	0
In the new chamber one table and joint stooles 2 cheares 4 chusons 2 bed steeds one truckle bed steed one ffeather bed with furnitute one Livery cubbard and one Coffe... ..	4	0	6
In the kitchen chamber one bed steed one canipy bedsteed 2 truckle bedsteeds 2 ffeather beds withall the furnitute one Little table one Chest	5	8	6
In Mr. Brownes Chamber one Table 2 cheares one canipy bed steed one truckle bed steed and one ffeather bed with all the furnitute thereunto belonging	3	15	0
In the Garrott one halfe headed bed steed one old ffeather bed one old flock bed with the lumber	2	0	0
Twelve silver Spoones one band 2 cups one bole	8	3	0
In the kitchen one table one forme one screene one little table 2 Cheares one canupy bed steed and ffeather bed with all furnitute thereunto one cubbord and one screene cheare	3	11	8
One brasse panne 3 potts 3 Kettells with other brasse 24 pewter dishes bigg and little 12 pewter fflagons 10 pewter candle- sticks bigg and little 10 pewter Chambes	6	10	0
Seaven little brasse Candlesticks 2 warmeing pans 4 spitts 2 dreeping pans 2 paire of Callbutts one graite one paire of pott galls and one jacke	1	3	4

hold and occupve and *after* ye desesse of *elzabet mosse* the thryd p't of all thos lands and tenments yt she doyth now hold and occupye throughowte ye whole lands It. I wyll yt my debbs and my fun'all cheargs be payd of ye whole of my goods and that done my guds to be devoydyd yn to thre p'ts my wyffe to have oone and my sonne RYC., AGNEZ, *elzabet* and JONE to have the oder too p'ts and I wyll yt my chyldr shall have all suche goods as they have already marked and knowen to be theyre oone besyds theyre p't It. I wyll yt xijd. be gyffen to ye poore And to ye repacons of chedulton cherch oder 12d. It. to AGNEZ *mosse* a gud sheppe It. I wyll and beqyth to RYCHARD my sonne *all* my messuage and tenment called ye dernfoord w'th all my lands and tenments therunto belongyng or syche att annytime before hand ben granted or occupied w'th ye same messuage to ye said RYC. my sonne from ye day of my deseese unto ye ende and terme of 1x yers the neyxt folowyng fully to be complet and endyd payyng yerly therfore to my heys x.s. att ye acustomed feests and I orden and make my faythfull exsecters to see thys my last wyll and testament trewly p'formed and done MARGERY my wyffe and RAFFE PYLLYSBURYE my sonne yn law thes wytnez WILLIAM *brownt* and RYC. *mosse* w'th others The Inventory of ye goods of NYCOLAS MOSSE lately departed and praced by RAFFE FENTON, RYC SMYTH, JAMES FENTON and ROBT. *gudwen* the xxvth day of August yn ye yer of owre lord god 1557 Summa xxviij.li. iiij.s. iiij.d.

Lichfield Consistory.

11 October, 1557.

RICHARD MOSSE, of Radford

Will. Extract.

Thomas Moose, my . . . (torn).

" Thomas, my son " and " John Moss, my son "

His Widow, no Christian name given;

Executors, etc.: Margaret Jecocke; John Crusse, Vicar of Radford; John Norton; William Warde; Robert Clarkson; John Whythead; Robert . . . ley (torn)* Thomas Atkyns:

Lichfield Consistory.

20 October, 1558.

JOHN MOSSE, of Mucclestone

Will. Extract.

Thomas, his Son; Agnes, his Widow;

Witnesses, etc.: William Parker; John Webbe; Sir Olyver Gybbs; Umfrey Procke (?); Wyllyam Coton; Richard Wilkes; William Hambyn; John Adhamas.

Lichfield Consistory.

12 September, 1562.

THOMAS MOSSE, of Ronton

Will. Extract.

Son John and his Children; Rychard Pasall, Godson; Thomas Morsse, his son.

Witness, etc.: Antoney Harcourte, gentleman; (*sic*) James Huntbatche and *Addeson* and Raffe Pott.

Lichfield Consistory.

23 April, 1563.

MARGERY MOSSE, of Cheddleton

Will. Extract.

Daughters Ysabell and Jane. Son Richard Mosse.

Executors, Witnesses and appraisers. Robert Goodwyn; Thomas Mosse; Thomas Monforth; Raffe Pellesburie; and Richard Heth:

Lichfield Consistory.

15 May, 1566.

ELIZABETH MOSSE, of Swinnerton

Will. Extract.

Sons Robert Mosse; Thomas and John; Daughter Annes; Godson John Mosse; also Elizabeth Daniell and John Austen. William Austen, son in law.

Witness, etc.: Richard Clyffe, curate of Stone; Olyver Magson; Richard Bolton; Wyllyam Bunttyngdalye:

Lichfield Consistory.

25 September, 1583.

WILLIAM and ELIZABETH MOSSE, of Swinnerton

Inventory only. Extract.

Elizabeth, wife. Humphrey, Robert, John and Elizabeth, their children. Appraisers and Debtors. Thomas Shorte; Henry Chawton; John Mosse; William Chawton (also spelt Chalton).

Lichfield Consistory.

24 November, 1584.

WILLIAM MOSS, of Muckleston

Will. Extract.

Lucy Mosse otherwise Lucy Hunt, his base daughter. Raphe Stenton, his Master.

Witnesses, etc.: John Mereddethe; Robert Bruner; John Laucton; Robert Knoles; John Brune:

Lichfield Consistory.

Probate 23 March, 1589-90.

RICHARD MOSSE, of Stoke on Terne

[ABSTRACT]

3 February 1590 I RICHARD MOSSE of Stoke on Tern county Salop husbandman Burial at Stoke aforesaid To poor of Hodnet twenty shillings To WILLIAM WALFORD twelve pence To ANNE GARMESON twelve pence To HELENE BEALYE twelve pence To GEORGE ORME twelve pence To GEORGE DODD the younger forty shillings To ROWLAND CLEYE thirty two shillings which he oweth me To JOHN POOLE of Almington twenty eight shillings which he oweth me To ROGER EMERYE Eight pounds nine shillings and eight pence which he oweth me To JOHN BOSTOCKE of Bloer twenty shillings which he oweth me To GEORGE KELSHAWE forty chillings which he oweth me and twenty shillings that JOHN BOWDE of Ashleye oweth me the cow at JOHN BOWDES house forty shillings which *Widow* FRANCIS oweth me Five Pounds seven shillings which *Widow* MORRALL oweth me and all bedding Unto JOHN BOWDE's children half of three calves To WILLIAM HEAMYES twelve pence To KATHERIN ORTON ten shillings To MARGARET MORRALL twelve pence To ELIZABETH EMERYE a silver spoon To HUMPHREY SHAW To RICHARD CLEAKE To WILLIAM MORGAN To ANN BLOER To ALICE HARPER To JANE NEWANCE To ANN daughter of ROGER EMERYE To ANN and MARGARET EMERYE.

