

SOME OBSERVATIONS ON THE ANCESTRY OF JOHN TRIPP,  
EMIGRANT TO PORTSMOUTH, RHODE ISLAND

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The recent discovery of the original "Relation" of the emigrant John<sup>1</sup> Tripp at the New Bedford Library<sup>1</sup> enables us to identify his baptism, place of birth and parentage, as well as other matters of interest relating to him. As was noted in an earlier study of his descendants published in this journal,<sup>2</sup> there has always been some question as to the correct reading of this "Relation". It follows now, with as close attention to the original spelling and the like as the somewhat difficult hand permits:

The relation of John y<sup>e</sup> said John Tripp concerning the places of his aboad first I was born in horstow in Lincolnshire 3 miles from Barton humbar and my father name was John Tripp and my mother name was Isabel Moses before she marryed my father when she was a maid and they had about 12 children and much kindred we had and when I grew in yeares I was put an apprentice to a shapt carpender whose name was John Baats of Thorsbe 3 miles of from Alsand in Lincolnshire afore said where I served 7 yeare and sometime after wrought with him and after that I bound my self to one Frances East for 4 pounds a year for 4 yeares who sould me after I had served him and his asines for about a year and a half hee sould me to Robert Jafra then living in Boston and Boston church members persecuted som to the ofending of others my master came to Rhode Island with the said persecuted people and I with him and his wife being sickly and thay could not git their maid to come to Rhode Island with them because Boston members cried out against Rhode Island people whom the said members had expeled from them therefore my master was forsed to sel me to Randal Houlding of Portsmouth on Rhode Island and I served a while and after bought out the rest of time of him and after a while I married a wife whose maden name was Mary Paine I being about thirty or twenty eight yeares old or thereabouts and the Lord hath given us eleven children of which one is ded the eldest is 29 yeares old and upward this 17 of the second month 1670 prased be the our Rock who hath been help and unto his at all times gives what thou plesest it is marcy from the to receive any thing for the earth and the see is all thine and the fulness thereof

While it is not always possible to identify each person and place mentioned in John Tripp's account, these items seem to be plain enough:

1. John Tripp was born at Horkstow, co. Lincoln, a son of John and Isabel (Moses) Tripp;
2. John Tripp had many relatives (much kindred) in the Barton-on-Humber area;
3. John Tripp very likely came to New England with his master Robert Jeffrey from London on the ship *Elizabeth and Anne* in 1635 and afterwards removed from the Boston area to Rhode Island;<sup>3</sup>

4. John Tripp was apprenticed to Randall Holden, one of the leading residents of Portsmouth and Warwick, Rhode Island, who has made an appearance in the previous article;<sup>4</sup>

5. John Tripp was one of twelve children and by his wife Mary Paine he was the father of eleven children, one of whom died young.

The identification of the place of birth of the emigrant John Tripp, together with the names of his parents, enables us to prove relationships for three generations, based on the parish registers and Bishop's Transcripts of the parish of Horkstow and certain probate records. Both registers and transcripts begin just after 1560, but marriages and burials were not recorded from 1578 to 1589, and for 1590 nothing at all is recorded, in the registers, while the transcripts are incomplete until 1585. The records of Horkstow, Barton on Humber, and other parishes in the vicinity establish as a fact that the surname of Trip[p][e] is and remains quite common there. It is thanks to several local wills that we are enabled to put the families together. Further research would likely accomplish yet more.

1. GEORGE TRIPP of Horkstow died in the fall of 1580 at a period when burials are missing from the register and no transcript is available for that year. He married MARGARET --- who survived him and was buried in the nearby parish of South Ferriby 21 March 1598/9.<sup>5</sup> Only their youngest child was born late enough to be recorded at Horkstow; for the others we rely on wills left by both spouses. George Tripp and his four children are also mentioned in the will of his brother Thomas Tripp of Horkstow, dated 10 April 1564 and proved in the Consistory Court of Lincoln 29 August 1564,<sup>6</sup> which also mentions a brother William Tripp and a mother [unnamed] still living who cannot be identified.

The will of George Tripp of Horkstow, dated 6 August and proved in the Consistory Court of Lincoln 3 October 1580,<sup>7</sup> names as executors Robert Tripp of Horkstow and Edward Tripp of Barton [on Humber]. His son Edward is to have the house that Alexander Tripp lives in. Wife Margaret and daughter Margaret are provided for, as are Robert and Elizabeth, children of John Tripp [his son] and the unnamed children of Edward Tripp of Barton and William Tripp.

