

Genealogy of the family of John and Joan Dillingham

Generation No. 1

1. JOHN¹ DILLINGHAM or DYLLINGHAM of Over Dean or Deane, Bedfordshire, may have been a son or related to either Thomas or William Dillingham, who are mentioned in land grants in 1448 and 1452. Thomas Dillingham, who may be the same Thomas of the previous land grants, appears again in another land grant in 1473. John Dillingham, a husbandman, is mentioned property grants in 1521 and 1529; and again in 1531 when he appears in the will of Annes Booll of Dean. In 1540, he was executor to the will of Edward Gray, parson of Deane, Bedfordshire Archives Service, Ref: ABP/R7/22 & ABP/R6/22d. He died testate in 1541, his will being transcribed in *Bedfordshire Wills 1531-1539*, p.124, Will of John Dyllingham of Overdeane, yeoman, made 19 August 1540 and proved 10 July 1541. An abstract of the will is at Bedfordshire Archives Service Ref: ABP/R6/124. This mentions his wife Joan, Jone or Johan, and their eight sons and two daughters. Joan was probably the daughter of an Oundle mercer called Richard Olyff; at all events a legacy from Olyff was later the subject of a dispute and arbitration. Bedfordshire Archives Service Ref: PA176. Joan also died testate, her will, Bedfordshire Archives Service Ref: PA179 & ABP-W1558-282, Will of Joan Dillingham of Dean, widow, dated 26 August 1554, proved 23 May 1558, also mentions all of their children. A transcription of this will appears in Selected Wills of this volume.

Children of JOHN DILLINGHAM and JOAN DILLINGHAM née OLYFF are, not necessarily in order of birth:

2. i. THOMAS DILLINGHAM, yeoman of Over Dean, Bedfordshire, eldest son of John and Joan Dillingham.
- ii. WILLIAM DILLINGHAM, yeoman of Over Dean, Bedfordshire, and Cotesbach, Leicestershire. He married Helen or Ellen and had issue. He died testate in 1603 and was buried at Cotesbach, Leicestershire, on 24 February 1603-4. His will was published in "A Genealogy of the Dillingham Family of New England", in 1943 by Winthrop Alexander, pages 13 & 14. Mr. Alexander stated that he obtained the abstract from Mr. H. Pickering Clark, District Probate Register for Leicester and Rutland. William Dillingham's Will, on file at the Probate Registry in Leicester, was reported to be in a very bad state, a great part of the writing being entirely obliterated; but the abstract was made by an expert, and according to Mr. Clarke, "is wonderfully skilful."

The following is the abstract of the will:

"WILLIAM DILLINGHAM of Cottesbach in the County of Leicester husbandman. Will dated xxiii februarye 1603(1604). Testator to be buried in the Church of Cottesbach. Concerning the disposition of my Lands Tenements and hereditaments in Bedfordshire which I desire may continue in the name and bloude of Dillingham so long... to continue any lawful heire male or issue male of that name this is my last will and testament. First I give and devise unto ye heires male of John Dillingham my eldest sonne all the said lands & within the town village hamlet fields parish or lordship of Deane in the County of Bedford wherein and whereof I am at this present seysed or ought to be seysed of an estate in fee simple. And also all every and singular such charters deeds of trust & I have or ought to have touching ye same To have and to holde all and every ye saide lands tents & all and singular other ye premises to ye heires male of ye saide John for ever and thereof lorde of ye fee or fees thereof by ye Rent and services thereof and thereout

from thenceforth of right. The remainder thereof after ye death of the heres of ye sayde John and the heres of there bodyes unto my sonne Henry Dillingham and the heres male of his bodye lawfully begotten to the use of the sayde Henry and his heires forever. The remainder thereof unto Edward Dillingham another of my sons and to his heires male for ever. The remainder thereof unto William Dillingham another of my sons and to his heires male for ever. The remainder thereof unto Gilbert Dillingham another of my sons and to his heires male for ever. The remainder thereof to George Dillingham another of my sons and to his heires male for ever. The remainder thereof after ye several deaths of my sayd sons and their heires I give unto ye next of ye name and blood of Dillingham to me ye said William and the heires male of the body of such Dillinghams. And upon all ye issue male. The remainder thereof unto ye Right heires of ye saide William and to the heires and assigns. Provided always that such of my ... as shall enter into my said lands & after ye death of me the sayde William shall keepe my son Edward with eate drinke clothing lodging during his natural lyfe or else shall yearly pay out of ye said lands the sum of ten pounds and for default ye said sonne shall enter upon so much of ye said lands. Gives to Henry Dillingham my seconde sonne and to his heires all lands in Bitchwell (Bitteswell) in ye county of Leicester. To Edward Dillingham all that half yards land in..... To William Dillingham my sonne and his children..... To the poore of Bitchwell XX S. To the poore of Cottesbach xx S." This will makes reference to the heirs of his son John Dillingham rather than directly to his son and seems to confirm that John predeceased his father, as does John's own will which names his father as an overseer."

More About HELEN or ELLEN DILLINGHAM:

She was buried at Dean, Bedfordshire, on 28 September 1597, as Ellen Dillingham wife of William. She is referred to in Bedfordshire Archives Service Ref: PA176 arbitration as Helen wife of William Dillingham.

Children of WILLIAM DILLINGHAM and HELEN or ELLEN DILLINGHAM are, not necessarily in order of birth:

- i. JOHN DILLINGHAM, mentioned in his father's will as his eldest son. He inherited all his father's property and lands at Dean, Bedfordshire. He is probably the John Dillingham the elder buried at Dean on 10 December 1603. Bedfordshire Archives Service: Reference PA180. Inventory of the goods of John Dillingham of Dean, yeoman, taken by Henry Dillingham of Dean, Henry Dillingham of "Cottesbatch", Henry Pecocke of Keysoe, William Dillingham of Clipstone. 3 February 1603-4. Henry Dillingham of Dean is probably John's brother, while Henry Dillingham of "Cottesbatch", is his uncle. Henry Pecocke of Keysoe was the husband of John's sister, Elizabeth, and William Dillingham of Clipstone is probably John's brother, William.
- ii. HENRY DILLINGHAM, is mentioned in his father's will as his second son and in which he inherited his father's property and land at Bitteswell, Leicestershire. Probably born about 1558, he was educated at Christ's College, Cambridge, where he graduated B.A. 1574-5, and M.A. 1578. Venn J. & J.A. *Alumni Cantabrigienses*. DILLINGHAM, HENRY. Matric pens, from Christ's, May, 1570; B.A. 1574-5; M.A. 1578. Ord. deacon and priest (Lincoln) Apr. 1581. R. of Cotesbach, Leics., 1581. Died there Dec. 1625; He was ordained deacon and priest April 1581, and appointed Rector of Cottesbach, 1581, unusual for such a

recently ordained cleric. Some sources give his rectorship starting later, 1601 or as late as 1607, but the list of rectors displayed at St. Mary's, Cotesbach, states he became rector in 1581. Henry Dillingham married firstly, Oseth, whose maiden name is unknown, and had several children with her before the family was decimated by plague in 1609. She was buried at Cotesbach, 16 June 1609, and that year he lost his wife and four children. Henry was also involved in a controversy over the enclosure of much of the arable land around Cotesbach, which resulted in considerable depopulation of the area. His second wife, Margaret survived him. His will, dated 14 March 1624, is on record at Leicester, and a transcript is reproduced in "A Genealogy of the Dillingham Family of New England", in 1943 by Winthrop Alexander, pages 14-16. From the will, and from baptism and burial records, the following are believed to have been the children of Henry Dillingham, all born at Cotesbach, Leicestershire. He died on 4 December 1624 and was buried at Cotesbach on 9 December 1624.

