

Ancestors of Phillip Pasfield of Wethersfield, Essex, England

Phillip Pasfield was born in Wethersfield about 1615 and died in early 1685 in Wethersfield. He lived there his entire life, as did his ancestors going back at least 250 years. This paper will identify and document his known ancestors.

Community of Wethersfield

Wethersfield is now and always has been a very small community in northwest Essex County. Its history dates back to at least 1190.^[1] The earliest known map dated in 1741 shows the roads that connect Wethersfield to other nearby towns and a number of small properties on either side of those roads.^[2]

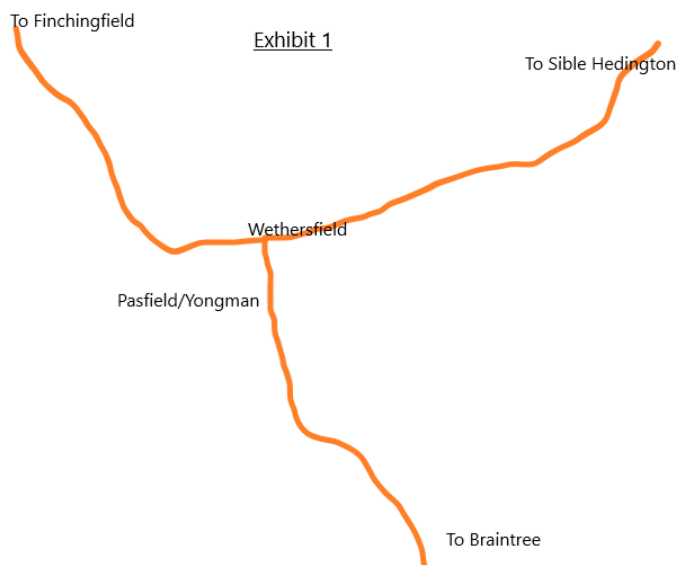
Although there are very few Essex County records prior to 1600, Phillip's ancestors can be traced through them back to the early 1400s in Wethersfield. The surviving parish records in Wethersfield begin about 1650. Fortunately there are wills from 1500 and some land and court records available from the 1300s in the Essex County archives. There are also lawsuits in London Chancery courts that help the genealogical researcher trace Phillip Pasfield and his ancestors.

Wethersfield Land Records

Land records in early Essex County typically assign names to the various properties rather than use metes and bounds or acres. The assigned property names come from various sources, including

names of previous owners of the property. Land transactions typically list the sellers and the buyers, property name, and the neighboring land owners. Many of these properties are bought and sold by groups of individuals who may or may not all be relatives.

Because of the lack of wills and available vital records, property ownership plays a critical role in tracing Phillip's ancestors. The locations of the early properties owned by Phillip's ancestors are next to the highway leading from the parish church in Wethersfield



¹ Philip Morant, *The History and Antiquities of the County of Essex* (1768; reprint, Ardsley, England: E P Publishing Limited, 1978), 2:370-373. Note: Page numbers were duplicated in the book, with two different pages numbered 371 and two different pages numbered 372.

² *Essex County, England, Records of Manor of Wetherfield D/DFy P1*, Essex Record Office [ERO].

to market place in Braintree (see Exhibit 1) sometimes called the King's highway. Some of the properties frequently mentioned on this road are Golding, Allyns, Montonslane, and Mundies.

About 1570, Phillip's great grandfather Edward Pasfield purchased a property called Lightwaters that is on the western edge of Wethersfield next to the river. Phillip lived near the Lightwaters area during his lifetime. Nicholas Pasfield, father of Phillip, owned part of the Lightwaters property and two other properties called Triglottes and Thorleys. These three properties and their previous owners help provide clues as to Phillip's ancestors.^[3] Other properties that are referenced near Lightwaters include Shortland, Les Pigtail, Terryingtones, and Manfeld.

First Generation

1. Phillip Pasfield, son of **Nicholas Pasfield** and **Mary Youngman alias Clark**, was born about 1615 in Wethersfield and died after 3 Jun 1684 in Wethersfield.^[4] Phillip married **Susan or Susannah Dyer** in Essex County about 1641 in Essex County. Susan was born about 1617 in Essex County and died after 1696 in Wethersfield. She was the daughter of **Mr. Dyer** and **Mary Payne**.

Phillip first showed up in the records in court because someone was stealing his livestock. On 15 Jan 1630/31, Martin Gilbert stole a white ewe worth 10 shillings.^[5] Later Phillip came to court with his father Nicholas to accuse John Wallicker and Henry Wood of stealing their geese on 24 Nov 1637.^[6] These last two defendants were found guilty and fined and whipped.^[7]

In 1664, Phillip had his title of "gentleman" taken away by the herald officers of arms of the King.^[8] Phillip was mentioned in the 1670 hearth tax as a resident of Wethersfield.^[9] He was mentioned in the now missing will of his father Nicholas.^[10]

Wife Susan Dyer was given property by her mother Mary (Payne) Dyer in 1641. On 14 Jul 1682 in the court rolls of Great Henny parish, Phillip Pasfield of Wethersfield, yeoman, and Susan his wife surrendered^[11] a copyhold^[12] that Susan had received "as the next heir to Mary Dyer, deceased" for the "use of their youngest daughter Ann Pasfield."^[13]

³ Phillip's 5th great grandmother **131. Alice (---) Hayward Cranford** mentioned all of these properties and many other properties in her will in 1486. Alice's sons Richard and John and her stepsons Robert and **108. Thomas Cranford** and their descendants were found frequently in the Essex records for the next 70 years.

⁴ *Essex County, England, Church of England, Archdeaconry of Middlesex, registered copy of wills 1678-1711*, FHL microfilm [0094732] pp. 191-192, Family History Library [FHL] Salt Lake City, Utah. Phillip did not mention any specific property by name but the implication from the will is that he had multiple properties that he authorized to be sold.

⁵ *Essex County, England, National Archive Document Online Abstract T/A 418/108/31*, Essex Record Office (ERO), Chelmsford, Essex. Phillip and his father Nicholas were witnesses in the court action.

⁶ *Essex County, England, Calendar Entry Online Abstract Q/SR 299/82*, ERO.

⁷ *Essex County, England, Calendar Entry Online Abstract Q/SR 299/38*, ERO.

⁸ John P. Rylands, *A List of Persons who were Disclaimed as Gentlemen of Coat-Armour by The Heralds* (Guilford, England : Billing and Sons, 1888), 57. Persons who had usurped titles or publically used titles without any right were degraded and a proclamation of such was made in the nearest market town. Nevertheless, Phillip was called a gentleman by his son Nicholas in his 1696 lawsuit.

⁹ Catherine Ferguson, Christopher Thornton, and Andrew Wareham, *Essex Hearth Tax Return: Michaelmas 1670* (London, England : British Record Society, 2012), 167.

¹⁰ *The National Archives of the UK, Pasfield v Pasfield, 1696* (London, England: The Nationals Archives), C 7/260/16.

¹¹ Bryan A. Garner, ed., *Black's Law Dictionary* 8th Edition (1891; St. Paul, Minnesota: Thompson West, 2004), 1485. Surrender of a copyhold is a transfer of property involving the lord of the manor.

Phillip wrote his will on 3 Jun 1684. Phillip's estate was processed in Apr 1685 by wife Susannah.^[14] Susan outlived her husband by over 12 years and was subject to a Chancery lawsuit brought by her son Nicholas over collecting the rents on his Wethersfield properties.^[15]

Children from this marriage were:

- i. **Susan Pasfield** born about 1644 in Wethersfield and died in Mar 1653/54 in Wethersfield.^[16]
- ii. **Nicholas Pasfield** born about 1646 in Wethersfield and died after 1 Jan 1700/01 in Surry County, Virginia.^[17] He married Joane (---) about 1681 in Surry County. Nicholas filed a suit in the High Court of Chancery in London in 1677 over the payment of a mortgage on his properties to a Francis Strutt. Before he left for Virginia in 1676, he left brother-in-law Solomon Alston as his agent to collect rents from tenants in his absence.^[18] He received some money in the will of his father.^[19] Nicholas took in his nephew John Alston when he arrived in Surry County by 1693.^[20] Nicholas was mentioned in the now missing will of grandfather Nicholas Pasfield. He was given ownership of properties named Triglots and Thorleys after the death of his father Phillip. In 1696, he sued his mother and others so that they would collect rents and maintain these properties in England for him.^[21]

¹² Bryan A. Garner, ed., *Black's Law Dictionary* 8th Edition (1891; St. Paul, Minnesota: Thompson West, 2004), 360. A copyhold is a property that requires the tenant to provide the customary services to the lord of the manor. Additional details are explained in this reference.

¹³ Frederick A. Crisp, *Fragmenta Genealogica*, Vol. 8, (1902, reprint, Bowie, Maryland: Heritage Books, Inc., 1996), 47.

¹⁴ Joseph A. Bradney, *Transcripts and extracts from Parish Registers; Abstracts from Wills, Deeds, Pedigrees, etc.*, microfilm no. [0094789] vol. 4, page 4, Family History Library [FHL] Salt Lake City, Utah.

¹⁵ *The National Archives of the UK, Pasfield v Pasfield, 1696* (London, England: The Nationals Archives), C 7/260/16.

¹⁶ *Essex County, England, Wethersfield Register of Burials St. Mary Magdalene 1647-1666*, Image 22, ERO.

¹⁷ *Surry County, Virginia, Wills and Deeds No. 5, Part 1 1694-1709*, microfilm no. [0034101] page 227, Family History Library [FHL] Salt Lake City, Utah. There were no references to any property he may have owned in England.

¹⁸ *The National Archives of the UK, Pasfield v Strutt, 1677* (London, England: The Nationals Archives), C 7/271/32. The suit was over when the repayment of the mortgage was to be made. The outcome of the suit is not known. On 28 May 1694, Thomas Fitch was the owner of the Cross Croft property mentioned in the suit. (*Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DK T295/34*, ERO.)

¹⁹ *Essex County, England, Church of England, Archdeaconry of Middlesex, registered copy of wills 1678-1711*, FHL microfilm [0094732] pp. 191-192, Family History Library.

²⁰ *Surry County, Virginia, Deeds, Wills, Etc. No. 4, 1687-1694*, FHL microfilm [0034100] p. 332, Family History Library [FHL] Salt Lake City, Utah. Nicholas was found regularly in the Surry County taxable records from 1677 to 1701. (Forrest D. King, *The Parentage and Possible Wife of Colonel John Alston of Chowan County, North Carolina* (unpublished manuscript, 2017) 5).

²¹ *The National Archives of the UK, Pasfield v Pasfield, 1696* (London, England: The Nationals Archives), C 7/260/16. Nicholas' ownership of these properties is used later in this paper to identify his grandmother. The suit claims that his mother wanted to sell them to a Thomas Fitch, gentleman, on behalf of Ann (Pasfield) Jones her daughter. The results of this lawsuit or the next owner of these properties in Wethersfield are not known. No mention of these properties is found in the will of Thomas Fitch. (*The National Archives of the UK, Will of Thomas Fitch, Yeoman, of Wethersfield, Essex, 1703* (London, England: The Nationals Archives), Prob 11/468/309).