Executors ROGER EMERYE and GEORGE KELSHAWE Overseer ROWLAND CLEYE.

Witnesses: ROWLAND CLEYE clerk, WILLIAM MORGAN and JANE NEWANCE. *INVENTORY* dated 6 March 1590, appraised by EDWARD HEATH and WILLIAM POWTER. Total £36 19 10.

Lichfield Consistory.

16 February, 1591-2.

THOMAS MOSS, of Cheddleton

Will. Extract.

Wife, Catherine; Children Joan, Sara and John Mosse ; Brother-in-Law Robert Cooke and William Cooke; Neighbour John Heath.

Witnesses. John Heath, William Fenton, Andrew Bullocke, Edward Cooke.

Lichfield Consistory.

23 April, 1595.

JOHN MOSSE, of Drayton in Hales

Will. Extract.

Thomas, Hugh, John, William, his sons; Anne, his wife; Anne and Mary his daughters.

Witnesses, etc.: Thomas Peate, George Whytakers, John Wright, Thomas Spycer, John Wyghte, Raffe Sturrope.

Robert Moss of Swinnerton,

1610.

Brothers John and Humphrey; Sister Elizabeth Boulton.

THOMAS MOSS, of Chaddesden.

1610.

Francis and Roger, sons of my brother Roger. To eldest son of my brother in law John Elde.

Executors Loving brother Roger Mosse and Kinsman Robert Walker.

WILLIAM MOSSE, Lullington

1604.

Legatees with no relationship given. James Mosse, Francis Mosse, Sarah Mosse. To brother Thomas Mosse To wife Katherine To sister Joane Marlor in Yoxall to my sister Margery Hodges dwelling in Cullwich To sister Joyce Reynolds To cousin William Pendrell To Edward and Roger Sherd To Dorothy Newton To Thomas Draper To Joseph Mosse.

WILLIAM MOSSE, of Bolsover.

1624.

My grandchild Mary Goosetree To Joney Goosetree Elizabeth Goosetree Peter Goosetree William Goosetree and Anne Goosetree To Robert Mosse my servant £5 and one heifer in full satisfaction of his part of my goods To Thomas Mosse my son 12d. in full satisfaction To Mary Watson my daughter To William Mosse my grandchild whom I make sole executor.

Witnesses Robert Mosse and others.

Lichfield Consistory.

23 June, 1626.

WILLIAM MOSS, of Marchington

Inventory only.

Extract: Ellen Mosse relict of William Mosse. William, Jane, Margery and Margaret his children.

Appraisers, etc.: Richard Smith; Arthur Gilbert; William Windsor; Henry Gilbert; Arthur Mosse of Marchington Woodland. Tuiton Bond.

Lichfield Consistory.

Probate 23 May, 1632

ROGER MOSSE (Vicar of Ilam)

[ABSTRACT]

The second day of July 1630 In the name of God amen I ROGER MOSSE of Ilam county Stafford clerk (Vicar of Ilam aforesaid) "knowinge nothing more certain than death nor nothings more uncertaine than the tyme and houre thereof doe ordaine and make this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following First I give and bequeath my soule into the hands of Almighty God my creator and to his deare sonne Jesus Christ onelie Saviour and Redeemer by the merites of whose most bitter death and painefull passion I stedfastlie trust to bee saved and to bee partaker of his most blessed and glorious kindome of heaven And my bodie I commend to the earth from whence it came to be decentlie and christian like buried in the parish churchyard of Ilam aforesaid" And concerning the disposition of such goods and chattels as God hath lent me in this life I will and bequeath the same in manner and form following That is to say First I give and bequeath unto *Mr.* ROBERT PORT of Ilam gentleman one cow Item I give and bequeath unto my elder son FRANCIS MOSSE of London and to JANE his wife either of them five shillings to buy either of them a small ring to wear for my sake *Item* I give and bequeath unto my son FRANCIS MOSSE *the younger* forty shillings *Item* I give and bequeath unto JAMES THEALIS my kinsman one little brass pot containing one gallon or thereabout which pot he hath already in his custody and keeping *Item* I give and bequeath to every one of my godchildren five pence The residue of all and singular my goods and cattle not herein bequeat ed my funeral expenses discharged etc. I freely and absolutely give and bequeath unto ELIZABETH MOSSE my wife And do appoint as executrix my said wife ELIZABETH MOSSE desiring her to see the same performed And overseers hereof I make and appoint my singular approved good friends *Mr.* ROBERT PORT of Ilam and *Mr.* WILLIAM TOMLINSON parsoh of Thorpe in the county of Derby "hartilie prayinge them accordinge to the trust that I repose in them to see this my last will in everie point trulie performed according to my meaninge herein declared" *IN WITNESS* hereof I have to this my last Will put my hand and seal the day and year first above writetn.

By me ROGER MOSSE, clerk and now at this present
Vicar of Ilam.

Witnesses: EDWARD GRAVENER; JOHN JAMES; JAMES THEOLIS.

Lichfield Consistory.

6 September, 1632.

WILLIAM MOSSE, of Drayton in Hales

Extract: Wife Margery Mosse; Sons Thomas and William.

Witnesses, etc.: Thomas Mosse; George Cley; Thomas Felton; and Richard Brat.

Lichfield Consistory.

5 March, 1634-5

ALLAN MOSS, of Wem

[ABSTRACT]

In the name of God amen I ALLAN MOSE of Weme county Salop, glover Being weak in body but of good and perfect remembrance Thanks be to God Do make my last Will and Testament in manner and form following First I bequeath my soul to God " And to Jesus Christ my saviour which redemmed yt with his most precious blood " My body to be buried in the church yard of Weme decently " not doubting but that yt shall ryse againe and be Reunited unto my soule and made partaker of yt in everlasting happiness " *Imprimis* I give and bequeath unto ALLAN MOSE my son RICHARD MOSE('s) son and to SAMUEL MOSE my son RICHARD MOSE('s) other son forty pounds if MARY the wife of RICHARD MOSE my son have no more issue But if MARY the wife of RICHARD MOSE my son have more issue by my son RICHARD MOSE then my will is that this forty pounds shall be equally divided between them all At the oversight of my cousin JOHN CHALONOR of Whicksall And my brother RICHARD MOSE of Weme And to be set forth for the use of the children and for their maintenance After the decease of my said wife by her executors within one month after her decease *Item* I give and bequeath unto my son RICHARD MOSE five pounds *Item* I giveand bequeath unto my sister JANE ten shillings *Item* I give and bequeath unto my cousin MARY LLEWELLIN my servant five shillings *Item* I give and bequeath unto my servant MARGARET two shillings and six pence *Item* my will is that if my wife and my son RICHARD MOSE and his wife cannot agree and live together as they ought Then my will is that my wife shall deliver unto them six kine for their own proper use and so to depart from her *Item* all the rest of my goods debts cattle and chattels unbequeathed I give and leave unto ELIZABETH my wife *Item* I make and appoint ELIZABETH MOSE my wife my sole executrix of this my last Will and Testament according to my true meaning " And will see me honestly brought home according to my estate " *IN WITNESS* whereof I the said ALLAN MOSE have hereunto put my hand and seal the twenty seventh day of August 1634.

