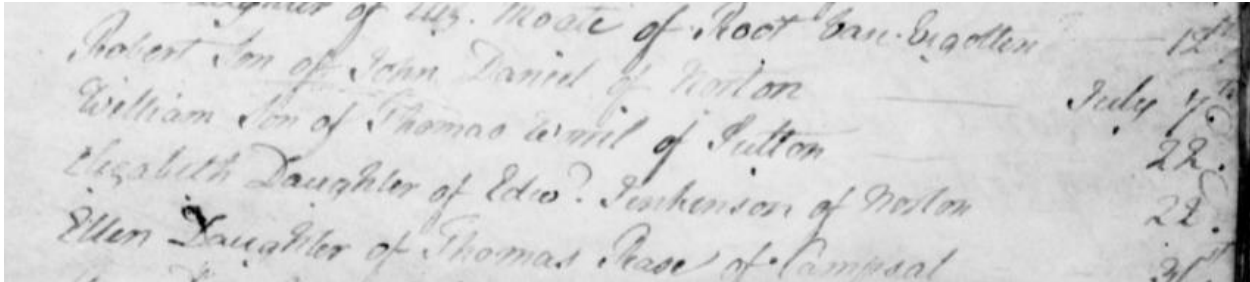


Sgt. Maj. William WORRILL and Maria “Hannah” (Marie Anne) MILLER

Birth of William WORRILL: William was baptized (see below) on 22 July 1764 in Campsall, Yorkshire, England to Thomas WORRILL and Elizabeth RHODES. He and sister Elizabeth were born in Sutton, a village in the parishes of Campsall and Burghwallis. The other children, from 1766, were born and baptized at Burghwallis where their father, the Parish Clerk, resided at the time of his marriage in 1760. Other than William, only his sister Sarah (WORRILL) PEARSON (1774-1857) survived until adulthood.



Military Service:

- a) **33rd** Regiment of Foot (1st Battalion of the Yorkshire West Riding of Infantry): While no record has come to light, William enlisted in the army before 25 December 1781 when he was recorded in the rosters of this Regiment while they were at Barrier, and by 24 June 1782 he was at Halifax, Nova Scotia where the Regiment remained 24 June 1786. However, on 24 October 1783 William was discharged, but reenlisted 25 October 1783. During this time his unit moved between Halifax and Sydney, Cape Breton, and on 29 November 1784 William was promoted to Corporal. As to location, 25 June to 24 December 1785 William was at Halifax; and 25 June to 24 December 1785 at Sydney (Cape Breton, Nova Scotia). He was “reduced” 1 August 1786.
- b) **37th** Regiment of Foot (North Hampshire Regiment): For reasons unstated, William was one of 38 men “turned over” to the 37th Regiment of Foot (1st Battalion), from the 33rd Regiment on 24 August 1786 in Halifax.
- c) **4th** Regiment of Foot (King’s Own Regiment): On 14 July 1789 William was “turned over” from the 37th Foot to this Regiment as a Private. On 26 September 1789 William was promoted to Corporal. On 7 May 1793, the 4th Foot embarked from Newfoundland enroute to St. Pierre and Miquelon in the Gulf of St. Lawrence (French possessions). On the 14th of May they landed at Anse-a-Saveyard, and shortly thereafter the Governor offered his surrender. On 31 December 1793 William was promoted to Sergeant. From their postings in Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, the Regiment went to the garrison at Quebec in 1794. The records of Holy Trinity Anglican Church show that William was a Sergeant in the 4th or King’s Own Regiment was then garrisoned at Quebec City on 5

July 1795 when he married Maria MILLER. Early in 1796 the Regiment was sent up River to occupy St. Johns, Chambly and Isle-aux-Noix, and in November was at Montreal where the Regiment was garrisoned for the winter months, returning to Quebec in 1797. This would explain why William was not present at the baptism of his son Thomas in the Presbyterian Church in Quebec City on 17 July 1796 – although the entry records that William was then a “soldier in the fourth or King’s own reg’t”.