Children of HENRY DILLINGHAM and OSETH DILLINGHAM are, not necessarily in order of birth:

- i. JOHN DILLINGHAM, was baptised at Cotesbach, Leicestershire, on 17 September 1592. He probably died at Cotesbach, but was buried at Dean, Bedfordshire, on 24 September 1597, son of Henry of "Cotesbich"
- ii. HENRY DILLINGHAM, was baptised at Cotesbach, Leicestershire, on 17 February 1593. He was buried at Cotesbach, on 29 July 1609.
- iii. EDWARD DILLINGHAM, was baptised at Cotesbach, Leicestershire, 6 December 1595. He married at Cotesbach, on 14 February, 1614, Ursula Carter, by whom he had at least seven children. The parentage of Ursula Carter was not found, but in the parish register of Cotesbach, immediately preceding the record of death of Rev. Henry Dillingham, is given "Edward Carter, 1601". It may be found that Ursula was his daughter. Edward left England on the ship "William Francis", arriving in Boston in 1632, and very soon after settled in Lynn, Massachusetts, following in the footsteps of his brother John, who arrived two years earlier. Edward brought with him his wife, Ursula, sons Henry and John, and daughter Oseth. He was called "Gentleman", is said to have borne arms and appears to have been a man of education and considerable property for the time. He later moved to Ipswich 1634, Saugus 1636, and Sandwich 1637 in the colony of Plymouth "on or about the 2d day of April 1637." He died in Sandwich, Massachusetts, 1667. His will is dated May 1 1666, probated Jun 1 1667, an abstract of which is printed in the New England Historic-Genealogical Register, Vol VII p 225, but also reproduced by Winthrop Alexander in "A Genealogy of the Dillingham Family of New England", 1943, p.20.

Children of EDWARD DILLINGHAM and URSULA DILLINGHAM née CARTER are:

- i. ELIZABETH DILLINGHAM, was baptised at Cotesbach, on 2 April 1616. She does not appear to have accompanied her parents to New England, and as the eldest child, she may have married and remained in England.

- ii. MARIE DILLINGHAM, was baptised at Cotesbach, on 2 December 1618. No burial for her is found, but she probably died young.
- iii. OSETH DILLINGHAM, was baptised at Cotesbach, Leicestershire, on 10 February 1621-2. She went to New England with her father, Edward and mother Oseth, and her brothers, Henry and John. She married Stephen Wing, a Quaker, son of Rev. John and Deborah née Batchelder. They had issue two daughters, Deborah and Mercy. Oseth Wing died on 9th (or 29th) of the 4th month, which up to 1751 to Quakers, was June, 1654. Wing remarried Sarah Briggs, on 7 January 1655-6.
- iv. HENRY DILLINGHAM, was baptised at Cotesbach, Leicestershire, on 13 October 1624. He went to New England with his father, Edward and mother Oseth, his brother, Edward and sister, Oseth. He died 26 July 1705 at Sandwich, Massachusetts.
- v. SARAH DILLINGHAM, was baptised at Cotesbach, Leicestershire, on 23 June 1627. She was buried at Cotesbach, on 1 February 1628-9.
- vi. JOHN DILLINGHAM, was baptised at Cotesbach, Leicestershire, on 1 May 1629. He was buried at Cotesbach, on 9 May 1629.
- vii. JOHN DILLINGHAM, was born about 1630 at Cotesbach, Leicestershire. He went to New England with his father, Edward and mother Oseth, his brother, Henry and sister, Oseth. He served in the militia for many years, until he became a Quaker. Her married twice, firstly Elizabeth Feake at Sandwich, Massachusetts, on 24 March 1650, and after her death, dated unknown, he married another Elizabeth, who died on 15 December 1720, a widow, aged 72. John Dillingham died Harwich, Massachusetts, on 27 May 1715, aged 85. His will dated 15 November 1707, is reproduced by Winthrop Alexander in "A Genealogy of the Dillingham Family of New England", 1943, pp.28-9.
- iv. GILBERT DILLINGHAM, was baptised at Cotesbach, Leicestershire, on 24 Oct. 1597. He was buried at Cotesbach, on 19 August 1609.
- v. MARY DILLINGHAM, was baptised at Cotesbach, Leicestershire, on 5 May 1600. She was buried at Cotesbach, on 21 October 1609.
- vi. MARTHA DILLINGHAM, was baptised at Cotesbach, Leicestershire, on 29 January 1602-3. She was buried at Cotesbach, on 11 July 1609.
- vii. OSETH DILLINGHAM, was baptised at Cotesbach, Leicestershire, on 12 February 1603-4.
- viii. JOHN DILLINGHAM, was baptised at Cotesbach, Leicestershire, on 13 July 1606. John Dillingham left England for New England in 1630 in the fleet led by John Winthrop. *Early Inhabitants of Ipswich, Mass.* pp.77-8. DILLINGHAM, Mr. John, was admitted a freeman at Boston, October 19, 1630. He had a grant in Nov. 1634 of six acres of land lying on the west end of the town on the south side of the "great swamp." And the same year it

was "given and granted unto Mr. Jo: Dillingham sixty acres of Meadow ground more or less lying' on the Rocky Meadow, and laid out by Mr. William Clarke and John Shatswell, the appointed Committee for yt. Also 30 acres upland ground adjoining unto the same to him, his heirs or assigns." He came in the fleet with Winthrop; was from Leicestershire; was first at Boston: and died at Ipswich between November 1634 and March 1635. His widow Sarah survived him, and died in 1636. [See her will, pages 44-45.] His daughter Sarah became the wife of John Caldwell.

