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THE parish of Thornbury is in the western part of Gloucestershire, the town being a short distance from the river Severn. It is eleven miles north from Bristol, from which port it is probable that Thomas and Richard Tayer sailed for New England.\* The Thornbury parish register is from 1538, with breaks from 1645 to 1650 and from 1679 to 1684. The abstracts following are to 1645.

Thomas Tayer was in Boston, Mass., before 24 Feb. 1639-40, when land was granted to him at Mount Wollaston (Braintree, Mass.) for "9 heads" in his family,† these consisting of himself and wife Margery, his sons Thomas, Ferdinando and Shadrach, perhaps two daughters, Sarah‡ and Hannah,§ born soon after his arrival in New England, and possibly two servants.

Richard Tayer, a widower, presumably a younger brother of Thomas, came to New England in 1641 with eight children,|| and settled at Braintree, Mass., afterwards removing to Boston. His children are identified as Richard, Sarah, Jael, Deborah, Zachariah, Hester, Nathaniel and Cornelius.¶

It is likely that the Nathaniel Thayer who was in Taunton before 1668,\*\* and the Benjamin Tayer who died in Newport, R. I., in 1716,†† were related to Thomas and Richard.

The root of the family name, from "taw": to dress skins,‡‡ is made clear in the earlier spelling of the name at Thornbury. The letter "h" was added soon after the emigrants came to New England; but in the line of the family descended from Ferdinando<sup>2</sup> (Thomas<sup>1</sup>) of Mendon, Mass., that letter was silent—as in Thomas and Thompson—until early in the last century. No coat-of-arms appears on any tablet or monument of the family at the parish church

\* REGISTER, vol. 37, page 84, and vol. 58, page 225 and note.

† Boston Record Commissioners' Report, No. 2, page 50.

‡ Sarah Thayer and Jonathan Hayward were married 6 May, 1663, in Braintree.

§ Hannah Thayer and Samuel Hayden were married 28 Oct., 1664, in Braintree.

|| 4 Massachusetts Historical Society's Collections, vol. 5, page 105, and Pattee's History of Old Braintree and Quincy, Mass., page 48.

¶ REGISTER, vol. 60, page 93.

\*\* Emery's History of Taunton, Mass., page 110, and The Harvey Book, page 37.

†† Austin's Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island, page 197.

‡‡ REGISTER, vol. 37, page 84.

(St. Mary) in Thornbury, and the fact that Edward Tayer of Oldbury-on-Severn, in the parish of Thornbury, was disclaimed by the heralds at their Visitation of Gloucestershire in 1623,\* for using arms without proof of authority, would show that the family was not armorial. The name is now extinct in Thornbury.

Of the twenty-six tenants who made presentment of the customs of the Manor of Thornbury in 1550, eleven signed their names, among whom was Tayer, and the rest made marks.†

A family spelling the name *Theyer* and *Thayer*, and having the same root from "taw,"‡ has long been at Brockworth in Gloucestershire,§ a parish 25 miles north-east of Thornbury; and there was an armorial family of *Tawyer* at Raunds in Northamptonshire,|| about 80 miles north-east of Brockworth and 105 miles from Thornbury; and also an armorial family of *Thayer* at Great Baddow and later at Thaydon Garnon in county Essex,¶ afterwards of London;\*\* but no connection between these families has been established, so far as known.

In an account†† of "Able and Sufficient Men in Body fit for His Majesty's Service in the Wars, within the County of Gloucester, . . . in the Month of August, 1608," which is given in three classes, (1) those about 20 years of age, (2) those about 40 years of age, and (3) those between 50 and 60 years of age, there appear in Thornbury: Edward, John, Nicholas, and Richard *Tayer*, all of the second class, and William Martimer, of the first class; in Stinchcomb, 8 miles north-east from Thornbury: John *Thayer* (gent.), of the second class; and in Brockworth and its vicinity: John *Theyer*, of the first class, Richard, Roger, Thomas, Walter, and William *Theyer*, of the second class, Gabriel, Giles, John, and Thomas *Thayer*, of the first class, and William *Thayer* of the second class.

In Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" there is a stage direction in the First Folio: [*Enter*] "*Tawyer with a trumpet.*" This refers to a William Tawier, or Tawyer, a subordinate in the employ of John Hemminge who was one of the members of the Globe Theatre Company and one of the editors of the First Folio. William Tawier was buried in St. Saviour's Church, Southwark, in June, 1625.‡‡

\* Harleian Society, vol. 21, page 198.

† Bigland's County of Gloucester, vol. 2, *Thornbury* chapter.

‡ Wood's City of Oxford (Oxford Historical Society, xv), vol. 1, page 476, note 5.

§ Notes and Queries, 6th Series, vol. 12, page 31, and Wood's *Athenæ Oxoniensis*, 1813, vol. 3, page 996.

|| Metcalfe's Visitations of Northamptonshire, page 49.

