

**LEE**  
**Families**  
  
from  
**East Farndon, Northamptonshire**  
  
and  
**Birmingham, West Midlands**

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based on the contributions of earlier family genealogists  
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Lyll HODGSON circa 1960  
Dr Henry LEE circa 1860

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## ***Introduction***

From the seventeenth century the Lees were based firmly in the Midlands. The localities mentioned are within fifty miles of Birmingham, Leicester and Northampton.

The Lees were Parliamentarians in the 1640s Civil War, and following those upheavals they found themselves in sympathy with the Protestant Dissenting factions which emerged in the late seventeenth century. For more on the Dissenters refer to Appendix 1.

This was a family of merchants and attorneys, investing in a variety of enterprises. In common with the dissenting movement generally, they attached great importance to education. Although they did not hold high office, they were politically active and public spirited, recognizing that their own success was inevitably linked to the well-being of the community in which they operated.

The starting point for my knowledge of this family was the collected papers of Lyall Hodgson, now deposited in the Nelson Provincial Archives, New Zealand. Lyall had been given access to the work of Dr Henry Lee by the family in England. Without Henry's contribution it is unlikely I would have any knowledge of the family in the 17th and early 18th centuries. I have been able to verify most of the Henry's work, but I have been uneasy about my inability to find any evidence supporting his suggestion that the East Farndon family descended from William Lee of Abingdon.

Since Lyall's time there have been two revolutionary advances in the ease of access to information. The first was the vital records extraction programmes of the LDS church. Every available record has been filmed, indexed and made accessible to searchers world-wide, at minimal cost.

The second innovation, that of the internet, is ongoing. Through web-sites and search engines it is now possible to get information about all manner of historical events - easily, quickly, and cheaply - from the convenience of home. Message boards and mailing lists abound to share advice about research techniques or to seek help. Personal web-pages carrying family histories are mushrooming, and it is increasingly likely that one may stumble on some distant family member who is researching a common thread of ancestry. Genealogists love to share their data, so family trees keep sprouting more and more branches. When to prune can become a serious question.

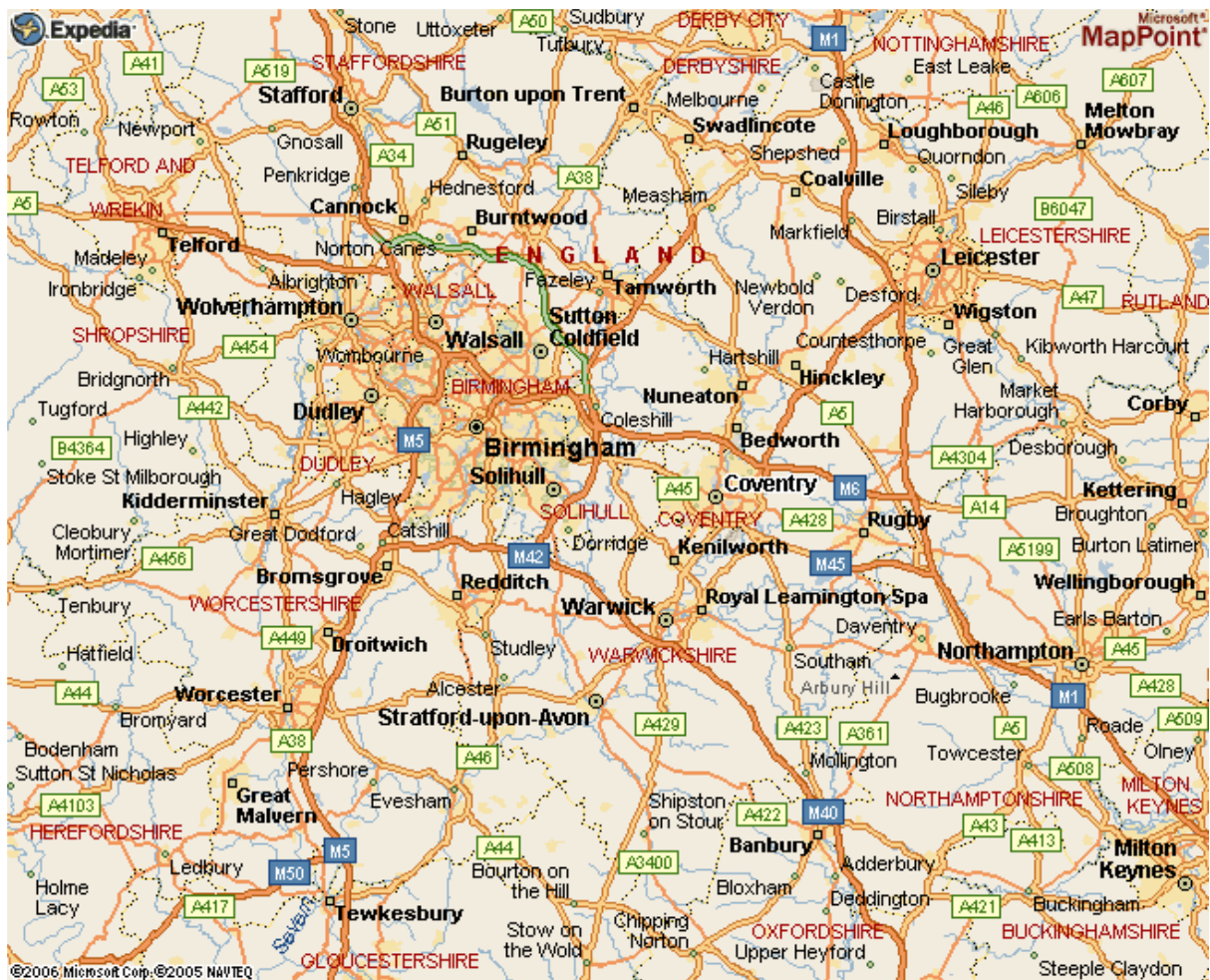
Recently I have been contacted by descendants of younger sons of the main family, who continued to live in East Farndon after the senior line removed to Birmingham. I am pleased to acknowledge contributions made by Mike in Leicestershire, Gail in New South Wales, and Susan in Illinois. Alan Langley, local historian in East Farndon, has also assisted.

My awareness of family history stems from my great grandmother, Rebecca Lee Sinclair, nee Hodgson, who lived with us when I was young. My mother knew only that the Lee in her name referred to "two old maids Lee." These would be numbers 120 and 122 in this document, Sarah and Rebecca Lee of Boston, U.S.A., who retained an interest in the fortunes of the Hodgsons in New Zealand through the 1840s. But already by the 1940s the memory of the NZ Hodgsons' indebtedness to their Birmingham Lee cousins had been all but lost. It is a pleasure, therefore, to be able to re-introduce my Hodgson kin to their Lee forebears through this story. In a separate document, I will detail the contributions made by the Lees as the Hodgsons prepared to emigrate to New Zealand in 1842, and during their struggles to re-establish themselves in their new country.<sup>37</sup>

To be added: Explanation of William of Abingdon's pruning from this tree and replacement with "Lee of Adlington". Refer to opening paragraph of Eyre's obituary, reprinted here as Appendix 7.

"The subject of this notice was descended from an old Presbyterian family sprung from the Lees of Adlington, in Cheshire, and formerly settled on "freehold lands of inheritance" at East Farndon, in Northamptonshire, where a part of the old parish church (as is stated in Baker's County History) was called Lee's aisle."

## Midlands Map



Scale: The above map is approx 90km across

Oundle in Northamptonshire is 10km off this map to the east of Corby  
Snareston is about 1 km south of Measham (Leicestershire),  
Croft is close to Leicester to the south-west

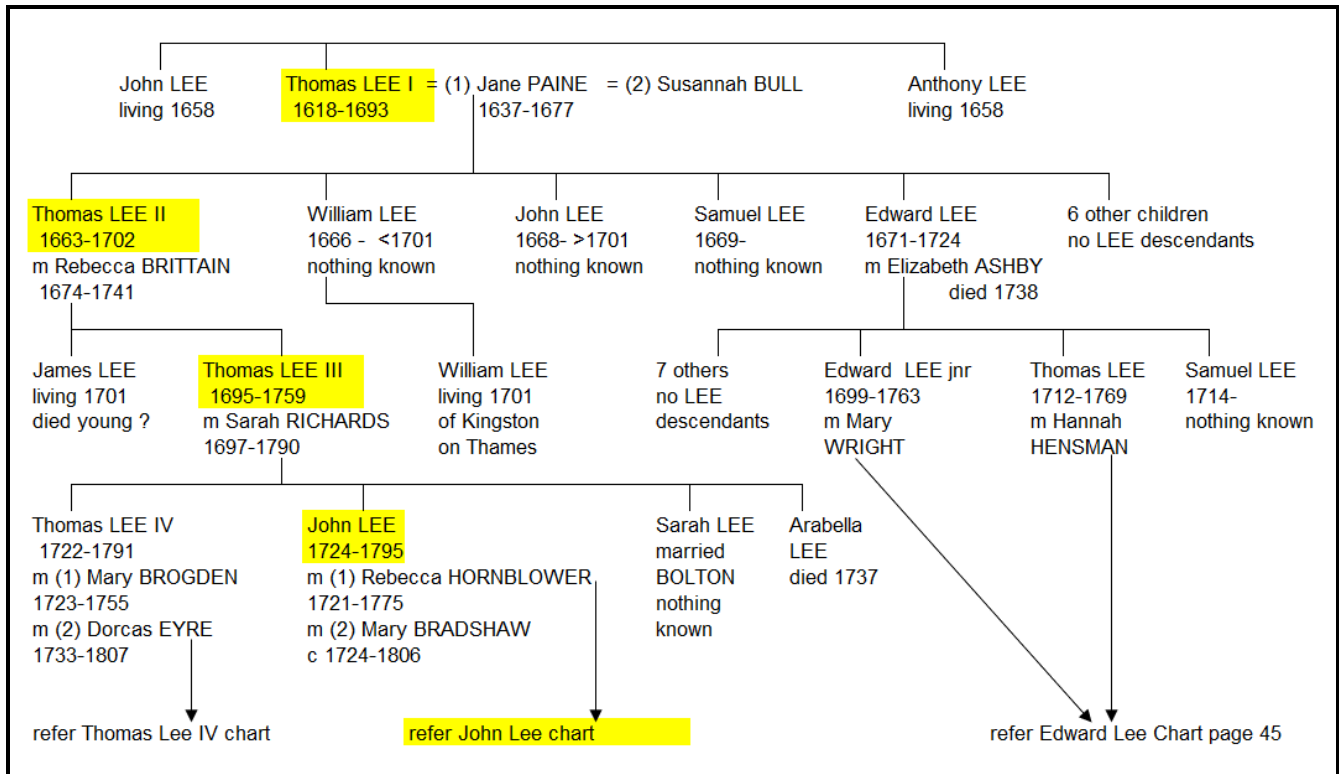


Market Harborough lies just north of the  
Leicestershire / Northamptonshire border

East Farndon, south of Market Harborough, has only just escaped being overtaken by urban expansion, and retains the village atmosphere.

Each square on this map is approx 10km.

***Descendants of Thomas LEE I of East Farndon and Jane PAYNE***



Dr Henry Lee had William Lee of Abingdon as the ancestor of Thomas Lee I, but this is now refuted.

## **Section 1. Lee of East Farndon**

**1. Thomas LEE I** was born about 1618 and died aged 75 on 14 Dec 1693.<sup>11</sup> His parents are unknown.

The burial register reads: Burialls Anno Do[min]i 1693:  
Buried Mr Thomas Lee Decr ye 7<sup>th</sup>  
Interred in the precincts of this parish Edward his son Decr ye 9.<sup>49</sup>

At that period a minority of burials read "interred in the precincts". It may imply interment in a family vault rather than burial in the churchyard, or use of the term interred may refer to non-conformists who declined the traditional burial service. The name Edward is hard to explain, as he survived till 1724. It could be a mistake for one of Edward's brothers.

Thomas Lee was a lieutenant in Cromwell's army during the English Civil War. He fought at the Battle of Naseby and was also in the siege of Halifax.<sup>4</sup> Thomas Lee is listed as Lieutenant in Colonel Thomas Grantham's Regiment of Foot.<sup>15</sup> Two portraits of this Thomas, wearing his steel battle armour, were held in the family in 1980.

In their work, *A Cromwellian Major-General*,<sup>50</sup> Berry and Lee refer to the difficulty faced by Cromwell in paying for the services of his soldiers. The solution was to issue debentures on parcels of Crown land, available following confiscations from Royalists and the Church. The debentures were to be security for the ultimate payment of agreed wages, but some of them may have been taken up as land grants. Berry and Lee refer to detailed lists in the Public Record Office, which I have not seen, which may throw light on the Lee land at East Farndon.<sup>51</sup> The fact that the house was built after the Restoration may be a reflection of the amount of time it took to extract due payment from the system. A lieutenant's pay varied between 5/- and 7/- per day.

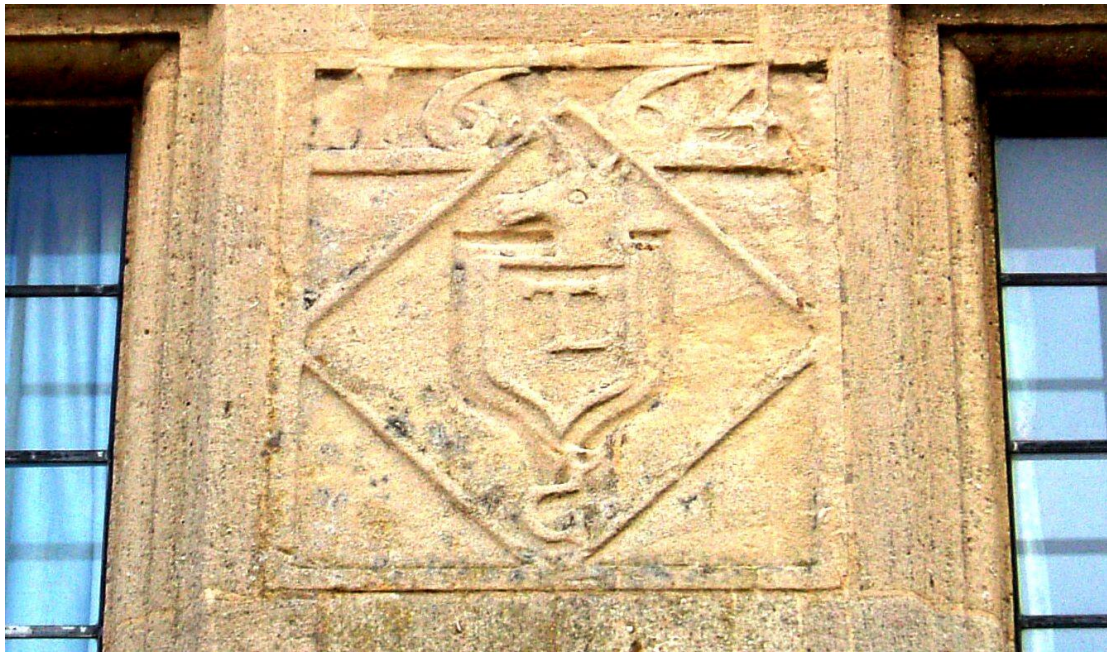
Thomas's home in Back Lane, East Farndon, still stands, a grade II protected building, bearing the date 1664. According to the village website <sup>34</sup> there is a story, with at present no known documentary proof, that it was built for the family after restoration of the monarchy as a reward for services to the crown. This is at variance with family information referring to service in Cromwell's army. Their adherence to the Independent religious persuasion is also typical of a Parliamentarian.



**Lee home, Back Lane, East Farndon, July 2012**

*image courtesy Mike Lee*

From English Heritage listed buildings website: *Manor House. Datestone 1664/T. Squared coursed lias and brick with slate roof. Originally 3-unit plan. 2 storeys, 3-window range. Flanking windows are 5-light canted bays with stone mullion windows to ground and first floor with leaded lights. Ribbed door to left of centre has moulded stone surround with 4-centred head. 3-light stone mullion to right and two 2-light stone mullion windows above with datestone and armorial tablet between. The centre portion of the facade is brick indicating remodelling. Hipped and gabled roof has 2 octagonal brick chimneys at ridge. C19 and C20 extensions to rear. Fire insurance plate to left bay.*

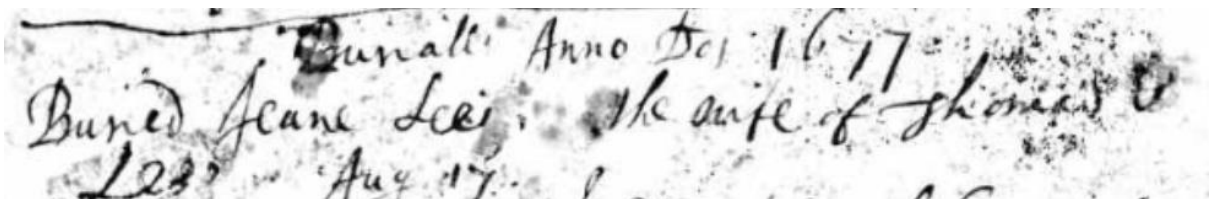


**Datestone between first floor windows on former Lee home, East Farndon**

*Image courtesy Alan Langley*

Arms The Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies has listed the arms of Thomas Lee of East Farndon 1681, marking them “disclaimed.” This refers to persons known to have disclaimed their rights to the use of coats of arms or to be called “gentleman” at the time of the Herald’s Visitation, either because they were unable to provide the required evidence or pedigree of descent and did not wish to apply for a grant of new armorial bearings, or because they were making use of arms illegally.

Thomas Lee of East Farndon, gent, married **Jane PAYNE**, daughter of William PAYNE, yeoman of Slawston, Leices, on 3 Jun 1658 in East Farndon.<sup>49</sup> According to her memorial she died on 12 Aug 1677 aged 40,<sup>11</sup> but the East Farndon register includes “the widow Lee buried on 17 Aug 1670”.<sup>49</sup> Spellings varied, Jane/Jeane Paine/Payne.



This marriage entry omitted to mention the groom’s father, unlike most others at that period, suggesting that Thomas may have been a widower. A birth is recorded in East Farndon of Mary, daughter of Thomas and Margaret Lee on 23 Apr 1653, but I have no evidence to link this to “our” Thomas. This is in a group of three entries before the beginning of a new register, which give the impression of being entered retrospectively to remedy omissions. Gentlemen would be more likely to have received such favours. I have not seen the registers prior to 1653 but they could be examined for evidence of Thomas’s parents, or an earlier marriage. The disruptions of the civil wars in the 1640s make the survival of the required records problematic.

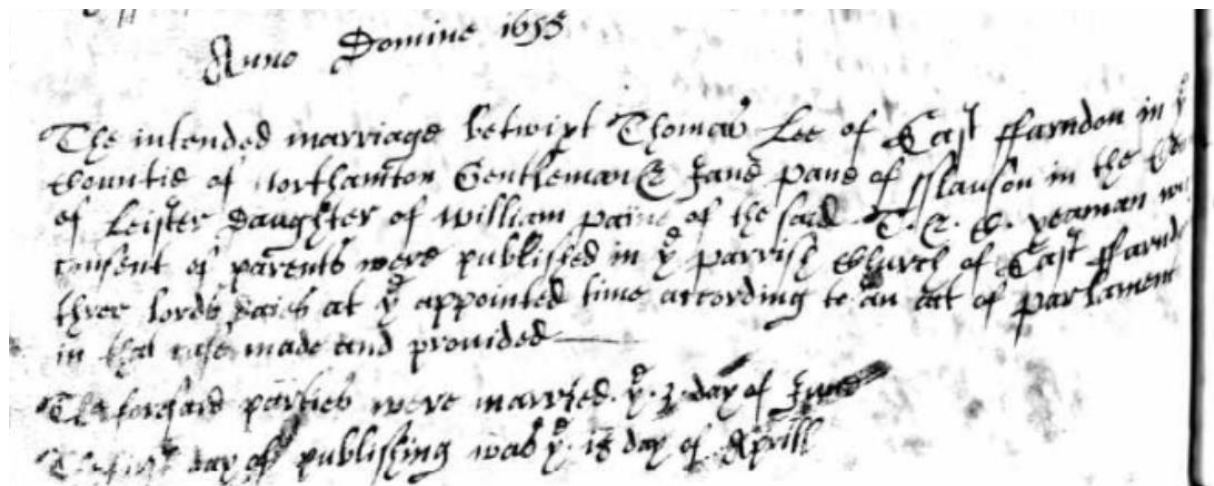
Marriage settlement 3 June 1658.<sup>16</sup>

Parties: Thomas Lee of East Farndon, Northamptonshire, gent,  
William Payne of Slawston Leices, yeoman, and Jane Payne, his only daughter and heir  
apparent In consideration of a marriage to be solemnized between Thomas Lee and Jane  
Payne, and of a marriage portion of £250, of which £150 had already been paid by Jane  
Payne, and of a conveyance of lands by William Payne, Jane became entitled to a jointure in  
lieu of dower [to provide for her possible widowhood]

Remainder to Anthony Lee brother of Thomas, and to John Lee another brother of Thomas  
£400 to be portion for daughter or daughters if Thomas and Jane had no male issue.

Comment: Lee, a gentleman, could add to his wealth by marrying an heiress; Payne, a  
yeoman, benefitted from the prestige of association with a gentleman.

Marriage record Thomas Lee and Jayne Payne



Further information comes from the will of William Payne, proved 26 Oct 1666. He mentions:

my son [=son-in-law] Thomas Lee as residuary beneficiary and executor  
William son of Thomas Lee received house and land at East Slawston, Leices  
Ann daughter of Thomas Lee twenty pounds  
Sarah daughter of Thomas Lee twenty pounds  
Thomas son of Thomas Lee ten pounds

Thomas and Jane had 7 sons and 5 daughters recorded in the East Farndon registers: <sup>49</sup>

- 2        i. **Ann LEE** born 8 Nov 1659, baptised 20 Nov 1659, probably died before 1702
- 3        ii. **Sarah LEE** bapt 13 Jan 1660/61, living Nov 1701, married **Thomas MARSTON** of  
            Stoake Albany
- 4        iii. **Margaret LEE** baptised 30 Apr 1662, buried 18 Jul 1662 [aged 3 months]
- 5        iv. **Thomas LEE II** 1663 - 1702 *Refer to page 11*
- 6        v. **William LEE** 1666 - < Nov 1701 *Refer to page 12*
- 7        vi. **John LEE** 1668 - > Nov 1701 *Refer to page 12*
- 8        vii. **Samuel LEE** bapt 6 Jan 1669/70, probably the son buried with his father in 1693.
- 9        viii. **Edward LEE** 1671 - 1723/4 *Refer to page 12*
- 10       ix. **James LEE** baptised 19 Dec 1672, buried 4 May 1674 [aged 16 months]
- 11       x. **Joseph LEE** baptised 17 Apr 1674, buried 10 Jun 1674 [aged 6 weeks]
- 12       xi. **Jeane LEE** baptised 5 Jan 1675/76, buried 7 Aug 1676 [aged 8 months]

After Jane's death Thomas Lee of Farndon married **Susanna BULL** of Isham, probably at Harrington. (Source: notes from Peterborough Marriage Licence January 1681/2).<sup>16</sup> This second marriage is confirmed in Thomas II's will in which he refers to his "mother-in-law Susanna Lee". Mother-in-law had a wider meaning than it has today, acknowledging that Susannah was not his natural mother. Susanna's burial record has not been found, she may have remarried.

Administration of Thomas Lee, gent, of East Farndon, was granted on 5 Jan 1693-4 to Susannah Lee widow and sole executrix, surety Edward Maydwell of Ashley gent.<sup>48</sup> PRO#1/034913

An administration document is filed when there is no will, which is surprising for a man of means aged 75. However making a will was often left till a terminal illness was evident, and in this case Thomas' final illness may have come on unexpectedly.

## ***Second Generation (children of Thomas Lee I)***

**2. Ann LEE** (*Thomas I<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born 8 Nov 1659, baptised 20 Nov 1659 in East Farndon, and probably died before 1702.

1666: inherited 20 pounds in the will of her maternal grandfather William Payne of Slawston.

**3. Sarah LEE** (*Thomas I<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was baptised 13 Jan 1661 in East Farndon.

1666: inherited 20 pounds in the will of her maternal grandfather William Payne of Slawston. She married **Thomas MARSTON** of Stoake Albany.

**5. Thomas LEE II** (*Thomas I<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was baptised on 5 Nov 1663 in East Farndon, and died on 20 Apr 1702,<sup>11</sup> Mr Thos Lee was buried in East Farndon on 20 April.<sup>49</sup>

1666: inherited 10 pounds in the will of his maternal grandfather William Payne of Slawston.

1693: named (Thomas Lee, the younger, of East Farndon, husbandman) in administration of Charles Carter, of East Farndon, as guardian of Charles Carter, aged 11.

Comment: In his father's lifetime Thomas the younger is described as husbandman, but after succeeding his father he became "gent".

1702: age on memorial appears to be incorrect, stating 43 instead of 38.

Thomas married **Rebecca BRITAIN**, daughter of Richard BRITAIN of Oundle,<sup>1</sup> on 20 Sep 1694 in Harrington, Northamptonshire.<sup>52</sup> Rebecca was born in 1674, and died on 1 May 1741.<sup>11</sup> Rebekah Lee widow was buried on 5 May 1741 in East Farndon.<sup>49</sup>

Thomas and Rebecca had surviving 2 sons:

- |    |                                                                                                   |
|----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 13 | i. <b>James LEE</b> mentioned in father's will 1701, presumed died young                          |
| 14 | ii. <b>Thomas LEE III</b> 1695 - 1759. <span style="float: right;"><i>Refer to page 14</i></span> |

No baptisms of children to Thomas and Rebecca were found in East Farndon, though the registers appear to be well kept. They would have been baptized in an Independent chapel, judging by the insistence on a Dissenting upbringing specified in Thomas's will. This will suggests that James and Thomas were the only survivors, with James appearing to be the elder.

Will of Thomas Lee, probated 27 Apr 1702 <sup>48</sup> PRO#1/034914:

- To wife Rebecca until son James reaches 21, for the maintenance and education of James and Thomas, (only if she remains a widow): his house in East Farndon, and the house in East Farndon occupied by Elizabeth Hipwell widow, and two yard land etc in East Farndon
- To wife, stock of beasts, cattle, corn and grain and all other personal estate not otherwise disposed of subject to the proviso hereafter
- After Rebecca's death or second marriage the same to brother Edward Lee until James is 21 for the maintenance and education of sons Thomas and James
- *Provided* that if my wife shall marry a person who does not go constantly to the worship of God as it [is done?] among Disenters and does not daily pray and perform other religious duties then Edward Lee shall take sons away and bring them up as he sees fit, and also Edward to have all personal estate except half the household goods.
- Mentions property at Oundle, some occupied by Elizabeth Britton [Rebecca's mother?]
- If Thomas and James both die under age, Rebecca to occupy the west end of his house and have the little garden and half the orchard (so long as she remains a widow but not otherwise), brothers John Lee, and Edward Lee, and sister Sarah Marston, the wife of Mr Thomas Marston of Stoake Albany to have the rents and profits on the property.
- After wife's death (children dead under age) house and land to William Lee of Kingston on Thames, (the son of my late brother William Lee) with provisos: to pay £50 to brother John Lee within one year; £50 to Edward Lee within two years; £50 to Sarah Marston

within six years; and another £50 to Edward Lee within eight years; property to go to John, Edward and Sarah if William fails in this obligation.

- After the death of his mother in law Susannah Lee widow [ie stepmother] land in which she had an interest to Trustees for the use of the Poor to buy them bread
- To wife new stock and household goods during widowhood, but after second marriage half household goods to wife, other half between two sons, and new stock to Thomas.
- Executrix his wife during her widowhood, then Edward. Signed 10 Nov 1701

Comment: A widow had few rights beyond what was agreed in her marriage settlement. Even her children would be taken away if a second husband was not approved by her brother-in-law.

When the eldest son turned 21 he would inherit the property and responsibility for siblings.

**6. William LEE** (*Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was baptised on 13 Apr 1666 in East Farndon,<sup>49</sup> and died before Nov 1701 leaving a son:

1666: named as "William the sone of Thomas Lee of East Farndon in the County of Northampton; all that my house and land lying in the parish of Slawston in the County of Leicester to him and his heirs for ever" in the will of his maternal grandfather, William Payne of Slawston, written 26 October 1666 when this William Lee was about 6 months old.

- 15 i. **William LEE** of Kingston upon Thames, living 1701 when he was named in his uncle Thomas Lee II's will "the son of my late brother William".  
From this we learn that William, a younger son of Thomas I, had left East Farndon, very likely through marrying an heiress and inheriting property at Kingston on Thames.

**7. John LEE** (*Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was baptised on 12 Apr 1668, and living in 1701 when he was named in his brother Thomas's will. He was probably living away from East Farndon, as it was his younger brother Edward who was given most responsibility for oversight of Thomas's children.

1684 John Lee, son of Thomas Lee of East Farndon apprenticed to Thomas Barrett, citizen and carrman of London, for seven years.

**9. Edward LEE** (*Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was baptised on 9 May 1671 in East Farndon.<sup>49</sup> Mr Edward Lee was buried in East Farndon on 18 Mar 1723/24.<sup>49</sup> He was aged 51.

Will of Edward LEE, yeoman of East Farndon, signed 8 Feb 1723, proved 2 May 1724<sup>27</sup>

- to son Edward [#16] house, home close and appurtenances etc
- to wife during her widowhood, use of house etc, also rents & profits on two yard lands and also on lands which will come to him after death of Elizabeth Ashby, his mother-in-law, to be used for education, maintenance and advancement of the children
- to wife after her remarriage £12 per annum
- to wife the furniture in the chamber over the parlour
- younger children (not named) to be supported by rents, profits etc during wife's lifetime, then son Edward is to set aside £50 in trust for them when he inherits the house etc.

