

Descendants of John Yearsley

Generation No. 1

1. JOHN¹ YEARSLEY was born 1651 in Middlewich, Cheshire, England, and died 27 Feb 1708 in Thornbury Township, Chester Co., PA¹. He married ELIZABETH SIMCOCKE 07 Sep 1676 in St Michael's Church, Middlewich, Cheshire, England¹. She was born 1655 in Middlewich, Cheshire, England, and died 25 May 1728 in Thornbury Township, Chester Co., PA.

Children of JOHN YEARSLEY and ELIZABETH SIMCOCKE are:

2. i. ELIZABETH² YEARSLEY, b. 13 Oct 1681, Middlewich, Cheshire, England; d. 1759, Chester Co., PA.
3. ii. JOHN YEARSLEY, b. 28 Jun 1687, Middlewich, Cheshire, England; d. 21 Apr 1748, Thornbury Township, Chester Co., PA.
- iii. HANNAH YEARSLEY, b. 28 Jul 1690, Middlewich, Cheshire, England; d. 30 Apr 1748, Thornbury Township, Chester Co., PA; m. PETER HATTON, 13 Jan 1717, Concord Monthly Meeting, Chester Co., PA.
- iv. MARTHA YEARSLEY², b. 14 Jun 1696, Middlewich, Cheshire, England; d. 1780, Concord, Chester Co., PA; m. JOHN PALMER, 14 Jun 1714, Concord Monthly Meeting, Chester Co., PA.
- v. ANN YEARSLEY, m. JACOB VERNON.

Generation No. 2

2. ELIZABETH² YEARSLEY (JOHN¹)³ was born 13 Oct 1681 in Middlewich, Cheshire, England, and died 1759 in Chester Co., PA. She married MOSES KEY⁴ 18 Feb 1701 in Concord Monthly Meeting, Chester Co., PA. He was born 1675 in Middlewich, Cheshire, England, and died 1748 in Chester Co., Pennsylvania.

More About MOSES KEY:

Arrival: 1700, Pennsylvania⁵

Children of ELIZABETH YEARSLEY and MOSES KEY are:

- i. LETTICE³ KEY, b. 26 Jan 1703, Concord, Chester Co., PA.
- ii. WILLIAM KEY, b. 1705, Concord, Chester Co., PA.
- iii. MARY KEY, b. 18 Mar 1707, Concord, Chester Co., PA.
- iv. ELIZABETH KEY, b. 1709, Concord, Chester Co., PA.
- v. MOSES KEY, b. 23 Jul 1711, Concord, Chester Co., PA.
- vi. HANNA KEY, b. 1716, Concord, Chester Co., PA.
- vii. JOHN KEY, b. 1717, Concord, Chester Co., PA.
- viii. ROBERT KEY, b. 1720, Concord, Chester Co., PA.
- ix. REBECCA KEY, b. 13 May 1722, Concord, Chester Co., PA.
- x. ANNE KEY, b. 19 Apr 1725, Concord, Chester Co., PA.

3. JOHN² YEARSLEY (JOHN¹) was born 28 Jun 1687 in Middlewich, Cheshire, England, and died 21 Apr 1748 in Thornbury Township, Chester Co., PA⁶. He married SARAH CONNOWAY 1710 in Middlewich, Cheshire, England. She was born 1689.

More About JOHN YEARSLEY:

Christening: 02 Jul 1687, Middlewich, Cheshire, England

Children of JOHN YEARSLEY and SARAH CONNOWAY are:

4. i. ISAAC³ YEARSLEY, b. 28 Aug 1713, Thornbury Township, Chester Co., PA.
- ii. JACOB YEARSLEY, b. 18 Jul 1715, Thornbury Township, Chester Co., PA; d. Jul 1761, Chester County, Pennsylvania.
- iii. ROBERT YEARSLEY, b. 30 Jun 1717, Thornbury Township, Chester Co., PA.
- iv. MARY YEARSLEY, b. 11 Mar 1718, Thornbury Township, Chester Co., PA.
- v. ELIZABETH YEARSLEY, b. 14 Jan 1721, Thornbury Township, Chester Co., PA.
- vi. ANN YEARSLEY, b. 19 Apr 1722, Thornbury Township, Chester Co., PA.
- vii. THOMAS YEARSLEY, b. 19 Nov 1723, Thornbury Township, Chester Co., PA.
5. viii. NATHAN YEARSLEY, b. 13 Dec 1726, Thornbury Township, Chester Co., PA.