- Phillip left his own will dated 9 Jan 1700/01 in Surry County. Joane lived at least until 22 Nov 1704.^[22]
- iii. **Mary Pasfield** born in 1649 in Wethersfield^[23] and died before 1684 in Wethersfield. Mary married Solomon Alston^[24] about 1667 in Essex County. She was deceased by the will of her father Phillip on 3 Jun 1684. Husband Solomon and children Mary, William, Philip, and John were mentioned in the will. Her son John migrated to Surry County to live with her brother Nicholas by 1693.^[25] Husband Solomon married next Lydia Pond on 25 Nov 1684 in Romford, Essex County^[26] and was buried on 20 Oct 1721 in Havering at Bower County, Essex.^[27] Lydia was buried on 22 Mar 1721/22.^[28]
 - iv. **Ann Pasfield** christened on 22 Jun 1653 in Wethersfield^[29] and died after 1696 in Essex County. Ann married John White about 1675 in Essex. As mentioned earlier, Ann received the property from her parents in 1682 that belonged to her grandmother. She surrendered this copyhold to Samuel Bigg, gent, on 28 Nov 1684.^[30] She also received a good portion of the estate of her father in his will. Ann and husband John White were also defendants in the suit brought by her brother Nicholas in 1696 over the collecting of rents from his property.

Second Generation (Phillip's Parents)

2. Nicholas Pasfield, son of **Edward Pasfield** and **Mrs. Edward Pasfield**, was born about 1585 in Wethersfield and died about 1670 in Wethersfield. Nicholas married **3. Mary Yongman alias Clark** about 1612 in Wethersfield. Mary was born about 1583 in Wethersfield. Mary is the daughter of **Humphrey Yongman alias Clark** and **Julian Leeds**.

Nicholas or his cousin Nicholas Pasfield was brought into court on 26 Apr 1610 to answer to a charge of having ill company in his house.^[31] Nicholas owned a copyhold messuage^[32] in Wethersfield on 18 Feb 1618/19.^[33] Nicholas held the office of trustee of the Wethersfield parish on 26 Feb

²² *Isle of Wight County, Virginia, Deed Book 2 1704-1715*, microfilm no. [Reel 2], p. 38, Virginia State Archives, Richmond, Virginia.

²³ *Essex County, England, Wethersfield Register of Baptisms St. Mary Magdalene 1647-1683*, Image 3, ERO.

²⁴ There is extensive information about the ancestors and family of Solomon Alston on the website thekingscandlesticks.com sponsored by Edward Fenn.

²⁵ *Surry County, Virginia, Deeds, Wills, Etc. No. 4, 1687-1694*, FHL microfilm [0034100] p. 332, Family History Library [FHL] Salt Lake City, Utah.

²⁶ *Essex County, England, Romford Register of Marriages St. Edward the Confessor 1610-1732*, Image 95, ERO.

²⁷ *Essex County, England, Havering-atta-Bower Register of Burials St. John the Evangelist 1718-1812*, Image 25, ERO.

²⁸ *Essex County, England, Havering-atta-Bower Register of Burials St. John the Evangelist 1718-1812*, Image 25, ERO.

²⁹ *Essex County, England, Wethersfield Register of Baptisms St. Mary Magdalene 1647-1683*, Image 5, ERO.

³⁰ Frederick A. Crisp, *Fragmenta Genealogica*, Vol. 8, (1902, reprint, Bowie, Maryland: Heritage Books, Inc., 1996), 47.

³¹ *Essex County, England, Calendar Entry Online Abstract Q/SR 191/49*, ERO. Not enough information is available to identify which Nicholas Pasfield was in court.

³² Bryan A. Garner, ed., *Black's Law Dictionary* 8th Edition (1891; St. Paul, Minnesota: Thompson West, 2004), 1011. A dwelling house and the associated outbuildings.

³³ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/P 119/25/92*, ERO. The copyhold property was unspecified.

1624/25.^[34] He was appointed a trustee in the will of John Cleveland on 8 Apr 1636.^[35] Nicholas appeared in court with his son Phillip regarding their stolen geese on 24 Nov 1637.^[36]

On 1 Dec 1660, Nicholas Pasfield, yeoman, and others gave permission to Dudley Templer to lease a property called Franklyns Fenn for a period of 6 years.^[37] There is also a reference to a neighboring property called Lightwaters. Lightwaters had been previously split into multiple parcels. One parcel of Lightwaters had descended to Nicholas from his grandfather Edward Pasfield. Nicholas left a will which has been lost.

The name of his wife is unknown but can probably be surmised. Nicholas gave land called Triglotts and Thorleys first to his son Phillip during his life and then to grandson Nicholas Pasfield. Nicholas most likely obtained these properties from his marriage to Mary Yongman alias Clark. On 10 Dec 1591, Mary and sister Lydia were given an equal interest in both these properties in the will of their father Humphrey after the death of their mother.^[38] If one sister should die without heirs, both properties would be inherited by the survivor. Nicholas had possession of both of these properties, showing that probably only one of the daughters survived.

There is reason to suggest that Mary Youngman alias Clark was the surviving daughter. The name Lydia was never used as a family name by Nicholas' descendants whereas Mary is used in the next few generations. That does not eliminate the possibility that Nicholas married Lydia instead. It is also possible that Nicholas could have purchased these properties outright but there is no record of that happening either. The only record that names Mary is the will of father Humphrey Yongman alias Clark dated 10 Dec 1591, where she was given money in addition to the property mentioned.^[39]

The child from this marriage was:

- 1 i. **Phillip Pasfield** (born about 1615 in Wethersfield - died after 3 Jun 1684 in Wethersfield – see earlier)

Third Generation (Grandparents)

4. Edward Pasfield, son of **Edward Pasfield** and **Agnes Livermore**, was born about 1550 in Wethersfield and died after 1610 in Wethersfield. Edward married **5. Mrs. Edward Pasfield** about 1577 in Wethersfield. She was born about 1554 in Wethersfield.

Edward was owed money by John King in his estate papers dated about 19 Jun 1593.^[40] He and son Edward were mentioned in the will of William Hewitt dated 6 Oct 1597.^[41] Edward Sr. was a witness

³⁴ *Archives of the Essex County Record Office DP 119/25/112* (Colchester, England: ERO).

³⁵ *Essex County, England, Archdeaconry of Middlesex Will John Cleveland 1636 Wethersfield*, ERO.

³⁶ *Essex County, England, Calendar Entry Online Abstract Q/SR 299/82*, ERO.

³⁷ *Archives of the Essex County Record Office DP 119/25/113* (Colchester, England: ERO).

³⁸ Frederick G. Emmison, *Essex Wills The Archdeaconry Courts 1597-1603* (Chelmsford, Essex: ERO, 1990), 7:170. Both Mary and Lydia were under 20.

³⁹ Frederick G. Emmison, *Essex Wills The Archdeaconry Courts 1597-1603* (Chelmsford, Essex: ERO, 1990), 7:170.

⁴⁰ *Essex County, England, Church of England, Archdeaconry of Middlesex, registered copy of wills 1583-1594*, microfilm no. [0094731] pages 313-314, Family History Library [FHL] Salt Lake City, Utah. There is also a reference in the will to John King giving property to a John Pasfield "for the keeping maintenance of his mother". There is no additional explanatory information.

⁴¹ Frederick G. Emmison, *Essex Wills The Archdeaconry Courts 1597-1603* (Chelmsford, Essex: ERO, 1990), 7:157. Brother Richard Pasfield was a witness to the will as well.

and Edward Jr. received money in this will. On 30 Oct 1598, Edward was mentioned in the will of his mother Agnes.^[42] Edward was called a “welbeloved kinsman” by Margaret Chapman in her will dated 2 Apr 1599.^[43]

Edward was a miller by profession. This profession brought him to court on three occasions. On 11 Sep 1602, his access to water was impeded by actions of Richard Garter, which caused him to lose profits for a “long time.”^[44] He was called Edward Pasfield the elder. Also, he was hauled into court for not being an apprentice as a miller for the requisite amount of time and fined two pounds a month on 30 Sep 1602.^[45] He evidently did not get the message. On 13 Jan 1603, he was hauled into court for the same reason and fined again.^[46]

Children from this marriage were:

- i. **Edward Pasfield** born about 1578 in Wethersfield and died after 5 Mar 1631/32 in Wethersfield.^[47] Edward married Dorcas (---) about 1604. As mentioned, he received money in the will of William Hewitt dated 6 Oct 1597.^[48] Edward left a will on 5 Mar 1632 in Wethersfield. He gave his wife use of mill lands called Lightwaters. After her death the property was to go to their son Edward.
- ii. **Elizabeth Pasfield** born about 1582 in Wethersfield. Elizabeth was only mentioned in the will of grandmother Agnes (Livermore) Pasfield on 30 Oct 1598.^[49]
- iii. **Sarah Pasfield** born about 1584 in Wethersfield. Sarah was only mentioned in the will of grandmother Agnes (Livermore) Pasfield on 30 Oct 1598.^[50]
- 2 iv. **Nicholas Pasfield** (born about 1585 in Wethersfield - died about 1670 in Wethersfield – see earlier)

6. Humphrey Yongman alias Clark, son of **Humphrey Yongman alias Clark** and **Alice (---)**, was born about 1552 in Wethersfield and died after 10 Dec 1591^[51] in Wethersfield. Humphrey married **7. Julian Leeds** about 1573 in Essex County. Julian was born about 1554 in Essex County and died after 1591 in Wethersfield. She was the daughter of **William Leeds** and **Elizabeth (---)**.

⁴² Frederick G. Emmison, *Essex Wills The Archdeaconry Courts 1597-1603* (Chelmsford, Essex: ERO, 1990), 7:161.

⁴³ *Essex County, England, Church of England, Probate Records for the Commissary Court of the Diocese of London, original wills Apr 1597-Dec 1606*, microfilm no. [0094346] pages 137-138, Family History Library [FHL] Salt Lake City, Utah. The exact relationship to Margaret (---) Chapman is unknown. There was a marriage in the Spring family to a Chapman in the mid-1500s. Edward was made supervisor of Margaret’s will.

⁴⁴ *Essex County, England, Calendar Entry Online Abstract Q/SR 159/102*, ERO. A John Ludham of Wethersfield was also indicted at the same time for “procuring and abetting the said Richard to stop up the said water-course”. The neighboring properties to his mill were called Lyes Pightell and Short Lands. Both of these properties were given to Thomas Golding, Esq. by King Edward IV in 1548.

⁴⁵ *Essex County, England, Calendar Entry Online Abstract Q/SR 159/101*, ERO.

⁴⁶ *Essex County, England, Calendar Entry Online Abstract Q/SR 160/39*, ERO.

⁴⁷ *Essex County, England, Church of England, Archdeaconry of Middlesex, Misc. original wills 1619-1639*, microfilm no. [0094765] pages 23-24, Family History Library [FHL] Salt Lake City, Utah.

⁴⁸ Frederick G. Emmison, *Essex Wills The Archdeaconry Courts 1597-1603* (Chelmsford, Essex: ERO, 1990), 7:157.

⁴⁹ Frederick G. Emmison, *Essex Wills The Archdeaconry Courts 1597-1603* (Chelmsford, Essex: ERO, 1990), 7:161.

⁵⁰ Frederick G. Emmison, *Essex Wills The Archdeaconry Courts 1597-1603* (Chelmsford, Essex: ERO, 1990), 7:161.

⁵¹ Frederick G. Emmison, *Essex Wills The Archdeaconry Courts 1597-1603* (Chelmsford, Essex: ERO, 1990), 7:170.