Witnesses: RICHARD PEATE; NICHOLAS CHALONER; RICHARD MOSE.

INVENTORY dated 31 December, 1634, appraised by RICHARD JEBBE, JOHN CHALNER, RICHARD MOSE and SAMUEL DODD. Total £120 3 4.

Lichfield Consistory.

21 December, 1640.

THOMAS MOSSE, of Swanwick

Inventory only. Extract.

Mary relict of the deceased. Mary, Alice, William, Michael and Thomas, children of the deceased.

Appraisers: John Wood; Thomas Wrigg; John Upton.

Lichfield Consistory.

29 July, 1641.

RICHARD MOSSE, of Wem (Parish Clerk)

Will. Extract.

Margerie Price, daughter of Olevier Price of Wem and Richard Mason her godfather. Margaret Couper, sister of deceased. Anne, Isabell and Mary Couper, daughters of William Couper and Margaret, his wife. Samuel and Mary Mose, children of my cousin Richard Mose. Robert Hill of Tillie and Thomas Hales of Sleape (Debtors). Isabel Sherratt, god-daughter. Mr. Arthur Ward, Churchwarden.

Witnesses, etc.: Robert Norton, curat. John Bowzier, John Allenson and Robert Whitfield.

1664.

ELIZABETH MOSSE, Widow of Thomas Moss, Yeoman

(*See Inventory*)

My daughter Mary Moss son in law John Boweman grandchild Anne Boweman at 21 Son in law John Townsend To grandchild Elizabeth Townsend To my daughter Elizabeth Townsend To my daughter Jane Boweman To sister in law widow Morten. To sister in law wife of Ellis Morton.

Lichfield Consistory

21 July, 1665

WILLIAM MOSSE, of Atton, Co. Salop.

In the name of God amen 27th day of December 16th Charles II, I WILLIAM MOSSE of Atton county Salop husbandman Weak in body etc. *First* I commend my soul to God etc. My body to be buried in the churchyard of Arcall " onder the window over against the seate belonging to my howse " And for my goods I give and bequeath to my loving wife MARGARET MOSSE all my goods whatsoever within doors and without excepting two cows which I give to my daughter ELIZABETH two bullocks or oxen and one brown heifer and gray colt to my son JOHN Also I give and bequeath to my said son JOHN MOSSE all my lands lately purchased from ANDREW SMYTH late of Bishops Offley Also it is my will and desire my said son be assisted by my said wife to renew my lease now in being in Atton aforesaid (and peaceably) to enjoy the same after the decease of my said wife Also I give and bequeath to my daughter ELIZABETH three score and ten pounds when she comes to the age of seventeen years Likewise I give unto my daughter ELIZABETH ten pounds now in the hands of WILLIAM BOSTOCKE of Allerton And if my son JOHN die without lawful issue my lands to my daughter ELIZABETH for her further and better enjoyment And if my daughter ELIZABETH die without issue then all her portion both money and goods to belong to my son JOHN Also I give and bequeath to my son JOHN the sum of five pounds now in the hands of RICHARD LOCKLEY of Hurstocke

and also to my servant JAMES PARKINSON six shillings and eight oence and to my servants MARGERY BROWNE and MARY SPENDER six shillings and eight pence apiece *Item* I give and bequeath to the two children of FRANCIS BARNEFORDE twenty shillings to be disposed of for their use To my god-daughter MARGARET MOSSE ten shillings Lastly I ordain my loving wife MARGARET MOSSE my sole executor of this my last Will and Testament And make and constitute my brother JOHN MOSSE of Arcall and my brother in law THOMAS BURROWS of Hales overseers of the same *IN WITNESS* whereof I have put my hand and seal this tenty seventh day of December 1664.

The mark of WILLIAM MOSSE.

Witnesses: The mark of WILLIAM CARNALL; RICHARD DODD.

Inventory dated 10 January 1664, appraised by WILLIAM POOLE, WILLIAM CARNALL, and JOHN BURROWS. Exhibited 21 July, 1665.

Tuition Bond of MARGARET MOSSE of Ercall county Salop widow relict, for education of JOHN and ELIZABETH the children of the deceased, minors.

Surety: JOHN MOSS of Ercall, yeoman.

Probate granted to MARGARET MOSSE relict, 21 July 1665.

Lichfield Consistory.

17 October, 1665.

JOHN MOSSE, of Kingsley

October 1st 1665 This is the last Will and Testament of JOHN MOSSE of Broadoake in the parish of Kingsley county Stafford husbandman Being in good remembrance this day before he died " I give all my estate and goods which I have unto MARGARET my wife freely and she deserves it And if it were more " Before us whose names are hereunto written

No Signature.

WILLIAM GOODFELLOW; RAPH GOODFELLOW.

Inventory dated 10 October 17 Charles II. Appraised by JOHN JENKINSON, ROGER WALKER, THOMAS SLACKE and JOHN SMITH. Total £36 12 2.

Lichfield Consistory.

16 October, 1667.

EDWARD MOSSE, of Glossop, Co. Derby

Will. Extract: Jone Mosse, his wife. John Mosse of Mottram and his son Edward and daughter Alice, Brother in law Robert Arrundall.*

Witnesses, etc.: John Collier, William Higginbotham, John Hyde, Thomas Waterhouse, John Bennett, Robert Arandale.*

*Probably the same.

Lichfield P.

9 August, 1667.

ROBERT MOSSE DE NORTON, Co. Staffs, Yeoman

Adm. Extract.

Margaret Moss, Widow.

Appraisers: Thomas Walker of Norton; William Clarke.

Lichfield Consistory.

20 October, 1670.

WILLIAM MOSSE, of Cheadle, Co. Staffs.

Adm. Extract.

Widow Elizabeth Mosse.

Surety: John Harvey of Cakemore, Co. Staffs.

Appraisers: Thomas Harrison, George Mylles, William Younge; and Thomas Glover.