Generation No. 3

4. JACOB³ YEARSLEY (*JOHN*², *JOHN*¹)⁷ was born 18 Jul 1715 in Thornbury Township, Chester Co., PA, and died Jul 1761 in Chester County, Pennsylvania. He married SUSANNAH CHAMBERLAIN 1741 in Chester County, Pennsylvania⁸. She was born 1721 in Chester County, Pennsylvania.

Notes for SUSANNAH CHAMBERLAIN:

Susannah married Edward Thornberry/Thornbury as her second husband: she was 20 years older than him, no children of this issue, but it made him a stepfather to his own brothers, most notably, his brother William.

Children of JACOB YEARSLEY and SUSANNAH CHAMBERLAIN are:

6. i. ANN⁴ YEARSLEY, b. 20 May 1742, Chester Co., Pennsylvania; d. 05 Mar 1831, Monroe County, Ohio.
- ii. HANNAH YEARSLEY, b. 20 May 1744, Chester Co., Pennsylvania; m. RICHARD HOWELL⁹.
7. iii. MARY YEARSLEY, b. 13 Jan 1746, Chester Co., Pennsylvania.
- iv. PHEBE YEARSLEY, b. 31 Jan 1748, Chester Co., Pennsylvania; m. JAMES SIMCOCK⁹.
- v. RACHEL YEARSLEY, b. 05 Jan 1750, Chester Co., Pennsylvania; m. JOHN MULLEN⁹.
8. vi. JACOB YEARSLEY, JR, b. 05 Aug 1755, Chester Co., Pennsylvania; d. 11 Mar 1816, Chester Co., Pennsylvania.

5. NATHAN³ YEARSLEY (*JOHN*², *JOHN*¹) was born 13 Dec 1726 in Thornbury Township, Chester Co., PA. He married SUSANNA WRIGHT. She was born 1727 in Thornbury Township, Chester Co., PA.

Child of NATHAN YEARSLEY and SUSANNA WRIGHT is:

9. i. SARAH⁴ YEARSLEY, b. 17 Jan 1745, Thornbury Township, Chester Co., PA; d. 09 May 1788, Thornbury Township, Chester Co., PA.

Generation No. 4

6. ANN⁴ YEARSLEY (*JACOB*³, *JOHN*², *JOHN*¹) was born 20 May 1742 in Chester Co., Pennsylvania, and died 05 Mar 1831 in Monroe County, Ohio. She married (1) WILLIAM THORNBURY 1764 in West Bradford, Chester County, Pennsylvania, son of THOMAS THORNBURY and ELIZABETH WOODWARD. He was born 17 Sep 1736 in West Bradford, Chester Co., Pennsylvania, and died 1772 in Chester Co., Pennsylvania. She married (2) JOSEPH CLARK 1772 in Chester County, Pennsylvania. He was born 1745 in Chester Co., Pennsylvania, and died 1794 in Chester Co., Pennsylvania.

Notes for ANN YEARSLEY:

When Ann's second husband, Joseph Clark, died in 1794, Ann, called "Mother Ann Clark", went to live with her son, Joseph, and his family, moving with them to Washington County, PA, then on to Monroe Co., Ohio.

First cousin of Sarah Yearsley, the wife of James Shanklin, mother of Elizabeth Shanklin, her future daughter-in-law.

Notes for WILLIAM THORNBURY:

See family history story of William Thornbury, as told by Ann Yearsley Thornbury Clark to her descendants, courtesy of Bill Hilles, Marilee Anderson and Delmar Thornbury book "An American Thornberry".

Bradford Monthly Meeting notes: October 16, 1765: "Bradford preparatory meeting infirms this meeting that William, Richard & Joseph Thornborough have accomplished their marriages not according to the rules of our society and this meeting after a time of consideration had in their right amongst us and past conduct doth conclude to declare them, the said Thornboroughs, to be no members in unity with us."

October 15, 1766: Edward Thornborough, the other brother, also censured.

More About WILLIAM THORNBURY:

Occupation: Weaver, farmer laborer, waggoner

Religion: Quaker

Marriage Notes for ANN YEARSLEY and WILLIAM THORNBURY:

Most likely married at the Bradford, PA Meetinghouse, as they were part of the Quaker congregation.

Child of ANN YEARSLEY and WILLIAM THORNBURY is:

- i. JOSEPH THOMAS⁵ THORNBERRY, b. 04 Aug 1766, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania^{10,11}; d. 12 Jun 1857, Bealsville, Monroe County, Ohio¹²; m. ELIZABETH SHANKLIN, 1788, Chester County, Pennsylvania^{12,13}; b. 12 Jun 1770, Virginia¹⁴; d. 23 Jan 1842, Bealsville, Monroe County, Ohio.