It is not clear why the designation “alias” started being used as part of a last name. Using “alias” in the last name happened only for a short period in Essex County history from about 1500 to about 1640. The best guess is that the alias last name comes from the mother’s side of the family. In the case of the Yongmans, Humphrey’s father is just called Humphrey Yongman in 1521. In 1522, he is called Humphrey Clerke for the first time and later called Humphrey Clarke. There is a neighboring Clarke family to the Yongmans in the 1400s in Wethersfield but no connection has been determined.

Humphrey appeared only in wills during his lifetime. There is no specific record tying Humphrey to his father Humphrey. His grandfather **24. Humphrey Yongman** had three known sons, Richard, John, and Humphrey, who could be the father. Richard was eliminated as a possible father because of the information found in the will of Richard’s wife Joan Spring. After Richard’s decease, Joan married Thomas Thorne. Joan left a will listing her children on 11 Jun 1581.^[52] The family of John the second son can be largely identified from the will of Richard Clarke of Wethersfield, a grandson to **24. Humphrey**, dated 16 Sep 1596.^[53]

Given the information known about the families of Richard and John, placing Humphrey as a son of Humphrey Yongman alias Clark is logical. Because Humphrey has the same name as his father, it is hard to determine which Essex records apply to the father and which to the son. It is not known when his father died.

As mentioned earlier, Humphrey had two properties that he gave to daughters Mary and Lydia. These properties are called Triglotts and Thorleys. These properties have an interesting history. They were mentioned in the will of **131. Alice Cranfield** on 11 Jul 1486 and later were owned by her stepson Richard Cranford. These lands were given to Thomas Golding Esq. on 12 Nov 1548.^[54] There is no record how these lands came into the possession of Humphrey Yongman alias Clarke.

Humphrey was mentioned in the will of father-in-law William Leeds on 23 Aug 1591.^[55] He was the husband of Julian, daughter of William. Julian was given money. Humphrey wrote his own will on 10 Dec 1591. He gave wife Julian the use of his land and goods during her lifetime.

Children from this marriage were:

- i. **Agnes Yongman alias Clark** born about 1574 in Wethersfield. Agnes was mentioned only in her father’s will and given land.^[56]
- ii. **Lydia Yongman alias Clark** born about 1580 in Wethersfield. Lydia was mentioned only in her father’s will, where she was given money and land after the death of her mother.^[57]

⁵² *Essex County, England, Commissary Court Will Joan Thorne 1581 Wethersfield*, ERO.

⁵³ Frederick G. Emmison, *Essex Wills The Archdeaconry Courts 1591-1597* (Chelmsford, Essex: ERO, 1991), 6:230-231. Another of John’s grandsons was a Youngman alias Clark that was linked by marriage with a second family of Clarks in the area. These Clarks were Lords of the Wethersfield Manor in the early 1600s. (Philip Morant, *The History and Antiquities of the County of Essex* (1768; reprint, Ardsley, England: E P Publishing Limited, 1978), 2:372.)

⁵⁴ Philip Morant, *The History and Antiquities of the County of Essex* (1768; reprint, Ardsley, England: E P Publishing Limited, 1978), 2:373. Thomas Golding also owned a messuage named Cowpers and land named Shortland and Lighes Pightel.

⁵⁵ Frederick G. Emmison, *Essex Wills The Archdeaconry Courts 1591-1597* (Chelmsford, Essex: ERO, 1991), 6:197.

⁵⁶ Frederick G. Emmison, *Essex Wills The Archdeaconry Courts 1597-1603* (Chelmsford, Essex: ERO, 1990), 7:170.

3 iii. **Mary Yongman alias Clark** (born about 1583 in Wethersfield – see earlier)

Fourth Generation (Great-Grandparents)

8. Edward Pasfield, son of **Richard Pasfield** and **Mrs. Richard Pasfield**, was born about 1527 in Wethersfield and died before Oct 1598 in Wethersfield. Edward married **9. Agnes Livermore** about 1548 in Wethersfield. Agnes was born about 1529 in Wethersfield and died after 30 Oct 1598 in Wethersfield.^[58] She was the daughter of **Thomas Livermore** and **Ann (---)**.

Edward witnessed the will of John Edward of Wethersfield on 28 Jun 1565.^[59] Edward was in several Chancery lawsuits with Robert King over land called Lightwaters once owned by Robert's grandfather John King. The property was sold to Edward by Robert's nephew John King. These lawsuits lasted several years around 1570.^[60] It was unclear how this case was resolved but both families owned properties named Lightwaters in the 1600s.^[61] It is possible that the actual land transfer of Lightwaters took place in 1582 when John King sold to Edward Pasfield 1 garden, 1 orchard, 10 acres of arable land, 3 acres of messuage, and 10 acres of pasture for 40 pounds.^[62]

Obtaining the Lightwaters property brought several changes to Edward's life. This property was on the highway northwest of Wethersfield toward Finchingfield. Lightwaters evidently had access to enough water to support a mill. His son Edward became a miller.

Edward was a legatee in the will of father Richard Pasfield on 7 Nov 1573 and given money.^[63] About a month later on 6 Dec 1573, he was an executor on the will of brother-in-law Richard Brond alias Bolle on 6 Dec 1573.^[64] On 27 May 1577, he and a number of other town residents created a way to generate money to help pay for the poor of the parish.^[65] Edward and others were mentioned in the will of William Cherrye on 10 Oct 1580.^[66]

⁵⁷ Frederick G. Emmison, *Essex Wills The Archdeaconry Courts 1597-1603* (Chelmsford, Essex: ERO, 1990), 7:170.

⁵⁸ Frederick G. Emmison, *Essex Wills The Archdeaconry Courts 1597-1603* (Chelmsford, Essex: ERO, 1990), 7:161. Her brother John was a witness to her will.

⁵⁹ Frederick G. Emmison, *Essex Wills The Commissary Courts 1558-1569* (Chelmsford, Essex: ERO, 1993), 8:36.

⁶⁰ *The National Archives of the UK, Kinge v Pasfield, several years* (London, England: The National Archives), C 2/Eliz/P14/12, C 2/Eliz/K5/23, C 2/Eliz/K5/53 and C 2/Eliz/P12/7. According to the will of John King referenced in the suit, this property should have stayed with the male descendants of the King family and should not have been sold in the first place.

⁶¹ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/113*, ERO. John Yongman's property is mentioned.

⁶² Frederick G. Emmison, *Feet of Fines for Essex 1581-1603 Vol. 6* (Oxford, England: Leopard's Head Press, 1993), 12. This property was next to Franklins Fenn and a property called Terryngtones owned by John Yongman. (*Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/82*, ERO.)

⁶³ *Essex County, England, Church of England, Archdeaconry of Middlesex, registered copy of wills 1563-1582*, microfilm no. [0094730] page 180, Family History Library [FHL] Salt Lake City, Utah.

⁶⁴ Frederick G. Emmison, *Wills of the County of Essex Vol. 3, 1571-1577* (Boston, Massachusetts: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1986), 403.

⁶⁵ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/106*, ERO. Some of the others include **64. John Pasfield Sr.**, John Clarke, William Livermore, Robert Spring, and two different John Livermores.

⁶⁶ *Essex County, England, Commissary Court Will William Cherry 1580 Wethersfield*, ERO. They were to help distribute money to the poor and Edward was to be a supervisor. Another person who helped distribute these funds was Richard Rogers, a known Puritan minister.

Edward had Puritan sympathies. He, several of his cousins, and other relatives were witnesses in in court in front of Lord Rich, also a Puritan sympathizer, against several individuals who “had attended the religious exercise in Wethersfield” on 11 Mar 1583.^[67] Edward’s will existed at one time but has since been lost. His will was referred to in the will of his wife Agnes on 30 Oct 1598.

Wife Agnes was given some items in the will of her father Thomas on 15 Aug 1558.^[68]

Children from this marriage were:

- i. **Anne Pasfield** born about 1549 in Wethersfield. Anne married Henry Reeve about 1571 in Essex County. Anne was given a cow in the will of mother Agnes Pasfield on 30 Oct 1598.^[69] Her husband Henry was an executor of Agnes’ will as well.
- 4 ii. **Edward Pasfield** (born about 1550 in Wethersfield - died after 1610 in Wethersfield – see earlier)
- iii. **Joan Pasfield** born about 1552 in Wethersfield. Joan married Thomas Adde about 1574. Joan was given a portion of the household goods in the will of mother Agnes on 30 Oct 1598.^[70] Her husband Thomas was mentioned in this will.
- iv. **Alice Pasfield** born about 1554 in Essex County. Alice married George Ginne on 9 Dec 1578 in Great Dunmow, Essex. Alice was given a portion of the household goods in the will of mother Agnes on 30 Oct 1598.^[71] Her husband George was mentioned in this will.
- v. **Richard Pasfield** born about 1558 in Wethersfield and died about 1614 in Wethersfield. Richard married Ellen Livermore, daughter of William Livermore and wife Joan (---) about 1582. Richard and his father Edward Pasfield were mentioned in the will of William Cherrye on 10 Oct 1580.^[72] Richard and brother-in-law Richard Parker received some land in Wethersfield from their Livermore relatives in 1583.^[73] Richard was an overseer on the will of father-in-law William Livermore on 1 Feb 1588/89^[74] and an executor on the will of mother Agnes on 30 Oct 1598.^[75] Wife Ellen was given a portion of her father’s estate on 1 Feb 1588/89.

⁶⁷ Frederick G. Emmison, *Elizabethan Life: Disorder* (Chelmsford, Essex: ERO, 1970), 140-141. Cousins John Clark and John Livermore were also participants. (*Essex County, England, Calendar Entry Online Abstract Q/SR 84/43*, ERO)

⁶⁸ *Essex County, England, Church of England, Archdeaconry of Middlesex, registered copy of wills 1538-1563*, microfilm no. [0094729] pages 66-67, Family History Library [FHL] Salt Lake City, Utah. She was mentioned only by first name. She had five sisters, but only Anne was mentioned by last name.

⁶⁹ Frederick G. Emmison, *Essex Wills The Archdeaconry Courts 1597-1603* (Chelmsford, Essex: ERO, 1990), 7:161.

⁷⁰ Frederick G. Emmison, *Essex Wills The Archdeaconry Courts 1597-1603* (Chelmsford, Essex: ERO, 1990), 7:161.

⁷¹ Frederick G. Emmison, *Essex Wills The Archdeaconry Courts 1597-1603* (Chelmsford, Essex: ERO, 1990), 7:161.

⁷² *Essex County, England, Commissary Court Will William Cherry 1580 Wethersfield*, ERO.

⁷³ Frederick G. Emmison, *Feet of Fines for Essex 1581-1603 Vol. 6* (Oxford, England: Leopard’s Head Press, 1993), 17.

⁷⁴ *Essex County, England, Church of England, Archdeaconry of Middlesex, registered copy of wills 1583-1594*, microfilm no. [0094731] pages 149-151, Family History Library [FHL] Salt Lake City, Utah.

⁷⁵ Frederick G. Emmison, *Essex Wills The Archdeaconry Courts 1597-1603* (Chelmsford, Essex: ERO, 1990), 7:161.

12. Humphrey Yongman alias Clark, son of **Humphrey Yongman alias Clark** and **Mrs. Humphrey Yongman alias Clark**, was born about 1520 in Wethersfield. Humphrey married **13. Alice Spring** about 1542 in Wethersfield. Alice was born about 1519 in Wethersfield. She was daughter of **Thomas Spring** and **Isabel Cranford**.

