

John Thompson and His Wife Dorothy (!)

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Introduction

This is a review article that summarizes what I believe is verifiably known about John Thompson of East Haven and his wife. Through conventional research, I am a 9th great grandson of John Thompson (d~1655) by way of his daughter Mary (1642-1714).

Through DNA testing and conventional research, my mtDNA traces uninterrupted to Mary and her mother. So, another purpose is to clarify the identity of the mother of John’s children. There has been much confusion about the identity of John’s wife, and I will present evidence that her name was Dorothy. I will also review the DNA evidence that may further identify her origins.

Key elements in this article happened about 400 years ago, so conventional evidence is sometimes sparse. And there have been many opportunities for people in the intervening years to make interpretations, to make misinterpretations, and to interject suspicions. On the bright side, researchers are frequently adding new tidbits of information that can clarify our understanding of this period. In the end, I believe that the conclusions I draw are the best possible based on information that has come to my attention. If you have anything to add or correct, I hope that you will contact me at craig@281connections.us . And, if you care to copy or quote from this, please follow the CC-by-SA “copyleft” [rules](#).



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History of New Haven

John Thompson was a resident of New Haven / East Haven according to information that I will show later. In this section, I present some references that explain how New Haven formed so that we can imagine how John and his family fit into its history. And, to put what follows into context, there is the general backdrop of the very unsettled history of England in the 17th century.ⁱ I believe that it is good to understand this.

The story of New Haven needs to start with the stories of John Davenport and Theophilus Eaton. John Davenport was a Puritan minister, and John Eaton was the son of a minister - After fleeing England for Holland and returning to England, John Davenport again fled England, this time for Boston in Colonial Massachusetts. He traveled on the Hector with his wife Elizabeth and children as well as with the family of Theophilus Eaton, who as a part of the Eastland Co. had received a charter from the crown for a settlement in 1629. They arrived in June of 1637. They only stayed in the Boston area for about 9 months, but they settled in the vicinity of the existing town of New Haven, CT, in an area inhabited by members of the Quinnipiac tribe, with whom treaties were signed. In the summer of 1639, the settlers agreed on the articles of a civil government, and they organized a church. Eaton served as the first Governor and Davenport served as the leader of the church. Church officers were named as well as civil magistrates by year's end.ⁱⁱ

A commonly agreed upon passenger list for the Hector in 1637, which may not be complete, follows.ⁱⁱⁱ Some of these people may have followed Davenport from St. Stephen's Church in London where Davenport briefly served as Vicar.

- Andrews William (From Ipswich, Suffolk or Hampswaithe, York to Salem or Charlestown)
- Bannister Edward (From Chiddingly, Sussex, bound for New Haven, Ct.)
- Beach/Beckley Richard (From S Bourne Mary, Hampshire, bound for Wethersfield, CT.)
- Brockett John
- Browning Henry
- Budd John
- Cheever Ezekiel
- Clark James
- Cooper John
- Crane Jasper
- Davenport John & Elizabeth
- Dixon Jeremy
- Eaton Theophilus
- Eaton, Old Mrs., his mother
- Eaton Anne, second wife of Theophilus Eaton and daughter of George Loyd Bishop of Chester and widow of Thomas Yale
- Eaton children of Anne Eaton by her former marriage
- Elsey Nicholas
- Halbidge Arthur
- Hale, Thomas from Watton at Stone, Hertfordshire, aboard the Hector, bound for Newbury.
- Hall Francis (from Bulkington, Warwickshire, bound for New Haven.)
- Hill Robert
- Hitchcock Mathew

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- Hopkins Edward
- Hull Andrew
- Ives William
- Low Andrew
- Malbon Richard
- Messenger Andrew
- Moulthrop Mathew
- Newman Francis
- Newman Robert
- Osborn Richard
- Patteson Edward
- Reader John
- Rowe Nathaniel
- Smith George
- Thorp William
- Ward George
- Ward Lawrence
- Whitehead Samuel
- Old Jewry (?)

The first group of settlers in New Haven may have included the following who spent the winter of 1637-38 there.^{iv}

- Richard Hull,
- William Tuttle and William Wilkes of Boston;
- Anne Higginson and her family,
- Jarvis Boykin,
- John Chapman,
- John Charles,
- Timothy Ford,
- Thomas James,
- Benjamin Ling,
- John Mosse and Richard Perry of Charlestown;
- John Benham,
- Benjamin Fenn,
- Thomas Jeffrey,
- Thomas Kimberly,
- William Preston,
- Thomas Sandford,
- Thomas Trowbridge and Zachariah Whitman of Dorchester;
- John Astwood of Stanstead Abbots, Hertfordshire and Roxbury;
- Thomas Baker,
- John Burwell,
- Jasper Gunn,
- John Hall,
- John Peacock,
- William Potter,
- Edward Riggs,
- Thomas Uffot and Joanna and Jacob Sheaffe of Roxbury;
- Mark Pierce of Newtown;
- Nathaniel Turner of Lynn.

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A second group followed in 1638 and included the following. This group was led by Peter Prudden (of Hertfordshire). “In 1637 with fifteen Hertfordshire families . . . he left England for Massachusetts and went with Davenport's group to Connecticut in March of 1638.”^v

- Edmund Tapp of Bennington, Hertfordshire,
- James Prudden,
- William Fowler,
- Thomas and Hannah Buckingham,
- Thomas Welsh,
- Richard Platt,
- Henry Stonehill
- William East

The surname Thompson does not appear in any of the (possibly incomplete) lists shown. Consequently, it is not clear if John Thompson came to the New Haven area with one of the original groups. Another passenger list (without clear source information) shows, however, the presence of a trio of brothers (John, William, and Anthony) with the Thompson surname.^{vi}

The name (John Thompson of East Haven), does appear on a record from June 4, 1639, in which “free planters” signed a mutual agreement. If this indeed is the John Thompson who is my subject here, then he must have come to the colony by that time. The reason for some doubt will be explained later since there is serious opportunity for name confusion among the people with the Thompson surname as alluded to with the three brothers named above. Here is an example description of signing of the 1639 agreement.^{vii}

On the 4th June 1639, all the free planters of Quinipiack convened in a large barn of Mr. Newman's, and formed their

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Constitution. Sixty-three names were subscribed to it on that day, and about fifty more were added soon after. Among the subscribers who settled in East-Haven, or were concerned in that settlement, were William Andrews, Jasper Crayne, Thomas Gregson, William Touttle or Tuttle, Garvis Boykim, John Potter, Matthew Moulthrop, Matthias Hitchcock, and Edward Patterson. To these were added Thomas Morris and John Thompson.