¶ Howard's Bysshe's Visitation of Essex, page 92.

\*\* Visitation of London (Harleian Society, xvii), vol. 2, page 280.

†† Smith's Men and Armour for Gloucestershire in 1608 (London, 1902).

‡‡ *Midsummer Night's Dream*, Furness's Variorum Edition, act v, scene i, line 134 and note, and Halliwell-Phillipps's Outlines of the Life of Shakespeare, 7th ed., vol. 2, page 260, note 22.

*Baptisms.*

- 4 Jan. 1557-8. Johes Tayer. Godfathers: Johanes Williams, Johanes Tyther. Godmother: Elizabeth Cooke.
- 15 Oct. 1558. Johanes Tayer, son and heir to Thomas Tayer. Godfathers: William Merick, Henricus Lydat. Godmother: Jone Rede.
- 7 Nov. 1559. Thomas Tayer. Godfathers: Thomas Moore, Johanes Barton. Godmother: Elizabeth Whitfield.
- 25 Apr. 1560. Thomas Jamis. Godfather: Thomas Tayer. Godmother: Margareta Tayer.
- 13 Oct. 1560. Margareta Tawier. Godfather: Willhelmus Mawle. Godmothers: Margareta Busher, Agneta Tayer.
- 6 May 1561. Johanes Tawier. Godfathers: Johanes Roocs, Richardus Baker. Godmother: Margaretta Wallis.
- 1 Sept. 1561. Cuthberta Tawier. Godfather: Thomas Pullen. Godmothers: Susan Birton, Johana Selmon.
- 2 Aug. 1562. Richardus Tawier. Godfathers: Richardus Cheyre, Walter Howks. Godmother: Elizabeth Picher.
- 21 Sept. 1563. Johanes Jamis. Godmother: Maria Tawier.
- 8 Feb. 1563[-4]. Thomas Tawier. Godfathers: Thomas Search, Thomas Moore. Godmother: Margerate Floyde.
- 28 Feb. 1563[-4]. Johannes Tawier. Godfathers: Johannes Moore, Humfridus Whitfield. Godmother: Elenora Barton.
- 1 Nov. 1564. Wilihelmus Tawier. Godfathers: William Bruton, Johannes Jonis. Godmother: Joyce Griffings.
- 6 May 1565. Richard Tawier. Godfathers: Richardus Wilcox, Merricus ———. Godmother: Marie Tawier.
- 16 Dec. 1565. Alicia Tawier. Godfather: Richard Griffing. Godmothers: Alicia D[ ]rnt, Elizabeth Howell.
- 20 Dec. 1567. Secillia Tawier. Godfather: Richard Wilcox. Godmothers: Secilia White, Catherine Ripe.
- 23 Sept. 1568. Luci Tawier. Godfather: Johanes Driver. Godmothers: Luci Baker, Catherina Rippe.
- 12 Feb. 1569-70. Thomas Tawyer. Godfathers: Thomas Stevens, Richard Wilkokes. Godmother: Isabella Fowler.
- 13 Aug. 1570. Anna Tawier. Godfather: Thomas Marten. Godmothers: Agneta Ady, Alice Laurence.
- 23 Mar. 1572[-3]. William Tawyer. Godfathers: Robert Eslineton, Johanes Jonis. Godmother: Johana Bartone.
- 25 Jan. 1573[-4]. Nicholas Tawier. Godfathers: Nicholas Adams, Thomas Holdbrooke. Godmother: Johana Tocker.
- 26 Oct. 1577. Edward Tawier. (Christened.)
- 25 Apr. 1579. Ursula Tawier. (Christened.)
- 6 Jan. 1581[-2]. Anthony Tawier. (Christened.)
- 24 June 1586. Catherine Tawier. Godfather: Thomas Tawier. Godmothers: Catherine [R]ippe, Susannah Jones.
- 23 Oct. 1587. Alice Tawyer. Godfather: Thomas Jones. Godmother: Alice Joanes.
- 23 Dec. 1589. Margaret Tawier. Godfather: Thomas Gibbs. Godmothers: Margaret Griffin, Mary Werryat.
- 7 Mar. 1589-90. Francis Tawier. Godfathers: John Tawier, William Williams. Godmother: Ussly Tawier.