His children have been identified from the wills of others. His placement as the son of Humphrey Yongman was discussed earlier. He was called Humphrey Clarke when he and others requested to lease a vacant lot from the court for an annual rent of 16d on 8 Jun 1541.^[76] Humphrey and Thomas Cranford had administrative responsibility in the estate of John Clenche of Wethersfield as mentioned in John's will dated 29 Dec 1544.^[77] Humphrey was also an overseer in the will of John Ward of Wethersfield in 26 Oct 1546.^[78]

Alice was not married at the time of her father's will on 4 Feb 1539 and she received animals.^[79] She was also mentioned in her mother's will on 29 Aug 1541.^[80]

Children from this marriage were:

- i. **Joan Yongman alias Clark** born about 1543 in Essex County. Joan married Mr. Livermore about 1566 in Essex County. She was given some of her brother Humphrey's estate on 10 Dec 1591.
- ii. **Alice Yongman alias Clark** born about 1546 in Essex County. Alice married John Elmsdon about 1568 in Essex County. She was given some of her brother Humphrey's estate on 10 Dec 1591.
- iii. **Henry Yongman alias Clark** born about 1547 in Wethersfield and died after 17 Jul 1584 in Wethersfield. Henry married Alice Spring, daughter of Robert Spring and his wife Alice (---), about 1565 in Essex County. He was deceased before his brother Humphrey's will in 1591. Henry left a will on 17 Jul 1584 in Wethersfield.^[81] Wife Alice was mentioned in the will of their son Henry and given use of Henry's house for 7 years.^[82] She was given money in the will of mother Alice (---) Ward Spring on 25 Mar 1586.^[83]
- iv. **Elizabeth Yongman alias Clark** born about 1548 in Essex County. Elizabeth married Mr. Miles about 1569 in Essex County. She was given some of her brother Humphrey's estate on 10 Dec 1591.
- 6 v. **Humphrey Yongman alias Clark** (born about 1552 in Wethersfield - died after 10 Dec 1591 in Wethersfield – see earlier)

⁷⁶ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/105*, ERO.

⁷⁷ *Essex County, England, Commissary Bishop of London Will John Clenche 1544 Wethersfield*, ERO. He was called Humphry Clarke and was a witness to the will.

⁷⁸ *Essex County, England, Commissary Bishop of London Will John Ward 1546 Wethersfield*, ERO.

⁷⁹ *Essex County, England, Commissary Bishop of London Will Thomas Spring 1539 Wethersfield*, ERO.

⁸⁰ *Essex County, England, Commissary Bishop of London Will Isabel Spring 1540 Wethersfield*, ERO. She is not married in her mother's will.

⁸¹ Frederick G. Emmison, *Essex Wills The Archdeaconry Courts 1577-1584* (Chelmsford, Essex: ERO, 1987), 4:221.

⁸² Frederick G. Emmison, *Essex Wills The Archdeaconry Courts 1577-1584* (Chelmsford, Essex: ERO, 1987), 5:273-274.

⁸³ *Essex County, England, Church of England, Archdeaconry of Middlesex, registered copy of wills 1583-1594*, microfilm no. [0094731] pages 98-99, Family History Library [FHL] Salt Lake City, Utah.

14. William Leeds was born about 1522 in Essex County and died after 23 Aug 1591 in Little Dunmow, Essex, England.^[84] William married **15. Elizabeth (---)** about 1547 in Essex County. Elizabeth was born about 1524 in Essex County and died after 23 Aug 1591 in Little Dunmow.

William is only found in the records in his will dated 23 Aug 1591 in Little Dunmow. His wife got use of his estate after his death.

Children from this marriage were:

- i. **Elizabeth Leeds** born about 1548 in Essex County. Elizabeth married Roger Allen in Shalford, Essex, England about 1568. Both were mentioned in the will of her father William. Elizabeth was given money two years after his death.^[85] Roger Allen left a will on 21 Jan 1618 giving his wife use of his house and other items.^[86]
- ii. **John Leeds** born about 1550 in Essex County. John was only mentioned in his father's will and got his father's estate after the death of his mother.^[87]
- 7 iii. **Julian Leeds** (born about 1554 in Essex County - died after 1591 in Essex County – see earlier)

Fifth Generation (Great Great-Grandparents)

16. Richard Pasfield, son of **John Pasfield** and **Miss Stamer**, was born about 1504 in Wethersfield and died after 7 Nov 1573 in Wethersfield.^[88] Richard married **17. Mrs. Richard Pasfield** about 1526 in Wethersfield. She was born about 1505 in Essex County and died before 1573 in Wethersfield. Richard next married **Grace (---) Annis** about 1565 in Essex County. Grace was born about 1520 in Essex County and died after 10 Apr 1575 in Wethersfield.^[89]

The document used in identifying the mother of Richard Pasfield as Miss Stamer came from a court case in London's Court of Chancery about 1575.^[90] William Pasfield, a grandson of Richard, was trying to defend the title to his Wethersfield property against forfeiture and sale. He stated that "one John Stamer and Isabell his wife were heretofore seised to them and to their heirs" of some copyhold property after their death. William Pasfield further claimed that his grandfather Richard Pasfield "was owner of the copie holde land" stated in the lawsuit because Richard was an heir to **66. John Stamer** and wife Isabel. Based on the age of John Stamer's only other known child John, it is most logical that Richard's mother rather than his wife was the Stamer heir in question.

⁸⁴ Frederick G. Emmison, *Essex Wills The Archdeaconry Courts 1591-1597* (Chelmsford, Essex: ERO, 1991), 6:197.

⁸⁵ Frederick G. Emmison, *Essex Wills The Archdeaconry Courts 1591-1597* (Chelmsford, Essex: ERO, 1991), 6:197.

⁸⁶ *Essex County, England, Commissary Bishop of London Will Roger Allen 1618 Wethersfield*, ERO.

⁸⁷ Frederick G. Emmison, *Essex Wills The Archdeaconry Courts 1591-1597* (Chelmsford, Essex: ERO, 1991), 6:197.

⁸⁸ *Essex County, England, Church of England, Archdeaconry of Middlesex, registered copy of wills 1563-1582*, microfilm no. [0094730] page 180, Family History Library [FHL] Salt Lake City, Utah.

⁸⁹ *Essex County, England, Commissary Court Will Grace Pasfield 1575 Wethersfield*, ERO.

⁹⁰ *The National Archives of the UK, Pasfeild v Wayte, 1575* (London, England: The Nationals Archives), C 2/Eliz/P17/36.

Richard was a neighbor and friend when he was an executor to his uncle John Stamer's will on 29 Aug 1540.^[91] Richard was called a taylor when he was a witness to a land sale from Henry Carder to some of Richard's Cranford relatives including John Yongman alias Clark dated 20 Jan 1568/9.^[92] His son Richard was also a witness.

Sometime before he wrote his will, he married secondly Grace (---) Annis. He left his will in Wethersfield on 7 Nov 1573 and she left a will on 10 Apr 1575. Grace was given money in the will of Richard. The name of her first husband is not known.

Children from this marriage were:

- 8 i. **Edward Pasfield** (born about 1527 in Wethersfield - died before Oct 1598 in Wethersfield – see earlier)
- ii. **Simon Pasfield** born about 1529 in Wethersfield and died after 1577 in Essex County. Simon married Anne (---) about 1555 in Essex County. He was given money in the will of his father.
- iii. **William Pasfield** born about 1530 in Wethersfield and died before 1587 in Wethersfield. William married an unknown spouse about 1555 in Essex County. He was given money in the will of his father.
- iv. **Agnes Pasfield** born about 1533 in Wethersfield. Agnes married Richard Brond alias Bolle, son of Richard Brond alias Bolle, about 1555 in Essex County. Her six children were given money in the will of her father. Very shortly thereafter, her husband Richard died and left a will on 6 Dec 1573.^[93] She was given use of his land and property while she lived.
- v. **Richard Pasfield** born about 1535 in Wethersfield and died before 1573 in Essex County. Richard was a witness like his father to a land sale from Henry Carder to some of his Cranford relatives including John Yongman alias Clark dated 20 Jan 1568/9.^[94] He was not mentioned in the will of his father.

18. Thomas Livermore, son of **Thomas Livermore** and **Millicent** (---), was born about 1500 in Wethersfield and died after 15 Aug 1558 in Wethersfield.^[95] Thomas married **19. Ann** (---) about 1528 in Wethersfield. Ann was born about 1505 in Essex County.

Thomas was given land in the will of his father Thomas on 1 Nov 1525.^[96] Thomas left a will on 15 Aug 1558. His wife Ann was given use of a property during her lifetime.

Children from this marriage were:

⁹¹ *Essex County, England, Church of England, Probate Records for the Commissary Court of the Diocese of London, original wills 1482-1557*, microfilm no. [0094390] packet 11, Family History Library [FHL] Salt Lake City, Utah.

⁹² *Archives of the Essex County Record Office DP 119/25/78* (Colchester, England: ERO). Henry Carder was a cousin and heir to Richard Harward. Lands being sold include Goldings, Allens, and Shortlands. This property was to "be held for the use of the poor inhabitants of Wethersfield for ever in accordance with the will of Richard Harward."

⁹³ Frederick G. Emmison, *Wills of the County of Essex Vol. 3, 1571-1577* (Boston, Massachusetts: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1986), 403.

⁹⁴ *Archives of the Essex County Record Office DP 119/25/78* (Colchester, England: ERO). One of the other purchasers was brother-in-law Richard Brond alias Bolle.

⁹⁵ *Essex County, England, Church of England, Archdeaconry of Middlesex, registered copy of wills 1538-1563*, microfilm no. [0094729] pages 66-67, Family History Library [FHL] Salt Lake City, Utah.

⁹⁶ *Essex County, England, Commissary Bishop of London Will Thomas Livermore 1526 Wethersfield*, ERO.

- 9 i. **Agnes Livermore** (born about 1529 in Wethersfield - died after 30 Oct 1598 in Wethersfield – see earlier)
- ii. **John Livermore** born about 1532 in Wethersfield. John was given property, money, and animals in the will of his father. He was also a witness to the will of sister Agnes (Livermore) Pasfield on 30 Oct 1598.^[97]
- iii. **Anne Livermore** born about 1536 in Wethersfield. Ann was given household items and other items in the will of her father.
- iv. **Richard Livermore** born about 1536 in Wethersfield. Richard was given property in the will of his father.
- v. **Thomas Livermore** born about 1538 in Wethersfield and died after Sep 1610 in Wethersfield. Thomas married Mary (---) about 1567 in Wethersfield. He was the executor of the will of William Northey in Wethersfield on 15 May 1562.^[98] Thomas was given money and also land in his father's will after the death of his mother. He left a will written in Latin that is found in the British National Archives.^[99]
- vi. **Thomasine Livermore** born about 1540 in Wethersfield. Thomasine was given items in the will of her father.
- vii. **Joan Livermore** born about 1541 in Wethersfield. Joan was given items in the will of her father.
- viii. **Joyce Livermore** born about 1542 in Wethersfield. Joyce was given items in the will of her father.
- ix. **William Livermore** born about 1544 in Wethersfield. William was given money in the will of his father.
- x. **Henry Livermore** born about 1546 in Wethersfield. Henry married Alice (---) about 1579 in Essex County. Henry was given money in the will of his father. He was a witness to the will of brother-in-law **16. Richard Pasfield** on 7 Nov 1573 in Wethersfield.^[100]
- xi. **Edward Livermore** born about 1548 in Wethersfield. Edward was given money in the will of his father.

