

ORIGIN OF THE NAME TINGLE

The name Tingle appears to be of English inception. Tingle, or Tinghill, originally denoted a dweller at the Meeting or Court Hill, from the Old English “**ting**”, meaning a meeting or court of justice. On the YORKSHIRE Poll Tax of 1379, there appears a RICARDUS TYNGHILL. By the fifteenth century the name had become TYNGYL.

Numerous persons interested in their TINGLE ancestry have visited England and have chronicled entries of TINGLE names from parish registers in YORKSHIRE and other provinces. These records are on file in the Genealogical Library of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, (The Mormon Church) Salt Lake City, Utah.

EARLIEST TINGLE NAMES IN AMERICA (17th CENTURY)

PALMER TINGLE (TINGLEY)- Massachusetts

sailed for New England on the bark ‘PLANTER’ from Tilbury, 2 England on 8 April 1635. He was 21 years of age and a miller. The ship arrived at Plymouth, Mass. in May of 1635. He settled near what is now Sudbury, Mass.

The name of Palmer Tingle is spelled TINGLEY in the source quoted. Descendants of his who examined New England records used the spelling ‘TINGLEY’ throughout succeeding generations.³ From time to time some researchers have spelled the name as TINGLE, however.

JOHN TINGLE - Virginia

was transported into Virginia on 22 May 1650 by Mr. James Williamson. He was among thirty-six persons for whom Williamson was granted 1,800 acres on the north side of the Rappahannock River⁴ His descendants, if any, have not been identified.

HUGH TINGLES (TINGLE)- Maryland

was one of seven persons ‘imported’ into Maryland on 26 April 1669 by Christopher Rousby who received 350 acres of land thereby.³ The ship was under the command of Thomas Pieghen, Master. It is not clear whether the name of the vessel was ‘WHITTBY’ or whether it sailed from Whithy, England. This port is situated on the North Sea coast, not too far from the York-shires.

The history of HUGH TINGLE in America will be documented in the next issue of our Family Newsletter.

JOHN TINGLE - Maryland

was one of twenty—one persons transported into the Province of Maryland on 15 June 1670 by Captair Edward Peerce who received 1,050 acres of land thereby.⁶ His descendants, if any, have been difficult to trace.

JOHN TINGLE/JOANNA TINGLE - Delaware

The Will of Claud Longpre of Kent County, Delaware “leaves one— half the estate due him in Maryland to his wife Ruth, and the other half to John Tingle being her father in law. His children to be looked after by said John Tingle and his wife.” Will made 22 August 1688 and probated 10 September 1690.⁷

It would seem that the father of Ruth Longpre had died and that her mother had remarried to a John Tingle. In colonial days father-in-law often meant stepfather.

On 10 October 1689 “Letters of Administration on the estate of JOHN TINGLE, deceased late of the County of Kent in Delaware were granted unto his widow, JOHANNA TINGLE.” This may or may not be the John Tingle mentioned in the Will of Claud Longpre.

An interesting question remains to be answered. Is the John TINGLE of Delaware who died in 1689 the same John TINGLE who was transported into Maryland in 1670 - or the John TINGLE who came to Virginia in 1650 (when he could have been 25 years old in 1650 and that would make him only 64 in 1689)?

¹“Colonial and Revolutionary Lineages of America”, pub. 1967, by American Historical Society, Inc., New York. This source, in turn, quoted H. Harrison: “Surnames of the United Kingdom.” Also, “A Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames” by C.W. Bardsley, pub. 1901, London.

²“The Original List of Persons of Quality Emigrating to America, 1600—1700,” p. 53, by John Camden Rotten.

³“The Tingley Family, being a record of the descendants of Samuel Tingley of Maiden, Massachusetts in both the male and female lines,” pp 4, 9, 10, compiled by Raymon Meyers Tingley and pub. by The Tuttle Co., Rutland, Vermont, 1910.

⁴“Cavaliers and Pioneers — Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants, 1623—1800,” p. 191, by Nell Marion Nugent, pub. 1935, Richmond, VA.

⁵“Original Land Patents, Province of Maryland,” Vol. 12, p. 334, Hall of Records, Annapolis, MD.

⁶“Provincial Court Records of Maryland,” Vol. 12, p. 576 (old liber JJ, 205), Hall of Records, Annapolis, MD.

⁷“Wills and Administration Accounts of Kent County, Delaware,” State Archives, Dover, DE.