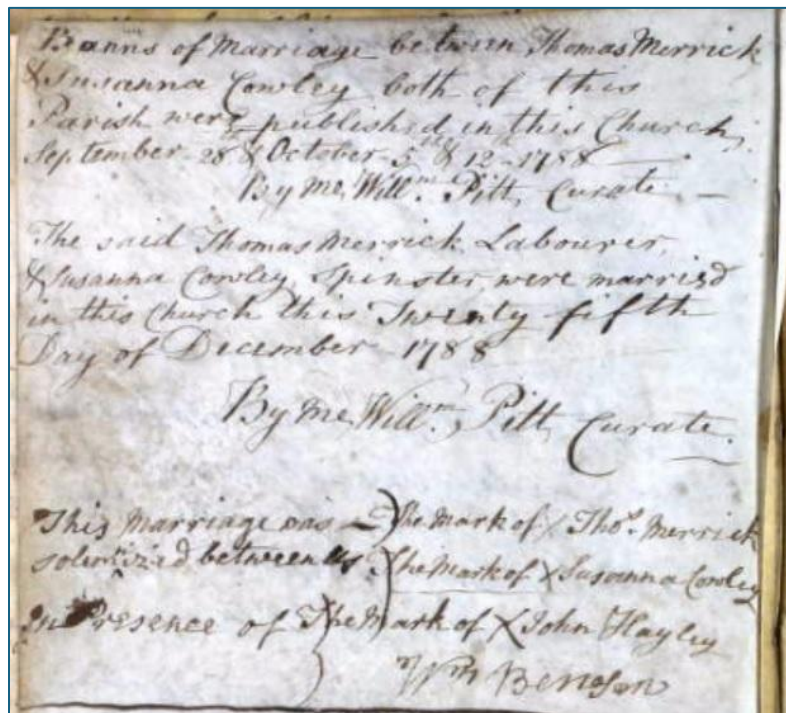


FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF THOMAS MEYRICK AND SUSANNAH COLEY

Thomas Meyrick was born about 1762 in Broseley, Shropshire, England to Thomas Meyrick and, according to family stories, Miss Foley (daughter of Lord Foley). No christening record is found in Broseley for Thomas. The only Meyrick christened in Broseley at that time was James Merrick, son of Thomas and Eleanor Merrick, christened 19 October 1760 in Broseley. This may be Thomas' brother.

Thomas married Susannah Coley or Cowley 25 December 1788 in Coates, Gloucestershire: "*Banns of marriage between Thomas Merrick & Susanna Cowley both of this parish were published in this church September 28 & October 5 & 12 1788 by Mr. William Pitt, curate*", and then the marriage, "*The said Thomas Merrick, labourer & Susann Cowley, spinster, were married in this church this twenty fifth day of December 1788, by Mr. William Pitt, curate*". The record has the mark of Thomas Merrick and the mark of Susanna Cowley, along with the mark of John Hayley, and the signature of Wm. Benson, witnesses.



Marriage record for Thomas Merrick and Susanna Cowley in Coates, Gloucestershire

Researcher Anne Merrick provides additional insight into the location of the marriage, suggesting that Thomas was a canal labourer. Her Gloucestershire researcher supports this view: "*I very much support the suggestion that Thomas Merrick was a canal labourer during the early part of his working life. The dates when various canals were built coincide with his geographical movements. Canal labourers, 'navigators' or 'navvies', were perhaps the most mobile group of people at the end of the 18th and beginning of the 19th Century, as were the railway labourers 50 years later. It offered better money than working in the fields. My theory is that he was born in Shropshire, quite possibly in Broseley. The Ketley Canal, 10 miles from Broseley, was probably the first to be built in the area, from 1787 to 1788. This could be the first that Thomas worked on. When a canal was about to be built or extended agents would often go to where work*

on another canal was about to finish and recruit workers. This could explain why he then appears almost 80 miles away in Coates around 1788 where the Thames and Severn Canal was being built. This opened in 1789 although some work continued after the official opening."

