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Edward **Storer**

Born **before 15 Jan 1615** in **Buckminster, Leicestershire, England** ?

Son of [father unknown] and [mother unknown]

[sibling(s) unknown]

Husband of **Marie Widmerpole** — married 31 Oct 1637 in Wysall, Nottinghamshire, England ?

Husband of **Katherine (Babington) Clarke** — married 15 Feb 1640 in St Peter, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, England ?

Father of [Arthur Storer](#)

Died **before 10 Jun 1644** at about age 29 in **Buckminster, Leicestershire, England** ?

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Biography

1615 Birth and Parents

Peter Broughton wrote that "Edward Storer, christened on 15 January, 1615" is among several Storers in the Buckminster register." ^[1]

Baptisms in that era followed quickly after birth, and the new year did not begin until March 25, so it can be concluded that Edward Storer's birth occurred in 1615.

Geni, unsourced, shows Edward Arthur Storer born before January 15, 1615 in Woolsthorp, Lincolnshire, England, son of Edward Storer (1585-1635) and Mary Briggs (1598-1640). ^[2]

DNA

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

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The 1662-64 Notts. Visitation mentioned traces back only as far as Mary Widmerpole's parents: "George Widmerpole of Widmerpole in Com. Nott., died circa ann. 1628," and his wife "Jane daughter to Fermyn Russel of Toucester in Com. North'ton." Some of their ancestry is showing, however, in the two Google Books refs. below, and seems fairly interesting: ^[3]

- <http://books.google.com/books?id=zS4EAAAAIAAJ&vid=LCCN10025450&dq=clarenceux+harvey&jtp=108>
- <http://books.google.com/books?id=wLgEAAAAIAAJ&vid=LCCN04024988&dq=hawes+fitzwilliam&jtp=194>

1637 First Marriage: Mary Widmerpole

Marriage records for Wysall, Nottinghamshire ^[4] show three Widmerpole weddings in this period, among them that of Edward Storer:

Georgius Linacre to Margareta Widmerpole, 30 Dec. 1627

John Daniel to Jane Widmerpole, 3 Oct. 1637

Edward Storer to Marie Widmerpoole, 31 Oct. 1637

- Edward Storer presumably had a childless first marriage to Mary

Widmerpole. ^[3]

John Brandon 9 years ago Although it is a little bothersome she's not named in the will of Humphrey Babington, and didn't name a child Catherine.

Battle notes that "the available evidence suggests that Edward Storer and Mary Widmerpole had no children. No records of baptisms or burials of any children have been found between this marriage and the burial of Mary (Widmerpole) Storewr in Wysall on January 1639/40." ^[5]

I've noticed that Edward Storer of Buckminster, father of Arthur and Anne Storer of Maryland, had a first marriage, per extracted IGI, 31 Oct. 1637, at Wysall, Nottinghamshire, to Mary Widmerpole of a gentry family covered in Dugdale's 1662-64 Notts. Visitation (see enclosed photocopies). I suppose this means that Arthur Storer's sister Anne may have been by the first wife Mary, rather than by Catherine Babington. Would there be any royal lines for the Widmerpole family? ^[3]

1640 Second Marriage: Katherine Babington

In 1640 Edward Storer married his second wife, Katherine Babington by married license dated 15 Feb. 1640/1 is issued: "*Edward Storer, p[arish of] St. Peter's Nott[ingha]m, gent., & Katherine Babbington, of Bunney, sp[inste]r*" ^[6]

1644 Death of Edward Storer

Edward Storer, Sr., died in June 1644, is buried 10 June 1644 at Buckminster, Leicestershire ^[7]

1647 Widow Katherine married William Clarke

Edward's widow Katherine (Babington) Storer married, second, William Clarke, apothecary, on 18 July 1647 at Buckminster, Leics. ^[7] By her second marriage, Katherine had a least three children-- Joseph, John, and Martha Clarke.