Trustees: Thomas Lee of East Farndon [nephew, #14], William Allard, Theophilus Green  
Rebekah LEE was a witness [his sister-in-law, nee Brittain]

Comment: The allowance after remarriage would be income from land held by Mrs Elizabeth Ashby, to which his wife had entitlement. Mrs Elizabeth Ashby was buried 29 Nov 1729.<sup>49</sup>

Inventory of Edward Lee, Northamptonshire Record Office <sup>48</sup> #1/034853

A true and perfect Inventory of all the Goods and Chattels [of the late Edward Lee] of East Farndon in the County of Northampton, deceased, taken this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 1723/4 by us whose names are under written – as followeth

|                                                                                   |                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Imprimis: Purse and apparel                                                       | £ 02.00.00        |
| In ye Hall - oval table, 6 chairs & clock                                         | 02.05.00          |
| In ye Parlour - table & 6 chairs                                                  | 00.15.00          |
| In ye chamber over ye parlour - chest of drawers, 6 chairs & bed & beding & glass | 05.05.00          |
| In ye chamber over ye Hall – 1 bed & beding & hanging press & other things        | 02.10.00          |
| In ye little chamber one bed with ye beding, a coffer and other things            | 01.10.00          |
| Linnen                                                                            | 05.05.00          |
| Malt, Barley, Wheat & Peas                                                        | 04.06.00          |
| In ye kitching: brass, pewter, barrels etc                                        | 05.05.00          |
| In ye stable 11 horses                                                            | 50.00.00          |
| 14 cows at                                                                        | 30.00.00          |
| 2 calves                                                                          | 01.00.00          |
| 4 Hoggs                                                                           | 03.00.00          |
| 2 wagons, 2 carts, plows, Harrows, Gears, Collors etc                             | 20.00.00          |
| 3 yearlings                                                                       | 09.00.00          |
| In ye field 80 sheep at                                                           | 30.00.00          |
| Crops of all sorts                                                                | 90.00.00          |
| 24 sheep and a heffer in Old Close                                                | 10.00.00          |
| All things over seen and forgotten                                                | 01.00.00          |
| Witness our hands Tho Beeby, James Hensman                                        | <u>£273.01.00</u> |

Comment: This is typical of a yeoman's inventory for the period. The appraisers have gone through the house room by room, so we know there were three bedrooms and three beds. There were two living areas, the Hall and the Parlour, apart from the kitchen. No money is reported beyond the few pounds in his purse, everything is invested in stock. Taken in early spring, it shows that a number of animals have been carried through the winter, with a good supply of "crop" on hand.

Edward married **Elizabeth ASHBY** on 27 Nov 1697 at Northampton St. Sepulchre.<sup>49</sup> The bride's name can be inferred from baptisms of her children, and her maiden name inferred from mention of his mother-in-law in Edward's will. Elizabeth Lee widow was buried on 13 Jul 1739 in East Farndon.<sup>49</sup>

Edward and Elizabeth had 4 sons and 6 daughters recorded in East Farndon registers.<sup>49</sup>

|    |                                                                                                                                     |                       |
|----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 16 | i. <b>Edward LEE, junior</b> 1699 - 1763                                                                                            | Refer to page 14      |
| 17 | ii. <b>Elizabeth LEE</b> baptised 13 Feb 1700/1                                                                                     | Nothing further known |
| 18 | iii. <b>Ann LEE</b> born 4 Oct 1703; bapt 15 Nov 1703; married <b>William ABBOT</b> of Great Oxendon on 9 Nov 1747 in East Farndon. | Nothing further known |
| 19 | iv. <b>Comfort LEE</b> born about 24 May 1706                                                                                       | Nothing further known |
| 20 | v. <b>Thomas LEE</b> baptised 12 Sep 1708, buried 20 Sep 1708, aged 1 week                                                          |                       |
| 21 | vi. <b>Sarah LEE</b> baptised 13 Apr 1710                                                                                           | Nothing further known |
| 22 | vii. <b>Mary LEE</b> baptised 26 Sep 1711                                                                                           | Nothing further known |
| 23 | viii. <b>Thomas LEE</b> 1712 - 1769                                                                                                 | Refer to page 15      |
| 24 | ix. <b>Samuel LEE</b> baptised 2 Jul 1714                                                                                           | Nothing further known |
| 25 | x. <b>Jane LEE</b> baptised 12 Feb 1718                                                                                             | Nothing further known |

### ***Third Generation (Grandchildren of Thomas Lee I)***

**14. Thomas LEE III** (*Thomas II<sup>10</sup>, Thomas I<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born in 1695 and died, aged 64, on 31 May 1759.<sup>11</sup> On 3 Jun 1759 Mr Thomas Lee late of Snareston was buried in East Farndon.<sup>49</sup>

Thomas lost money in the South Seas scheme.<sup>1, 6</sup> In 1717 the South Seas Trading Company had been given a monopoly on trade with South America by the English government. Stories of the infinite wealth of the Peruvian and Chilean gold mines swept through Europe and, despite news that Spain was not going to honour the monopoly, the shares soared in value. Then it all crashed because there was no gold, and Spain and England started a war. Many a wealthy man lost his entire fortune, Sir Isaac Newton, among them.

1714 Conveyance to Thomas Lee, gent East Farndon, 2 acres with Hall and yardland in Foxton. This document also mentions William Allard

1730: voted, residence East Farndon

1748: two Thomas Lees, presumably Thomas III and IV, voted at East Farndon, with residences at East Farndon and Snareston.

Thomas III was for a short time headmaster of the Grammar School at Snareston, Leicestershire, not far from East Farndon and was also a master at Marlborough and at Coventry.<sup>1</sup> Pigot and Co.'s 1835 Directory mentions the free school at Snareston, endowed about 1717.

Thomas married **Sarah RICHARDS** of Croft, Leicestershire, in 1721.<sup>1</sup> Sarah was born in 1697, and died aged 93 on 14 Apr 1790.<sup>11</sup> Mrs Sarah Lee aged 93 of the parish of Tamworth widow of Thos Lee gent was buried in East Farndon on 22 Apr 1790.<sup>49</sup> I do not know why she was "of Tamworth" but possibly her daughter Sarah Bolton lived there.

Thomas and Sarah had 2 sons and 2 daughters:

26 i. **Thomas LEE IV** 1722 - 1791

*Refer to page 18*

27 ii. **John LEE** 1724 - 1795

*Refer to page 35*

28 iii. **Sarah LEE** was born on 26 Jan 1726, daughter of Mr Thos & Sarah Lee, as recorded in the East Farndon register.<sup>49</sup> This is a birth record only (as were those of her 2 brothers) suggesting that family baptisms had been at an Independent chapel. Being a gentleman, Thomas would have been more aware of the value of having an "official" record of his children's births. I did not find other families with birth only records.

Sarah is referred to in 1791 in her brother Thomas' will as my sister **Mrs Sarah BOLTON**, when she and her brother John each received a silver waiter to the value of five guineas, with an urn engraved thereon and the words "In memory of my brother Thomas Lee who died at such a time and at such an age."

Her husband was probably **Richard BOLTON**, who with his wife Sarah Lee had a son Thomas BOLTON born 5 Mar 1757 baptized in Market Harborough Independent.

Nothing further is known of Sarah, but note that her mother was "of Tamworth" in 1790.

29 iv. **Arabella LEE**, buried 9 Apr 1737, dau of Thomas & Sarah Lee. *Nothing further known*

**16. Edward LEE junior** (*Edward<sup>14</sup>, Thomas I<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was baptised on 3 Jun 1699 (born May 3?) in East Farndon,<sup>49</sup> and was buried there on 27 Feb 1763.<sup>49</sup>

Edward Lee voted 1748 East Farndon

Will of Edward Lee, yeoman of East Farndon, 1763 <sup>48</sup> #2/040599

- House etc at East Farndon to his wife Mary for life, then between his 4 daughters (named)
  - Goods and chattels to be equally divided between his wife and 4 daughters
  - Portions already given to daughters Mary and Alice not to reduce their entitlement now
- Executors Richard Wright, brother-in-law and William Peppin, son-in-law Signed 23 Mar 1752 witnesses Thomas Lee, Sarah Lee (probaby Edward's cousin Thomas III and his wife). Edward's seal displays shield with three coronets, as on Lee memorial in East Farndon church

Edward married **Mary WRIGHT** by licence on 6 Feb 1723/4 in Harrington, Northamptonshire, (record not seen, provided by another genealogist.) Widow Lee was buried in East Farndon on 28 Aug 1769.<sup>49</sup>

Edward and Mary had 2 sons and 5 daughters recorded in East Farndon registers: <sup>49</sup>

- 30 i. **Mary LEE**, baptised 8 Mar 1726, married **William PEPPIN** on 18 May 1749 at Rockingham, Northamptonshire.<sup>24</sup>
- 31 ii. **Alice LEE**, bapt 29 May 1728; married **John TILLEY** 21 Dec 1752, lived Clipston
- 32 iii. **Elizabeth LEE**, baptised 9 Sep 1730, buried 30 Oct 1732
- 33 iv. **Edward LEE**, baptised 21 Sep 1732, buried 6 Feb 1751/2, aged 20
- 34 v. **Elizabeth LEE**, baptised 30 Jun 1734, married **Joseph COLEMAN** of Harborough 13 Dec 1758 (Comfort Lee was a marriage witness)
- 35 vi. **Thomas LEE**, baptised 25 Jul 1735; buried 17 Apr 1736
- 36 vii. **Comfort LEE**, baptised 25 Jan 1738; married **William COOK** 5 Jan 1763.  
For descendants of this marriage go to Paul and Clare Fletcher's site:  
<http://www.pandcgen.co.uk/>

Edward LEE junior appears to have had no continuing line with the LEE surname.

**23. Thomas LEE** (*Edward*<sup>14</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was baptised on 5 Dec 1712 in East Farndon,<sup>49</sup> and died on 25 Mar 1769, aged 57, and was buried 28 Mar 1769 in East Farndon.<sup>49</sup>

Thomas married **Hannah HENSMAN** of East Farndon on 29 Jun 1742, in East Farndon.<sup>49</sup> The widow Lee was buried on 19 Dec 1782 in East Farndon.<sup>49</sup>

Will of Hannah Lee, of East Farndon, widow, 1783 Northampton County Record Office <sup>48</sup> # 008561

- To son Thomas Lee the property he now occupies with Thomas Charles
  - To daughter Mary £30 out of personal estate
  - To daughter Mary half household good and all her clothes
  - Other half of household goods to be divided equally between sons James and Thomas
  - Other goods etc on trust – to invest £200 for the maintenance of son James
- Executors John Johnson of Gt Oxendon and William Peppin of Clipston  
Signed 1 August 1780. Sworn 17 Jun 1783, under £300.

Had Mary remained unmarried she would have had to live on £30, whereas £200 was allocated for the maintenance of her brother James. For comment on James see his entry, page 47.

Thomas and Hannah had the following children as recorded in East Farndon registers: <sup>49</sup>

- 37 i. **James LEE** 1747 - 1802 *Refer to page 47*
- 38 ii. **William LEE** baptised 1 Apr 1750, not in mother's will, presumed died young
- 39 iii. **Ann LEE** baptised 29 Jan 1752, not in mother's will, presumed died young
- 40 iv. **Thomas LEE of Great Oxendon** 1753 - 1789 *Refer to page 48*
- 41 v. **John LEE** baptised 21 Apr 1754, not in mother's will, presumed died young
- 42 vi. **Mary LEE** baptised 5 Oct 1756, not in mother's will, presumed died young
- 43 vii. **Mary LEE** baptised 20 May 1759, married **John RAVENS** on 28 Nov 1781, both of East Farndon, witness Thos Lee [her brother]

Further descendants of Edward Lee are recorded in Section 4, page 47.



**Lee Memorial  
East Farndon Parish  
Church**

Motto: *Spe meliorum*  
Hope for improvement

Thomas Lee, Gent,  
died 14 Decr 1693 aged 75  
Jane Paine his wife  
died 12 Augt 1677 aged 40

Thos Lee  
died 20 April 1702 aged 43  
married Rebecca Brittain who  
died 1 May 1741 aged 67

Thos Lee  
died 31 May 1759 aged 64  
married Sarah Richards who  
died 14 April 1790 aged 93

Thos Lee, Attorney at Law  
died 16 Decr 1791 aged 69,  
was interred at Birming[ham]  
in the County of Warwick  
married to his first wife  
Mary Brogden who  
died 26 March 1755 aged 32  
married to his 2nd wife  
Dorcas Eyre who died  
Decr 16th 1807 aged 74.

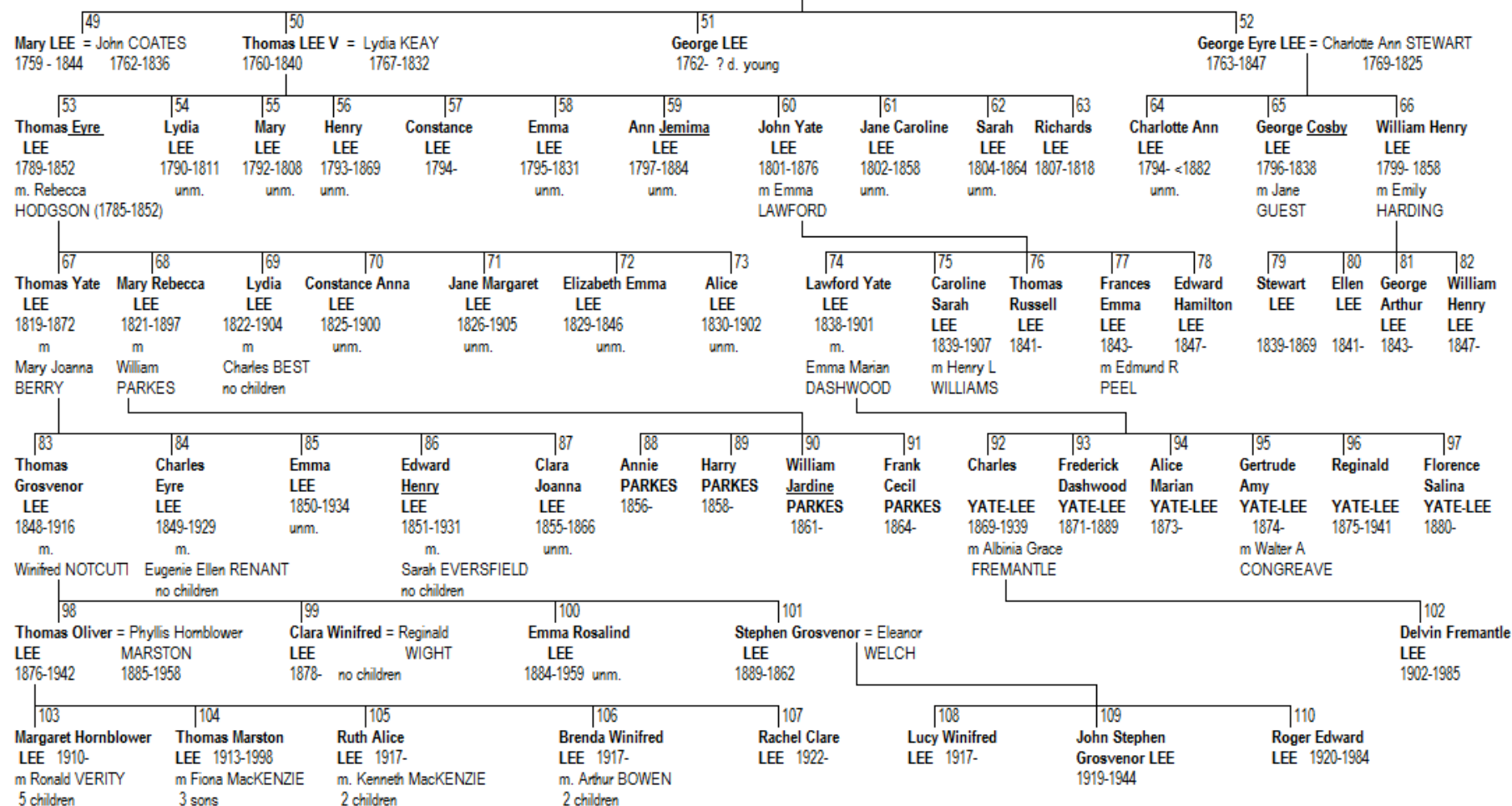
*Heraldry:* The arms of Lee of East  
Farndon are "disclaimed" - refer  
page 8.

image: jmc4 - Church Explorer's photostream on Flickr.com

I am indebted to Mike Lee for drawing my attention to this memorial

## Lee Families of East Farndon and Birmingham

### Descendants of Thomas LEE IV (#31) and Dorcas EYRE



## Section 2: Descendants of Thomas Lee IV

### *Fourth Generation Part A (Thomas Lee IV)*

**26. Thomas LEE IV** (*Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born in 1722 in Daventry, Northamptonshire, the elder son of Thomas LEE III and Sarah RICHARDS.<sup>1</sup> He died at the age of 69 on 16 Dec 1791,<sup>11</sup> and was buried on 23 Dec 1791 in the Old Meeting Ground, Birmingham.<sup>4</sup> Refer to pages 16 and 63 for his two memorials.

The East Farndon register records: Thomas ye son of Mr Thos & Sarah Lee was born March 13 1722. The birth was officially listed, but no there is no mention of a baptism.

Thomas IV was born shortly after his father had suffered a set-back from the South Seas Bubble. Prior to 1760 he was an attorney at Market Harborough, the market town close by East Farndon where his family had resided for generations. About this time he started to do business in Birmingham, his first office being at the Johnson's Head, Friday Street. He may have split his time initially between Market Harborough and his brother John's house in Birmingham. Around 1765 he purchased the newly-built house at 18 Newhall St, Birmingham, (demolished about 1960) which was to house the firm for more than 130 years. 1777-1791 steward of Birmingham Manor.<sup>5, 6</sup> In 1777 he signed as constable the list of men in East Farndon liable for militia service.

Thomas is listed as a subscriber to several books: *The Family Expositor* by Philip Doddridge 1745 (a paraphrased New Testament); *Sermons Vol 2* by John Holland 1753; *Practical Observations in Physick - How to preserve health* by Simon Mason 1757.

His will recommends to his children the practice of piety and virtue, that they live in peace and harmony and behave dutifully and respectfully to their mother. He leaves his house at Edgbaston to Dorcas for life, then to son Thomas. Dorcas to have the plate, household goods and furniture plus £50 cash. He confirms to his widow her estates at Long Buckby and Harrington, value £200 p.a. Refers to farm at Harrington which according to his marriage settlement is to be held in trust for Dorcas' life, then to go to George, and which he may use as dower when he marries, provided he remains in good and solvent circumstances. He refers to another portion of Dorcas' father's estate not settled on her but which Thomas had paid £1200 pounds for, also to go to George on the same conditions. He leaves son Thomas a farm at Long Buckby currently rented for £142 p.a.; £4000 to son George; rents from Birmingham properties to Mary valued at £139 p.a. Silver waiters engraved with his name, age and date to brother John and sister Sarah Bolton.<sup>44</sup>

Thomas married as his first wife **Mary BROGDEN** who died on 25 Mar 1755 aged 32,<sup>11</sup> bur 1 Apr.<sup>49</sup> Thomas Lee (gent, parish of Market Harborough) married as his second wife **Dorcas EYRE** (parish of Long Buckby) by licence on 24 Feb 1757/8 in Long Buckby St Lawrence, Northamptonshire (witnesses Thomas Eyre and John West).<sup>23</sup> Dorcas was born in 1733, died aged 74 on 16 Dec 1807,<sup>11</sup> and was buried on 22 Dec 1807 in the Old Meeting Ground, Birmingham.<sup>4</sup>

Dorcas' will 5 April 1796 left her servant furniture to the value of £5, and an annuity of 52 shillings per annum; a large silver waiter (a serving tray) to George, a silver coffee pot and stand to Thomas; other silver divided between 2 sons; other furniture, books, china between sons and daughter; wearing apparel, watch and rings to her daughter; £20 to son-in-law Rev John Coates for a ring. The interest on the residue to Mary for life, then to any children of Mary's, or failing them to her other grandchildren. In a codicil 3 Aug 1800 she revoked the legacy to Rev Coates and tightened the trustee's control over Mary's inheritance.<sup>44</sup>

Thomas and Dorcas' children were:

- |    |                                        |                         |
|----|----------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 44 | i. <b>Mary LEE</b> 1759 - 1844         | <i>Refer to page 19</i> |
| 45 | ii. <b>Thomas LEE V</b> 1760 - 1840    | <i>Refer to page 19</i> |
| 46 | iii. <b>George LEE</b> 1762 -          | <i>Refer to page 20</i> |
| 47 | iv. <b>George Eyre LEE</b> 1763 - 1847 | <i>Refer to page 20</i> |

## ***Fifth Generation Part A (Children of Thomas Lee IV)***

**44. Mary LEE** (*Thomas IV<sup>31</sup>, Thomas III<sup>19</sup>, Thomas II<sup>10</sup>, Thomas I<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born on 7 Mar 1759, baptised on 5 Apr 1759,<sup>2</sup> at the Independent Church, Market Harborough, Leicestershire, and died aged 84 on 15 Feb 1844 in Edgbaston, buried 20 Feb 1844, Vault 18, Old Meeting, Birmingham.<sup>23</sup>

Several visits to Mrs Coates prior to their departure for New Zealand in 1842 are reported in Hodgson family letters. She placed in Eyre Lee's hands the sum of £50 to accumulate till Rebecca Hodgson [#132] was 21,<sup>1</sup> which was very generous considering that her relationship to Rebecca was second cousin once removed.

Her will proved in 1844 (page 72) requested that her funeral be as plain as possible, and she has no memorial in the Old Meeting Burial Ground. She charged her nieces with the responsibility of distributing her chattels to those most in need among her relatives. Since her nephew Thomas Yate Lee was her main beneficiary, it is assumed that she had no children.

Mary married Rev **John COATES** (1762-1836) on 28 Aug 1789 at St Phillips, Birmingham.<sup>24</sup> John was Minister of the Old Meeting, Birmingham from 1785 to 1801,<sup>4</sup> but marriages could only be performed by licensed clergy of the Anglican Church, a matter which was much complained of by the Dissenters. This would be the reason why their marriage was recorded at the Anglican Cathedral.

In the Birmingham riots of 1791 the Old Meeting House was burnt down, and Rev Coates' house was plundered. Thomas Lee was a seat-holder in the Old Meeting at this date. The rebuilt chapel accommodating 1100 worshippers was opened on 4 Oct 1795, Rev Coates preaching that afternoon. Thomas Lee gave £50 to the rebuilding fund, John Lee gave 5 guineas.<sup>4</sup>

**45. Thomas LEE V** (*Thomas IV<sup>31</sup>, Thomas III<sup>19</sup>, Thomas II<sup>10</sup>, Thomas I<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born on 13 Jun 1760, and baptised on 6 Aug 1760 in the Independent Church, Market Harborough,<sup>2</sup> the elder son of Thomas LEE IV and Dorcas EYRE. He died at the age of 79 on 2 Jan 1840,<sup>4</sup> at his house in Hagley Road,<sup>6</sup> and was buried in the Old Meeting Ground, Birmingham.<sup>4</sup> Refer to page 63 for his memorial inscription.

He was an attorney in the firm founded by his father, at 18 Newhall Street, Birmingham, retiring in 1825. <sup>6</sup> The firm's name changed as partners came and went, e.g. Lee and Shipton (dissolved 1797); Lee and Corrie (dissolved 1815); Lee and Son (1815); Lee Son and Hunt (1820).

According to Broadridge,<sup>46</sup> "*Thomas Eyre Lee was an attorney and a committee member of the Birmingham Canal Navigations from 1791 to 1840.*" From the dates quoted there appears to be confusion of father and son, and probably both were involved.

1831: Thomas Lee of Edgbaston voted at East Farndon re house and land occupied by Thomas Coltman.

Will made 30 Dec 1837, left over £1000 each to his daughters Constance, Ann Jemima, Jane Caroline and Sarah and his leasehold property at Hagley Road Edgbaston, also all his plate, linen, books, furniture, china, pictures, wine, carriages and pony. They also shared 15 canal shares. Property at East Farndon, Wharstock, Kings Norton, Newhall St, Yardley, went to son Thomas; son Henry, Doctor of Physik, received property at Snow Hill B'ham, £1600 in cash and had all debts to his father forgiven; son John Yate received property in County Salop from his mother's marriage settlement, leases in Gt Charles St, B'ham; 19 guineas to his assistant clerk.

Thomas married **Lydia KEAY** on 9 Dec 1788 in Whitchurch, Shropshire.<sup>1,3</sup> Lydia was born in 1767, and died at the age of 65 on 20 Nov 1832.<sup>4</sup> She was buried on 28 Nov 1832 with her husband in the Old Meeting Burial Ground, Birmingham.<sup>4</sup>

Their children were:

|    |                                          |                         |
|----|------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 48 | i. <b>Thomas Eyre LEE</b> 1789 - 1852    | <i>Refer to page 21</i> |
| 49 | ii. <b>Lydia LEE</b> 1790 - 1811         | <i>Refer to page 22</i> |
| 50 | iii. <b>Mary LEE</b> 1791 - 1808         | <i>Refer to page 22</i> |
| 51 | iv. <b>Henry LEE</b> 1793 - 1869         | <i>Refer to page 22</i> |
| 52 | v. <b>Constance LEE</b> 1794 -           | <i>Refer to page 22</i> |
| 53 | vi. <b>Emma LEE</b> 1795 - 1831          | <i>Refer to page 22</i> |
| 54 | vii. <b>Ann Jemima LEE</b> 1797 - 1884   | <i>Refer to page 23</i> |
| 55 | viii. <b>John Yate LEE</b> 1801 - 1876   | <i>Refer to page 23</i> |
| 56 | ix. <b>Jane Caroline LEE</b> 1802 - 1858 | <i>Refer to page 23</i> |
| 57 | x. <b>Sarah LEE</b> 1804 - 1864          | <i>Refer to page 23</i> |
| 58 | xi. <b>Richards LEE</b> 1807 - 1818      | <i>Refer to page 23</i> |

**46. George LEE** (*Thomas IV<sup>31</sup>, Thomas III<sup>19</sup>, Thomas II<sup>10</sup>, Thomas I<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was baptised on 15 Mar 1762 at the Old Meeting, Birmingham,<sup>2</sup> presumed to have died young.

**47. George Eyre LEE** (*Thomas IV<sup>31</sup>, Thomas III<sup>19</sup>, Thomas II<sup>10</sup>, Thomas I<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was the younger son of Thomas LEE IV and Dorcas EYRE. His baptism at the Old Meeting, Birmingham is recorded George Air Lee 21 Nov 1763. He died on 28 Dec 1847 at Edgbaston, and was buried in the Old Meeting Ground, Birmingham.<sup>4</sup> Refer to page 61 for his memorial inscription (age 77 instead of 84).

1799: of Easy Row, Birmingham - baptism of William Henry (wife mis-recorded as Harriet)

1812: one of the directors of Lench's Trust

1820: low bailiff of Birmingham, as was his uncle, John Lee in 1763. This role was traditionally filled by Presbyterians/Unitarians.<sup>9</sup>

1826: party to deed re land at Whitchurch (possibly property occupied by Ann Jemima Lee).<sup>32</sup>

1827: retired from partnership with his son and brother-in-law as iron merchants

1833: assignment from George Eyre Lee of Edgbaston, gent., to Thomas Lee of Edgbaston, esq., of leasehold land and premises in Newhall Street.<sup>33</sup>

1835: Trustee, Birmingham Savings Bank [Aris's Birmingham Gazette]

1839: chair Birmingham Provident Society [Aris's Birmingham Gazette]

1841: age approx 70, independent, living at Edgbaston with Charlotte Lee age approx 45.

This may be the Lee family resident at "The Beeches" Edgbaston, a house built c 1830, and later incorporated into the Midland Nerve Hospital, still standing in 1980. Adjoining are, or were, Lee Bank Road, Lee Mount, Lee Crescent.<sup>9</sup> Lee Bank appears to have been incorporated into the A4540, to the south-east of its intersection with the A456.

1843: The Hodgson family visited "Uncle George" before leaving Birmingham. He is designated "gent" on his memorial, and the Hodgson letters give the impression that it was hoped some assistance for the emigrants might be forthcoming from George. In reporting George's death to her relatives in New Zealand, on 29 March 1848, his sister-in-law Rebecca Lee remarked: *He often enquired about you and your family, and was very interested.*<sup>1</sup>

Will made 15 July 1840, refers to the will of his late father Thomas Lee; also refers to a deed signed in 1814 between his brother, himself and his wife; mentions his daughter Charlotte Anne Lee and his son William Henry Lee, but not his son George Cosby Lee who predeceased him.<sup>44</sup>

George married **Charlotte Ann STEWART**, daughter of John STEWART, of Borrowstonness Scotland, and Ann, on 20 Sep 1793 in Edgbaston, Warwickshire.<sup>24</sup> Charlotte died on 10 Jan 1825, and was buried on 15 Jan 1825 aged 55, with her parents, brother and husband (plot 2 in 3<sup>rd</sup> row), in the Old Meeting Ground, Birmingham.<sup>4</sup> Refer to page 61 for her memorial inscription.