"We know that by November 1792 when his eldest son Thomas was baptised he had moved to Neen Sollars. This was where the Kington Canal was being built. It was started in 1791 which coincides exactly with the date when Thomas might have moved there. If I understand correctly, the Kington Canal was part of a larger scheme – the Leominster Canal – which went through Knighton on Teme. This would explain Thomas's next move to Knighton on Teme. This scheme fizzled out in June 1797; other work was planned but nothing came of it. Presumably, now with a growing family, Thomas decided he needed to settle down and stayed in Knighton on Teme." (Clive Andrews) Anne reports that his son Thomas was also described as a "navigator" in an incomplete baptismal record from Lydia Merrick at Tenbury.

Susannah was born about 1770 in Gloucestershire, England, the daughter of Robert Cowley and Mary Brown. Susannah was christened 25 March 1770 in Cherington, Gloucestershire.


A photograph of a handwritten death record on a piece of aged paper. The record is organized into a table with four columns. The first column contains the name 'Thomas Merrick' and the number 'No. 358.' below it. The second column contains the word 'Canal' and 'Side' below it. The third column contains '28' and '20' below it. The fourth column contains '10. 5. 1792' and 'L. Merrick' below it. The paper shows signs of age and wear.

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| No. 357. | | | |
| Thomas Merrick | Canal Side | 28 20 | 10. 5. 1792 L. Merrick |
| No. 358. | | | |

Death record for Thomas Merrick, Tenbury parish

Thomas died 24 January 1848 in Darnal Cottage, Tenbury, Worcester, England, and was buried 28 January in the Knighton churchyard, Knighton-upon-Teme, Worcester, England. His death certificate shows his occupation as labourer. He was 86 years old. The cause of death was old age. The source of information was William Adams (his son-in-law), present at the death.

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| REGISTRATION DISTRICT | | | | | TENBURY | | | | |
| 1848 DEATH in the Sub-district of Bockleton | | | | | in the Counties of Worcester and Hereford | | | | |


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| No. | When and where died | Name and surname | Sex | Age | Occupation | Cause of death | Signature, description and residence of informant | When registered | Signature of registrar |
| 55 | 24th Jan 1848 Darnal Cottage Tenbury | Thomas Meyrick | Male | 86 years | Labourer | Old age Certified | The Clerk of William Adams present at the Death Knighton-upon-Teme | 28th Jan 1848 | James Meyrick Registrar |

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Deaths in the District above mentioned.

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, under the Seal of the said Office, the 25th day of July 2016

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Death certificate for Thomas Meyrick, 1848

Susannah died 28 July 1826 in Darnal Cottage, and was buried in the Knighton churchyard. A diary left by John Meyrick, the son of James Meyrick records,

"Thomas Meyrick is my grandfather. He was born at Brosley, Shropshire, England. Died at Darnell Cottage near Trembery. Buried in Nighton Church Yard, Nighton Parish, Worcestershire, England. His wife's name Sushannah Coley. She died at the same place and was buried by his side."

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Great grand Father's name is Thomas Meyrick

His wife name was Doley she was a Daughter of Lord Doley in England. She lived in England. I do not know where he died. that is the great Reason the Meyricks cannot get the money that is coming to them for there was a great sum of money left for three children by the mother for them when they came of age. it is in the Bank of England at some part that Bank for them and Thomas Meyrick my Grandfather. He was Born at Brosby Shropshire England. Died at Darnall Collage near Bromby Buried in Nightham Church Yard Nightham Parish & Worcestershire England. his wife name is Hannah Coley she died at the same place and was Buried by his side. My father name is James Meyrick he was Born at Darnall Collage Worcestershire. Died at Mansfield and Sampet in Utah North America. My name is John Meyrick my wife name is Jennette. Her father name is David Huchison her mother is Jennett Crockett. My Mother first name was Elizabeth Mansford Born the 16 of January 1799. Died at Mansfield and Sampet in Utah.