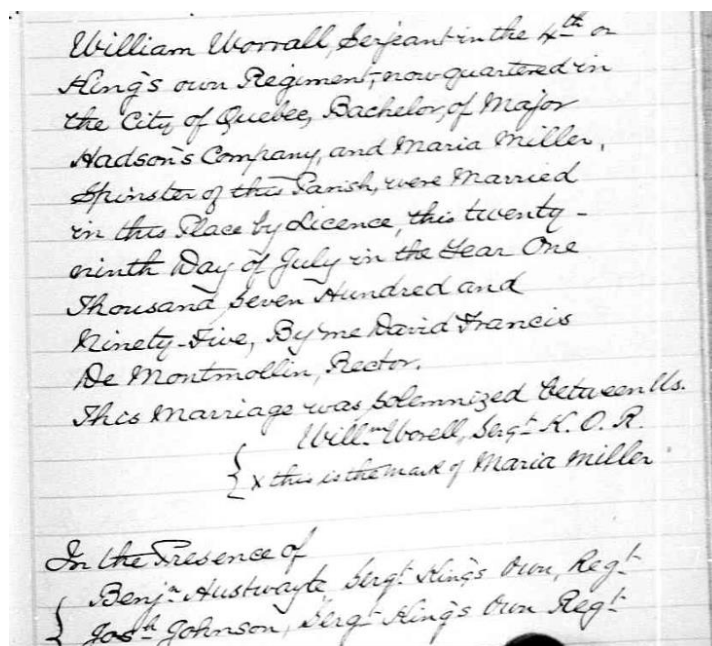
4th King's Own Regiment Uniform 1792

- d) **26th Regiment of Foot (Cameronians):** Once gain William, as a Corporal, was “turned over” or drafted, on 25 June 1798. In this case the 4th was returning to England and there was a great demand to replenish other units then stationed at Quebec. The musters of this Regiment, and the Church records above show that William was a Corporal in the 26th by April 1798 when his daughter Elizabeth was baptized (and buried in July 1798). On 25 May 1799 he was assigned to “Command Montreal”, was in Quebec City

for the baptism of his daughter Mary at the Holy Trinity Anglican Church on 13 September 1799. On 29 October of that 1799 William was promoted to Sergeant, and in November boarded the “Asia” whereupon a “malignant fever” broke out, and the troops were quartered in the cantonments around Quebec (e.g., Charlebourg, Beauport). On 16 May 1800 they once again embarked, and proceeded in the “Asia” to Halifax, Nova Scotia. After completing garrison duties, in September they sailed for England, arriving at Gosport (just outside Portsmouth, England) on 5 November. William was recorded at Portsmouth in January 1801 and from that date to December 1801 he was recruiting in Nottinghamshire. By 25 September 1803 William had been assigned to the 2nd Battalion of the 26th Foot and was appointed Sergeant Major on that date. On 25 September 1803 and 24 December William was in Belfast performing garrison duties. In 1805 Sgt. Maj. WW was in the musters for Athlone, and later that year at Dublin (Ireland). Between March and May in 1806 WW was recorded as being in the Regimental Hospital in Dublin, where he died on 13 June 1806.

Church Registers re William WORRILL and Maria “Hannah” MILLER – Quebec City, Canada:

1) Marriage Record:



The above record from the Holy Trinity Church (Anglican), then situated in the Recollet's Chapel, shows that on 29 July 1795 William WORRILL (bachelor) was quartered in Quebec City, Sergeant in the 4th (Kings Own) when he married Maria MILLER (spinster) “of this Parish”.

2) Baptism and Burial Records:

William Worrell soldier in the fourth
 or King's own regt. and Hannah his
 wife had a son born on the first
 of this present month, & baptiz'd this
 seventeenth day of July one thousand
 seven hund. & ninety six, named,
 Thomas, by Alex: Spurr Minist.
 Hannah ^{per} Worrell
 mak Thos: Campbell
 Alex: Hume

The above record from the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church of Quebec City, then located in a room in the Jesuit College, indicates that William "a soldier in the fourth or King's own regt. and Hannah his wife" had a child named Thomas born 1 July and baptized 17 July 1796. Perhaps the Presbyterian Church was chosen since 1796 was the year that the Anglican (Jesuit Chapel) burned down. Hannah made her mark on this document.

Worrell
 Baptiz'd Elizabeth, daughter of William
 Warell Corporal in his Majesty's
 Twenty sixth Regiment of Foot
 and of Maria his Wife, was born
 April the seventeenth and baptiz'd
 April the twenty ninth in the
 year of our Lord One thousand
 seven hundred and ninety eight
 by me J: Schosaphet Accountant
 Master of the English Church at Le
 present Maria Worrell Mother, her mark
 George Henderson Godfather, his mark
 Budget Henderson Godmother, her mark

Fourteenth leaf
J.D.