- 22 Oct. 1590. Jane Tayer. Godfather: Richard Pullen. Godmothers: Jane Tyler, Jone Gibbs.
- 10 Nov. 1590. Ann Tawier. Godfather: Richard Pullen. Godmothers: Sicely Jones, Margaret Griffins.
- 4 Dec. 1591. Elinor Tawier. Godfather: John Comely. Godmothers: Elnor Carle, Jone Tawier.
- 26 Dec. 1591. John Tawier. Godfathers: John Lyilyn, James Lawrence. Godmother: Ann Watson.
- 6 Jan. 1592[-3]. Joane Tawier. Godfather: Thomas Holdbrooke. Godmothers: Joane Barton, Margery Dimery.
- 17 Apr. 1593. John Tayer. Godfathers: John Tayer, Richard Dimery. Godmother: Als Tayer.
- 21 Jan. 1594[-5]. Thomas Tayer. Godfathers: Thomas Tayer, Thomas Shurman. Godmother: Edy Midlton.
- 7 Feb. 1594[-5]. Edward Tayer. Godfathers: Edward Knight, John Jones. Godmother: Mary Tratman.
- 1 Mar. 1595[-6]. Mary Tayer. Godfather: Thomas Holdbrook. Godmothers: Als Hilpe, Agnes Jones.
- 16 Aug. 1596. Thomas Tayer.\* Godfathers: Thomas Gibbs, William Dimery.
- 18 Aug. 1597. Judith Tayer. Godfather: Edmond Pytcher. Godmothers: Judith Stones, An Tayer.
- 1 Mar. 1597-8. Ferdinand Tawyer. Godfathers: Thomas Porkwood (gent.), John Carle. Godmother: Ann Thurston.
- 13 Aug. 1598. John Tayer. Godfathers: John Tayer, Nicholas Baker. Godmother: Jone Wither.
- 13 Jan. 1598-9. Catherine Pitcher. Godfather: John Tayer.
- 1 Jan. 1599[1600]. Wilfry Tayer. Godfathers: Wilfry Waker, Robert Smith. Godmother: Joice Griffing.
- 1 May 1600. Sicely Tayer. Godfather: Thomas Pytcher. Godmothers: Als Hilpe, Mary Tratman.
- 5 Apr. 1601. Richard Tayer.† Godfathers: Richard Dimery, Nicholas Tayer. Godmother: Elizabeth Griffing.
- 7 Oct. 1602. Alice Tilladam. Godmother: Alice Tayer.
- 21 Aug. 1603. Thomas Tayre. Godfathers: Thomas Tayer, Richard Wytheed.
- 24 Feb. 1603[-4]. Catherine Tayer. Godfather: Thomas Dimery. Godmothers: Catherine Russell, Gvlian[?] Smith.
- 5 May 1605. William Tayer. Godfathers: William Coke, John Walker. Godmother: Jone Taire.
- 10 June 1606. Margaret Tayre. Godfather: John West. Godmothers: Jane Walker, Joice Griffing.
- 14 July 1606. Elizabeth Tayre. Godfather: Nicholas Purnell. Godmother: Sisly Wicksteed.
- 15 Mar. 1607[-8]. Agnes Taire the daughter of Richard Taire. Godfather: Nicholas Barly. Godmothers: Agnis Grainge, Jone Walker.
- 15 Jan. 1609[-10]. Thomas Tawyer son of Edward Tawyer. Godfathers: Thomas Tawyer, James Eddis. Godmother: Elizabeth Wilcox.

\* It was probably he who married, 13 Apr. 1618, Margerie Wheeler, and later emigrated to New England with his family.

† It was probably he who married, 5 Apr. 1624, Dorothy Mortimore, and, after her death, emigrated to New England with his children.

