



THORNBOROUGH THORNBURGH THORNSBERRY

DISORDERLY THORN

Robert Thornborough was born in 1661 in Lancashire, England to Charles Thornborough and Elizabeth Leyburne. The Thornboroughs were Quakers. Robert Thornborough and his brother emigrated to Ireland from England to found The Quaker Thornborough Family of Ireland and Colonial America in Lurgan close to the southern shore of Lough Neagh. On 29 October 1676, Robert and his brother Edward were "spoken to" by the Quakers about their "walking disorderly." He "confessed he had don amiss but hoped he would amend for the time to come." Robert lived in Monaghan, Aghnamullen parish in the far south of the county directly across the border from Cootehill. He died in 1717 in Cavan, County Cavan, Ireland. In 1686, he married Sarah Jackson. Sarah Jackson was born about 1666 in Cootehill, County Caven, Ireland. She was the daughter of Sir Anthony Jackson, III and Jane Bell.

Robert and Sarah had six children. Robert was born in 1686 and died in 1752. Judith Thornburgh was born in 1689 and died in 1760. She married Alexander Miller. Our ancestor, Edward T, was born in 1687 in Cootehill and died in 1734 in Pennsylvania. Walter was born in 1688 and died in 1754. Thomas Amos was born in 1690 in Cootehill, County Caan, Ireland. He married Sarah Mary Hannah Haman on 12 September 1713. He died on 20 July 1758 in Pennsylvania and is buried in Lancaster. Her father, Richard Beeson Jr., left her a side saddle "besides what I held for her."

IRISH THORN

Edward T Thornburgh was born in 1685 in Cavan, County Cavan, Ireland. He married Jean Morgan Brookbank in 1708. A Lurgan meeting dated 31 March 1708 records "*Edward Thornburgh of*

Munallen Meeting having lately run out and married one of another persuasion with a priest, John Walker and Joseph Robson are directed to draw a pertinent judgment against ye transgression." In May 1717, Edward Thornborough notified the Lurgan meeting that he wanted to go to America, and he requested a certificate to leave. He presented a certificate to the Kenntt Monthly Meeting in Pennsylvania on September 16th 1725. He died 28 December 1734 and was buried in Warwick Township, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, British Colonial America.

Edward T Thornburgh married Jean Morgan who was born in 1688 in Lurgan, County Armagh, Ireland. Her parents were Thomas Morgan and Givyn Binns. She immigrated to Maryland, British Colonial America. Edward T. Thornburgh left her the "Thirds of the Movabels and her bed." She died in 1735 and was buried in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Edward and Jean had two children. Walter Thornborough, our ancestor, was born 1705 in Ireland. He died 18 February 1783 in Guilford County, North Carolina. Joseph Williams was born in 1726. He was welcomed into the Hopewell Monthly Meeting, Frederick County, Virginia on 07 January 1728. He married Nancy Ann Airmailed in New Garden Monthly Meeting in Guilford County, North Carolina. He died 26 June 1800 and is buried in the New Garden Monthly Meeting Cemetery.

REVOLUTIONARY THORN

Walter Thornburgh was born in 1708 in Guilford County, North Carolina. He was a Patriot of the Sons of the American Revolution because he "furnished supplies August 1782" to the North Carolina Revolutionary War (SAR # 348573). In his father's will, he was left one ewe and one lamb. On 18 November 1752, Walter obtained a patent to 368 acres on the North Run of Middle Creek, Frederick County, Virginia Deed Book H Of Northern Neck Grants. In 1789 Walter moved the family to Lost Creek where he was chosen to serve as an Elder along with John Mills. He died 17 February 1708 in Guilford County, North Carolina.

Mary Margaret Beeson, Walter Thornburgh's wife, was born in 1708 in Chester County, Pennsylvania and died in 1775. Her parents were Richard Beeson and Charity Grubb. In 1767, her grandfather, Edward Beeson, purchased land from Thomas Douthet who had only a "tomoahawk right" to the land. The land was surveyed and named Beesontown, Pennsylvania. It later became Uniontown. In 1737, she married Walter Thornburgh. When Mary Margaret Beeson's father died, Mary Margaret was notably left out of her father's will. She died 29 March 1775 in Guilford County, North Carolina.