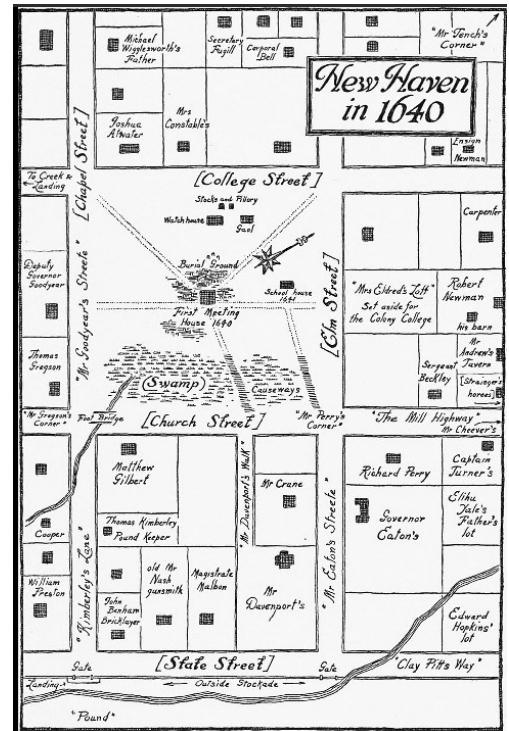
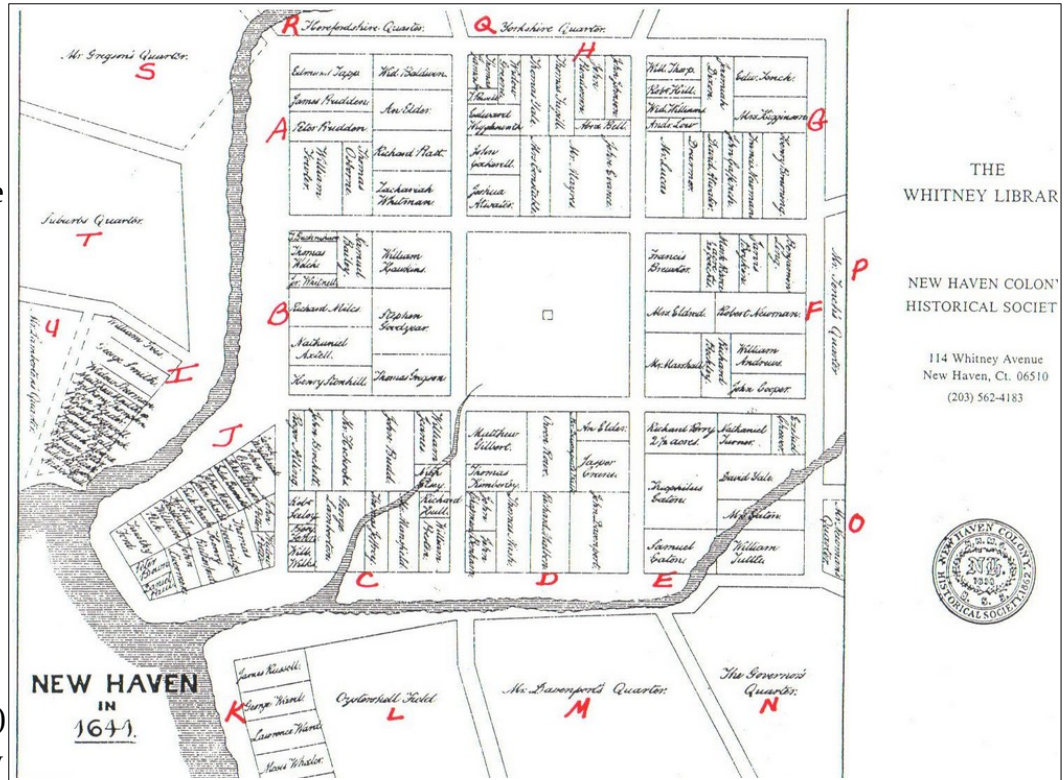
An explicit list of the signers can be found that does show John Thompson, but it does not mention that he is associated with East Haven as is done in the reference above.^{viii} This list also shows Anthony Thompson, but I see no way to determine if the John Thompson shown is Anthony's brother or my 9th great grandfather. I believe that people have made both types of claim.

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There is a map from 1641 created by a surveyor of the colony that can be inspected for the existence of the name John Thompson.^{ix} It is reproduced here, and it shows over 100 names associated with parcels. Only one Thompson is present – Anthony – who was mentioned above.

The only reasonable conclusion based on all of this is that it is not clear when or how John Thompson (and Dorothy) came to be in the vicinity of New Haven. (Their existence is clear based on evidence that is presented later.)

Another map created much later (1916) shows a rendering of the village in 1640.^x It is not as complete as the map from 1641.



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History of East Haven

Because there is evidence that John and Dorothy Thompson lived in East Haven, it is appropriate to investigate its history. There are two references of interest that I have found. One is by Stephen Dodd from 1824 and has been referred to earlier.^{xi} The other is a later (1908) History of East Haven by Sarah Hughes, which is a take-off on the earlier work.^{xii}

In these there are numerous references to John Thompson. They may be to my 9th great grandfather. However, I also suspect that two John Thompsons are confused in the writing. e.g., A description is given of an East Haven person named John Thompson that I believe is actually for the brother of Anthony Thompson.

There are also references to people with surnames that are familiar to me because people with these surnames intermarried with descendants of my 9th great grandparents and with Dorothy, my 9th great grandmother. Examples are Moulthrop, Ball, Cooper, and Harrison. It is easy to imagine that proximity to people with these names contributed to interactions with some of my ancestors.

New Haven people with surnames Alsop and Thomas also intermarried. A Lathrop surname interaction seems to have come from the Norwich/New London, area of the Connecticut Colony (east of New Haven).

In general, the early histories of New Haven and East Haven are intertwined, and it is hard to separate people with the same or similar name who lived in the same general vicinity.

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Sorting Out Thompson Families

I believe that there were two early residents named John Thompson in the vicinity of the New Haven colony. In the generation of their children, there are also some people named John Thompson. This has all contributed to decades of possible confusion regarding the family in which I am interested. In this section is a rough summary of recent research results that I have found regarding the relevant families.

Briefly, I suspect that the confusion in the past has arisen from the fact that, after John Thompson died in about 1655, his wife (who I am calling Dorothy) married rather quickly to Thomas Harrison. Also, Thomas' sister Ellen Harrison (1631-1690) married in 1650 in New Haven another John Thompson (1613-1674). I suggest that past publications that have indicated that "my" John Thompson had either two wives (Ellen and Dorothy) or just one named Ellen are simply wrong due to conflation of the two John Thompson people of similar age. Others have speculated on the confusion as well.^{xiii}

Be this as it may, in what follows I try to present a valid, consistent view of the Thompson and Harrison families present in the vicinity of colonial New Haven and East Haven that supports the assertion that my 9th great grandfather John Thompson was married to a lady named Dorothy. I believe that mtDNA also supports this, and this is discussed in a subsequent section. The yellow highlights below pertain to that section (page 21).

Details – The Family of John Thompson and Dorothy

The following information represents my current understanding of the family of Dorothy and John Thompson, my 9th great grandparents, plus their grandchildren. Some justifications are listed afterwards. Please contact me if further clarification is needed.

1. Thompson, John (b. ~1617 - England, d. 1656)
sp. unknown, Dorothy (b. ~1619, d. 1666), m. - New Haven, Connecticut
 2. Thompson, John Jr. (b. 1641-09-10 - New Haven, Connecticut, d. 1692-02-13 - East haven, New Haven, Connecticut)
sp. Powell, Priscilla (b. 1642 - New Haven, Connecticut, d. 1726-04-18 - East haven, New Haven, Connecticut), m. 1666-05-22
 3. Thompson, John (b. 1667, d. 1721)
 3. Thompson, Priscilla (b. 1671, d. 1728)
 3. Thompson, Samuel (b. 1673, d. 1677)
 3. Thompson, Samuel (b. 1677, d. 1712)
 3. Thompson, Abigail (b. 1680)
 2. **Thompson, Mary** (b. 1642, d. 1714-11-17 - New Haven, Connecticut)
sp. Cooper, John Junior (b. 1642-05-28 - New Haven, Connecticut, d. 1703 - New Haven, Connecticut), m. 1666-12-27
 3. Cooper, Rebecca (b. 1666, d. 1668)
 3. Cooper, unknown (b. 1668, d. 1668)
 3. Cooper, Mary (b. 1669 - New Haven, Connecticut, d. 1670-04-22 - New Haven, Connecticut)