- iii. EDWARD DILLINGHAM, mentioned in his father, William Dillingham's 1604 will
- iv. WILLIAM DILLINGHAM, mentioned in his father's 1604 will. Probably the William Dillingham of Clipstone who took part in his brother John Dillingham's inventory in February 1603-4.
- v. GILBERT DILLINGHAM, was baptised at Dean, Bedfordshire, on 2 March 1568-9. He was educated at Christ's College, Cambridge, Venn J. & J.A. *Alumni Cantabrigienses*. DILLINGHAM, GILBERT. Matric. sizar from Christ's, June, 1585; B.A. 1588-9; M.A. 1592. R. of Sandon, Essex, 1601. R. of St Giles-in- the-Fields, London, 1635. Died same year. Will proved (Consist C. London) Dec. 15, 1635. Probably father of Samuel (1624), Henry (1625) and William (1628); CCEd 1593 licensed to teach grammar in Ware or elsewhere in the diocese; commended by the Master and Fellows of Christ's College, Cambridge; Cass, F.C. eBook *Parish of Monken Hadley* Gilbert Dillingham was presented to the benefice of Sandon, Essex, on 9 April 1601. He married Anne or Ann Steere, daughter of William Steere, rector of St. Mary Magdalen, Bermondsey, on 18 March 1605-6 at St. Mary Aldermanbury, London. Gilbert Dillingham's will bears the date of 14 July 1634. Three sons, Samuel, Henry, and William, with a daughter Anne, are mentioned therein. After devising the profit of all his lands and goods to his wife, so long as she remains a widow, he gives to his sons Samuel and Henry and their heirs for ever his houses and lands called White's Land, being 54 acres more or less. The will was proved on 15 December 1635, by Anne Dillingham, the relict, sole executrix. Consistory Court of London; Essex Burial Register @ Findmypast. He was buried at St. Andrew, Sandon, Essex, on 5 December 1635.

Children of GILBERT DILLINGHAM and ANN or ANNE DILLINGHAM née STEERE are:

- i. ANNE DILLINGHAM, daughter of Gilbert and Anne, was baptised at Sandon, Essex, on 19 January 1606-7. Anne Dillingham married John Watts, at St. Dunstan in the West, London, in 1635. Her relative William Dillingham was parson there and may have officiated at the marriage. She is mentioned as Mrs. Anne Watts in her brother Henry Dillingham's 1648 will.
- ii. SAMUEL DILLINGHAM, was baptised at Sandon, Essex, on 11 October 1608. He was educated at Emmanuel, Cambridge, Venn, J. & J.A. *Alumni Cantabrigienses*. DILLINGHAM, SAMUEL. Adm. pens, at Emmanuel, Easter, 1624. S. of Gilbert (1585), R. of Sandon, Essex. Matric 1624; B.A. 1627-8; M.A. 1631. R. of St Pancras, Soper Lane, London, 1662-72. R. of Monken Hadley, Middlesex, 1669-72. Buried July 2, 1672, at Hadley [sic] Monken Hadley, Essex. He married Ann or Anne Stanley née Streatfeild or

Stretfeild, the youngest daughter of Thomas Streatfeild and his wife Frances Reeves, daughter of John Reeves of London, Esq., baptised at Shoreham, Kent, on 16 April 1627. Her father died shortly after her birth, his will, TNA. PROB 11/152/221, Will of Thomas Stretfeild or Streatfeild, Gentleman of Shoreham, Kent, dated 21 March 1626-7 and proved 29 June 1627. Frances remarried to John Silyard or Selyard, at Chiddingstone, St Mary, Kent, on 22 August 1632. Anne was the widow of William Stanley of the Middle Temple, son of William Stanley, mercer of Maidstone, Kent, and his wife, Audrey. Stanley was admitted to the Middle Temple on 2 November 1639, as WILLIAM STANLEY, only son of William S., of Maidstone, Kent, gent., de'cd. He did have other siblings, including brothers Thomas and John, who if the Middle Temple entry is correct, must have been deceased by 1639. Anne had married Stanley when aged about 17, at Shipbourne, St Giles, Kent, on 25 November 1644. They had a son, Thomas, baptised at Rochester, Kent, on 17 April 1646. William Stanley died testate in 1648. In his will, TNA. PROB 11/138/147, Will of William Stanley, Gentleman of Middle Temple London, dated 26 July 1648 and proved 11 October 1648, he nominated Barnabas Walsall as his executor, the second husband of his mother, Audrey, who she had married at West Peckham, St Dunstan, Kent, on 25 September 1625. Samuel Dillingham had four children with Anne before he died testate in 1672. His will, TNA. PROB 11/339/417, Will of Samuel Dillingham, dated 24 June 1671 and proved 24 July 1672. He was buried at Monken Hadley on 2 July 1672. Cass, F.C. eBook *Parish of Monken Hadley* Mrs. Dillingham did not remain in her widowhood for long. She continued to reside at Hadley after her husband's death, paying rent at the rate of £4. 10. per annum for a house which the minutes of vestry term indifferently the " town house " and " the parish house." Her last half yearly payment was due at Michaelmas 1673, but on the previous 14 Aug. she had entered the holy estate of matrimony for the third time, at Westminster Abbey, with Stephen Luddington D.D. rector of Carlton Scroope and Potter Hanworth in Lincolnshire, archdeacon of Stow, and prebendary of Lincoln. She was his second wife, and at, his death, 7 Feb.1676-7 became again a widow. Her own death did not take place until several years afterwards, her will, wherein she is described as Anne Luddington of the parish of Stepney als Stebonheath, Middlesex, widow, being dated 10 Nov.]691, though not proved until 20 Aug. 1703. TNA. PROB 11/471/272, Will of Anne Luddington, Widow of Stepney, Middlesex, dated 10 November 1691 and proved 20 August 1703. The will of her sister Mrs. Jane Taylor of Pinchley shows that she was alive on the 12 Aug. 1694. Her old connection with the parish of Hadley had not been lost sight of. To its poor is bequeathed a legacy of £5.

Children of SAMUEL DILLINGHAM and ANN or ANNE DILLINGHAM née STREATFEILD are, not necessarily in order of birth:

- i. HENRY DILLINGHAM, probably born about 1650 at Monken Hadley, Essex. He was educated at Merton College, Oxford; Foster, J. *Alumni Oxonienses*. Dillingham, Henry, s. Samuel, of Hadleigh, Essex, s.t.d. Merton Coll., matric. 6 March, 1667-8, aged 17; B.A. 1671, M.A. 1674, will, etc., at Oxford dated 8 March, 1675; Cass, eBook *Parish of Monken Hadley* says that he was a Postmaster of Merton, called Exhibitioner at other colleges, usually awarded to students who have distinguished

themselves in preliminary examinations, resulting in some form of scholarship or other recognition, such as not wearing sub-fusc gowns, but long Scholar gowns. The initials s.t.d. indicate he was a Doctor of Divinity (Sacrae Theologiae Doctor.) He did not marry, and Anthony Wood notes that Henry Dillingham was a Commoner of Merton College and Regent Master of the University, and that he died at Oxford, 28 December 1684 was buried in the fourth part of the outward chapel next on the South side Hamslersley's tombstone, on the 29 December 1684. Cass says he left a will at Oxford, dated 7 November 1674, (at odds with Foster), proved 10 July 1675[sic]; probably 1685. His siblings were left the remainder of his lease of the parsonage house in Soper lane and to Anne Luddington, his mother, his share of the plate that came to him from his father.