Their children were:

|    |                                           |                         |
|----|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 59 | i. <b>Charlotte Ann LEE</b> 1794 - 1860   | <i>Refer to page 24</i> |
| 60 | ii. <b>George Cosby LEE</b> 1796 - 1838   | <i>Refer to page 24</i> |
| 61 | iii. <b>William Henry LEE</b> 1799 - 1858 | <i>Refer to page 24</i> |

## ***Sixth Generation Part A (Grandchildren of Thomas Lee IV)***

**48. Thomas Eyre LEE** (*Thomas V*<sup>50</sup>, *Thomas IV*<sup>31</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>7</sup>) was born on 13 Nov 1789 and baptised on 15 Jan 1790 at the Old Meeting, Birmingham,<sup>2</sup> the elder son of Thomas LEE V and Lydia KEAY. He died aged 62 on 20 May 1852 and was buried in the Old Meeting Ground, Birmingham.<sup>4</sup> Refer to page 62 for his memorial inscription.

1813: Attorney with family firm, joined his father in partnership

1825: Lee and Hunt; 1832: Lee Hunt and Adams 1838: Thomas Eyre Lee

1841: attorney, age approx 50, residence Warstone Lane, with Rebecca his wife, Thomas Yate 20, Constance 16, Jane Margaret 14, Elizabeth 12, Alice 10, a governess and 5 servants, also Rebecca Hodgson 10, Sarah Hodgson 7, Mary Ann Hodgson 5, Eliza Hodgson 4 (wife's nieces).

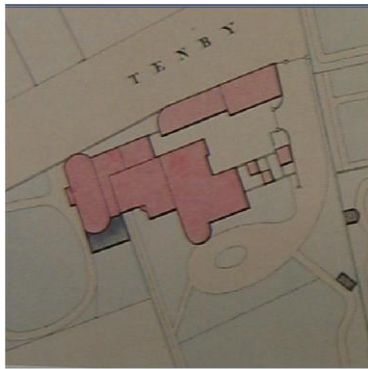
1843: Law List: Counsel Thomas Lee 9 Inner Temple Lane G. 17 June 1823

1844: Lee Pinson and Best<sup>5, 6</sup> Refer to Appendix 2 for more detail of his career.

1845: on platform at Mayor's meeting of 8000 in Birmingham in favour of free trade

1851: residence Camden Lodge, Warston Road with wife and 4 children and 4 live in staff

The postal address for letters from New Zealand was simply "Camden Lodge, Birmingham". The house had been built in 1824 by Thomas Eyre Lee, in the area then known as Camden Hill. The house was reached by a long drive running south off Warstone lane, which was widened later in the 19th century and became part of Tenby Street. Today, the area is part of Birmingham's Jewellery Quarter. It appears that Camden Lodge was demolished before 1860.<sup>36</sup>



Camden Lodge and its extensive gardens as shown in Pigott Smith's 1855 survey of Birmingham.<sup>36</sup>

Eyre Lee had many business interests, and travelled frequently to London and elsewhere. Some of the directors of the New Zealand Company were known to him personally, and this may have influenced his decision to finance the Hodgsons to New Zealand to make a fresh start.<sup>1</sup>

Thomas Eyre Lee's involvement in the Birmingham Canal Navigations has been referred to in his father's notes above. He has been described as *"the driving force behind the Birmingham & Liverpool Junction Canal and was involved in other attempts to improve water communications with Birmingham."* In 1825 he applied to Parliament for an Act in connection with the Birmingham and London Junction Canal, including a list of subscribers some of whom were later shown not to be genuine. Lee was censured by the Speaker for misleading the House of Commons.<sup>39</sup>

His will,<sup>44</sup> made in 1826, gave all his property to his wife Rebecca, who was to be sole executrix. Witnesses included his father Thomas Lee, and his partner Harry Hunt. It was re-signed in 1828 and again in 1832, with no alteration. A codicil was added in December 1848 appointing his friend William Bolton of Birmingham, timber merchant, as an additional executor and granting him a legacy of nineteen pounds nineteen shillings. Upon his death in 1852 both executors renounced, and administration was granted to Thomas Yate Lee, his son. Thus the lawyer who had no doubt drawn up many complex wills and trusts in his time, himself made the simplest of wills. It must have been somewhat unusual for a man with considerable investments to leave his wife in sole charge, at least under the earlier version of

the will. By the time he died Rebecca had only 3 months to live herself, so probably was no longer capable of running his affairs. But Eyre's action here seems to confirm my view of Rebecca, expressed in my Hodgson story, "She was shrewd and intelligent, forceful and decisive, and above all, intensely loyal [to her brother William]." We also see here the outcome of the Dissenting community's openness to the education and advancement of women.

Eyre married his second cousin, **Rebecca HODGSON** [#115, page 43], daughter of Benjamin HODGSON and Rebecca LEE [#109], by licence on 4 Apr 1818 in Stoke Newington Parish church, Borough of Hackney, London, witnesses Henry Lee M.D., Britannia Lee, and another illegible.<sup>21</sup> Rebecca was born on 28 Jul 1785 in the Parish of St Gregory, London.<sup>2</sup> She died on 12 Sep 1852, and was buried with her husband in the Old Meeting Ground, Birmingham.<sup>4</sup> "Rebecca Lee, late of Camden Lodge Warston Lane, widow of Thomas Eyre Lee was buried in New Vault No 1, adjoining that of Mr John Lee, on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 1852. Aged 67 years." <sup>2</sup> Refer to page 62 for her memorial inscription.

Their children were:

|    |                                           |                         |
|----|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 62 | i. <b>Thomas Yate LEE</b> 1819 - 1872     | <i>Refer to page 25</i> |
| 63 | ii. <b>Mary Rebecca LEE</b> 1821 - 1897   | <i>Refer to page 25</i> |
| 64 | iii. <b>Lydia LEE</b> 1822 - 1904         | <i>Refer to page 25</i> |
| 65 | iv. <b>Constance Anna LEE</b> 1825 - 1900 | <i>Refer to page 26</i> |
| 66 | v. <b>Jane Margaret LEE</b> 1826 - 1905   | <i>Refer to page 26</i> |
| 67 | vi. <b>Elizabeth Emma LEE</b> 1829 - 1846 | <i>Refer to page 26</i> |
| 68 | vii. <b>Alice LEE</b> 1830 - 1902         | <i>Refer to page 26</i> |

**49. Lydia LEE** (*Thomas V<sup>50</sup>, Thomas IV<sup>31</sup>, Thomas III<sup>19</sup>, Thomas II<sup>10</sup>, Thomas I<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born on 3 Oct 1790, and baptised on 20 Nov 1790 in the Old Meeting House, Dudley, Worcester.<sup>2</sup> She died unmarried, aged 21, on 3[sic] Dec 1811 and was buried on 6 Jan 1812 in the Old Meeting Ground, Birmingham.<sup>4</sup> Refer to page 63 for her memorial inscription.

**50. Mary LEE** (*Thomas V<sup>50</sup>, Thomas IV<sup>31</sup>, Thomas III<sup>19</sup>, Thomas II<sup>10</sup>, Thomas I<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born on 9 Oct 1791, and baptised on 24 Jun 1794 in the Old Meeting House, Dudley, Worcester.<sup>2</sup> She died at the age of 16 on 2 Jul 1808 and was buried in the Old Meeting Ground, Birmingham.<sup>4</sup> Refer to page 63 for her memorial inscription. The burial register gives her age as 18.

**51. Henry LEE** (*Thomas V<sup>50</sup>, Thomas IV<sup>31</sup>, Thomas III<sup>19</sup>, Thomas II<sup>10</sup>, Thomas I<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born on 7 Jan 1793, and baptised on 24 Jun 1794 with his siblings Mary and Constance.<sup>2</sup> He died unmarried at the age of 76 on 10 Jul 1869 and was buried in the Old Meeting Ground, Birmingham.<sup>4</sup> Refer to page 63 for his memorial inscription.

M.D., medical practitioner; genealogist of the Lee family.

1851: lodger in St George parish, Bloomsbury, London, LRCP Edinburgh, MD, physician

1861: age 68 born Edgbaston, physician not practicing, living with sister Jemima at Avechurch.

**52. Constance LEE** (*Thomas V<sup>50</sup>, Thomas IV<sup>31</sup>, Thomas III<sup>19</sup>, Thomas II<sup>10</sup>, Thomas I<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born on 3 Apr 1794, and baptised on 24 Jun 1794 with her siblings Mary and Henry.<sup>2</sup> She was mentioned in her father's will but has no memorial at Witton cemetery, possibly she married.

**53. Emma LEE** (*Thomas V<sup>50</sup>, Thomas IV<sup>31</sup>, Thomas III<sup>19</sup>, Thomas II<sup>10</sup>, Thomas I<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born on 5 Aug 1795 in Edgbaston,<sup>2</sup> and died unmarried at the age of 35 on 4 Jan 1831. She was buried on 11 Jan 1831 in the Old Meeting Ground, Birmingham.<sup>4</sup> Refer to page 63 for her memorial inscription.

**54. Ann Jemima LEE** (*Thomas V<sup>50</sup>, Thomas IV<sup>31</sup>, Thomas III<sup>19</sup>, Thomas II<sup>10</sup>, Thomas I<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born on 10 Nov 1797 in Edgbaston,<sup>2</sup> and died aged 87 on 19 Dec 1884 in Weatheroak Hill.<sup>18</sup>

1840: executor with her brothers in her father's will  
 1851: age 53, head of her household at Alvechurch, Worcestershire, with her sister Sarah.  
 1855: mentioned in deed with John Yate Lee, her brother, and others.<sup>30</sup>  
 1861: age 63, at Alvechurch, with Sarah, and her brother Henry, and 5 household servants.  
 1881: age 83, spinster, independent means at Weatheroak Hill, Alvechurch, with cook, footman, maid  
 1884: probate to Lawford Yate Lee of Lincoln's Inn and Thomas Russell Lee of Bebington, £9038

**55. John Yate LEE** (*Thomas V<sup>50</sup>, Thomas IV<sup>31</sup>, Thomas III<sup>19</sup>, Thomas II<sup>10</sup>, Thomas I<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born on 27 Apr 1801 and baptised on 24 Jun 1803 in Edgbaston,<sup>2</sup> a younger son of Thomas LEE V and Lydia KEAY. He died aged 74 in Bebington, Cheshire on 10 Mar 1876.<sup>8</sup>

1840: Assignment from Edward Lawford of Beckenham, Kent, with consent of John Yate Lee  
 1843: Law List - Counsel: J Yate Lee esq, Stivichall Lodge, near Coventry L. 25 Nov 1828  
 1851: age 49 born Edgbaston, of Ayburth ? Rd, Fulwood, Barrister and Registrar Court of Bankruptcy, with wife and 5 children at home, and 4 household staff  
 1855: of Fulwood Park, Lancashire, party to deed with Ann Jemima Lee, Avechurch, Worcester.<sup>30</sup>  
 1861: age 59 born Edgbaston, of Higher Bebington, Cheshire, Barrister not in practice, Registrar of Court of Bankruptcy, with Emma, Caroline, Frances and Edward at home, 5 live in staff  
 1876: obituary *Liverpool Mercury* 14 Mar 1876

John married **Emma LAWFORD** in August 1837 in the parish of Tottenham, Edmonton RD, UK.<sup>8</sup> Emma was born about 1818 in Belgium, a British subject.<sup>7</sup>

Their children were:

|    |                                            |                         |
|----|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 69 | i. <b>Lawford Yate LEE</b> 1838 - 1901     | <i>Refer to page 26</i> |
| 70 | ii. <b>Caroline Sarah LEE</b> 1839 - 1907  | <i>Refer to page 27</i> |
| 71 | iii. <b>Thomas Russell LEE</b> 1841 - 1926 | <i>Refer to page 27</i> |
| 72 | iv. <b>Frances Emma LEE</b> 1842 - 1918    | <i>Refer to page 27</i> |
| 73 | v. <b>Edward Hamilton LEE</b> 1847 - 1921  | <i>Refer to page 27</i> |

**56. Jane Caroline LEE** (*Thomas V<sup>50</sup>, Thomas IV<sup>31</sup>, Thomas III<sup>19</sup>, Thomas II<sup>10</sup>, Thomas I<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born on 19 Nov 1802,<sup>2</sup> and baptised with her brother John on 24 Jun 1803 in Edgbaston.<sup>2</sup> She died on 12 Nov 1858 in Clevedon, Somerset.<sup>26</sup>

1851: sister, lodger at same address as Henry, Bloomsbury, London.  
 1858: of Picton House, Clevedon, Somerset, probate to John Yate Lee, under £7000.

**57. Sarah LEE** (*Thomas V<sup>50</sup>, Thomas IV<sup>31</sup>, Thomas III<sup>19</sup>, Thomas II<sup>10</sup>, Thomas I<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born on 17 May 1804,<sup>2</sup> and baptised on 1 Mar 1808 in Edgbaston.<sup>2</sup> She was probably the Sarah Ann LEE whose death was registered in 1864 in Bromsgrove RD (which includes Alvechurch).<sup>8</sup>

1851: age 46 b. Malton, Worcestershire, living with sister Jemima at Alvechurch.  
 1861: age 56 b. Edgbaston, shareholder, with sister Jemima and brother Henry at Alvechurch

**58. Richards LEE** (*Thomas V<sup>50</sup>, Thomas IV<sup>31</sup>, Thomas III<sup>19</sup>, Thomas II<sup>10</sup>, Thomas I<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born on 13 Jan 1807, <sup>2</sup> and baptised [Richard] with his sister Sarah on 1 Mar 1808 in Edgbaston.<sup>2</sup> Richards died aged 11 on 2 May 1818 and was buried on 8 May 1818 in Old Meeting Ground, Birmingham.<sup>4</sup> Sarah Richards was his gt gt grandmother. Refer to page 63 for his memorial inscription.

**59. Charlotte Ann LEE** (*George Eyre*<sup>52</sup>, *Thomas IV*<sup>31</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 23 Nov 1794 and baptised on 1 Apr 1795 in the Old Meeting House, Birmingham.<sup>25</sup> Charlotte died on 3 Feb 1860 and was buried with her brother William Henry in Key Hill cemetery, Birmingham.<sup>35</sup>

1841: age approx 45, living with George Lee aged 70, assumed to be her father, at Edgbaston.

1851: age 56 born Birmingham, head of her household at Wellington Ed, Edgbaston, living on interests of money and landed property, with 2 household servants.

1860: death notice Birmingham Gazette 4 Feb 1860, probate £12,000

**60. George Cosby LEE** (*George Eyre*<sup>52</sup>, *Thomas IV*<sup>31</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 21 Nov 1796 in Birmingham.<sup>2</sup> He is referred to by Beale as Cosby Lee.<sup>4</sup> He was buried on 12 Jun 1838 in Brislington St Luke, near Bristol, age 41.<sup>21</sup>

1830: Lee & Stewart Partnership dissolved William Henry Stewart, George Cosby Lee and William Henry Lee, Birmingham iron dealers (business to be continued by the 2 Lees) London gazette

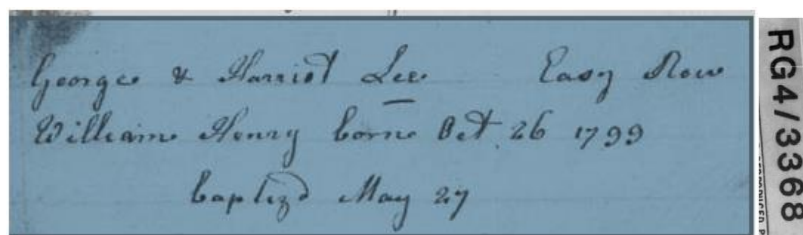
1836: Auction sale of valuable household furnishings and furniture

Probate: 14 August 1838 will of George Cosby LEE, dealer in iron of Edgbaston, Warwickshire, leaving his wife Jane Lee an interest for her widowhood, then to his children if any or failing them to his brother William Henry Lee and sister Charlotte Ann Lee in equal shares.<sup>44</sup>

Cosby married **Jane GUEST**, third daughter of Mr James Guest, Edgbaston Rd, Birmingham, on 14 Apr 1831 in Edgbaston Parish Church.<sup>24</sup> Jane died aged 77 on 4 Dec 1880 at Edgbaston.

Cosby probably had no surviving issue as none was mentioned in his will or his father's will.

**61. William Henry LEE** (*George Eyre*<sup>52</sup>, *Thomas IV*<sup>31</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 26 Oct 1799, and baptised on 27 May 1800 in Birmingham.<sup>2</sup> He died on 22 Dec 1858, of Westbourne Rd, Edgbaston,<sup>4</sup> and was buried at Key Hill cemetery, Birmingham.<sup>35</sup> In RG4/3368 William's mother is given as Harriet, but other records of the same event name her correctly - Charlotte.



1851: age 50, iron merchant of Westborne Rd, Kings Norton, wife Emily (b.Fazeley), 4 children

MI: In memory of William Henry Lee who died December 22nd 1858 aged 59 years.

Also in memory of Stewart eldest son of the above named William Henry Lee & Emily his wife who died at Sydney, Australia November 15th 1869 in the 31st year of his age.<sup>35</sup>

William married **Emily HARDING**, daughter of Charles HARDING, on 1 Feb 1839 in Tamworth, Staffordshire.<sup>24</sup>

William and Emily's children were:

- 74 i. **Stewart LEE** 1839 - 1869
- 75 ii. **Ellen LEE** 1841 -
- 76 iii. **George Arthur LEE** 1843 -
- 77 iv. **William Henry LEE** 1847 -

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## Seventh Generation Part A (Great Grandchildren of Thomas Lee IV)

**62. Thomas Yate LEE** (*Thomas Eyre*<sup>80</sup>, *Thomas V*<sup>50</sup>, *Thomas IV*<sup>31</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 7 May 1819, and baptised on 14 Oct 1819 in the New Meeting House, Unitarian, Moor St, Birmingham.<sup>2</sup> Thomas died aged 53 on 4 Nov 1872 in Kinver.<sup>1, 8</sup> He was buried in the Old Meeting Ground, Birmingham.<sup>4</sup> Refer to page 62 for his memorial inscription.

J.P., B.A. Univ Coll London 1839, called to Bar Lincoln's Inn 1845

He trained as a solicitor, but was later a partner with his father's second cousin John Francis LEE [#121] in the Hyde Iron Works. In a deed of 1868 he is described as "iron-master of Kinver." There appears to have been no Lee in the law firm between 1852 and 1876.

1841: articulated clerk, at home with parents

1845: called to the Bar

1851: of 9 Powis Place, parish St George the Martyr, London, Barrister in actual practice

1860: of Kinfare, re land in Newhall St

1861: age 42, of Redcliffe House [built by TYL in 1858], Kinfare, Barrister not in practice, Master in firm Lee and B....

[undated] Lee & Bolton, Hyde Iron Works

1871: age 51 born Birmingham, of Redcliffe House, Kinver, B.A. University of London, Barrister at Law of Lincolns Inn, J.P. for Staffordshire.

1875: owned 54 acres at Kinver, the only Lee in the return of owners of land in Northamptonshire.

Thomas Yate married **Mary Joanna BERRY**, daughter of Charles BERRY, on 26 Mar 1847 in Leicester, Leicestershire.<sup>1, 8</sup> Mary was born in 1816 in Leicester, and died aged 61 on 15 Jul 1877 in Edgbaston.<sup>4</sup> She was buried in the Old Meeting Ground, Birmingham.<sup>4</sup> Refer to page 62 for her memorial inscription. Her brother Edward Berry age 54, ship owner, was visiting at 1871 census.

Their children were:

78 i. **Thomas Grosvenor LEE** 1848 - 1916

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79 ii. **Charles Eyre LEE** 1849 - 1929

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80 iii. **Emma LEE** 1850 - 1934

Refer to page 30

81 iv. **Edward Henry LEE** 1851 - 1931

Refer to page 30

82 v. **Clara Joanna LEE** 1855 - 1866

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**63. Mary Rebecca LEE** (*Thomas Eyre*<sup>53</sup>, *Thomas V*<sup>50</sup>, *Thomas IV*<sup>31</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 17 Feb 1821, and baptised on 20 Oct 1821 in Birmingham.<sup>2</sup> She died in 1897 in Kingston, Surrey, UK.

1841: visiting her great aunt (?) Susan Coates at Bristol with sister Lydia.

Mary married **William PARKES** C.E. on 8 Aug 1854 at Kinver, Wolverhampton RD, UK.<sup>1, 8</sup> [notice in *The Gentleman's Magazine*] He was born about 1823 in Gloucester, Gloucestershire.<sup>7</sup>

1861: William and Mary at home with Annie and Henry at Kingston.

1871: William and Mary at home Kingston but no children

1881: William, a Civil Engineer, living with his family and 3 live-in servants at 8 Grove Rd, Kingston On Thames, Surrey.

Their children were:

83 i. **Annie PARKES** 1856 -

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84 ii. **Henry "Harry" PARKES** 1858 -

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85 iii. **William Jardine PARKES** 1861 - 1938

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86 iv. **Frank Cecil PARKES** 1864 -

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**64. Lydia LEE** (*Thomas Eyre*<sup>53</sup>, *Thomas V*<sup>50</sup>, *Thomas IV*<sup>31</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 2 Jul 1822, and baptised on 26 Apr 1823 in Birmingham.<sup>2</sup> Lydia died on 14 Nov 1904 in Birmingham at the age of 82, and was buried with her husband at Witton cemetery.<sup>4</sup> Refer to page 62 for her memorial inscription.

1841: age 16 with sister Mary, visiting Susan Coates 75 & Susan Coates 30, at Clifton, Bristol  
1881: residing with her husband at 62B Spring Cottage, Edgbaston, Warwickshire.  
Also visiting at census time was her sister Constance. They had 2 domestic servants.

Lydia married **Charles BEST** on 7 Apr 1849 in the Old Meeting House, Birmingham.<sup>18</sup> They had no children.<sup>1</sup> Charles was born in 1813 in Birmingham, and died on 9 Apr 1900 aged 87.<sup>4</sup>

Charles had become a partner of Lydia's father in the Lee firm in 1844 and continued as sole family representative after Eyre's retirement and Thomas Yates' decision to join his cousin in the Hyde Iron Works. He was eventually joined by his nephews, Thomas Grosvenor and Henry Lee.<sup>6</sup>

**65. Constance Anna LEE** (*Thomas Eyre*<sup>53</sup>, *Thomas V*<sup>50</sup>, *Thomas IV*<sup>31</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>7</sup>) was born on 20 Feb 1825, and baptised on 13 Nov 1828 in Birmingham.<sup>2</sup> Constance died unmarried on 25 Apr 1900 in Redcliff, Kinver, aged 75.<sup>1, 8</sup>

1851: at home, Camden Lodge

1871: age 46, head of household, Warwick, with sister Alice, nephew William Parkes, 1 servant

1881: age 56, born Birmingham, annuitant, visiting her sister Lydia BEST at Edgbaston.

1900: probate at Lichfield to Thomas Grosvenor Lee, value £4225.

**66. Jane Margaret LEE** (*Thomas Eyre*<sup>53</sup>, *Thomas V*<sup>50</sup>, *Thomas IV*<sup>31</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>7</sup>) was born on 15 Oct 1826, and baptised with her sister Constance on 13 Nov 1828 in Birmingham.<sup>2</sup> She died unmarried at the age of 78 on 19 May 1905 in Kinver.<sup>1, 8</sup> and was buried with her parents at Witton cemetery.<sup>4</sup> Refer to page 62 for her memorial inscription [Anne Margaret Lee].

1841: age 14 at home with parents

1871: age 40 visiting her sister Lydia Best.

1881: Jane and Alice were living at Compton Redcliff, Kinver, and this was Constance's home also. The sisters gave their occupations as "Interest of Money & Dividends." They had a live-in couple working for them as gardener/cook, and a 17 year old housemaid.<sup>7</sup>

1901: age 74, head of household at Kinver, with sister Alice and 4 servants (1 attending invalid)

**67. Elizabeth Emma LEE** (*Thomas Eyre*<sup>53</sup>, *Thomas V*<sup>50</sup>, *Thomas IV*<sup>31</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>7</sup>) was born on 6 Mar 1829 and baptised on 30 Dec 1829 in Birmingham.<sup>2</sup> She died aged 17 after a few days' illness on 9 Sep 1846 in Birmingham,<sup>8</sup> and was buried with her parents at the Old Meeting Ground.<sup>4</sup> Refer to page 62 for her memorial inscription. A notice appeared in Patrician magazine Vol 2.

**68. Alice LEE** (*Thomas Eyre*<sup>53</sup>, *Thomas V*<sup>50</sup>, *Thomas IV*<sup>31</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>7</sup>) was born on 4 Aug 1830 and baptised on 14 Dec 1830 in Birmingham.<sup>2</sup> She died unmarried at the age of 71 on 26 Mar 1902 in Kinver,<sup>1, 8</sup> and was buried with her parents at Witton cemetery.<sup>4</sup> Refer to page 62 for her memorial inscription. Lived with her sister Jane at Kinver.

**69. Lawford Yate LEE** (*John Yate*<sup>60</sup>, *Thomas V*<sup>50</sup>, *Thomas IV*<sup>31</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>7</sup>) was born on 17 Jun 1838 in Oxford Terrace, Paddington, London,<sup>8</sup> and baptised on 2 Jan 1839 in the New Meeting House, Unitarian, Moor St, Birmingham.<sup>2</sup> He died on 20 May 1901, aged 62, at his residence Weatheroak, Alvechurch, Worcester.<sup>8, 19</sup> Adopted the surname YATE-LEE.

1863: MA Cambridge, Emmanuel College (scholar and exhibitor)<sup>19</sup>

1864: called to the Bar, of Lincolns Inn<sup>19</sup>

1871: age 32 born Paddington, barrister, living at 35 Connaught Square, London

1881: practising barrister at 11 Gloucester Square, London with wife, 4 children, 6 staff.<sup>7</sup>

1891: age 57, barrister with wife Emma, daughter Florence and 3 servants + sick nurse  
1896: appointed judge of county court, Macclesfield, Cheshire  
Author of standard work on Law of Bankruptcy. Obituary *The Times* 20 May 1901, p11

Lawford married **Emma Marian DASHWOOD** on 23 Sep 1868 in Shenley, Hertford, UK.<sup>8,24</sup>  
Emma was born on 14 Sep 1840 in Clifton, Gloucestershire, and died on 31 Jan 1927 in Kensington.<sup>19</sup>

Their children were:

|    |                                                    |                         |
|----|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 87 | i. <b>Charles YATE-LEE</b> . 1869 - 1939           | <i>Refer to page 31</i> |
| 88 | ii. <b>Frederick Dashwood YATE-LEE</b> 1871 - 1889 | <i>Refer to page 31</i> |
| 89 | iii. <b>Alice Marian YATE-LEE</b> 1872 - 1958      | <i>Refer to page 31</i> |
| 90 | iv. <b>Gertrude Amy YATE-LEE</b> 1873 - 1958       | <i>Refer to page 31</i> |
| 91 | v. <b>Reginald YATE-LEE</b> 1875 - 1941            | <i>Refer to page 31</i> |
| 92 | vi. <b>Florence Selina YATE-LEE</b> 1880 - 1968    | <i>Refer to page 31</i> |

**70. Caroline Sarah LEE** (*John Yate*<sup>60</sup>, *Thomas V*<sup>50</sup>, *Thomas IV*<sup>31</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 1 Dec 1839 in Coventry, and baptised on 13 Mar 1840 at Birmingham.<sup>2</sup> She died on 28 Nov 1907 at Marseille, of Bleasby vicarage, Notts.<sup>19</sup>

1851: age 11 at home with parents.

1861: age 21 at home with parents

Caroline married **Rev Henry Lewis WILLIAMS** on 30 Apr 1878 at the parish church, Bebington, Cheshire.<sup>19</sup>

**71. Thomas Russell LEE** (*John Yate*<sup>60</sup>, *Thomas V*<sup>50</sup>, *Thomas IV*<sup>31</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1841 in Coventry, UK,<sup>8</sup> and died on 7 Jan 1926 of New Ferry, Cheshire.

1851: age 10 at home with parents

1861: age 20 born Coventry, student at Emmanuel College, Cambridge [Thomas R]

1881: age 40, unm. Son, head of household, with brother Edward H, "sister" Ellen Lawford

1884: solicitor of Bebington, Cheshire (probate of his Aunt Ann Jemima Lee)

1892: JP Cheshire, Springwood, New Ferry, Birkenhead – Kelly's Handbook Official Classes

1911: age 70, unmarried, of Lower Bebington, living with brother Edward and three staff

**72. Frances Emma LEE** (*John Yate*<sup>60</sup>, *Thomas V*<sup>50</sup>, *Thomas IV*<sup>31</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 18 Aug 1842 in Coventry.<sup>19</sup> She died aged 75 on 17 Apr 1918 at Mountville, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.<sup>19</sup>

1851: age 8 at home with parents

1861: age 18 at home with parents

Frances married **Edmund Richard PEEL** in 1864.

**73. Edward Hamilton LEE** (*John Yate*<sup>60</sup>, *Thomas V*<sup>50</sup>, *Thomas IV*<sup>31</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born in 1847 in Toxteth Park,<sup>8</sup> and died on 11 Aug 1921, of New Ferry, Cheshire.

1849: baptism of Edward Hamilton Lee at St Michael, Toxteth Park, Liverpool

1851: age 4 at home with parents,

1861: age 14 at home with parents

1881: age 34, with brother Thomas at Lower Bebington, no occupation

**74. Stewart LEE** (*William Henry*<sup>66</sup>, *George Eyre*<sup>52</sup>, *Thomas IV*<sup>31</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born in 1839 in Kings Norton RD, UK, and died aged 30 on 15 Nov 1869 in Sydney, Australia (refer his father's headstone).

1851: age 11 at home with parents at Kings Norton

**75. Ellen LEE** (*William Henry*<sup>66</sup>, *George Eyre*<sup>52</sup>, *Thomas IV*<sup>31</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born in 1841 in Kings Norton RD.

1851: age 10 at home with parents at Kings Norton

**76. George Arthur LEE** (*William Henry*<sup>66</sup>, *George Eyre*<sup>52</sup>, *Thomas IV*<sup>31</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born in 1843 in Kings Norton RD.