The will of Margaret Tripp of Ferriby, dated 4 January 1598/9 and proved in the Consistory Court of Lincoln 13 May 1599,<sup>8</sup> is signed by mark, names as executrix her daughter Margaret Gryme, and also names sons John and Edward Tripp and daughter Agnes Hornsea. She requested burial at Great Ferriby. She probably went to live with her daughter after her husband's death.

It is likely that there were more children who perhaps died young, but we can be sure only of the four mentioned in the will of George's brother Thomas Tripp in 1564.

*John Tripp*

Children of George and Margaret (---) Tripp, probably born at Horkstow:

- i Agnes, b. c.1545, living Jan. 1598/9, m. Horkstow 14 July 1567 William Hornsea.<sup>9</sup>
- 2 ii. John, b. c.1550.
- iii. Edward, b. c.1555, bur. and m. rec. not found, father of two sons, George, bapt. Horkstow 9 April 1586 and Hugh, bapt. Horkstow 28 March 1590,<sup>9</sup> to be distinguished from Edward Tripp of Barton on Humber, yeoman who was bur. there 11 Feb. 1619/20<sup>10</sup> and whose will, dated 13 Oct. 1617 and proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury 7 July 1620,<sup>11</sup> mentions wife Elizabeth (his second),<sup>12</sup> six sons and one daughter. The will of George Tripp mentions the children of this latter Edward Tripp, who is certainly a relative, as well as his own son Edward.
- iv. Margaret, bapt. Horkstow 8 Feb. 1561/2,<sup>9</sup> m. South Ferriby 7 Jan. 1581/2 Richard Gryme,<sup>5</sup> who was bur. there 24 March 1597/8.<sup>5</sup> She was her mother's executrix.

2. JOHN TRIPP, probably born at Horkstow c.1550, buried there 12 September 1614 as "John Tripp the Elder",<sup>9</sup> married there (1) 3 August 1572<sup>9</sup> JANE PENNELL who was buried there 4 February 1573/4,<sup>9</sup> married (2) ELLYS --- who was buried there 16 August 1591,<sup>13</sup> married (3) MARGARET --- who was buried there 8 November 1623 as "Margaret Tripp, widow".<sup>9</sup>

The will of John Tripp of Horkstow, dated 10 September 1614, proved in the Consistory Court of Lincoln 17 October 1614<sup>14</sup> and signed by mark, named as executrix his wife Margaret and as residuary legatee his son William Tripp. Others mentioned included Francis, son of his son William, John, son of his son John, daughter Elizabeth, her sons John Long and John Cresse, and son Robert and his children Thomas and Elizabeth Tripp. No estate is found for his widow. The surnames of his second and third wives remain to be found.

Children of John and Jane (Pennell) Tripp:

- i. Elizabeth, bapt. Horkstow 13 May 1573,<sup>9</sup> m. there (1) 12 July 1592<sup>13</sup> Thomas Long, weaver, who was bur. there 25 Sept. 1612,<sup>9</sup> m. there (2) 25 Nov. 1612<sup>9</sup> William Cresse. Issue.

Children of John and Ellys (---) Tripp:

- ii. Robert, bapt. Horkstow 9 Jan. 1579/80,<sup>9</sup> bur. there 2 Dec. 1630, weaver,<sup>9</sup> m. there 10 June 1604 Margaret Stotherd.<sup>9</sup> Issue.
- iii. Thomas, bapt. Horkstow 30 April 1581,<sup>9</sup> probably d. young as not named in his father's will.
- iv. William, bapt. Horkstow 10 Nov. 1583,<sup>9</sup> bur. 7 Aug. 1627, laborer,<sup>9</sup> m. there 2 Feb. 1611/2 Grace Blackborne.<sup>9</sup> Issue.
- 3 v. John, bapt. 27 May 1587.

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3. JOHN TRIPP, baptized at Horkstow 27 May 1587,<sup>9</sup> buried there May 1636,<sup>15</sup> married there 30 July 1609<sup>9</sup> EZABLE (ISABEL) MO[Y]SES, baptized there 20 March 1584/5,<sup>9</sup> buried there 4 November 1654 as "Isabel Tripp, a poor woman",<sup>9</sup> daughter of Nicholas and Elizabeth (?) Mo[y]ses of the same parish.<sup>16</sup> No estate record is found for either spouse and not all the twelve children mentioned in the "relation" of their son, the emigrant John Tripp, have been identified.