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3. Cooper, John (b. 1670-02-23 - New Haven, Connecticut)
sp. Thomas, Sarah (b. 1672), m. 1693-01-04
3. Cooper, Sarah (b. 1673-04-26, d. 1736)
sp. Munson, John (b. 1672-01-28 - New Haven, Connecticut, d. 1749), m. 1692-11-10
3. Cooper, Samuel (b. 1675-06-20, d. 1762-01-26)
sp. Smith, Elizabeth, m. 1699-11-15
3. Cooper, Mary (b. 1677-09-04, d. 1761-06-01)
sp. Smith, Samuel (b. 1678-05-14 - New Haven, Connecticut, d. 1753-08-22 - New Haven, Connecticut), m. 1700-08-14 - New Haven, Connecticut
3. Cooper, Abigail (b. 1679-10-03, d. 1724-12-06)
sp. Johnson, Isaac (b. 1672, d. 1750), m. 1699-04-25
3. Cooper, Hannah (b. 1681-08-10, d. 1772-11-11)
sp. Lines, John (b. 1676-04-18 - New Haven, Connecticut, d. 1718-02-03), m. 1700-12-27
3. Cooper, Joseph (b. 1683-09-11 - New Haven, Connecticut, d. 1747)
sp. Smith, Abigail
3. Cooper, Rebecca (chr. 1689-08-24, d. 1770-01-02)
sp. Alling, Daniel (b. 1688, d. 1756), m. 1711-01-10
2. Thompson, Hannah (b. 1643, d. 1713-01-19 - East haven, New Haven, Connecticut)
sp. Moulthrop, Matthew (b. 1633, d. 1691-02-01 - East haven, New Haven, Connecticut), m. 1662-06-26
 3. Moulthrop, Hannah (b. 1663-11-02)
 3. Moulthrop, Hannah (b. 1665-04-20, d. 1713-01-30)
sp. Russell, John (b. 1664-12-14, d. 1724-02-13), m. 1687-08-17
 3. Moulthrop, John (b. 1667-02-05)
 3. Moulthrop, Matthew (b. 1670-07-18)
 3. Moulthrop, unknown (b. 1673)
 3. Moulthrop, Lydia (b. 1674-08-08, d. 1677-10-14)
 3. Moulthrop, Samuel (b. 1677-06-24, d. 1677-10-14)
 3. Moulthrop, Samuel (b. 1679-04-13)
 3. Moulthrop, Kezia (b. 1682-04-13, d. 1767-12-31)
sp. Barker, Daniel (b. 1676-01-27, d. 1752-01-25)
2. Thompson, Joseph (b. 1649 - East haven, New Haven, Connecticut, d. 1703-02-04 - Wallingford, New Haven, Connecticut)
sp. Lathrop, Elizabeth (b. 1648, d. 1690)
 3. Thompson, Joseph (b. 1683, d. 1756)
 3. Thompson, john (b. 1685, d. 1765)
 3. Thompson, Hannah (b. 1689)
2. Thompson, Abigail (b. 1651-01-26 - New Haven, Connecticut, d. 1727)
sp. Alsop, Joseph (b. 1649, d. 1691-01-12), m. 1672-11-25
 3. Alsop, Joseph (b. 1673)
sp. Miles, John (b. 1667-01-09 - New Haven, Connecticut, d. 1710-02-10 - New Haven, Connecticut), m. 1692-01-12 - New Haven, Connecticut
 3. Miles, unknown (b. 1694)
 3. Miles, Leonard (b. 1694)
 3. Miles, John (b. 1696)
 3. Miles, Sarah (b. 1699)

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3. Miles, Elizabeth (b. 1701)
3. Miles, unknown (b. 1710)
2. **Thompson, Rebecca** (b. 1651-01-26 - New Haven, Connecticut, d. 1730 - New Haven, Connecticut)
sp. Thomas, Daniel (b. 1644, d. 1694 - New Haven, Connecticut), m. 1669-02-03
 3. Thomas, Thomas (b. 1670, d. 1670)
 3. Thomas, John (b. 1672, d. 1711-01-25)
 3. **Thomas, Dorothy** (b. 1674, d. 1727-10-19)
sp. Tolles, Henry (b. 1669-11-01, d. 1750), m. 1693-04-13
 3. Thomas, Daniel (b. 1676-02-14, d. 1760)
 3. Thomas, Dinah (b. 1678-12-26, d. 1769)
sp. Sherman, John (b. 1673, d. 1727)
 3. Thomas, Samuel (b. 1680-01-13, d. 1681)
 3. Thomas, Recompence (b. 1683-05-27, d. 1703-08-31)
 3. Thomas, Israel (b. 1685, d. 1767)
 3. Thomas, Experience (b. 1687-04-17, d. 1703-08-31 - New Haven, Connecticut)
2. Thompson, Sarah (b. 1654-04-30 - New Haven, Connecticut, d. 1716-10-23 - East haven, New Haven, Connecticut)
sp. Ball, Alling (b. 1656, d. 1710), m. 1678-11-14
 3. Ball, Sarah (b. 1679, d. 1748)
 3. Ball, Lydia (b. 1680-01-02, d. 1738-03-06)
sp. Hemmingway, Jacob (b. 1683-12-06, d. 1754-10-06), m. 1712-05-03
 3. Ball, Alling (b. 1684, d. 1689)
 3. Ball, Allen (b. 1689, d. 1761)
 3. Ball, Mercy (b. 1693)
 3. Ball, Mehitabel (b. 1694, d. 1734)

Sources associated with this information include the following. -

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FamilySearch – Various citations are found here. For example, see the entry for “my” John Thompson, which can be followed to investigate subsequent generations.^{xiv} A list of his estate items can be found there as well.^{xv}

Brief Life History of John

John Thompson was born about 1616, in England. He married Dorothy about 1640, in New Haven Colony, British Colonial America. They were the parents of at least 2 sons and 5 daughters. He died in 1656, in New Haven Colony, British Colonial America, at the age of 41.

Family Members

Spouse



John Thompson
1616–1656



Dorothy
1619–1666

Marriage

about 1640
of New Haven Colony, British Colonial America

Children (7)



