

## FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF JOHN KNAPP AND ANN SMITH

John Knapp was christened 2 September 1715 in Eynsham, the son of John Knapp and Mary Dodwell. Eynsham is a parish about seven miles northwest of Oxford.



*Eynsham*

John was only 15 years old when his father died, and the family experienced some financial challenges: *"From the 1740s Edward Ryves, town clerk of Woodstock and steward of Newland manor, built up a large estate at Eynsham, mostly by foreclosing on mortgages. His first major acquisition was from **the Knapps**, who were in financial difficulties from at least 1722 when John Knapp died\*. In 1745 and 1747 Ryves bought from **Knapp's widow Mary and son John** a house, later the Shrubbery, 120 a. of arable, and numerous pasture closes. Much may be identified as an estate held of the manor in 1650 by Thomas King, and earlier by the Martin family, but some **Knapp** possessions such as Lower Park, suggest that the Jordans had sold off demesne which had been in hand in 1650, notably the former abbey site. In 1748 Ryves acquired an estate from Jacob Bobart of New Woodstock who had bought it a year earlier from the Jordans; it was based on a newly built house, the later Wintles Farm on Mill Street, and comprised 100 a. of arable and much meadow and pasture, including Ambury close. The estate was partly that held on lease in 1650 by Mr. Hampshire and Mrs. Grainger; earlier it seems to have comprised two separate tenements, once called Ambury Hold and Gilbert's Hold. Of later acquisitions by Ryves the largest was a purchase in 1751 from **John Knapp** of an estate probably based on the later Newland Lodge."* (*British History Online - Eynsham*) John's father John, and grandfather George had been called gentlemen in the parish register of Eynsham, and given the title of Mr, but the family fortunes seem to have fallen. \*Note: John Knapp senior's will was written in 1722, but he died in 1729.

John's father, John Knapp senior's will sparked a legal challenge when John turned 21 in 1736.

*Knapp vs. Knapp*

*Short title: Knapp v Knapp.*

*Document type: Bill only.*

*Plaintiffs: Robert Knapp, clerk of Bramdean, Hampshire (brother and administrator with the will annexed of John Knapp, gent deceased late of Ensham, Oxfordshire) and John Knapp, maltster of Cumnor, Berkshire.*

*Defendants: John Knapp, Coghill Knapp, Richard Smith and Mary Marshall.  
Date of bill (or first document): 1736*



*The Shrubbery, Eynsham*

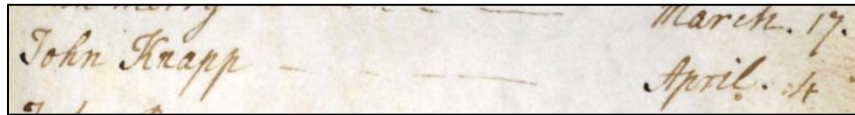
The Knapps owned The Shrubbery in Eynsham until the 1740s: *"The Shrubbery on High Street was probably rebuilt in the later 16th century by another leading Eynsham family, the Martins. By 1650 the house and associated estate were held by Thomas King, a sequestered clergyman, whose interest derived from his wife Dorothy, formerly Martin. King died in 1681 and from Dorothy's son Michael Martin the house passed to Michael's children, Richard, and later Christopher, Knight or Martin (d. 1702). It was acquired by **the Knapps**, who sold it in the 1740s to Edward Ryves, a Woodstock lawyer. (British History Online - Eynsham Buildings)*

*"By deed dated 1753 John Knapp and his wife sold to Edward Ryves a messuage, 60 acres of land, 30 acres of meadow, 30 acres of pasture, and 4 acres of land covered with water, common of pasture etc in Eynsham, with a fishery in the Isis, etc." (A History of the Chief English Families Bearing the Name of Knapp)*

John married Ann Smith 17 July 1737 in Eynsham.

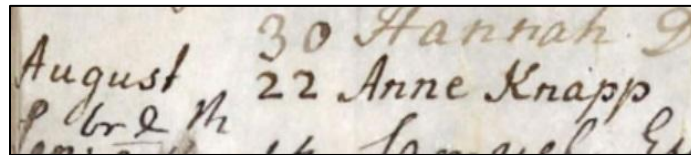
*Marriage record for John Knapp and Ann Smith in Eynsham:  
"July 17. John Knapp and Ann Smith both of the parish of Eynsham were married by license"*

John died and was buried 24 April 1756 in Eynsham.



*Burial record for John Knapp in Eynsham:  
"John Knapp - April 4"*

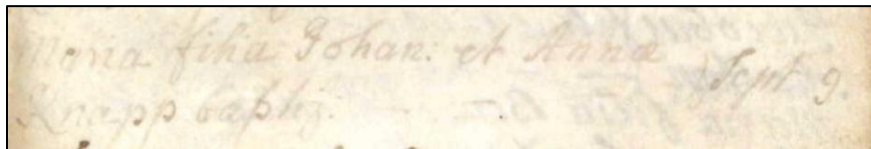
Ann died and was buried 22 August 1761 in Eynsham.



*Burial record for Anne Knapp in Eynsham:  
"August 22 Anne Knapp"*

John and Ann had the following children:

\*1. **Mary**, christened 9 September 1739 in Eynsham; married Henry May 16 October 1761 in Oxford, St. Martin.



*Baptism record for Mary Knapp in Eynsham: "Maria filia Johanae et Annae Knapp baptiz. Sept. 9"*

2. **Elizabeth**, christened 27 November 1741 in Eynsham; married John Taylor of Worcestershire.

3. **John**, christened 14 October 1744 in Long Handborough, Oxfordshire; married Ann Turnor 7 November 1768 in Worcester; occupation: glover; he became class-leader of the Worcester Methodists; died 1 May 1825; will 1819.

4. **Frances**, christened 23 September 1748 in Hanborough, Oxfordshire; mentioned in the will of great-aunt Hester Bartholomew in 1762.

5. **Sarah**, christened 3 February 1750 at Cumnor, Berkshire; married John Lee of St. Martins, Worcester; occupation: glover; died 20 March 1839.

6. **Robert**, christened 18 February 1753 in Eynsham; of Greenford, Middlesex; buried at Acton, Middlesex.

7. **George**, christened 2 February 1755 in Eynsham; of St. Martins, Worcestershire.