- 29 Apr. 1610. John Taire. Godfather: John Clarke. Godmother: [erased] Taire.
- 23 June 1611. Anna Tayer. Godfather: William Gwatkins. Godmothers: Anne Breadston, Joyse Haris.
- 26 Dec. 1611. John Tayer. Godfathers: John Whitfield, John Steevens. Godmother: Johane Patche.
- 13 Nov. 1614. John Tawyer. Godfathers: James Eddys, Richard Wicksteed. Godmother: Agnes Ganner.
- 13 Oct. 1616. Frederick Badmanton. Godfathers: Thomas Tayer, Francis Tayer.
- 15 Feb. 1617. Cordelia Badmenton. Godfather: Ferdinando Tayer. Godmothers: Agnes Tayer, Sisley Tayer.
- 4 July 1619. Frances Davys. Godfather: Edward Tayer. Godmother: Anne Tayer.
- 18 Nov. 1619. Ursula Tayer. Godfather: Gyles Wheeler. Godmothers: Ursula Tayer, Secilly Davys.
- 28 Jan. 1620-1. John Davys. Godfather: John Tayer.
- 20 May 1621. Welfrey Tayer. Godfathers: Welfrey Tayer, John Bayne [or Boyce]. Godmother: Katherin Hurd.
- 19 Aug. 1621. Bartholomew Tayer. Godfathers: John Curtys, gent., Thomas Parker. Godmother: Alys Eddys.
- 15 Sept. 1622. Thomas Tayer.\* Godfathers: Thomas Budden, Richard Tayer. Godmother: Joyce Harris.
- 10 Feb. 1624[-5]. Richard Tayer.† Godfathers: Richard Tayer, Wm. Mortimore. Godmother: Bridgett Seagar.
- 18 Apr. 1625. Ferdinando Tayer.‡ Godfathers: Ferdinando Tayer, William Tayer. Godmother: Margaret King.
- 8 Sept. 1626. Jonathan Tayer. Godfathers: John Callaway, Thomas Tayer. Godmother: Dorothy Tayer.
- 8 Oct. 1626. Ursula Tayer. Godfather: Nicholas Tayer. Godmothers: Ursula Tayer, Elizabeth Jones.
- 29 June 1627. Marie Tawyer. Godfather: Richard Callaway. Godmothers: Agnes Tayer, Katheryne Bruidwor.
- 10 May 1628. Elizabeth Tayer. Godfather: William Jones. Godmothers: Joyce Harrys, Margaret Byrde.
- 15 Jan. 1628[-9]. Jonathan Tayer. Godfathers: Richard Tayer, John Dynty. Godmother: Alice L[ ]ker.
- 9 May 1629. Shadrach Tayer.§ Godfathers: John Alpas, John Pendock. Godmother: Katherin Tayer.
- 4 Feb. 1629-30. Deborah Tayer. Godfather: John Purlyn. Godmothers: Katheren Dymery, Sarah Thurston.
- 17 Apr. 1630. Elizabeth Tayer. Godfather: George Speck. Godmothers: Isabel Mershe, Agnes Tayer.

\* Son of Thomas and Margerie (Wheeller), who came to New England with his parents, settled in Braintree, Mass., married, about 1646, Anne ———, and died in Braintree, 9 Aug. 1692, "aged neer seventy."

† Son of Richard and Dorothy (Mortimore), who came to New England with his father, settled in Braintree, Mass., where he married, 24 Dec. 1651, Dorothy Pray, and died there 27 Aug. 1695, "aged 71."

‡ Son of Thomas and Margerie (Wheeller), who came to New England with his parents, married in Braintree, Mass., 14 Jan. 1652-3, Huldah Hayward, and later settled in Mendon, Mass., where he died 28 Mar. 1713.

§ Son of Thomas and Margerie (Wheeller), who came to New England with his parents, settled in Braintree, Mass., where he married (1), 1 Jan. 1654-5, Mary Barrett, and (2), about 1661, Deliverance Priest, and died in Braintree, 19 Oct. 1678.

- 24 June 1630. Mary Tayer. Godfather: William Tayer. Godmothers: Katheryn Tayer, Ellizabeth Moore.
- 14 Aug. 1631. John Tayer. Godfathers: John Dawniee, John Dymerie. Godmother: Katheryne Teakle.
- 2 Feb. 1631[-2]. Thomas Tayer. Godfathers: ——— Mershe, Francis Tayer. Godmother: Agnes Tayer.
- 9 Feb. 1631[-2]. Sara Tayer.\* Godfather: Thomas Tayer. Godmothers: Agnes Jones, Katheryne Dawney.
- 16 Sept. 1632. Marie Tayer. Godfather: Francis Mountayne. Godmothers: Ann Stadurd, Katheryne Dymerie.
- 2 June 1633. Jaell Tayer.† Godfather: Rychard Dymmerie. Godmothers: Katheryne Dawney, Agnes Tayer.
- 12 Nov. 1633. Ann Tayer. Godfather: Richard Peaseley. Godmothers: An Tayer, Elizabeth Mershe.
- 27 Mar. 1633-4. Deborah Tayer.‡ Godfathers: William Jones, John Busher. Godmother: Elizabeth Wenkl.
- 6 Mar. 1634[-5]. Zacaria Tayer.§ Godfathers: John Ford, William Banton. Godmother: Agnes White.
- 12 Apr. 1635. Elizabeth Tayer. Godfather: William Callaway. Godmothers: Elizabeth Dymerie, Jaine Callaway.
- 26 Nov. 1635. Charles Tayer. Godfathers: Thomas Smithe, Thomas Pach. Godmother: Eliz. Peaseley.
- 24 Nov. 1636. Hester Tayer.|| Godfather: John Dymery. Godmothers: Alice Parker, Marie Tayer.
- 16 Nov. 1637. Edee Tayer. Godfather: George Baker. Godmothers: Anne Tayer, Ann Hornes.
- 27 Dec. 1637. Jonathan Tayer. Godfathers: Rich. Tayer, John Dymery. Godmother: Marie Kelloway.
- 11 Apr. 1639. Nathaniel Tayer.¶ Godfathers: Thomas Dymrie, Edward Dymrie. Godmother: Abigail Purlene.
- 10 May 1640. Nathaniel Tayer. Godfathers: Thomas Dymerie, William Hancock. Godmother: Elizabeth Purlen.
- 31 May 1640. Judith Tayer. Godfather: John Tayer. Godmothers: Elizabeth Peslie, Jane Whitfield.
- 10 Dec. 1640. Cornelius Tayer.\*\* Godfathers: Robert Thurston, Giles Wheler. Godmother: Alice Hopkins *als* Seaborn.
- 22 Apr. 1644. Gabriel Tayer. Godfathers: William Callaway, John Briggs. Godmother: Marie Callaway.