24. Humphrey Yongman alias Clark, son of **John Yongman** and **Mrs. John Yongman**, was born about 1490 in Wethersfield and died after 1526 in Wethersfield. Humphrey married **25. Mrs. Humphrey Yongman alias Clark** about 1513 in Wethersfield. His wife was born about 1491 in Essex County.

Humphrey and his father John were part of a group of individuals that purchased a feoffment^[101] in Wethersfield from William Rochester on 20 Jun 1521.^[102] Humphrey was called Humphrey Yongman in this feoffment. He was a witness to his father John when John and others purchased

⁹⁷ Frederick G. Emmison, *Essex Wills The Archdeaconry Courts 1597-1603* (Chelmsford, Essex: ERO, 1990), 7:161.

⁹⁸ *Essex County, England, Church of England, Archdeaconry of Middlesex, registered copy of wills 1538-1563*, microfilm no. [0094729] pages 75-76, Family History Library [FHL] Salt Lake City, Utah.

⁹⁹ *The National Archives of the UK, Thomas Livermore Will, 1610* (London, England: The Nationals Archives), C 142/665/67.

¹⁰⁰ *Essex County, England, Church of England, Archdeaconry of Middlesex, registered copy of wills 1563-1582*, microfilm no. [0094730] page 180, Family History Library [FHL] Salt Lake City, Utah.

¹⁰¹ Bryan A. Garner, ed., *Black's Law Dictionary* 8th Edition (1891; St. Paul, Minnesota: Thompson West, 2004), 652-653. The act of conveying a freehold estate or grant of land in fee simple.

¹⁰² *Archives of the Essex County Record Office DP 119/25/56* (Colchester, England: ERO). This property was previously owned by **131. Alice Cranford**.

from the Barker family a feoffment called Aleyns in Wethersfield on the highway from Wethersfield to Braintree on 9 Jun 1522.^[103] In this transaction, he was called Humphrey Clerke for the first time.

Children from this marriage were:

- i. **Richard Yongman alias Clark** born about 1515 in Wethersfield and died before 1555 in Wethersfield. Richard married Joan Spring, daughter of **26. Thomas Spring** and Isabel Cranford, about 1537. Joan was mentioned in the will of her father Thomas Spring on Feb 1539.^[104] Richard was a witness to the will of John Livermore on 9 Feb 1543.^[105] He was mentioned in the will of brother-in-law John Spring Sr. on 27 Aug 1552.^[106] Richard was deceased by 14 May 1559 and Joan had married Thomas Thorne.^[107] Joan left her own will on 11 Jun 1581 in Wethersfield.^[108]
- ii. **Elizabeth Yongman alias Clark** born about 1518 in Wethersfield and died after 5 Apr 1586 in Wethersfield.^[109] Elizabeth married William Northey about 1541. William left a will in Wethersfield on 15 May 1562.^[110] Elizabeth was given use of his house and other items.
- 12 iii. **Humphrey Yongman alias Clark** (born about 1520 in Wethersfield - died after 28 Sep 1590 in Wethersfield – see earlier)
- iv. **John Yongman alias Clark** born about 1525 in Wethersfield and died after 1582 in Wethersfield. John married Emme (---) about 1548 in Wethersfield. On 6 Apr 1546, John was called John Clerke alias Yongman and was living on land called Manfeld in Wethersfield. He was neighbor to John King who owned Lightwaters.^[111] John Yongman alias Clark may also have owned a property named Tadydon. He was in possession of this same property as well as one called Teryngtones on 20 Jun 1561.^[112] John and others purchased feoffments named Goldyngs, Allenes, Monnes Croft, Brasetts, Shortlonds, and Highfen from Henry Carder of Abbingdon, Cambridge, England on 20 Jan 1568/69.^[113] John Betts owned property next to John Yongman on 28 Mar 1582.^[114]

26. Thomas Spring, son of **Thomas Spring** and **Mrs. Thomas Spring**, was born about 1488 in Wethersfield and died after 4 Feb 1539 in Wethersfield.^[115] Thomas married **27. Isabel Cranford**

¹⁰³ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/54*, ERO. **54. Thomas Cranford** and William Pasfield were witnesses.

¹⁰⁴ *Essex County, England, Commissary Bishop of London Will Thomas Spring 1539 Wethersfield*, ERO.

¹⁰⁵ *Essex County, England, Commissary Bishop of London Will John Livermore 1543 Wethersfield*, ERO.

¹⁰⁶ *Essex County, England, Commissary Bishop of London Will John Spring 1552 Bocking*, ERO.

¹⁰⁷ *Archives of the Essex County Record Office DP 119/25/74* (Colchester, England: ERO). Thomas Cranford was a witness.

¹⁰⁸ *Essex County, England, Commissary Court Will Joan Thorne 1581 Wethersfield*, ERO.

¹⁰⁹ Frederick G. Emmison, *Essex Wills The Archdeaonry Courts 1591-1597* (Chelmsford, Essex: ERO, 1991), 6:203.

¹¹⁰ *Essex County, England, Church of England, Archdeaonry of Middlesex, registered copy of wills 1538-1563*, microfilm no. [0094729] pages 75-76, Family History Library [FHL] Salt Lake City, Utah.

¹¹¹ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/110*, ERO. John Livermore was a witness.

¹¹² *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/82*, ERO.

¹¹³ *Archives of the Essex County Record Office DP 119/25/78* (Colchester, England: ERO). Witnesses included William Livermore Sr., John Livermore Jr., **16. Richard Pasfield**, and Richard Pasfield Jr.

¹¹⁴ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/83*, ERO. John Betts was also neighbor to a property called Lightwaters in the possession of John King.

¹¹⁵ *Essex County, England, Commissary Bishop of London Will Thomas Spring 1539 Wethersfield*, ERO.

about 1512 in Wethersfield. Isabel was born about 1492 in Wethersfield and died about 1540 in Wethersfield. She was the daughter of **Thomas Cranford** and **Mrs. Thomas Cranford**.

On 7 Feb 1516/17, **32. John Pasfield** sold a property called Goldyngs to Thomas, Thomas' brother Walt Spring, Richard Hayward, Thomas Cutt, and John Livermore of Gosfield.^[116] Thomas and John Rede were executors for the will of William Rede and surrendered properties to the lord of the manor on 24 May 1518.^[117] Thomas was listed as an heir of his father-in-law **54. Thomas Cranford** the elder in 1536.^[118] He purchased a property called Ravensfeld from Thomas Cutt on 2 Mar 1537.^[119] Thomas leaves a will on 4 Feb 1539. He has two adult children named John mentioned in his will. Isabel was given use of land during her widowhood. Isabell left a will on 29 Aug 1541.^[120]

Children from this marriage were:

- i. **John Spring the Elder** born about 1513 in Wethersfield and died after 27 Aug 1552 in Bocking, Essex, England.^[121] He married Alice Stamage about 1535. He was given land in the will of his father on 4 Feb 1539. John left a will on 27 Aug 1552 giving wife Alice use of the house and his lands. Alice left a will on 31 Oct 1554 in Wethersfield.^[122]
- ii. **John Spring the Younger** born about 1515 in Wethersfield. He was given land in the will of his father on 4 Feb 1539. He was given land in the will of his brother Thomas on 19 Dec 1549^[123] and older brother John Spring the Elder on 27 Aug 1552.^[124]
- iii. **Joan Spring** born about 1516 in Wethersfield and died after 11 Jun 1581 in Wethersfield. Joan married Richard Yongman alias Clark about 1537. Richard was a brother to the husband of her sister Alice. Joan was mentioned earlier in the family of **24. Humphrey Yongman alias Clarke**.
- iv. **Robert Spring** born about 1517 in Wethersfield and died after 1580 in Wethersfield. He was given land in the will of his father on 4 Feb 1539. Robert married Alice (---) Ward, widow of John Ward, as her second husband in Wethersfield about 1547. They had four children. On 27 May 1577, he and a number of other town residents were part of a project to generate money to help pay for the poor of the parish.^[125] Alice left a will dated 25 Mar 1586.^[126]
- 13 v. **Alice Spring** (born about 1519 in Wethersfield – see earlier)

¹¹⁶ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/50*, ERO.

¹¹⁷ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/52*, ERO.

¹¹⁸ P. H. Reany and Marc Fitch, *Feet of Fines for Essex 1423-1547 Vol. 4* (Colchester, England: Essex Archaeological Society, 1964), 204. It is unclear how John Fremling and wife Agnes referenced in the abstract are related to the family.

¹¹⁹ *Essex County, England, Calendar Entry Online Abstract Q/RDb 8*, ERO.

¹²⁰ *Essex County, England, Commissary Bishop of London Will Isabel Spring 1540 Wethersfield*, ERO.

¹²¹ *Essex County, England, Commissary Bishop of London Will John Spring 1552 Bocking*, ERO. Others were mentioned in his will, including his brothers Robert, Thomas, and John, and brother-in-law Richard Yongman alias Clark.

¹²² *Essex County, England, Commissary Bishop of London Will Alice Spring 1554 Bocking*, ERO.

¹²³ *Essex County, England, Commissary Bishop of London Will Thomas Spring 1549 Bocking*, ERO.

¹²⁴ *Essex County, England, Commissary Bishop of London Will John Spring 1552 Bocking*, ERO.

¹²⁵ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/106*, ERO. Some of the others include **64. John Pasfield Sr**, John Clarke, William Livermore, and two different John Livermores.

¹²⁶ *Essex County, England, Church of England, Archdeaonry of Middlesex, registered copy of wills 1583-1594*, microfilm no. [0094731] pages 98-99, Family History Library [FHL] Salt Lake City, Utah.

- vi. **Thomas Spring** born about 1522 in Wethersfield and died after 19 Dec 1549 in Wethersfield.^[127] He married Joana (---) about 1544. He was given land in the will of his father on 4 Feb 1539. Thomas and others requested to lease a vacant lot from the court for an annual rent of 16d on 8 Jun 1541.^[128] Thomas left a will on 19 Dec 1549.

Sixth Generation (3rd Great-Grandparents)

32. John Pasfield, son of **John Pasfield** and **Miss Hayward**, was born about 1474 in Wethersfield and died after 1516 in Wethersfield. John married **33. Miss Stamer** about 1499 in Wethersfield. She was born about 1475 in Wethersfield. She was the daughter of **John Stamer** and **Isabell (---)**.

John was a tanner by profession like his father.^[129] He surrendered to John Spring the use of a field called Manfeld and a pasture called Motennesmede in Wethersfield on 22 Mar 1508/9.^[130] Either his uncle John Hayward or his cousin named John Hayward moved to Norton, Suffolk County, England. By 1510, this John Hayward had filed a suit in the Court of Requests in London demanding John Pasfield, a tanner, pay 110 pounds owed for monies collected from some unspecified lands John Hayward controlled in Wethersfield.^[131] John Pasfield sold a property called Goldyngs to cousin Richard Hayward, Walt Spring, **26. Thomas Spring Jr**, John Livermore of Gosfield, and Thomas Cutt on 7 Feb 1516/17.^[132] He had inherited Goldyngs from his parents.

Children from this marriage were:

- i. **William Pasfield** born about 1501 in Wethersfield. William Pasfield married an unknown spouse about 1523. He was mentioned in the will of relative Isabel (Cranford) Spring on 29 Aug 1540.^[133] He could be the William Pasfield the elder that was one of several people indicted on 16 Jul 1569 for not taking care of a stream that bordered on their properties.^[134]
- 16 ii. **Richard Pasfield** (born about 1504 in Wethersfield - died after 7 Nov 1573 in Wethersfield – see earlier)

36. Thomas Livermore, son of **Thomas Livermore** and **Mrs. Thomas Livermore**, was born in 1473 in Wethersfield and died after Nov 1525 in Wethersfield. Thomas married **37. Millicent (---)** about 1498 in Wethersfield. Millicent was born about 1471 in Essex County.