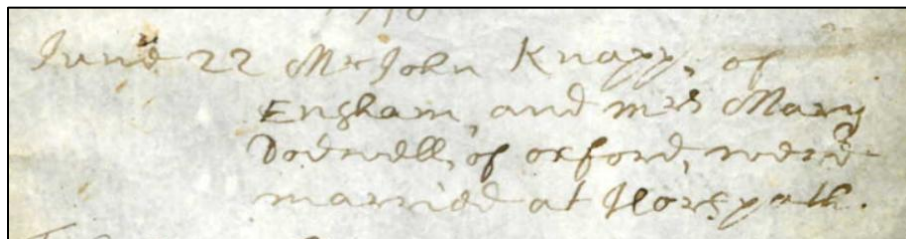
*SOURCES: Eynsham parish register; www.ancestry.co.uk; Hanborough parish register; British History Online: Eynsham; A History of the Chief English Families Bearing the name of Knapp, by Oswald Greenway Knapp.*

## FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF JOHN KNAPP AND MARY DODWELL

John Knapp was christened 15 September 1685 in Cumnor, Berkshire, the son of George Knapp and Mary Buswell. Cumnor is a parish about five miles south of Eynsham.

The Knapps came to Eynsham from Cumnor and seem to have had a long association with both locations: *"The rectory had been held by successive lords of the manor until 1658, when Thomas Jordan sold to **John Knapp of Cumnor** the parsonage (formerly the abbey) barn, the adjacent Farm Court (a 4-acre plot now partly covered by Abbey Farm), and all the tithes except vicarial tithes and those of the demesne. Knapp was already lessee of the rectory under a grant of 1654. In 1662 he settled it on **his son Francis**, who in 1691 settled it on **his son John**. In 1692 the property was mortgaged to Stephen Fry of Oxford university, who bought the freehold in 1704."* (British History Online - Eynsham)

John married Mary Dodwell of the city of Oxford on 22 June 1710 in Horspath, Oxfordshire, a parish about ten miles from Eynsham.



Marriage record for John Knapp and Mary Dodwell in Horspath:

*"June 22 Mr John Knapp of Ensham, and Mss Mary Dodwell of Oxford were married at Horspath"*

Mary was christened 27 April 1689 in Oxford St. Michaels, the daughter of Richard and Ann Dodwell. Richard was a lawyer in the city of Oxford.

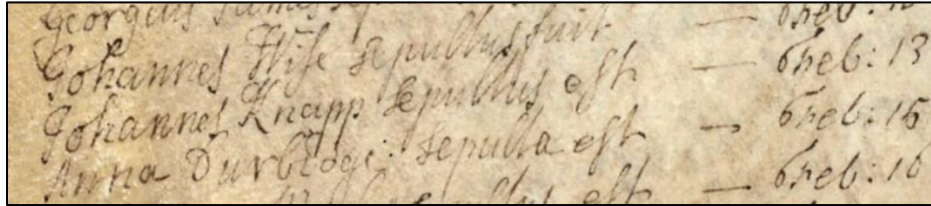
Mary's brother Richard left a will in 1727 mentioning Mary, and ensuring that she had her own private funds: *"I give and bequeath to **my Sister Knapp** twenty pounds per annum to be paid her at the four most usuall ffeast days in the year by my executor hereinafter mentioned without any deduction for any manner of taxes and without the intermedling of her husband and no receipt shall be sufficient which is not under own hand."*

John maintained contact with his mother's Buswell family, and in February of 1729 provided a recommendation for a Buswell cousin to become the rector of Kiddington, Oxfordshire: *"Robert Buswell,*



M.A. of Trinity College, Oxford, on the death of Cudworth, was instituted Feb. 3, on the presentation of Robert Buswell of Westcote Barton, and John Knapp of Ensham, gentleman." (The History and Antiquities of Kiddington )

John died and was buried 13 February 1729 in Eynsham.



Burial record of John Knapp in Eynsham:  
"Johannes Knapp sepultus est - Feb: 13"

John was buried in the chancel of St. Leonards in Eynsham:

Here Lieth the Body of John the Son of GEORGE KNAPP GENT  
Departed this life Feb \_\_ 1729  
Aged 45 Years.

John left a will written 9 May 1722 and proven in 1729. His will may indicate some concern about his funds and debts:



Will of John Knapp, 1729

In the name of God Amen I **John Knapp of Ensham** in the County of Oxon gent after an entire