Sgt John Thompson
1641–1693



Mary Thompson
1642–1714



Hannah Thompson
1643–1713



Joseph Thompson
1649–1703



Abigail Thompson
1651–1727



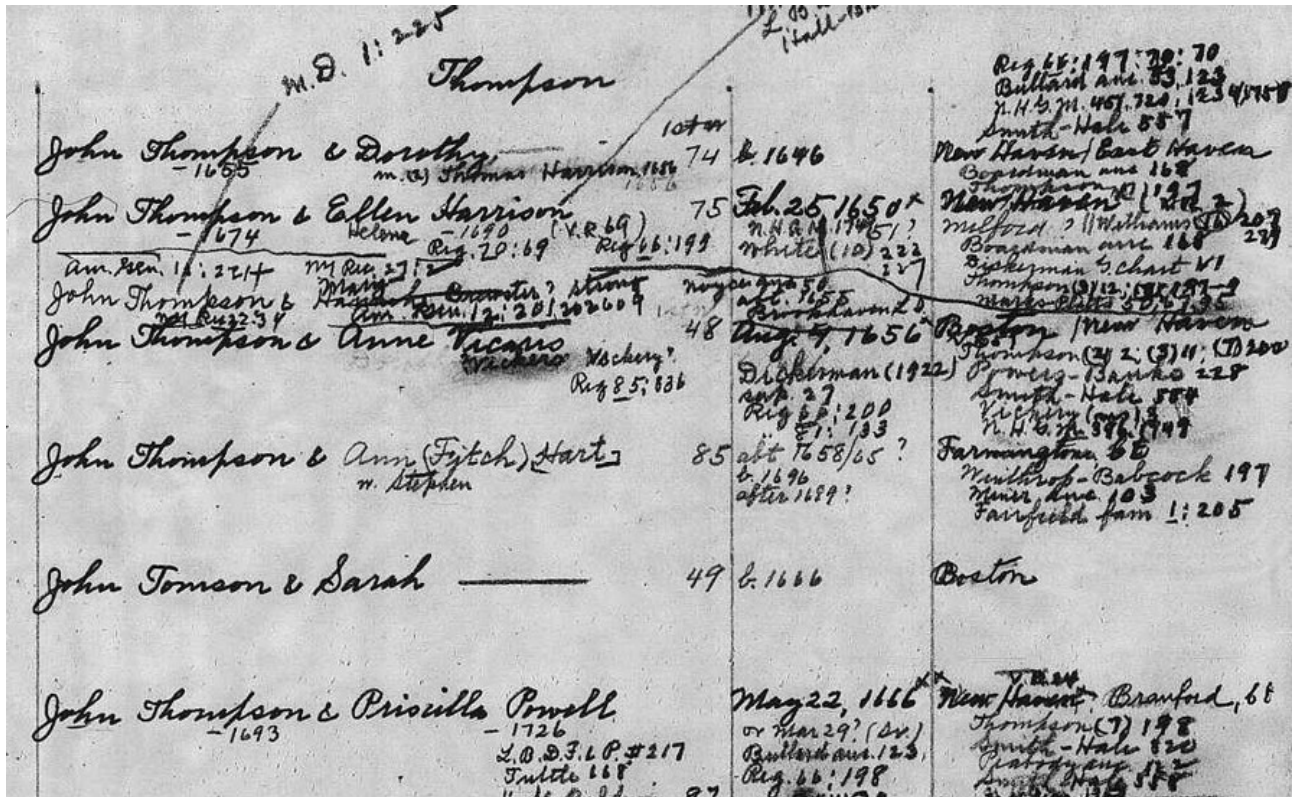
Rebecca Thompson
1652–1730



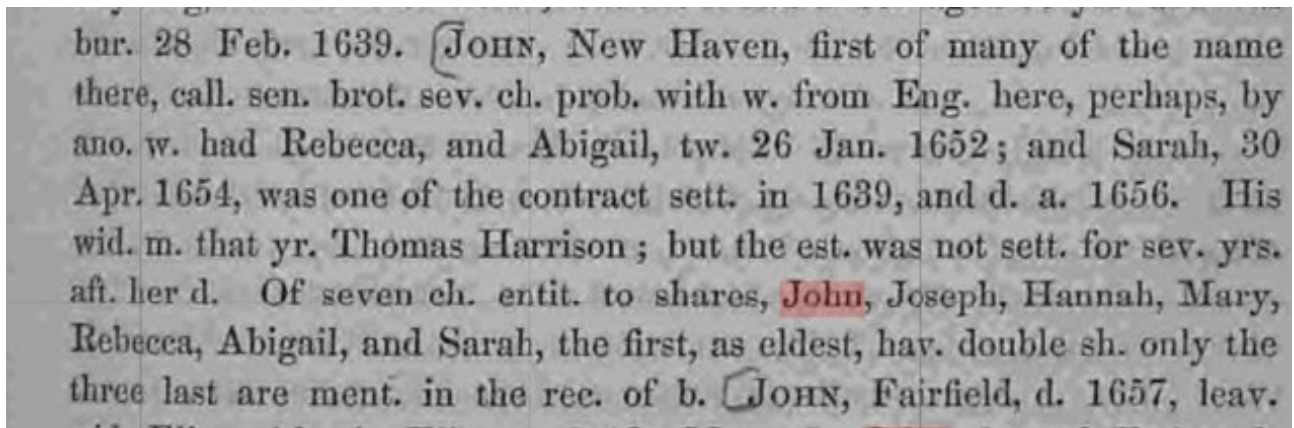
Sarah Thompson
1654–1716

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Torrey's New England Marriages Before 1700.^{xvi} - There are pages of Thompson marriages. Following is an image from one that shows a number of New Haven Thompsons. The first entry is for my 9th great grandparents (John and Dorothy). The entry for John Thompson and Priscilla Powell is for John and Dorothy's first son. The two other entries associated with New Haven will be explained later.



A genealogical dictionary of the first settlers of New England, by James Savage.^{xvii}



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The publications of **Donald Lines Jacobus**.^{xviii} Two example pages from one reference follow. These are quite important because he addresses the confusion about the name of John's wife.

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NOTES ON THOMPSON FAMILIES OF CONNECTICUT

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THE earlier generations of the Thompson families of East Haven and of New Haven have been confused, and the published accounts are inaccurate without exception. The principal reason for this is that three John Thompsons in succession flourished in each family. Furthermore, considerable confusion has arisen with regard to their wives, due to the fact that John, Sr., of New Haven married Ellen Harrison, while the widow of the first John of East Haven married Thomas Harrison for her second husband. Consequently, Ellen has been assigned indiscriminately to three separate Johns. The following account of the two families may help to straighten matters.

THE THOMPSON FAMILY OF EAST HAVEN

1. JOHN¹ THOMPSON, "farmer," of East Haven, apparently was not related to the three brothers who founded the New Haven family. According to Dod's *East Haven Register*, the name of his wife was Ellen, and this has been followed by every succeeding account, including that in the *Tuttle Genealogy* (1883). She is referred to merely as "the widow" in the County Court Records, where many of the early Probate entries are to be found; but in the unindexed second volume of 'Proprietors' Records is a passage (p. 185) which distinctly calls her DOROTHY. There is no reason for disputing the correctness of this record, especially as two of her children, Rebecca (Thompson) Thomas and Nathaniel Harrison, named a daughter Dorothy. John Thompson's estate was inventoried in 1655 (New Haven Probate Records, vol. 1, p. 58), and he probably died in that year. His widow was unmarried in February 1656 (Proprietors' Records, vol. 2, p. 185), but shortly thereafter married Thomas Harrison of Branford, as his first wife. By him she had two sons, Thomas Harrison, born 1 Mar. 1657, and Nathaniel Harrison, born 13 Dec. 1658. It would seem that she did not long survive, for on 29 Mar. 1666, Thomas Harrison married his second wife, Elizabeth Stent. On 27 Jan. 1671, the children of John Thompson, farmer, deceased, made application for the distribution of their father's estate, mentioning their "father-in-law" Thomas Harrison as its custodian. Their names are given as John the eldest son, Joseph, Hannah, Mary, Rebeckah, Abigaile and Sarah; and Mathew Moulthrop and John Cooper, Jr., acknowledge the receipt of their wives' portions (New Haven County Court Records, vol. 1, p. 36).

Children:

- I. HANNAH,² m. 26 June 1662, MATTHEW MOULTHROP, who d. 1691; d. 1681.
2. II. JOHN.
- III. MARY, m. 27 Dec. 1666, JOHN COOPER, bapt. 28 May 1642; d. Nov. 1714.
3. IV. JOSEPH.
- V. ABIGAIL (twin), b. 26 Jan. 1651; m. (1) 25 Nov. 1672, JOSEPH AL-SOP, Jr., b. abt. 1649, d. 12 Jan. 1691; m. (2) Capt. JOHN MILES, Jr., b. 9 Jan. 1668, d. 10 Feb. 1710; d. 1727.
- VI. REBECCA (twin), b. 26 Jan. 1651; m. (1) 3 Feb. 1669, DANIEL

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THOMAS of West Haven, who d. 1694; m. (2) abt. 1703, JOHN PERKINS, b. 18 Aug. 1651, d. after 1727; d. after 1730.

vii. SARAH, b. 30 Apr. 1654; m. 24 Nov. 1678, ALLING BALL, b. 27 June 1656, d. 1710; d. 1716.

2. JOHN² THOMPSON (*John*¹), "farmer," of East Haven, married, 22 May 1666, PRISCILLA POWELL, daughter of Thomas, who died 18 Apr. 1726. He died 13 Feb. 1693. In his will of 13 Feb. 1693, probated June 1693, he mentions his wife, eldest son John, son Samuel, daughter Chidsey, and daughter Abigail (New Haven Probate Records, vol. 2, p. 136).

Children:

- i. JOHN,³ b. 6 Aug. 1667; called "farmer" and sergeant; m. MERCY MANSFIELD, dau. of Moses and Mercy (Glover), b. 2 Apr. 1667, d. 9 Jan. 1745, who m. (2) Nathaniel Bradley (cf. her gravestone, East Haven cemetery); d. 25 Sept. 1721. This Thompson line was carried on through his sons, *John*,⁴ *Moses*, and *Samuel*.
- ii. A DAUGHTER, b. 17 Oct. 1669; d. 29 Oct. 1669.
- iii. PRISCILLA, b. 7 Aug. 1671; m. EBENEZER CHIDSEY, b. 10 Feb. 1666, d. Sept. 1726; d. 1 Jan. 1726.
- iv. SAMUEL, b. 29 Jan. 1674; d. young.
- v. SAMUEL, b. 1 May 1677; m. ABIGAIL POTTER, dau. of John and Mary (Hitchcock), b. 23 Sept. 1680, who m. (2) Thomas Smith; d. 25 Dec. 1712. His only son was *Samuel*,⁴ whose male line became extinct in the next generation.
- vi. ABIGAIL, b. 24 Feb. 1680; m. 8 Sept. 1698, DANIEL COLLINS, b. 28 May 1677.