Walter and Margaret had seven children. Hannah Thornburgh was born 20 November 1738. She married Abraham Woodward 12 December 1760. His parents were William and Eliza Marshall. Walter and Margaret Thornburgh signed her Quaker wedding certificate. She died in Jefferson County, Tennessee 03 April 1817. Henry Thornburgh married Rachel Moon, daughter of Simon Moon, in New Garden on 12 July 1758. They are listed as "original members" of the Deep River Meeting established in 1778. He married Rachel Moon. He died at Lost Creek 24 April 1804. Margaret Thornborough was born in 1744 and married John Canaday in Guilford County, North Carolina on 10 April 1764. She died in Wayne County, Indiana 12 March 1819. Her son, John Canady Jr., referred to as "Old Quaker," boarded Davy Crockett at his house at Panther Springs

near Morristown, Tennessee. Crockett, aged 17, began working for Canaday in late 1802 and brought with him his first rifle. In 1816, Crockett sold the rifle to one of Canady's sons. However, being Quakers, the gun was sold to S.S. McCuiston. This account appears on page 298 of the January 1902 issue of *The American Historical Magazine* V. VII and II

Edward Thornborough, our ancestor, was married to Elizabeth Mendenhall on 05 April 1769 in New Garden. He died 17 February 1783 in Guilford County, North Carolina. Mary Thornborough was born 05 April 1741 in Frederick County, Virginia. Joseph Thornburgh married "out of unity" on 26 February 1774 to Elizabeth Torrington. He was "dismissed" by the Quakers. He is a Son of the American Revolution who "rendered material aid" to the American army (# A114727). William Thornburgh married Martha. He died on 13 February 1786.

QUAKER THORN

Edward Thornborough was born in 1748 in North Carolina to a prominent Quaker family in Guilford, North Carolina. He married Elizabeth Mendenhall at New Garden on 05 April 1769. He was chastised by the Quakers for being a Regulator. The Regulators were a large group of North Carolina colonists who opposed the taxation and fee system imposed by colonial officials in the late 1760s. This political argument led to a battle between the colonial militia and the Regulators in 1771. Following this battle, a few Regulators were hanged and the majority pardoned, bringing the movement to an end. Edward Thornburgh died in North Carolina in 1787.

Edward married Elizabeth Mendenhall. She was born in 02 May 1751 in Sadsbury, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. She died 08 August 1800 in New Garden, Guilford, North Carolina and is buried in New Garden Friends Cemetery, Greensboro, North Carolina. Edward and Elizabeth had seven children. Elizabeth Thornburgh was born 07 October 1769 in New Garden, North Carolina. She married George Starns (1769) in Greene, Tennessee and was "dismissed" by the Quakers for marrying outside her faith. George Thornburgh was born 18 June 1771 in New Garden, North Carolina. He married Sarah Moore on 16 July 1794 in Greene County, Tennessee. John Thornburgh was born 02 August 1773 in Guilford, North Carolina. In he married Ana Abigail Brown, daughter of James Brown. John Thornburgh died in 1827 in Scott, Virginia. Jeane (Jean) Jane Thornburgh was born 17 September 1775 in Guilford, North Carolina. Walter Thornbrough was born about 1777. Richard Thornbrough was born about 1779. Martin Thornbrough was born in 1786 in Green Tennessee. He died of a "fever" on 30 July 1853 in Pike, Kentucky.

EXCOMMUNICATED THORN

John Mendenhall Thornsby was born 02 August 1773 in Guilford County, North Carolina. John Mendenhall Thornsby was "dismissed" from the Quaker faith for marrying a non-member (Lutheran) Susannah Starnes on 23 May 1793 in Greene, Tennessee. He changed his name to Thornsberry to save his father the shame. Thornburgh was a well know Quaker name. His sister Elizabeth was also excommunicated for marrying Susannah Starnes' brother John Starnes. John Thornsby died in Big Sandy Valley, Floyd County, Kentucky in December 1827. Susannah Starnes was born in 1775 in North Carolina. Her parents were Adam Starnes Sr. and Susannah

Meeks or MCaroline Carlock. She died in 1834. John and Susannah had ten children: Isaac (1795 – 1850); Sarah (1797 -1871); Henry (1799 – 1870); Anna (1800 – 1844); John (1800 -); Marin (1804 -); Jinsey (1806 – 1853); Elizabeth (1806 – 1870); Cynthia (1808 – 1870); Nancy Jane (1810 – 1860).