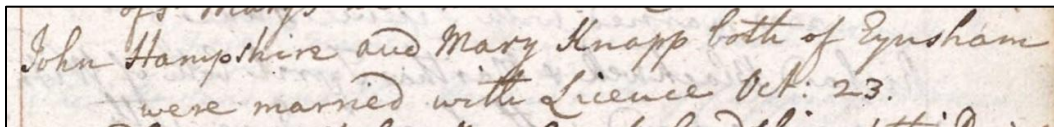
assignation of my soul to the will and pleasure of Almighty God with my prayers for his future mercies & thankfull acknowledgement of his present blessings in that portion of worldly estate he hath been pleased to afford me with considering the uncertainty of the life that I now enjoy a perfect health do make and ordain this my last will & comitt and recommend the guardian ship of my children while they are under age of one and twenty years unto **my father in law Mr Doddwell my brother in law John Bartholomew and my brother in law John Knapp** and the survivours and survivor of them who I constitute guardian of my said children until their sayd age of one and twenty years. Item I give and confirm also that my messuage lands & estate in Ensham aforesayd which were settled by deeds of settlement before and after marriage with my now wife for her joynture and all other my messuage land tenements and hereditiments in Ensham aforesayd and else where unto **my son John Knapp** his heirs and assigns for ever except the right of my sayd wife therein. But nevertheless subject unto a charge with the payment of the severall sums of money herein after for that purpose particularly mentioned and expressed and under the provision here in containd concerning the same. Item I give and bequeath unto **my daughter Mary** the sum of four hundred pounds of lawfull money of Gr Brittain for her portion to be paid unto her at the age of one and twenty years without interest for the same except in case my said father in law and his now wife should dye that and in such case I give and bequeath unto my said daughter the yearly sum of ten pounds of lawfull money of Great Brittain to commence from and imediatly after the death of my sayd father and mother in law to be paid her by four quarterly payments equally divided until her sayd portion shall become due and pay able the first payment to be made three months after the decease of my said father and mother in law. Item I give and bequeathe unto **my daughter Elizabeth** the sum of six hundred pounds of lawfull money of Gr Brittain for her portion to be paid unto her when she shall be of the age of one and twenty years and in the maintime for the maintenance of **my said daughter Elizabeth** from and after my decease I doe give unto her the yearly sum of ten pounds until she shall attain the age of thirteen years and after she shall attained the age of thirteen I give her the yearely sum of eighteen pounds until such time as her sayd porion shall become due and payable which said sum of ten pounds and eighteen pounds a year shall be paid att four most usale feast or days of payment in the yearly St. Michell the Arch Angel St. Thomas the apostle the Annunciacon of the blessed Virgin Mary and St. John the Baptist by equal portion the first payment thereof to be made on such of the sayd feast as shall first happen after my decease and I do wholly charge the messuages land tenements and hereditements herein before bequeathed unto **my son John Knapp** with the payment of my sayd daughters portion and yearly maintenance in maner aforesd with out any deducons for taxes or any otherwise howsoever and in case either of my sayd daughter should dye before she attaine to her age of one and twenty years then I give one moiety or half portion so dying to the survivor of them and the other moiety **to my son John** provided always and my will and meaning is that in case my personal estate shall not be sufficient to sattisfye and pay my debts and funeral expences which I desire may be decent and as private as possible then my will is that my father in law and my said brother in law shall enter into and upon all and every the messuage land and pmisses which I have here in before bequeathed unto **my sayd son John** which are my wifes jointure and recieve ye rents issues and profitts thereof after payment of the yearly maintenance herein before given unto my said daughters in manner aforesd and pay ye same for and towards payment of my debts and if at my decease there shall be any mortgages on any of my sayd land by me I do hereby authorize and requier my sayd father in law and my sayd brother in law and the survivours or survivor of them the executors and administrators of such survivor to assign and transfer the same as they shall see mete and convenient until the profites of my estate will discharge them but not to advance any further sums than what shall be due and owing their on but my intent is that my sayd son shall be maintained during his mothers life out of the said rents in case my sayd wife makes no provision for him then I leave to the discretion of his guardians to do as think well & also my goods chattles bond, debts dues & demands whatsoever I give and bequeath unto **my sayd father in law Mr Doddwell and my sayd brother**

*in law John Bartholomew and John Knapp whom I do hereby nominate and appoint sole executors of this my last will and testament in trust that they doe with all convenient speed gett in what debts are owing to me & sell and dispose of all my said goods and cattles to the best advantage they can with the monys thereby & thereof pay & discharge my debts and funeral expences and that they doe in the first place pay all my debts on simple contracts then my bonds & lastly mortgages whereas I am contracting with the right Honorable Earl of Abingdon for putting my sons life into ye mills and tythes of Botley if it should be effected I doe here by give ye same to my sayd executors to sell ye same & to pay the money arising by such sale toward ye payment of my debts and I doe hereby give unto each of my executors who shall proper to undertake their care three guineas a peece for their trouble. In witness wherof I have to this my last will & testament conteyning two sheets of paper to each of them set my hand and seal the ninth day of May Anno Dom one thousand seven hundred twenty two John Knapp Signed sealed published and declared by them with in named testator to be his last will & testament in the psence and subscribed by us who are witnesses thereof in ye psence of the testator John Ayres Thomas Merry Mary Ayers her marke*



*Signature of John Knapp*

Mary's father Richard Dodwell died in 1722, and her mother Ann had moved to Eynsham.



*Marriage record for Mary Knapp and John Hampshire in Oxford:  
"John Hampshire and Mary Knapp both of Eynsham were married with license Oct: 23"*

The widowed Mary married again 23 October 1740 in Oxford St. Mary Magdalen to John Hampshire of Eynsham. John Hampshire died two year later, and was buried 4 August 1742 in Eynsham. John left a will in 1742, leaving his land to his cousin William Wastie, and his household goods and horse to Mary: *"Also I give and bequeath unto my maid servant Mrs Catherine Hopkins three guineas. Also all my household goods of all sorts within doors I give and bequeath the same unto my beloved wife Mary Hampshire and to her assigns forever, and also the gelding called by the name of Dick and the harness belonging to the sheaws and the sheaws I give and bequeath the same unto my beloved wife Mary Hampshire and to her assigns forever."* William Wastie was the executor for the will.

Mary's mother Ann Dodwell of Eynsham died in 1742, leaving a will. In her will she left all her goods to *"my daughter Hampshire"*. In the probate record at the end of her will, her executor was shown as Mary Hampshire, widow.