Lichfield P.

23 September, 1674.

THOMAS MOSS, of Little Wyrley, Yeoman

Adm. Extract.

Son. JOHN MOSS.

Appraisers: Robert Green; Hugh Collett.

Lichfield Consistory.

16 September, 1674.

THOMAS MOSSE, of Drayton in Hales

Will. Extract.

Wife Jane Mosse. Sons William and Thomas. Daughters Mary and Johanna.

Witnesses, etc.: William Gamwell; Thomas Hand; Ann Stone; John Mosse; Francis Peate.

Lichfield Consistory.

4 October, 1676.

JOAN MOSS, of Heyfield, Widow

Will. Extract.

Edward Mosse of Mottram, nephew. Alice Bennett, Niece, wife of Randall Bennett. Thomas, James and Mary Arundall, her nephews and nieces, and sons and daughters of Thomas Arundall, of Altringiam. Robert Arundall, her brother, of Hattersley. John Hyde, of Bulshawe. Samuel, Israel and James Arundall, her neghews, sons of Robert Arundall, her brother.

Appraisers: Raphe Gee; Thomas Waterhouse.

Lichfield Consistory.

7 November, 1677.

FRANCIS MOSSE, Gentleman, of Stafford

Will. Extract.

. . . Mosse, relict. Son, Robert Mosse. Grandchild Richard Bagnall. Daughter Hester Bagnall (her three boys). Lease of house in Gloucester near the New Inn belonging to the Dean and Chapter "wherein Philip Ebos dwelleth."

Witnesses, etc.: Mr. William Feake; Abraham Joborne; John Twigg; and Thomas Chamberlain; Mountford Clarkson; "Mr. Brown's Chamber" item.

Lichfield Consistory.

4 April, 1679.

ROBERT MOSSE, of Stafford

Adm. Humphrey Moss (Relationship not given).

Appraisers: Thomas Dix; John Ashburie.

Lichfield Consistory.

28 April, 1687.

JOHN MOSS, of Ercall

Will. Extract. His sister Sarah Farthing. His father William Moss (deceased). Cousin John Borrowes, son of Thomas Borrowes of Hales, Co. Staffs. Cousin, Mary Borrowes, daughter of Thomas Borrowes, his uncle. Cousin Thomas Groccke. His kinsmen Robert Moss and John Moss. Cousin Smith of Cramor. His mother Margaret Farthing.

Witnesses, etc.: Obediah Addames, Abraham Fathing, Ales Apelstall,* Katherine Smith, Alles Arkinstall,* Thomas Hiccocke.

*Very likely the same person.

Lichfield Consistory.

6 April, 1688.

WILLIAM MOSS, of Coventry, Co. Warwick

Adm. Extract. Elizabeth, widow.

Sureties, etc.: John Tillman of Rugby, Gent; William Ward, sadler; Ra: Crane; William Rowney.

Lichfield Consistory.

19 April, 1689.

THOMAS MOSS, of Hodnett

Adm. Extract. Elizabeth Moss, widow.

Appraises, etc.: John Miles, of Hodnet, bricklayer; Samuel Cartwright; Thomas Hickin, Charlton Hill.

Lichfield Consistory.

21 January, 1689-90.

HUMPHREY MOSS, Stafford

Izard Moss, Widow, of Humphrey Moss.

Surety: Charles Clewes, of Stafford, Yeoman.

Appraisers: Ab. Joborne; Richard Dix; John Kenderdine.

Lichfield Consistory.

3 October, 1681.

FRANCIS MOSSE, of Ellaston, Yeoman

Will. Extract. Ann, his wife.

Witnesses, etc.: Will Ward; Samuel Salt; John Higinbotham; William Salte; Robert Bentley.

Lichfield Consistory.

Probate 20 November, 1695.

[VERBATIM] JOHN MOSS, of Burntwood, Co. Staffs, Yeoman

In ye name of God I JOHN Moss of Burntwood in ye county of Stafford yeoman being weak in body but of perfect mind and memory do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following First and principally I commit my soul into ye meritorious death and passion of Jesus Christ my Blessed Saviour and Redeemer My body I commit to ye earth to be interred at ye discretion of my executors hereafter named My worldly estate I dispose as followeth Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my son JOHN MOSS ve sum of Thirteen pounds of goods and lawful money of England Item I give and bequeath unto SARAH MOSS and ELIZABETH MOSS daughter of ye said JOHN Moss twenty shillings apiece these three legacies to be payd within one year next after my decease Item I give and bequeath unto my son THOMAS MOSS ye sum of five shillings to (be) payd him within one year after my decease Item I give nad bequeath unto my daughter MARY SMITH ye bed I use and ly on and all things belonging to it Item I give devise and bequeath unto HANNAH SMITH daughter of my son JAMES SMITH ye sum of forty shillings to be payd to her when she shall attain ye age of one and twenty or be married which shall happen first. Item I give unto WILLIAM SMITH and JAMES SMITH sons of ye sd. JAMES SMITH forty shillings apiece to be payd them when they shall attain ye age of one and twenty Item I give and bequeath unto THOMAS ROCK son of my son ROBERT Rock ye svm of seven pounds to be payd when he shall attain ye age of one and twenty Item I give and bequeath unto my grandchild MARGARET ROCK daughter of ye said ROBERT ROCK ye sum of seven pounds when she attains ye age of one and twenty or at her marriage which happeneth first And if it please God that any of my above named grandchildren dye before they come to age I will and require yt ye sd Legacie or Legacies be equally divided amongst ye rest Item I give and bequeath unto my servant ELLIN SMITH ye sum of eight pounds to be payd her within one year after my decease Item I give and bequeath unto ye sd ELLIN SMITH one piece of woolen cloth about six yards and one ewe sheep And of this my last Will and testament I ordain and appoint my sons JAMES SMITH and ROBERT ROCK sole executors and ye remainder of my estate (after funeral expenses and legacies are payd) I give unto ym to be equally divided In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seal ye twenty ninth of January 1694 and in ye sixth year of ye reign of our Sovereign Lord WILLIAM the Third by ye Grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland King defender of ye Faith.

Lichfield P.

19 March 1707-8.

HUGH MOSS, the Elder, of Little Wyreley, Co. Staffs.,
Yeoman

Adm. Extract. Deathbed Will.

"I desire my son Hugh's children may have it because Hugh has been a good lad."

Witnesses, etc.: ANN PARSONS; MARY NEVIL, the Elder; MARY NEVIL, the younger; Hugh Moss son of Hugh Moss.

Surety: Edmund Bishop.

Lichfield Peculiars.

18th April, 1728.