William Clarke described himself as an apothecary of Loughboro in his will made in June 1671, and which was witnessed by Edward Storer (his stepson) Susann Storer (Edward's wife) and Frances Key (Susann's sister). William spoke of his wife Katherine, sons Joseph, John and William, and daughter Martha. His brother, Mr. Joseph Clarke, "Physition", and Humphrey Babington were named supervisors (executors). At the time of William's death, when the will was proved in 1682, William had been living in Grantham.

Children

1. Edward Storer, son of Edward, Sr., and Katherine, was baptized at Bunny, Notts., 7 Feb. 1641/2 ^[8] In his will made in 1705, the younger Edward described himself as a "phision" of Buckminster." He mentioned his wife Susann, his brother John Key (possibly Susann's brother), three sons and four daughters. ^[1] Edward had at least some interest in astronomy for he had written to his brother in Maryland about the comet of 1682. ^[1]
2. Katherine. "I suspect that only one child (the daughter Katherine) could have been born between Edward, Jr., in Feb. 1642 [NS], and Arthur, in Feb. 1645 [NS] (unless Katherine and Ann were twins! ...). Judge Trabue notes that, "[u]nfortunately, there is a gap in the records of Bunny between 1642 and 1662, so the baptisms of the two daughters cannot be found." Yet he certainly was aware that the family had removed to Buckminster, Leics., sometime in this same period, and makes no mention of a similar search in the Buckminster records (yet, surely, any such baptism of a daughter [or daughters] at Buckminster would have been mentioned if found).^[9]
3. Arthur was baptized 20 Feb 1644/5. Edward's posthumous son [Arthur Storer](#) was baptized 20 Feb. 1644/5 at Buckminster, Leics. ^[10]

Research Notes

Did Marie and Edward have a daughter Anne?

Edward Storer and William Clarke created a complex blended family.

After the death of Marie Widmerpole, any children of Edward Storer and Marie Widmerpole would have come under the roof of Edward Storer and Katherine Babington. After the death of Edward Storer, any children from that home would in turn have come under the roof of Katherine Babington and William Clarke, joining children from William Clarke's prior marriage to Martha, whose last name is unknown.

Anne completed her childhood in the home of William and Katherine, married two men of the gentleman class, and died in Maryland --but in which home did she originate?

The TAG article shows Ann Storer born circa 1642 - the parish registers are missing for that period. Her father Edward died a few years later, in 1644.^[3]

The birth year of 1642 makes her age 16 at the birth of her daughter Martha. ^[3]

The will of Humphrey Babington, briefly mentioned in the article, names nephews Edward & Arthur Storer & their mother Katherine Clarke, but nothing seems to be said of Ann Truman Skinner. ^[3]

The first research task was to determine when Anne was born. Anne's will was made 4 May 1713 and proved 19 June 1714, indicating that she likely died about the end of 1713. ^[11] A transcription of Anne's gravestone states that she died in 1717 at the age of 75 years, which would place her birth in 1642. Given Anne's will and probate, however, the death date of 1717 is surely an error in transcription, and if she was age 75 in the real death year of 1713, her birth would be placed at 1638. Another transcription shows her age at death as 72 years, yielding a birth-year of 1640. ^[12]

Richardson noted that "as Ann was probably raised in the household of her stepmother's second husband, William Clarke; this may explain the naming of her son "Clarke" Skinner, without necessarily implying a blood relationship." ^[12] The possibility that Anne was really the daughter of William Clarke's first marriage to his wife Martha appears to have eluded researchers.

In 2023 Robert Battle and John C. Brandon while researching the Clarke family, discovered Anne's baptismal record: The Register of St. Wulfram, Grantham, Lincolnshire, states that "Ann d. of Willm Clarke *was baptized December, 1637*. The bishop's transcript of same specifies the date as December 10, 1637, and that the parents were William Clarke and Martha his wife. ^[13]

The remaining loose end is the absence of Anne's name in William Clarke's will. The best explanation of this was that she was well established in Maryland at the time.

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