\* Daughter of Richard and Dorothy (Mortimore), who came to New England with her father, and married in Boston, Mass., 20 July 1651, Samuel Davis.

† Daughter of Richard and Dorothy (Mortimore), who came to New England with her father, married in Braintree, Mass., 17 Mar. 1654, John Harbour, Jr., and died there 10 Mar. 1701.

‡ Daughter of Richard and Dorothy (Mortimore), who came to New England with her father, married in Braintree, Mass., 11 Apr. 1653, Thomas Faxon, Jr., and died there 31 May 1662.

§ Son of Richard and Dorothy (Mortimore), who came to New England with his father, and settled in Braintree, Mass., where he died, unmarried, 29 July 1693.

|| Daughter of Richard and Dorothy (Mortimore), who came to New England with her father, and in 1695 was the wife of Joseph Gray, probably of Taunton, Mass.

¶ Son of Richard and Dorothy (Mortimore), who came to New England with his father, settled in Boston, Mass., married, about 1670, Deborah Townsend, and died in 1693.

\*\* Son of Richard and Dorothy (Mortimore), who came to New England with his father, and settled in Weymouth, Mass., where he died in 1663.



*The following names appear, either as godfather or godmother, in other baptismal entries.*

Agnes (Annis) Tayer, 1600, 10, 14, 17, 22, 27, 30, 41; Alice Tawier, 1566; Alice Tawyer, 1601; Alice (Als, Allice) Tayer, 1567, 95, 99, 1602, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 35; Ann Tayre, 1606; An Taire, 1608; An (Anne, Ann) Tawyer, 1608, 13, 15; An (Anne) Tayer, 1620, 23, 33, 36; Cicely (Sissily) Tayer, 1592, 1617; Edward Tayer, 1597, 1600, 20, 22; Edward Taire, 1608; Edward Tawyer, 1612, 15; Elinor Tawyer, 1612; Ellyn (Elen) Taire, 1607, 10; Ellyne Tayer, 1611; Ellyne Tawyer, 1612; Frances Tawyer, 1613; Frances Tayer, 1618; Francis Tayer, 1619, 20, 26, 31; Ferdinand (Ferdinando) Tayer, 1618, 33, 34; Ferdinando Tawyer, 1638; Jone (Joane) Tayer, 1595, 1603, 5, 11; Joane Tawyer, 1601, 28; Jone Tay<sup>r</sup>, 1604; Joane (Jone) Tayre, 1604, 6; Jone Taire, 1605; Johanes Tawier, 1565, 67, 68, 69; Johan Tayer, 1623, 25, 29; John Tawyer, 1585, 1603, 15; John Tayer, 1591, 96, 99, 1605, 16, 21, 24, 34, 36, 37, 39, 42; John Tawier, 1590, 93; John Tayar, 1592; John Taire, 1597; John Tayre, 1605; Judith (Judeth) Tayer, 1617, 18, 19; Katheryne (Catherine, Katheren, Katherine, Katheryn) Tayer, 1613, 15, 17, 21, 25, 27, 28, 30, 37; Lucie Tayer, 1636; Lewcey Tawyer, 1638; Margareta (Margaret) Tawier, 1563, 74; Margareta (Margarett, Margaret) Tayer, 1564, 83, 1625, 30, 32; Margaret Tawyer, 1586; Maria Tayer, 1557, 59; Maria Tawier, 1560, 61, 63; Mary Taire, 1608; Nicholas Tayer, 1596, 1613, 21, 22, 32; Nicholas Taire, 1608; Richard Tayer, 1613, 18, 19, 21, 24, 38; Susanna Tayer, 1626; Symon Taire, 1641; Thomas Tayer, 1557, 58, 59, 62, 99, 1621; Thomas Tawier, 1560, 62, 67, 83; Thomas Tawyer, 1596, 1608, 14; Usly Tayer, 1599.