Children of John and Isabel (Mo[y]ses) Tripp, all baptized at Horkstow:<sup>9</sup>

- i. John, bapt. 8 Sept. 1611, mentioned in his grandfather's will in October 1614,<sup>14</sup> the emigrant to New England. For further particulars of his life and descendants see the article previously published in this journal.<sup>2</sup>
- ii. Robert [twin], bapt. 27 Jan. 1613/4, bur. 10 Feb. 1613/4.<sup>9</sup>
- iii. Grace [twin], bapt. 27 Jan. 1613/4, bur. 7 Feb. 1613/4.<sup>9</sup>
- iv. Francis, bapt. 10 Feb. 1614/5, m. 11 May 1641 Elizabeth Green.<sup>9</sup> Issue.
- v. Elizabeth, bapt. 15 Dec. 1615, d. unm., bur. Horkstow 19 July 1648 as "daughter of Isabel Tripp, widow".<sup>9</sup>
- vi. Dorothy, bapt. 20 March 1618/9, bur. 19 Aug. 1624.<sup>9</sup>
- vii. Ann, bapt. 7 July 1621, bur. 22 Feb. 1626/7.<sup>9</sup>
- viii. Robert, bapt. 8 May 1625, m. 6 May 1652 Elizabeth Ostler.<sup>9</sup>
- ix. Bridget, bapt. 20 Sept. 1629, bur. 14 Feb. 1629/30.<sup>9</sup>

Further research into local manorial, probate, court and other records may well reveal further details concerning the ancestry of John Tripp of Portsmouth, Rhode Island.

## NOTES

1. This document was discovered by Paul L. Tripp of Provo, Utah, and furnished to the editor by Mrs. Margaret Buckridge Bock. The transcription is the Editor's own.

2. Margaret Buckridge Bock, "Descendants of John<sup>1</sup> Tripp of Portsmouth, R.I.", *The Genealogist* 4:59-128 (1983).

3. For Robert Jeffrey (Jeoffreys), his wife Mary, and their family see John Osborne Austin, *The Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island* (Albany, N.Y., 1887, repr. Baltimore, 1982), pp. 330-31.

4. For Deputy and Justice Randall Holden and his family see Austin, *supra* note 3, pp. 100-01, and the preceding article by Thomas P. Dungan on the family to which his wife Frances belonged.

5. South Ferriby, co. Lincoln PR [originals].
6. Consistory Court of Lincoln Wills (1564), no. 106.
7. Consistory Court of Lincoln Wills (1580), vol. 1, no. 152.
8. Consistory Court of Lincoln Wills (1599), no. 23.

9. Horkstow, co. Lincoln PR [originals].
10. St. Peter, Barton on Humber, co. Lincoln PR [originals]. The registers of this parish reveal a very substantial number of family connections for this Edward Tripp.
11. PCC 74 Soame (1620).
12. His first wife Ellen was bur. 19 March 1586/7 and he m. (2) 15 Nov. 1589 Elizabeth Proctor, who was bur. 25 Sept. 1628 [St. Peter, Barton on Humber PR].
13. Horkstow, co. Lincoln BT [originals].
14. Consistory Court of Lincoln (1614), vol. 2, no. 29.
15. This entry is omitted from the Bishop's Transcript and appears obscured at the top of a register page with the day missing or illegible.
16. Nicholas Moses, laborer was bur. at Horkstow 11 June 1609 [PR] and his small intestate estate was administered by his son John Moyses [bond dated 10 July 1609, inventory taken 21 June 1609 [Consistory Court of Lincoln, administration files (1609), no. 98]. The Elizabeth Moses buried at Horkstow 1 Oct. 1587 [BT] was probably his wife, but evidence is insufficient to be sure.

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#### THE LIGHTER SIDE

The register of the parish of Clones, co. Monaghan provides the following inadvertent amusement at the expense of one of Ireland's leading clerics in 1687:

Nov 26     The Right Reverend father in God Roger BOYLE, Lord Bishop of Clogher att sex in the Morning departed this Life and was inter<sup>d</sup> next to the North Wall of the chancel of the parish church of Clowneis the Munday after being the 18th att fowre in the afternoon --

For his biography see *DNB* 2:1034-35.

*Submitted by the Editor*

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