[ABSTRACT]

HUGH MOSS DE NORTON, Yeoman

In the name of God Amen. I HUGH MOSS of Norton Co. Stafford yeoman being weak in body but of sound mind do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner following First I commit my soul to God my body to be buried at the discretion of my executors and executrix herein named

And as to the worldly estate of which God made me steward I dispose as followeth Imprimis my will is and I do devise all that messuage and freehold estate lying in Norton Co. Stafford in my own possession to my eldest son THOMAS and his heirs for ever yielding and paying to my loving wife for the term of her natural life seven pounds a year to be paid quarterly without deduction *Item* I give unto my loving wife a bed and all other things belonging to it and ten pairs of sheets, etc. etc. *Item* I give and bequeath unto my eldest son all the rest of my personal estate provided he shall pay to the rest of my well beloved children as followeth To my eldest daughter AN twentyfive pounds twelve months after my decease and to my daughter MARY twentyfive pounds twelve months after my decease and to my son ROBERT twentyfive pounds twelve months after my decease and to my son JOHN twentyfive pounds twelve months after my decease and to my five youngest children that are under age MARGARET JAMES WILLIAM HANNA JOSEPH twentyfive pounds apiece as they attain the age of twentyone and interest for the same And if any die the said legacies to be equally divided between the survivors share and share alike *Item* I nominate and appoint my loving wife and my eldest son THOMAS and my kinsman JOHN BLYTH executors and executrix of this my last will and testament In witness whereof I have put my hand and seal this ninth day of November one thousand seven hundred and twenty seven.

Signed The Mark of HUGH MOS.

Witnesses: R. BLYTH; JOHN ALPORT; WILLIAM HOBDE.

No Inventory. *Proved* at Lichfield 18th April, 1728, by THOMAS MOSS with power reserved to the other executors.

Lichfield P.

22 November, 1765.

ROBERT MOSSE, of Lichfield, Co. Staffs., Yeoman

Adm. Extract.

Sarah Moss, relict of Robert Moss.

Sureties: John Hodgkins of Hamerwith, Yeoman; and Joseph Joberns of Shenstone, Wood End in the County of Stafford, Yeoman.

Lichfield Peculiars.

2 May, 1767.

THOMAS MOSS, of Norton Canes, Co. Stafford, Yeoman

[SHORT ABSTRACT]

In the name of God Amen I THOMAS MOSS of Norton Caines otherwise Norton under Cannock County Stafford, Yeoman . . . I give and devise all and singular my messuage, lands, etc. situate in Norton or in Little Wyrley in the said County with all apputenances whatsoever unto my dear wife Jane Moss for life and after her decease unto my nephew Hugh Moss and his assigns for life without impeachment of waste And from and after the termination of that estate I give and devise all the said premises with appurtenamces unto my friend Edward Green of Little Wyrley, Yeoman, and his heirs during the life of my said nephew Hugh Moss *Upon Trust* to permit my said Nephew to receive the rent profits, etc., for life and after his decease Then I give and devise all the said premises with apputenances unto the first son of the body of my said nephew Hugh and the issue of the said first son. Remainder to the younger sons of the said Hugh and their male issue in order of birth and seniority And in default of such issue Then to my Nephew Robert Moss son of my late brother Robert Moss deceased . . . *Upon Trust* . . . then to my nephew Thomas Moss another of the sons of my brother Robert Moss deceased . . . Then . . . unto my brother William Moss and his assigns for life. . . .

Signed THOMAS MOSS.

Witnesses: ELIZ. SIBYL HOLMES; ROGER HOLMES; BIBB BURROWES.

Lichfield Peculiars.

1820.

THOMAS MOSS, of Wall, in the County of Stafford, Yeoman

Will. Extract.

Leaves his Estate in trust to his wife Margaret Moss. His children John, James, Thomas, Mathew, Sarah, Ann, Margaret, Joseph, William and Robert.

Lichfield.

7 December, 1872.

JOHN BRAWN MOSS, of Wall

[ABSTRACT]

JOHN BRAWN MOSS of Wall Nr. Lichfield Co. Staffs Farmer declare this my last will and testament To each of my five children namely WILLIAM MOSS JOHN MOSS ANN MOSS JAMES MOSS and JANE MOSS the sum of Three hundred pounds to be paid as follows To the said WILLIAM MOSS JOHN MOSS and ANN MOSS at the end of one year and to the said JAMES MOSS and JANE MOSS on attaining the age of 21. or otherwise at the discretion of my dear wife MARY MOSS The residue unto and for the absolute use of my said wife MARY MOSS If I die possessed of any trust or mortgage I give the same to my son JOHN MOSS and my wife's brother JOHN HOLMES of Whittington HILL near Lichfield gentleman And I appoint my said wife and the said JOHN MOSS and JOHN HOLMES executors hereof Witness my hand this 28 Oct one thousand eight hundred and seventy two.

JOHN B. MOSS.

Witnesses: ARTHUR BARNES solicitor Lichfield. RICHARD WADESON his clerk.

Estate under £3,000. He died 31st October, 1872.

Prived at Lichfield 7th Dec. 1872 by MARY MOSS relict JOHN MOSS and JOHN HOLMES brother of his wife.

3 May, 1553.

RICHARD COTTON, of Penkridge, Co. Stafford

[ABSTRACT]

In Noie dei Amen the year of our Lord 1552, 27 November, I Richard Cotton "vexed with ye plague" do make by last Will and Testament in form following first I bequeath my Soul to Almighty God to our Lady St. Mary and all the blessed Company of Heaven and my body to be buried in the Churchyard of St. Michaels of Penkridge I bequeath to ye King and Lord all that is due and right I bequeath to the "bulbryge" two shillings Also I bequeath to the mending of Endalstone Bridge twelve pence my debts being paid and I brought home the rest of my goods I bequeath to my wife and my children and I make my . . . (torn) and lawful executors Thymmynsn my wife and my brother John Cotton and Henry Turner and Henry Cotton my brother overseers to perform this my last will and testament.

No signature.

Inventory £4 5 0d.

The writer has a number of abstracts of Cotton wills and also a list of most of the Cotton wills calendared for Lichfield.

Origin of Surnames

COTTON. Local "of Cotton" (see Bardsley's *Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames*, p. 208).
Robert de Cotton Co. Cambs. 1273.
Ralph de Cotun, Co. Northumberland. 1273.

HOWELL. (See p. 403 Bardsley's *Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames*)
Baptismal "the son of Hoel." Welsh.
Howel le Waleys. 1313.
Howel ap David. 1313.

JONES. Baptismal "son of John or Johan." Welsh. Biblical.

