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“OLD SHADRACK”

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Mrs. Mary Ada Tingle Kellar, who lives near Grantsboro, N.C. recalls her grandfather, Josiah, talking about Shadrack leaving home and going west, never to be heard from again. Many family members believed that he died long before he apparently did die.

The North Carolina Genealogical Society Quarterly, Nov. issue 1984, carried this series of “Letters to the Clerk of the County Court” Call # 028-928.3, located in the Archives in Raleigh, N.C. It reads:

#55. 15 Sept. 1851 from Levi Town, Harpers Ferry, Jefferson Co., Virginia, to Mr. J.G. Stanley, C.C. “I wrote you soliciting information relative to who are the next of kin to the Estate of Perry Tingle, intestate.. ..please inform me”

17 Sept. 1851, response to Levi Town: “Perry Tingle married Rhoda, the daughter of Frank Vendrick - upon the decease of Perry Tingle, his widow and some of the children moved to some northern state - the following are some of the children of Perry Tingle”..

“Shadrack Tingle, his eldest son, went to some Western State and the place of residence is unknown to his friends.

Polly Tingle (Mary) married Darius Durfrey. . . and moved to the North. Fanny Tingle, a daughter, married Will L. Corbin (July 17, 1827). Fanny died a few years ago and Corbin lives in Craven Co., N.C. Ferebee, a daughter, married Edward Barbee and moved to the State of Vermont.

Sidney, a daughter, and Perry and Benjamin, youngest sons, moved to the North and Perry and Benjamin are reported dead.” (end of letter).

Other children of Perry and Rhoda were taken from a family Bible owned by Nancy Tingle of Bayboro, N.C. 1-Josiah who married Betsey Fanning. August 7, 1828. 2-Gideon? (have not been able to separate from other Gideons). 3-Lucy M., no information on Lucy.

About the middle of March 1989, I received a phone call one Sunday afternoon from Laura Walker who lives in Little Rock, Arkansas. Laura's ancestor was a John Tinkle, who married Johanna Burrige in 1813 in Rowan County, N.C. Laura is trying to learn who his parents are and where he was born, and wanted to know if I might have run across any Tinkles in my research on Tingles.

After corresponding for a while, she mentioned that she had found where Shadrack Tingle was in the 1860 Census in Pulaski County, Arkansas. Well! the letter from the N.C. Gen. Society Quarterly immediately came to my mind. I looked it up, had it copied and sent it to her. I was very excited about finding out what happened to Old Shadrack. (he died in the same County Feb. or March 1865) I soon infected Laura. So, she began checking to see what else she could find on Shadrack. She learned he was survived by his wife, Mary, whom he married before leaving N.C. She was listed in Craven Co. Marriage Bonds as Polly Morris, married 25 April 1827. She learned that he had at least one son, named John Allen Tingle.

Laura said that on her next trip to the History Commission of AR she was busy going through records, when she heard someone behind her say either Tingle or Tinkle. She turned around and asked the lady "did you say you were looking for Tingle or Tinkle?" The lady replied that she was looking for Tingle, John Allen Tingle to be exact. The lady's name was Josie Stradlin. She is descended from John Allen Tingle. Well, Laura filled her in on recently learning who Shadrack was and where he was from, through me. She was a lucky lady. Laura had just received her "Tingle Descendants" Newsletter. Josie will have no trouble going back to Hugh the Progenitor. Perry Tingle, father of Shadrack, was the son of Joseph Tingle, who was the son of Hugh, Jr. who was the son of Hugh the Progenitor.

Josie had access to a family Bible and copied it.. The other children of Shadrack and Mary (Polly) were: 1-Senia Tingle (b.19 March 1827), 2-John Allen Tingle, (b. 19 Sept. 1830). 3-Caroline Tingle (b. 15 Sept. 1833. 4-Lorvicry (looks like) b. 25 April 1836.

The Bible says Shadrack was b. in N.C. on Sept. 14, 1804. I believe this is incorrect as his parents, Perry and Rhoda Vendrick were married July 3, 1807 (Craven Co. N.C. Marriage Bonds. Anyone desiring copies of Bible or other material may contact me, and pay costs.

I learned not many years ago that Mrs. Ada Kellar was a Tingle; she lived only about 7 miles from Arapahoe, where I lived. I have visited her; she is a lovely lady, 87 years young, and lives alone except for her dog. She was most pleased to learn of the going of Shadrack Tingle.

This Shadrack is not to be confused with Shadrack, son of Joseph. He married Sarah McCotter, and I believe had only one child, Sylvester. Martin McCotter was the father of Sarah and had won guardianship of his grandson; there was a suit against David and Thomas Tingle, Dec. 1806. Shadrack died before 1799. The information was found in Craven Co. Inferior Court Minutes. Sylvester did not live to be an old man either; he married Sarah Miller, Jan. 14, 1820, died in 1842 and Sarah remarried to William Bennett, in my line of Bennetts.

## HUGH TINGLE IN ENGLAND

Research by Mark Bonthrone, 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. Bonthrone 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!