- ii. SAMUEL DILLINGHAM, second son and probably born about 1652 at Monken Hadley, Essex. He does not appear at the universities and does not seem to have married. He died testate in 1725; his will, TNA. PROB 11/605/106, Will of Samuel Dillingham, Gentleman of Stepney, Middlesex, dated 20 August 1725 and proved 14 September 1725. In his will he mentions the purchase of a brewhouse and wharf at Gravesend that he bought of Mr. Thomas Stanley, doubtless his half-brother. He leaves his sister Ann Winny the largest share of his possessions, nominating her his sole executrix.
- iii. ANNE DILLINGHAM. No record of her birth or baptism seem extant, though she was probably born at Monken Hadley, Essex. From her brother, Samuel's will it is clear that she married a man named Winny, deceased by 1725, and had issue by him, those these are not specified. She was nominated executrix of her brother's will and was granted administration.
- iv. HESTER or ESTHER DILLINGHAM. No record of her birth or baptism seem extant, though she was probably born at Monken Hadley, Essex. She does not receive a mention in her brother, Samuel's will in 1725, so was probably deceased by that time.
- iii. HENRY DILLINGHAM, was baptised at Sandon, Essex, on 25 October 1610. He was educated at Emmanuel, Cambridge, Venn, J. & J.A. *Alumni Cantabrigienses*. DILLINGHAM, HENRY. Adm. pens, at Emmanuel, Easter, 1625. Probably 2nd s. of Gilbert (1585). Matric. 1625; B.A. 1629-30; M.A. 1633; His will, TNA. PROB 11/254/181, Will of Henry Dillingham, dated 17 June 1648 and proved 10 April 1656, was written whilst the testator was in Turkey, and it is possible that he was a Turkey merchant of the Levant Company. He mentions his mother, Anne Dillingham, widow; his brother Mr. Samuel Dillingham; his sister Mrs. Anne Watts; his cousin Mr. Oliver Dillingham, cheesemonger of Southwark; and Samuel Rogers, clerk, then in Peru, who he nominates his sole executor.
- iv. WILLIAM DILLINGHAM, was born at Sandon, Essex, on 25 June 1612, and baptised there on 15 July 1612. He was educated at Emmanuel, Cambridge, Venn, J. & J.A. *Alumni Cantabrigienses*. DILLINGHAM, WILLIAM. Adm. Sizar at Emmanuel, 1628. Probably s. of Gilbert (1585). Matric. 1628; B.A. 1631-2.

- vi. GEORGE DILLINGHAM, was baptised at Dean, Bedfordshire, on 12 February 1576-7. He is possibly the George Dillingham of Dean, who was the husband of Alice Shukburgh, daughter of Thomas Shukburgh of Harwedon Parva, Northamptonshire. Visitation of Northamptonshire, pp.135-6. He is possibly also the George Dillingham whose children, John and Elizabeth, are bequeathed ten pounds each in the will of their great-uncle Humphrey Dillingham in 1614. George is made the sole executor of Humphrey Dillingham's will.
- vii. ELIZABETH DILLINGHAM, was baptised at Dean, Bedfordshire, on 1 May 1572. She married Henry Pecoche, Pecoche or Peacock. Henry Pecoche of Keysoe was one of the people who took the inventory of John Dillingham, Elizabeth's brother.
- viii. WALTER DILLINGHAM, was baptised at Dean, Bedfordshire, on 26 April 1574. He was buried at Dean, 12 July 1574.
- ix. MARY DILLINGHAM, daughter of William, was buried at Dean, on 22 June 1590.
- iii. HENRY DILLINGHAM, mentioned in his father John's 1540 will where he is bequeathed a house at Nether Dean; and his mother's 1557 will, in which he is nominated with his brother, William, as her executors.
- iv. ALICE DILLINGHAM, mentioned in her father John's 1540 will where she is bequeathed ten pounds. Mentioned in her brother, Richard Dillingham's 1597 will as having married John Burder, and having had two children with him. In John Dillingham's 1540 will, he bequeaths "To Anne Burden [sic] a sheep".
- v. JOHN DILLINGHAM, mentioned in his father John's 1540 will where he is to receive twenty shillings a year from his brother William. Mentioned in his brother, Richard Dillingham's 1597 will as having had sons, John, Walter and Clement Dillingham.
- vi. WALTER DILLINGHAM, mentioned in his father John's 1540 will where he is bequeathed a house at the Cross in Over Dean. He married Alice Rolt or Rolte, daughter of Thomas Rolte of Bolhurst, Bedfordshire. Walter and Alice had issue. Walter made a nuncupative will, TNA. PROB 11/63/51, Will of Walter Dillingham, Yeoman of Over Dean, Bedfordshire, dated 1 November 1580 and proved 1 February 1580-1. In his will he leaves Alice a third of all his possessions, nominating her his executrix, and his father-in-law, Thomas Rolt, and Thomas' son, John, supervisors. Walter Dillingham was buried at Dean, Bedfordshire, on 2 November 1580.

Children of WALTER DILLINGHAM and ALICE DILLINGHAM née ROLT or ROLTE are:

- i. FRANCIS DILLINGHAM, was baptised at Dean, Bedfordshire, son of Walter, on 15 August 1568. Educated at Cambridge, Venn, J. & J.A. *Alumni Cantabrigienses*. DILLINGHAM, FRANCIS. Matric. pens, from Christ's, June, 1583. B. at Deane, Beds. B.A. 1586-7; M.A.1590; B.D. 1599. Fellow, 1594-1601. Ord. priest by Bishop of Lincoln. R. of Wilden, Beds., 1600-25. One of the translators of the Authorized Version of the Bible, 1611. Buried at Wilden, Feb. 24, 1624-5. Will (Lincoln C.C.) 1625; He was an outstanding scholar and a

prolific writer on religious themes. See ODNB entry, Dillingham, Francis, by Stephen Wright. He never married, and died testate in 1625. His will, Bedfordshire Archives Service ref: ABP/W1624/204, Will of Francis Dillingham. He was buried at Wilden, Bedfordshire, on 24 February 1625.