Most records that name Thomas Livermore are land transactions. He and his brother John were witnesses to their father Thomas' sale of a feoffment called Stanereth in the Blakemer area of Wethersfield to Thomas Bregge on 14 Jun 1497.^[135] Thomas was also a witness to the sale by **64.**

¹²⁷ *Essex County, England, Commissary Bishop of London Will Thomas Spring 1549 Bocking*, ERO.

¹²⁸ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/105*, ERO.

¹²⁹ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/50*, ERO.

¹³⁰ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DK T244/5*, ERO. These properties were owned by **264. John Stamer**, the great grandfather of Miss Stamer. It is not known when he obtained these properties. Both were previously owned by William Walworth and his son John on 29 Mar 1484.

¹³¹ *The National Archives of the UK, Harward v Passefeld, 1510* (London, England: The Nationals Archives), Req 2/12/107. The outcome of the suit is not known.

¹³² *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/50*, ERO.

¹³³ *Essex County, England, Commissary Bishop of London Will Isabel Spring 1540 Wethersfield*, ERO.

¹³⁴ *Essex County, England, Calendar Entry Online Abstract Q/SR 29/3*, ERO.

¹³⁵ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/44*, ERO. His father was executor of the will of Thomas Loveland.

John Pasfield to Richard Hayward and others of a feoffment in Wethersfield called Goldings on 7 Feb 1517/18.^[136] William Rochester sold a feoffment in the Blackmer part of Wethersfield to Thomas, **24. Humphrey Yongman, 48. John Yongman, 108. Thomas Cranford**, and others on 20 Jun 1521.^[137] This transaction identified Thomas as a potter. He witnessed the purchase of a feoffment called Aleyns in Wethersfield purchased by **48. John Yongman** and others from the Barker family on 9 Jun 1522.^[138]

Thomas left a will on 1 Nov 1526.^[139] In his will, his wife Millicent was made executrix and was given use of some of his property during her lifetime.

Children from this marriage were:

- 18 i. **Thomas Livermore** (born in 1500 in Wethersfield - died on 15 Aug 1558 in Wethersfield – see earlier)
- ii. **John Livermore** born in 1502 in Wethersfield and died after 1542 in Wethersfield. John married Alice (---) about 1528 in Wethersfield. He was given property and other items in the will of his father. He left his own will on 9 Feb 1543.^[140] Wife Alice was given property and other items. He may have lived until at least 6 Apr 1546 and witnessed a grant from the lord of the manor to Richard Hayward.^[141]
- iii. **Margaret Livermore** born in 1504 in Wethersfield. Margaret received money in the will of her father.
- iv. **Millicent Livermore** born in 1506 in Wethersfield and died before Mar 1558 in Wethersfield. Millicent received money in the will of her father.

48. John Yongman, son of **John Yongman** and **Mrs. John Yongman**, was born about 1459 in Essex County and died after 1527 in Wethersfield. John married **49. Mrs. John Yongman** about 1487 in Wethersfield. She was born about 1460 in Essex County.

William Rochester sold a feoffment in Blackmere in Wethersfield to John, son Humphrey Yongman, **36. Thomas Livermore, 108. Thomas Cranford**, Thomas Cranford Jr., John Stamer Jr., and others on 20 Jun 1521.^[142] John and others purchased a messuage and garden called Aleyns in Wethersfield on the highway from Wethersfield to Braintree from the Barker family on 9 Jun 1522.^[143] On 24 Jul 1528, John and others sold land called Aleyns in Wethersfield on the highway from Wethersfield to Braintree to the Barker family and others.^[144]

The child from this marriage was:

¹³⁶ *Archives of the Essex County Record Office DP 119/25/50* (Colchester, England: ERO). This property was located on the highway from Wethersfield to Braintree.

¹³⁷ *Archives of the Essex County Record Office DP 119/25/56* (Colchester, England: ERO).

¹³⁸ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/54*, ERO.

¹³⁹ *Essex County, England, Commissary Bishop of London Will Thomas Livermore 1526 Wethersfield*, ERO.

¹⁴⁰ *Essex County, England, Commissary Bishop of London Will John Livermore 1543 Wethersfield*, ERO.

¹⁴¹ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/110*, ERO.

¹⁴² *Archives of the Essex County Record Office DP 119/25/56* (Colchester, England: ERO). 66. John Stamer Sr. is a witness.

¹⁴³ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/54*, ERO. John may have lived in Bocking for a short period but that might be listed in error. **108. Thomas Cranford**, William Pasfield, and son Humphrey Clarke were witnesses.

¹⁴⁴ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/55*, ERO. John was listed as a resident of Wethersfield.

- 24 i. **Humphrey Yongman alias Clarke** (born about 1490 in Wethersfield – see earlier)

52. Thomas Spring was born about 1458 in Wethersfield and died after 20 Jun 1521 in Wethersfield. Thomas married **53. Mrs. Thomas Spring** about 1481 in Wethersfield. She was born about 1460 in Essex County.

Thomas was a witness when **32. John Pasfield** sold a property called Goldyngs to Richard Hayward, John Livermore of Gosfield, and sons Walt Spring, Thomas Cutt, and **26. Thomas Spring Jr.** on 7 Feb 1516/17.^[145] Thomas and his son Thomas were among a very large group of individuals that purchased land from William Rochester on 20 Jun 1521.^[146]

Children from this marriage were:

- i. **Robert Spring** born about 1482 in Wethersfield and died before 20 Sep 1507 in Wethersfield. He, **54. Thomas Cranford**, Robert Cranford and others owned a garden in Wethersfield on 20 Sep 1507.^[147]
- ii. **John Spring** born about 1484 in Wethersfield and died before 1517 in Wethersfield. **32. John Pasfield** surrendered 3 acres of a field called Manfield and a pasture called Motenesmede to John on 22 Mar 1508/09.^[148]
- 26iii. **Thomas Spring** (born about 1488 in Wethersfield - died about 1539 in Wethersfield – see earlier)
- iv. **Walter Spring** born about 1490 in Wethersfield. Walter purchased Goldyngs along with brother Thomas.

54. Thomas Cranford, son of **Thomas Cranford** and **55. Mrs. Thomas Cranford**, was born about 1470 in Wethersfield. Thomas married **Mrs. Thomas Cranford** about 1491 in Wethersfield. She was born about 1471 in Essex County.

He was a witness to **48. John Yongman** when John and others purchased from the Barker family a feoffment called Aleyns in Wethersfield on 9 Jun 1522.^[149] Thomas, son Thomas, and sons-in-law John Clenche and Thomas Spring were part of a group of individuals that purchased a feoffment in Wethersfield from William Rochester on 20 Jun 1521.^[150] Thomas owned land in neighboring Panfield that was given to his heirs in 1536.^[151]

Children from this marriage were:

- 27 i. **Isabel Cranford** (born about 1492 in Wethersfield - died about 1540 in Wethersfield – see earlier)

¹⁴⁵ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/50*, ERO.

¹⁴⁶ *Archives of the Essex County Record Office DP 119/25/56* (Colchester, England: ERO).

¹⁴⁷ *Archives of the Essex County Record Office DP 119/25/46* (Colchester, England: ERO). He was deceased at the time.

¹⁴⁸ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DK T244/5*, ERO.

¹⁴⁹ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/54*, ERO.

¹⁵⁰ *Archives of the Essex County Record Office DP 119/25/56* (Colchester, England: ERO).

¹⁵¹ P. H. Reany and Marc Fitch, *Feet of Fines for Essex 1423-1547 Vol. 4* (Colchester, England: Essex Archaeological Society, 1964), 204.

- ii. **Thomas Cranford** born about 1501 in Wethersfield. He was an heir to some land belonging to father Thomas Cranford in 1536.^[152] He was a witness to a bond by Joan (Spring) Yongman alias Clarke Thorne for payment of the legacies of her husband Richard Yongman alias Clark on 14 May 1559.^[153]
- iii. **Joan Cranford** born about 1501 in Wethersfield. She married John Clenche. He was born about 1500 and died after 29 Dec 1544. He was part of the group that purchased land from William Rochester along with other of his relatives on 20 Jun 1521.^[154] He was an heir to some land belonging to father-in-law Thomas Cranford in 1536.^[155] John left a will dated 29 Dec 1544.^[156]

Seventh Generation (4th Great-Grandparents)

64. John Pasfield was born about 1446 in Wethersfield and died after 1516 in Wethersfield. John married **65. Miss Hayward** about 1473 in Wethersfield. She was born about 1448 in Essex County. She was the daughter of **John Hayward** and **Alice** (---).

John was an executor of the will of mother-in-law Alice (---) Hayward Cranford on 11 Jul 1486.^[157] John was called a tanner by profession. John was a witness to brother-in-law Richard Hayward's 10 year lease of Goldings to his brother John Hayward on 21 Sep 1486.^[158] He was called a "barker". Richard and John Hayward were sons of his mother-in-law Alice Cranford by her first marriage.

John Pasfield was not given the land Goldings in the will of his mother-in-law Alice Cranford. Nevertheless, the executors of Alice's estate, in administering her will, formally transferred this land in Wethersfield plus all other appurtenances^[159] to John and to brothers-in-law Richard Hayward and William Stamer on 28 Mar 1490.^[160] Alice did not mention daughters in her will but there were some additional instructions given to the executors based on this land distribution. This land transferred from Alice's estate to these three parties probably showed that she had intentioned her unnamed daughters to have rights to this property even though Alice only listed her son Richard as inheritor.

¹⁵² P. H. Reany and Marc Fitch, *Feet of Fines for Essex 1423-1547 Vol. 4* (Colchester, England: Essex Archaeological Society, 1964), 204.

¹⁵³ *Archives of the Essex County Record Office DP 119/25/74* (Colchester, England: ERO).

¹⁵⁴ *Archives of the Essex County Record Office DP 119/25/56* (Colchester, England: ERO). These relatives included father-in-law Thomas Cranford, brother-in-law Thomas Cranford, and brother-in-law Thomas Spring.

¹⁵⁵ P. H. Reany and Marc Fitch, *Feet of Fines for Essex 1423-1547 Vol. 4* (Colchester, England: Essex Archaeological Society, 1964), 204.

¹⁵⁶ *Essex County, England, Commissary Bishop of London Will John Clenche 1544 Wethersfield*, ERO.

Although the names are similar, this John Clenche does not appear to be father of the John Clenche who was a notable chancery judge who was born in 1533 and died in 1607. His son John Jr. was born no later than 1521 because he and other relatives were admitted by the manor to a vacant property on 8 Jun 1541. They committed to pay an annual rent to the manor. (*Archives of the Essex County Record Office DP 119/25/105* (Colchester, England: ERO)). John Jr. may be the John Clenche mentioned in the will of John Edwarde in 1565. (Frederick G. Emmison, *Essex Wills The Commissary Courts 1558-1569* (Chelmsford, Essex: ERO, 1993), 8:36.) John Sr. mentioned two sons that were under age 21 in the will. Son Richard had sold some of his property by 27 May 1560. (*Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DQ 69/3*, ERO)

¹⁵⁷ *Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills 1384-1858, Alicia Cranford 1492* (Ancestry.com database online). It is unclear why but there are about a dozen or more properties mentioned in her will. Her descendants will later own many of these properties or will be neighbors to the properties.