Quebec, 15th July 1798.

Worrall

Elizabeth daughter of Will Worrall Corporal in his Majesty's 26th Regt. Foot, and of Maria his wife died last evening, aged 3 months & was buried this day.

J. Henderson D. C.
 W^m Worrall father
 Maria ^{Age 3} Worrall mother
 W^m Cole 26 Regt.

The above baptism (29 April – born 17 April); and burial (15 July – died 14 July) of daughter Elizabeth occurred over 3 months in 1798. The baptism is found in the Holy Trinity Church (Anglican), and the burial record is from the Garrison Church Registers in Quebec City. At this time William was a Corporal in the 26th Regiment of Foot.

The last record of any children born to the couple is seen in the record below from Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Quebec City. Here Mary, the “daughter of William Worrill, Corporal in the 26th or Cameronian Regiment of Foot, and Maria his wife” is baptized 13 October 1799, having been born on 13 September 1799. This is also the last time that Maria (Hannah) appears in any record.

Worrilla baptized	<p>Mary, daughter of William Worrill, Corporal in the 26th or Cameronian Regiment of Foot, and Maria his wife born the Thirtieth of September, one thousand seven hundred & ninety-nine, and baptized the Thirteenth of October following.</p> <p>Parents. { Mrs Worrill Cap^l 26th Reg^t - Maria Worrill ^{her} ^{&} ^{mark} James Tunstall { Mary Walsh ^{her} ^{&} ^{mark} Rector Sponsors. { John Walsh Surgeant 26th Reg^t Mrs Worrill Cap^l 26th Reg^t</p>
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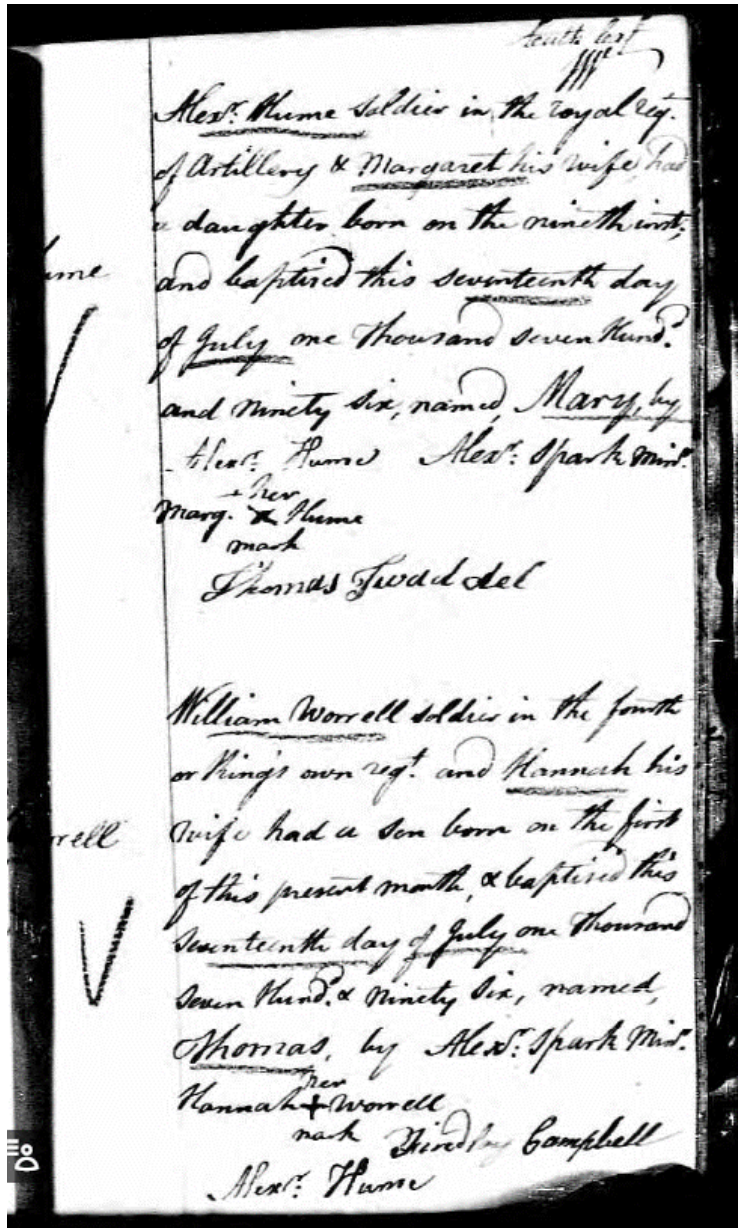