John Meyrick's diary

| Diurnal | Name | Age | Sex | Color |
|---------|-------------|-----|--------|-------|
| | Mr. Adams | 70 | Male | 21 |
| | Mrs. Adams | 30 | Female | 21 |
| | Maria | 10 | Female | 4 |
| | Pemba | 4 | Female | 4 |
| | Charlet | 2 | Female | 4 |
| | Thos. Adams | 10 | Male | 4 |
| | Ann Adams | 20 | Female | 21 |
| | John Adams | 10 | Male | 4 |

1841 census Dearnall, Knighton

Thomas was found in the 1841 English census in Dearnall, Knighton, Worcestershire. His daughter, Maria's family lived with him:

Thomas Merrick, age 75, occupation ag. lab, not born in this county

William Adams, age 30, ag. lab.

Maria Adams, age 30

Pemala, age 4

Charles, age 2

Thomas Merrick, age 10

Ann Adams, age 20



Darnal Cottage, Tenbury

Top floor has been removed. Originally had on large bedroom, one room and kitchen on ground floor. Variousy referred to as Canalside, near Dotcroft (Deep Croft Farm), Darnil, Darnal, Dearnall or Darnell. The house behind is new.

(From ancestry.co.uk)

Thomas and Susannah had the following children:

1. **Hannah**, christened 4 April 1790 in Coates, Gloucestershire; died in Plymouth, Devon, England. .
2. **Thomas**, born 18 November 1792 in Neen Sollors, Shropshire, England; died in Worsell, England.
3. **Helen**, born about 1793.
4. **Mary**, born in 1794 in Darnal Cottage; died September 1826 at the same place.
5. ***James**, born 15 January 1796 in Darnal Cottage; married Elizabeth Ann Bumford; died 11 May 1871 in Mt. Pleasant, San Pete, Utah.
6. **Eleanor**, christened 21 January 1798.
7. **Delia (Delilah)**, born 16 Feb 1800 in Knighton, Worcester, England; died in Darnal Cottage; buried 24 November 1801 in Knighton.
8. **Ann**, born 28 March 1802 in Knighton; died 2 March 1827.
9. **Keziah (Kizirey)**, born about 1803 in Darnal Cottage; died at the same place.
10. **Sarah**, born 11 March 1804 in Knighton; died in November 1823 in London, England.
11. **John**, born 17 April 1806 in Darnal Cottage; died at sea.
12. **Elizabeth**, born at Darnal Cottage; christened 17 Oct 1808; married Thomas Ayens; died in Clibery, England.
13. **Maria**, born 19 February 1811 in Knighton; married William Adams.
14. **Emma**, christened 30 May 1814 in Knighton; buried 3 August 1815 in Knighton.

SOURCES: John Meyrick's diary; Family Group sheet prepared by Bryant Merrick; Knighton parish register, FHL# 992215; death certificate (Thomas); e-mail from Anne Merrick.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF THOMAS MEYRICK AND MISS FOLEY

Thomas Meyrick was born in about 1740 of Broseley. According to a diary left by John Meyrick, Thomas' great-grandson, he married Miss Foley: *"Great-grand Father's name is Thomas Meyrick. His wife's name was Foley. She was a daughter of Lord Foley in England. She died in England. I do not know where he died. That is the great reason the Meyricks cannot get the money that is coming to them, for there was a great sum of money left for three children by the mother, for them when they came of age. It is in the Bank*

of England. It was put in that Bank for them and Thomas Meyrick (his son) is my grandfather." Whether this story is true or just family legend has not been proven. No marriage record has been found for Thomas Meyrick and Miss Foley.

Thomas had the following child:

1. ***Thomas**, born in about 1762 in Broseley; married Susannah Coley; died 24 January 1848 in Darnell Cottage, Tenbury, Worcester; buried 28 January 1848 in Knighton.

SOURCES: John Meyrick's diary; death date by C/JF Comyn from family papers.