KANSAS THORN

Henry Thornsberry was born in 1799 in Russell, Virginia. He married Malissa E. Haupt on 22 January 1824 in Scott, Virginia. He was widowed and married Nancy Speer (1802 - 04 March 1880). He died 13 January 1872 in Morris, Kansas and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Council Grove, Morris, Kansas. Malissa E Hangst was born in 1802 in Rowan, North Carolina. Her parents were Valentine Haupt and Jeane Watts. She died about 1850 in Scott, Virginia. Henry and Malissa had ten children: Ira (1826 -); George (1829 -); Anna (1831 -); Henry (1832 -); Caroline (1834 -); Louise Lavis (1836 -); Elizabeth; Jackson; William Liburn.

GREASY CREEK THORN

Ira Thornsberry was born in 1829 in Scott Virginia. He married Oma "Oma" Wade on 10 March 1842 in Scott, Virginia. Upon her death, he married Louise Matilda Stanley, and upon her death, he married Martha Cornett. He is remembered as sitting on the porch of his place and light his pipe by holding glass from a flashlight to catch the sun's rays and ignite. Ira was killed by bushwhackers "down along the Mulberry River." Some of his younger boys were with him, trying to take him further south and away from the roving bands of bushwhackers and renegades who were terrorizing the area at that time. Ira was killed, but the boys were spared because of their ages. He was buried in 1863 along the Mulberry River, but the gravesite was washed away by flooding waters. Oma Wade was born 1830 in Virginia. Her parents were Henry Wade and Mary Gillespie. She died in 1852 in Pike Missouri.

Ira and Oma had four children. Hiram Thornsberry's homestead entry No. 7748. In June 1953, a Thornsberry family reunion was held in Greasy Creek, north of Combs. His children included: Zora Johnson, Fred J, Owen T, Dave, and Homer. They gathered at the community center, the old frame building where the Thornsberry children attended school, for an old-time square dance. He was killed by "Bush-whackers" along Mill Creek near Combs, Arkansas during the Civil War. He was going to visit friends in St. Paul and had been warned that he could be killed if he "walked on the road" by Mill Creek at night. He is interred with Major William H. Brook's Regiment, First Battalion, Arkansas Calvary in the Confederate Cemetery in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Order of interment is #108. Owen Thornsberry married Minerva Jane Cornett. Her parents were Archibald Cornett and Mary "Polly" Ritchie. Owen and Minerva's daughter, Sarah Anne Thornsberry, is the maternal grandmother of Orval Faubus the 36th governor of Arkansas from 1955 - 1967. Faubus was involved in the Little Rock Crisis when he refused to comply with desegregation of Arkansas schools. "Governor Orval Faubus attended the funeral." In 1940, Owen was a Texas oil field worker. Owen's son Hiram died 20 July 1956 and is buried in Willis Combs Cemetery. 04 June 1958, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Thornsberry, Owen's son, of the Greasy Creek community north of Combs held a reunion of the entire family where they had an "old-time square dance." Owen served in the Confederate army and married Minerva Cornett, daughter of Arch and Polly Cornett.

Isaac Thornsberry was born 1849 in Kentucky and married Mary E. Hill (m 05 November 1874 in Franklin, Arkansas). Brothers married sisters. William Henry married Sarah Jane Hill. In 1870, he was living with the Hill family as a farm laborer. His son William Henry "Bill" Thornsberry married Nora Jane Shipp. His children spoke with love and admiration. His wife said he loved to talk to people and enjoyed card games. He was a cheerful person who could be heard singing or whistling. His son "Boot" fished with him. Like his uncle, Henry Thornsberry, his legs were so swollen from congestive heart failure that the skin would burst and leak fluid. Isaac died in Mulberry.