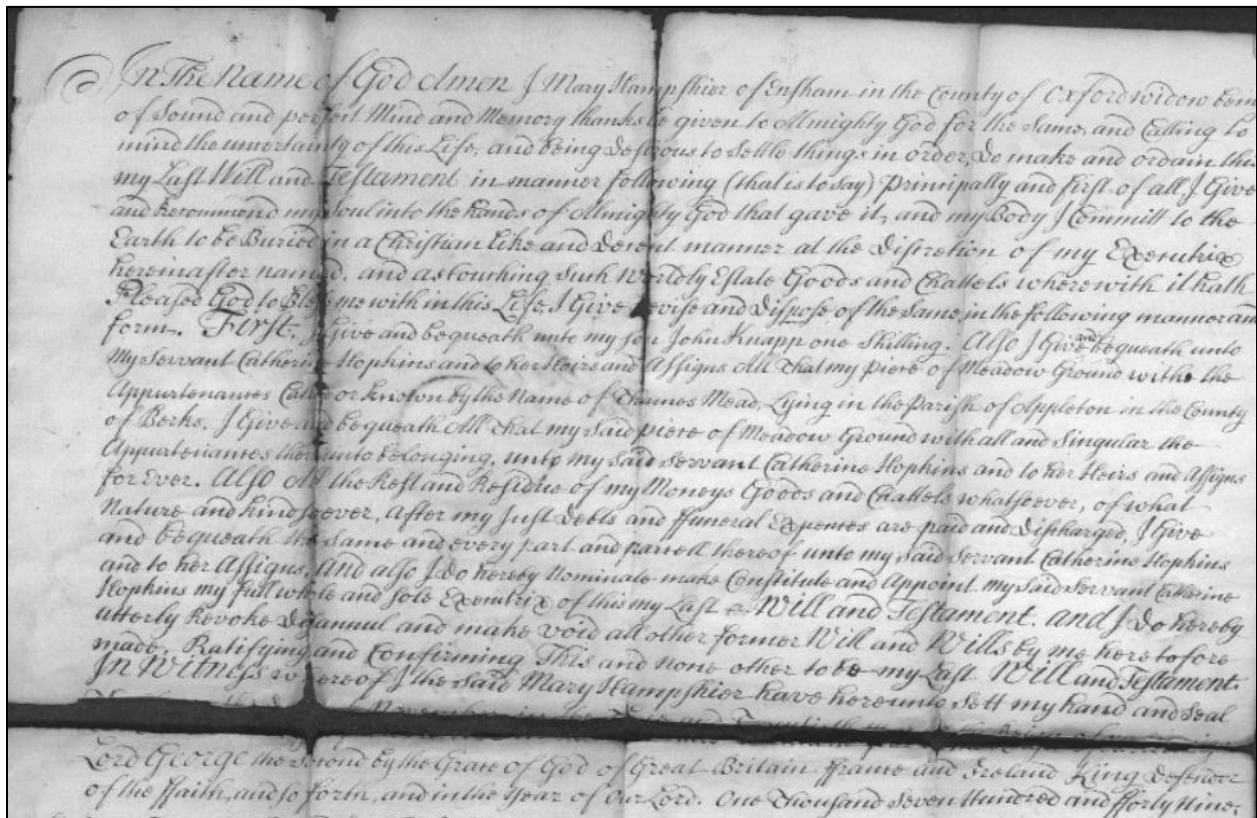
Mary lived another eleven years. She died and was buried 13 March 1753 in Eynsham.



Buried. 1753.  
Mrs Hampshire March 13

Burial record for Mary Hampshire in Eynsham:  
"Buried 1753 Mrs. Hampshire March 13"

Mary left a will in 1753, which may provide some insights into her family relationships. Her son John Knapp was left only one shilling, and no other family members were left bequests. Her land, money and other goods were left to her maid Catherine Hopkins, who was also named as her executor.



In the Name of God Amen I Mary Hampshire of Ensham in the County of Oxford widow being of sound and perfect mind and memory thanks be given to Almighty God for the same, and calling to mind the uncertainty of this life, and being desirous to settle things in order, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner following (that is to say) principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it, and my body I commit to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my Executrix herein after named, and as touching such worldly Estate Goods and Chattels wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form. First, I give and bequeath unto my son John Knapp one Shilling. Also I give bequeath unto my servant Catherine Hopkins and to her heirs and assigns all that my piece of Meadow Ground with the Appurtenances (also or known by the Name of Damms Mead, lying in the Parish of Appleton in the County of Berks, I give and bequeath all that my said piece of Meadow Ground with all and singular the Appurtenances therunto belonging, unto my said servant Catherine Hopkins and to her heirs and assigns for ever. Also all the Rest and Residue of my Money Goods and Chattels whatsoever, of what Nature and kind soever, after my just Debts and funeral Expenses are paid and satisfied, I give and bequeath the same and every part and parcel thereof unto my said servant Catherine Hopkins and to her assigns, and also I do hereby nominate make constitute and appoint my said servant Catherine Hopkins my full whole and sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament. and I do hereby make, Ratifying and Confirming This and none other to be my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I the said Mary Hampshire have hereunto set my hand and seal

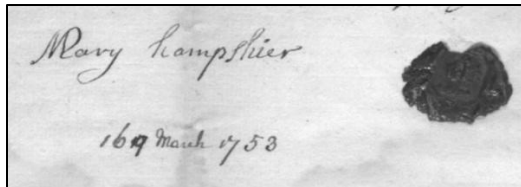
Edw George the second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith, and so forth, and in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and fifty three.

Will of Mary Hampshire of Eynsham, 1753

In the name of God Amen I **Mary Hampshire of Ensham** in the County of Oxford widow being of sound and perfect mind and memory thanks be given to Almighty God for the same and calling to mind the uncertainty of this life, and being desirous to settle things in order do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner following (that is to say) principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it, and my body I commit to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my executrix herein after named, and as touching such worldly estate goods and chattels wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give devise and dispose of the same in the following maner and form. First, I give and bequeath unto **my son John Knapp one shilling**. Also I give and bequeath unto my servant Catherine Hopkins and to her heirs



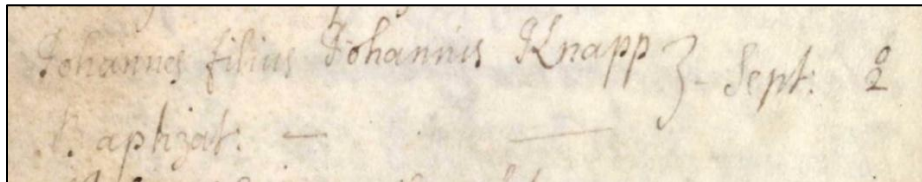
and assigns all that my piece of meadow ground with the appurtenances called or known by the name of Thames Mead, lying in the parish of Appleton in the County of Berks. I give and bequeath all that my said piece of meadow ground with all and singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto my said servant Catherine Hopkins and to her heirs and assigns forever. Also all the rest and residue of my moneys goods and chattels whatsoever of what nature and kindsoever, after my just debts and funeral expences are paid and discharged, I give and bequeath the same and every part and parcel thereof unto **my said servant Catherine Hopkins** my full whole and sole executrix of this my last will and testament. And I do hereby utterly revoke disannul and make void all other former will and wills by me heretofore made, ratifying and confirming this and none other to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I the said Mary Hampshire have hereunto sett my hand and seal [torn] of November in the three and twentieth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord George the second by the grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith, and so forth, and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty nine.  
Mary Hampshire 16 March 1753

A rectangular image showing a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature reads "Mary Hampshire" and is dated "16 March 1753". To the right of the signature is a dark, circular ink smudge or seal impression.