Notes for JOSEPH THOMAS THORNBERRY:

Family oral history (my family, as well as other descendants) claim Joseph at the age of 12 served as a bugler boy in the Battle of Brandywine. Served in the State Militia 1784-1787, then as a Lieutenant in 1793. He lived in Washington County, PA (Finley) as of 1796, then moved his family to Bealsville, Monroe County, Ohio, in 1815. He must not have been an active Quaker by the time he was a young man, as the Quakers were conscientious objectors, and did not get involved in military affairs.

Joseph was the first to change the surname from "Thornbury" to "Thornberry".

According to Delmar Thornberry notes ("Descendants of William Thornbury and Annie Yearsley"), Joseph was born in Philadelphia and "during his lifetime stated that he heard the ringing of the Liberty Bell in 1776, and that he was a drummer boy in the Revolutionary War at the age of 13."

More About JOSEPH THOMAS THORNBERRY:

Burial: 1857, Harmony Cemetery, Bealsville, Monroe Co., Ohio

Occupation: Blacksmith

Religion: Quaker

More About ELIZABETH SHANKLIN:

Burial: 1842, Harmony Cemetery, Bealsville, Monroe Co., Ohio

Religion: Quaker

7. MARY⁴ YEARSLEY (*JACOB*³, *JOHN*², *JOHN*¹) was born 13 Jan 1746 in Chester Co., Pennsylvania. She married (1) RICHARD THORNBURY. She married (2) RICHARD THORNBURY 12 Apr 1764 in Old Swede's Church, Wilmington, Delaware¹⁵, son of THOMAS THORNBURY and ELIZABETH WOODWARD. He was born 22 Feb 1737 in W. Bradford, Chester Co., Pennsylvania, and died 1818 in West Town, Chester Co., Pennsylvania.

Notes for RICHARD THORNBURY:

Brother to William, the two marrying Yearsley sisters.....then their brother Edward married their mother-in-law, Susannah Chamberlain Yearsley, becoming William & Richard's stepfather.

Notes for RICHARD THORNBURY:

See William Thornbury notes: Bradford Monthly Meeting

Taxed in West Town, Chester County, for the years 1765 through 1771.

Copy of will on file, copy taken from Chester County Historical Society, West Chester, PA, October 2000:

"I, Richard Thornbury of the township of West Bradford, County of Chester, state of Pennsylvania, being old and weak of body & limbs, but of sound disposing mind, reflecting upon the uncertainty of time heard through it most proper to make this my last will & testament which is in the following manner: It is my will & desire that my Beloved wife Mary Thornbury should have a comfortable & agreeable living out of my estate during her life with a priviledge of the room at the west end of the house. The stove that is therein with a sufficiency of sound good firewood cut to a proper length and Brought into said room with free ** and ** to and from the same and also all kinds of Provisions suitable and necessary for a woman of her age and in her situation, delivered to her desire together with the attendance that may be necessary and most agreeable to her for the true performance of the above. I will & devise to my son Thomas Thornbury all me seal and personal Estate not other wise disposed of during his natural life and at his decease it is my will that it accord to his six sons namly Richard, Jacob, Joshua, Yearsly, Anson, Paschell Thornbury, share and share alike to be divided as they may choose when the youngest arrives at twenty-one years old. Case any of them should be there minority at the decease of there Father that the Court appoint Gardians of there persons and property. I will and bequeath to my daughter Mary Pennock, wife of James Pennock, Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars with what she has heretofore received to be her full compensation n case she brings no account against my Estate and passes a full ** Executors. I also will and devise to my Daughter Elizabeth Thornbury...(the rest is missing)"
(mispelling/grammar are in context)

More About RICHARD THORNBURY:

Occupation: Tailor

Will: 04 Jul 1818, Chester County Will Abstracts

Children of MARY YEARSLEY and RICHARD THORNBURY are:

- i. THOMAS⁵ THORNBURY, b. 1764, Chester Co., Pennsylvania; d. 1817, W. Bradford, Chester Co., PA; m. ELIZABETH WOODWARD⁶, 04 Sep 1793, Chester County, Pennsylvania¹⁶; b. 1774, Chester Co., Pennsylvania; d. 1819, Chester Co., Pennsylvania.