### *Marriages.*

- 15 Nov. 1553. Thomas Jamys to Jone Taw[i]er.
- 19 Feb. 1560[-1]. Thomas Holdbrooke to Constans Tawier.
- 3 Aug. 1589. John Tawyer to Joan Lawrence.
- 30 Apr. 1597. Thomas Tillad to Alice Tawyer.
- 3 May 1597. Thomas Tilladame to Alice Tawyer.
- 15 Oct. 1599. Nicholas Tayer to Jone Stones.
- 4 Nov. 1599. William Pytch[r] to Ussly Tayer.
- 24 Nov. 1614. Thomas Badmanton to Ellnor Tayer, at Gloucester.
- 13 Apr. 1618. Thomas Tayer\* to Margerie Wheeler.†
- 11 June 1618. James DAVISSE to Sysley Tayer, at Gloucester.
- 22 Nov. 1619. Christopher Grymer to Mabell Tayer.
- 29 Apr. 1622. John Tayer to Alce Vyzard, at Bristol.
- 5 Apr. 1624. Richard Tayer‡ to Dorothy Mortimore.§
- 19 Jan. 1625[-6]. William Tayer to Mary Kellaway.
- 27 Jan. 1630[-1]. William Barton to Agnes Tayer.
- 4 July 1631. John Dawnee to Katheryne Tayer.
- 29 June 1640. Richard Tayer to Jane Solles.

\* Came to New England with his family, and settled at Mount Wollaston (afterwards Braintree), Mass., where he died 2 June, 1665.

† Died in Braintree, Mass., 11 Feb., 1672-3.

‡ Came to New England with eight children, and settled first in Braintree, Mass., afterwards removing to Boston, Mass., where he married, soon after 15 July 1646, Jane, widow of John Parker of Boston (formerly of Marlborough, Eng.), and presumably returned to England with his second wife and her children, soon after 17 Oct., 1656, where he died before 1668.

§ Died in Thornbury, 17 Jan. 1640[-1].

*Burials.*

- 21 Aug. 1558. Johes Tawier.  
 11 Feb. 1561[-2]. Johes Tawier.  
 11 Feb. 1561[-2]. Willihelmus Tawier.  
 19 Mar. 1561[-2]. Constans Tawier.  
 13 Jan. 1565[-6]. Willihelm Tawier.  
 6 Mar. 1565[-6]. Thomas Tawier.  
 5 May 1571. Agneta Tawier.  
 20 Nov. 1572. Willihelmus Tawier.  
 17 Mar. 1573[-4]. Thomas Tayer.  
 4 May 1576. Johana Tawier.  
 4 July 1579. Secilia Tawier.  
 12 Oct. 1584. John Tawier.  
 11 Sept. 1586. Catherine Tayer.  
 13 Dec. 1586. Alice Tawier.  
 16 Aug. 1587. Anthony Tayer.  
 8 Nov. 1590. Jane Tayer.  
 10 Nov. 1590. An Tawier.  
 10 Nov. 1590. Ann Tawier daughter of above born, and buried at the  
     same time as her mother.  
 5 Feb. 1592[-3]. Jone Tayer.  
 26 Apr. 1593. Margaret Tayer.  
 14 Feb. 1594[-5]. Thomas Tayer.  
 1 Jan. 1600-1. John Tayer died, buried 4th day.  
 18 June 1603. Margaret Tayer.  
 15 Mar. 1606-7. John Taire, son of Richard Tayre.  
 11 Feb. 1609[-10]. Thomas Taire, son of Edward Taire.  
 12 Oct. 1610. John Taire, son of Richard Taire.  
 20 Apr. 1611. Mrs. Mary Cooke (whose Sister [*sic*] in law was Thomas  
     Tawyer who died in Anno 1593).  
 15 Nov. 1612. Alice Tawyer.  
 13 Dec. 1619. Ursula Tayer.  
 10 July 1621. Wilfrey Tayer.  
 12 June 1622. Welfrey Tayer.  
 25 Feb. 1622[-3]. Bartholomew Tayer.  
 3 Mar. 1622[-3]. Thomas Tayer.  
 3 Oct. 1626. Jonathan Tayer.  
 2 May 1627. Ursula Tayer.  
 24 Sept. 1627. Marie Tayer.  
 5 Nov. 1627. Edward Tayer.  
 3 Dec. 1627. Thomas Tayer had a child buried not baptised.  
 20 Feb. 1627[-8]. John Tayer.  
 25 Jan. 1628[-9]. Jonathan Tayer.  
 16 Mar. 1630[-1]. Deborah Tayer.  
 18 Aug. 1631. John Tayer.  
 23 May 1632. Francis Tayer.  
 — Dec. 1632. Thomas Tayer had a child buried not baptised.  
 18 May 1634. Ursula Tayer.  
 17 Jan. 1640[-1]. Dorothe Tayer.\*  
 19 Jan. 1642[-3]. Ferdinando Tayer.  
 9 Feb. 1642[-3]. Lucie Tayer.  
 16 Feb. 1642[-3]. Jonathan Tayer.  
 16 Mar. 1642[-3]. Anne Tayer.