3. JOSEPH² THOMPSON (*John*¹) removed to Wallingford, Conn., where he married first, about 1683, MRS. ELIZABETH (LATHROP) ROYCE, widow of Isaac, who was born in 1648, and in 1669 married Isaac Royce, who died in 1682. She died before 1690, when Joseph Thompson is referred to as father-in-law of the Royce children (County Court Records, vol. 1, p. 178). He married secondly, 22 Nov. 1694, MERCY JACOB. In Feb. 1704, administration on the estate of Joseph Thomson of Wallingford, deceased, was granted to Mr. John Moss and to Joseph Thomson, son of the deceased; and the estate was distributed to the widow Mercy, and to Joseph, John, and Hannah (County Court Records, vol. 2, p. 151).

Children:

- i. JOSEPH,³ b. abt. 1683; called Captain; m. 9 Feb. 1710, HANNAH CLARK, who d. 17 Aug. 1763; d. 7 Nov. 1756. This line was continued through his only son, *Samuel*.⁴
- ii. JOHN, b. 1 Feb. 1685; m. 23 June 1710, SARAH CULVER, who d. 26 July 1751; d. 1763. He left descendants, who lived at Wallingford and Goshen, through his sons, *Abel*,⁴ *John*, and *Joseph*.
- iii. HANNAH, b. 16 Apr. 1687; m. 1 Mar. 1706, SAMUEL THORPE of Wallingford, b. 13 Feb. 1682; d. after 1742.

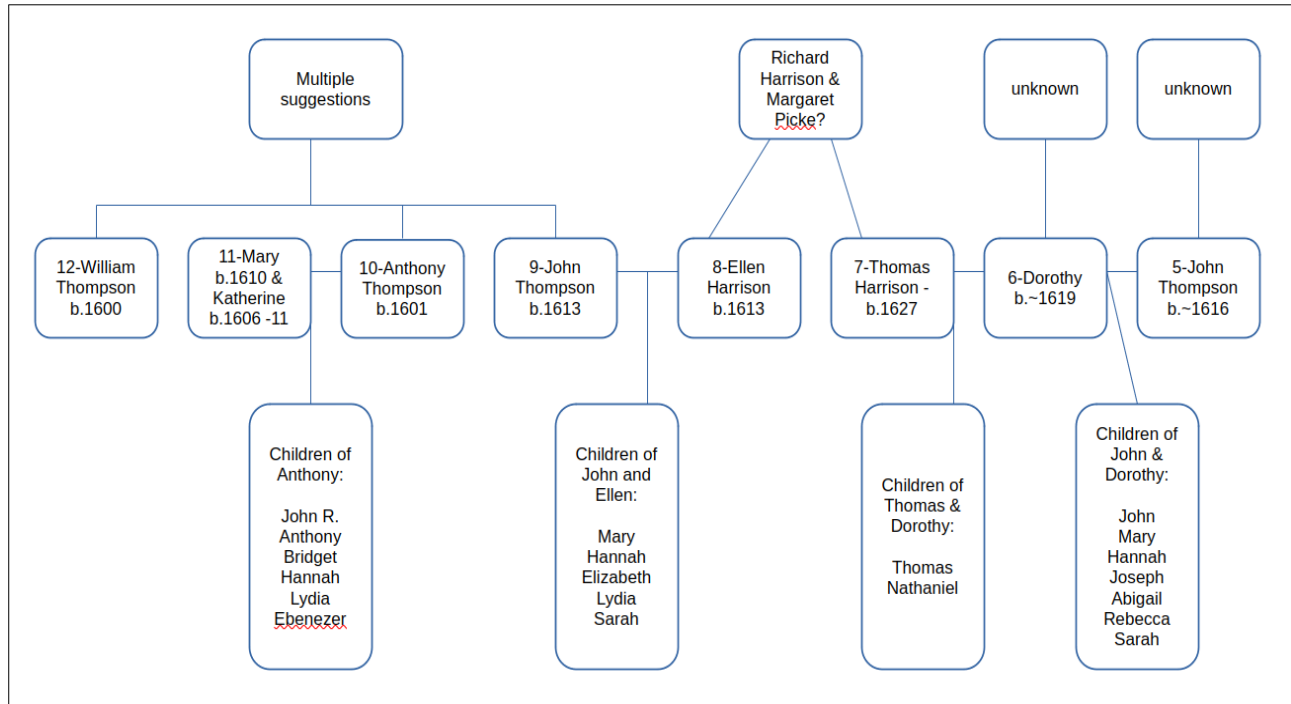
THE THOMPSON FAMILY OF NEW HAVEN.

The New Haven family of Thompson was founded by three brothers, William, Anthony, and John. An attempt has been made to connect them with the Thompson family of Lenham, co. Kent, England. This Lenham myth has been set forth as a certainty in the *History of Goshen* (by A. G. Hibbard, 1897), in the *Marks-Platt Ancestry* (by E. J. Lines, 1902, pp. 46-50), and in several other accounts, and so far as known has never been refuted. Henry Thompson of Royton in Lenham married Dorothy Hony

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Details – Harrison and Other Thompson Families

Here is a sketch showing the relations or lack thereof among the families whose records I believe have contributed to the confusion mentioned above. The family of John Thompson and Dorothy is described above. Brief descriptions of the others follow. (I have found no evidence that William Thompson had a family of his own. Perhaps he worked for one or both of his brothers and never married.)



The Family of Thomas Harrison and Dorothy

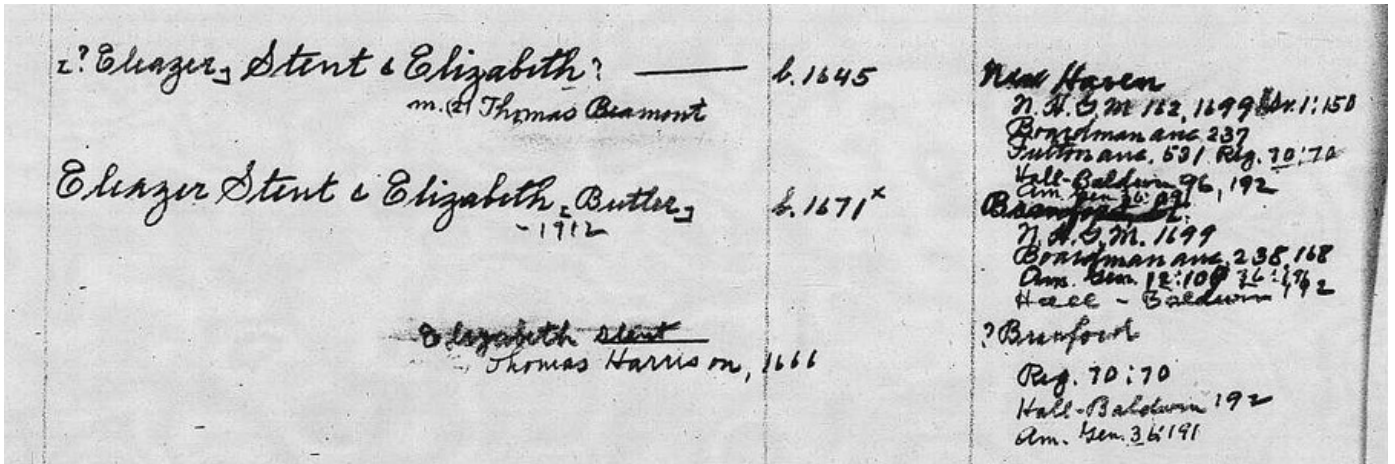
When Dorothy's husband John died in about 1655, he was approximately 40 years old. Dorothy was probably in her late 30s. Their children ranged in age from 14 to 1 (teenage to learning to walk). This was a family that required considerable support and attention, and I suspect that Dorothy was overwhelmed and pressed the older children into service to help her. As noted in an earlier reference, John's estate was not processed quickly, and this could be why.

