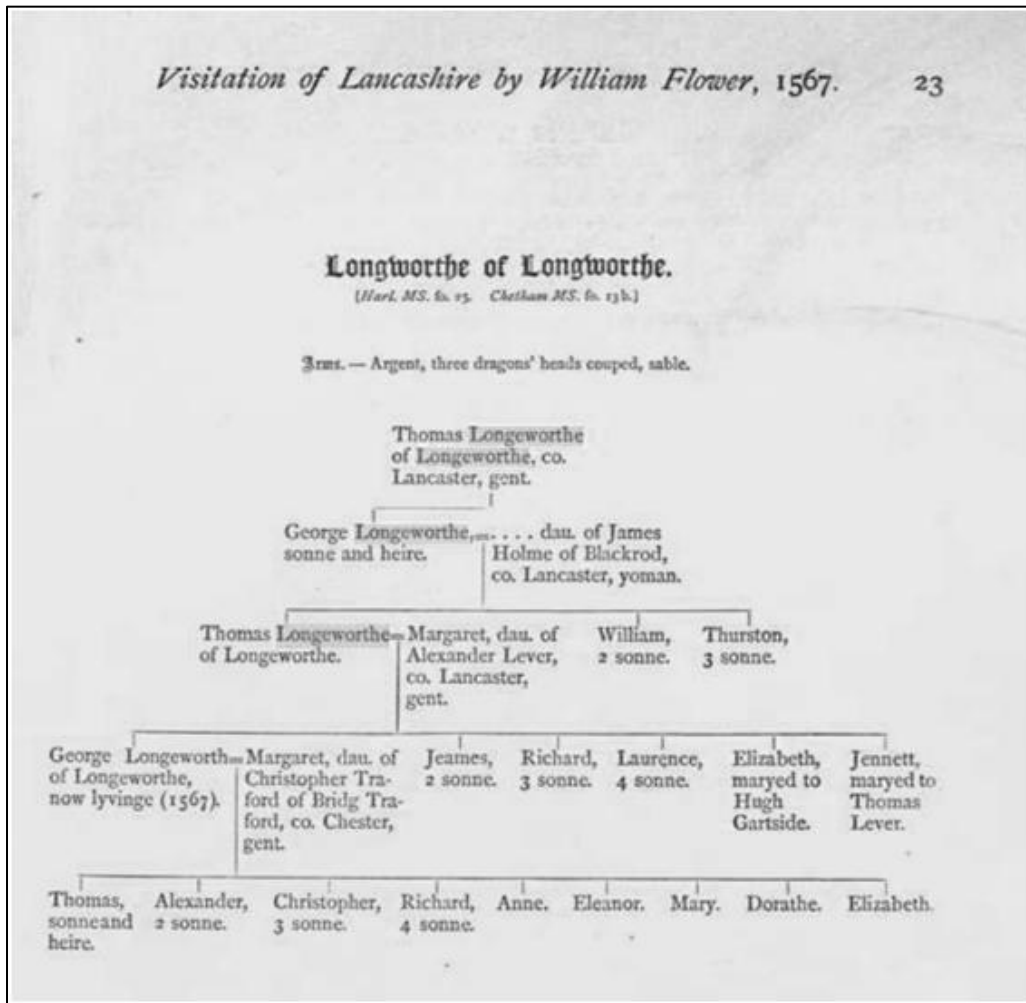


FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF GEORGE LONGWORTH

George Longworth was born in about 1525 of Bolton, Lancashire, the son of Thomas Longworth and Margaret Lever. George married Margaret Trafford.

Christiana, who married Alexander Norris, is named as "*Christian Norres the wife of Alexander Norres my reputed daughter*" in George's will, and her mother's name was not mentioned.

George was visited in 1567 in the *Visitation of Lancashire by William Flower*, with five generations of his family recorded.



Visitation of Lancashire 1567 - Longworth pedigree

George died, leaving a will dated 1596:

