

Beginnings in England

THOMAS FENNER AND 1, MARY; 2, ELIZABETH

[b 1540; bur 18 Dec. 1601] Thomas was from Horley, Surrey, England. He married 1st Mary —, m 2nd Elizabeth [bur 4 May 1614]. Thomas wrote his will on 14 December 1601, leaving his son Samuel messuage and lands called "Tye Meadow" and "Tye Grove" in Burstow, "Little Harrowby" in Horne, "Tanners" in Horley, and "Cox Crofts" in Worth, Sussex Co. To his eldest son, Arthur, he left land called "Lakeland" and additional lands and tenements in Horne and Horley.^a To his youngest daughter, Sarah, he left £100 11d. He named his wife Elizabeth as executrix and residuary legatee, and asked that she would continue to raise the children on the farm named "Harrowby" The will was probated on 4 March 1601-2 and was confirmed on 30 June 1603. All the children were probably born from Mary.

1. Lucy [b ca. 1568]; m — Edshaw.
2. Susanna [b ca. 1570]; m John Falkner on 25 Nov. 1588.
3. Arthur [b 1575; d 1646]; m Sarah Browne. F
4. Thomas [b 1578; d 16 Sept. 1638]; was a resident of Burstow, Surrey Co.^b
5. Sarah [b 1581]; m — Heathfield.
6. Samuel [b 1583].

ARTHUR FENNER AND SARAH BROWNE

[b 1575; d ca. 1646] Arthur m Sarah Browne [bpt 22 Oct. 1592; d after 1633/4] on 9 Jan. 1613-4.^a Sarah was the daughter of Rev. Joseph Browne [bur 15 Oct. 1633] and Margery or Mary Patching^b [bur 15 Dec. 1603]. Rev. Joseph m 2nd Elizabeth Stone [bur 15 Sept. 1616] on 12 Feb. 1606.

1. Sarah [b 26 Nov. 1615; d 25 May 1676]; married twice. F
2. Thomas [b 2 July 1617; bpt 20 July 1617; d 15 May 1647 in Branford, CT]. He lived and/or worked in Wethersfield, CT; he was a merchant and Indian trader. In his will, he left a boat, Dutch money, beaver skins, and trading goods.^c
3. Capt. Arthur, [b 17 Oct. 1619; bpt 1622; d 10 Oct. 1703]. F
4. Samuel [bpt 22 Sept. 1622 at Ifield, Sussex, England].
5. William [bpt 11 Sept. 1625; d 30 Aug.—6 Sept. 1680 in Newport, RI]; no children.
6. Joseph [b 11 June 1628;^d bpt 22 June 1628].
7. Capt. John [bpt 13 Feb. 1630/1; d 1709 at Saybrook, CT]; m Sarah Clarke.^e
 1. Phebe [b 6 Sept. 1673]; m David Buell [b 15 Feb. 1679; d 25 Feb. 1749].
 2. Sarah [b 1674; d before 1715]; m 1st James Hazelton in 1693, m 2nd Gersholm Palmer [b 13 Apr. 1670; d 1733] in 1698.
 3. John [b 1685; d 14 Feb. 1731]; m Elizabeth Smith in 1724.
 4. Hannah [b 1692; d after 1758]; m Thomas Starkey [b 1688; d Apr. 1756] on 1 Sept. 1709.
8. Phoebe [bpt 5 Jan. 1633/4]; was 2nd wife of William Ward; they were married on 26 Mar. 1660.^f

SARAH FENNER AND 1, JOHN TULLY; 2, ROBERT LAY

[b 26 Nov. 1615; d 25 May 1676 at Saybrook, CT] Sarah m John Tully on 17 Oct. 1637 and had two children: John and Sarah. They inherited much property in the parish of Horley, hundred of Reigate, county of Surrey, twenty miles from London.

John Tully died in England, leaving a will dated 11 June 1644, and the widow and children came to New England with her two brothers ca. 1646-7. John left his estate to his executors, one being his brother William. He also had a sister, Martha.

The Fenner who went to England at the proper time to claim John's estate failed to take deeds, and the executors asserted him to be an imposter. Details are given of his return, discovery of deeds sewed inside an old gown, and successful recovery of houses, orchards, etc., in the parish of Horley.

Sarah m 2nd Robert Lay [b 1617; d 9 July 1689] on 12 Dec. 1647. Robert was the brother of John and Edward Lay.

For more on the descendents of Robert and Sarah, contact MikeandLeslieL@aol.com.

Thomas Fenner

- . www.familysearch.com.
- a Thomas' will information from Buckingham, *The Book of Begats*. Line 2: 1.
- b Birthdates of Thomas, Sarah, and Samuel from Fenner, Richard Lee; 5.

Arthur Fenner

- . www.familysearch.com.
- . Buckingham, *The Book of Begats*. Line 2: 2.
- . Benns, 2.
- a White, 1.
- b Fenner, Richard Lee; 5.
- c Email from Richard Arthur Fenner to Chris Fenner, 12 Dec. 2007.
- d Fenner, Richard Lee; 5. Richard shows Joseph's birthdate as 22 June 1628.
- e Email from Richard Arthur Fenner to Chris Fenner, 14 Aug. 2003.
- f Email from Richard Arthur Fenner to Chris Fenner, 27 Sept. 2003.

Sarah Fenner

- . Root, II: 22-23.
- . Buckingham, *The Book of Begats*. Line 2: 2.
- . Benns, 2.