William Henry Thornsberry married the sister of Mary E. Hill, Sarah Jane Hill. William had been living with Abner Moore as a farm laborer and met Sarah Jane who was living and working in the house. According to the family, William Henry and Sarah Jane moved to Washington state. Either William Henry returned to Arkansas with their only son Edward, or William returned to Arkansas alone and their son Edward was dropped off by Sarah Jane. William was often seen working with his father and his brothers in a field beside Greasy Creek just below the homesite of Betty Dietz. After his marriage with Sarah Jane ended, he married Mary Ellen Cornett, sister of Minerva Cornett. They lived on the Ira Thornsberry place on West Greasy Creek. "It had a long porch along the front and along one other room."

LOST THORN

William Henry, was a laborer in the household of Abner Moore and met 17-yr. old Sarah Hill who was working in the house. She became Henry's wife on Aug. 29, 1870 (the marriage certificate says Thomasberry). Homer Thornsberry, Combs, Ark., recalls of brothers Isaac and Henry Thornsberry that "brothers married sisters" William Henry married Sarah Jane Hill, a sister of his brother Isaac's wife, Mary E. Hill, in Franklin County, Arkansas. Henry and Sarah lived near her family, according to Homer Thornsberry, until they left Arkansas to go to Washington state. The marriage went bad and they were divorced. Sarah later brought their son, Edward to Henry's home and left him; Henry remarried to Mary Ellen Cornett, daughter of Arch & Polly Ritchie Cornett. They lived on the Ira Thornsberry homeplace on West Greasy Creek, Combs, Arkansas. Ira Thornsberry, his son Owen, Henry Thornsberry and his son Ed built the little one room schoolhouse, Greenwood on Greasy Creek. The Governor Orval Faubus went to school and taught in that schoolhouse. Henry spent six months in a Civilian Conservation Corps.

William Henry married Sarah Jane Hill Thornsberry who was born in 1853 in Arkansas to Sion Hill, a farmer born in Tennessee and Sarah born in Kentucky. According to family, Sarah Jane's sister Mary E. Hill married her husband's half brother Isaac Thornsberry. They had two sons, Bill and Taylor who were raised by their uncle, Owen Thornsberry of Combs, Arkansas. Two more sons, Hiram and Charley E died "down around Mulberry." Sarah Jane Hill Thornsberry and Henry left Arkansas for Washington state, according to family. They divorced, and Henry returned to Arkansas with son Edward. She married Dr. H.W. Meadors 23 January 1878 in Clark County, Arkansas. William Henry remarried to Mary Helen Cornet who was born in 1851, Perry, Kentucky. Her parents were Archibald Cornett, who moved from Kentucky to Arkansas before the Civil War, and Mary Poly Ritchie. She married William Henry Thornsberry in 1872 in Madison, Arkansas. She

died 02 February 1930 at her home on Greasy Creek near Combs, Madison, Arkansas and is buried in Madison.

William Henry and Sarah Jane had one son, Edward Thornsberry, born 06 October 1872 in Combs, Arkansas. William Henry and Martha Ellen had eight children. Marion was born 1878 and died 1918. Harden was born in 1860. Rachel Arminta "Minta" was born 1881 and died 1964. She married William "Bill" Tucker. They divorced, and he disappeared. Ira was born 21 June 1883 in on a farm in Greasy Creek, Combs, Madison, Arkansas. A leading citizen of his community, he served as school director of the Greenwood district. He married Sarah "Sallie" Emeline Nelson on 05 August 1906 in Madison. Henry Marvin Thornsberry, their son born 02 May 1919, died at 41 years old at 441 So. Locust Street, Fayetteville. He was a veteran of World War II serving in the US Army. Their son, Lloyd Alvin Thornsberry (23 May 1927), moved his family to Washington state to work at Azwell Orchards. He had five sons: Herbert, Shelby, Shirley, Henry and Lloyd, and three daughters: Cleo Ritchie, Dixie Wilson and Eula Dean Joslin. His wife, Annie Belle, worked as an apple packer at the Azwell Warehouse. In 1971, the family moved to Oxteam Orchards in Douglas County where Lloyd was manager. Lloyd often played country music with his friends and family. Ira Thornsberry served as school director of the Greenwood district for several years. He died 13 December 1953 at the City hospital in Fayetteville. "He was stricken with a heart attack at his home in Combs about 5 pm and died at 11 pm." is buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery.