Other Meyricks are found in the Broseley parish register:

- James, son of Thomas and Eleanor Merrick, christened 19 October 1760. James married Isabel Wilde 7 September 1783. They had children: Joseph (1784), Anne (1786), and James (1787).
- Edward, son of Charles and Jane Merrick of Wenlock, christened 26 August 1725.
- George, son of George and Jane Merrick, christened 1 July 1725.

In the neighboring parish of Much Wenlock:

- George and Jane Merrick had a son christened in Much Wenlock: Joseph (1730). Jane, wife of George, was buried 6 November 1733 in Much Wenlock. George was buried 28 February 1777 in Much Wenlock.
- John and Joan had children christened in Much Wenlock: Sarah (1725), Elizabeth (1726), John (died 1731), John (1733, buried 1735), Edward (1734), Anne (1735), Edmond (1738), and Thomas (christened 2 February 1740). Jane, wife of John, was buried 14 December 1741 in Much Wenlock. John was buried 14 September 1773 in Much Wenlock. His burial records mentioned that he was 79 years old, making his birthdate about 1694.
- Joseph Mayrick married Elinor Sprott 28 December 1725 in Meole Brace, and had children christened in Much Wenlock: Thomas (1727, died 1738), and Elizabeth (1733). Joseph was buried 24 December 1750 in Much Wenlock. Elinor was buried 9 May 1772 in Much Wenlock.
- Edward and Elizabeth had children christened in Much Wenlock: John (christened 26 December 1696), Edward (1700), Joseph (1703), George (1704), William (1707, died 1711), Sarah (1709), Elizabeth (1712), Mary (1714, died 1715), and Mary (1719, died 1720). Edward, senior, died and was buried 11 November 1749 in Much Wenlock.
- John and Sarah Merrick had children christened in Much Wenlock: Jane (1661, died the same year), John (1662), Abell (buried 1669), Edward (1670), and Mary (died 1674). Sarah was buried 7 May 1692 in Much Wenlock.
- George Merrick was buried 8 March 1680 in Much Wenlock.

No other Merricks are found in the parishes surrounding Broseley in the right time period. These are the parishes of Barrow, Buildwas, Coalbrookdale, Madeley and Sutton Maddock.

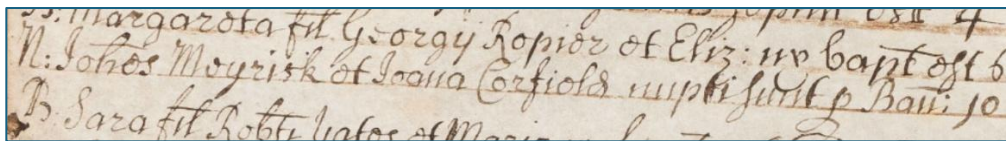
No record for Thomas Meyrick (1762) has been found in Broseley. His father Thomas is also not found in the Broseley records. There is a James Meyrick, son of Thomas and Eleanor, christened in Broseley, and

these may be Thomas' parents. A search of the surrounding parishes shows only one possibility for Thomas, who was born about 1740. That is the christening record of Thomas Merrick, son of John and Joan Merrick, in 1740. This is the most likely father for Thomas Meyrick (1760).

Thomas Merrick (1740) is the son of John and Joan Merrick. John, born 1696, was the son of Edward and Elizabeth Merrick. Edward and Elizabeth seem to be the parents of most of the Merricks in Much Wenlock - John, Joseph, and George. Edward (1670) is the son of John and Sarah Merrick.

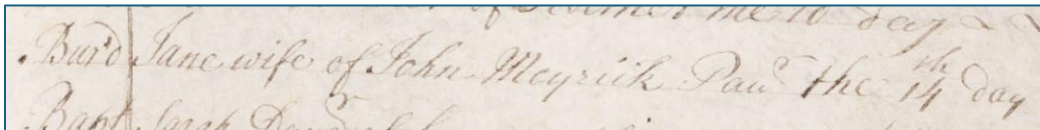
FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF JOHN MEYRICK AND JANE CORFIELD

John Merrick was christened 26 December 1696 in Much Wenlock, Shropshire, the son of Edward and Elizabeth Merrick. Much Wenlock is a neighboring parish to Broseley, and is about 4 miles away. John married Jane Corfield 10 September 1724 in Much Wenlock.