MOSS. (See p. 542 Bardsley's *Dictionary*, also Lower's *Essays on English Surnames*, and Harrison's *Surnames of the U.K.*)
1. Local "at the Moss" from residence thereby.
Henry del Mosse. C.R. 6 Ed. III.
Robertus de Mos. 1379. P.T. Yorks.
2. Baptismal "the son of Moses" from the christian name Moses. Many English names take their origin from christian names. (The surname Moses or Moyses is unusual for those of English descent.)
Bardsley mentions: "It is curious to find that the modern practice whereby Jews settling in England* change their surnames Moses into Moss is supported by the fact that six centuries ago Moss was the English nickname for Moses." According to Lower, Vol. II, p. 54, "Many Jewish families have assimilated their surnames to others of English origin as Abraham to Braham, Moses to Moss and Mosley, Solomon to Salmon, Jones to Jones, Levi to Lewis, Elias to Ellis, etc."

*Banished from the country from 1290 to the late 17th Century.

MORRIS. Various origins: 1. Local "of Morris"; 2. of Moorish blood; 3. From Christian name Maurice.

WARRINGTON (See Bardsley, p. 795).
Local "of Warrington, Co. Lancs."
Roger de Warrington, Co. Derby. 1273.

WHEATLEY. Local "of Whately."
Peter de Watale. 1273.
John de Weteley, Co. Yorks. 1379.

The carelessness of the old scribes with their vowels produced a big variety in the spelling of names; a name often being spelt in several ways in one document. The following variants of Moss have been found in parish registers, wills, etc.:—

de la Mosse	Mosse	Moos	Mowsse	Mors
del Mosse	Morsse	Mose	Moes	Mous
de Mos	Morse (In Gloucestershire)	Mows	Musse	Masse

Miscellaneous Records searched

1. The calendars of wills and administrations up to 1720 for the counties of:—

Lancaster	Warwick	Northampton
Chester	Bedford	Gloucester
Hereford	Leicester	Worcester
Shrewsbury	Nottingham	

The writer has lists of Moss wills and administrations for the above counties and also for the P.C.C. from 1600-1725.

2. Lancashire and Cheshire Deeds and Manuscripts.
3. Marston Collections.
4. Records of the College of Arms.
5. Poll Tax Offlow Hundred. 1660-1.
Court Rolls of Rocester. 1546-1552.
Court Rolls of Shenstone. 1546-1562.
Subsidy Rolls Offlow Hundred. 1524-5 and 1545-6.
Hearth Tax for Staffordshire. Vols. 1921, 1923, 1925 and 1927 S.H.C.
6. Staffordshire deeds in Birmingham Library.
7. Cotton's Fasti.
8. Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica.
9. Musgraves Obituary.

And a number of local histories.

Search for Coats of Arms

The search for coats of arms prior to 1675 has revealed the following:—

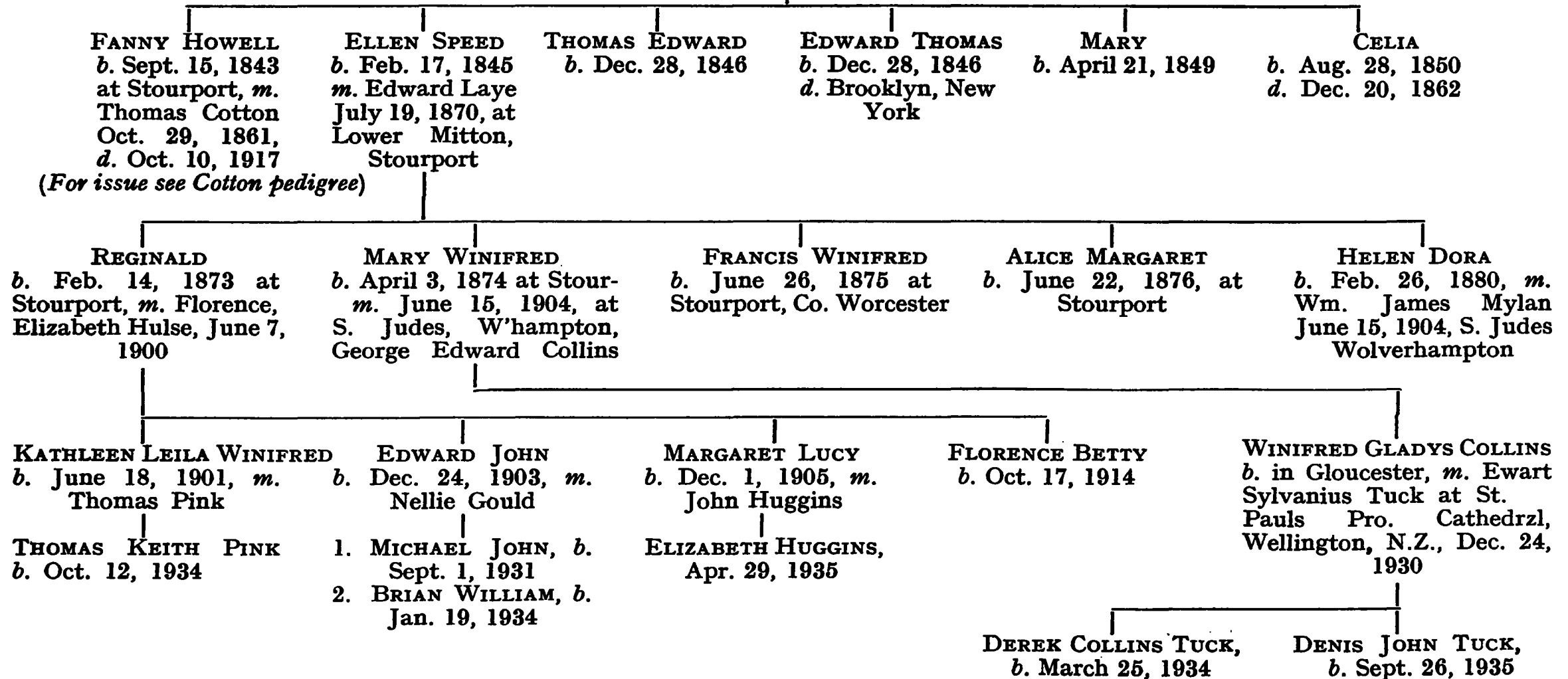
1. JOSIAH MOSSE, Sheriff of Lichfield, 1671. "Three hanks of Cotton between three billets." This description is vague and heraldically incorrect. See Shaw's *History of Staffordshire*.
2. CLEMENT MOSSE. College of Arms, c. 1620. "Ermine, a cross patée sable charged with a bezant."
3. EDWARD and ARTHUR MOWSE in com Beds. See Harleian Society Publication *Visitation of London*, 1633. Arms described fully in Vol. II page 117. (Mowse or Mowsse may not be a variant of Mosse in this instance, but possibly of Mouse or Mous.)