- ii. THOMAS DILLINGHAM, was baptised at Dean Bedfordshire, son of Walter, on 8 October 1570. Educated at Cambridge, Venn, J. & J.A. *Alumni Cantabrigienses*. DILLINGHAM, THOMAS. Matric. pens, from Jesus, Easter, 1585; B.A.1588-9; M.A. 1592. Ord. deacon (Lincoln) Oct. 19; priest, Oct. 27, 1594. Signs as minister of Deane, Beds., 1603-32. Buried there Dec. 10, 1647. Will (P.C.C.) 1648. Father of John (1631) and Theophilus (1629); Visitation of Huntingdonshire 1613, p.105, shows he married Frances Jackman, daughter of Robert Jackman of Graham, Huntingdonshire. They had issue. The CCED shows him as a curate at Dean from 1605, but he is shown in the list of vicars at Dean until 1636, and he was still at Dean in 1647 when he wrote his will, TNA. PROB 11/203/165, Will of Thomas Dillingham Clerk of Over Deane, Bedfordshire, dated 1 November 1647 and proved 28 January 1648. He was buried at Dean on 10 December 1647.

Children of THOMAS DILLINGHAM and FRANCES DILLINGHAM née JACKMAN are:

- i. THEOPHILUS DILLINGHAM, the eldest son, was born at Dean, Bedfordshire, and baptised there on 18 October 1612. Educated at Upper Deane School, he was admitted to Emmanuel College, Cambridge, on 13 September 1629 and graduated B.A.1633-4; M.A. 1637; B. D. from Sidney Sussex College 1644; D.D. from Clare 1655. He subsequently became Master of Clare and was Vice-Chancellor of the university on three occasions. He also held the rectory of Offord Cluny, Huntingdonshire. He married, Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Paske, on 30 March 1661, at St. Edward's, Cambridge. They had issue. Thomas Paske, Doctor in Divinity, Master of Clare, Cambridge, and rector of Much Hadham, Hertfordshire, suffered for his support of the king in the civil wars and was relieved of most of his offices, including at Clare, until the Restoration. Theophilus Dillingham himself became Master of Clare in 1654, until Paske was briefly reinstated in 1660. With Dillingham's marriage to his daughter, Paske declined the mastership in favour of his son-in-law. It appears Dillingham also briefly held the living at Dean just before his death. He died at Cambridge on 22 November 1678 and was buried at St. Edward's church there. His wife survived him, dying testate, her will, TNA. PROB 11/573/109, Will of Elizabeth Dillingham, Widow of Saint Margarets, dated 20 July 1717 and proved 15 March 1720. She was buried in woollen at St. Edmund the King and Martyr, London, on 4 March 1720, Wife of Theophilus Dillingham, formerly master of Clare Hall.

Children of THEOPHILUS DILLINGHAM and ELIZABETH DILLINGHAM née PASKE are, not necessarily in order of birth::

- i. THOMAS DILLINGHAM, was baptised at Much Hadham, Hertfordshire, on 3 March 1661-2, son of Theophilus and Elizabeth Dillingham. He was educated at Oundle School, admitted on 9 April 1676, aged 14, and Cambridge. Venn, J. & J.A. *Alumni Cantabrigienses*. DILLINGHAM, THOMAS. Adm. pens, at Clare, Sept. 14, 1677. S. of Theophilus (1629), master of Clare. Of Much

Hadham, Herts. School, Oundle. Matric. 1678; B.A. 1681-2; M.A. 1685. Fellow, 1683-1722. Incorp. at Oxford, 1693. Senior Proctor, 1719-20. Taxor, 1703. Ord. deacon (London) Mar. 4, 1704-5; priest, Sept. 34, 1705. V. of Everton, Beds., with Tetworth, Hunts., 1705-22. Died In College, Dec. 19, 1722. M.I. at St Edward's, Cambridge. He was unmarried.

- ii. ANN or ANNA DILLINGHAM, was baptised at St. Edward's, Cambridge, on 5 September 1663, daughter of Doctor Theophilus Dillingham, Master of Clare, and Elizabeth, his wife. The children of his late sister Ann Blackall are left £50 apiece in her brother, Theophilus Dillingham's, 1768 will. She married Ofspring Blackall D.D., bishop of Exeter and religious controversialist. Venn, J. & J.A. *Alumni Cantabrigienses*. BLACKALL, OFSPRING. Adm. pens, at St Catharine's, April 26, 1671. B. in London. S. of Thomas, and Martha, dau. of Charles Ofspring, R. of St Antholin's, London. Matric. 1671; B.A. 1674-5; M.A. 1678; D.D. 1700. Fellow, 1679-87. Ord. deacon (London) Mar. 11, 1676-7; priest, Dec. 19, 1680. R. of S. Ockendon, Essex, 1689. R. of St Mary Aldermary, 1694-1708. Chaplain to William III. Boyle lecturer, 1700. Bishop of Exeter, 1708-16. Celebrated as a preacher. Died Nov. 29, 1716, aged 62. Father of Theophilus (1713) and doubtless, Ofspring (1709); See his ODNB entry by Andrew Starkie. They had issue, including sons, Ofspring and Theophilus, who like their father, attended Cambridge University. There were five more children of Ofspring and Ann Blackall, several mentioned in Ann's will in 1759, but some were probably deceased by 1768 when Theophilus Dillingham, their uncle, says there were three living. Ann Blackall survived her husband, dying testate in 1762. Her will, TNA. PROB 11/872/185, Will of Ann Blackall, Widow of Saint Andrew Holborn, Middlesex, dated 8 June 1759 with an addendum dated 23 July 1759 and proved 16 January 1762 after oaths. She was buried at St. Andrew Holborn, London, on 7 January 1762.
- iii. JOHN DILLINGHAM, was born on 11 March 1664-5, and was baptised at St. Edward's, Cambridge, on 20 March 1664-5, son of Mr. Theophilus Dillingham, Master of Clare and Elizabeth, his wife. He was admitted to Oundle School on 8 October 1676, aged 11. He married, his wife called her son John's widow, but unnamed, appears in Elizabeth Dillingham's 1717 will. John Dillingham died testate, about 1703; his will, TNA. PROB 11/471/264, Will of John Dillingham, Grocer of London, dated 5 August 1699 and proved 19 August 1703. This reveals his wife as Elizabeth. She died testate in 1721, TBA. PROB 11/579/340, Will of Elizabeth Dillingham of Saint Alphage, City of London, dated 21 April 1721 and proved 5 May 1721. Her will mentions her son Theophilus, who was recently deceased, TNA. PROB 11/576/499, Will of Theophilus Dillingham, Gentleman of Cobham, Surrey, dated 4 October 1720 and proved 25 November 1720; and daughters, Elizabeth and Mary. Elizabeth was baptised at London, on 1 April 1698. The marriage, baptismal, and burial registers of the collegiate church or abbey of St. Peter, Westminster, notes a marriage licence for George Carleton, of St. Bride's, London, widower, aged

upwards of 30, and Elizabeth Dillingham, of Hampton, Midx., spinster, aged 19 and upwards, with consent of her mother, Elizabeth Dillingham, was issued on 26 October 1717. Rev. George Carleton, Chanter of the Abbey, which appointment he received 4 Sep. 1728. He was sworn a Gent. of the Chapel Royal 8 Aug. 1715, and Sub-dean thereof 16 Aug. 1732. He was of St. John's College, Cambridge, where A.B. 1704, and A.M. 1708. He died 15 Dec. 1746. Elizabeth was his second wife. They had issue. Mary, baptised in London on 9 December 1699, was to marry Maurice Greene, organist and composer to the Royal Chapel, about 1718. They had five children, but none lived to have descendants. John, the eldest child attended Eton and Cambridge, Venn, J & J.A, *Alumni Cantabrigienses*. GREEN, JOHN. Adm. pens. (age 18) at ST JOHN'S, Aug. 26, 1736. S of Maurice (1730), Professor of Music in Cambridge. B. in London. Bapt. at St Alphage, May 28, 1719. School, Eton. Matric. 1736. He died a student at Cambridge in 1737. See ODNB entry for Maurice Greene by H. Diack Johnstone.