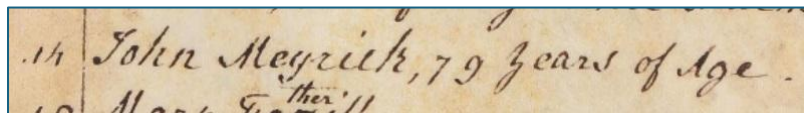
*Marriage record for John Meyrick and Jane Corfield in Much Wenlock:
"Johes Meyrick et Joana Corfield nupti sunt bann: 10"*

Jane died and was buried 14 December 1741 in Much Wenlock.



*Burial record for Jane Meyrick in Much Wenlock:
"Bur'd - Jane wife of John Meyrick the 14th day"*

John died and was buried 14 September 1773 in Much Wenlock, at the age of 79.

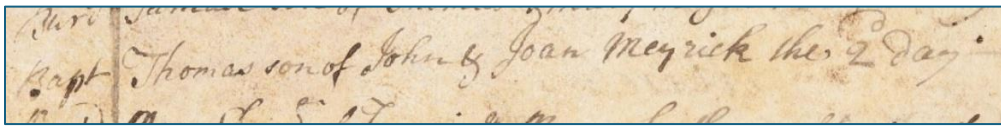


*Burial record for John Meyrick in Much Wenlock:
"14 - John Meyrick, 59 years of age"*

John and Jane had the following children:

1. **Sarah**, christened 2 May 1725 in Much Wenlock.

2. **Elizabeth**, christened 18 December 1726 in Much Wenlock.
3. **John**, buried 3 October 1731 in Much Wenlock.
4. **John**, christened 6 January 1733, buried 1 April 1735.
5. **Edward**, buried 15 March 1734 in Much Wenlock.
6. **Anne**, christened 22 February 1735 in Much Wenlock
7. **Edmond**, christened 26 May 1738 in Much Wenlock.
- *8. **Thomas**, christened 2 February 1740 in Much Wenlock.



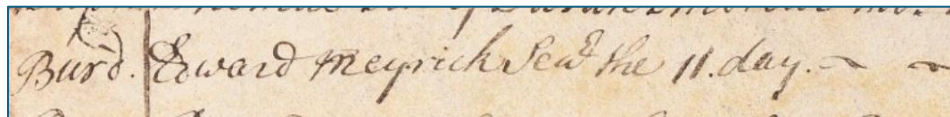
Baptism record for Thomas Meyrick in Much Wenlock: "Bapt - Thomas son of John & Joan Meyrick the 2d day"

SOURCES: Much Wenlock parish register; Broseley parish register; www.findmypast.co.uk.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF EDWARD AND ELIZABETH MEYRICK

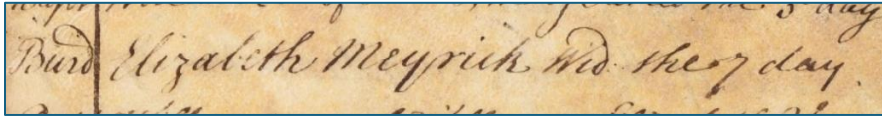
Edward Merrick was christened 1670 in Much Wenlock, the son of John and Sarah Merrick. He married Elizabeth.

Edward died and was buried 11 November 1749 in Much Wenlock.



*Burial record for Edward Meyrick in Much Wenlock:
"Burd. - Edward Meyrick Senr the 11 day"*

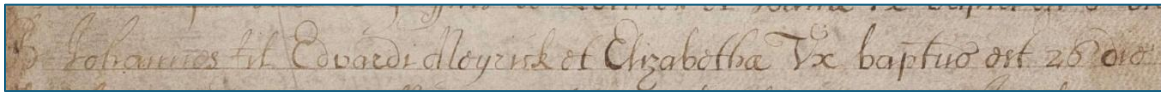
Elizabeth died and was buried 7 May 1751 in Much Wenlock.