Within a year of John's death, Dorothy married Thomas Harrison of Branford (just east of East Haven). It is tempting to assume that Thomas, a single man in his late 20s, took on Dorothy's family and John's farm. There are no records that I know of that corroborate this assumption, however. Thomas' father had died in the Branford area shortly before the marriage. Thomas had a brother Richard, named after their father, who lived in the Branford area as well. Their ancestors appear to have originated near Chester (Cheshire, England).^{xix}

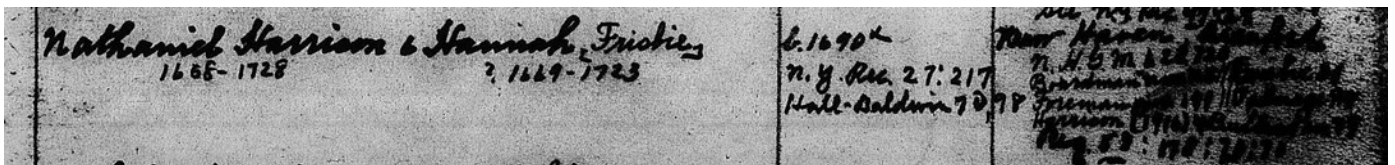
There is some evidence that Thomas bought a farm that had belonged to Jasper Crane in 1667, which

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The next image may show Elizabeth's prior marriage to Eleazer Stent.



Nathaniel's marriage is mentioned here.



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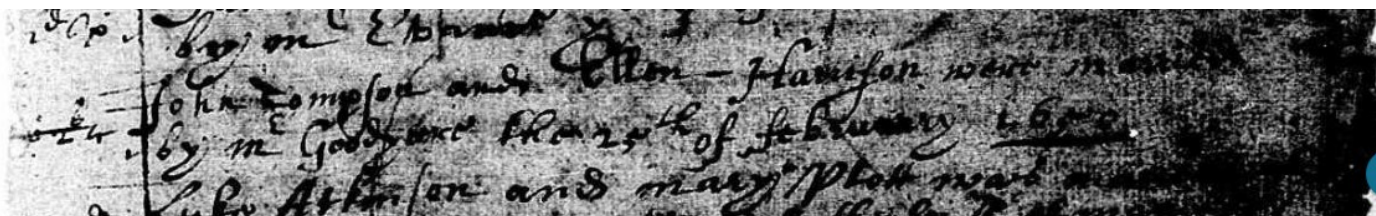
The Family of John Thompson and Ellen Harrison

This family is the probable source of much confusion for past researchers. It is headed by Ellen, the sister of Thomas Harrison, and John, one of the three brothers (John, Anthony, and William) with the Thompson last name who have been identified as early residents of New Haven. The ages of the people in this family are similar to those of the members of the family of John and Dorothy. Also, some of the names of the children in the two families are quite similar. It is little wonder that there has been confusion.

It is interesting to imagine that Ellen knew her brother's first wife (Dorothy) as well as the fact that Dorothy's first husband had the same name as her husband. And, she must also have known that some of her children had names like those of Dorothy.

Following are some details. ^{xxiv}

The marriage of Ellen and John is probably recorded here. - <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C9BY-B9D6-D?cat=580583&i=5&lang=en>



A probate record from the time of Ellen's death exists. See - <https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-L92K-G9JC-G?cat=347594&i=283&lang=en> (image 284 entry for Ellen Thompson)

Other research about Ellen and Thomas Harrison can be found here.

<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-L92K-G9JC-G?cat=347594&i=283&lang=en>

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Ellen's family with John Thompson is reproduced below on the left. Similar information for the family of my 9th great grandparents is on the right (dark).

The image shows two screenshots from a genealogy application. The left screenshot shows a profile for John Thompson (1613-1674) and his wife Ellen Harrison (1631-1690). Below their names is a 'Marriage' event dated 25 February 1650 in New Haven, Connecticut Colony. A list of five children is shown: Mary Thompson (1652-1730), Hannah Thompson (1654-1718), Elizabeth Thompson (1657-1718), Lydia Thompson (1663-1682), and Sarah Thompson (1667-1705). The right screenshot shows a dark-themed profile for John Thompson (1617-1656) and Dorothy (1619-1666). It includes 'Relationship Information' (ID: F0028, Type: Married) and a table of children.

#	ID	Name	Gender	Paternal	Maternal	Birth Date
1	I0124	Thompson, John Jr.	male	Birth	Birth	1641-09-10
2	I0099	Thompson, Mary	female	Birth	Birth	1642
3	I0123	Thompson, Hannah	female	Birth	Birth	1643
4	I0141	Thompson, Joseph	male	Birth	Birth	1649
5	I0125	Thompson, Abigail	female	Birth	Birth	1651-01-26
6	I0126	Thompson, Rebecca	female	Birth	Birth	1651-01-26
7	I0127	Thompson, Sarah	female	Birth	Birth	1654-04-30

Name similarities are apparent, but in general, Ellen's children are born about 10 years later than Dorothy's. There are other parallels that appear later as children marry into families with common surnames. For example, Ellen's daughter Mary marries into a Lines family. Dorothy's granddaughter by way of her daughter Mary marries into a Lines family as well. Dorothy's granddaughter (Hannah Cooper) actually marries the son (John) of Ellen's daughter Mary!^{xxv}

I suspect that similar names and intermarriages are at least partly due to the fact that the community was small and consisted mostly of people from ethnically similar backgrounds. There are many opportunities for confusion!

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The Families of Anthony Thompson and Mary and Katherine

Much of what follows in this section is drawn from sources that can be found in the person page for Anthony Thompson at Family Search.^{xxvi} Anthony was the eldest of the three Thompson brothers who were early New Haven settlers. The “baby” of the group was John (1613-1674), whose family has been discussed before. William was the middle brother, who apparently never married. When he died in 1683 he had out-lived the other two brothers.^{xxvii}

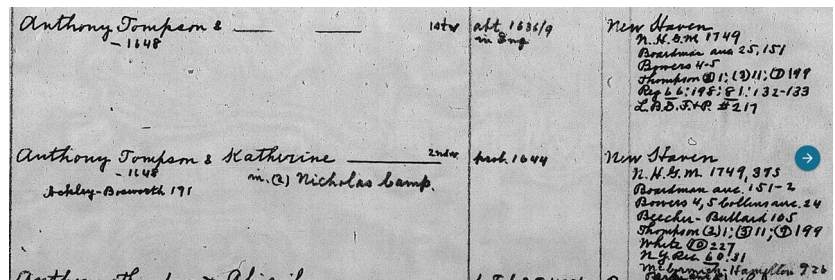
There has been more than one conjecture regarding the origins of the brothers. The oldest that I have seen has them coming from the area of Lenham (Kent, England). This conjecture has been replaced with the theory that they came from Lincolnshire, England. I have not tried to evaluate the recent theory, but it appears sound at first glance just based on the will of Bridget Kirton (1570-1637), wife of Anthony Thompson (1571-1637).^{xxviii}

Following is a snapshot of information on the families of the brother Anthony who came to New Haven.

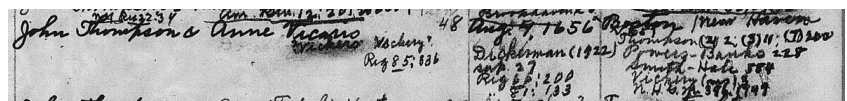
The screenshot shows two FamilySearch profiles. The first profile is for Anthony Thompson (1601-1648, LTN4-QZ7), who married Mary (1610-1644, G1ZJ-1BW) in 1631 in Metheringham, Lincolnshire, England. They have three children: Rev John R Thompson (1632-1707, LKQ7-TMW), Anthony Thompson III (1634-1654, LC72-WDG), and Bridget Thompson (1637-1720, KNDB-TNF). The second profile is for Anthony Thompson (1601-1648, LTN4-QZ7), who married Katherine Brigham (1606-1675, KH77-YNP) about 1645 in Newhaven Towne, New Haven, Connecticut Colony, British Colonial America. They have three children: Hannah Thompson (1645-1713, MKYY-XGB), Lydia Thompson (1647-1729, L7G5-JZG), and Ebenezer Thompson (1648-1674, LHFR-LGV).

Based on this, Anthony came to North America with a wife named Mary and three small children, one named John Thompson, the other two named after Anthony’s parents (Bridget and Anthony). (Was John named after his mother Bridget’s father?)