Will of George Longworth of Bolton, 1596

*In the name of God Amen I **George Longworth** within the countie of Lancaster gentleman sicke in Bodie but of good and perfect remembrance praised be God doe make this my last will and testament in manner and forme following, first I commend my soule unto Allmightie God my maker and redeemer hoping by the death of his son Jesus Christ my soule to be saved, and for my bodie I doe commend unto the earth to be buried in the church of Boulton in my usuall place of burial as near my wife as possible maye be. And for my goodes which are £14 4s 8d, in **my sonne Christopher Longworth** his custodie, my apparel, and bed which I lye in I bestoe in manner and forme followinge, first for the recited summe of £14 4s 8d, if there be wantinge for my funeral expences, of ten poundes, which I gave unto **my sonn Christopher** for the dischargeinge of my burial that then my executors shall take soe much of this recited sum of fourteen poundes foure shillings 8d as this ten poundes shall be wantinge. And that soe donne the residue of this £14 4s 8d, I geve to be devided equallie, amoungne all my children, to witt **Christopher Longworth my sonne, Marie and Elizabeth my daughters, and Christian Norres, the wife of Alexander Norres my reputed daughter**. And for my bedd, I geve and bequeth to **Alice Longworth my daughter in lawe**, withal coverlettes blankettes sheetes boulsters and pillows thereunto belonging. And for my apparel I geve unto **my sonn Christopher Longworth** to bestoe as in discretion he shall thincke convenient onelie. I will that **Alexander Norres** shall have my gowne. And for all my former willes and testaments heretofore devised by me I utterly renounce and disanull. And this I doe allowe and ratifie and confirme to be my last and true will, and thereof I do appoint **my Sonn Christopher Longworth and Alexander Norres of Boulton** my executors to see this my last will performed. In witness I have put to my hand this 14 daye of march Anno Regnie Elizabeth 38.*

*I geve to **Thomas Lever and Robart Lever which I am uncle unto** 3s 4d apece, as also I geve to Raffe Lever and Roger Haslame, Ann Abbote, and Elizabeth Barres; if they (torn) with my Sonn Christopher att the tyme of my death, every one of them 3s 4d. And these legacies and dettes to be (torn) the overplus of this recited sum of £14 4s 8d.*

George and his wife had the following children:

1. **Thomas**

2. **Alexander**

3. **Christopher**, "gentleman of Longworth", married Aalice Standish; mentioned in father's will of 1596. Christopher left a will in 1616. The extract mentions: "*Dated 1st March 5th year of James I (1607)...Wife Alice one half "for this intent & purpose only that she may the better be enabled to bring up my children in the fear and nurture of the Lord"...Body to be buried at the Church of Bolton, near unto my father and mother...Three parts; one part to wife Alice, one part to younger children, one to eldest son Thomas Longworth...Half of all my messuages, rents, milnes etc. in Longworth, Turton and Bolton-le-Moors to wife Alice, as long as she remains a widow, reducing to a third if she remarries...Margaret my daughter shall have two hundred markes towards her better presentment in marriage...My son Thomas shall have all the heirlooms that my father left unto me...Lease made to John Mayo of Longworth, and to "such woaman as the said John shall take to wiffe and duringe the longer liver of them" for which I have received £35 or thereabouts...Other lease made to Richard Morris, his wife and eldest son...I require my*

son Thomas to stay for a time with his now master...Son Thomas shall not enclose? or improve any parts of the waste land of Longworth or impose on any of the tenants of Longworth any other boons or services, except those done to my late father, and to myself...Wife Alice and Thomas should do their utmost to charge themselves with the maintenance of a preacing Minister at Walmsley Chapel...I give to the repair of the said chapel xls...To all manservants with me at the time of my decease 3s 4d, and to the maid servants 2s 6d...Executors wife Alice, James Gorell preacher, Alexander Leaver of the Chamber gentleman and Rodger Walkden of Sharples...Supervisors Raphe Ashton of Lever Esquire, Alexander Standishe of Duxberrie Esquire, John Bradshaw of Bradshaw esquire".

4. **Richard**

5. **Anne**

6. **Eleanor**

7. **Marie**, mentioned in father's will of 1596.

8. **Dorathe**, mentioned in father's will of 1596.

9. **Elizabeth**, mentioned in father's will of 1596.

George and an unknown woman had the following child:

10. **Christiana**; married Alexander Norris; died 2 August 1601.

SOURCE: Will of George Longworth of Bolton, 1596; Visitation of Lancashire by William Flower, 1567.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF THOMAS LONGWORTH AND MARGARET LEVER

Thomas Longworth was born in about 1500 of Lancashire, the son of George Longworthe and Miss Holme. He married Margaret Lever, the daughter of Alexander Lever of County Lancashire, gentleman, and Elizabeth Bolton.

Margaret died 26 August 1549 in Bolton, Lancashire.

Thomas and Margaret had the following children:

*1. **George**; born in about 1525 of Leigh; married Margaret Trafford; left a will dated 1596.

2. **Jeames** (male)

3. **Richard**

4. **Lawrence**

5. **Elizabeth**, married Hugh Gartside.

6. **Jennett**, married Thomas Lever.

SOURCE: Visitation of Lancashire by William Flower, 1567.