*Signature of Mary Hampshire*

John and Mary had the following children:

1. **Mary** (mentioned in grandfather Richard Dodwell's will of 1722)
2. **Ann**, christened 19 August 1712 in Eynsham; bur 22 February 1716 in Eynsham.
3. **Elizabeth**, christened 17 February 1714 in Eynsham; married Thomas Meacock 7 November 1734 in Eynsham.
- \*4. **John**, christened 2 September 1715 in Eynsham; married Anne; buried 24 April 1756 in Eynsham.

A rectangular image showing a handwritten baptism record in cursive script. The text reads "Johannes filius Johannis Knapp 3. Sept. 2" and "Baptizat: —".

*Baptism record for John Knapp in Eynsham: "Johannes filius Johannis Knapp baptizat: Sept: 2"*

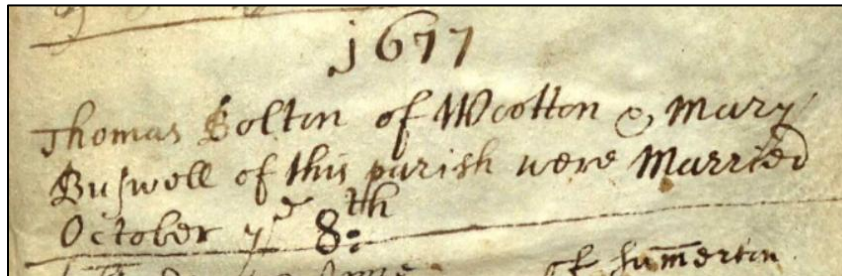
*SOURCES: Eynsham parish register; [www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk); will of John Knapp of Eynsham, 1729; The Eynsham Record, 1988; Gravestones in the Chancel of St. Leonards by Donald Richards' British History Online: Eynsham; A History of the Chief English Families Bearing the name of Knapp, by Oswald Greenway Knapp.*

## FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF GEORGE KNAPP AND MARY BUSWELL

George Knapp was christened 16 January 1641 in Harwell, Berkshire, the son of John Knapp. George married first, Sarah Smart, both of Cumnor. Sarah died and was buried 14 December 1673 in Eynsham

George as a widower of Eynsham, married Mary Bolton in 1683. Mary was shown as a widow of Wootton, Oxfordshire.

Mary Buswell married Thomas Bolton 8 October 1677 in Wescote Barton, Oxfordshire.



*Marriage record for Mary Buswell and Thomas Bolton in Wescote Barton:  
"1677 Thomas Bolton of Wootton & Mary Buswell of this parish were married October ye 8th"*

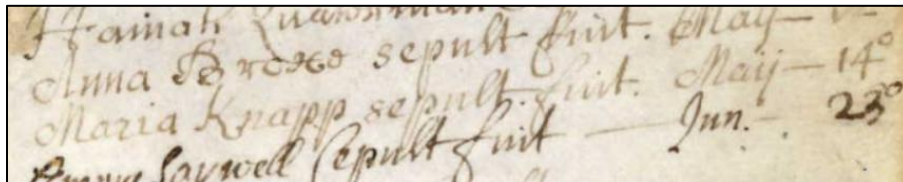
By her first husband, Thomas Bolton she had a daughter, Hester Bolton, who married John Bartholomew of London, citizen and goldsmith. Thomas and Mary also had a younger daughter, Mary, who died a few months after Thomas. Thomas died in 1680, leaving a will: "*In the name of God Amen I **Thomas Bolton of Wootton** in the County of Oxond yeoman beinge weake in body but of pfect memory I prayse God doe make appoint and ordayne this my last will and testament in maner and forme as followeth first I bequeath my soule into the hands of Almighty God my heavenly father through Jesus Christ my most mercifull Redeemer by whose merits alone I hope to be saved and my body to the earth to be buried in the pish church of Wootton aforsd as for my worldly goods chattles and cattles I give and bequeath them as followeth Imprimis I give unto **my eldest daughter Hester Bolton** all my messuage and halfeyard in Wootton holden by coppie of inheritance and formerly knowne by the name of Simonsey his land after the decease of Mary Bolton my wife and her mother to the onely use and behoof of her the sd Hester Bolton and her heires for ever. Itim I likewise give unto her my sd daughter Hester Bolton the sum of two hundred pounds to be paide to her when she cometh to the age of one and twenty years old. Itim I give unto **my youngest daughter Mary Bolton** the sum of two hundred pounds to be paide to her when she cometh to the age of one and twenty years old and if either of them die before they shall com to the age aforsd then the aforsd half yard land and messuage and half the others portion of money to remaine to the longest liver of them and the other half of their portion of money to remain to their mother. Itim I give unto Alice Camden of Northly five shillings. Itim all the rest of my goods chattles and cattles I give and bequeath unto **my dearly beloved wife Mary** whom I doe hearby make my hole and sole executrix of this my last will and testament and doe likewise nominate and appoint **William Bolton my brother** and **John Buswell my brother in law** to be my ffeofies in trust to see this my will pformed for the good of my children. In witness wherof I have hereunto set my hand and seale the second day of December in the two and thirtieth yeare of his majesties reigne that now is and the yeare of our Lord God 1680. Thomas*

*Bolton. Sealed and delivered in the presents of George Bolton Robert Buswell his marke John Boddington"*

George and Mary "lived in Cumnor till about 1690, when he moved across the Thames to the adjoining parish of Eynsham." (*A History of the Chief English Families Bearing the Name of Knapp*) George moved from Cumnor to Eynsham between 1687 and 1690. He acquired land in Eynsham: "Another substantial 17th-century house forms the core of the later Newland House, the site of the 'ancient holding' around which Newland borough was laid out in the 13th century...In 1708 another Thomas Brown sold the house to **George Knapp**, whose family retained it until 1771. " (*British History Online - Eynsham Buildings*)

He was "trustee of the marriage settlement of his step-daughter Hester Bolton on 1 January 1704 and was legatee of the will of John Knapp of Little Linford in his will of 1706." (*A History of the Chief English Families Bearing the Name of Knapp*)

Mary died and was buried 14 May 1694 in Eynsham.