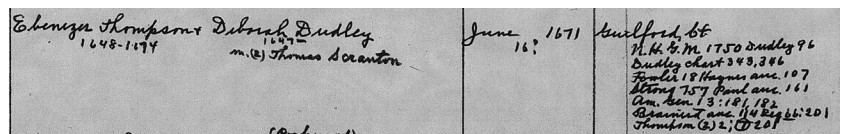
Mary must have died in about 1644, and Anthony married Katherine Brigham. Together they had three children (Hannah, Lydia, and Ebenezer) before Anthony died in 1648. Images that follow are from the Torrey reference.^{xxix}



Anthony’s son John stayed in New Haven and married a lady named Anne Vicaris.



Ebenezer married Deborah Dudley and lived in Guilford.



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Bridget appears to have married John Bowers and stayed in the New Haven area.

Rev. John Bowers & Bridget Thompson
 - 1687
 1734-1720
 William Hoadley
 (Feake) (Palmer) W. William
 12
 alt. 1660/2?
 + 1687
 Am. Gen. 18:92
 Reg. 66:199
 " 81:133
 alter May 31, 1666
 New Haven / Derby Ct
 N. H. Gen. Mag. 2: 29, 12
 Bowers & Thompson
 Feake 2: 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100

Hannah married John Stanton and moved to the New London (CT) area.

John Stanton & Hannah Thompson
 1641-1713
 Bowers
 Brown 115
 Chesbrough 304
 Cary-Burham 64
 Cary-Hill 52
 Sum-Eaton 1:437
 1645
 dan. Anthony
 Capt. William
 Blake-Blidden 232
 Franc-Dans 331
 N.Y. Rec. 60:31
 Reg. 66:199; 81:133
 Melburnch-Hamilton 926
 1665
 Stonington, Ct
 Stanton (1) 65, 135 & v. 4: 166
 Thompson (2) 2; (3) 11: 199
 Knutson-Babcock 460
 Noyes-Selman 44
 Denton 6 N. H. G. M. 1750
 Baldwin 1898 235
 Popwell anc. 21, 25

Lydia married Isaac Cruttenden and moved to the Guilford area.

Isaac Cruttenden & Lydia Thompson
 - 1685
 Hall-Baldwin 87
 m. (2) John Meigs 1729
 1685
 Sept. 20, 1665
 Am. Gen. 13:91
 Reg. 52:466
 F1:123
 L.B.S. 52:229
 Mass 2 1700
 Guilford, Ct
 Blakes-Burham
 Thompson (1) 11 (2) 194
 N. H. G. M. 1750
 Boston-Burham
 Boston-Burham

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mtDNA and Autosomal DNA Evidence

My mother's maternal line can be traced using conventional means to Dorothy through her daughter Mary Thompson (1642-1714). Mary and her mother Dorothy thus had the same mtDNA haplogroup as my mother (and me).

mtDNA Clues

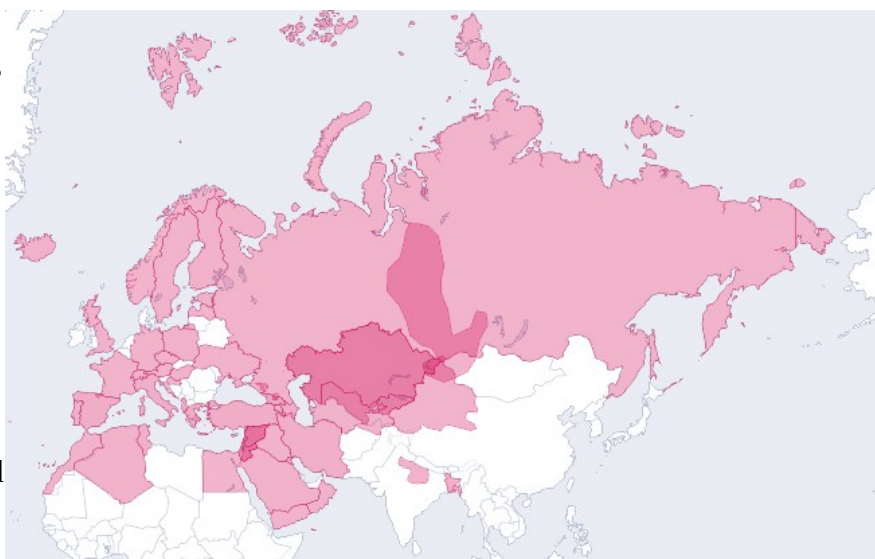
My mother's mtDNA haplogroup is X2b-T226C (X2b42'64 in "Mitotree" haplogroup terms) as tested with Family Tree DNA (FTDNA). At livingdna.com, the mtDNA is characterized as X2 (haplogroup) and X2b'd (haplotype).

Familytreedna.com (FTDNA) also provides a facility for finding matches based on mtDNA. This can be used to find people who share common maternal ancestors in the distant past. There are currently 20 essentially identical matches there.^{xxx} There is one match who claims to be able to trace their maternal line to Dorothy Thomas (1674-1727), who is the daughter of Rebecca Thompson (1651-1716; another daughter of John Thompson) and Daniel Thomas (1647-1694). This is significant news, since (if the conventional research can be verified) it indicates that John Thompson was either married to just one woman or that he was married to two women with the same maternal lineage (e.g., sisters). I have already described why I think that John had just one wife – Dorothy – based on conventional research. The mtDNA evidence now supports this conjecture!

[Note: The immediate descendants (two generations worth) of John Thompson that I have found are shown in a section above (page 7). The yellow highlighting there shows where mtDNA has been traced for myself (Mary Thompson) and a FTDNA match (Dorothy Thomas/Rebecca Thompson).]







As an aside, Livingdna.com has an interesting graphic that shows how this type of mtDNA is distributed today.

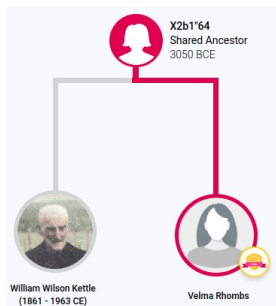
In addition to the Levant (Druze - 11.1%) and areas in central Asia like Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan (0.6% each), it appears to be present in Britain. The Orkney Islands appear to have a relative concentration today (7.2%). Lesser amounts are seen in current-day Scotland (1.6%) and England (0.9%). Knowing the detailed distribution there would be interesting and possibly useful.



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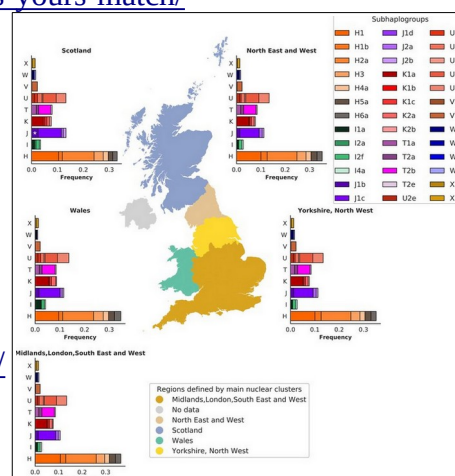
More information from FTDNA about the X2b42'64 haplogroup can be found here - <https://discover.familytreedna.com/mtdna/X2b42'64/story> . Included there is a list of where this “haplogroup is most commonly found today based on self-reported information from hundreds of thousands of mtDNA testers and participants in academic studies.” And, as an example, FTDNA presents a notable member of the group – William Wilson Kettle from Newfoundland, whose parents were from Dorset.^{xxxix} He is not a close match, but he does illustrate the fact that the haplogroup was/is present in England/Europe. Even Abraham Lincoln had an X haplogroup (X1) , and his mother’s line has been traced to Europe.^{xxxix}

Country	
	United States
	England
	Sweden
	Scotland
	United Kingdom
	Unknown Origin



So, X2 mtDNA haplogroups may be somewhat uncommon in the British Isles, but they are present there. Here are some other references that address the distribution of X haplogroups in England.