Longworth Clough, formerly part of the Longworth Hall estate

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF GEORGE LONGWORTH AND MARGERY HOLME

George Longworthe was born in about 1475 of Longworthe, the son of Thomas Longworthe. He married Margery, the daughter of James Holme of Blackrod, Lancashire, yeoman.

George and his wife had the following children:

*1. **Thomas**, born in about 1500; married Margaret Lever.

2. **William**

3. **Thurston**

SOURCE: Visitation of Lancashire by William Flower, 1567.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF THOMAS LONGWORTHE

Thomas Longworthe was born in about 1450 of Longeworthe, Lancashire. He was called a gentleman in the *Visitation of Lancashire 1567*.

"The Cockersand rentals of 1451, 1461, 1501, and 1537 show that Thomas Longworth was tenant of two parcels (each 12d. rent) in those years." (*British History Online: Longworth*) The earlier rentals must be for an older Thomas Longworthe, possibly Thomas' father.

Thomas and his wife had the following children:

*1. **George**, born in about 1475 of Longeworthe; married Miss Holme.

SOURCE: Visitation of Lancashire by William Flower, 1567.

Earlier Longworths in Longworth:



Longworth of Longworth. Argent three dragons' heads couped sable.

The Longworths of Longworth are mentioned in a history of Longworth:

*"Longworth was held of the lords of Manchester as 2 oxgangs (fn. 3) of land by a family or families which assumed the local surname, and continued there down to the middle of the 17th century. Apart from grants made by **Matthew son of Siward de Longworth** to the abbey of Cockersand about the beginning of the 13th century there is little to be recorded of the family, though pedigrees were entered at the heralds' visitations in 1567 and 1613. **Christopher Longworth** died in 1608, holding various messuages and lands in Longworth, including a water-mill, of Rowland Mosley as of his manor of Withington by knight's service and 9½d. rent. He also held lands in Bolton. Thomas his son and heir was twenty-three years of age. Thomas Longworth and Dorothy his wife made a settlement of the manor of Longworth and lands there and in Bolton in 1632. (fn. 9) Soon afterwards, however, the manor appears to have been sold."* (*British History Online: Longworth*)

*"**Hugh de Longworth** granted land in the township to William de Worthington; (Kuerden MSS. iii, W, 27). In 1276 John son of Hugh de Longworth, Ellen his wife, &c, were accused of depriving Robert de Wytefield and Lettice his wife of 3 acres of moor, and the plaintiffs' claim was admitted; (Assize R. 405, m. 4 d). John de Longworth in 1288 successfully asserted his right to 100 acres of moor in Longworth which*

had been occupied by Alexander de Cuerdale, Richard de Orymeshaw and others, who asserted that the land was in Darwen; (Assize R. 1277, m. 32a d). **Thomas de Longworth** died 8 August 1444, holding six messuages, 24 acres of land, 40 acres of meadow, &c, in Longworth, of Sir Nicholas Longford as of his manor of Withington by knight's service and a rent of 9½d.; he also held lands in Thornton and Bolton-le-Moors. The heir was his grandson **Thomas (son of Nicholas) Longworth**, who was of full age when the inquisition was taken in 1448; (Lancs. Rec. Inq. p.m. no. 36, 37a.) **Lettice widow of Thomas Longworth** in 1446 claimed dower in six messuages and various lands in Longworth, Bolton, and Thornton-in-Sefton against **Thomas Longworth of Longworth**; (Pal. of Lanc. Plea R. 9, m. 18b.) An arbitration was agreed on in 1462 respecting lands in Longworth within the vill of Withington between Robert and Peter Longhals on one side and on the other Richard Southworth, John Bradshaw and Elizabeth his wife, **Thomas Longworth** and others ; the lands had lately belonged to one **Thomas Longworth**; Kuerden fol. MS., P 316, no. 676. There was a dispute in 1530 between Ralph Orrell of Turton and others and **Thomas Longworth** (or his heir) concerning the common pasture called Longworth Moor, and a great waste or pasture called Turton Moss; (Pal. of Lanc. Sessional Papers, Lent, 21 Hen. VIII. A little later Anthony Green claimed a right of way in Longworth and Turton against Thomas Longworth; Duchy Plead. (Rec. Soc. Lanes, and Ches.), ii, 8. 6. Chet. Soc. p. 23). It begins with **Thomas Longworth**, and proceeds:—s. **George** —s. **Thomas**, —s. **George**, living 1567—sons Thomas, Alexander, Christopher, Richard and five daughters. (British History Online: Longworth)