- iv. ELIZABETH DILLINGHAM, was baptised at St. Edward's, Cambridge, on 27 May 1667, daughter of Doctor Theophilus Dillingham and Elizabeth, his wife. Foster, J. & Dean, J.W. London marriage Licences, 1521-1869. Thomas Lynford, of St. Bennet, Gracechurch, London, clerk, a bachelor, about 40, and Elizabeth Dillingham, of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Middlesex, spinster, 22, with consent of her mother, — Dillingham, widow — at St. Giles aforesaid, or. . . . 25 Nov. 1689; Foster, J. *Alumni Oxonienses*. Lynford, Thomas, fellow Christ's Coll., Cambridge, B.A. 1670-1, M.A. 1674 (incorporated 11 July, 1676), B.D. 1689; of St. Bennet Gracechurch, London, clerk, licenced 25 Nov., 1689, to marry Elizabeth Dillingham, of St. Giles-in-the-Fields; "lately the ingenious prevaricator of Cambridge," rector of St. Edmund, Lombard Street, chaplain in ordinary to William III. and Q. Mary, canon of Westminster 1700, archdeacon of Barum or Barnstaple 1709, until his death 11 Aug., 1734. [sic]. Note. He does not appear to have an entry at Cambridge His will, TNA. PROB 11/599/126, Will of Thomas Lynford, Rector of Saint Edmund the King Lombard Street, City of London, dated 16 April 1724 and proved 22 August 1724. No mention of any children in his will. He was buried on 14 August 1724 at St Edmund the King and Martyr, London, as Dr. Thomas Linford. Elizabeth died testate in 1744; her will, TNA. PROB 11/734/19, Will of Elizabeth Lynford, Widow of Saint Andrew Holborn, Middlesex, dated 10 April 1735 with later addendums and proved 4 June 1744. In her will she confirms the marriages and husbands of her nieces Elizabeth Carleton and Mary Green. She divides the residue of her estate between her sisters, Ann Blackall and Dorothy Watlington, and nominates her brother, Theophilus Dillingham to be executor in trust of her will. Elizabeth Lynford was buried on 23 May 1744 in the minister's vault at St Edmund the King and Martyr, London, as Elizabeth Lynford, widow of Dr. Lynford, presumably where her husband was interred.

- v. THEOPHILUS DILLINGHAM, was baptised at St. Edward's, Cambridge, on 21 September 1676, son of Doctor Theophilus Dillingham. He is mentioned in his mother's 1717 will, and nominated sole executor. He was granted administration of her will in March 1720. He evidently married Mary, who is also mentioned in his mother's will. They had a son, also Theophilus, baptised at London on 25 March 1703, educated at Cambridge, Venn, J. & J.A. *Alumni Cantabrigienses*. DILLINGHAM, THEOPHILUS. Adm. pens, at Clare, May 31, 1720. B. in London. Matric 1720; B.A. 1723-4; M.A. 1727. Fellow, 1726-30. Grandson of the Master. Adm. at Lincoln's Inn, Apr. 3, 1731; s. and h. of Theophilus, woollen draper, of London. Buried at Hampton, Middlesex, 1743. (One of these names, of Hampton, Middlesex, died May 26, 1769; age 93; probably the father.) From this alumni entry, it is possible to identify his father as a woollen merchant, whose will, PROB 11/949/43, Will of Theophilus Dillingham of Hampton, Middlesex, proved 6 June 1769. His son, Theophilus, He was buried at Hampton, Middlesex, on 20 December 1743. Theophilus and Mary also had a daughter, Sarah, who married Thomhagh Gurdon of Letton, Norfolk. With the loss of his only son, Theophilus Dillingham left his substantial estates and fortune to his grandson, Brampton Gurdon, on the condition that he takes the name and arms of Dillingham, which he did. Theophilus Dillingham was buried at Hampton, Middlesex, on 5 June 1769. Bedfordshire Archives Service Ref: PA Parsons deposit (Boswell & Dillingham of Dean) A Theophilus Dillingham of London, merchant tailor, in 1714 bought Shelton manor from Francis Malory (WG1039-40 and Victoria County History iii, 162). Possibly he was a son of Theophilus Dillingham, Archdeacon of Bedford (see supra). His descendants retained it till it was sold in 1794 to John Harris by Brampton Gurdon Dillingham (WG1064-5). (See WG989-1069 for this, and for some light also on Thomas Boswell and the Colletts). He would appear to be only a distant connection of the branch of the family represented in these documents. This reference in the Parsons deposit is correct in its surmise that Theophilus Dillingham, the London woollen merchant or merchant tailor, was the son of Doctor Theophilus Dillingham. His purchase of the manor of Shelton in 1714 from Francis Malory was a reflection of the family ties to Shelton. Francis Malory or Mallory was the son of Ralph Mallory and Grace Neale, who married at Dean, Bedfordshire, on 31 July 1606. He was a gentleman of Nether Dean. She was the daughter of Thomas Neale of Dean and Ann Dayrell, baptised at Dean, on 1 March 1579-80. She was left forty shillings for a remembrance ring in the will of her uncle, Richard Neale, TNA. Will of Richard Neale, Gentleman of Dean, Bedfordshire, dated 24 February 1617 and proved 31 March 1617. He left her son, his godson, Francis Mallory, fifty pounds. Richard Neale granted Thomas Dillingham pastor of Dean, son of Walter Dillingham and Alice Rolte, continued use of the parsonage of Dean as long as he remains pastor there. He makes his brother, Thomas Neale, his sole executor.
- vi. DOROTHY DILLINGHAM, is mentioned in the ODNB entry for her father, Theophilus Dillingham by John Gascoigne. No baptism seems extant for her; however, she is mentioned in her mother's 1717 will, as

Dorothy Watlington, widow. The probability is that she was born about 1670. She was the widow of Isaac Watlington. Isaac Watlington and Dorothy Dillingham married at St. Sepulchre, Cambridge, on 29 July 1691. They had three daughters together, Elizabeth, Judith, and Ellen, but Watlington had two sons, Isaac and James, from a previous marriage. Isaac Watlington died testate in 1701, his will, TNA. PROB 11/459/177, Will of Isaac Watlington of Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, dated 1 January 1699-1700 and proved 10 February 1701. He nominates his wife, Dorothy and his 'uncle' Thomas Paske, brother of Elizabeth Dillingham née Paske, as his joint executors. Isaac Watlington junior was a witness to Elizabeth Dillingham née Paske's 1717 will. In Dorothy's sister, Elizabeth Lynford's 1735 will, Dorothy Watlington is bequeathed a half share with her sister, Ann Blackall, of the residue of Elizabeth's estate. Mrs. Dorothy Watlington was buried at Saxthorpe, Norfolk, on 16 October 1750.