George Washington Thornsberry was born in 1886. In 1919, he married Mae Thornsberry of Elkins, Arkansas (route two, West Fork). Mae Myrtle was born 1888 and died 1974. Jesse was born in 1891 and died in 1892. Polly Ann was born 1892 and died in 1940.

ONLY THORN

Edward Thornsberry was born 06 October 1872 in Combs, Arkansas. On the children's birth certificates, he lists his occupation as "Mechanic." In September, 1928, C.B. Blevins moved from his farm south of town to the Fullbright property in the west. Ed moved his family from Greasy Creek to the Blevins' farm. November, 1929, Dug Race sold his property in town to Ed Thornsberry. In January 1940, Ed tore down his house in Combs, known as the old Race building, and built a new house on his farm. He died of chronic myocarditis in September 1958 and is buried in Sierra View Memorial Park. Edward married Martha Ellen Hawkins. She died 24 September 1959 following a year long illness.

Edward and Martha Ellen had seven children. Dorothy Elizabeth. Althea "Altha" Emilie was born 08 December 1899 and died 13 August 1984. She married Hubert Eversole (22 February 1902 - 27 September 1967). Hubert Eversole is a descendent of Jacob Eversole, a Baptist minister and miller. After the Revolutionary War, Jacob and Mary Eversohls (Eversole) joined a company of pioneers following Daniel Boone to the fabled "blue grass" region in Eastern Kentucky. He built a log cabin in Perry County in 1789. It is one of the oldest landmarks in Kentucky. Later owned by Major John C. Eversole, it was attacked twice. During the Civil War, 1862, confederates surrounded the cabin. The confederates opened fire, shooting out the windows and doors as Eversole and his

men ran out and across the river to the woods. On 02 May 1864, the Rebels from Caudil's 13th Kentucky Cavalry, unconvinced that the Eversoles were no longer confederates, attacked and killed both Major Eversole and his brother. In April, 1937, Hubert Eversole got his hand badly mashed in an accident at Saint Paul while loading tiles. Altha Emiline Thornsberry died 13 August 1984 in Yuba City, California. She was living at 924 Western Avenue, Olivehurst, California.

Bertha E Thornsberry of Combs sang a duet with Bessie Neal which was much applauded on 01 July 1922. Bertha E Thornsberry married Clyde Blevins, and they had two children. After an illness of several years, she died age 35 years on 24 February 1938 at her home at Combs, Arkansas. She is buried in the Walnut Grove cemetery at Crosses. Floyd. Sherman Thornsberry was born in 1909. At the age of 10, 02 November 1919, he was killed by a falling tree. He and an elder brother were out in the woods a short distance from home when they treed a squirrel and decided to cut down the tree to catch it. In falling, the tree struck another which fell on Sherman. He suffered about 7 hours before dying. Clara M. Essie Thornsberry was born 20 December 1914 in Combs, Arkansas and died 19 October 1991. She is buried in Sierra View Memorial Park.

WESTERN THORN

William Emery Geddis was born on 17 May 1912 in Montana to James Albert Geddis and Bessie Hodgson. He married Essie Thornberry on 22 June 1935 in Madison, Arkansas. In April 1937, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Geddis moved back from the CCC camp at Ozone to Ed Thornsberry's farm on Greasy Creek in Madison County, Arkansas. They were the parents of William Wayne, Phyllis Geraldine, and Sheryl Eveline. After Essie's death in 1991, Emery William Geddis married a second time to Hazel Lezona Teague. He died on 13 August 1994, in Olivehurst and was buried in Sierra View Memorial Park, Olivehurst, Yuba, California.

Essie Thornberry was born on 10 January 1915 in Arkansas to Edward William Thornsberry and Martha Ellen Hawkins. She married Emery William Geddis on 22 June 1935 in Madison, Arkansas. Pictured above is Governor Orville Faubus with Essie. He was a distant cousin, and since childhood was a little bit in love with Essie. In 1958, she is listed as "cook" in the Ella School District. She died on 19 October 1991 in Marysville, and she was buried in Sierra View Memorial Park, Olivehurst, Yuba, California. Her Social Security number was 553-38-0670.