¹⁵⁸ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/42*, ERO.

¹⁵⁹ Barbara J. Evans, *A to ZAX, A Comprehensive Dictionary for Genealogists & Historians 3rd Edition* (1978, reprint, Alexandria, Virginia: Hearthsides Press, 1995), 18-19. In land records, this word refers to a "right-of-way, a barn, house, fences, etc. – anything which is attached to or pertains in some way to the land described."

¹⁶⁰ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/43*, ERO.

The child from this marriage was:

- 32 i. **John Pasfield** (born about 1474 in Wethersfield – see earlier)

66. John Stamer, son of **William Stamer** and **Miss Hayward**, was born about 1458 in Wethersfield and died after 15 Jan 1527/28 in Wethersfield.^[161] John married **67. Isabel (---)** about 1478 in Essex County. Isabel was born about 1458 in Wethersfield and died after 1528 in Wethersfield.

John first appeared in the records when he and others received a lease on a property in Wethersfield from his father and Thomas Christmas on 20 Mar 1478/79.^[162] He and others leased this messuage in Wethersfield to Richard Hayward and others on 5 May 1483.^[163] John and his father William were witnesses to property being sold from **131. Alice Cranford** and her son John Hayward and others to John Herde Sr. and Walt Serle both of Great Bardfield on 20 Apr 1485.^[164]

John was son and heir of William Stamer when he sold a messuage and garden in Wethersfield on the highway from Wethersfield to Braintree to Henry Northey Jr., Thomas Northey, John King and Thomas King on 10 Mar 1502/03.^[165] John was a witness to the purchase of a feoffment in Wethersfield by **48. John Yongman**, his son Humphrey Yongman, John Stamer Jr., and others from William Rochester on 20 Jun 1521.^[166] John's will on 15 Jan 1527 left all his estate to his wife but did not mention any other relative. She did not leave a will directing who should have her property, which probably led to the court case brought by William Pasfield in 1575.

Children from this marriage were:

- 33 i. **Miss Stamer** (born about 1475 in Essex County – see earlier)
ii. **John Stamer** born about 1483 in Wethersfield and died after 29 Aug 1540 in Wethersfield.^[167] John married Ellen (---) about 1505 in Wethersfield. He and others purchased a feoffment in Wethersfield called Stavereth on the road from Blakemere to Gosfield from William Rede in 20 Sep 1507.^[168] John was one of the purchasers of a feoffment in Wethersfield along with **48. John Yongman** and his son Humphrey Yongman, and others from William Rowchester on 20 Jun 1521.^[169] John left a will on 29 Aug 1540. Ellen was executrix and was given items in the will.

¹⁶¹ *Essex County, England, Church of England, Probate Records for the Commissary Court of the Diocese of London, original wills 1482-1557*, microfilm no. [0094390] packet 13, Family History Library [FHL] Salt Lake City, Utah.

¹⁶² *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DK T256/6*, ERO.

¹⁶³ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DK T256/7*, ERO.

¹⁶⁴ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/41*, ERO.

¹⁶⁵ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/45*, ERO.

¹⁶⁶ *Archives of the Essex County Record Office DP 119/25/56* (Colchester, England: ERO).

¹⁶⁷ *Essex County, England, Church of England, Probate Records for the Commissary Court of the Diocese of London, original wills 1482-1557*, microfilm no. [0094390] packet 11, Family History Library [FHL] Salt Lake City, Utah.

¹⁶⁸ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/46*, ERO. William Livermore and John Livermore Sr. were witnesses.

¹⁶⁹ *Archives of the Essex County Record Office DP 119/25/56* (Colchester, England: ERO).

72. Thomas Livermore, son of **John Livermore** and **Mrs. John Livermore**, was born about 1448 in Wethersfield and died after 1496 in Wethersfield. Thomas married **73. Mrs. Thomas Livermore** about 1471 in Wethersfield. She was born about 1450 in Essex County.

Thomas was a witness to a quitclaim of Robert Rochester and others to **131. Alice Cranford** and her son John Hayward for the Blackmere End property in Wethersfield on 5 Feb 1484/85.^[170] This is the first mention of a Thomas Livermore in Wethersfield. On 28 Mar 1490, he was one of the individuals helping execute the will of **131. Alice Cranford** in distributing a grant called Goldings in Wethersfield to her son Richard Hayward and her sons-in-law William Stamer and **64. John Pasfield**.^[171] Thomas and others were executing the will of Thomas Loveland by selling a feoffment in Blakemer area of Wethersfield called Stanereth to Thomas Bregge on 14 Jun 1497.^[172] His sons Thomas and John were witnesses to this sale.

Children from this marriage were:

- 36 i. **Thomas Livermore** (born in 1473 in Essex County - died after Nov 1525 in Wethersfield – see earlier)
- ii. **John Livermore** born about 1475 in Wethersfield and died after 1517 in Essex County. John married an unknown spouse about 1500 in Wethersfield. John was a witness to his father and others executing the will of Thomas Loveland on 14 Jun 1497.^[173] He may be the John Livermore along with Richard Hayward and others bought a messuage from **64. John Pasfield** on 7 Feb 1517/18.^[174]

96. John Yongman was born about 1422 in Essex County. John married **97. Mrs. John Yongman** about 1452 in Wethersfield. She was born about 1424 in Essex County.

John was first found in the records witnessing a feoffment called Crystemassysland being sold in Wethersfield on 15 Jun 1444.^[175] John and others purchased a cottage and garden in Wethersfield from John Aleyn Jr. on 3 Feb 1446/47.^[176] He was a witness to a lease from Thomas Smyth to **132. William Stamer** and others for a messuage on the highway from Wethersfield to Braintree on 24 Jun 1453.^[177]

There are three transactions regarding a cottage and garden in Wethersfield on the road from Wethersfield to Braintree that involved John. John, John Aleyn Sr., and Henry Daunce quitclaimed this property to John Golding on 15 Feb 1453/54.^[178] For some reason, that transaction appeared to be somewhat reversed 9 days later.^[179] This time John Goldyng quitclaimed to John Yongman, **132.**

¹⁷⁰ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/40*, ERO. **66. John Stamer** was a witness.

¹⁷¹ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/43*, ERO. Thomas was called an attorney in this transaction.

¹⁷² *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/44*, ERO.

¹⁷³ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/44*, ERO.

¹⁷⁴ *Archives of the Essex County Record Office DP 119/25/50* (Colchester, England: ERO).

¹⁷⁵ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DHo 5*, ERO.

¹⁷⁶ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/20*, ERO.

¹⁷⁷ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DK T256/4*, ERO. One of the neighbors to this property was a William Clerk.

¹⁷⁸ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/128*, ERO.

¹⁷⁹ *Archives of the Essex County Record Office DP 119/25/21* (Colchester, England: ERO).

William Stamer, and William Walworth. Later, John, **132. William Stamer**, and William Walworth also quitclaimed the same property to John Allen on 21 Jun 1468.^[180]

John and others leased property on the road from Wethersfield to Braintree from John Walforth on 9 Apr 1462.^[181] He sold to William Stamer, **144. John Livermore**, and others some property on the road from Wethersfield to Braintree dated 15 Jan 1474/75.^[182]

The child from this marriage was:

- 48 i. **John Yongman** (born about 1459 in Essex County - died after 1527 in Wethersfield – see earlier)

108. Thomas Cranford, son of **Robert Cranford** and **109. Mrs. Robert Cranford**, was born about 1440 in Essex. Thomas married **Mrs. Thomas Cranford** about 1468 in Wethersfield. She was born about 1442 in Essex.

Thomas and his brother or father Robert were witnesses to a 10-year lease on 14 Jun 1469.^[183] After his father Robert's death, his stepmother Alice, stepbrother John, and **144. John Livermore** purchased 3 acres of land called Brasety's Field from Thomas Cranford and others on 4 Sep 1473.^[184] He was a witness to his stepmother Alice's will on 11 Jul 1486.^[185]

The child from this marriage was:

- 54 i. **Thomas Cranford** (born about 1470 in Wethersfield – see earlier)

Eighth Generation (5th Great-Grandparents)

130. John Hayward was born about 1414 in Essex County and died before 4 Sep 1473 in Essex County.^[186] John married **131. Alice (---)** about 1437 in Essex County. She was born about 1416 in Essex County and died after 11 Jul 1486 in Wethersfield.^[187] Alice next married **216. Robert Cranford** about 1479 in Wethersfield. Robert was born about 1415 in Essex County and died about 1479 in Wethersfield.

John was called a butcher.^[188] He and others purchased land in Essex County on 12 Aug 1454.^[189] John was dead by 4 Sep 1473.

Alice married secondly Robert Cranford who was deceased by 1479. Robert had **108. Thomas Cranford** and Robert Cranford by a previous marriage. Both these sons showed up in the records on

¹⁸⁰ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/28*, ERO.

¹⁸¹ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/23*, ERO.

¹⁸² *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/34*, ERO.

¹⁸³ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/31*, ERO.

¹⁸⁴ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/33*, ERO. This land bordered on the property Lightwaters.

¹⁸⁵ *Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills 1384-1858, Alicia Cranford 1492* (Ancestry.com database online).

¹⁸⁶ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/33*, ERO.

¹⁸⁷ *Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills 1384-1858, Alicia Cranford 1492* (Ancestry.com database online).

¹⁸⁸ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/33*, ERO.

¹⁸⁹ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DCw T41/2*, ERO.

a regular basis. After husband Robert's death, Alice, son John, and **144. John Livermore Sr.** purchased 3 acres of land called Brasetys Field from Thomas Cranford and others on 4 Sep 1473.^[190]

Alice appeared frequently in the records. She and son John were granted a messuage and garden on the highway from Wethersfield to Braintree from Thomas Smith Sr. and wife Katherine on 13 Dec 1478.^[191] Alice and son John Hayward quitclaimed a messuage and property called Lesepightell in Wethersfield to Alice's stepson Robert Cranford on 30 Sep 1479.^[192] Also on 30 Sep 1479, Alice, son John, John Livermore, and others gave a quitclaim deed to stepson Robert Cranford for the properties of Wyndhill and Thorleys in Wethersfield.^[193]

Alice and son John received a quitclaim dated 5 Feb 1484/85 from Robert Rochester and others for property in the hamlet of Blackmer in Wethersfield.^[194] Alice and son John sold some property on the highway from Wethersfield to Braintree to John Herde Sr. and Walt Serle both of Great Bardfield on 20 Apr 1485.^[195] Alice left a will on 11 Jul 1486. There are over a dozen properties mentioned in her will including Goldings, Lightwaters, Tregelotts, and Thorleys. Her Pasfield descendants at one time or another owned all these properties.

Children from this marriage were:

- i. **Thomas Hayward** born about 1439 in Essex County. He was given a property called Russell in the will of mother Alice Cranford.
- ii. **John Hayward** born about 1443 in Essex County and died after 1510 in Essex County. John and his mother Alice Cranford were busy buying and selling several properties as mentioned earlier. John Hayward, **144. John Livermore**, Alice Cranford, and others purchased 3 acres of land from stepbrother Thomas Cranford, and others on 4 Sep 1473.^[196] John and mother Alice received a quitclaim dated 5 Feb 1484/85 from Robert Rochester and others for a number of unnamed properties in Wethersfield.^[197] John and his mother Alice sold some property to John Herde Sr. and Walt Serle both of Great Bardfield on 20 Apr 1485.^[198] John was given land in Finchingfield in the will of his mother on 11 Jun 1486. Brother Richard gave a 10-year lease of Goldings to John on 21 Sep 1486.^[199] Either John or his son John moved to Norton, Suffolk County, England. By 1510, John or his son John had filed a suit in the Court of Requests in London demanding **32. John Pasfield** pay money owed from lands in Wethersfield.^[200]
- 65iii. **Miss Hayward** born about 1448 in Essex County – see earlier).