- ii. JOHN DILLINGHAM, was baptised at Dean, Bedfordshire on 9 October 1614. Educated locally at Dean he was admitted to Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, Venn, J. & J.A. *Alumni Cantabrigienses*. DILLINGHAM, JOHN. Adm. pens, (age 16) at Sidney, Sept. 1, 1631. S. of Thomas (1585), R. of Deane Beds. Bapt. there, Oct. 9, 1614. School, Deane (Mr Kemp) Matric. 1631; B.A. 1635-6; M.A. 1639; B.D. 1646. Fellow. Incorp. at Oxford, 1657. Ord. priest (Peterb.) Dec 18, 1641. Brother of Theophilus (1629). He married Grace, who was buried at Dean, on 16 January 1693. John Dillingham was buried at Dean, on 5 March 1694.
- iii. SARAH DILLINGHAM, was baptised at Dean, Bedfordshire, on 11 February 1615-16. She married Richard Leach, mentioned as the husband of his daughter, Sarah, in Thomas Dillingham's 1647 will. They had issue, Thomas and Sarah, mentioned in their grandfather, Thomas Dillingham's 1647 will.
- iv. DOROTHY DILLINGHAM, was baptised at Dean, Bedfordshire, on 7 May 1618. She married at the cathedral and abbey church of St. Albans, Hertfordshire, Richard Cooper. The registers of St. Alban's Abbey shows, Mr. Richard Cooper, minister of Deane, Bedfordshire, and Mrs. Dorothy Dillingham, daughter of Mr. Thomas Dillingham, of Deane, clerk, married 9 September, 1646.
- iii. THOMASINE DILLINGHAM, was baptised at Dean, Bedfordshire, daughter of Walter, on 21 May 1573. She married William Selbie or Selby at Dean, Bedfordshire, on 24 July 1598. Thomasine was probably Selby's second wife. He was probably from Oundle, Northamptonshire, and the man buried there on 5 September 1625. A William Silbie married Alice Mahew, on 26 November 1593 in Northamptonshire, who may have been Selby's first wife. He had a daughter, Susanna, who does not appear to have been from his marriage to Thomasine. Susanna Selby was most probably born at Oundle, Unfortunately, and somewhat unusually, there are no parish registers extant for Oundle before 1625. This means that there are no records of any of William Selby's children's baptisms. However, the fact that the 1608 will John Dillingham, Thomasine's brother, mentions three of her children alive at that time, whilst her brother

Francis Dillingham's 1625 will names four Selbys, who are almost certainly also her children, none of whom are called Susanna, casts doubt on Susanna being a child of Thomasine Dillingham. Susanna was also apparently older than any of Thomasine's children, which makes the possibility of her being the child of an earlier marriage of William Selby more feasible. Susanna Selby married, as his second wife and her second husband, John Wells or Welles, rector of Thurning, Huntingdonshire, son of Thomas Wells or Welles the rector of Carlton and Chellington, Bedfordshire.

Children of WILLIAM SELBY and THOMASINE SELBY née DILLINGHAM are, not necessarily in order of birth:

- i. MARTHA SELBY, probably born at Oundle, Northamptonshire. She is mentioned in her uncle Francis Dillingham's 1625 will. She married John Merrill at Oundle on 18 January 1630-1. Merrill attended Cambridge University, Venn J. & J.A. MERRILL, JOHN: Matric. pens, from Christ's, 1613: Scholar, 1615-20; B.A. 1616-7; M.A. 1620. Ord. deacon (Peterb.) Feb. 13; priest. Mar. 12, 1619-20. V. of Pytchley, Northants., 1620-33. V. of Kimbolton, Hunts., 1637-40. Married, at Oundle, Jan. 18, 1630-1, Martha Selbie, of Oundle. Died 1657. Will (P.C.C.) 1658. Doubtless father of Joseph (1655); There is a hiatus in the records from 1640 until 1662, doubtless because of the upheaval of the Interregnum, but from his will he seems to have remained as vicar at Kimbolton until his death. They had issue, two sons and three daughters. Joseph, the eldest son. Venn, J. & J.A. *Alumni Cantabrigienses* MERRILL, JOSEPH adm. Sizar at Emmanuel, May 8, 1655. Of Huntingdon. Doubtless s. Of John (1613). Matric. 1655; B.A. 1658-9; M.A. 1653. Ord. Deacon and priest (Peterb.) Aug. 17, 1662. Rector of Laver Magdalen, Essex, 1667-1700. Died 1700. John Merrill died testate in 1657, his will, TNA. PROB 11/275/336. Will of John Merrill, Clerk of Kimbolton, Huntingdonshire, dated 19 August 1657 and proved 24 February 1658. He was buried at Kimbolton on 1 September 1657. His wife, Martha, was buried at St. Andrew's, Kimbolton, Huntingdonshire, on 4 November 1647.
- ii. WILLIAM SELBY, probably born at Oundle, Northamptonshire. He is mentioned in his uncle Francis Dillingham's 1625 will.
- iii. REBECCA SELBY, probably born at Oundle, Northamptonshire. She is mentioned in her uncle Francis Dillingham's 1625 will.
- iv. JOHN SELBY, probably born at Oundle, Northamptonshire. He is mentioned in his uncle Francis Dillingham's 1625 will.
- iv. ELIZABETH DILLINGHAM, was baptised at Dean, Bedfordshire, daughter of Walter, on 2 February 1576. Probably the twin of Ellen, baptised the same day. She married Arthur Potter at Bedford, on 18 May 1597. No record of their marriage appears at St. John's, St. Mary's, St. Peter's or St. Cuthbert's; possibly it may have been at St. Paul's, Bedford
- v. ELLEN DILLINGHAM, was baptised at Dean, Bedfordshire, daughter of Walter, on 2 February 1576. Probably the twin of Elizabeth, baptised the same day. She was buried at Dean, Bedfordshire 28 September 1597.

