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Arthur Storer

Born **before 16 Feb 1645** [location unknown]

Son of [Edward Storer](#) and [Katherine \(Babington\) Clarke](#) ANCESTORS 🔗

Brother of [Joseph Clarke](#) [half], [Martha Clarke](#) [half] and [John Clarke](#) [half]

[spouse(s) unknown]

[children unknown]

Died **about 1686** after about age 40 in **Calvert County, Province of Maryland** 📍

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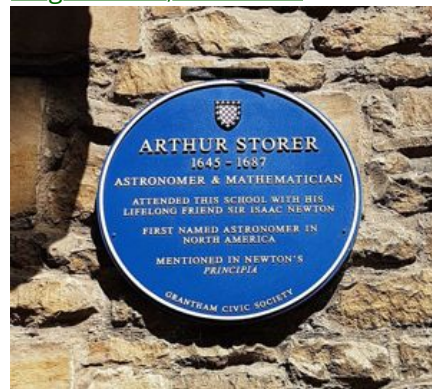
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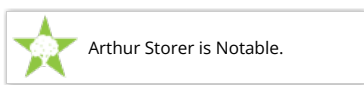
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Biography

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Ancestry Table of Arthur Storer^[2]

1. Arthur Storer (before 16 Feb 1644/5-1686)

Collaboration

2. Edward Storer (before 15 Jan 1615 -abt Jun 1644)
3. Katherine Babington, (b. 1613)
6. Adrian Babington, (b. 1578)
7. Margaret Cave (b. est. 1580-1610)
12. Humphrey Babington (b. 1544)
13. Margaret Cave (b. 1554)
14. Henry Cave, (b. est. 1558)
15. Philippa Braham (b.c. 1560)

Childhood Events: Isaac Newton

When Isaac was about 12 years old, he was sent away to the Grammar school in Grantham. While in school he boarded at the home of William Clarke, an apothecary on Grantham High Street next to the George Inn. Clarke was the second husband of Arthur's mother Katherine. Katherine brought her four children Edward, Arthur, Katherine and Ann to the marriage.^[2]

Childhood Events: Sister Katherine

Arthur's sister Katherine Storer, did not deny that Newton may have had a romantic interest in her. William Stukeley interviewed her in 1727 after Newton's death when she was 'Mrs Vincent' a widow of 82 years. He wrote: "Sir Isaac & she being thus brought up together, it is said that he entertain'd a passion for her, when they grew up: nor dos she deny it."^[2]

Immigration to Maryland

Arthur Storer came to Calvert County, Maryland, from Lincolnshire, England. ^[2]

Astronomy

Arthur Storer (c. 1648 – 1686) was America's first colonial astronomer. ^[2]

He was among the first observers to sight and record data about a magnificent comet that passed over Patuxent skies in 1682. ^[2]

Storer's work shows up in a number of Newton's writings. The comet became known as Storer's Comet, until Edmund Halley later predicted the comet's return; thereafter this celestial marvel was known as Halley's Comet. His observations of the great comet of 1680 are mentioned twice in Newton's *Philosophiae Naturalis Principia Mathematica*. A planetarium bearing Storer's name is located in Prince Frederick, Maryland.^[2]

Isaac Newton's well known confessions list in the Fitzwilliam notebook of 1662 includes "beating Arthur Storer".^[2]

At about dawn on August 14, 1682 looking westward over the Patuxent River near Hunting Creek, Arthur Storer apparently saw what is now known as Storer's Comet.^[1] The comet stayed visible in the area until September 18, 1682. Storer's observations of the comet are considered to be the most accurate of his contemporaries with the exception of the Royal Observatory in Greenwich.^[2]

No wife, No children

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Will and Death

Will of Arthur Storer. Calvert County MD. 25 November 1686.

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Research

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- Storer, Arthur, Calvert Co., 25th Nov., 1686; 5th Jan., 1686.
- To Joseph Clarke, Lough Burrough, Lancashire, Eng.,
- to brother Edward and sister Katharine, mother Katharine Clarke, cous. Mary Hollyday, and to John Hunt, personalty.
- Sister Ann Skinner, widow, and cous. Martha Greenfield, execs. and residuary legateses.
- Test: Ninian Beall, Thos. Gant, Rich'd Brightwell. 6. 68. ^[3]

Will of Arthur Storer, Posthumous Son

Judge Trabue provides a transcription of the will of Arthur Storer of Maryland, the significant points being ...

- "I Arthur Storer of Calvert County in the Province of Maryland Mer'cht Being sick & weake of body, but of perfect mind and memory praised be god"
- "I give and bequeath unto **Joseph Clarke** Apothecary in Lough-Borough in Leicester Shire" [Joseph being his half-brother]
- "I give and bequeath unto my Brother **Edward Storer** & my **sister Katherine**"
- I give unto my Deare Mother **Katherine Clarke** ... Also I give unto my Brother **Edward Storer** my Universall Double Ring Dyall*
- "I give and bequeath unto my coz. Mary Hollyday"
- "and for all the Rest of my worldly goods and Debts I give and bequeath unto my **sister Anne Skinner** Widow and my **coz. Martha Greenfield** making and Consituteing the sd Anne Skinner and Martha Greenfield Executrixes of this my last will & Testament."

Brandon provides a footnote explicating the reference to "my sister Katherine":
 "Katherine is spelled with either a "K" or a "C" in the records. He does not give her surname. Katherine Storer had m. (1) ___ Bacon and (2) ___ Vincent (Will of Humphrey Babington, PCC 21 Fane)." This implies, to me at least, that Katherine Storer and her Bacon and Vincent husbands are mentioned in the will of Humphrey Babington (a brother of Katherine [Babington] [Storer] Clarke). Yet, oddly, when Judge Trabue discusses the will of Humphrey Babington on the following page, he says only:^[4]

Although [Humphrey] Babington made his will in August 1686, he did not die until 1691. Katherine Clarke [his sister] was one of his executors and there were numerous bequests to relatives in England, including to his nephew Edward Storer, as well as a bequest to his nephew Arthur Storer (who was then in America). Edward is described as being "of Buckminster."^[4]


So there is no mention of Arthur's sister Katherine Storer in this particular section.^[4]

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WikiData thinks Arthur's father was William Clarke. I take it that's WikiData's problem, but the estimated dates might need fiddling.


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