\* Wife of Richard who emigrated to New England in 1641.

# ABSTRACTS OF WILLS RELATING TO THE TAYER (THAYER) FAMILY OF THORNBURY, GLOU- CESTERSHIRE, ENGLAND.

Communicated by HENRY ERNEST WOODS, A.M.

WILL of JOHN TAYER of Thornbury, co. Gloucester, yeoman. Dated 31 December 1600; proved March 1600 [-1]. To be buried at Thornbury. To 3 daughters Alice, Agnes and Evelyn (?) Tayer a messuage and tenement in Thornbury. To son John a gold ring. To wife Jone Tayer all goods and she Executrix. To mother Mary Cooke. To brother Thomas 3s 4d. To Mr. Manning, minister of Thornbury, 10s. Overseer: John Hilse, Senior, and appoints to be joined with him as overseers John Hilse, Junior, and brother Thomas Tayer, and to them 20d for their pains. Witnesses: John Manning, Thomas Tayer, John Hylse and Jo: Hylse. Memorandum (after sealing will): To daughters Alice and Agnes Tayer £8, being £4 to each of them. (*Consistory of Gloucester.*)

Will of THOMAS TAWYER of Thornbury, gent. Dated 13 February 1622; proved 20 May 1623. To the Parish Church of Thornbury 6s 8d. To Poor people of Thornbury and Kington 40s. Desires that Mr. Sprinte, Minister at Thornbury, should preach 4 Sermons on such texts of Holy Scripture as he should appoint before his decease and at such times as he should mention, one at funeral and the other at intervals of a month, and to be paid 6s 8d for his trouble. To son Ferdinando and his heirs house, land and appurtenances at Thornbury, and failing issue, to son Francis and his heirs, and failing issue, to daughter Elinor Smith and her heirs. To son Francis £40 and a signet ring. To son Ferdinando £70 and a gold ring. To daughter Elinor Smith 12d. To Frederick Badminton, son of daughter Elinor, £20. To Hanna Smith and Elinor\* Smith, daughters of said Elinor Smith, £10 apiece. If wife should marry again, then to son Francis £50, to Frederick Badminton £20, and to Hanna and Hester\* Smith £10. Due on Bond from Thomas Smith £100, this amount to be for the use of Frederick Badminton. To each of children various silver articles. All residue of goods to present wife Ann, who is to have use of all silver plate till her death or second marriage, and she to be Executrix, if she refuse, then sons Ferdinando and Francis to be Executors. Overseers: William Rider, Richard Atwells, John Parker and John Champneys, gent., and sons Francis and Ferdinando Tawyer. Witnesses: John Baker, John Champneys, Francis Tawyer and Ferdinando Tawyer. (*Consistory of Gloucester.*)

Will of KATHERINE TAYER of Kington in the parish of Thornbury, co. Gloucester. Dated 21 January 1656; proved 26 June 1658, by the executor named. To my daughter Anne [Annis] Barton, my best stuff gown, and one holland sheet which I bought of my father James Ellys [Eddys], and £20; she and her now husband giving a receipt in law to my executor. To my grandchildren John Tayer the younger, Thomas Tayer and Sara Tayer, £10 apiece. To my 4 grandchildren, viz. the 4 daughters of my son John Tayer, £5 apiece. To my 2 grandchildren Sarah Tayer

\*The testator mentions Hanna and Elinor Smith the two daughters of Elinor Smith, but afterwards, in several places, he refers to Hanna and Hester Smith the two daughters of Elinor Smith. Probably the word Elinor, first used, was an error.

and Mary Tayer, all my gloves, purses and silk girdles. 20s to be laid out by my executor in smocks and aprons for my cousin Elizabeth Jaine. To my cousin Edward Parker 10s. To my cousin William Parker, if he shall be living at my death, and come in person to receive it, 10s. To everyone of the sons and daughters of John Baker of Thornbury, gentleman, my kinsman, 12d. To Alice Eedes, wife of Henry Eedes, my market petticoat. To my godson Samuel Eedes 10s. To my late servant Marie White, now called Marie Syer, 40s. To my servant Martha Gawney 10s. Residuary legatee and Executor: my son John Tayer. Overseers: John Baker aforesaid and Thomas Baker his eldest son. Witnesses: Jo: Baker, the marks of Judith Poynton and Mary Webb, Robert Thurston.