Pedigree of Howell of Co. Salop.

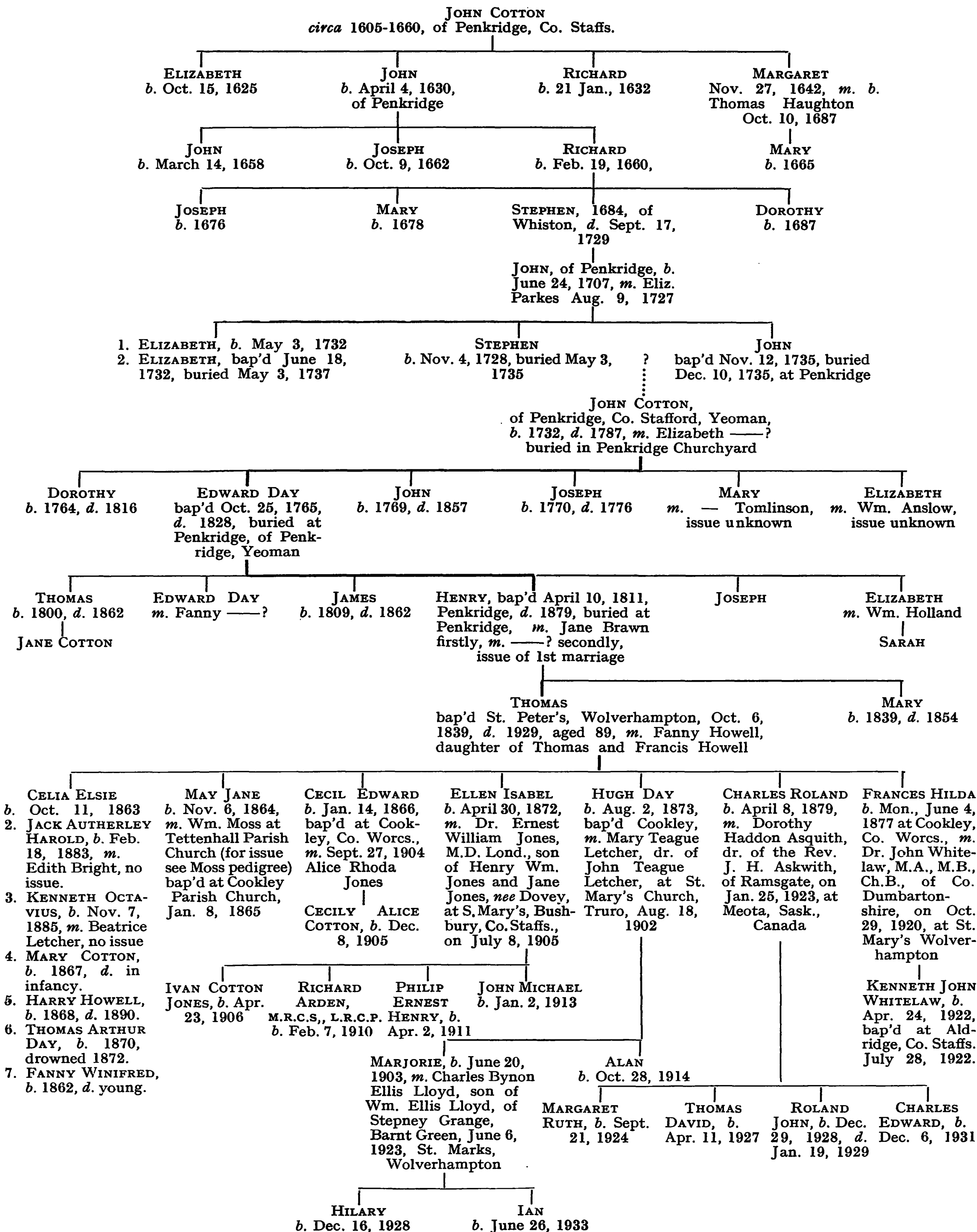
EDWARD HOWELL
(circa 1770-1840)

of Mount Pleasant, Coalbrookdale,
m. Sarah Speed, of Madely Manor, Salop

THOMAS, the youngest of twelve children, *b.* 1806 at
Coalbrookdale, *d.* 1882, *m.* Francis Jones, widow, *nee* Brazier,
Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, on April 20, 1842