*Burial record of Mary Knapp in Eynsham:  
"Maria Knapp sepult fuit May 14"*



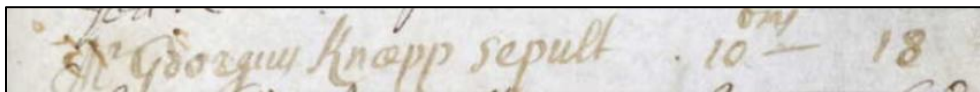
*St. Leonards, Eynsham*

Mary's monumental inscription is recorded in an article on the gravestones in the chancel of St. Leonards in *The Eynsham Record*:

*HERE LIETH THE BODY OF  
MARY THE WIFE OF GEORGE  
KNAPP WHO DECEASED MAY  
THE 12TH ANO DOM 1694*

George died and was buried 18 December 1711 in Eynsham. He was buried in the church of St. Leonards in Eynsham: "Floor slabs include those of George Knapp (d. 1711)". (*British History Online - Eynsham: Churches*)

"George Knapp was buried on the day he died. He was a friend of John Bartholomew and a trustee of his will. His own will, which he made on December 10, 1711, is in the County Record Office." (*The Eynsham Record, 1988; Gravestones in the Chancel of St. Leonards*) George's father was shown as George Knapp on the abstract of his monumental inscription, but there is some doubt about the accuracy of that abstraction: "The inscription on his tomb was copied about 1794 as follows, "Here lieth the body of George Knapp the son of George Knapp, who departed his life Dec 18, 1711, age 80" The statement of his age and parentae if correct is fatal to the identification which requires him to be the son of John Knapp and age 70. It is not unlikely that a mistake was made as to his age. The bald statement of his parentage, so unusual in the case of a man of his age and the father of a family, is sufficient of itself to arouse a suspicion of its accuracy, but it cannot now be checked for the stone, after being partly covered by pews for more than a century was at the last restoration of the chancel, move to one side and is now entirely concealed by the flooring of the choir benches. The identification is however made almost certain by the board of donations to the Bartholomew School, 1703, preserved in the old School Room; which records that John Knapp, Esq. gave £10, Mr. Francis Knapp £1 and Mr. George Knapp £2.3.0. The second of these must be Francis Knapp of Shilton, and son of John Knapp of Swinford, while the first is almost certainly his younger brother. One can hardly avoid the conclusion that Mr George Knapp was the youngest of the brothers." (*A History of the Chief English Families Bearing the Name of Knapp*)

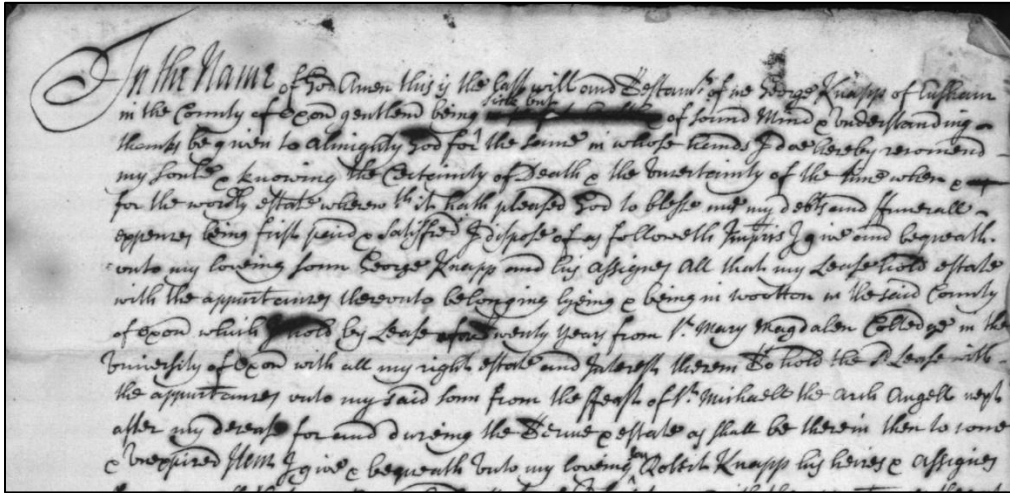


*Burial record for George Knapp in Eynsham: "Mr George Knapp sepult 10-18"*

HERE LIETH  
YE BODY OF GEORGE  
KNAPP  
the Son of GEORGE  
KNAPP  
who departed this  
Life Dec the 18th  
1711  
Aged 80



George left a will written 10 December 1711.



Will of George Knapp of Eynsham, 1711

*In the name of God Amen this is the last will and testament of me **George Knapp of Ensham** in the County of Oxon gentlemem being sick but of sound mind & understanding thanks be given to Almighty God for the same in whose hands I doe hereby recommend my soule & knowing the certainty of death & the uncertainty of the time when & for the worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me my debts and ffunerall expenses being first paid & satisfied I dispose of as followeth Imprimis I give and bequeath unto **my loveing sonn George Knapp** and his assignes all that my leasehold estate with the appurtannes thereunto belonging lyeing & being in Wootton in the said County of Oxon which I hold by lease for twenty years from St. Mary Magdalen College in the University of Oxon with all my rights estates and interest therein to hold the lease with the appurtannces unto my said sonn from the ffeast of St. Michaels the Arch Angell next after my decease for and during the terme & estate as shall be therein then to come & unexpired. Item I give & bequeath unto **my loveing son Robert Knapp** his heires & assignes for ever all that my cobby hold estate of inheritance with the appurtances hereunto belonging lyeing and being in Wootton aforesd & now in the possession of Mathew Johnson or his assignes & which I have time since purchased of Templer to hold to my sd sonn Robert Knapp his heires and assignes for ever from the ffeast of the Annunciason of the Bless Virgin next after my decease. Item I give & bequeath unto the poor of the parish of Ensham aforesd the sume of ffive pounds to be payd to the churchwardens & overseers of the poor for the time being of Ensham aforesd within one year after my decease. in such tythe sd churchwardens & overseers of the poor doe putt the same out att interest & that the interest thereof shall be distributed by them yearly forever on good ffrydaye to such of the said poor as are nearest receiving & doe not receive collection. Item I give and bequeath unto **my loveing sonn John Knapp** & his assignes all that my right & interest in one judgement for one hundred pounds obtained in her Majesties Court of Comon Bench att Westmister in the terme of St. Trinity one thousand seven hundred & ffive or there about by Anne Bettins spinster executive of Anne Bettins widow deceased agt John Knapp of Bagbrook in the County of Oxon gentleman which the said Anne Bettins spinster sometime assigned to Mr John Bartholomew in trust for me. And lastly I doe appoint **my loveing daughter Elizabeth Knapp** sole executrix of this my last will and testament to whom I give all the rest of my goods chatles debts mony securities for mony debts due & demands whatsoever she paying my debts and funeral expenses and alsoe paying one moiety or halfe parte of thirty pounds & interest due thereon on bond from **my cosen John***