- British Isles distribution of mtDNA haplogroups: <https://www.familytreedna.com/public/BritishIsles?iframe=mtmap>
- European mtDNA haplogroups distribution: https://www.eupedia.com/europe/maps_mtdna_haplogroups.shtml#X
- Information about DNA from 459 Ancient Burials: <https://dna-explained.com/2022/02/01/dna-from-459-ancient-british-isles-burials-reveals-relationships-does-yours-match/>
- ResearchGate map and frequency information for myDNA haplogroups in the British Isles. (Map image is at the right.): https://www.researchgate.net/figure/Distribution-of-mitochondrial-sub-haplogroups-across-Great-Britain-The-European-unrelated_fig1_351641367
- The ISOGG site devoted to “People of the British Isles.” - https://isogg.org/wiki/People_of_the_British_Isles
- An Oxford University video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f8k9LMaFeRM>
- Y and mitochondrial DNA database: <https://www.mitoydna.org/>
- At FTDNA there is British Isles by County Group Project (<https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/british-isles/dna-results>). I have joined this group, and I see that there are currently twelve others who share the X2b haplogroup and trace their ancestry to places like England, Ireland, Germany, Portugal, Norway, Scotland, and the USA.
- The University College London operates a Genetics Institute (<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/biosciences/gee/ucl-genetics-institute>). The institute has produced some



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interesting research results, an example of which is a fine scale genetic map of the British Isles. (<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/news/2015/mar/first-fine-scale-genetic-map-british-isles>) This study explains admixture measurements that look farther back in time than when I am currently interested, but the results are interesting.^{xxxiii} The corresponding article in *Nature* can be found here - Leslie, S., Winney, B., Hellenthal, G. *et al.* The fine-scale genetic structure of the British population. *Nature* **519**, 309–314 (2015). <https://doi.org/10.1038/nature14230> .

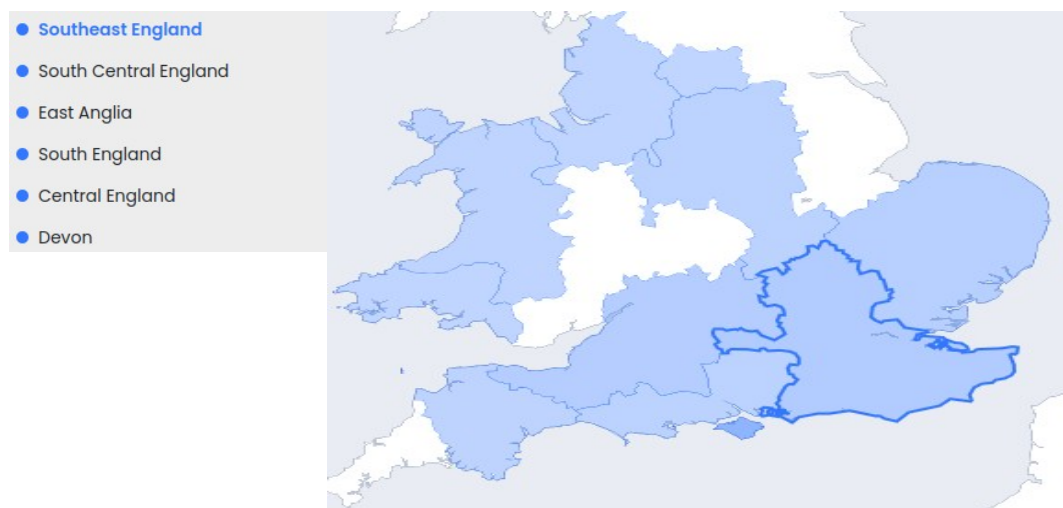
Note: There has been speculation that this haplogroup indicates a Native American origin, but I have not found support for this theory. X2a seems to be the “subclade” associated with Native Americans.

Dorothy’s subclade is X2b.^{xxxiv}

Autosomal Clues

Based on conventional research, one would expect that half of mother’s autosomal genetic make-up could be ascribed to England. This is because half of her ancestors can be traced to people who settled in the early British colonies in the 1600s. The other half clearly hail from either Scotland or Germany in equal amounts. The autosomal admixture results from various companies are consistent with this. So, even though autosomal testing does not reach back in time as far as mtDNA testing, autosomal analysis may still be of interest.

Livingdna.com DNA analysis results are presented here because of the focus on the British Isles. The ancestral composition results may provide some hints regarding her ancestral origins associated with England. Following is a partial map of some of the results that focus on England. I have excluded the contribution from Northumbria that I can explain from her grandmother who was from the Scottish borders region. A large contribution (~40%) comes from east and south parts of England. This is a big area, but it perhaps shows the influence of her ancestors who came to the British Colonies in the 1600s and moved westward. It is just not enough to effectively focus the research into the origins of Dorothy and John Thompson. For example, it also reflects her paternal line which traces to Thomas Tupper (1578-1676), who probably came from Bury in West Sussex (southeast England on the map). Another large contribution (south central England) is associated with an area west-northwest of London. East Anglia (northeast of London) contributes another high percentage.



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Conclusion

The most reasonable conclusion that I can reach is that my 9th great grandfather, John Thompson, had a wife named Dorothy. There is no evidence that he had a prior wife, but if he did she must have been closely related to Dorothy (e.g., a sister or maternal cousin.)

Future Research

While doing this research, I uncovered a record of the 1637 Pequot War. It includes information about another 9th grandparent (John Warner of Hartford) who participated in the war. I can fold this information into what I have already for him. Here is the reference. - "Connecticut Soldiers in the Pequot War of 1637", <https://digitalcommons.unl.edu/etas/40/>, Published Meriden, Conn. The Journal Publishing Co. 1913, page 31.

At some point it would be interesting to determine if the Thompson males discussed here were related in some way. For example, maybe by 9th great grandfather John Thompson might be a cousin of the brothers John, Anthony, and William Thompson. If so, a yDNA study involving carefully selected male descendants might be possible.

Engage with the mitoDNA.org project. <https://www.mitoydna.org/>

Engage with one or more family history society groups in England.

Engage with the British Isles by County Project at FTDNA to see if some information there can help. <https://www.familytreedna.com/groups/british-isles>

Investigate the assortment of DNA links shown earlier and remain hopeful.

Contact the UCL Biosciences division to see if a distribution of the x2b haplogroup exists. Division contacts = <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/biosciences/contact-us> . Media contact = Harry Dayantis, Tel: +44 (0)20 3108 3844, Email: h.dayantis [at] ucl.ac.uk .

The Oxford University Museum of Natural History is another potential place to direct a query.

Endnotes

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- iv Excerpts from “The New Haven Colony,” by Isabell McBeath Calder, Yale University Press, 1934: <https://sites.rootsweb.com/~genepool/coleman.htm> and at archive.org - `<iframe src="https://archive.org/embed/newhavencolony0000isab" width="560" height="384" frameborder="0" webkitallowfullscreen="true" mozallowfullscreen="true" allowfullscreen></iframe>` . Also at ancestry.com - <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/16182/>
- v Calder, op cit.
- vi Another list is here - <https://www.geni.com/projects/Great-Migration-Passengers-of-the-Hector-1637-1638/people/6511> .
- vii 1639 meeting of planters: *The East Haven Register: In Three Parts*, compiled by Stephen Dodd, 1824. Can be found at Google Books - https://www.google.com/books/edition/The_East_Haven_Register_in_Three_Parts_C/WGyphssh3MkC?hl=en&gbpv=0 - Dodd, Stephen. *The East-Haven Register, in Three Parts ... Containing a History of the Town ... to the Year 1800, Etc.* N.p., n.p., 1824.
- viii Records of the colony and plantation of New Haven from 1638 to 1649, by Charles J. Hoadly, 1857, printer in Hartford by Case, Tiffany and Co., permalink = <https://hdl.handle.net/2027/miun.afk3880.0001.001> . Pages 17-18 shows a list of the free planters in 1639.
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- xi Dodd, op. cit.
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- xvi Torrey’s *New England Marriages* by Clarence Almon Torrey - <https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/catalog/290345> and https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Torrey%27s_New_England_Marriages_Prior_to_1700 . Many Thompson marriages are shown. The most pertinent to this note are on image 95 - <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSMW-493T-T?i=94&cat=290345&lang=en>

Endnotes

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- xxv Lines intermarriages: see <https://www.familysearch.org/en/tree/person/details/L5KG-K1S> and <https://www.familysearch.org/en/tree/person/details/LBG1-7XC> .
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- xxviii Thompson/Kirton family of Lincolnshire: <https://www.familysearch.org/en/tree/person/details/MLS1-QV4>
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