1851: age 7 at home with parents at Kings Norton

**77. William Henry LEE** (*William Henry*<sup>66</sup>, *George Eyre*<sup>52</sup>, *Thomas IV*<sup>31</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born in 1847 in Kings Norton RD.

1851: age 3 at home with parents at Kings Norton

Cave houses at Kinver Edge, carved out of the natural cliff face. They have probably been used since prehistoric times, but the last residents moved out in the 1960s. Some of the inhabitants worked at the Hyde Iron Works operated by John Francis Lee [#121] and Thomas Yate Lee [#62]. It has been suggested that they were the inspiration for Tolkien's hobbit holes.



image: [www.kinveredge.org.uk](http://www.kinveredge.org.uk)

## ***Eighth Generation Part A (2x Gt Grandchildren of Thomas Lee IV)***

**78. Thomas Grosvenor LEE** (*Thomas Yate*<sup>67</sup>, *Thomas Eyre*<sup>53</sup>, *Thomas V*<sup>50</sup>, *Thomas IV*<sup>31</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 14 Jan 1848 in Holborn, Middlesex,<sup>1, 8</sup> the elder son of Thomas Yate LEE and Mary Joanna BERRY. He died aged 68 on 21 Jun 1916 in Edgbaston, Warwickshire, and was buried with his wife, his parents and his grandparents in Witton cemetery.<sup>4</sup> Refer to page 62 for his memorial inscription.

1848: named Grosvenor for his mother's brother who had died a few years previously.<sup>1</sup>

1871: age 23 unmarried, at home Kinver, B.A. Univ Coll, London 1866, Solicitor

1881: 38 Westfield Rd, Edgbaston, visitor Elizabeth NOTCUTT, 2 live-in servants.<sup>7</sup>

1891: Solicitor, as previous, with wife and 4 children, 3 servants

1901,1911: Clent House (25 rooms) near Stourbridge, Worces., with wife, 5 servants

Solicitor in the family firm Best Horton and Lee 1876, Horton Lee and Lee 1878<sup>6</sup>

Thomas married **Winifred Hannah NOTCUTT**, daughter of Stephen Abbott NOTCUTT, on 9 Jun 1875 in Unitarian Chapel, Ipswich, Suffolk.<sup>19, 8</sup> Winifred was born on 18 Feb 1852 in Ipswich, and died aged 64 on 21 Mar 1916 in Edgbaston.<sup>1</sup> She was buried with her husband in Witton cemetery.<sup>4</sup>

Their children were:

93 i. **Thomas Oliver LEE** 1876 - 1942

*Refer to page 32*

94 ii. **Clara Winifred LEE** 1878 - 1962

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95 iii. **Emma Rosalind LEE** 1884 - 1959

*Refer to page 32*

96 iv. **Stephen Grosvenor LEE** 1889 - 1962

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**Memorial Plaque:** At a meeting held on this spot on the 20th September 1917, about 200 acres of Kinver Edge were given to the National Trust for Places of Historic Interest or Natural Beauty by Thomas Oliver Lee, Clara Winifred Wight, Emma Rosalind Lee and Stephen Grosvenor Lee, as a memorial to their parents, Thomas Grosvenor Lee, solicitor of Birmingham, and Winifred Hannah Lee, who both died in the year 1916. Thomas Grosvenor Lee took great interest in the preservation of public footpaths and open spaces. Kinver was the home of his youth and throughout his life he always had a great affection for Kinver Edge and the beautiful country in the neighbourhood.

*Image: Rachel Clarke on Flickr*

**79. Charles Eyre LEE** (*Thomas Yate*<sup>67</sup>, *Thomas Eyre*<sup>53</sup>, *Thomas V*<sup>50</sup>, *Thomas IV*<sup>31</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 25 Mar 1849 in London,<sup>1, 8</sup> and died aged 79 on 24 Feb 1929 in Putney.<sup>1, 8</sup>

1871: age 22, unmarried at home Kinver, civil engineer

1881: age 32, Secretary to Iron Smelting Company

Charles married **Eugenie Ellen RENANT** on 14 Sep 1874 in St Bartholomew's Church, Gray's Inn Road, London, separated 8 Aug 1888.<sup>18</sup> Eugenie was born about 1854 in Folkstone, Kent and died on 10 Mar 1906, of Bayswater, Middlesex. Refer Law Times Reports 1908. They had no children.<sup>1</sup>

**80. Emma LEE** (*Thomas Yate*<sup>67</sup>, *Thomas Eyre*<sup>53</sup>, *Thomas V*<sup>50</sup>, *Thomas IV*<sup>31</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 15 May 1850 in London.<sup>1</sup> She died unmarried aged 84 on 29 Aug 1934 of 37 Vicarage Road, Edgbaston.<sup>19</sup>

1871: age 20, at home Kinver

**81. Edward Henry LEE** (*Thomas Yate*<sup>67</sup>, *Thomas Eyre*<sup>53</sup>, *Thomas V*<sup>50</sup>, *Thomas IV*<sup>31</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 3 Oct 1851 in London,<sup>1, 8</sup> and died on 10 May 1931 in Malvern.<sup>1</sup> He was a solicitor in the family firm in Birmingham, e.g. Horton Lee and Lee 1878.

1871: age 19, at home Kinver, solicitor's articled clerk

1881: solicitor, living with his sister Emma at York Rd, Edgbaston, 2 servants

1882: of 15 Newhall St, Birmingham, subscriber to "*Memorial of the Old Meeting House*"<sup>4</sup>

Henry married **Sarah Linacre EVERSFIELD** in 1888 in Bakewell RD.<sup>8</sup> They had no children.<sup>1</sup> Birmingham City Archives have their marriage settlement MS 3375/1567 1888

**82. Clara Joanna LEE** (*Thomas Yate*<sup>67</sup>, *Thomas Eyre*<sup>53</sup>, *Thomas V*<sup>50</sup>, *Thomas IV*<sup>31</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 12 Dec 1855 in Kinver, Staffordshire.<sup>1</sup> She died at the age of 10 on 24 May 1866, and was buried in Kinver churchyard.<sup>4</sup>

**83. Annie PARKES** (*Mary Rebecca LEE*<sup>68</sup>, *Thomas Eyre*<sup>53</sup>, *Thomas V*<sup>50</sup>, *Thomas IV*<sup>31</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1856 in Italy (British subject).<sup>7</sup>

1861: age 5 at home with parents

1881: age 25 born Italy, British subject, unmarried at home with parents

**84. Henry (Harry) PARKES** (*Mary Rebecca LEE*<sup>68</sup>, *Thomas Eyre*<sup>53</sup>, *Thomas V*<sup>50</sup>, *Thomas IV*<sup>31</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1858 at Kingston, Surrey, UK.

1861: age 3 at home with parents

not at home in 1871, 1881 census.

Harry had a son John, another son killed in action 1914-18, and a daughter drowned by enemy action in the Irish Sea.<sup>1</sup>

**85. William Jardine PARKES** (*Mary Rebecca LEE*<sup>68</sup>, *Thomas Eyre*<sup>53</sup>, *Thomas V*<sup>50</sup>, *Thomas IV*<sup>31</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born in 1861 in Surbiton, Surrey,<sup>1, 7</sup> and died in 1938 in Queensland, Australia. Jardine is understood to have had children called Claud and Dorothy.<sup>1</sup>

1871: age 9, visiting his aunts Constance and Alice at Warwick.

1881: William J, son, age 19, born Surbiton, Surrey, Merchant's Clerk, at home with parents

**86. Frank Cecil PARKES** (*Mary Rebecca LEE*<sup>68</sup>, *Thomas Eyre*<sup>53</sup>, *Thomas V*<sup>50</sup>, *Thomas IV*<sup>31</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born in 1864.<sup>1</sup>

1881: age 17, born Chester, pupil, boarding with retired minister, Kingston, Surrey

**87. Charles YATE-LEE** (*Lawford Yate*<sup>74</sup>, *John Yate*<sup>60</sup>, *Thomas V*<sup>50</sup>, *Thomas IV*<sup>31</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 15 Nov 1869 in Paddington, London,<sup>8</sup> and died on 31 Aug 1939 in London.<sup>19</sup>

1871: age 1 at home with parents

1881: not at home

1887-88: mentioned in sports results - Eton College - in Cricket XI

1899: played cricket for MCC, also for Cheshire

1924: solicitor, 2 Temple Gardens, City of London

Charles married **Albinia Grace FREMANTLE** in 1894 in Kensington RD.<sup>8</sup> Albinia died in 1956.

- 97      i. **Delvin Fremantle YATE-LEE** was born [only child] on 10 Nov 1902 in London and died in 1985 Worthing, West Sussex, UK. Cadet at Sandhurst Military College 1923

**88. Frederick Dashwood YATE-LEE** (*Lawford Yate*<sup>74</sup>, *John Yate*<sup>60</sup>, *Thomas V*<sup>50</sup>, *Thomas IV*<sup>31</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1871. He died aged 18 at Calgary, Canada, as a result of an accident on 21 Jun 1889, second son of L Yate Lee of Lincoln's Inn.

**89. Alice Marian YATE-LEE** (*Lawford Yate*<sup>74</sup>, *John Yate*<sup>60</sup>, *Thomas V*<sup>50</sup>, *Thomas IV*<sup>31</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born in 1872 in Paddington, London, and died in 1958 in Poole, Dorset.<sup>8</sup>

1881: age 8 at home with parents

1891: not at home

**90. Gertrude Amy YATE-LEE** (*Lawford Yate*<sup>74</sup>, *John Yate*<sup>60</sup>, *Thomas V*<sup>50</sup>, *Thomas IV*<sup>31</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born in 1873 in Paddington, London, and died in 1958 in Winchester, Hampshire.

1881: age 7 at home with parents      1891: not at home

Gertrude married **Walter A CONGREVE** in 1914 in Kensington RD.<sup>8</sup>

**91. Reginald YATE-LEE** (*Lawford Yate*<sup>74</sup>, *John Yate*<sup>60</sup>, *Thomas V*<sup>50</sup>, *Thomas IV*<sup>31</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born in 1875 in Paddington, London and died on 5 Oct 1941 of Southbourne, Bournemouth.<sup>19</sup>

1881: age 5 at home with parents

1891: not at home

1911: farm bailiff, Gloucestershire

1925: of "Shrublands" near Bournemouth, retired planter

Reginald married **Edith Constance WILLIAMS**, in 1901 Cheltenham RD. 1 son and 1 daughter

**92. Florence Selina YATE-LEE** (*Lawford Yate*<sup>74</sup>, *John Yate*<sup>60</sup>, *Thomas V*<sup>50</sup>, *Thomas IV*<sup>31</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) born in 1880 in Paddington, London,<sup>8</sup> and died in 1968 in Tonbridge, Kent.

1881: age 8 months at home with parents      1891: age 9 at home with parents

1903: BA, Cambridge, Girton College

Cambridge Mathematical tripos, MA, TCD, London University Secondary teachers' diploma

1904-07 Senior Maths Mistress Central Newcastle High School

1907-08 Rutherford College for Girls, Newcastle

1909 Headmistress Skelfield School for Girls, Topcliffe, Ripon, Yorkshire

## 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Generations Pt A (3x Great Grandchildren of Thomas Lee IV)

**93. Thomas Oliver LEE** (*Thomas Grosvenor*<sup>83</sup>, *Thomas Yate*<sup>67</sup>, *Thomas Eyre*<sup>53</sup>, *Thomas V*<sup>50</sup>, *Thomas IV*<sup>31</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 17 Jul 1876 in Edgbaston.<sup>1</sup> He died on 28 Jul 1942 in Birmingham,<sup>1</sup> as result of a World War II air raid on Birmingham.

1876: the name Oliver probably asserts the family's support for Oliver Cromwell

1903: admitted to the Law Society

1905: joined the firm of Lee, Musgrove & Co. of Birmingham.

On the Board of several Birmingham hospitals.

Thomas married **Phyllis Hornblower MARSTON**, daughter of William York MARSTON and Alice HORNBLOWER, on 22 Aug 1908 in Birmingham. Phyllis was born on 3 Apr 1885 in Birmingham,<sup>1</sup> and died there in 1958. 1932 serving sister in the Order of St John, 1941 promoted to sister.

Their children were:

- 98 i. **Margaret Hornblower LEE** was born on 17 Sep 1910 in Birmingham and died in 1966. She was married on 17 Sep 1931 in Birmingham to the **Rev Ronald Maysey VERITY**. He was born in 1901, a twin. They had 3 sons and 2 daughters.<sup>1</sup>
- 99 ii. **Thomas Marston LEE** was born on 23 Feb 1913 in Birmingham and died in 1972. Solicitor in family firm. He was married on 10 Jun 1939 in Auckland, NZ, to **Fiona Margaret MacKENZIE**, born Auckland 27 Aug 1914, died Birmingham 4 Mar 1998. J.P. Refer to Appendix 5 page 68 for notes on the MacKenzies. They had 3 sons.
- 100 iii. **Ruth Alice LEE** was born on 6 Sep 1917 in Birmingham, a twin. She was married on 7 Mar 1942 in Birmingham to **Kenneth Clutha Edward MacKENZIE** (brother of Fiona above) who was born on 6 Jan 1916 in Auckland. They had a son and a daughter.
- 101 iv. **Brenda Winifred LEE** was born on 6 Sep 1917 in Birmingham, a twin. She was married on 14 Sep 1940 in Birmingham to **Arthur Richard BOWEN**. They had 2 sons.
- 102 v. **Rachel Clare LEE** was born on 20 Apr 1922 in Birmingham.<sup>1</sup>

**94. Clara Winifred LEE** (*Thomas Grosvenor*<sup>83</sup>, *Thomas Yate*<sup>67</sup>, *Thomas Eyre*<sup>53</sup>, *Thomas V*<sup>50</sup>, *Thomas IV*<sup>31</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 2 Dec 1878 in Edgbaston,<sup>1</sup> and died in 1962.

1881: aged 2, at home with parents at Edgbaston

Clara married **Reginald WIGHT** on 28 Sep 1909 in Stourbridge. They had no children.<sup>1</sup>

**95. Emma Rosalind LEE** (*Thomas Grosvenor*<sup>83</sup>, *Thomas Yate*<sup>67</sup>, *Thomas Eyre*<sup>53</sup>, *Thomas V*<sup>50</sup>, *Thomas IV*<sup>31</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 10 Jan 1884 in Edgbaston.<sup>1</sup> She died unmarried in 1959 in Smethwick RD, aged 75.<sup>8</sup>

She was in clerical orders.<sup>1</sup>

Corresponded with Lyall Hodgson re family history in 1952 from Kinver, and 1953 from West Swansea.

Author of: 'The Unitarian Church, Melbourne, Victoria' Transactions of Unitarian Historical Society 3:4 (1926) 335-349

'An episode in the history of the Old Meeting House, Birmingham, illustrated in some letters ... of Thomas Eyre Lee' Transactions of Unitarian Historical Society 11:4 (1958) 163-175

**96. Stephen Grosvenor LEE.** (*Thomas Grosvenor*<sup>83</sup>, *Thomas Yate*<sup>67</sup>, *Thomas Eyre*<sup>53</sup>, *Thomas V*<sup>50</sup>, *Thomas IV*<sup>31</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 20 Feb 1889 in Edgbaston,<sup>1</sup> and died aged 73 in 1962 in West Glamorgan RD.

MA, Fellow, tutor in Modern History, and Senior Dean of Arts, Magdalen College, Oxford.

From 1921-1947 he lived at Magdalen House, 61 High Street, Oxford, viewed at: <http://www.oxfordhistory.org.uk/high/tour/south/061.html>. Later of Swansea, Wales.

Contributing author to *A Cromwellian Major General* by James Berry, 1938

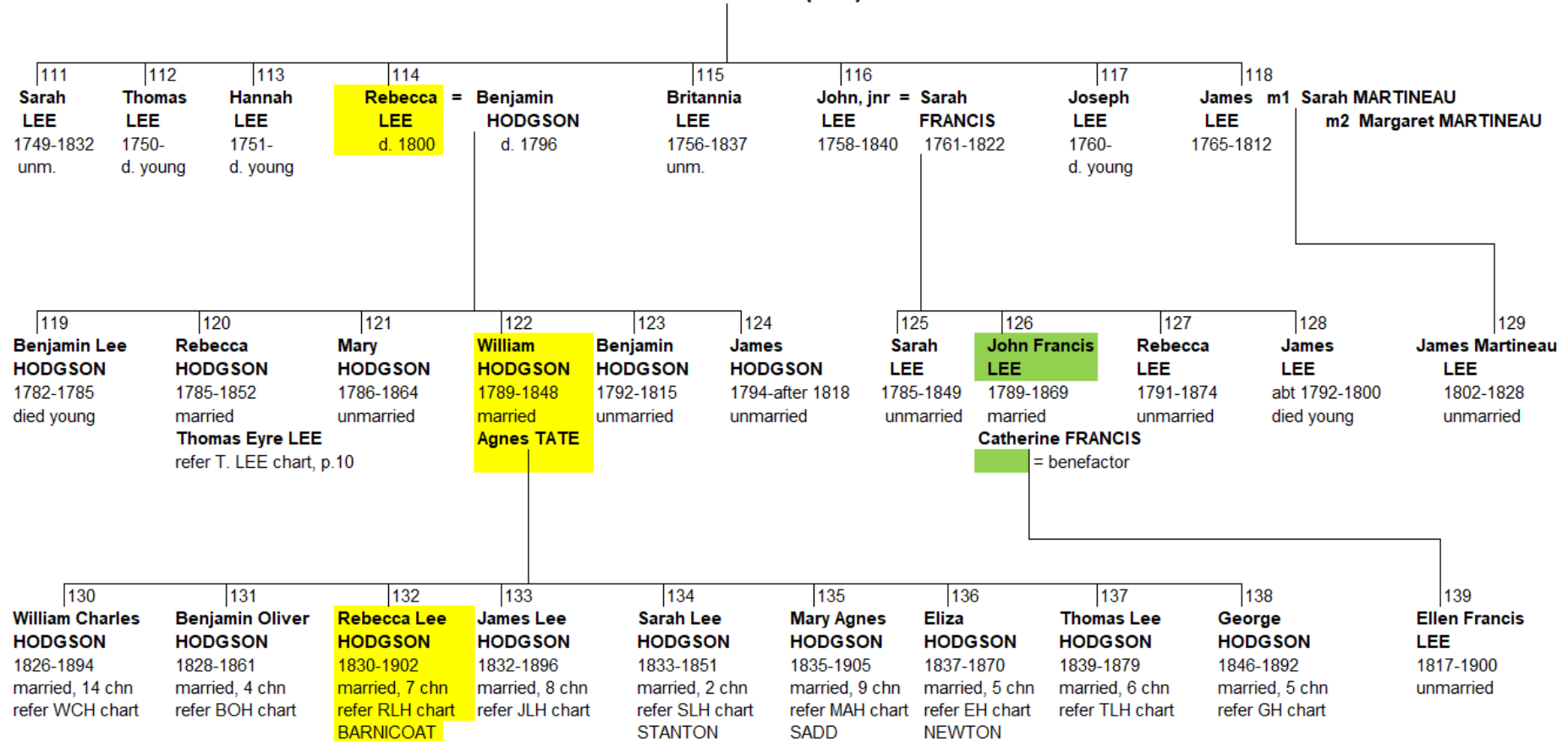
Stephen married **Eleanor Gill WELCH** of Handsworth on 1 May 1915 in Cambridge, Cambridgeshire.<sup>1</sup> She died about 1963, leaving her estate to Newnham College Oxford, after life

interest to her children:

- 103      i. **Lucy Winifred LEE** was born on 18 Sep 1917.<sup>1</sup>
- 104      ii. **John Steven Grosvenor LEE** was born in 1919. BA (Oxon); Major, King's  
Shropshire Light Infantry World War II, killed in action on 8 Feb 1944, at Anzio, Italy.  
Unmarried.<sup>1</sup>
- 105      iii. **Roger Edward LEE**, MA, BM, BCh 1920-1984.<sup>1</sup> Anaesthetist, Birmingham.<sup>9</sup>

## Lee Families of East Farndon and Birmingham

**Chart 3: Descendants of John LEE (#32) and Rebecca HORNBLOWER**



## Section 3: Descendants of John LEE

### *Fourth Generation Part B (John Lee 1724-1795)*

**27. John LEE** (*Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 2 Sep 1724, the younger son of Thomas LEE III and Sarah RICHARDS (page 16). The East Farndon register has an entry under 1724: *John son of Mr Thos & Sarah Lee was born Sep 2*, but no mention of where born or baptized.<sup>49</sup> He died on 10 Jul 1795 aged 70, and was buried on 14 Jul 1795 in the Old Meeting Ground, Birmingham.<sup>4</sup> Refer to page 64 for his monumental inscription. His will, page 69, mentions sons John and James, daughters Sarah, Rebecca and Britannia, nephew Thomas [#45], wife Mary, and sister-in-law Hester Bradshaw.<sup>44</sup> He also mentions the portrait of his ancestor, the hand worked chair made by his wife (see below), and Birmingham Canal shares.

John Lee was a Unitarian, a button manufacturer and American merchant of 115 Snow Hill, Birmingham, and finally of Handsworth, in Staffordshire.<sup>1</sup>

Button collecting has become a serious hobby, especially brass buttons from military uniforms. It is possible that buttons manufactured by John Lee could still be identified, though I have not pursued this line of enquiry. Try [www.britishbuttonsociety.org](http://www.britishbuttonsociety.org). An overview of button manufacturing in Birmingham is included in Appendix 8.

The first home of the Birmingham Library [a private subscription library - refer Appendix 4] was in John Lee's house, at Snow Hill. His son John [aged about 21 at that time] had the care and management of the books, which were exchanged every morning between the hours of nine and ten. As the number of books increased a bookcase was made, fitted up with sliding shelves, on which they were kept until 1782, when the library was moved to the Swan Yard. This bookcase from the Lee household was presented to the Library by a family member many years afterwards. In 1962 it was exhibited in the Margaret Street premises.<sup>10</sup> This involvement with the library fits with the emphasis that the Dissenters' placed on education, a philosophy which was still in evidence among John's Hodgson descendants in New Zealand a century later.

The Dictionary of National Biography has an entry for "John Lee, 1733-1793, ..... a friend of Priestley." Given Priestley's involvement with the Birmingham Library [refer Appendix 4] it seemed possible that this entry was "our" John Lee. However, following correspondence with the Birmingham City Library and with Dr R J Hetherington I am assured that the Dictionary entry is for a different man. Priestley has another link with this family, as a relative of "our" John Lee's granddaughter-in-law, Agnes Tate [120].<sup>37</sup>

John married **Rebecca HORNBLOWER** of Kidderminster on 26 Apr 1748 in Halesowen, Worcestershire.<sup>1, 24</sup> Rebecca was baptised on 6 Jul 1721 in St Mary's, Kidderminster, Worcestershire, daughter of **John HORNBLOWER** and **Hannah [TAYLER]**.<sup>25</sup> She died on 2 Apr 1775, and was buried with her husband in the Old Meeting Ground, Birmingham.<sup>4</sup> Refer to page 69 for her monumental inscription. Refer to page 73 for details of her father's will, and a Hornblower family chart.

John and Rebecca's children were:

|     |                                        |                         |
|-----|----------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 106 | i. <b>Sarah LEE</b> 1749 - 1832        | <i>Refer to page 38</i> |
| 107 | ii. <b>Thomas LEE</b> 1750 -           | <i>Refer to page 38</i> |
| 108 | iii. <b>Hannah LEE</b> 1751 -          | <i>Refer to page 38</i> |
| 109 | iii. <b>Rebecca LEE</b> d.1800         | <i>Refer to page 38</i> |
| 110 | iv. <b>Britannia LEE</b> 1756 - 1837   | <i>Refer to page 39</i> |
| 111 | v. <b>John LEE, junior</b> 1758 - 1840 | <i>Refer to page 39</i> |
| 112 | vi. <b>Joseph LEE</b> 1760 -           | <i>Refer to page 39</i> |
| 113 | vii. <b>James LEE</b> 1765 - 1812      | <i>Refer to page 40</i> |



Rebecca's dowry included a tapestry chair with her name and the date, 1738, stitched in the corner. She must have completed it when only 17 years old.

This chair passed by family wills to her daughter Rebecca [#109], wife of Benjamin Hodgson, then to her eldest daughter Sarah Lee [#106], and then to Mary Hodgson [#116], her granddaughter.

The Hodgson line having terminated in England with Mary's death, the chair passed down through the Thomas Lee family and was finally sold to the City of Birmingham in 1942 by Phyllis Hornblower Lee after the death of her husband Thomas Oliver Lee [#93]. Rebecca Hornblower was 4x gt aunt to both of this couple.

In 1995 the chair was displayed at Aston Hall, Birmingham, and appeared in excellent condition following restoration, including replacement of the legs, carried out on behalf of the museum.<sup>13</sup>

*Image courtesy Birmingham Museums*



see also <http://www.genealogy.ianskipworth.com/pdf/rebeccahornblower.pdf>

John [LEA] married as his second wife **Mary BRADSHAW** 21 Jan 1777 at Hartlebury, near Kidderminster,<sup>3</sup> or at Stafford.<sup>24</sup> John referred to "my sister-in-law Hester Bradshaw" in his will (page 68). Mary was born about 1724, died on 28 Oct 1806, and was buried with her husband in the Old Meeting Ground, Birmingham.<sup>4</sup>

Deed 20 Dec 1802 of Mary Lee of Birmingham, widow of John Lee, buttonmaker and formerly Mary Bradshaw, Hester Bradshaw of Birmingham spinster, Thomas Lee of Birmingham gent, John Lee of Birmingham merchant, and James Lee of City of London, merchant. This deed links Mary with her deceased husband, her sister, her husband's nephew Thomas, and her stepsons John jnr and James.<sup>31</sup>

## Fifth Generation Part B (Children of John Lee)



Image Phyllis Nicklin 1960

**106. Sarah LEE** (*John<sup>32</sup>, Thomas III<sup>19</sup>, Thomas II<sup>10</sup>, Thomas I<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was born about 1749 and died unmarried on 13 Oct 1832. She was buried aged 85, on 20 Oct 1832 in the Old Meeting Ground, Birmingham.<sup>4</sup> Her will, page 69, refers to her brother John, sister Britannia, and nephews and nieces JF Lee, his wife and daughter, Rebecca [Mrs T. E.] Lee, William Hodgson, Mary Hodgson. She also mentions portraits of her father and gt gt grandfather, and 3 Birmingham Canal shares. She was probably the "Mrs" S Lee of Easy Row, Birmingham to whom letters were written by her brother James Lee. Easy Row, demolished in the 1960s to make way for the inner ring road, was in the same quarter as her father's residence in Snow Hill and her uncle's in Newhall Street and Camden Street.

The image is of a house in Easy Row (since demolished) to give an impression of the area, but is not necessarily the particular house used by the Lees.

Noted that George Eyre Lee (#47) had earlier lived at Easy Row, possibly in the same house.

**107. Thomas LEE** (*John<sup>32</sup>, Thomas III<sup>19</sup>, Thomas II<sup>10</sup>, Thomas I<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was baptised on 31 Oct 1750 in Birmingham<sup>2</sup> but died young.<sup>1</sup>

**108. Hannah LEE** (*John<sup>32</sup>, Thomas III<sup>19</sup>, Thomas II<sup>10</sup>, Thomas I<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was baptised on 29 Dec 1751 in Birmingham.<sup>2</sup> Not mentioned in the family archive,<sup>1</sup> presumed to have died in infancy.

**109. Rebecca LEE** (*John<sup>32</sup>, Thomas III<sup>19</sup>, Thomas II<sup>10</sup>, Thomas I<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) born about 1754 (year calculated from burial age). She was buried on 8 Sep 1800 in Goodman's Fields [No 16, distance 17] burial ground, Presbyterian age 46 of Newington Green, fee 9/-. Will proved PCC Sep 1800 probate £2000, refer page 70.

Rebecca married 1780, **Benjamin HODGSON**, widower, of London. He died on 3 Jan 1796 in London, buried 8 Jan 1796, in Goodman's Fields [no 16 distance 17] Presbyterian burial ground, Stepney, London;<sup>59</sup> age 50 of Edmonton, will proved PCC Jan 1796, refer page 72. Benjamin was a business partner of her brother James, a leatherseller and liveryman of the Glovers' Company, City of London, formerly of Bradford. Benjamin Hodgson's descendants are the subject of a separate paper.<sup>37</sup>

Their children were:

- |     |                                            |                         |
|-----|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 114 | i. <b>Benjamin Lee HODGSON</b> 1782 - 1785 | <i>Refer to page 41</i> |
| 115 | ii. <b>Rebecca HODGSON</b> 1785 - 1852     | <i>Refer to page 41</i> |
| 116 | iii. <b>Mary HODGSON</b> 1786 - 1864       | <i>Refer to page 41</i> |
| 117 | iv. <b>William HODGSON</b> 1789 - 1848     | <i>Refer to page 41</i> |
| 118 | v. <b>Benjamin HODGSON</b> 1792 - 1815     | <i>Refer to page 42</i> |
| 119 | vi. <b>James HODGSON</b> 1794 - after 1818 | <i>Refer to page 42</i> |

**110. Britannia LEE** (*John<sup>32</sup>, Thomas III<sup>19</sup>, Thomas II<sup>10</sup>, Thomas I<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was baptised on 20 Dec 1756 in Birmingham.<sup>2</sup> She died unmarried in 1837 in Newington Green, Middlesex and was buried on 18 Mar 1837 at Bunhill Fields (vault 13/58 opened).<sup>2</sup> Will proved PCC Jun 1837, probate £4000, refer page 70.