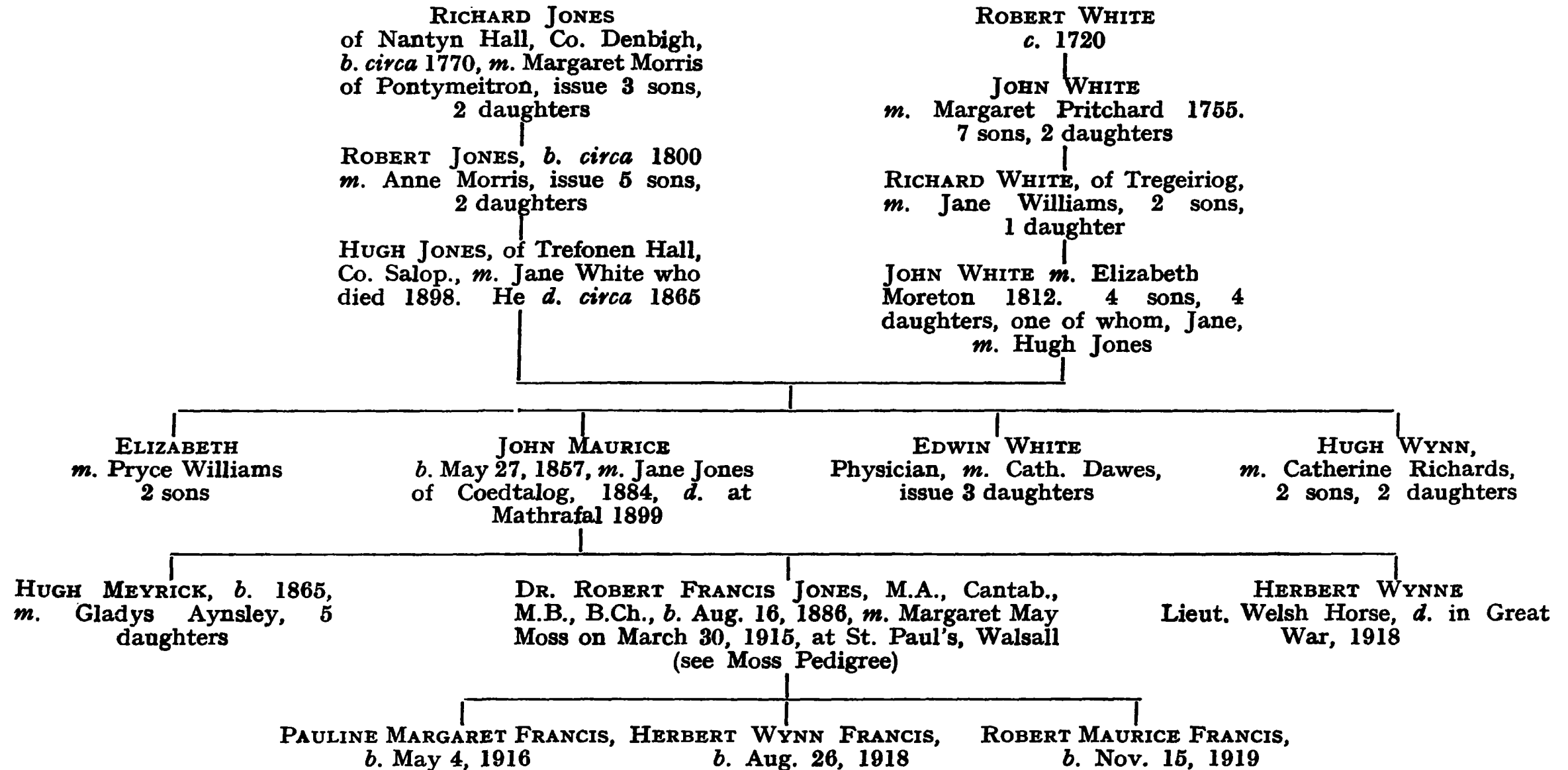


Pedigree of Cotton of Penkridge, Co. Stafford



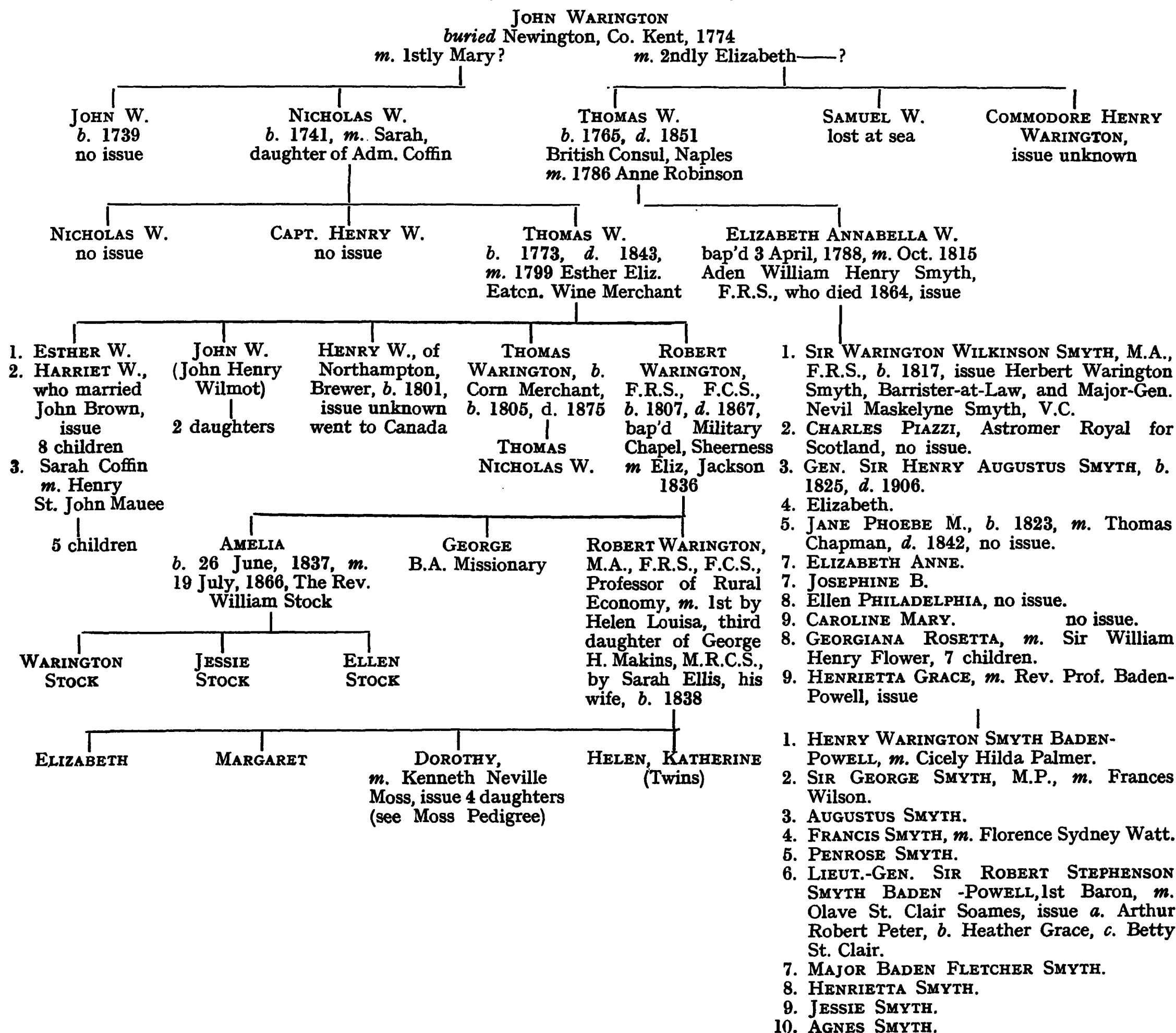
This pedigree is proved back to John Cotton, born 1732. The part prior to this date is tentative, but there can be no reasonable doubt that a close relationship exists between the Cottons of Penkridge prior to 1732 (Cottons were living in Penkridge in 1550) and those after that date. No relationship has been traced between the Penkridge Cottons and the famous Staffordshire family of Cotton, whose pedigree is given in Shaw's *History of Staffordshire*. It is probable, however, that the families are remotely connected. The tentative part of this pedigree has been worked out from the Parish Registers of St. Michael's, Penkridge. The difficulty in tracing back from 1732 is caused by the large number of people of this name living in Penkridge parish in the 17th and 18th centuries. Also here are no Cotton wills calendared for Penkridge between 1558 and 1729.

Pedigree of Jones of Mathrafal, Montgomeryshire.



An account of the earlier part of this pedigree was given by Mrs. Jane Jones, of Trefonen Hall in 1884 but it must be pointed out that it has not been proved by the usual searches in parish registers, wills tax papers, etc.

Pedigree of Warington of Newington, Co. Kent.



This pedigree, originally drawn up in paragraph form by a member of the Warington family, has been worked out from family records and not from parish registers, wills or other official records.