*Burial record for Elizabeth Meyrick in Much Wenlock:
"Burd - Elizabeth Meyrick wid the 7 day"*

Edward and Elizabeth had the following children:

*1. **John**, christened 26 December 1696 in Much Wenlock.



Baptism record for John Meyrick in Much Wenlock: "B - Johannes fil Edwardi Meyrick et Elizabetha uxor baptus est 26 die" (John son of Edward Meyrick and Elizabeth his wife baptized the 26th day)

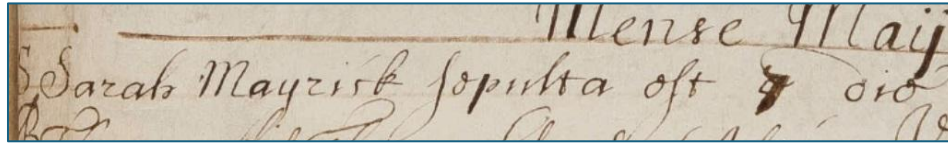
2. **Thomas**, buried 2 December 1700 in Much Wenlock.
3. **Edward**, christened 13 November 1700 in Much Wenlock.
4. **Joseph**, christened 24 April 1703 in Much Wenlock; married Elinor Sprott 28 December 1725 in Meole Brace; buried 24 December 1750 in Much Wenlock.
5. **George**, christened 24 February 1704 in Much Wenlock; married Jane; buried 28 February 1777 in Much Wenlock.
6. **William**, christened 7 November 1707 in Much Wenlock; buried 9 November 1711 in Much Wenlock.
7. **Sarah**, christened 19 January 1709 in Much Wenlock.
8. **Elizabeth**, christened 13 March 1712 in Much Wenlock.
9. **Mary**, christened 16 March 1714 in Much Wenlock; buried 9 July 1715 in Much Wenlock.
10. **Benjamin**, buried 26 April 1718 in Much Wenlock.
11. **Mary**, christened 31 May 1719 in Much Wenlock; buried 1720 in Much Wenlock.

SOURCES: Much Wenlock parish register; www.findmypast.co.uk.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF JOHN AND SARAH MERRICK

John Merrick was born in about 1640 of Much Wenlock. He married Sarah.

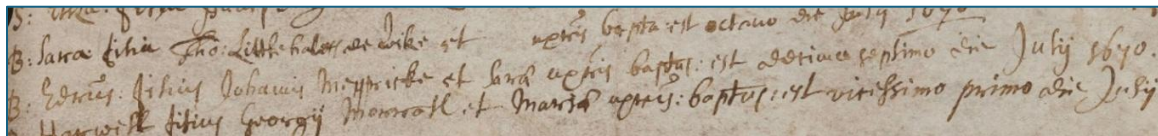
Sarah died and was buried 7 May 1692 in Much Wenlock.



*Burial record for Sarah Meyrick in Much Wenlock:
"Sarah Mayrick sepulta est 7 die"*

John and Sarah had the following children:

1. **Jane**, christened 30 April 1661 in Much Wenlock; buried 19 January 1661 in Much Wenlock.
2. **John**, christened 21 January 1662 in Much Wenlock.
3. **Abell**, buried 19 July 1669 in Much Wenlock.
- *4. **Edward**, christened 17 July 1670 in Much Wenlock.



Baptism record for Edward Meyrick in Much Wenlock: "Edris filius Johannis Meyricke et Sara uxoris baptus est Decimo septimo die Julij 1670"

5. **Mary**, buried 11 June 1674 in Much Wenlock.

SOURCES: Much Wenlock parish register; www.findmypast.co.uk.

Other early Merricks in Broseley and Much Wenlock:

- George Merrick was buried 8 March 1680 in Much Wenlock.

SOURCES: Much Wenlock parish register; www.findmypast.co.uk.