The Recollet's Chapel at Far Left in 1761 (after the Conquest) – Holy Trinity Church until 1796



The Jesuits College (Far Right) – Presbyterian Church Since 1768

Margaret MILLER – Sister to Maria: When William WORRILL and Maria (Hannah) (MILLER) WORRILL's son Thomas was baptized, a child Mary, daughter of Alexr HUME and Margaret his wife on the same day in the same Church, as seen in the entry below from Holy Trinity Church:



The record above also shows that Alexander HUME was the godfather of the child Thomas WORRILL.

Furthermore, just to “ice the cake” in relation to the link between the MILLER, HUME AND WORRILL families, as seen below, William WORRILL was a godfather to Alexander William HUME born in 1798:

Hume
 ✓
 Alexander Hume Gunner in the Royal Ar-
 tillery & Margaret his wife had a son
 born on the twenty second day of March
 last & baptised this first day of April one
 Thousand seven hundred & Ninety Eight,
 named, Alexander, by
 - Alex^r: Hume - Father
 - Margaret Hume - Mother
 Wm^o: Howell
 John Moore

Margaret MILLER and Alexander HUME were married on 26 March 1793 at the Anglican Church in Quebec City, as seen below:

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 Alexander Hume, Gunner in the Artillery,
 and Margaret Miller Spinster, both of this
 Parish, were married in this Place by an
 order from the Commanding Officer & me
 directed as acting Deputy Chaplain to the
 Garrison, this twenty-sixth Day of March
 in the Year One Thousand seven Hundred
 and Ninety-three, By me David Francis
 De Montmolin, Rector.
 This marriage was solemnized between Us.
 { Alexander Hume
 { Margaret Miller.
 In the Presence of
 { John Borke Lieut. Col. R. Regt. of Artillery
 { William Leslie 1st Gunner in Batt. . .

DIED.
 On Sunday, Nov. 31, M^{rs}. MARGARET HUME, in the 77th year of
 her age.
 Her friends and acquaintances of the family are requested to attend
 her funeral on Monday, at 10 o'clock, P.M. from the residence of her
 son, Alexander Hume, 81 South Street.
 B^{ur}: Canada papers will please copy.
 G. N. S. at Charleston, S. C. BENJAMIN F. FODRHEES, and

Margaret died at the home of her son Alexander W. HUME in New York City on 31 October 1850 as seen in the above obituary. She was 77 years old so born about 1773.

In each record where she appears, Maria (Hannah) makes her mark, so was not literate. She is “Maria” in the four records in the Anglican Church where her husband William was present; but “Hannah” in the one record in the Presbyterian Church and where her husband was not present. Thus, she may have been “Maria Anna” (Hannah being a nickname for Anna) – or originally perhaps Marie Anne, when herself baptized. Unfortunately, her birth date is unknown (likely between 1770 and 1777) and none of these combinations of prenames can be linked to clear candidates in the extant records – particularly any with a sister Margaret. All of the 73 Public Family Trees at Ancestry which include the above Margaret have blank spaces for her parents. Margaret (MILLER) HUME died at the home of one of her sons in New York City in 1850 at age 73.

The Fate of Maria “Hannah” MILLER: While it is known that Sgt. William WORRILL died in Ireland in 1806, unfortunately, there has been no indication found as to what happened to Maria Hannah (MILLER) WORRILL (e.g., did she die before or after her husband?) after the birth of her daughter Mary in 1799. The obituary of son Thomas WORRILL states that he came to England with his parents but his father died when Thomas was two years old and, “*he was brought up by his paternal grandfather*”. Thomas was 10 years old when his father died – so the chronology of the obituary time line must be questioned. It is likely that the military arranged for the transportation from Dublin (where his father died) to Yorkshire where his grandfather Thomas WORRILL resided. The grandfather died in 1818 in the home village of Burghwallis, Yorkshire. This suggests that his mother, Hannah, also died early, when her son was very young – although the possibility of her remarrying cannot be ruled out. No records have emerged which would provide any indication of the date and place of her death and burial. The same situation prevails with respect to the child Mary, born in 1799 – as yet there is no indication as to what

The Parents of Maria “Hannah” MILLER and Margaret MILLER: The author spent considerable time in attempting to connect Maria (Hannah) to one of the MILLER families living in Quebec at the time of her marriage – with no success. The censuses of Quebec City for 1792, 1795 and 1798 were checked for any Miller entries, and each individual located was traced through the available records. None could be linked to Maria (Hannah). All Catholic and Protestant church records for Quebec (via the indexed Drouin Collection of original records) were explored.