- vi. JOHN DILLINGHAM, was baptised at Dean, Bedfordshire, son of Walter, on 16 April 1579. He married Anne Barrow, daughter of John Barrowe or Barrow of Pottesbury, Northamptonshire, gent. Bedfordshire Archives Service Ref: WG 1116, Marriage Settlement for the marriage of John Dillingham and Anne Barrow 30 July 1607. John Dillingham died testate in 1608, with his wife expecting their child. His will, PROB 11/111/496, Will of John Dillingham Yeoman of Over Dean dated 12 March 1607-8 and proved 9 June 1608. He was buried at Dean on 3 May 1608. Their child, Anne, was baptised at Dean, Bedfordshire, on 15 May 1608, as the posthumous daughter of John Dillingham. She married Nicholas Thresher married at Dean on 14 May 1626, and they had issue .Anne Dillingham, John's widow, remarried to William Eston, at Dean, on 18 January 1615-6. .
- vii. ROBERT DILLINGHAM, mentioned in his father John's 1540 will where he is to receive 13s 4d a year from his brother Walter. Robert Dillingham married Agnes Warde at Dean, on 8 October 1571. They had children baptised at Dean. Robert died testate in 1607 and was buried at Dean, on 17 April 1607. His will, Bedfordshire Archives Service, ABP/W1606-1607/87, Will of Robert Dyllingham of Nether Dean, dated 7 April 1607 and proved 15 May 1607.

Children of ROBERT DILLINGHAM and AGNES DILLINGHAM née WARDE are:

- i. HUMPHREY DILLINGHAM, eldest son, was baptised at Dean, Bedfordshire on 17 October 1572.
- ii. THOMAS DILLINGHAM, was baptised at Dean on 15 May 1575. He was buried at Dean, on 28 May 1575.
- iii. ANDREW DILLINGHAM, second surviving son. He was baptised at Dean, Bedfordshire on 21 April 1576. He married and had issue, a son John
- iv. CHRISTOPHER DILLINGHAM, third surviving son. He was baptised at Dean, Bedfordshire on 8 July 1579. He married Alice Curtis, daughter of Richard Curtis, husbandman of Over Dean, in 1634. Bedfordshire Archives Service Ref: PA63, Post-nuptial Settlement, 6 Feb 1633-4, for the marriage of Christopher Dillingham, yeoman of Over Dean, to Alice Curtis, daughter of Richard Curtis of Over Dean, husbandman. They had a daughter Anne, and sons John and Thomas. Christopher Dillingham died testate in 1646; his will, Bedfordshire Archives Service, Ref: ABP/W1651-2/48, Will of Christopher Dillingham of Nether Dean, yeoman, dated 2 May 1646 and proved 14 June 1651. He was buried at All Hallows, Dean, on 3 May 1646.
- v. THOMAS DILLINGHAM, fourth surviving son. He was baptised at Dean, Bedfordshire on 1 March 1583-4.
- vi. MARY DILLINGHAM, was baptised at Dean on 11 June 1586 and buried at Dean, on 8 May 1596.
- viii. RICHARD DILLINGHAM, mentioned in his father John's 1540 will where he is bequeathed his father's lands at Haregrave and a house at Over Dean. Bedfordshire Archives Service Ref: PA 176, Arbitration award 1577, refers to him as Richard Dyllingham of Stonley [sic. viz. Stonely] Priory, Kimbolton, yeoman. However,

he at some point migrates to Pertenhall, Bedfordshire, where he married Elizabeth Barber, daughter of Phillip Barber, on 18 April 1588. They had issue. Richard Dillingham died testate in 1597, his will, TNA. PROB 11/ 90/271, Will of Richard Dillingham or Dillingham, Yeoman of Pertenhall, Bedfordshire, dated 18 August 1597 and proved 24 September 1597. He leaves bequests to the three sons of his brother John Dillingham, apparently deceased, John, Walter and Clement; and the two children his sister, Alice, had with John Burder. He nominated his kinsmen, actually his nephews, Henry Dillingham, clerk, of Cotesbatch, Leicestershire, son of his brother, William Dillingham, and Henry Dillingham of Upper Dean, the son of his brother Thomas Dillingham, to be his executors. Richard Dillingham was buried at St. Peter's, Pertenhall, Bedfordshire, on 28 August 1597.

Children of RICHARD DILLINGHAM and ELIZABETH DILLINGHAM née BARBER are:

- i. KATHERINE DILLINGHAM, was baptised at Pertenhall, Bedfordshire, on 6 September 1590.
- ii. JOHN DILLINGHAM, was baptised at Pertenhall, Bedfordshire, on 21 January 1592-3. He was buried at St. Peter's, Pertenhall, on 1 September 1596.
- iii. ELIZABETH DILLINGHAM, was baptised at Pertenhall, Bedfordshire, on 19 March 1597-8. She was born after he father's death.
- ix. HUMPHREY DILLINGHAM, mentioned in his father John's 1540 will where he is bequeathed ten pounds. He died testate, probably unmarried, and was buried at Dean on 9 April 1614. In his will, TNA. PROB 11/123/596, Will of Humphrey Dillingham of Dean, Bedfordshire, dated 30 March 1614 and proved 31 May 1614, he bequeaths ten pounds to John Dillingham and Elizabeth Dillingham, children of his kinsman, George Dillingham. George was probably the son of Humphrey's brother, William Dillingham of Over Dean and Cotesbach, Leicestershire.
- x. AGNES or ANNE DILLINGHAM, mentioned in her mother's will, She was probably the child Joan Dillingham was expecting when he husband died.

Generation No. 2

2. THOMAS DILLINGHAM² (*JOHN*¹) yeoman of Over Dean, Bedfordshire, eldest son of John and Joan Dillingham. He was co-executor with his mother of his father's 1540 will. He married Thomasin or Thomasine, and had issue. He was buried at Dean on 29 December 1580. His wife was buried at Dean, Bedfordshire, as widow of Thomas, on 5 November 1598.

Children of THOMAS DILLINGHAM and THOMASIN or THOMASINE DILLINGHAM are, not necessarily in order of birth.

- i. JOHN DILLINGHAM, is mentioned in Joan Dillingham, his grandmother's 1554 will.
- ii. HENRY DILLINGHAM, is mentioned in Joan Dillingham, his grandmother's 1554 will.
- iii. MARGARET DILLINGHAM, is mentioned in Joan Dillingham, her grandmother's 1554 will.

The issue of Thomas Dillingham and his wife Thomasin shown above are a reflection of the children recorded in Joan Dillingham's 1557 will. However, this generation will be subject to a separate genealogy.

There are doubtless issue of some of the others mentioned in this genealogy and subsequent generations of those descending from John and Jone Dillingham, but this genealogy goes as far as is relevant for the purposes of this work. The genealogy of Thomas and Thomasin Dillingham will demonstrate how their descendants shared connections to the Rolts and the Welles or Wells families, the latter with their connections to the Hall family, from whom John Hall, Shakespeare's son-in-law came.

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