18 Britannia Lee 80 Yrs Newington Green opened

1780s supported her sister Rebecca at her confinements at St Paul's churchyard and later at Edmonton, but it is not clear when her permanent home removed from Birmingham to London. 1796 after the death of Benjamin Hodgson, resided with Rebecca at Newington Green, possibly sharing the property with brother James' wife and son.

1800 appointed guardian, with her brother James, of sister Rebecca's children

1800 a letter<sup>14</sup> from Britannia to her sister Sarah describes how she and James decided to summon a surgeon to the house for a post-mortem examination of her sister's body because they were uncertain of the exact cause of her death. Stress seemed to be placed on the finding that her lungs were in perfect order, her immediate problem being a burst vessel in the stomach. At a time when many ladies would have been thought too "sensitive" to discuss such matters, these sisters seem remarkably modern in their quest for knowledge.

1837 buried with her brother James in the family vault at Bunhill Fields

Britannia is remembered as a frequent helper in family crises, and in 1980 I was shown the "Britannia chest" where articles were stored in readiness for her visits.

#### Newington Green Unitarian Church



From the seventeenth century Newington Green had been a haven for dissenters. The Unitarian Chapel at the north side of the green, built in 1708, still stands, and is the oldest non-conformist church in the UK still in use for worship. In 1805 the village was still largely surrounded by farmland, but in the mid-nineteenth century it changed rapidly, influenced by the advent of the North London railway.

image Wikipedia

**111. John LEE, junior** (*John<sup>32</sup>, Thomas III<sup>19</sup>, Thomas II<sup>10</sup>, Thomas I<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>*) was baptised on 20 Feb 1758 in Birmingham,<sup>2</sup> and died on 3 Aug 1840 in Boston, Massachusetts, USA.<sup>41</sup> Will of John Lee of Boston, Massachusetts, USA 30 Nov 1840, refer page 70.

In his youth he was one of the founders of Birmingham Library in 1779 and its first librarian. He was "of Yardley" in 1798 when he subscribed to the tontine for the Birmingham Public Library, refer to Appendix 3, page 65.

Developed merchant interests in Boston, Massachusetts, and settled there before 1812.<sup>14</sup>

1840 death notice: "On the 3rd ult. (i.e. 3 August) at Boston, Massachusetts, aged 82, Mr John Lee, formerly a merchant in this town."<sup>41</sup>

John married **Sarah FRANCIS** daughter of **John FRANCIS** and **Jane** in 1785.<sup>1</sup> Sarah was baptised on 21 Jan 1761 in New Meeting House, Unitarian, Moor St, Birmingham and died 9 Jun 1822 in Boston. She was buried initially in tomb 112, Central Burial Ground, Boston and reinterred in 1836 in plot 530 Rose Path, Mount Auburn cemetery, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Their children were:

- |     |                                         |                  |
|-----|-----------------------------------------|------------------|
| 120 | i. <b>Sarah LEE</b> 1785 - 1849         | Refer to page 42 |
| 121 | ii. <b>John Francis LEE</b> 1789 - 1869 | Refer to page 43 |
| 122 | iii. <b>Rebecca LEE</b> 1791 - 1874     | Refer to page 43 |
| 123 | iv. <b>James LEE</b> 1792 - 1800        | Refer to page 44 |

**112. Joseph LEE** (*John*<sup>32</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was baptised on 21 May 1760 in Birmingham,<sup>2</sup> but died young.<sup>1</sup>

**113. James LEE** (*John*<sup>32</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was baptised on 11 Jan 1765 Birmingham,<sup>2</sup> and buried on 13 May 1812 at Bunhill Fields (vault 12/58 opened) aged 48.<sup>2</sup>

James was a leatherseller and liveryman of the Leatherseller's Company, London, in partnership with his brother-in-law Benjamin Hodgson. He was also referred to as a warehouseman of Watling St London in 1800, trustee of his sister Rebecca's will.

1784: age 19, letter describes part of a four week journey on horseback to do "business" (perhaps buying cloth on behalf of his father) in Bath, Warminster, Shaftesbury etc.<sup>14</sup>

1789-1796 (possibly earlier) in partnership with Benjamin Hodgson, leatherseller, London

1798: of Godliman St, London put £3000 into partnership with Thomas Langston of Manchester, manufacturer, re Manchester warehouse business, also house at 91 Watling St London<sup>29</sup>

1799: James Lee of Watling Street - notice of marriage in *Whitehall Evening Post*<sup>18</sup>

1800: on the death of his sister Rebecca became guardian of 5 Hodgson children aged 6–15.

1807: occupier of house at Newington Green on Cubitt estate (for sisters Rebecca & Britannia)<sup>45</sup>

1809: Sun insurance policy - James Lee, the north side of Newington Green, gent<sup>28</sup>

1810: James was in serious financial difficulty "not of his making", needing help from family

1819: Bankruptcy proceedings against James Lee, John Scott Martineau and James Wilkinson, factors, dealers and chapmen of Bread St, London<sup>19</sup> [James deceased by this date]

James married **Sarah MARTINEAU** on 10 Jan 1799, St Saviour, Norwich, Norfolk, UK.<sup>24,18</sup> Sarah was baptised on 25 Jun 1760 in Octagon-Presbyterian, Norwich, daughter of David MARTINEAU and Sarah. She was buried at Bunhill Fields of Watling St, age 41 (vault 12/58 fee £20) on 6 May 1802, shortly after the birth of her only child.<sup>2,40</sup>



Octagon Presbyterian Chapel, Norwich – the Martineau family's congregation

James and Sarah had a son:

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i. **James Martineau LEE** 1802 - 1828

*Refer to page 44*

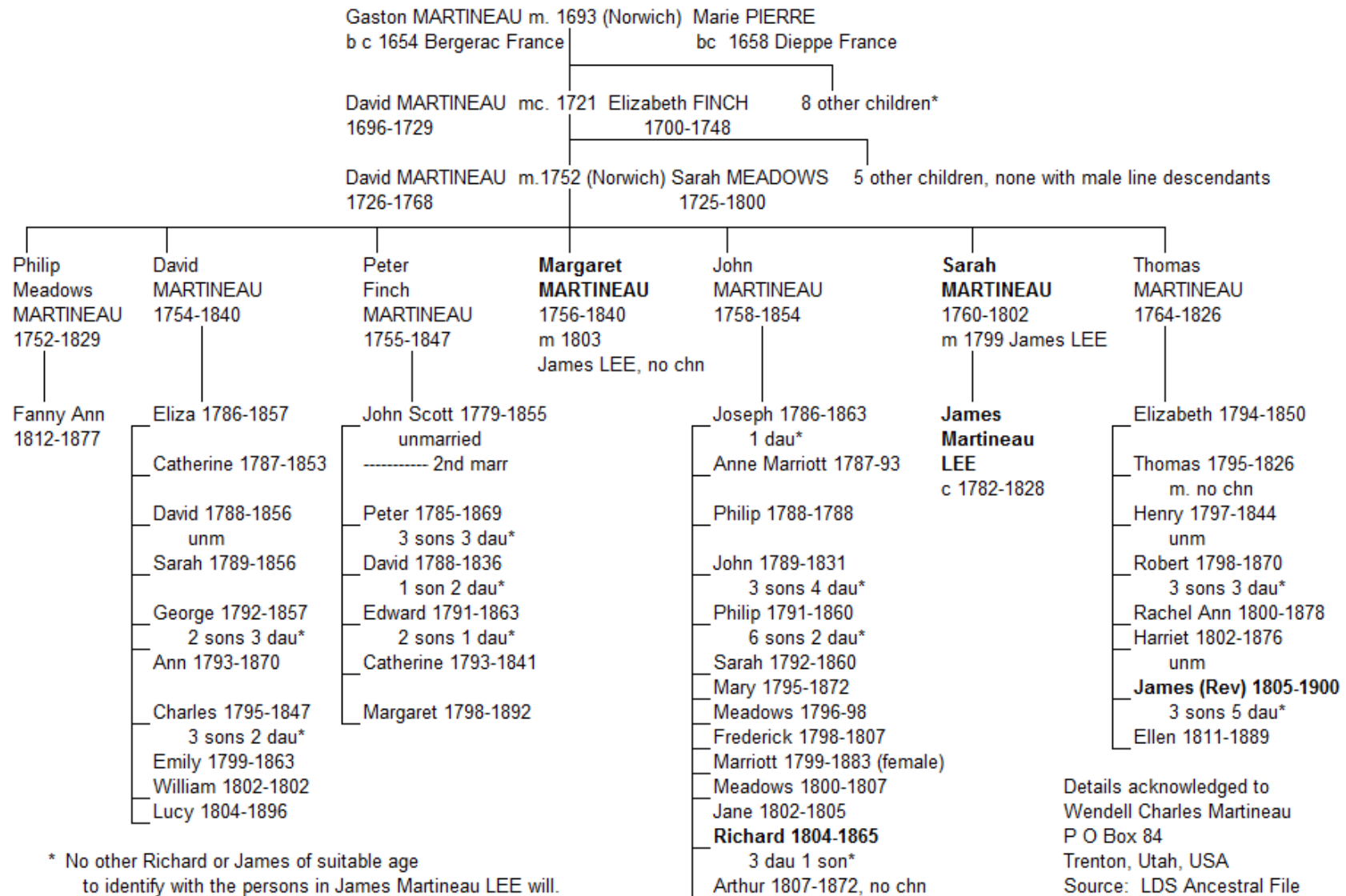
James married as his second wife Sarah's older sister **Margaret MARTINEAU** in 1803.<sup>40</sup> Margaret was baptised on 26 Jul 1756 in Octagon-Presbyterian, Norwich. She was buried on 19 Mar 1840 at Bunhill Fields (vault 13/58), age 83, of Fludyer St, Westminster [Harriet Martineau's address].<sup>2, 42</sup>

She would be the Margaret Martineau Lee who lived for a time in London with her niece Harriet Martineau, a well-known Unitarian writer and social reformer.<sup>42</sup> [Harriet was the daughter of Sarah and Margaret's brother Thomas.] The Martineaus and the Lees shared Unitarian views. The Martineaus (refer chart page 43) came of a line of surgeons descended from a Huguenot refugee, and this was the chosen career of James and Sarah's son. James Lee lived in London, which fits with his widow living with her niece in London. Harriet Martineau's father was in the business of cloth manufacture, which could have brought him into contact with James Lee, leatherseller and warehouseman. The Martineau family had connections with the Old Meeting House in Birmingham.

*In 2023, shortly before the Coronation of King Charles III, the Prince and Princess of Wales made an official visit to Birmingham. As part of the publicity for this event, a story was released highlighting Princess Catherine's descent from a Birmingham merchant, Sir Thomas Martineau 1774-1826, who appears on my Martineau chart (page 41) as the youngest brother of the two wives of this James Lee: Sarah and Margaret Martineau. I was first alerted to this connection when the story was mentioned briefly in a TV news bulletin, which also mentioned Thomas Martineau's daughter Harriet, "the well-known social reformer", leaving no doubt about Thomas Martineau's identity. I have set out the detailed lineage behind this story on page 42.*

*The only member of the Lee family with Martineau blood was James Martineau Lee, #124 above, who had no children. Descendants of Rebecca Lee, #109, wife of Benjamin Hodgson, have a connection by marriage to the Princess of Wales and her descendants. Discovering this link when the Coronation was imminent was quite special.*

## Martineau Family Chart



## Catherine, Princess of Wales, and the Martineau family

Individuals highlighted in bold trace the genetic line from Catherine Middleton to her 6x gt grandparents, David Martineau and Sarah Meadows, who were the common ancestors of Catherine and her first cousin 6x removed James Martineau Lee (#124 in this story). James had no children and no siblings, but many cousins descended from James' aunt, Rebecca Lee (#109), the wife of Benjamin Hodgson. These Hodgsons and their kin are thus all in-laws (i.e. related by marriage) to the Middleton family.

### Catherine, Princess of Wales

Parents: **Michael Francis MIDDLETON** 1949-  
Carole GOLDSMITH 1955-

Grandparents: **Peter Francis MIDDLETON** 1920-2010  
Valerie GLASSBORROW 1924-2006

Gt Grandparents: **Richard Noel MIDDLETON** 1878-1951  
Olive Christiana LUPTON 1881-1936

2x Gt Grandparents: **Francis Martineau LUPTON** 1848-1921  
Harriet Albina DAVIS 1850-1892

3x Gt Grandparents: Francis LUPTON III 1813-1884  
**Frances Elizabeth GREENHOW** 1821-1892

4x Gt Grandparents: Dr Thomas Michael GREENHOW 1792-1881  
**Elizabeth MARTINEAU** 1794-1850

5x Gt Grandparents: Sir **Thomas MARTINEAU** (Mayor of Birmingham) 1764-1826  
Elizabeth RANKIN 1771-1848

6x Gt Grandparents: **David MARTINEAU** 1726-1768  
**Sarah MEADOWS** 1725-1800

## 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Generations Part B (G.children & Gt G.children of John Lee)

**114. Benjamin Lee HODGSON** (*Rebecca*<sup>114</sup>, *John*<sup>32</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born in Sep 1782 in London, and baptised on 11 Oct 1782 in Carter Lane Presbyterian Church, Blackfriars, London.<sup>2</sup> In the birth register his name is spelled Lea and his father is recorded as William instead of Benjamin. However the father's occupation is stated correctly as leather-seller and this, together with the address in the burial seems to confirm the identification. Benjamin Hodgson, aged 3, of St Paul's Church yard, was buried on 25 May 1785 at Goodman's Field [no 17, distance 44 – the same grave as his father's first wife] Presbyterian Chapel on Somerset Street in the parish of Stepney, London.<sup>2</sup>

**115. Rebecca HODGSON** (*Rebecca*<sup>114</sup>, *John*<sup>32</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 28 Jul 1785 in the Parish of St Gregory, London.<sup>2</sup> She died on 12 Sep 1852 and was buried in the Old Meeting Ground, Birmingham.<sup>4</sup>

Rebecca married her second cousin **Thomas Eyre LEE** [#48] on 4 Apr 1818 in Stoke Newington Parish church, Borough of Hackney, London.<sup>21</sup> For their descendants refer to Section 2. From the 17th century, the village of Stoke Newington was affected by the expansion of London, at first as a refuge for Dissenters, who were not allowed to live in the City, and then in the 18th century by the building of nonconformist meeting houses and chapels. Thus Rebecca would have been living in a neighbourhood which shared her family's views.

**116. Mary HODGSON** (*Rebecca*<sup>114</sup>, *John*<sup>32</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 2 Nov 1786 in the Parish of St Gregory, London.<sup>2</sup> She died unmarried (of 5 Avon Place, Warwick) on 19 Jun 1864 in Warwick, and was buried there. Will proved 1864, Probate £200.

**117. William HODGSON** (*Rebecca*<sup>114</sup>, *John*<sup>32</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 26 May 1789 at 6 St Paul's Church Yard, London.<sup>2</sup> He died on 13 Oct 1848 in Wakapuaka, Nelson, NZ and was buried in Shelburne St Cemetery, Nelson.<sup>12</sup>

1814: merchant of the City of London in an indenture advancing £350 to his brother Benjamin against his inheritance under his mother's and grandfather (John Lee's) will

1815: trustee in the will of his brother Benjamin, a cotton manufacturer of Chorley, Lancashire. A document of 1832 releasing the other trustees from their obligations under Benjamin's will indicates that this business had been continued with the agreement of the other residuary legatees (Rebecca, Mary and James Hodgson). Benjamin's death seems to have led to William's change of career from London merchant to Chorley cotton manufacturer.

1843: rescued from bankruptcy by the intervention of his sister and brother-in-law, Rebecca and Thomas Eyre Lee. Arrangements were made for them to take up land in New Zealand and he emigrated with his family in the ship *Himalaya*. William's story is told separately.<sup>37</sup>

William first married **Mary Ann TATE**, eldest of the 12 children of Rev William TATE of Chorley, Lancashire, and his wife Agnes nee BOOTH, on 18 Apr 1817, at Chorley, Lancashire.<sup>24</sup> Mary Ann was born on 24 Nov 1799<sup>1</sup> in Chorley, and died on 1 Oct 1819.<sup>1</sup> They had no children.

William married, as his second wife, **Agnes TATE**, 5<sup>th</sup> child of William and Agnes TATE above, on 3 May 1826 in Gretna Hall, Dumfriesshire. Agnes was born on 22 Mar 1807 in Chorley,<sup>1</sup> and died on 20 Nov 1880 in Nelson.<sup>12</sup> The Rev Tate was a Unitarian clergyman, and there are other Unitarian and Baptist clergy among the Booth and Ashworth ancestors of the Tate sisters.<sup>37</sup>

Their children were:

|     |                                                |                                            |
|-----|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 125 | i. <b>William Charles HODGSON</b> 1826 - 1894  | <i>Refer to HODGSON file</i> <sup>38</sup> |
| 126 | ii. <b>Benjamin Oliver HODGSON</b> 1828 - 1861 | <i>Refer to HODGSON file</i> <sup>38</sup> |
| 127 | iii. <b>Rebecca Lee HODGSON</b> 1830 - 1902    | <i>Refer to HODGSON file</i> <sup>38</sup> |
| 128 | iv. <b>James Lee HODGSON</b> 1832 - 1896       | <i>Refer to HODGSON file</i> <sup>38</sup> |
| 129 | v. <b>Sarah Lee HODGSON</b> 1833 - 1851        | <i>Refer to HODGSON file</i> <sup>38</sup> |

|     |                                             |                                            |
|-----|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 130 | vi. <b>Mary Agnes HODGSON</b> 1835 - 1905   | <i>Refer to HODGSON file <sup>38</sup></i> |
| 131 | vii. <b>Eliza HODGSON</b> 1837 -1870        | <i>Refer to HODGSON file <sup>38</sup></i> |
| 132 | viii. <b>Thomas Lee HODGSON</b> 1839 - 1879 | <i>Refer to HODGSON file <sup>38</sup></i> |
| 133 | ix. <b>George HODGSON</b> 1846 - 1892       | <i>Refer to HODGSON file <sup>38</sup></i> |

**118. Benjamin HODGSON, junior,** (*Rebecca <sup>114</sup>, John <sup>32</sup>, Thomas III <sup>19</sup>, Thomas II <sup>10</sup>, Thomas I <sup>5</sup>, John <sup>2</sup>, William <sup>1</sup>*) was born on 4 Aug 1792 at Church Lane, Edmonton, Middlesex.<sup>2</sup> He died aged 22 at Newington Green and was buried on 10 Feb 1815 at Goodman's Fields burial ground.

Several letters from Ben to his younger brother James have survived in the family papers at Birmingham Archives. They must have been returned from America following James' death and appear well worn. They are full of encouragement to help James make good decisions as he searched for a career. Although very young, Ben was adopting a quasi-parental role.

1814: described as cotton manufacturer of Chorley in family deed

1815: Burial record Goodmans Fields reads 10 Feb 1815 Ben Hodson Newenton Green age 23 £2.2.0 There is a squiggle at the end of "Ben" and it is transcribed "Bent". With spelling errors in both the surname and the address as well, the record is easy to miss. The 2 guinea fee is way above the standard 8/- for an adult burial, and suggests to me that the grave of his parents and baby brother was probably re-opened for his burial. [grave location not stated in record]

**119. James HODGSON** (*Rebecca <sup>114</sup>, John <sup>32</sup>, Thomas III <sup>19</sup>, Thomas II <sup>10</sup>, Thomas I <sup>5</sup>, John <sup>2</sup>, William <sup>1</sup>*) was born on 4 Mar 1794 at Church Lane in Edmonton, Middlesex.<sup>2</sup> James died after 1818 according to Lyall Hodgson but I can find no basis for this. He died before 1831, not in his Aunt Sarah's will.

James was described as "unsatisfactory", and after reading the papers at Birmingham Archives I take this to have been a genteel way of indicating that he had been unable to settle into a career.

1809 farming apprentice to Robert Springett of Finchcocks, Kent, for 5 years, £399 paid

1811 brother Benjamin advised prospects better farming in Kent than from cotton in Bolton

1813 Benjamin arranged to meet James and convince him to be patient and content with quite a small enterprise initially, and that other parts of country will be cheaper than Kent to get started.

1816 James receives £350 from his sister Rebecca, advanced against his inheritance under his mother's and his grandfather (John Lee's) will.

1816 James signed power of attorney to his brother William as he was leaving for America  
James appears to have left a trail of unpaid debts after his death, some for wine, ale etc.  
using his uncle John Lee in Boston as a referee for some of them.

**120. Sarah LEE** (*John jnr <sup>116</sup>, John <sup>32</sup>, Thomas III <sup>19</sup>, Thomas II <sup>10</sup>, Thomas I <sup>5</sup>, John <sup>2</sup>, William <sup>1</sup>*) was born on 2 Oct 1787, and baptised on 26 Nov 1787 in Birmingham.<sup>22</sup> She died in Boston, Massachusetts on 22 Oct 1849,<sup>17</sup> and was buried with her parents and sister at Mount Auburn cemetery. Her will (appendix 6) specified a plain white marble monument (overleaf) and provided for its maintenance, a contract which is evidently still being honoured.



Lee memorial at Mount Auburn cemetery

Image Bob Kenney 2013 on [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com)

**121. John Francis LEE** (*John jnr*<sup>116</sup>, *John*<sup>32</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was baptised on 6 Jul 1789 in Birmingham,<sup>22</sup> and died on 13 Jan 1869 in Kinver. He was buried in Witton cemetery.<sup>4</sup> Refer to page 63 for his memorial inscription.

1830-31 Member of the Birmingham Book Club, an important social and political club of 24-30 gentlemen members, each of whom had been proposed by an existing member. Before 1840 it was dominated by members of the Unitarian churches of Birmingham.<sup>36</sup>  
1838: Partner, with his 2nd cousin Thomas Yate Lee (#62 above) in the Hyde Iron Works  
1841: age 55, ironmaster of Kinfare (Kinver), with Catherine 55, and 1 female servant  
1842: assisted cousin William Hodgson (#117) to emigrate to NZ, maintained correspondence.  
1851: age 61, ironmaster - (firm of 2 employ partners, 135 men, 1 woman, 15 boys,) with daughter Ellen F. age 49, 1 male visitor, 1 house servant  
1857: named in Land Tax Act as Land Tax Commissioner for Staffordshire (hearing appeals)<sup>36</sup>  
1861: age 71, ironmaster of Kinfare, with Ellen F age 42, visiting nephew, wife, chn from Boston USA (S Salisbury Tuckerman 30, Laura T 30, Gustavius T 4, Lucy T 3, Rebecca Lee T 10 mths) 3 servants (2 may be marked as visitors) [Noted: a Gustavus Tuckerman married Jane Francis in Edgbaston in 1816. Jane was a sister of J F Lee's wife Catherine.]

John married his first cousin **Catherine FRANCIS** (daughter of John and Catherine FRANCIS) on 23 Aug 1817 in Saint Mary, Great Malvern, Worcestershire.<sup>24</sup> Catherine was baptised on 16 Sep 1783 in the New Meeting House, Birmingham, and died on 27 Oct 1844 in Kinver. She was buried age 61 in the Old Meeting Burial Ground, Birmingham, vault no 4 on 2 Nov 1844.<sup>4</sup> Refer page 63 for her inscription.

They had a daughter:

- 134 i. **Ellen Francis LEE** was born on 16 Jun 1817 in Edgbaston, Birmingham,<sup>2</sup> died on 16 Jul 1900 in Kinver, and was buried in Witton cemetery.<sup>4</sup> Refer to page 63 for her memorial inscription. On her death, the surname as derived from John Lee (#27) became extinct.  
1817: maternal grandparents John Francis and Catherine named in her baptism  
1881: of High St, Kinver, with 2 servants, income from dividends  
1902: probate £26,138

**122. Rebecca LEE** (*John jnr*<sup>116</sup>, *John*<sup>32</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was baptised on 25 Jan 1791 in Birmingham,<sup>2</sup> and died aged 83 on 29 Nov 1874, of 72 Chesnut St Boston,<sup>17</sup> buried with her parents in plot 530, Rose Path, Mount Auburn cemetery, Boston, Mass. USA.

1855 Mass State census, Boston Ward 6, with Susannah Stephens, age 89 born England;  
and Mary A Elliott, age 43 born Ireland; Alice McCrosky, age 22 born Ireland

1865 Mass State census, Boston Ward 6, living with Mary F Tuckerman 30 (probably a neice);  
Maria Elliott age 40 born Ireland, servant; Alice Collinsby age 30 born Ireland, servant

**123. James LEE** (*John jnr*<sup>116</sup>, *John*<sup>32</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was baptised on 17 Dec 1792 in the New Meeting House, Unitarian, Moor St, Birmingham.<sup>2</sup> He was buried, age 7, on 24 Apr 1800 in his grandfather's vault at the Old Meeting Ground, Birmingham.<sup>2</sup> He is not mentioned in Lyall Hodgson's account of the family.<sup>1</sup>

**124. James Martineau LEE** (*James*<sup>118</sup>, *John*<sup>32</sup>, *Thomas III*<sup>19</sup>, *Thomas II*<sup>10</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was born on 16 Apr 1802, in the parish of St John the Evangelist, London.<sup>2</sup> a medical practitioner. He was buried aged 25 on 4 Feb 1828 at Croft Chapel, Congregational, Hastings, Sussex.<sup>2</sup>

His mother died soon after his birth and his father remarried to her sister.

The choice of medicine for his career would have come from his mother's Martineau family, as she came from a long line of surgeons.

In his will (page 72) made in 1828 he gives his stepmother Margaret a life interest in his estate, with his Lee and Hodgson cousins as ultimate beneficiaries (after Margaret's death in 1840). He also mentions two cousins from the Martineau family, and makes detailed provision for the appropriate distribution of his books. There is no indication of a surviving wife or children.

Memorial at Croft Chapel: Sacred to the memory of James Martineau Lee of Norwich who departed this life on the 29th of Jan 1828 aged 25 years.

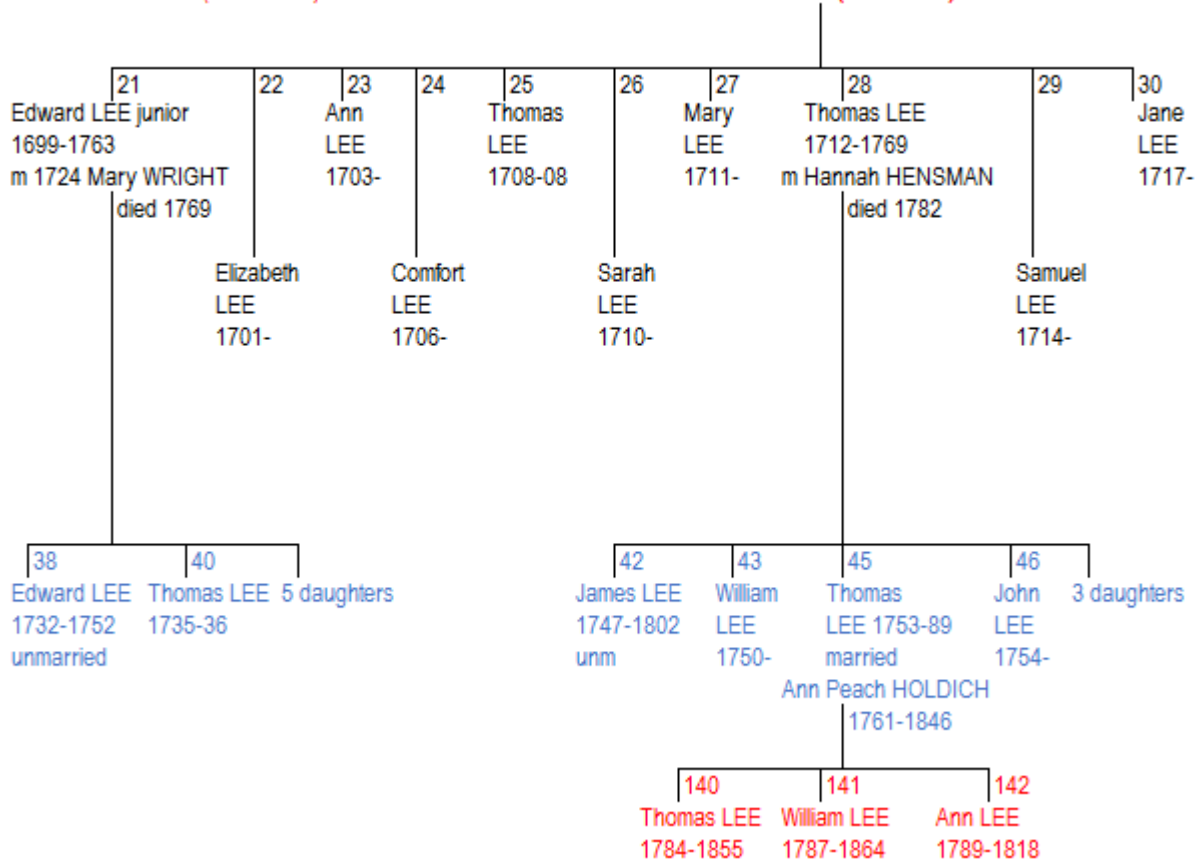
Further descendants of John Lee are found only in two lines:

- descendants of Thomas Eyre Lee and his wife Rebecca Hodgson - refer to page 24 of this document
- descendants of William Hodgson and his wife Agnes Tate - refer to my Hodgson document <sup>38</sup>

## Section 4: Descendants of Edward LEE (#9) 1671-1724

Edward Lee, brother of Thomas Lee II, is introduced on page 14 above, with his wife Elizabeth ASHBY and 10 children. Of these, two are known to have married, Edward junior (#16), and Thomas (#23), and their families are covered on pages 16 & 17. As Edward junior apparently left no Lee grandsons, this section will be concerned only with descendants of Thomas (#23).