Considerable time (weeks, months) was spent in exploring different hypotheses in relation to a discovery of a death certificate to the only remaining MILLER who could not be directly linked to other adult MILLERs then residing in Quebec City.

Jean Baptiste MILLER - Hypothesis: The only MILLER who is a candidate for being the father of Maria is one Jean Baptiste MILLER. Jean Baptiste MILLER died 11 August 1782 in Quebec City, but his death certificate leaves gaps, never filled, which would have contained key information as to his identity.

Ep. de Notre Dame de Québec le vingt-cinq
 mil sept cent quatre-vingt deux par nous vicaires de Québec
 Jean Baptiste Miller inhumé dans le cimetière des Picottes le corps de Jean Baptiste originaire de
 Irlande épouse de
 âgé de quarante deux ans mort subitement, il a été reconnu par la justice
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Two versions of the Burial Entry for Jean Baptiste MILLER

The two entries above from Notre Dame Church indicate that he was buried in the Cemetery des Picottes in Quebec City. It does indicate an age at death of 42, however there is space left for his place of birth then “En Irlande” and another space is left for the name of his spouse. These were not filled in later by the Priest. The record notes, “Died suddenly. He was recognized by the Justice”. Therefore, there was no family informant, and any information in the document is highly questionable – including the age and stated birthplace of Ireland.

Months of research time were spent exploring two hypotheses in the attempt to find a connection between Jean Baptiste MILLER and Maria Hannah and Margaret MILLER.

The first looked into the possibility that he was the Jean Baptiste MILOT born 1743 in Pointe Claire, Quebec. The Priest often wrote MILLER for members of this family. Ultimately he was found to have married only once, late in life, in St. Louis, Missouri. His death record was discovered in Cahokia, Illinois – the location across the Mississippi River from St. Louis where his wife’s siblings had migrated from Lachine, Quebec in previous years.

The second hypothesis attempted to link the above Jean Baptiste MILLER to the Jean MILLER and wife Helene DAMSON whose two children, Marie Angélique born in 1768 (who later became Ursuline nun Sister Marie Angélique MILLER dit De Saint Thomas), and Jean (aka Jean Baptiste) MILLER born in 1770 were baptized in Notre Dame Catholic Church in Quebec City in 1772. The father signed the baptismal records as “Johannes MILLER” and this and other evidence suggests that he was of German descent from the area near Heppenheim, Hessen, Germany. The Priest who recorded the above baptismal information made significant phonetic errors such as writing

Roderique Magdaleine for a man who signed as Roderick Mack Lellan. Furthermore, Marie Angelique chose “De Saint Thomas” as her name for the Convent. This led to the possibility that “DAMESONNE” as seen in the above baptismal records might have been “DETROISMAISONS”, a surname common only in St. Thomas and adjacent parishes 30 miles east of Quebec City. However, there was no baptismal, marriage or burial record for Helene to provide any confirmation of this hypothesis. Furthermore, in her becoming a nun in 1784, Sister Marie Angelique MILLER dit De St. Thomas gave her place of birth as Rhode Island and her parent’s names as Jean MILLER and Helene DAMSON. The surname DAMSON is linked almost exclusively to Germany. Ultimately, despite some circumstantial evidence which seemed promising, there was not a single document that would clearly link these parents to Maria Hannah and Margaret MILLER – although the hypothesis has not been disproven.

The obituary of the above Rev. Thomas WORRILL in 1874 stated that, “*His father was an Englishman, but his mother was an American lady*”. The term “American lady” could mean many things – especially since a family tree record composed by his son-in-law, Rev. William HIPKIN, reported that Rev. Thomas WORRILL was born, “either in Quebec, Canada or in the U.S.A.”.

No further evidence has surfaced which could point in one direction or another in the search for the parentage of Maria Hannah and Margaret MILLER.

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