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Ralph Clarke

Born **1574** in **Grantham, Lincolnshire, England** Son of [Arthur Clarke](#) and [Anne \(Unknown\) Osborne](#)Brother of [Rachel \(Clarke\) Wickliffe](#) and [Unknown Clarke](#)Husband of **Unknown (Unknown) Clarke** — married about 1599 in England Husband of **Cassandra (Unknown) Clarke** — married 1620 in England Father of [Anna \(Clarke\) Woodmansey](#), [Elizabeth \(Clarke\) Ludlam](#), [William Clarke](#), [Jane Clarke](#), [Arthur Clarke](#), [William Clarke](#), [Sarah Clarke](#), [Mary \(Clarke\) Searson](#), [Rachel Clarke](#), [Rebecca Clarke](#), [Frances Clarke](#), [Benjamin Clarke](#), [Rachel Clarke](#), [Deborah Clarke](#) and [Joseph Clarke](#) DESCENDANTS Died **before 6 Feb 1631** before age 57 in **Grantham, Lincolnshire, England** Profile manager: [Jack Day](#) [\[send private message\]](#)

PROBLEMS/QUESTIONS

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Biography

1574 Birth and Parents

Ralph Clarke was born, say, 1574. ^[1]He was the son of Arthur Clarke, who was buried in Grantham 14 January 1582/83 ^[2]

1599 First marriage: Unknown

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He married first by 1599 an unknown wife. She was buried 24 April 1617 in Grantham. ^[1]

Occupation

He was a mercer and apothecary. ^[1]

1602 Surety for Mother's Estate

He was surety for his mother's administration of her second husband's estate in `1602 and was made administrator of his mother's estate in 1604. ^[1]

1611 Public Service

He was an Alderman of Grantham in 1611 and 1621. ^[1]

1620 Second marriage: Cassandra

He married secondly by 1620 Cassandra, who was buried in Grantham 3 July 1635. ^[1]

1631 Will, Death, Estate

Will

The will of "Radulph Clarke of Grantham in the County of Lincoln, mercer, sicke of body" was dated 10 December 1630 and proved 12 February 1630/31: ^[1]

to the poor of Grantham 40s; to William Wells, clerk, 20s. yearly as long as he preaches at Grantham; to eldest son Arthur Clarke L20, the still hanging in the old still house, and implements in the custody of Robbert Knutton of Folkingham, Lincoln; to three daughters by first wife (Mary, Rebecca, and Frances Clarke) L60 each when 21; to youngest children Joseph Clarke and Deboara Clarke L60 each when 21; to son Benjamin (Menhamin Clarke) L20 when 21 if now wife Cassandra is living (otherwise void); to said wife Cassandra annuity of L7-6-8 for 7 years from the profits of my shop at Grantham, along with the use and benefit (shared with my son Willm Clarke) of garden adjoining my now dwelling house in Grantham for her life; to said wife household stuff she brought with her, with bedding and fuel (described), cow, hay, and L5 for purchasing needed household items; to Thomas Godsfrewy, esq if the Fryers near Grantham, cousin Mr. Willm Bury, cousin Robert Halford of Sleaford, clerk, and Richard Cony of Grantham, mercer, mills (described) to be sued for paying the will's legacies, then the rent to go to son Willm Clarke, to son Willm Clarke all unbequeathed real estate; to daughter Anne Woodmansey 20s; to daughter Elizabeth Ludlam 20s; I reside to son Willm Clarke, he to be executor; overseers Thomas Godsfrewy, Willm Bury, Robert Halford, and Richard Cony they to have 6s 8d each) witnesses Hugh Wilkinson, clerk, William Bury, Richard Cony, Robt Green *(by mark) and Christopher Breene. ^[3]

Death and burial

Ralph Clarke was buried in Grantham 6 February 1630/31. ^[1]

Children

Children of Ralph and unknown first wife:

1. Anne ^[4]
2. Elizabeth ^[4]
3. William ^[5]
4. Jane ^[5]
5. Arthur ^[5]

6. [William](#) (again) ^[5] William Clarke, son of Raph, was baptized 23 April 1609 in Grantham, Lincolnshire, England. ^[6]
7. Sarah ^[7]
8. Mary ^[7]
9. Rachel, bp 20 July 1614 ^[8]
10. Rebecca, b. say 1615 ^[8]
11. Frances, b. say 1616 ^[8]

Children of Ralph and Cassandra

1. Benjamin, bp 2 April 1620 ^[8]
2. Rachel, bp 15 July 1621 ^[8]
3. Deborah, born say 1623 ^[8]
4. Joseph, bp 27 July 1625 79 ^[8]

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