Notes for THOMAS THORNBURY:

According to the will of his father, Richard Thornbury, Thomas was his son, but deceased, leaving six portions of land to Thomas' six sons, when they came of age (21).

Newspaper clipping found at Chester Co Historical Society, October 2000:

"10/8/1823; Will be sold at Public Sale, on seventh day, the 18th inst. at 2 o'clock PM on the premises, the one undivided sixth part of 216 acres of land, late the property of Thomas Thornbury, deceased, situate in the township of West Bradford, adjoining lands of John Young, Richard Milleson and others - the improvements are a log dwelling house, log barn, and spring house over a spring of good water near the door - a variety of fruit trees, and a large proportion of good timber. Terms easy, and made known of the day of sale, by Richard Thornbury, 10th mo 1st"

I would assume this was Thomas' son Richard selling the one-sixth portion left by Thomas' father Richard Thornbury, in his will: perhaps one of Thomas' sons hadn't reached 21 by the time his father died, so Thomas retained the one-sixth parcel.

- ii. MARY THORNBURY, m. JAMES PENNOCK¹⁷.
- iii. ELIZABETH THORNBURY.

8. JACOB⁴ YEARSLEY, JR (*JACOB*³, *JOHN*², *JOHN*¹) was born 05 Aug 1755 in Chester Co., Pennsylvania, and died 11 Mar 1816 in Chester Co., Pennsylvania¹⁸. He married RACHEL UNKNOWN.

Notes for JACOB YEARSLEY, JR:

Obituary:

"Jacob Yearsley, buried at Concord, aged perhaps 60, a reiterated instance of intemperate drinking died in a fit after a frolick & took a draught of Cider & made his exit immediately, this man has been in the habit of intempereance many years" The Gilpin Register, see source notes.

Children of JACOB YEARSLEY and RACHEL UNKNOWN are:

- i. JOHN PASCAL⁵ YEARSLEY.
- ii. REBECCA HANNAH YEARSLEY.

9. SARAH⁴ YEARSLEY (*NATHAN*³, *JOHN*², *JOHN*¹) was born 17 Jan 1745 in Thornbury Township, Chester Co., PA, and died 09 May 1788 in Thornbury Township, Chester Co., PA¹⁹. She married JAMES SHANKLIN²⁰ 02 May 1761 in Chester County, Pennsylvania²¹. He was born 1737 in Chester County, Pennsylvania²², and died 20 Apr 1821 in Chester Co., Pennsylvania^{23,24}.

Notes for JAMES SHANKLIN:

According to Delmar Thornberry ("Descendants of William Thornbury and Annie Yearsley"), "the father of Elizabeth Shanklin, James, was in the Revolutionary War, being recorded in Volume 5, Page 505, Pennsylvania Archives, 3rd Series, as a Private Class 2 of Birmingham Company, Chester county Militia of 1781. He appears in the tax lists of Birmingham Township, chester county 1779 and 1780 as a freeman."

Pennsylvania Archives, 3rd Series, Volume 12, Page 193: taxed as a freeman in Birmingham Twp, Chester Co, PA in 1779. Pennsylvania Archives, 3rd Series, Volume 12, Page 325: served in Revolutionary War, as a private, Birmingham Company, Chester County Militia of 1781, Capt. Simonson.

Child of SARAH YEARSLEY and JAMES SHANKLIN is:

- i. ELIZABETH⁵ SHANKLIN, b. 12 Jun 1770, Virginia²⁵; d. 23 Jan 1842, Bealsville, Monroe County, Ohio; m.

JOSEPH THOMAS THORNBERRY, 1788, Chester County, Pennsylvania^{26,27}; b. 04 Aug 1766, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania^{28,29}; d. 12 Jun 1857, Bealsville, Monroe County, Ohio³⁰.

More About ELIZABETH SHANKLIN:

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Religion: Quaker

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Endnotes

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2. Cheska Callow Wheatley, *Cheska* @ <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/6630>.
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9. "Yearsley-Thornbury Genealogies", Delmar L. Thornberry.
10. "Descendants of Edward Thornborough", William C. Hilles.
11. "Descendants of William Thornbury and Annie Yearsley" Delmar L Thornberry, Copy on file, original at Chester County Historical Society, West Chester, PA.
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13. "The Shanklin Family" Delmar L Thornberry, November 11, 1944, Philadelphia, PA, Copy of Delmar Thornberry's Shanklin Genealogy, original on file at the Chester County Historical Society, West Chester, PA. Copy on file.
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15. Delmar Thornberry, "An American Thornberry".
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