Thomas LEE II #10 (1663-1702) ----- brothers ----- Edward LEE #14 (1671-1724) m Elizabeth ASHBY



## Sixth Generation Part C (Grandsons of Edward LEE)

**37. James LEE** (*Thomas*<sup>28</sup>, *Edward*<sup>14</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>15</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was baptised on 19 Jan 1746/47 in East Farndon, and was buried there, aged 57, on 25 Mar 1802.

As the eldest son of Thomas and Hannah, James might have been expected to marry and to inherit his father's estate, but this did not happen. Instead he inherited only a half share of his mother's chattels. His mother also set aside the sum of £200, the investment income from which was to be used for James' maintenance for life. This could be because James suffered some kind of disability. At the time of making Hannah's will, James was residing with his brother Thomas, and so long as that arrangement continued Thomas was to be paid James' board and maintenance income, and then to inherit the capital on James' death.

**40. Thomas LEE of Great Oxendon** (*Thomas*<sup>28</sup>, *Edward*<sup>14</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was baptized in East Farndon on 30 Apr 1753, the son of Thomas Lee #23 and Hannah (nee Hensman). He died "aged 36, of Oxendon," and was buried in East Farndon on 23 Jul 1789. He is likely to have had a headstone at East Farndon, similar to those of his wife and sons, but nothing survives.

1784: of East Farndon (birth of Thomas)

1787: of Great Oxendon (births of William and Ann)

Thomas married **Ann Peach HOLDICH** by licence on 11 May 1783 in East Farndon.<sup>49</sup> Ann died on 28 Dec 1846, and was buried "aged 85 of Oxendon" on 2 Jan 1847 in East Farndon<sup>49</sup> with a headstone. Ann was the daughter of Edward Holdich, gentleman of East Farndon, and his wife Ann Peach.

1841: Ann Lee, victualler of Great Oxendon, head of household with her son William a farmer



Sacred to the memory of  
**Ann Peach Lee**  
relict of  
Thomas Lee  
who departed this life  
the 28<sup>th</sup> of December 1846  
aged 85 years.  
Also in memory of  
Ann daughter of the above  
who died the 24<sup>th</sup> of April 1818  
in the 30<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

Be ye also ready: for in such an hour  
as ye think not the son of man cometh.  
*Matthew Chapt 24<sup>th</sup> and Verse 44<sup>th</sup>.*

Thomas and Ann's children were:

- 135 i. **Thomas LEE** 1784 - 1855
- 136 ii. **William LEE** 1787 - 1864
- 137 iii. **Ann LEE** 1789 -1818

*Refer to page 48*

*Refer to page 49*

*Refer to page 49*

No marriages of Thomas and Ann's children have been found and their line appears to be extinct.

## Seventh Generation Part C (Gt Grandchildren of Edward LEE #14)

**135. Thomas LEE of Ringstead** (*Thomas*<sup>46</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>28</sup>, *Edward*<sup>14</sup>, *Thomas I*<sup>5</sup>, *John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>) was baptised on 1 Jul 1784 in East Farndon, son of Thomas and Ann (nee Holdich).<sup>49</sup> and was buried there about 12 Apr 1855.

Thomas and William #136 have matching, adjacent headstones in East Farndon, which give the impression of brothers. These stones are also similar to that of their mother Ann, supporting the impression that they are her sons. The three stones are made of Welsh slate, an expensive option because of distance from the source, and they have weathered well.

1835, 1837 Voted at Ringstead

1841: age 55, baker at Ringstead, with 2 servants and Elizabeth Trot age 53 Independent

1851: age 65, at Ringstead, born Farndon, unmarried, master baker employing 1 man, with a journeyman, a housekeeper, and a visitor Elizabeth Teat aged 80 a pauper

Will of Thomas Lee, baker of Ringstead Northampton Record Office #2/017862

- Cottage occupied by William Baxter to Ann wife of Samuel Farrington of Thrapston  
Ann Mercer was born at Ringstead about 1825, and married Samuel Farrington in 1845.  
Her connection to Thomas Lee is unknown.
- Property at Ringstead to brother William of Oxendon, grazier
- 19 guineas to servant Susan Archer
- 5 pounds to John Griffith Leete of Thrapston, surgeon

Executors William Lee and John Griffith Leete,

Signed with mark 14 Feb 1855, Proved 25 Apr 1855, under £600



Sacred to the memory of  
**William Lee**  
Who departed this life  
April 8<sup>th</sup> 1864  
in the 77<sup>th</sup> year of his age  
*In the midst of life  
We are in death*

Sacred to the memory of  
**Thomas Lee**  
who departed this life  
April 12<sup>th</sup> 1855  
in the 71<sup>st</sup> year of his age

*Afflictions sore long time I bore  
Physicians where in vain*  
.....

image Mike Lee

**136. William LEE of Great Oxendon** (*Thomas <sup>46</sup>, Thomas <sup>28</sup>, Edward <sup>14</sup>, Thomas <sup>15</sup>, John <sup>2</sup>, William <sup>1</sup>*) was born about 1787 in Great Oxendon, and died on 8 Apr 1864, headstone in East Farndon.

1831, 1835 voted at Great Oxendon

1841: unmarried, with mother at Great Oxendon, farmer employing 2 labourers, with 1 servant

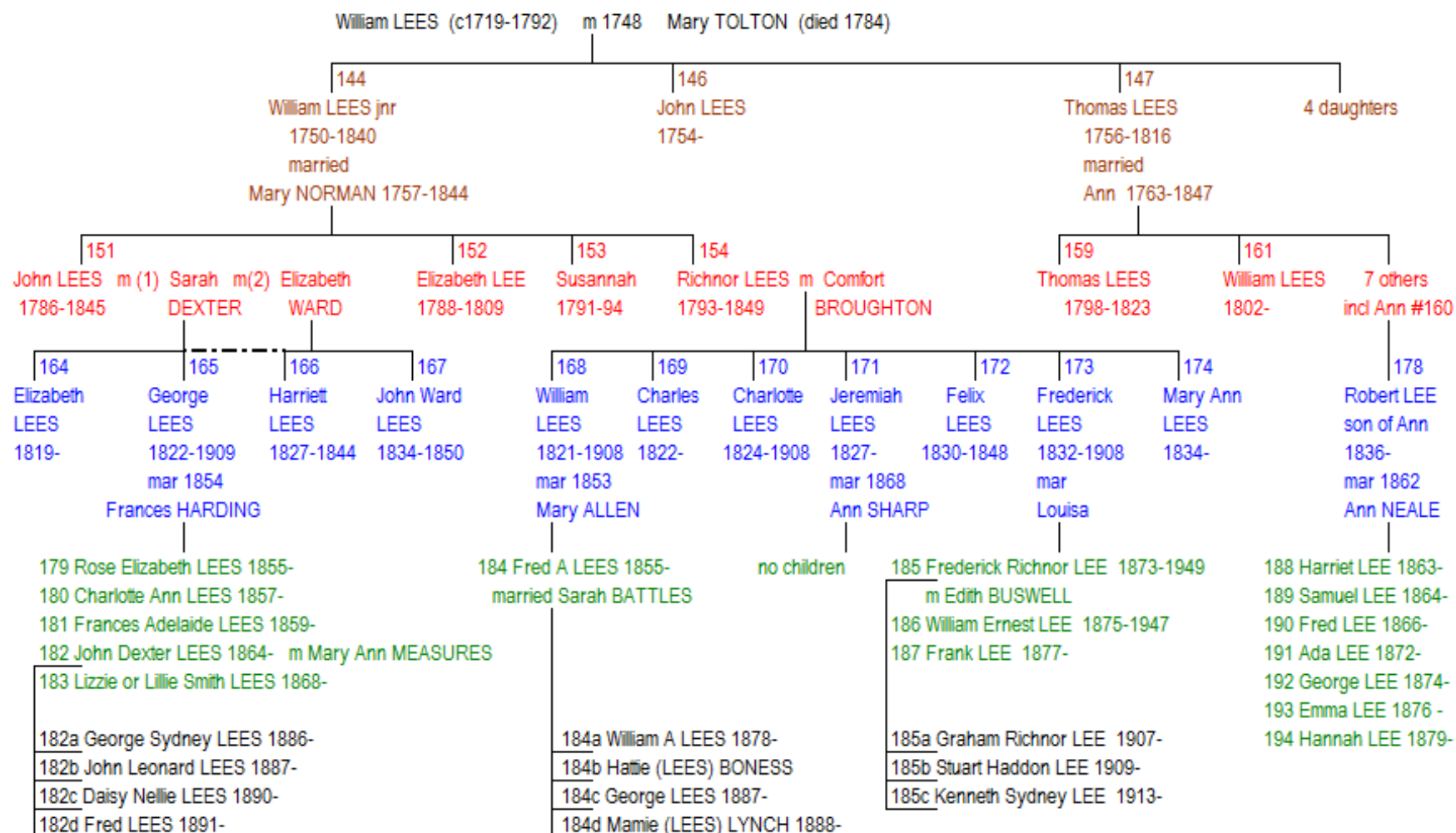
1851: unmarried, born Great Oxendon, farmer 146 acres Great Oxendon, employing 2 labourers, with same servant as in 1841.

1864: Will of William Lee, farmer, Great Oxendon, executors Richard Ward, butcher (lived next door 1851 and 1861), and Charles Goodman farmer of Husbands Bosworth, Leices, value under £9,000.

William appears to have been the last surviving Lee descendant of Edward Lee #9.

**137. Ann LEE** (*Thomas <sup>46</sup>, Thomas <sup>28</sup>, Edward <sup>14</sup>, Thomas <sup>15</sup>, John <sup>2</sup>, William <sup>1</sup>*) was born about 1789, and died aged 29 on 24 Apr 1818 of Great Oxendon. She was buried in East Farndon and included on her mother's headstone. Her father died about the time of her birth.

## Descendants of William LEES (#143) and Mary TOLTON



## Section 5: Descendants of William LEES & Mary TOLTON

I have been contacted by descendants of this couple who still live in the vicinity of East Farndon and who have “always believed” that they are related to the Lee family whose former home stands in Back Lane. Their line can be traced back to a William LEES who was “of East Farndon” at the time of his marriage in 1748. He and his descendants have been fairly consistent in using the spelling LEES, which may signal a different origin from the Lee family. Some of William’s 19<sup>th</sup> century descendants have changed the spelling of their surname to Lee. Sometimes the final “s” is written smaller than the rest of the name, or separated by an apostrophe, as if uncertain of its position.

**138. William LEES** was born about 1719 (parents unknown), and buried on 29 Feb 1792 in East Farndon, a labourer aged 73.

William LEES of East Farndon married by banns **Mary TOLTON** of Arthingworth on 5 Dec 1748 in East Farndon.<sup>49</sup> Mary LEE’s[sic] was buried on 7 Oct 1784 in East Farndon.<sup>49</sup>

William and Mary had the following children recorded in East Farndon registers:<sup>49</sup>

- |     |                                                                                                                                                                 |                              |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 139 | i. <b>William LEES, junior</b> 1750 - 1840                                                                                                                      | <i>Refer to page 51</i>      |
| 140 | ii. <b>Ann LEES</b> baptised 29 Jan 1752                                                                                                                        | <i>Nothing further known</i> |
| 141 | iii. <b>John LEES</b> baptised 21 Apr 1754                                                                                                                      | <i>Nothing further known</i> |
| 142 | iv. <b>Thomas LEES</b> 1756 - 1816                                                                                                                              | <i>Refer to page 51</i>      |
| 143 | v. <b>Mary LEES</b> baptised 5 Nov 1758; married <b>William PALMER</b> of Clipston on 3 Apr 1791 in East Farndon. <sup>49</sup> Both marked instead of signing. |                              |
| 144 | vi. <b>Elizabeth LEES</b> baptised 14 Jun 1761                                                                                                                  | <i>Nothing further known</i> |
| 145 | vii. <b>Alice LEES</b> baptised 5 Feb 1763/4; married <b>George FAULKNER</b> 19 Aug 1784. both signed the register.                                             |                              |

If this William Lees was a son of Edward Lee junior (#21 above), he would have been aged about 5 when his father died. He would have been the youngest in a family of 11, with his next sibling just 2 years older. That all seems quite possible.

William was a labourer in his burial record. Assuming he was Edward’s son, his next older brother would be Thomas (#28) who had no will, though his widow Hannah left goods amounting to about £300 in 1783. It is worth noting that Thomas and Hannah’s son married a gentleman’s daughter, Ann Peach HOLDICH. The eldest brother, on this scenario, would be Edward Lee junior, whose will gives no specific indication of his worth, but it carries a personal seal depicting the Lee arms.

This is difficult to reconcile with the “labourer” label on William Lees. However, William’s descendants will be shown with some characteristics which do not fit with “labourers.”

[Note: In seeking William’s baptism I have checked the East Farndon Parish Register without success. However a parallel set of records exists in the Bishop’s Transcripts, which would be worth checking in case the PR is incomplete. BT’s for East Farndon are available from FamilySearch.org, or at Northamptonshire Record Office.]

### ***Children of William Lees (#138)***

**139. William LEES, junior** (*William*<sup>143</sup>) was baptised on 1 Apr 1750 in East Farndon,<sup>49</sup> son of William Lees and Mary Tolton. He was buried in East Farndon 22 Nov 1840, "age 90 of Farndon."<sup>49</sup>

1777: probably William LEES, servant, East Farndon Militia List

1788, 1791: labourer in children's baptisms 1809: yeoman in Elizabeth's burial

1831: voter of East Farndon, yeoman, occupier of house and land, surname Lee or Ley

Will of William Lees of East Farndon, yeoman, proved 1841

- To wife Mary Lees for life, two messuages [dwelling houses] or tenements with the yard, garden and orchard thereto belonging in East Farndon, also two closes adjoining, and also all that cottage or tenement with the yard, garden and appurtenances now in the occupation of my son Richnal Lees.
  - After Mary's death the two messuages to son John Lees for life, then to his wife Elizabeth Lees for life or as long as she is a widow. After death of John and Elizabeth to go to grandson George Lees. The bequest to George is subject to the payment of £200 to be shared by William's 2 granddaughters Harriet and Elizabeth, and if unmarried they are to be entitled to continue to live in this property.
  - After Mary's death, Richnal to inherit the cottage etc he occupies, after his death to Comfort for life, then to grandson William. [No provision for William's 6 siblings - such was the fate of younger sons of younger sons.]
  - All household goods to Mary for life, then to be divided equally between John and Richnal.
  - A set of drawers "now in my sleeping room" to Richnal.
  - All the rest of his personal estate to Mary absolutely. John and Richnal to be executors.
- Signed with his mark, 24 Feb 1836.

William married **Mary NORMAN** by licence, both of East Farndon, on 25 Sep 1785, both "marked" the register.<sup>49</sup> Mary was born about 1757 and buried on 21 Oct 1844 "age 87, of Farndon."<sup>49</sup> There had been an extended Norman family in East Farndon for several generations but I am unable to place Mary in those families. Her birth elsewhere may have been the reason for marriage by licence.

William and Mary's children as recorded in East Farndon registers were:<sup>49</sup>

- |     |                                                                                                                                                           |                         |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 146 | i. <b>John LEES</b> 1786 - 1845                                                                                                                           | <i>Refer to page 52</i> |
| 147 | ii. <b>Elizabeth LEES</b> 1788 - 1809                                                                                                                     | <i>Refer to page 53</i> |
| 148 | iii. <b>Susannah LEES</b> baptised 19 Jun 1791 East Farndon, buried 22 Jan 1794 an infant, included on Elizabeth's headstone in East Farndon (see below). |                         |
| 149 | iv. <b>Richnor LEES</b> 1793 - 1849                                                                                                                       | <i>Refer to page 53</i> |

1841: Mary Lees, aged about 80, was living independently in East Farndon, adjacent to Mary Norman a nurse aged about 70, who was probably a relative assisting her. Other adjacent households were John Lees #151 and family; Mary Norman's married son Charles, a tailor, and his family; also Ann Lees and family (widow of #147). These 5 related groups probably shared the two houses left to Mary in her husband's will.

**142. Thomas LEES** (*William*<sup>143</sup>) was baptized on 27 Jun 1756 in East Farndon, the son of William Lees and Mary Tolton.<sup>49</sup> He was buried in East Farndon on 4 Aug 1816 "aged 60" according to the register,<sup>49</sup> which supports William and Mary as his parents.

He was probably Thomas LEES, servant, East Farndon Militia List 1777

Thomas, labourer in children's baptisms and burials

He married **Ann** but the marriage record has not been found. Ann was buried on 3 May 1847 in East Farndon "aged 84 of Farndon" so was born about 1763. 1841: Ann Lees, pauper aged about 75, head of household, with daughter Ann, and grandson Robert, adjacent to Mary Lees #144 (see above).

Children of Thomas and Ann, as recorded in East Farndon registers were:<sup>49</sup>

- 150 i. **Elizabeth LEES** bapt 26 Jun 1786 (LEE); buried 2 Feb 1802, aged 16 (LEES)
- 151 ii. **Mary LEES** 1788 - 1816 *Refer to page 54*
- 152 iii. **Robert LEES** baptised 25 May 1790; buried 24 Dec 1791, an infant
- 153 iv. **William LEES** baptised 1 Jul 1792; buried 28 Nov 1797, aged 5
- 154 v. **Thomas LEES** bapt 19 Feb 1798, probably Thomas Lees, 23, buried 23 Apr 1823
- 155 vi. **Ann LEES** 1799 - 1853 *Refer to page 54*
- 156 vii. **William LEES** baptised 28 Feb 1802
- 157 viii. **Robert LEES** bapt 19 Aug 1805; bur 1822 East Farndon, "of Fleckney"
- 158 ix. **Elizabeth LEES** bapt 27 May 1808; bur 29 May 1808, an infant

### ***Grandchildren of William Lees (#138)***

**151. John LEES** (*William jnr*<sup>144</sup>, *William*<sup>143</sup>) was baptised on 26 Nov 1786 in East Farndon, son of Wm & Mary Lee's[sic]<sup>49</sup> and buried there on 19 Jan 1845 "aged 59, of Farndon." His headstone in East Farndon survives, though the details are difficult to decipher. Yeoman of East Farndon in his will.

1841: John Lees and his wife Elizabeth, with their daughter Harriet.

John married **Sarah DEXTER** on 27 Jul 1818 in East Farndon, both of East Farndon. Ritchnor Lees, Charlotte Smith and Thos Ashby were witnesses.<sup>49</sup> Sarah was born about 1795 and was buried on 17 Jun 1824, aged 29.<sup>49</sup> Sarah's father Samuel Dexter of Clipston had married Elizabeth Leake on 28 Oct 1790 in East Farndon.<sup>49</sup> He was described as freeholder in his children's baptisms.

John and Sarah's children were:

- 159 i. **Elizabeth LEES** 1819 - *Refer to page 54*
- 160 ii. **George LEES** 1822 - 1909 *Refer to page 54*

After Sarah's death John remarried **Elizabeth WARD** on 7 Nov 1825 in Thorpe Langton, Leicestershire.<sup>24</sup> Elizabeth was born in Thorpe Langton about 1798, and was buried in East Farndon on 9 Jan 1871, "of Market Harborough."<sup>49</sup> In 1851 she was living independently in East Farndon, aged 53, owner of land. John and Elizabeth's children were:

- 161 iii. **Harriett LEES** 1827 - *Refer to page 55*
- 162 iv. **John Ward LEES** 1834 - 1850 *Refer to page 55*



In loving memory of  
John Lees

who died .... 16th 1845  
aged 56 years

Also Eliz relict of  
John Lees

who died  
aged     years

*image Mike Lee*

**152. Elizabeth LEES** (*William jnr*<sup>144</sup>, *William*<sup>143</sup>) was baptized on 21 Dec 1788 in East Farndon<sup>49</sup> and was buried with her infant sister in East Farndon in 1809. Burial register reads: "Elizabeth daughter of William (yeoman) and Mary Lees(sic) age 20 buried 29 May 1809."<sup>49</sup>



To the Memory of  
Elizabeth

daughter of  
William & Mary Lee

who died 27<sup>th</sup> May 1809  
aged 20 years

Also Susannah  
who died an infant.

Yes, ye young, ye gay, ye proud,  
You must die, and wear a shroud,  
Time will rob you of your bloom,

.....

image Mike Lee

**154. Richnor LEES** (*William jnr*<sup>144</sup>, *William*<sup>143</sup>) was baptised on 17 May 1793 in East Farndon,<sup>49</sup> and buried in East Farndon on 3 Jun 1849 "age 56 of Farndon." His name has been recorded in a number of variations, including Richnal and Richard, but the family regard Richnor as correct. The origin of this name is not known. He signed Ritchnor on one occasion, Richnor on another.

1841: ag labourer aged 45 in the census, though he may have been working for his mother. She died in 1844 and this may have enabled him to acquire land, so that by 1851 his widow could describe herself as "grazier." At home in the census with his wife Comfort and 6 children. Charlotte was possibly away from home in service.

1851: Richnor had died and Comfort, a grazier was head of the household with her sons Jeremiah and Frederick as ag labourers. The older sons William and Charles had left home, William for America, possibly with Charles but the knowledge is lost. 16 year old Mary Ann is described as a servant, probably working for another household though living at home.

1861: Comfort, a grazier head of household, with Jeremiah, a maltster, Frederick, an ag lab, and Mary Ann still at home. Mary Ann is described as grazier which is hard to explain.

Richnor married **Comfort BROUGHTON** by banns in East Farndon on 27 Nov 1820, both of East Farndon.<sup>49</sup> Their witnesses were Comfort's younger sister Patience Broughton and Daniel Humphrey who were themselves married in 1822. Comfort was baptised on 1 Jul 1796 in East Farndon, the daughter of Giles and Mary Broughton, labourer. She died "aged 70" in 1867 in Market Harborough RD. Comfort's father Giles had been baptised on 25 Jul 1739 in East Farndon, the son of Wm & Judy Broughton.<sup>49</sup>

Richnor and Comfort had 5 sons and 2 daughters:

- |     |                                       |                         |
|-----|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 163 | i. <b>William LEES</b> 1821 - 1908    | <i>Refer to page 55</i> |
| 164 | ii. <b>Charles LEES</b> 1823 -        | <i>Refer to page 55</i> |
| 165 | iii. <b>Charlotte LEES</b> 1824 -     | <i>Refer to page 55</i> |
| 166 | iv. <b>Jeremiah LEES</b> 1827 -       | <i>Refer to page 55</i> |
| 167 | v. <b>Felix LEES</b> 1830 - 1848      | <i>Refer to page 56</i> |
| 168 | vi. <b>Frederick LEES</b> 1832 - 1908 | <i>Refer to page 56</i> |
| 169 | vii. <b>Mary Ann LEES</b> 1834 -      | <i>Refer to page 56</i> |

**156. Mary LEES** (*Thomas*<sup>147</sup>, *William*<sup>143</sup>) was baptised on 11 May 1788 in East Farndon (Mary Lee's), and buried there on 15 Jul 1816 aged 28.<sup>49</sup> She had a son:

- 170      i. **John** son of Mary LEES spinster bapt 30 Jun 1816,  
             John Lees infant bur 30 Sep 1816.

**160. Ann LEES** (*Thomas*<sup>147</sup>, *William*<sup>143</sup>) was baptised on 26 Dec 1799 in East Farndon, and buried there on 5 Oct 1853 aged 53, of Market Harborough workhouse.<sup>49</sup>

1841: living with her mother and son Robert – paupers

1851: not in East Farndon, probably in the workhouse, her mother having died.

Ann was the mother of the following children as recorded in East Farndon registers:

- |     |                                                                                                  |                         |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 171 | i. <b>Seir LEES</b> , (a son) baptised 10 Aug 1822, buried 23 Feb 1823, son of Ann Lees spinster |                         |
| 172 | ii. Unnamed daughter of Ann Lees spinster bapt 29 Apr 1827 [father Joseph Broughton]             |                         |
| 173 | iii. <b>Robert LEE</b>                                                                           | <i>Refer to page 56</i> |

## ***Great Grandchildren of William LEES (#138)***

**164. Elizabeth LEES** (*John*<sup>151</sup>, *William jnr*<sup>144</sup>, *William*<sup>143</sup>), daughter of John and Sarah, was born on 28 Jun 1819 and baptized with her brother on 29 Dec 1823 at the Independent Chapel, Market Harborough.<sup>2</sup> She died or married before 1841, no further records found.

**165. George LEES** (*John*<sup>151</sup>, *William jnr*<sup>144</sup>, *William*<sup>143</sup>) was born on 8 Jan 1822 in East Farndon and baptized on 29 Dec 1823 at the Independent Chapel, Market Harborough.<sup>2</sup> He died "aged 88" in 1909 in Market Harbough RD.<sup>8</sup>

1841: In the census George was living with his grandparents, Samuel and Elizabeth Dexter, then in their 70s with no children at home. Samuel was described as a freeholder in the baptisms of his children, but his son James had been killed at age 15 in falling off a wall, and his son William had died at age 10. It appears that this grandson George Lees would inherit the Dexter land.

1851: Samuel had died in 1842 and Elizabeth Dexter, widow was head of the household, aged 83, landed proprietor, living with George Lees, her grandson, aged 29, unmarried, manager. Their servant was Charlotte Lees aged 26, probably George's cousin #170 below.

1857: George Lees voted at East Farndon

1881: George, a grazier, living with wife Fanny, son John and daughter Lillie [listed LEE]

George married **Frances HARDING (Fanny)** in 1854. They had 1 son and 4 daughters:

- 174 i. **Rose Elizabeth LEES** born 1855 in Market Harborough RD.<sup>8</sup>  
Daisy Maud LEES, dau of Rose Elizabeth, singlewoman, baptised 2 Apr 1878 E Farndon, died about Sept 1878 in Market Harborough RD.<sup>8</sup>
- 175 ii. **Charlotte Ann LEES** born 1857 in Market Harborough RD.<sup>8</sup>
- 176 iii. **Frances Adelaide LEES** born 1859 in Market Harborough RD.<sup>8</sup>
- 177 iv. **John Dexter LEES** born 1864, married **Mary Ann MEASURES** 1885, 4 children:  
George Sidney LEES, bapt 9 May 1886 East Farndon  
John Leonard LEES, bapt 9 Oct 1887 East Farndon  
Daisy Nellie LEES, bapt 16 Jun 1889 East Farndon  
Fred LEES, bapt 19 Oct 1891 East Farndon
- 178 v. **Lillie (or Lizzie) Smith LEES**, baptised 20 Jan 1868 East Farndon

**166. Harriett LEES** (*John*<sup>151</sup>, *William jnr*<sup>144</sup>, *William*<sup>143</sup>) daughter of John and Elizabeth, was baptized on 23 Jan 1828 at the Independent Chapel, Market Harborough.<sup>2</sup> She was probably the Harriett Lees who died in Market Harborough RD in 1844.

**167. John Ward LEES** (*John*<sup>151</sup>, *William jnr*<sup>144</sup>, *William*<sup>143</sup>) John son of John and Elizabeth was born on 31 Jan 1834 and baptized on 24 Mar 1835 at the Independent Chapel, Market Harborough.<sup>2</sup> He died unmarried in 1850 (John Ward LEES).

John was not included with his 3 siblings in his grandfather's will of 1841 though he did not die until 1850, implying that he was not expected to outlive his parents.

**168. William LEES** (*Richnor*<sup>154</sup>, *William jnr*<sup>144</sup>, *William*<sup>143</sup>) was born on 5 Feb 1821, and baptised on 9 May 1821 at the Independent Chapel, Market Harborough.<sup>2</sup> He died in Fall River, Wisconsin, on 14 Jul 1908.

William left his family some time after 1841 to emigrate to Wisconsin, USA. His next brother Charles may have accompanied him, although nothing further is known about Charles. Their father would have recognized that finding employment for five sons in East Farndon would be difficult, and preferred to assist them to emigrate. His life story is summarized in his obituary:

*Mr. William Lees was born in Farndon, Northamptonshire, England, Feb. 5, 1821. He came to this country in the spring of '47 and lived at Waukesha six years, returning to England and was married to Miss Mary Allen Dec. 15, 1853, after which they came to this country and resided in Waukesha six months, then to the town of Westford where they lived 12 years and where their son was born. In 1866 they moved to the farm one-half mile north of Fall River where he lived until his death which occurred on July 14, 1908 at the age of 87 years, 5 mo., and 9 da. His wife and son survive. He also leaves, to mourn their loss, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. The services were conducted at the house Wednesday afternoon by Rev. Dr. Murrish and the interment took place in the Fall River cemetery. The New Era, Fall River, 17 Jul 1908.*

William married **Mary ALLEN** on 15 Dec 1853 at the Independent Chapel, Market Harborough.<sup>2</sup> They had one son:

- 179        i. **Frederick Allen LEES** born 1855, married **Sarah Louisa BATTLES** and had 4 children:  
             William Alphas LEES born 8 Jan 1878 married  
             Hattie May LEES married Robert BONESS on 4 Oct 1899  
             George LEES born 3 Jan 1887 unmarried  
             Mamie LEES born 6 Dec 1888 married Jessie LYNCH

**169. Charles LEES** (*Richnor*<sup>154</sup>, *William*<sup>144</sup>, *William*<sup>143</sup>) was born on 3 Aug 1822, and baptised on 6 Nov 1822 at the Independent Chapel, Market Harborough.<sup>2</sup>

**170. Charlotte LEES** (*Richnor*<sup>154</sup>, *William jnr*<sup>144</sup>, *William*<sup>143</sup>) was born on 27 Dec 1824, and baptised on 29 Jun 1825 at the Independent Chapel, Market Harborough.<sup>2</sup> Probably Charlotte who died in 1908.<sup>8</sup>

**171. Jeremiah LEES** (*Richnor*<sup>154</sup>, *William*<sup>144</sup>, *William*<sup>143</sup>) was born on 21 Jun 1827, and baptised on 23 Jan 1828 at the Independent Chapel, Market Harborough.<sup>2</sup> He died after 1881.

