

HUGH TINGLE IN ENGLAND

Research by Mark Bonthron, a professional genealogist in London, has developed some partial information about the name Tingle in England. He has inspected various parish registers, many of which he reports are in a “deplorable condition due to the passing of time and a few accidents.” Herewith some passages

From St. Paul’s Covent Garden, Westminster, London –
Baptisms:

28 Oct. 1660 Theodosia, dau. of Hugh and Alice Tingle
28 Dec. 1662 Hugh, son of Hugh and Alice Tingle
29 Nov. 1664 Ann, dau. of Hugh and Alice Tingle

Burials:

20 Sept. 1663 Hugh, son of Hugh Tingle, buried in church yard.

The above would seem to say that the child, Hugh Tingle, born in 1652, died nine months later. If true, this would rule out his being the-Hugh Tingle who emigrated to Maryland in 1669 (see Vol. 1, No. 1 and 2 of TINGLE DESCENDANTS). Neither could it have been his father, Hugh, husband of Alice, because he would have been about 93 years old upon his death in 1733. There are no burial entries for Tingles in this register of St. Paul’s which Mr. Bonthron points out “is not the St. Paul’s.”

From Whitton, Lincolnshire parish register -
Baptisms:

1 Mar. 1621 Syman Tingle, to Hugh Tingle
1 Mar. 1621 John Tingle, to Hugh Tingle

Probably twins. This Hugh Tingle would have been much too old to have been the Maryland immigrant.

From Donington-in-Holland, Lincolnshire parish register –
Baptisms:

22 Oct. 1626 Hugh Tingle, to Hugh Tingle

This child may have been a brother to the aforementioned twins, Syman and John, except for the fact that the two parishes of Whitton and Donington are some 75 miles apart - a long distance in those days. And, the child would have been too old to have been our Maryland Hugh Tingle.

From Lincoln, St. Peter, Eastgate, Lincolnshire parish register -
Baptisms:
28 Sept. 1635 Thomas Tingle, to Siman Tingle

From Winterton, Lincolnshire parish register -
Marriages:
20 Oct.. 1647 Syman Tingle to Isabell Kitchin

From Whitton, Lincolnshire parish register -
Baptisms:
10 June 1646 Hugh Tingle, to Syman Tingle
27 July 1648 Ann Tingle, to Syman Tingle

From Belton-in-Axholme, Lincolnshire parish register -
Baptisms:
13 Apr. 1654 Hugh Tingle, to Syinan and Isabell Tingle

The Syman Tingle baptized 1 March 1621 in Whitton parish, twin (7) son of Hugh, would probably be the Syman who married Isabell Kitchin 20 Oct. 1647 in Winterton parish which is only 5 miles distant. This Syinan and Isabell would appear to have had one child (Hugh, baptized 10 June 1646) born out of wedlock who subsequently died. The same C?) couple later had a (second ?) Hugh, baptized at Belton-in-Axholme parish 13 Apr. 1654. Belton is 10 miles from Winterton.

CONCLUSION

Syman (Simon) Tingle and Isabell Kitchin (married 20 Oct. 1647 Winterton, Lincolnshire) seem to have had three children:
Hugh, baptized 1646 and subsequently died.
Ann, baptized 1648

Then they probably moved from Whitton, where their first two children were baptized, to Belton-in-Axholme. There the third child, also named Hugh, was baptized in 1654. No burial records for any Tingles are listed in Belton for the period 1663-169Z. To quote Mr. Bonthron, "the register is 'wanting' before 1663."

Could this Hugh, baptized 1654, be the Hugh Tingle who came to Maryland in 1669, age 15. It is possible, but as Mr. Bonthron points out, it would be Unwise to draw any firm conclusions, even though there is no record of Hugh's burial. To quote him - "the parish registers are in a lamentable state at this period."

It is probable that we will never be able to prove the parentage of Hugh Tingle who came to Maryland in 1669. But one point seems clear. Hugh Tingle was an

Englishman and he most likely came from Lincolnshire which is the county south of Yorkshire, bordering Nottingham on the west. And - from these old parish registers we know that the name, Hugh Tingle, existed in England at least 75 years before the above date. Yes, Tingle is indeed an old English name, originally spelled TYNGYLL. Wouldn't it be interesting if we could probe the history of this family? Or is it better to let sleeping dogs lie?

P.S.: Mr. Bonthron also researched the name of Christopher Rousby who received land in Maryland from Lord Baltimore for 'importing' seven persons in 1669, one of whom was Hugh Tingle. Circumstantial evidence points to Yorkshire and Lincolnshire as the counties of origin for the name 'Rousby', and an area just north of the Humber River, opposite Whitton/Winterton parishes, for the possible area of origin of that particular family of Rousby's. He points out "the temptation is there to imagine the ease of contact between families in the area, by ferry, etc. but keep an open mind. My research," he says, "produced results that suggest more than they prove." Amen!