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### Thomas Sprigg

Born **about 1604** in **Northamptonshire, England** ?

Son of [Thomas Sprigg](#) [uncertain] and [Catherine \(Stone\) Sprigg](#) [uncertain]

[sibling(s) unknown]

Husband of **Katherine (Griffin) Sprigg** — married 2 Oct 1662 in St Andrew, Holborn, Camden, London, England ?

Father of [Thomas Sprigg](#), [Joane \(Sprigg\) Beale](#), [Katherine Sprigg](#) and [Abraham Sprigg](#) DESCENDANTS ⌵

Died **before 11 Nov 1679** before about age 75 in **England** ?

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## Biography

**Thomas Sprigg** of Foxton, in Leicestershire, England, was probably born by around 1640, based on the date of his marriage. His parents have not yet been determined.

The parent details from this profile relate to attempts to link the Sprigg family from Maryland, and have also suggested that Thomas may have been from Kettering, in Northamptonshire, and possibly born as early as 1604. A Thomas Sprigg of Banbury, who was also apparently born in 1604, has also been associated with this person <sup>[1]</sup>. The claimed Kettering and Banbury connections, and the related parent information, need to be investigated further. It has been suggested that this person was Thomas Sprigg (1604-1678), merchant of London, however the merchant's will does not support this claim, it seems more likely this man resided in Foxton, Leicestershire, as recorded on his marriage registration.

Thomas married **Katherine Griffin**, on 2 Oct 1662, at St Andrew, Holborn, in Camden, London. Neither were residents of the parish. Thomas was from Foxton, Leicestershire, and Katherine Griffin was from Stroudwater, in Gloucestershire.

Children of Thomas and Katherine Sprigg <sup>[2]</sup>:-

1. Thomas
2. Abraham (1669 - ?)
3. Katherine
4. Joane (1671 - ?)

Katherine's brother, David Griffin, made his home in London, where he resided on Bassinghall Street, working as a tallow chandler. He made his last will, dated 11 Nov 1679, proved 12 Dec 1679, which mentions a bequest to his sister Katherine Sprigg, widow, of the rent of a house and orchard at Stratford Bridge Close for her life, and names her four children: Thomas, Abraham, Katherine and Joanne Sprigg. <sup>[3]</sup>

So from Katherine's status as a widow in David's will, we can surmise that Thomas Sprigg must have been deceased by 11 Nov 1679, and that he was survived by his wife,

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No known carriers of Thomas's DNA have taken a [DNA test](#).

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Katherine, and their four children. <sup>[4]</sup>

## Research Notes

Thomas Sprigg of Foxton Leics., who married Katherine Griffin in 1662, should not be confused with his contemporary [Thomas Sprigg \(1604-1678\)](#), merchant of London. The merchant's wife, Ruth, mentioned in his 1675 will, was still living when he died in 1678. Similarly, Katherine Sprigg, wife of Thomas Sprigg of Foxton, was also living when her brother David Griffin made his will in 1679. The children of Thomas and Katherine Sprigg (ie. Thomas, Abraham, Katherine and Joanne) named in this profile are also confirmed by David Griffin's will, and also partially by Foxton church records, and therefore are not the children of the merchant of London. The merchant of London named his own children in his will (ie. Richard, William, Jane, and Anna).

A consequence of the above, is that the association with this family of the historically significant figures, Capt. Thomas Sprigg (1629-1704) and his purported sister, Joane (Sprigg) Beale (c.1631-1675), cannot be supported by evidence. The Foxton siblings, Thomas and Joane, would most likely have been born after their parents' marriage in 1662. Similarly the 1679 will of David Griffin refers to the Foxton family, and so probably not to the Maryland family. Capt. Thomas Sprigg (c.1628/30 - 1704) Born Kettering. Immigrated with family and servants, first to Virginia, by 1651, and then to Calvert County, Maryland, by 1658. <sup>[1][5]</sup>

Some information suggests that a Thomas Sprigg married a Katherine Griffin, in 1629, at Kettering, in Northamptonshire, however this seems to be incorrect, and probably stems from attempts to reconcile events with the known details of the Maryland family. This Katherine was said to have died after 17 Aug 1661 (possibly in Maryland). She was reportedly a daughter of George Griffin of Kettering (born 1594). It is unclear whether any of those details have any basis whatsoever in actual historical documents. <sup>[1]</sup>

It seems that a significant revisitation of the Sprigg family from around Kettering (or Banbury) is in order to properly investigate the origins of Capt. Thomas Sprigg of Maryland. Any documented evidence mentioning an association with Banbury would be of particular interest, as a starting point, as this appears a likely red herring, but could quickly resolve the matter if it turned out to be correct. There was a [Thomas Sprigge \(b. c.1608\)](#) associated with the Sprigge family of Banbury, who was baptized at Lubenham, LEICS., in 1608, and who seems to disappear from the historical record. This person would have links to both the Banbury family and the northern families around Kettering, Foxton, and Lubenham, and would seem an ideal candidate, if actual documented evidence emerged to support a link to Banbury.

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SPRIGG, Thomas (in the UK, Extracted Probate Records)

Name: Sprigg, Thomas

Dates: 1678

Place: Bowden Parva, Rutland, England

Book: Calendar of Wills Proved and of Administrations Granted in the Commissary Court of the Peculiar and Exempt Jurisdiction of Groby, 1580-1800. (Will)

Collection: Leicestershire and Rutland: - Index to the Wills and Administrations proved and granted in the Archdeaconry Court of Leicester 1660-1750, and in the peculiars of St. Margaret, Leicester, and Rotblen and the Rutland Peculiars of Caldecott, Retton and Tirover

Volume: Index to Wills and Administrations Proved and Granted in The Archdeaconry Court of Leicester 1660-1750

Chapter: The following wills belong to Book X, 1602, 3, 9, 10, First Series, and follow immediately after the will of Thomas Traslour on page 96.

Text: 1678 Sprigg, Thomas, Bowden Parva, Adm. 72

Source Information: Ancestry.com. UK, Extracted Probate Records, 1269-1975 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2009.

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(Ancestry.com), David Griffin, 1679

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London Metropolitan Archive; Reference Number: COL/CHD/FR/02/0027-0033  
[Ancestry Sharing Link - Ancestry Record 2052 #150835726](#) (accessed 2 December 2023)  
Name: Thomas Sprigg; Gender: Male; Child: Abraham Sprigg.

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The National Archives; Kew, Surrey, England; Records of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, Series PROB 11; Class: PROB 11; Piece: 361  
[Ancestry Sharing Link - Ancestry Record 5111 #955607](#) (accessed 2 December 2023)  
Will of David Griffin, granted probate on 12 Dec 1679. Died about 1679 in London.

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[Sprigg-517](#) and [Sprigg-16](#) do not represent the same person because: These are NOT the same person.

The birth and death details of Sprigg-16 are relics, which are undocumented, and the 1662 marriage of Thomas Sprigg of Foxton LEICS (Sprigg-16), to Katherine Griffin, does NOT relate to Thomas Sprigg merchant of London (Sprigg-517).

See the NOTE attached to Joane Sprigg (Sprigg-31), daughter of Thomas Sprigg of Foxton LEICS, and Katherine Griffin of Stroudwater GLS, for links and sources.

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The year Thomas Sprigg died was 1677/78.

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<http://www.sprague-database.org/genealogy/getperson.php?personID=I1911&tree=SpragueProject>

Schmidt-6944

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