1851: Ag lab, living with his mother (a grazier) and siblings in East Farndon.  
1861: Still at home with mother and siblings, occupation maltster

Jeremiah married **Ann SHARP** in 1868,<sup>8</sup> the year after his mother's death. They appear to have had no children. Thos Sharp, father-in-law, lived with them in 1871.

**172. Felix LEES** (*Richnor*<sup>154</sup>, *William*<sup>144</sup>, *William*<sup>143</sup>) was born on 21 Mar 1830, and baptised on 7 Aug 1830 at the Independent Chapel, Market Harborough.<sup>2</sup> He was buried aged 18 on 22 Mar 1848 in East Farndon.<sup>49</sup>

**173. Frederick LEE** (*Richnor*<sup>154</sup>, *William*<sup>144</sup>, *William*<sup>143</sup>) was born on 3 Jul 1832, and baptised on 10 Oct 1832 at the Independent Chapel, Market Harborough (indexed Sees).<sup>2</sup> He died in 1908.<sup>8</sup> Frederick and his descendants spelt the surname LEE.

Frederick married **Louisa CROFT** in 1871 in Bedford RD 4 years after his mother's death, when he was 39. Louisa was born about 1839 at Braybrooke, Northamptonshire.  
In 1881 he was a grazier with 11 acres.  
By 1891 he had moved to Great Bowden, where he was employed as a grocer's porter, son Frederick was a solicitor's clerk, William 15 and Frank 13 were working for a staymaker.  
1911 census Louisa a widow living with her son and daughter in law and 2 children at Market Harborough.

Frederick and Louisa had 3 sons:

- 180 i. **Frederick Richnor LEE** 1873-1949, married Edith Harriet BUSWELL - 3 sons  
Graham Richnor LEE 1907-  
Stuart Haddon LEE 1909-  
Kenneth Sydney LEE 1913-
- 181 ii. **William Ernest LEE** 1875-1947
- 182 iii. **Frank LEE** 1877-

**174. Mary Ann LEES** (*Richnor*<sup>154</sup>, *William*<sup>144</sup>, *William*<sup>143</sup>) was born on 10 Oct 1834, and baptised on 24 Mar 1835 at the Independent Chapel, Market Harborough.<sup>2</sup> Listed as Marianne in 1841, but elsewhere as Mary Ann. In 1871, after their mother's death, she was living with her unmarried brother Frederick in East Farndon.

**178. Robert LEE** (*Ann LEES*<sup>160</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>147</sup>, *William*<sup>143</sup>), base born son of Ann Lee(sic) living with her mother, was baptised on 29 May 1836 in East Farndon.<sup>49</sup>

1841: age 5, living with his mother Ann and grandmother, also Ann – a pauper.

1851: age 15, living on his own, a pauper aged 15, his mother in the workhouse and grandmother had died.

Robert's name was usually spelt LEE.

Robert married **Ann NEALE** in 1861 in Billesdon, Leicestershire.<sup>8</sup>

Their children, born in Billesdon, were:

- 183 i. **Harriet LEE**, born 1863
- 184 ii. **Samuel LEE**, born 1864
- 185 iii. **Fred LEE**, born 1866
- 186 iv. **Ada LEE**, born 1872
- 187 v. **George LEE**, born 1874
- 188 vi. **Emma LEE**, born 1876
- 189 vii. **Hannah LEE**, born 1879

**In conclusion, we need to address the QUESTION:**

were William LEES #138 and his sons William junior #139, and Thomas #142 part of the Lee family of East Farndon which is the main subject of this paper?

English families traditionally practiced primogeniture to a greater or lesser degree. The expectation was that the eldest son would inherit a major share of the family's wealth, along with a responsibility to provide for his mother and unmarried siblings. As the transfer of assets often occurred in the father's lifetime, family wills do not always reveal the full picture. After several generations, the status of younger sons of younger sons could be quite different from their distant cousins in the senior line.

However, there does seem to be a very wide gap between the family of Thomas #142 for example and his Birmingham contemporaries. His widow was described as a pauper, and a granddaughter died in the workhouse. He lived to age 60 so this is not a case of a premature death disadvantaging a family, though the possibility that he was incapacitated for work remains. All but one of his nine children died prematurely, and he had 4 illegitimate grandchildren.

William #138 was a labourer when he died in 1792, but his son William junior #139 was a yeoman in 1809. A yeoman worked on his own land, as opposed to a labourer who worked on someone else's. The quantity of land could vary widely. William junior left a will which mentions three houses, and he married by licence which is not usual for a labourer's son. All this suggests that the labourer status of his father may be misleading. On the other hand William junior's brother Thomas was without doubt a labourer, so perhaps it was inheritance from Mary Norman's family which advanced her descendants.

All in all I feel there is not sufficient evidence to say whether we are looking at one family or two unrelated families with similar names. I have opted to include them in this paper so that all available information is accessible in one place, and leave my readers to draw their own conclusions.

## **Appendix 1: The Old Meeting House and Burial Ground, Birmingham.**



The term Dissenter refers to a number of Protestant denominations -- Presbyterians, Baptists, Quakers, Congregationalists, Unitarians and others -- which, because they refused to take the Anglican communion or to conform to the tenets of the restored Church of England in 1662, were subjected to persecution under various acts passed by the Cavalier Parliament between 1661 and 1665. Examples of the attempts which were made to discourage them were the Act of Uniformity, which required all churches in England to use the Book of Common Prayer, and punished those who would not comply, and the Five Mile Act, which prohibited ministers who were ejected because of the Act of Uniformity from coming within five miles of their former parishes or of any town or city.

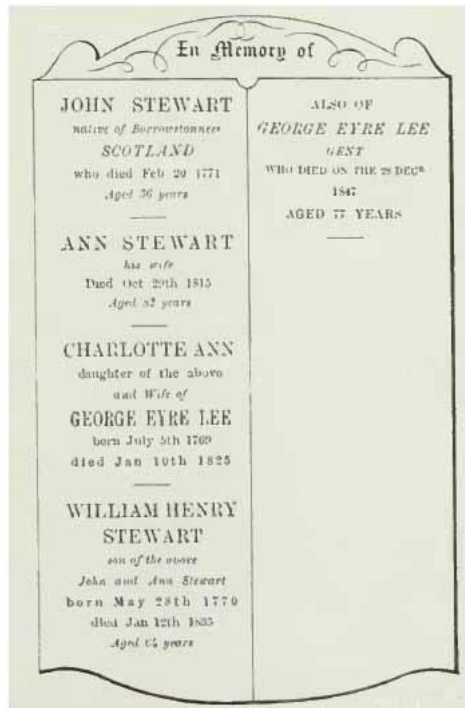
The Old Meeting House, Birmingham, was built following the passage of the Toleration Act in 1689, which permitted Dissenters to hold services in licensed meeting houses and to maintain their own preachers. These non-conformists were at first called Presbyterians and later became known as Unitarians. The Old Meeting was set on fire in the riots of 1715, and totally destroyed in the riots of 1791. It was rebuilt in 1794. It had a graveyard attached, wherein were buried some of Birmingham's most notable Nonconformists. A school and a library were attached.

In 1979 Dr R J Hetherington described the history of the Old Meeting burial ground:<sup>9</sup>

*Catherine Hutton Beale produced Memorials of the Old Meeting House and Burial Ground, Birmingham in 1882 - a limited edition - I own one copy.\* In 1882 the burial ground was removed en bloc to Witton cemetery with every stone recreated in correct position (a few decayed stones were replaced by new ones). The chapel was demolished and the mural tablets were put on the walls of a new Gothic stone church built soon after. That church was damaged by a bomb in the 1939 war and left derelict. The congregation disappeared and in 1954-55 it was demolished, and the mural monuments with it. However, in 1949-50 I personally took my copy of the book round (a) the Old Meeting Church and (b) the ground at Witton, and collated every word in every inscription. One interesting result was the logging of several new graves; the ground is still in use.*

The following transcriptions provided by Hetherington are from his corrected copy of Beale. Bracketed numbers refer to the person's entry in this document. Full text of this book is available online <http://ia700306.us.archive.org/31/items/memorialsfoldme00beal/memorialsfoldme00beal.pdf>.

Memorial Inscription No 35:



Note by Beale: The last mentioned George Eyre Lee [#52] was father to the late Miss Charlotte Lee [#64] of the Wellington Road [Edgbaston, Birmingham], also to Mr Cosby Lee [#65] and the late William Henry Lee [#66] of Westbourne Road, Edgbaston.

In memory of:  
John Stewart  
Native of Borrowstonness  
Scotland  
who died Feb 20 1771  
Aged 36 years

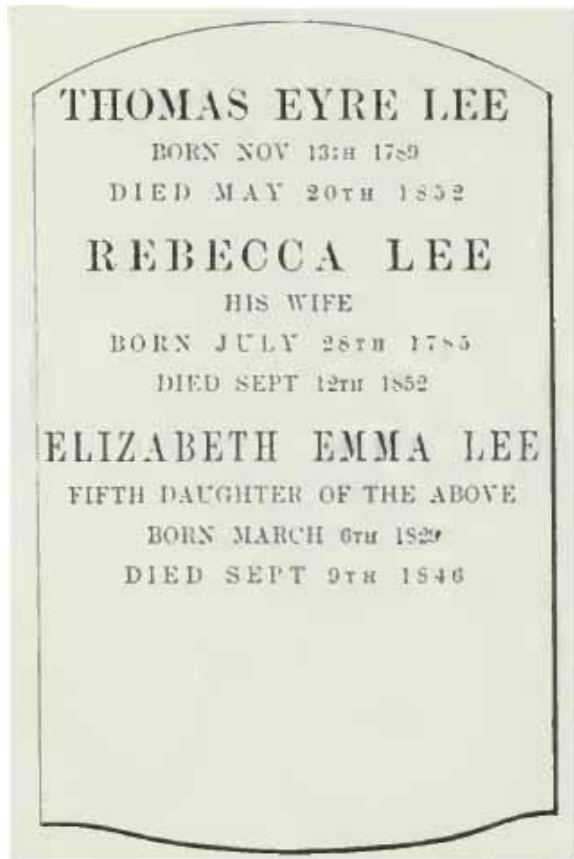
Ann Stewart  
his wife  
Died Oct 29 1815  
aged 82 years

Charlotte Ann  
daughter of the above  
and wife of  
George Eyre Lee [#52]  
born July 5th 1769  
died Jan 10th 1825

William Henry Stewart  
son of the above  
born May 28<sup>th</sup> 1770  
died Jan 12<sup>th</sup> 1835  
Aged 64 years

Also of  
George Eyre Lee [#52]  
Gent  
who died on the 28<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>  
1847  
Aged 77 years

Memorial Inscription No 36: [Recumbent Slab]



Beale notes on stone 36:

Thomas Eyre Lee esquire [#53] was a lawyer in Birmingham, he was father of the late Thomas Yate Lee [#67] and grandfather of Thomas Grosvenor Lee [#83] and Henry Lee [#86], solicitors of this town. Rebecca Lee born Hodgson [#120].

M Skipworth note \*Hetherington has assigned Ann Margaret's date to Alice. Lyall Hodgson's date is accepted.

Alongside Stone 36 at Witton is a cross.

In memory of  
Charles Best  
died April 9<sup>th</sup> 1900  
aged 87 years  
also of  
Lydia [#77], his wife  
died November 14<sup>th</sup> 1904  
aged 82 years

Thomas Eyre Lee [#53]  
born Nov 13th 1789  
died May 20th 1852

Rebecca Lee [#120]  
his wife  
born July 28th 1785  
died Sept 12th 1852

Elizabeth Emma Lee [#72]  
fifth daughter of the above  
born March 6th 1829  
died Sept 9th 1846

[the above from Beale, Hetherington added:]

Alice Lee [#73]  
sixth daughter of the above died May 19th  
1905\*  
aged 71

Anne Margaret Lee [#71]  
fourth daughter of the above  
died May 19th 1905  
aged 78

Also in memory of  
Thomas Yate Lee [#67]  
died November 4th 1872 aged 53

Mary Joanna, his wife  
died July 15th 1877 aged 61

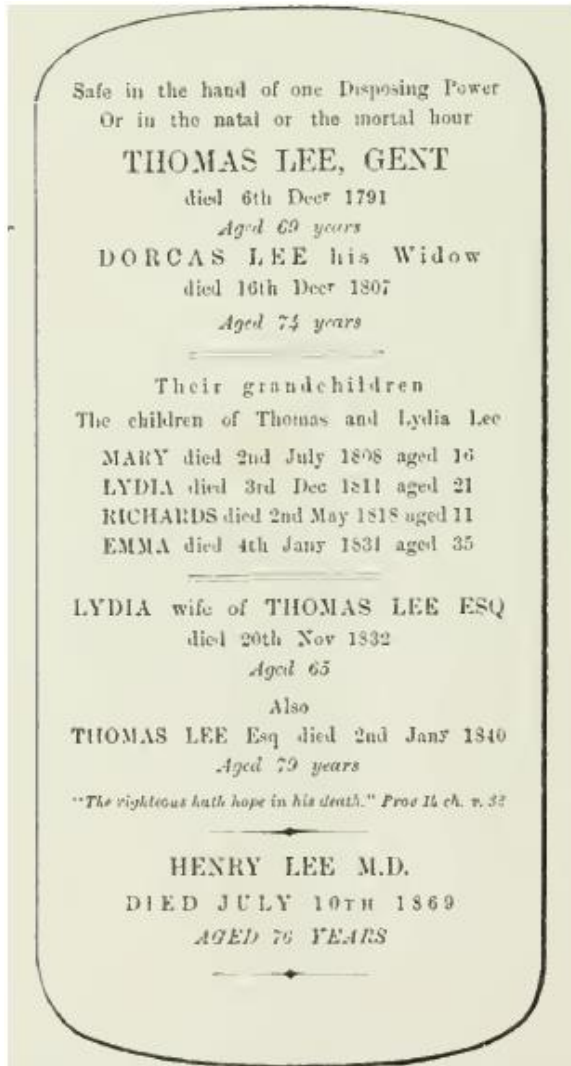
and their daughter  
Clara Joanna Lee [#87]  
died May 24th 1866, aged 10  
buried in Kinver Churchyard

A headstone above this recumbent slab

In memory of  
Winifred Hannah  
wife of  
Thomas Grosvenor Lee  
died March 21st 1916 aged 64

also the above named  
Thomas Grosvenor Lee [#83]  
died June 21<sup>st</sup>  
1916  
aged 68

Memorial Inscription No 84: Vault 18



Safe in the hands of one Disposing Power  
Or in the natal or the mortal hour  
Thomas Lee [#31], gent  
died 6th Dec 1791  
aged 69 years

Dorcas Lee his widow  
died 16th Dec 1807  
aged 74 years

Their grandchildren  
The children of Thomas and Lydia Lee:

Mary [#55] died 2nd July 1808 aged 16  
Lydia [#54] died 3rd Dec 1811 aged 21  
Richards [#63] died 2nd May 1818 aged 11  
Emma [#58] died 4th Jany 1831 aged 35

Lydia wife of Thomas Lee Esq  
died 20th Nov 1832  
aged 65  
also

Thomas Lee Esq [#50] died 2nd Jany 1840  
aged 79 years  
"The righteous hath hope in his death"  
Prov 14ch v32

Henry Lee M.D. [#56]  
died July 10th 1869  
aged 76 years

Beale notes on stone 84:

The first named Thomas Lee [#31] was great grand-father to the late Thomas Yate Lee [#67]; Mrs Charles Best [#69] of the Wellington Road, Edgbaston; also to the Misses Lee [#70] [#71] [#73], late of this town, now residing near Stourbridge.

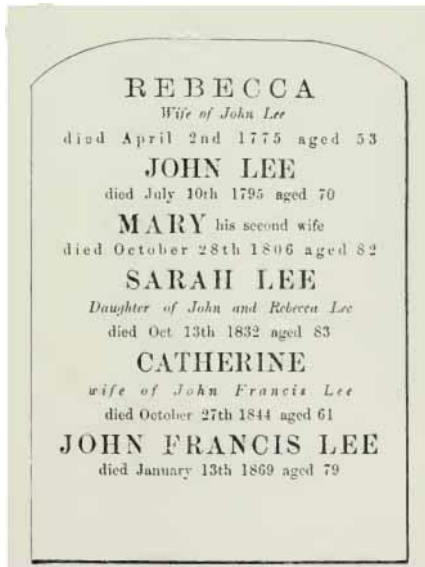
Dorcas Lee born Eyre [#31].

Lydia Lee born Keay [#50].

Mrs Coates [#49], wife of the Rev John Coates, one of the ministers of the Old Meeting, was a daughter of Thomas and Dorcas Lee.

Hetherington notes: John Coates was minister 1785-1801.

Memorial Inscription No 111 Vault 4



Note by Beale: Parents and grandparents of Miss Ellen Lee, of Kinver.  
Mrs John Francis Lee was a Miss FRANCIS, sister to the late John FRANCIS, Esq, Frederick Road, Edgbaston.

M Skipworth comment: Beale's note above is incorrect. These were the parents and great-grandparents of Ellen Lee of Kinver. Her grandparents resided in Boston, USA.

Rebecca  
wife of John Lee  
died April 2nd 1775 aged 53  
John Lee [#32]  
died July 10th 1795 aged 70  
Mary his second wife  
died October 28th 1806 aged 82  
Sarah Lee [#111]  
daughter of John and Rebecca Lee  
died Oct 13th 1832 aged 83  
Catherine  
wife of John Francis Lee  
died October 27th 1844 aged 61  
John Francis Lee [#126]  
died January 13th 1869 aged 79

[Thus far Beale, continued at Witton:]

Ellen Francis Lee [#139]  
daughter of the above  
died July 16th 1900, aged 83

## ***Appendix 2: The Lee premises at 18 Newhall Street, Birmingham.***

*Some Eighteenth Century Birmingham Houses, and the Men who lived in them* by Benjamin Walker  
Transactions Birmingham Archaeological Society 1952: 56, 1-36

..... with the exception of two houses now numbered 18 and 22 all the earlier buildings in Newhall Street have disappeared. .... No 18 is first mentioned in the Levy Book of 1769 (tenant Thomas Lee) .... a three story brick building with the usual cornice and parapet wall hiding the roof; the windows have flat stone arches with large voussoirs and ornamented keystones on the ground and first floors, and flat gauged-brick arches on the second floor; and the entrance is flanked by engaged columns supporting an entablature forming the door head, over which is a segmental pediment.

Thomas Lee was an attorney, and he, and afterwards his son Thomas [Thomas Lee V], occupied No 18 until 1792. In that year the firm, then known as Lee & Son, removed to No 15 The Square .....

In 1799 Thomas Lee [V] returned accompanied by Josiah Corrie who had recently joined him in partnership. The partnership dissolved in 1815.... but Lee remained at Newhall Street, where today his successors .... continue to carry on the practice founded .... more than a century and a half ago. This is probably the oldest firm of solicitors in Birmingham.

[A photograph of the exterior on Number 18 Newhall Street (since demolished <sup>9</sup>) accompanies the article.]

*Memorials of the Old Square, Birmingham* by Joseph Hill and Robert K Dent. Achilles Taylor 1897  
[Joseph Hill was a clerk to this firm and derived most of his historic knowledge from their archives.]

For some years prior to 1760, Thomas Lee [IV] the founder of the business, had practiced as an attorney at Market Harborough, in which neighborhood, at East Farndon, his family had lived for many generations. Upon coming to Birmingham his first office was at the Johnson's Head, Friday Street, now Congreve Street, but shortly afterwards at Shut Lane, Moor Street, and in 1763 he was addressed ..... "Attorney at Law, Colmore Row"..... A year or two later he purchased the newly built house in New Hall Street, and this, in 1791, was the residence of Thomas Lee, junior.

In 1777, Thomas Lee [IV] was appointed Steward of Birmingham manor by Lord Archer. At his [Thomas Lee IV's] death in 1791, the Archers ..... gave the appointment to Mr Brooke, the somewhat notorious leader of the Church and King party. In consequence of the riots in July of that year, party spirit ran high; costly litigation, in which Lee and Son [Thomas IV and Thomas V] were prosecuting attorneys, was pending, and the new Steward, in disregard of ancient custom, refused to accept the Low Bailiff's jury, and chose all the officers from his own party. The leading dissenters met, and raised a fund of between two and three thousand pounds, and further suits were commenced, which resulted in Brooke's nominees being ousted. .... Lee and Shipton were acting for nearly the whole of the sufferers in the riots.

Joseph Shipton, an attorney, who was a quaker, entered into partnership with the firm of Lee & Son, New Hall Street, and the offices were at once removed to the Square. The firm of Lee and Shipton was dissolved at Christmas 1797, Thomas Lee took as partner Joseph Corrie ..... About 1804 Lee and Corrie removed to the old offices in New Hall Street, and in 1815 dissolved partnership. In 1813 Thomas Eyre Lee joined his father, and in 1820 the firm changed from Lee and Son to Lee, Son and Hunt. Thomas Lee (IV) retired in 1825, and died at his house in Hagley Road in 1840. From Lee and Hunt the firm became Lee, Hunt and Adams, 1832; Thomas Eyre Lee 1838; Lee Pinson and Best, 1844; Charles Best, 1859; Best and Horton, 1861; Best Horton and Lee, 1878; Horton, Lee and Co, 1893; Lee, Russell and Terry, 1894; Lee and Russell, 1896.

For more than a century the firm has represented Lench's Trust, and many other old charities of the town.

Dr Hetherington had seen the Board Room at 18 Newhall St and described it being ...furnished as an 18<sup>th</sup> century dining room with a superb Chippendale table and chairs. In 2003 the firm Lee Crowder merged with Cobbetts, ending a 230 year association of the Lee name with Birmingham legal practice.

### ***Appendix 3: Tontine Deed for Birmingham Public Library - 1798***

A Tontine Deed is an annuity taken out by a group of individuals, the survivors of which stand to benefit the most. In fact when only one subscriber is left alive, he/she takes the lot!!!

In this Tontine, some 180 worthy citizens of Birmingham Warwickshire subscribed an undisclosed sum and agreed to pay the rent on the land which the agreement set aside for the provision of a Public Library for Birmingham.

It is not clear from the legal clauses to the tontine, just what benefits were expected to accrue to the subscribers - but it is of note that the subscribers nominated very young members of their families presumably in the hope that these youngsters would out-live all the others.

One benefit that the subscribers enjoyed was that if five or more of their number so desired they could call a General Meeting of the Proprietors, and at such a meeting they were empowered to direct and manage the affairs of the Library undertaking. They could also appoint the Secretary and Treasurer of the Library.

The Deed was signed on 25th March 1798.

In the Schedule to the Deed are recorded the full details of the subscribers. In transcribing these entries the information has been somewhat abbreviated.

|                       |                                                        |           |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 083 LEE George Eyre   | Thomas Eyre LEE 8yrs, Edgbaston, s/o Geo Eyre & Lydia, | Gentleman |
| 084 LEE John [junior] | James LEE 5yrs, Yardley, s/o John & Sarah              | Merchant  |
| 085 LEE Thomas        | Henry SHIPTON 8yrs, Birmingham, s/o Joseph & Caroline  | Gentleman |

George Eyre Lee [#52] was taking out an investment for his nephew Thomas Eyre Lee [#53], son of Thomas Lee V and Lydia. (The document is incorrect when it states that Thomas Eyre Lee was son of George Eyre & Lydia.) Thomas Eyre Lee died at the age of 62, so would not have been a serious contender for the prize.

John Lee jnr [#116], cousin of George Eyre Lee and Thomas Lee V, was taking out an investment for his son James [#128]. John's decision to nominate his younger son was a poor one, as James died two years later, whereas his brother, who was only 3 years older, lived to age 79.

Thomas Lee V [#50] was taking out an investment for the son of his partner Joseph Shipton. [Refer to Appendix 2] Since these tontines usually named a family member one questions whether Joseph Shipton was related in some way.

## **Appendix 4: History of the Birmingham Library**

*From the book by Charles Parish, 1966 (pages 10-11)*<sup>10</sup>

The Birmingham Library, in common with similar libraries in other towns, was an expression of the desire of the prosperous dissenting middle class to establish permanent repositories for books; not the publications of the day only, but also all the books required by the cultivated reader. The founding of these libraries was a necessary and logical extension of the ideas that had led to the establishment of the dissenting academies; but although the founders had the needs of their own people in the forefront of their minds, they never contemplated restricting membership to those who shared their religious beliefs.

The earliest records of the Library have been lost, and it is necessary therefore, to rely upon contemporary writers for evidence of its foundation. There is general agreement that this event took place in 1779..... Hutton, in later editions of his *History* makes the following statement: "The Public Library of Birmingham, commenced in 1779, and, like many important things, from exceedingly minute beginnings. Each member paid a guinea entrance, and six shillings per annum....." Another contemporary writer states: "The Birmingham Library originated with the Dissenters; and was first established in November, 1779. The number of subscribers at its commencement amounted to no more than 19, one of whom only was a member of the establishment. Far from wishing with a narrow and selfish spirit, to confine within the circle of their own particular views, the advantages resulting from such an institution, the first founders, with a liberal anxiety to extend its usefulness, communicated their scheme to many of the respectable laity of Birmingham and to some clergy with an invitation to join them, which the latter at that time refused to accept."

[Remainder of this chapter is quoted under John Lee, page 36.]

Footnote: *The Birmingham Library* described here should not be confused with the *Birmingham City Library* which it pre-dated by more than a decade.<sup>9</sup>

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From website of *Birmingham and Midlands Institute* <http://www.bmi.org.uk/library.html>:

### Library

Begun in 1779 at the house of John Lee, a button manufacturer, then living at 115 Snow Hill, this private lending library was reorganized in 1781 by Joseph Priestley, pioneering chemist and discoverer of oxygen. Two moves in quick succession, to Swan Yard off High Street, and to the Upper Priory in 1790 were followed in 1797 by a further move to purpose-built premises in Union Street. There the library remained for just over a century and in 1899 came the final migration to its present Margaret Street home, then a brand new building. There it was joined in 1965 by the Birmingham and Midland Institute, itself ousted from its original Victorian premises in Paradise Street by the ringway building programme. Extensive alterations to the Birmingham Library were the result of this amalgamation.

The library has a total holding approaching 100,000 books including:

- 18th century volumes from the earliest years of the library.
- 19th and 20th century purchases, including books on history, literature, natural history, science, travel and fiction, with a strong holding of late 19th and early 20th century novels.
- 6,000 biographies.
- a music library with a remarkably comprehensive range of classical LPs and over 2500 classical CDs.
- many books not available in other libraries may be borrowed for private use at home.

The library is available only to BMI members, who may borrow books, LPs and CDs free of charge.

## ***Appendix 5: Mackenzie family in New Zealand***

A son and a daughter of Dr Kenneth Mackenzie married a daughter and son of Thomas Oliver LEE [#98].

**Dr Kenneth Mackenzie** (father of Fiona [104] and Kenneth [105])

MD, M Ch (Edin), FRCS (Eng), FRACS. Surgeon. 27 Princes Street, Auckland, NZ. Member of Council, Auckland University College 1921-1935. Pres, Auckland University College 1933-35; Pres Rotary Club 1924; Pres Auckland Clinical Soc 1923; Hon Serving Brother of the Order of St John of Jerusalem; Member Senate, University of NZ 1933-1937; Pres Auckland Div British Medical Association 1933. Born London, Eng. 1885, son of Thomas and Ida Mackenzie of Dunedin, NZ. Educated Robin Hood Bay, City of London, and Otago Boys' High Schools; Otago and Edinburgh Universities. Commenced his career as House Surgeon of Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, and became House Physician of same....Chalmers Hospital Edinburgh, ....Stanley Hospital Liverpool .... Auckland Hospital since 1914. Examiner in Physiology and also in Gynaecology, University of Otago, various prizes and medals mentioned. (From *Who's Who in New Zealand*)

**Sir Thomas Mackenzie** (father of Dr Kenneth and Sir Clutha) JP, FRGS, MHR for Waikouaiti, NZ, born Edinburgh 10 Mar 1854, son of David Stewart Mackenzie and Rebecca Noble. Married Ida Nantes of Geelong, Victoria, Australia. Educated Otago; represented Clutha in parliament 1887-1896; Waihemo 1900-1902; Waikouaiti from 1902 to date; followed commerce, land surveying and bush farming; 1889 NZ Trade Commissioner to Gt Britain.....1901-1905 Mayor of Roslyn; 1893-9 and 1899 to date Member Otago Education Board; Chairman Otago High School Board; Member Hospital Board, Charitable Aid Board..... Explorations: 1886 Tautuku Forest; 1888 Milford, Te Anau, Manapouri; 1894-96 Manapouri-Dusky Sound; 1907 Te Anau Wakatipu; Elected Fellow Royal Geographical Soc., Fellow Colonial Institute. (From *Who's Who in NZ*)

A fuller Biography appears in Scholefield: *Dictionary of New Zealand Biography*. He was a Minister in Ward's cabinet in 1908, and on the resignation of Ward following the election of 1911 he was for a very brief period Premier of NZ, but his party was defeated for lack of a majority.

Some detailed articles are available about his explorations in Fiordland. He gave his name to the Mackenzie Pass between Manapouri and Dusky Sound.

**Sir Clutha Nantes Mackenzie** was knighted in 1935 for his work internationally in the service of the blind. He married Doris Agnes SAWYER in 1919.