(*P. C. C., Wootton 476.*)

Will of SARA TAYER of Keynton, Thornbury, widow. Dated 20 January 1670; proved 12 April 1673. To son John Tayer a clock. To son Thomas Tayer a silver bowl that was his grandmother's. To 2 eldest daughters Sara and Mary £250 each to make up their portions left them by their grandmother. To daughter Elizabeth a lease of certain grounds called Bann-Marsh and 2 acres in Deep More in Ham, parish of Berkeley, under lease granted by George, Lord Berkeley. To 2 youngest daughters Ann and Judith lease of messuage and land at Rockhampton, held from Nathaniel Mallett, my brother. To said 3 daughters Elizabeth, Anne and Judith £50 apiece. To daughter in law 20s. To grandchild Elizabeth Tayer £5. To Elizabeth Jayne 40s. To son John Tayer all residue and he sole Executor. Overseers: brothers Nathaniel and Samuel Mallett and son Thomas Tayer, and to them 10s for their trouble. To Walter Webb 10s. Witnesses: Nathaniel Mallett, Samuel Mallett and Robert Thurstan.

(*Consistory of Gloucester.*)

Administration of goods of JUDITH TAYER, deceased intestate, granted 5 March 1683 to John Tayer, etc. Value of estate 39s 2d.

(*Consistory of Gloucester.*)

Will of ABELL WHEELER\* of Thornbury, tiller. Dated 26 February 1613; proved 24 January 1614. To son William Wheller 6d. To daughter Elizabeth Wheller a brass pot, etc. To daughter Margery Wheller sheets, etc. To son Giles Wheller goods. To daughters sheep and lambs to be divided by John Champneys and Thomas Barton. To wife Jane Wheller residue of goods and she sole Executrix. Overseers: Thomas Barton and John Champneys. Witnesses: Thomas Harborn and John Champneys.

(*Consistory of Gloucester.*)

Will of JANE WHELLER† of Thornbury. Dated 30 March 1629; proved 1629, no date. To son Giles Wheller various goods that are in his possession. To son William Wheller 10s. To William Ogborne son of John Ogborne 10s. To Thomas Tayer and Ferdinando Tayer sons of Thomas Tayer her son in law 10s. To daughter Elizabeth Ogborn 12d. To daughters Elizabeth Ogborn and Margery Tayer all wearing apparel. To Thomas Tayer son of Thomas Tayer, her cosen, all residue of goods and he sole Executor. Overseers: son Giles Wheller and son in law Thomas Tayer. Witnesses: Thomas Tayer, John Champneys and Giles Wheller.

(*Consistory of Gloucester.*)

\* Father of Margery who married, 13 Apr. 1618, Thomas Tayer the emigrant to New England.

† Mother of Margery who married Thomas Tayer.

Will of GILES WHEELER, of Morton, Thornbury, husbandman. Dated 24 May 1650; proved October 1650. To wife Susanna £10 and various goods. To Ann wife of Guy Lawrence 20s. To Alice Wither daughter of Peter Wither 20s. To Agnes Gough 10s. To kinsman William Ogborn of Thornbury, baker, all residue of goods and he sole Executor. Overseers: Guy Lawrence and William Demey. Debts owing to testator: Robert Barton 40s, Edward Long 40s, John Windon 40s, Robert Godfrey 20s, Richard Butcher 3s 2d. Witnesses: Timothy Hacker and John Morris.  
(*Consistory of Gloucester.*)

Will of JOHN MORTIMER of Morton, Thornbury, yeoman. Dated 19 July 1615; proved November 1615. To be buried in the Churchyard of Thornbury. To 2 sons William and Francis £10 a piece. To daughter Johane £10. To wife Johane all residue of goods and she sole Executrix. Overseer: Brother in law John Searche. Witnesses: Richard Warner, John Longe and John Searche, with others. Debts owing by testator: John Mallett of Bevington £4, William Webb of Shepperdine £5, John Pegler of Tortworth £8, Richard Warner of Faulfield 20s.  
(*Consistory of Gloucester.*)

Will of WILLIAM MORTIMER\* of Thornbury. Dated 31 August 1626; proved 9 September 1626. To be buried in Thornbury Churchyard near body of late wife Margaret. To Richard Tayer £5 and various articles. To grandchild Richard Tayer bed, etc. To daughter Dorothy 12d. To youngest daughter Agnes Mortimer all residue of goods and she sole Executrix. Overseers: Thomas Croome [or Broome] and Agnes Croome [or Broome] and for their pains 12d. Witnesses: Ric: Brafeld, William Jones and Francis Ogborne.  
(*Consistory of Gloucester.*)

Will of FRANCIS MORTIMER of Thornbury, shoemaker. Nuncupative will, no date; proved 29 January 1647. To Andrew Bütler his brother in law (the husband of Joan Butler alias Mortimer, his sister) and his children, he gave his free land in Thornbury, paying out of it unto his brother William 20s per annum during his life. All the rest of his goods he gave unto Maria his wife and she to be sole Executrix. Witnesses: Henry Marsh, Andrew Butler and Maria Mortimer. (*Consistory of Gloucester.*)

\*Father of Dorothy who married, 5 Apr. 1624, Richard Tayer the emigrant to New England.