**Knapp of Blethington** to my said sonn Robert Knapp if the same shall ever be received. And I alsoe give to my daughter all rent issues & profits which shall arise & become due from & after my decease out of the estates before given to my sd two sons whill the time herein appointed for them to have the same but that my sd daughter shall not cut downe top lopp or shroud any trees hedges or hedgerows on the said estates (except one parcel of willow trees as the sd copyhold estate standing in a place called behussen waters) . In witness I have hereunto sett my hand & seale the tenth day of December Anno Dom 1711.  
George Knapp

Signed sealed published & declared by the said George Knapp to be his last will & testament in ye psence of Amy Bond **Mary Knapp John Knapp**

Mary and Thomas Bolton had the following children:

1. **Hester**, christened 26 September 1678 in Wootton, Oxfordshire; married John Bartholomew, a goldsmith of London and Eynsham, Oxfordshire 1 January 1701. Hester died as a widow in Eynsham in about 1762, leaving a will: *“I give and bequeath unto my kinsman **John Knapp son of the late John Knapp of Ensham** deceased all that my [torn] house messuage tenement with the orchard and premisses adjoining and appertaining wherein I now dwell being situate in a street called Newland Street in Ensham aforesaid, together with two cottages or cottage common thereunto belonging and all other its premisses and and appurtenances to the only use and behoof of my said kinsman **John Knapp** and his heirs and assigns for ever according to the custom of the Manner, but subject to and chargeable with the payment of the sum of ten shillings to be paid and given yearly and every year to ten poor widows of the parish of Ensham aforesd on Good Friday in every year for ever the first of the said payments to be made on the Good Friday that shall first happen after my decease. I also give and bequeath unto my said kinsman **John Knapp** all that my piece of land called Bitterell in the parish of Ensham aforesaid to have and to hold the said piece or parcel of free land called Bitterell to the said John Knapp and his heirs and assigns for ever...I give unto **Mary, Elizabeth, Frances, Sarah, Robert, and George Knapp children of the late John Knapp** deceased ten pounds apiece of like lawfull money to be paid to them at the discretion of my executor in trust herein after mentioned any time before they are twenty two years of age respectively”.*

2. **Mary**, christened 17 October 1680 in Wootton; buried 13 April 1681 in Wootton.

George and Mary had the following children:

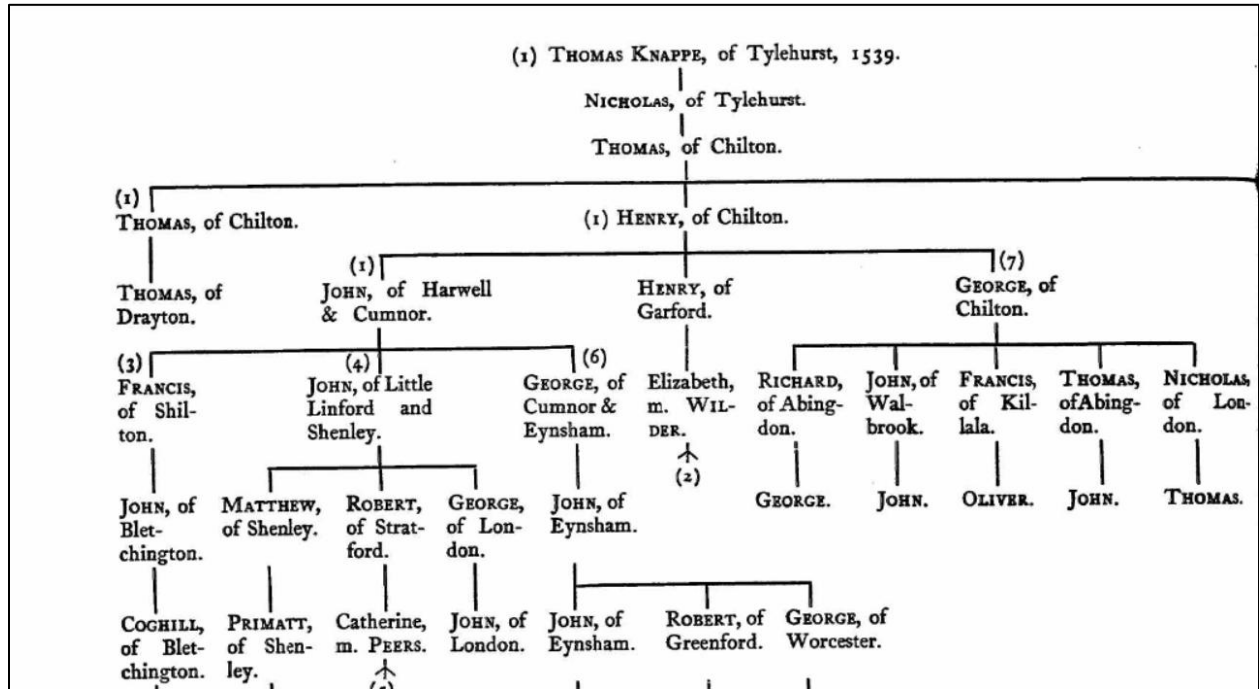
1. **Elizabeth**, christened 29 June 1684 in Cumnor, Berkshire; married John Knapp of Cumnor, gent.; bur 19 May 1721 in Cumnor.

\*2. **John**, christened 15 September 1685 in Cumnor, Berkshire; married Mary Dodwell 22 June 1710 in Horspath, Oxfordshire; buried 13 February 1729 in Eynsham.

3. **George**, christened 24 December 1687 in Cumnor; apprenticed as a goldsmith in London in 1704; buried 23 October 1723 in Sr. Peters Cornhill.

4. **Robert**, christened 21 April 1690 in Eynsham; occupation: rector of Bramdean.