¹⁹⁰ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/33*, ERO. 132. William Stamer was a witness.

¹⁹¹ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/36*, ERO. Stepson Thomas Cranford and William Stamer were witnesses. This property may be called Goldings.

¹⁹² *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/38*, ERO.

¹⁹³ *Archives of the Essex County Record Office DP 119/25/39* (Colchester, England: ERO). There were possibly other owners of these properties who did not provide a quitclaim.

¹⁹⁴ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/40*, ERO.

¹⁹⁵ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/41*, ERO.

¹⁹⁶ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/33*, ERO.

¹⁹⁷ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/40*, ERO.

¹⁹⁸ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/41*, ERO. 66. John Stamer and 132. William Stamer were witnesses.

¹⁹⁹ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/42*, ERO.

²⁰⁰ *The National Archives of the UK, Harward v Passefield, 1510* (London, England: The National Archives), Req 2/12/107. This John Hayward was living in Norton, Suffolk County, England.

- iv. **Richard Hayward** was born about 1449 in Essex County and died before 1517 in Wethersfield.^[201] He married Mrs. Richard Hayward about 1473 in Wethersfield. He received properties called Goldyngs, Le Conynger, Lightwaters and several others in the will of his mother on 11 Jul 1486. All of this land appears to be in Wethersfield. In mother Alice's will, Richard was also given a property called Goldyngs which he leased to his brother John on 21 Sep 1486 for 10 years so long as John kept the property in good repair.^[202] On 28 Mar 1490, he and brothers-in-law William Stamer and **64. John Pasfield** received the property called Goldyngs plus all other appurtenances in Wethersfield and Blackmere from the executors of his mother's estate.^[203] He was a neighbor to nephew John Stamer on the highway from Wethersfield to Braintree dated 5 Mar 1512/13.^[204] Richard was deceased on 7 Feb 1517/18 when **32. John Pasfield** sold Goldyngs to the son of Richard and others. His son and heir Richard Hayward is mentioned.
- v. **Miss Hayward** born about 1453 in Essex County. She married William Stamer, son of **132. William Stamer**.

132. William Stamer, son of **John Stamer** and **Mrs. John Stamer**, was born about 1428 in Essex County. William married **133. Mrs. William Stamer** about 1451 in Wethersfield. She was born about 1430 in Essex County. She was a daughter of **John Hayward** and **Alice** (---).

William first appeared when he and others leased a messuage in Wethersfield on the highway from Wethersfield to Braintree from Thomas Smith on 24 Jun 1453.^[205] William surrendered properties called Manfeld and Motennesmede to Thomas Rande and wife Joan on 15 Dec 1453.^[206] William, **96. John Yongman**, and William Walworth gave a quitclaim on a cottage and a garden on the highway from Wethersfield to Braintree to John Allen on 21 Jun 1468.^[207] William and John Cut Sr. purchased a cottage and garden in Wethersfield on the highway from Wethersfield to Braintree from John Aleyn on 27 Jun 1468.^[208] William and Thomas Christmas leased a property in Wethersfield to brother John Stamer and others on 20 Mar 1478/79.^[209]

Children from this marriage were:

- i. **William Stamer** born about 1452 in Essex County and died after 1490 in Wethersfield. William married about Miss Hayward in 1473 in Wethersfield. She was the daughter of **130. John Hayward** and wife Alice (---) Hayward Cranford. William witnessed a grant of a property called Brasetys Field in Wethersfield on the highway from Finchingfield to Braintree from **108. Thomas Cranford** and others to mother-in-law Alice Cranford, brother-in-law John

²⁰¹ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/50*, ERO. His son was called son and heir of Richard Herward.

²⁰² *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/42*, ERO. John Pasfield was a witness.

²⁰³ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/43*, ERO.

²⁰⁴ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/50*, ERO.

²⁰⁵ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DK T256/4*, ERO. John Yongman was a witness.

²⁰⁶ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DK T244/2*, ERO.

²⁰⁷ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/28*, ERO.

²⁰⁸ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/30*, ERO. **108. Thomas Cranford** and Robert Cranford were witnesses.

²⁰⁹ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DK T256/6*, ERO.

- Hayward, **144. John Livermore** and others on 4 Sep 1473.^[210] On 28 Mar 1490, William and brothers-in-law Richard Hayward and **64. John Pasfield** received property Golding plus all other appurtenances in Wethersfield and Blackmere from the executors of the will of mother-in-law Alice Cranford.^[211] Alice did not mention daughters in her will but there was some additional instructions given to the executors based on this land distribution to more than just Richard Hayward.
- 66ii. **John Stamer** (born about 1458 in Wethersfield - died after 10 Jan 1528 in Wethersfield – see earlier)

144. John Livermore, son of **William Livermore** and **Mrs. William Livermore**, was born about 1420 in Wethersfield and died between 4 Sep 1473 and 15 Jan 1474/75 in Wethersfield. John married **145. Mrs. John Livermore** about 1446 in Wethersfield. She was born about 1422 in Essex County.

John was the second Livermore to appear in the records of Wethersfield, after father William. John and others received a lease for a messuage and garden in Wethersfield from Philip Gefford on 10 Jan 1465/66.^[212] On 21 Jun 1468, John witnessed the grant of land called Motonnyslane in Wethersfield.^[213] On 4 Sep 1473, John was called John Livermore Sr. when he, John Hayward, **131. Alice Cranford**, and others purchased 3 acres of land from **108. Thomas Cranford** and others on the road from Finchingfield to Braintree, bordering on the property called Lightwaters.^[214]

Children from this marriage were:

- 72 i. **Thomas Livermore** (born about 1448 in Wethersfield - died after 1496 in Wethersfield – see earlier)
- ii. **John Livermore** born about 1452 in Wethersfield and died after 1517 in Wethersfield. John married an unknown spouse about 1476 in Wethersfield. **96. John Yongman** and others granted land to John, **132. William Stamer**, and others in Wethersfield next to Motonnyslane on 15 Jan 1474/75.^[215] John, **131. Alice Cranford**, her son John Hayward, and others quitclaimed the properties of Wyndhill and Thorlee in Wethersfield to **108. Robert Cranford** on 30 Sep 1479.^[216] John was called John Livermore Sr. as a witness to a feoffment transaction in 20 Sep 1507.^[217] Son William was also a witness.

216. Robert Cranford was born about 1415 in Essex County and died about 1481 in Wethersfield. Robert married **217. Mrs. Robert Cranford** about 1435 in Essex County. She was deceased by 1470. Robert married **131. Alice** (---) by 4 Sep 1473 in Wethersfield when his wife Alice, stepson

²¹⁰ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/33*, ERO.

²¹¹ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/43*, ERO. William also owned neighboring property that had been previously owned by John Aleyn.

²¹² *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DK T256/5*, ERO. **96. John Yongman** was a witness.

²¹³ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/29*, ERO. A feoffment of John Clerke, Robert Amyse, and John Aleyn was mentioned.

²¹⁴ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/33*, ERO.

²¹⁵ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/34*, ERO. It should be noted that he was no longer called Sr. or Jr., which means that his father was dead and he was the surviving John Livermore.

²¹⁶ *Archives of the Essex County Record Office DP 119/25/39* (Colchester, England: ERO).

²¹⁷ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/46*, ERO.

John Hayward, and others were purchasers of a field called Brasetys Field in Wethersfield.^[218] Alice was born about 1414 in Essex and died after 11 Jul 1486 in Wethersfield. Alice had previously married **130. John Hayward**.

Robert may have lived in Great Baddow, Essex, England. Robert and son Thomas witnessed William Stamer and John Cut Sr. purchase a cottage and garden in Wethersfield on the highway from Wethersfield to Braintree from John Aleyn on 27 Jun 1468.^[219] Alice, his second spouse, is listed as the wife and widow of Robert Cranford. On 30 Sep 1479, Alice, wife of Robert Cranford and John Hayward her son quitclaim a messeuge in Wethersfield and a meadow called Lesepightell to Robert Cranford, son of 216. Robert Cranford.^[220]

Children from this marriage were:

- 108i. **Thomas Cranford** (born about 1440 in Essex – see earlier)
- ii. **Robert Cranford** born about 1445 in Essex and died about 1507 in Wethersfield. On 30 Sep 1479, stepmother Alice, stepbrother John, **144. John Livermore**, and others gave a quitclaim deed to him for the properties of Wyndhill and Thorley in Wethersfield.^[221]

Ninth Generation (6th Great-Grandparents)

264. John Stamer was born about 1401 in Wethersfield. John married **265. Mrs. John Stamer** about 1427 in Wethersfield. She was born about 1404 in Essex County.

John was of Wethersfield and was acting as an attorney for John Broxheed to deliver a seisin^[222] to John Walworth and others for a property called Lesephyghtel in Wethersfield on 22 Feb 1425/26.^[223] John was a witness of the sale of a cottage in Wethersfield from Thomas Smith to John Aleyn and wife Katherine on 8 Nov 1428.^[224] John was a bailiff at that time. He was a witness from a grant of a messuage and garden from Roger Rolf to Thomas Smyth and John Northey on 4 May 1433.^[225] John was a tenant-at-will with an annual rent of 3 shillings to the manor of Wethersfield for a field called Manfeld and a pasture called Motennesmede on 19 May 1439.^[226]

The child from this marriage was:

- 132i. **William Stamer** (born about 1432 in Essex County - died after 1500 in Wethersfield – see earlier)

²¹⁸ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/33*, ERO. The record states “to John Herward (son of John Herward, butcher, and w. Alice who is now W. of Robert Cranford.”

²¹⁹ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/38*, ERO.

²²⁰ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/46*, ERO.

²²¹ *Archives of the Essex County Record Office DP 119/25/39* (Colchester, England: ERO). There possibly were other owners of these properties who did not provide a quitclaim.

²²² Bryan A. Garner, ed., *Black’s Law Dictionary* 8th Edition (1891; St. Paul, Minnesota: Thompson West, 2004), 1389. Possession of a freehold estate.

²²³ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/15*, ERO.

²²⁴ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/18*, ERO.

²²⁵ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DK T256/3*, ERO.

²²⁶ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DK T244/1*, ERO.

288. William Livermore was born about 1393 in Essex County and died in Wethersfield after 15 Jan 1435/36. William married **289. Mrs. William Livermore** about 1418 in Essex County. She was born about 1395 in Essex County.

William first appeared in the records in 1425. He and several others leased 50 acres of land in Wethersfield from Thomas Ravyn and wife Isabel.^[227] It is not known if William is related to any of these other individuals. William was a witness to a sale of land called Staverecroft in Wethersfield from Richard Ayleward to a group of individuals on 15 Jan 1435/36.^[228]

The child from this marriage was:

- 144i. **John Livermore** (born about 1420 in Wethersfield - died after 4 Sep 1473 in Wethersfield - see earlier)

²²⁷ P. H. Reany and Marc Fitch, *Feet of Fines for Essex 1423-1547 Vol. 4* (Colchester, England: Essex Archaeological Society, 1964), 4. Because of the quitclaim, William could be related to some or all of these individuals but the relationship is unclear.

²²⁸ *Essex County, England, Court Roll Deeds Online Abstract D/DP 119/25/19*, ERO.