## ***Appendix 6: Notes from family wills***

[Numbers in brackets reference individuals in this document]

**John LEE** [#32] late of Birmingham, now of Handsworth, Staffordshire, Buttonmaker

- To sons John Lee [#116] and James Lee [#118] and nephew Thomas Lee [#50] ..... freehold estate and premises in Snow Hill, Bettell Street, Livery Street, and Newton Street in Birmingham.....
- To dear wife Mary Lee £125 p.a.
- Reference to leasehold property at Uttoxeter (subject to the life of his sister-in-law Hester Bradshaw)
- £50 to his wife immediately and use of furniture etc for life, then to be divided equally between his daughters Sarah [#111], Rebecca [#114] and Britannia [#115].
- To daughter Sarah the worked bed and 2 worked stools in the best chamber
- To Rebecca the worked easy chairs, the work of her own mother and also two other worked chairs now in said best chamber
- To Britannia the chairs in best parlour in house son John lived in, the seats of which were worked by Britannia
- To James the portrait of my ancestor Thomas Lee [probably #5] now hanging in the parlour [I suspect that this second copy of the family portrait found its way into the Thomas Lee family when the lines of both James and John terminated without issue. This would account for two copies of the portrait being held in the Thomas Lee family to the present time.]
- To son John £500
- To son James £250
- One canal share to each daughter and her issue, the value of which I estimate at £1000 each (these shares to be part of the daughters' share of the estate)
- The 5 children to have equal shares of the total estate.

Proved 21 Nov 1795 by Thomas, John and James Lee. PROB 11/1267/216

**Sarah LEE** [#111], spinster of Birmingham, Warwickshire <sup>44</sup>

To cousin Sarah ? Bolton £5; To Mr John Wilmot (one of the executors) £5 to be laid out in a piece of plate

To servant Mary Ball £10; To nurse £5; To each of 2 servants if still with me etc £10

- Reference to her nephew J F Lee [#126], and to having already made provision for her great niece Ellen [#139] in her life-time, she now gives her the large \_\_\_\_\_ which was my mother's
- To Catherine, wife of J F Lee, my other \_\_\_\_\_
- To J F Lee [#126] portraits of my father (John Lee [#32]) and great grandfather (strictly this would be Thomas Lee II [#10] but most likely it was the portrait of the Cromwellian soldier Thomas Lee I [#5] which her father had left to her brother James, but had by now reverted to Sarah) and some furniture
- To niece Rebecca [#120], wife of T E Lee, a large pier glass and 2 worked stools
- To Mary Hodgson [#121] bed hangings etc.
- To William Hodgson [#122] silver cream jug and 4 silver salt spoons
- To John Lee [#116] of Boston (her brother) all other plate, furniture, etc.
- To Britannia Lee [#115] (her sister) interest on her canal shares for life, then to John. After death of both 3 shares to J F Lee [#126] (her nephew) ? proceeds to each of her other nephews and nieces: Sarah Lee [#125], Rebecca Lee [#127], Mary Hodgson [#121], Rebecca (Mrs T.E.) Lee [#120], William Hodgson [#122].
- All residue to brother John for life then divide among all nephews and nieces.

Signed and sealed 24 Jan 1831

Codicil re odds of furniture and silver marked TL Signed 26 Jan 1831

Proved 24 May 1833 by T E Lee, J F Lee, Rebecca wife of T E Lee. Probate £3000 PROB 11/1816/95

**Britannia LEE** [#115] Spinster of Newington Green, Middlesex <sup>44</sup>

- To niece Mary Hodgson [#121] of Newington Green the whole of my property for the term of her natural life
- To Mary Hodgson the whole use and benefit of half of whatever funds I die possessed of
- To niece Rebecca Lee [#120] or her heirs (after Mary's death) 1/4 of her total funds
- To nephew William Hodgson [#122] or his heirs (after Mary's death) 1/4 of her total funds
- To Mary Hodgson the lease of the house at Newington Green
- To my sister Mrs James Lee [#118] £5
- To Miss Kate Haniby £5, To Miss Susan Haniby £5, To both Miss Ropers £10, To Phoebe Billings, my late servant £10, to Sarah Lee, my present servant £5, To T E Lee, my executor £5, To Mr E Hobson of Harbury £5
- Codicil refers to feather bed pillows and bolster left me by my sister and exchanged with Mrs T E Lee
- £500 now in the hands of her brother John Lee of Boston to be disposed of as follows: £300 to John Lee for life and the interest, and on his death to go to Mary Hodgson £200 to nephew William Hodgson late of Chorley, and it is my particular desire that whatever sum derives from Mr E Lee from the annuity due to me from Mr Hodgson should be repaid Mr E Lee out of the £200 I leave the said Mr Hodgson, and not on any account to be taken from that portion of my property which I bequeath to Mary.

Signed 21 Apr 1834, codicil re John Lee money 13 Feb 1837

Proved 15 Jun 1837 by Robert Kinder, T E Lee renounced Probate £4000 PROB 1880/155

**Rebecca HODGSON** [#114] of Newington Green, County Middlesex, widow. <sup>44</sup>

- To daughter Rebecca [#120] my best chintz bed and the furniture corresponding which was given by my late father on my marriage and is now in the front chamber of my present dwelling
- To my sister Sarah Lee [#111] for her use during her life, my easy chair and 2 other chairs which were left me by the will of my late father, being the work of my own mother and are now in my said sister's residence at Birmingham, and after Sarah's decease to my daughter Mary Hodgson [#121].
- To my sister Britannia Lee [#115], the little plate I am possessed of
- To my brothers John Lee [#116] of Moor Street, Birmingham, merchant, and James Lee [#118] of Watling Street, London, Warehouseman, all the rest of my estate, to dispose of and turn into ready money as they think fit ..... upon trust to pay unto my children Rebecca Hodgson, Mary Hodgson, William Hodgson, Benjamin Hodgson, and James Hodgson when they attain 21 years £350 each if that does not exceed 1/5 the value of the trust property .... Provision to divide shares of those who die childless to apply the income for the maintenance and education of the minors refers to Robert Maynard one of the executors of her late husband's will refers to her marriage settlement the sum of £1000, part of the sum of £2000 mentioned in the said marriage settlement to be sent to her brother James Lee on bond .... Sister Britannia Lee and brother James Lee to take care and education of the children I particularly request my brother James' attention to placing out of my boys apprentice as far as he is able to act in this particular under my late husband's will

Signed and sealed 30 Apr 1800, Witnesses James Lindsay, Elizabeth Edwards

Codicil, same date, if all children die then to her 4 brothers and sisters.

Proved 26 Sep 1800 by James Lee, power reserved to John Lee Probate £2000 PROB 11/1347/335

[Note Discovery index incorrect "of Paddington Green," correction sent.]

**John LEE** [#116] of Boston, Massachusetts, USA formerly of Birmingham, County of Warwick <sup>44</sup>

- Body to be decently interred in as plain and simple a manner as may be
- To Relatives and Jane Tenterman [Tuckerman?] a small brooch or mourning ring
- To his respected minister and friend Ezra J Garnett \$50
- Chattels in house in which I now live and which they kindly purchased, to his daughters Sarah and Rebecca, or the survivor of them [House was mortgaged for \$4913 of which 913 paid off]
- 6 of his 12 shares in the Vermont Mineral Company to his son John Francis Lee, two of them I now hold in trust for him by right of his father [father-in-law?] Francis, the other six to Sarah and Rebecca
- 16 of his 36 shares in Boston Copper Company to John F, six of them being his in right of his father Francis, the other 20 to daughters Sarah and Rebecca
- 3 of 10 shares in the Green Mountain to son, seven to daughters
- Life assurance £1500 stg and all other property to be divided equally among his children
- Three children to be executors. Signed 30 March 1835
- Codical 31 Mar 1835: Give daughters pew at Dr Channings Meeting House PROB 11/1936/222

**Sarah LEE** [#125] of Boston, Massachusetts<sup>44</sup> 1849

Note: the surname in this will initially transcribed as Ackerman has proved to be Tuckerman. The 1861 census of John Francis Lee included a visiting nephew S Salisbury Tuckerman, & family.

- To brother John F Lee what property he has in his hands and any owing me in England
- To niece Ellen F Lee 2 canal shares left me by my aunt Sarah Lee
- To my dear cousin Jane Tuckerman \$2000 two thousand dollars to be put in trust for her sole use during her life and then in trust for her daughter Jane F Tuckerman
- To the said Jane Tuckerman \$1000 dollars in trust for her sole use and benefit
- To Mary F Tuckerman \$1000 in trust
- To John Frances Tuckerman \$500
- \$100 each to Gustavus \_\_\_\_ Cap and Samuel Smith and Stephan Salisbury Tuckerman to be kept at interest till they each come of age
- To my beloved Minister and friend E S Gannett \$500
- To my good friend Peter Wainwright \$500; To my good friend Dr Townsend \$100
- To my good friend S E Sewell \$100; To my good friend Mary Davis \$300
- To my good friend E Sturgiss \$50 for a ring or pin as a small token of my remembrance
- To Charlotte and Mary \_\_\_\_ \$50 a year as long as either of them live, to be paid half yearly
- Rest of property to my beloved sister Rebecca Lee during her life and then to be disposed of as follows:
  - My share of the house No 9 Milton Place and 101 Federal St at her own disposal.
  - All the silver to be sent to my brother J F Lee.
  - To the Federal Street Branch of the Benevolent Fraternity of \_\_\_\_ \$500
  - To the Theological School at Cambridge \$200
  - To the Unitarian Association \$500
  - To the Society for Suppression of Pauperism \$500
  - To the proprietors of Mount Auburn \$200 on condition they keep my lot No 530 neat & in good order
  - To the Tuckerman Charitable Society \$100
  - Remainder to brother J F Lee, Ellen F Lee, Jane Francis Tuckerman, and Mary Francis Tuckerman
- Request to be buried at Mount Auburn in as simple a manner as possible and a plain white marble monument with father's and mother's name and time of their death and a simple inscription.
- Rebecca Lee and Peter Wainwright my executors in America and my brother John F Lee in England  
Signed 24 April 1841

Codicil signed 22 Oct 1849:

- Dr Townsend to get \$500 instead of \$100
- Legacies given to Jane Francis Tuckerman, now Mrs King to be for her sole use as if unmarried
- Instead of giving John F Lee all the silver she gives him only a silver pitcher and waiter
- All legacies to be postponed till after the death of her sister Rebecca; Samuel Sewell additional exec
- Proved Boston 19 Nov 1849, Proved London 31 Oct 1850 PROB 11/2121/9

[Jane Tuckerman was daughter of Sarah's uncle John Francis & Catherine Bedford, and sister of Mrs J F Lee]

**Benjamin HODGSON** [#114], Leatherseller of Saint Paul's Church Yard, City of London <sup>44</sup>

- To John Pyne, of Exeter Court, leather pazer, and Thomas Roberts, servant £20 each
- Deletion at this point which appears to be a reference to his wife
- To son John Thody Hodgson the leasehold house in St Paul's Church Yard wherein I carry on business with James Lee [#118], my leasehold house in Theobalds Court in Strand, also £5000.
- Residue to be divided equally among the children of my present wife
- £30 p.a. to my wife for maintenance of each of the children
- Not more than £250 to be advanced for apprenticeship fees of the children under age.
- If all children die divide between his brother John, brother Andrew, sister Burnitt, and sister Jarratt.

Executors: wife, Rev Doctor Harris, Robert Maynard, Joseph ..... Signed 28 Jan 1790

Proved 28 Jan 1796 by Rebecca Hodgson, widow, and Robert Maynard PROB 11/1270/292

Document attached to the original will [viewed 1979] outlines evidence given by Robert Maynard and James Lee that 2 years previously, the deceased, "falling into a desponding state of mind" sealed up the key of the safe where the will was found and gave it to John Thody Hodgson for safe keeping. The seal of the key was not broken until Maynard opened the safe to obtain the will. Both gave oath they believed the obliteration in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> lines was done by the deceased. [Value of estate not given in Act book] Robert Maynard was (I think) married to a Rebecca (probably Chapman) who was related to the Thodys. These names come up in Chapman wills (refer JohnThodyHodgson.doc).

**Mary COATES** [#49] Widow of Edgbaston, Warwickshire <sup>44</sup>

Probate 09 March 1844 Will of Mary Coates, Warwickshire. Signed 3rd April 1843 PROB 11/1994/250

As to my funeral and the disposal of any property I may have at my decease, I wish my funeral to be conducted in as plain a manner as is consistent with the feelings of my relatives, and I desire that Mr \_\_\_\_ of the Bull Ring may be employed under the direction of my nephew Thomas Eyre Lee to supply mourning and such other things as may be necessary on the occasion, a list of bearers being found him, and I wish the Rev Samuel B \_\_\_\_ to have the same articles of mourning as the Rev Hugh Sutton.

- £10 to friend Mr Harry Hunt as a mark of my respect for his continuous friendship and kindness
- I wish my niece Ann Jemima Lee or all three of my nieces Ann Jemima Lee [#59], Jane Caroline Lee [#61], and Sarah Lee [#62] to examine the articles enumerated in the enclosed paper and to dispose of the same according as the situation of my relatives may seem to require.
- I wish the K \_\_\_\_ of linen addressed to Mr Thomas Yate Lee [#67] to be given to him and that the remainder may be divided by my said nieces among such of my relatives as may most require it.
- I wish my domestic to have a reasonable sum allowed in lieu of mourning.
- The residue to my nephew Thomas Yate Lee son of Thomas Eyre Lee.

After her death Charles Best swore that he wrote her will and witnessed it and had kept it ever since but there never was a piece of paper enclosed, and he could not find such a paper among her possessions.

**James Martineau LEE** [#129] of Norwich, now of Hastings, Suffolk, made 18 Jan '28, proved 29 Feb 1828.<sup>44</sup> PROB 11/1736/523

Executors: mother Margaret Lee, John ..... (friend) of Norwich and Richard Martineau of London

- To John \_\_\_\_\_ and Richard Martineau [executors] 19 guineas each
- To spinster friend in Edinburgh ten guineas
- To friend Samuel ..... near Manchester ten guineas for a mourning ring
- To cousin William Hodgson [#122] five guineas for a mourning ring
- To friend and cousin Rev James Martineau ten guineas
- To his friend Dr L..... some of his books
- To his late pupil Mr Francis ..... rest of his [professional ?] books
- To his mother his Literature books
- Remainder to his mother for life, and after her decease:
- To Sarah Lee [#125] and Rebecca Lee [#127], daughters of uncle John Lee of Boston in America, 250 guineas each [ if only one survives his mother she is to take both shares]
- To cousin Rebecca Lee [#120], wife of Thomas Eyre Lee, 100 guineas
- To cousin Mary Hodgson [#121] of Rivington, 100 guineas
- All residue of Trust monies to mother Margaret Lee and her Executors

[The four ultimate beneficiaries all outlived Margaret who died about 1840]

[Note: Margaret Lee was his step-mother, his birth mother's sister. James']

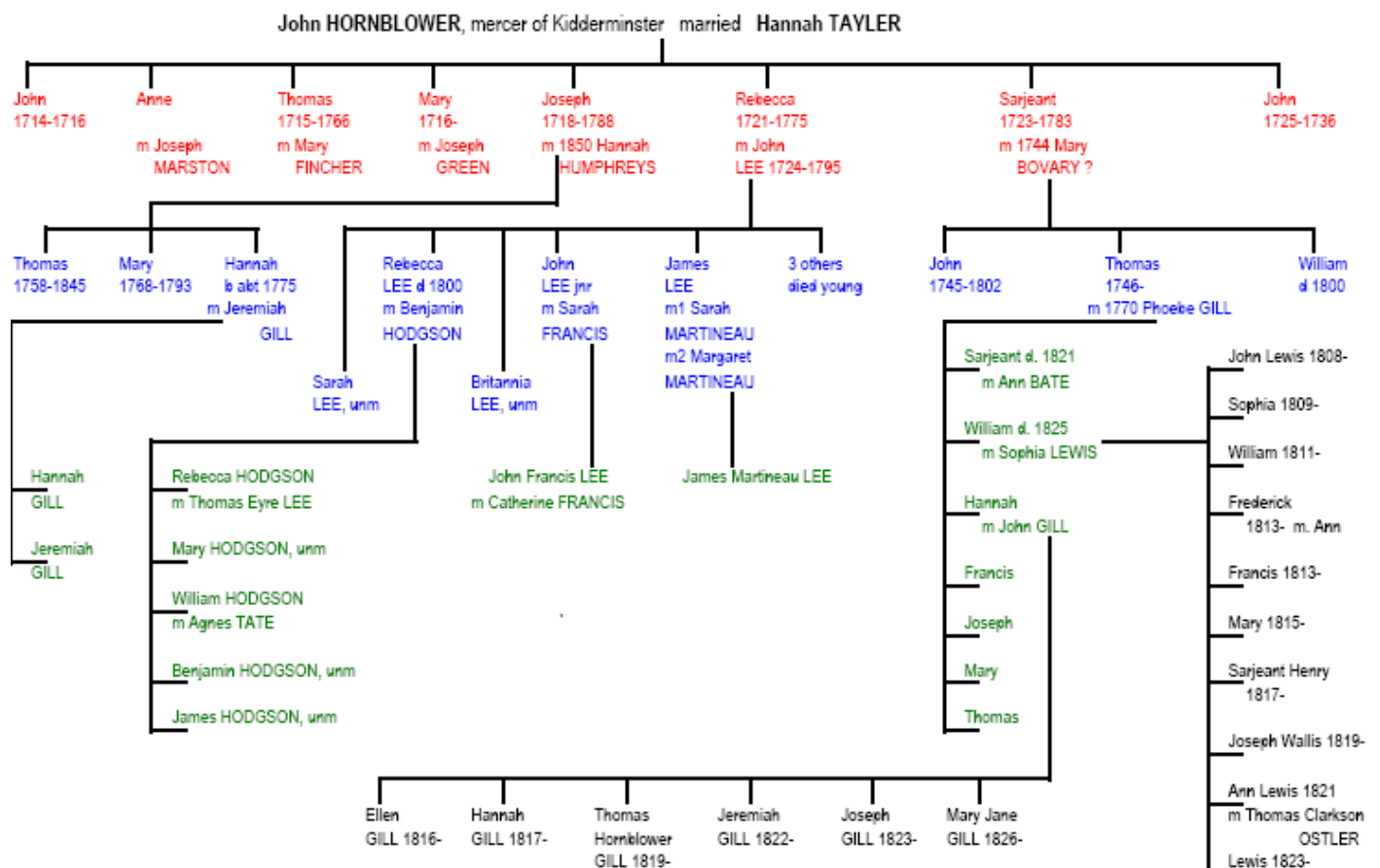
**John HORNBLOWER** of Kidderminster in the county of Worcester, mercer, made 19 May 1743, Proved PCC Canterbury, 4 August 1743. PROB 11/728/169 Witnesses John Walker, Wm Shakespeare, Edmund Chambers.

My dear wife Hannah Hornblower sole executrix

- To son Serjeant Hornblower two dwelling houses in High Street Kidderminster (in one of which he had been living) - with the gardens etc appertaining to them
- To son Joseph Hornblower £150 to be paid 3 years after his death, also 2 other houses in Kidderminster
- To wife Hannah the use of above 2 houses and profit on above £150 for 2 years after his death
- To daughter Rebecca Hornblower [£33] £200
- To son Thomas Hornblower £20
- Residue to be divided equally between my severall children Mary Ann Rebecca Joseph & Serjeant.

[My thanks to Lex Noffke of NSW, Australia for supplying this information and that for the following chart.]

## Hornblower Family Chart



## ***Appendix 7: Obituary Thomas Eyre Lee***

*From: The Christian Reformer; or, Unitarian magazine and review [ed by R Aspland]  
1852, p 451 Obituary, Thomas Eyre Lee*

### **THOMAS EYRE LEE, ESQ**

The subject of this notice was descended from an old Presbyterian family sprung from the Lees of Adlington, in Cheshire, and formerly settled on “freehold lands of inheritance” at East Farndon, in Northamptonshire, where a part of the old parish church (as is stated in Baker’s County History) was called Lee’s aisle.

Thomas Lee, a direct lineal ancestor, was a lieutenant in the Parliament army in 1641, and fought in Cromwell’s wing of horse at the battle of Naseby. Another Thomas Lee, grandfather of the gentleman recently deceased, practised the profession of the law at Market Harborough, and was deputed with a loyal address to the Crown after the ruin of the Stuart cause at Culloden; soon after which he removed with his brother John to the thriving town of Birmingham, then a favourite refuge for Nonconformists desirous to avoid, in a place without municipal government, the oppressive vexations of the “Five-Mile-Act” and other similar statutes prevailing in all the old corporations. It was about this time that the first Sunday-schools were established at Gloucester, and thither Mr. John Lee, the younger of the brothers, then a prosperous manufacturer, made a journey on purpose to understand the new plan, which he was instrumental in introducing at Birmingham, where the system has since met with singular success among the Unitarian body.

The elder brother, Mr. Thomas Lee, steward of the Manor of Birmingham and in the Commission of the Peace, was succeeded in his business as a solicitor by his son of the same name, whose activity, integrity, and liberality as a Magistrate and Chairman of the Birmingham Canal Company, and a supporter of the local charities of Birmingham, will be recollected by some of our readers. His son, the late Mr. Thomas Eyre Lee, also a solicitor, was born in 1789; and the first remarkable incident of his life was the hurried flight of his family, with their infant son wrapped in a blanket, escaping at midnight from the fury of the mob who had attacked and burnt the meeting-houses and residences of the Dissenters in Birmingham. It was often a pleasure to Mr. Lee to look back to this event, and recall how much had been done in the last fifty years to remove prejudice and assure the rights, civil and religious, of his fellow-countrymen. Of civil and religious liberty in the full sense of the words, such liberty as he thought consistent with the duties of a citizen and a Christian, Mr. Lee was a steady, enlightened and

progressive partizan; sharing the toils and the triumphs of the successive victories which during the last thirty years have blessed Old England, by change without passion and reform without disorder. Among these, Unitarians will ever place the passing of the Dissenters’ Chapels Bill, a measure in the promotion of which Mr. Lee laboured zealously, and in the success of which he saw the close of that series of struggles which followed the repeal of the Test and Corporation Acts; an occasion on which he had the satisfaction of acting as under-sheriff of his friend, the late John Scott, Esq., of Stourbridge, the first Dissenting high-sheriff of Worcestershire.

For the part he took in the support of Unitarian opinions and liberal politics, both locally and generally, he was well prepared by the sound scholarship of the Rev. William Field, at Leam, and afterwards at Manchester College, York, by the varied learning and mild control of the Rev. Charles Wellbeloved, who still, at a venerable age, survives his former pupil; and by the companionship of such fellow-students as the Rev. Thos. Madge, the Rev. John Robberds, and the Rev. Richard Astley.

In the Parliamentary elections for his native town, he has generally stood forward during the last fifteen years as the proposer of one of the liberal candidates; while his fellow-burgesses have marked their opinions of an integrity unbiased by political partizanship, by electing him annually, until his death, to the office of Assessor of the Mayor’s Court for revision of the burgess-list.

In the local charities, especially those connected with the Unitarian body, Mr. Lee laboured constantly and zealously to effect well-considered plans of maintenance and improvement; having been for about thirty years Chairman of the Vestry Committee of the Old Meeting-house at Birmingham, Treasurer of the large Sunday-schools and prosperous Friendly Society connected with that place of worship, and during the last twelve years of his life President of the Unitarian Domestic Mission; also as Treasurer, acting in union with his old friend and school-fellow, Mr James Russell, to support and enlarge the Protestant Dissenting Charity-school for the maintenance and education of poor girls; and devoting his best services to the extension and management of the important charities known as Lench’s Trust. While giving much time and thought to these labours of charity, Mr. Lee rendered a steady help to the local societies for science, literature and art; being one of the original founders and promoters of the

Mechanics' Institute, the Philosophical Society, the Botanical Gardens, the News-room, the Theatre, and the Midland Art Union and Society of Artists, of which at his death he was Chairman. Amidst these various engagements, the estimation in which he was held by his professional bretheren was testified by their placing him at their head in Birmingham as President of the Law Institution, and selecting him also as a Vice-President of the Metropolitan and Provincial Law Association; and the estimation in which he was generally held procured for him the singular favour of being chosen as the agent by whom an anonymous benefactor, under the initials F.P.H., bestowed liberal donations upon the public charities of Birmingham, the Metropolis, and some other parts of England.

The deceased gentleman, whose activity had been much diminished by two serious accidents in middle life, died suddenly at his residence, Camden Lodge, Birmingham, on the 20<sup>th</sup> May last, in the 63<sup>rd</sup> year of his age.

His funeral at the Old Meeting-house was attended by many friends and fellow-worshippers, who all acknowledged the justice of that tribute to his memory in which the Rev. Samuel Bache described as his characteristic excellence, "an urbanity of manner and feeling which conciliated even strenuous opponents of the important principles which he steadily and courageously advocated."

He married, in 1818, Rebecca, daughter of Mr. Benjamin Hodgson, a citizen of London, who, with a son and five daughters, survives him.

Note: The full text of this volume is available as an ebook on Google, but is quite difficult to locate. The contents do not seem to be fully indexed by Google. I found it in 2016 when I happened to enter "Lieutenant Thomas Lee in Cromwell's army" as the search term (no quote marks included). The above is a retyped transcript. [MS]

## **Appendix 8: A brief resume of the Birmingham button trade**

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Birmingham was long known as 'Toymaker of the World', 'toys' being things of fashion such as buckles, buttons, snuff boxes, etc., and by 1759 about 20,000 people were involved in the manufacture of 'toys', with 8,000 of them working in the buckle trade. Then in the 1700's buckles began to go out of fashion to be replaced by metal-buttons. For many years a man named John Taylor made a fortune from gilding metal buttons at his factory, first in Crooked Lane off Dale End, and then in Union Street, leaving a private residence in Bordesley, extensive landed estates in Yardley, Sheldon and Coleshill, and a fortune of about £200,000 in his will when he died in 1775. It is interesting to note that this same John Taylor teamed up with a Sampson Lloyd II to form Birmingham's first Bank, Taylor's & Lloyds, now trading as Lloyds T.S.B.

In 1749 another well-known man was taken into partnership in a flourishing Birmingham button making business. This man expanded the business to include all sorts of plated goods, silver, and jewellery, and eventually set-up the Soho Manufactory on Hockley Brook in Handsworth. When he died in 1809 he left £150,000 in his will. His name was Matthew Boulton.

Between 1770 and 1800, twenty-one patents were granted for improvements in the fastening of clothes, nineteen of them originating in Birmingham. During this time it was calculated that each operation was so simple that one button would pass through fifty pairs of hands, and each pair of hands would shift up to 1,000 buttons a day. Even children of 6 or 8 could do many of the jobs and could earn from 10d. to 8/- a week.

Initially buttons were covered with a thin layer of gold leaf, or were plated in a similar way with silver but towards the end of the century a method had been found to dip the buttons, which covered the buttons with a minimum layer of precious metal and so was cheaper. However gilt metal buttons were dependant on whims of fashion just as buckles had been before them, and the fashions changed again at the beginning of the Victorian period. Some metal button producers continued to manufacture their products for uniforms and fancy wear, but others changed to the production of brass, jet, ivory, tortoiseshell, pearl, bone, horn, and glass buttons, many of which were then covered with cloth, silk, linen, and also buttons made from 'Corezo Nuts' from Central America. These 'Nuts' were a beautiful white colour, rather like ivory, and they could be easily turned on a lathe and then be dyed in numerous shades.

The button trade employed many people, particularly in the factories where a division of labour was necessary to cover the various processes. However, there was one type of button which could not be produced in this way and that was the pearl button. Parliament had banned the import of pearl buttons at around the end of the 18th century and Birmingham had become an ideal place for pearl button manufacture. The material, which was generally obtained from mother-of-pearl, abalone, and good mollusc shells, was very fragile and so it had to be carefully worked by hand. For this reason the more robust 'yellow-lip' oyster shell from the west coast of Australia was greatly preferred whenever it was available. Because of the fragile disposition of the material the pearl button industry was only to be found in small workshops and these were manned by highly skilled workshop craftsmen and were run by small masters.

Yet other materials started to be used for buttons. It was not unusual to find yards at the back of button manufacturers full of hoof and horn imported from overseas, the whole lot heaving with maggots and smelling vile, and steam would exude from the doorways carrying the same foul smell.

By 1865 machines were beginning to be introduced into the button trade and so only about 6,000 people worked in the various branches of the button trade compared with about 17,000 in 1830, and many of these people were women. Even with machines it still took about 14 girls and women working with incredible rapidity to put together a single button. These buttons were then attached to a piece of card, fourteen buttons on each, and one girl was capable of sewing 3,600 buttons onto cards in one day. Each card was sold at 1d or 1½d each. Pearl buttons however, because of their frailty, continued to be made entirely by highly skilled craftsmen who made up one third of the 6,000 employed in the whole button trade, and who could earn between £2 and £4 a week compared with the 7/- to 9/- a week that the women were earning.

Then, because of increased competition from abroad a group of leading button manufacturers got together in 1908 to form Buttons Ltd, in exactly the same way and for the same reasons that gun manufacturers had formed the B.S.A. Buttons Ltd. operated from two factories, one in Portland Street, Aston, and a smaller one in Warstone Lane in the Jewellery Quarter of Birmingham.

A few of the button makers in Birmingham were:-

Firmin & Sons, Newtown Row, Birmingham 6. (est.1677)

William Dowler & Sons Ltd., 11-15 Brearley Street, Birmingham 19. (est.1774)

Buttons Ltd., Portland Street, Aston (est.1908), and Warstone Lane, Birmingham 18.

George Hook & Sons, Villa Straat, Lozells, Aston.

T. A. Carlyle, Warstone Lane, Birmingham 18

Matthew Boulton, Soho Manufactory, Handsworth, Aston.

John Taylor, Crooked Lane (off Dale End)

W. Elliott & Son

Julius Hardy

This short resume is taken from a number of sources including:-

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