SOURCES: Eynsham parish register; [www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk); will of George Knapp of Eynsham, 1711; [www.findmypast.com](http://www.findmypast.com); The Eynsham Record, 1988; Gravestones in the Chancel of St. Leonards by Donald Richards; British History Online: Eynsham; A History of the Chief English Families Bearing the name of Knapp, by Oswald Greenway Knapp; will of Thomas Bolton of Wootton, 1680; Westcote Barton parish register.



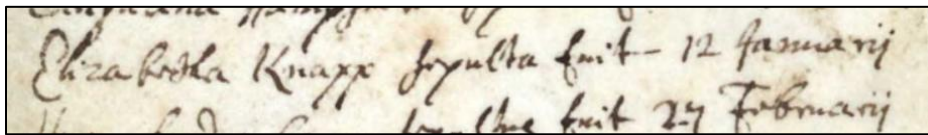
Knapp pedigree detail from "A History of the Chief English Families Bearing the Name of Knapp"

## FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF JOHN AND ELIZABETH KNAPP

John Knapp was christened 3 December 1610 in Chilton, Berkshire, the son of Henry Knappe and Anne Smallbone. He married Elizabeth. John was a yeoman farmer, "*of Harwell and Cumnor*".

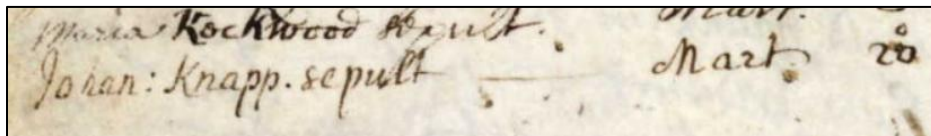
John "*was of Harwell 1632-5. In the Subsidy Roll of 1641 he was assessed on goods valued at three pounds. He moved to Swinford, a hamlet in Cumnor, Berkshire, but close to Eynsham, Oxon, from which it is separated by the Thames before 1647.*" (*A History of the Chief Families of England Bearing the Name of Knapp*)

Elizabeth died and was buried 12 January 1661 in Eynsham.



*Burial record for Elizabeth Knapp in Eynsham:  
"Elizabeta Knapp sepulta fuit - 12 Januarij"*

John died and was buried 20 March 1689 in Eynsham.



*Burial record for John Knapp in Eynsham:  
"Johan: Knapp sepult - March 20"*

John and Elizabeth had the following children:

1. **Henry**, born in 1632 of Blewbury, Berkshire; buried 27 February 1638 at Harwell.
2. **Francis**, christened 7 July 1635 in Blewbury; "*of Shilton*"; married Katherine Bagges.
3. **John**, christened 6 November 1638 at Harwell, Berkshire; "*of London and Little Linford*"; married 1) Mary Barlowe; married 2) Catherine Skinner.
- \*4. **George**, christened 21 January 1641 in Harwell; married Sarah Smart 14 December 1673 in Eynsham; married the widow Mary (Buswell) Bolton 1683; buried 18 December 1711 in Eynsham.
5. **Amy**, christened 18 September 1644 in Harwell; married William Bond of Cumnor; buried 25 July 1719.



6. **Mary**, christened 17 June 1647 in Cumnor.

*SOURCES: A History of the Chief English Families Bearing the name of Knapp; Eynsham parish register; by Oswald Greenway Knapp; www.ancestry.com.*

### **FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF HENRY KNAPPE AND ANNE SMALBONE**

Henry Knapp was born in about 1575 of Chilton, Berkshire, the son of Thomas and Amie Knapp. Henry was a yeoman farmer. Henry married 1) Amye Loder 3 November 1600 in Harwell, Berkshire. She died in about 1604. Henry married 2) Anne Smalbone 4 August 1606 in Steventon, Berkshire. Anne was christened 8 June 1584 in Steventon, the daughter of John Smalbone.

Henry died in about 1642: *"His will proven 1642 in the Archdeaconry Court of Berkshire mentions his wife Anne, his sons Thomas, George, John and Henry and his daughters Elizabeth, Agnes, Mary and Amy; to his son Thomas his lands at Chilton; to his son George his house at Blewbury."* (*A History of the Chief English Families Bearing the name of Knapp*)

Henry and Amye had the following children:

1. **Mary**, christened 29 September 1602 in Chilton.
2. **Agnes**, christened 24 February 1603 in Chilton.
3. **Henry**, christened 23 September 1604 in Chilton.

Henry and Anne had the following children:

4. **Joane**, christened 12 July 1607 in Chilton.
5. **Francis**, christened 31 December 1608 in Chilton.
- \*6. **John**, christened 3 December 1610 in Chilton; married Elizabeth; buried 20 March 1689 in Eynsham.
7. **Amy**, christened 28 October 1612 in Chilton; married John Wilder.
8. **Anne**, christened 3 October 1614 in Chilton.
9. **Henry**, christened 25 September 1616 in Chilton; *"of Garford in Marcham"*; occupation: yeoman; married Elizabeth Pottenger.
10. **Thomas**, christened 21 January 1619 in Chilton.
11. **George**, *"of Chilton"*.

12. **Elizabeth**, christened 22 April 1622 in Chilton; married Richard Knapp of Chilton.

*SOURCES: A History of the Chief English Families Bearing the Name of Knapp; Eynsham parish register; www.ancestry.com.*

## **FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF THOMAS AND AMIE KNAPPE**

Thomas Kappe was born in about 1530 of Chilton, the son of Nicholas Knapp. He married Amie.

Thomas was a yeoman. *"He appears to have bought land in South Moreton, Berkshire. He also held the tithes of South Moreton with a messuage, five acres of land, and two yardlands of meadow there, which he granted at a peppercorn rent for four score years to his son Henry." (A History of the Chief English Families Bearing the Name of Knapp)*

Thomas died in about 1593, leaving a will: *"His will dated 20 July 1591 was proven 14 September 1593 in the Archdeaconry Court of Berkshire. He desires to be buried in Chilton Church; to his son Thomas the crop of corn on his holding of three yardlands; to his son William 100 sheep, and two beasts, etc.; to his son John the same; to his son Harry, fifty sheep, two beasts, etc; to his sons Nicholas, Richard and Walter and daughter Alice Pope, five pounds a piece; to his daughter Annes 100 sheep, two beasts, a joined bedstead, etc and twenty pounds when married or eighteen; to his wife Amie his lease of "the hamme" in Hurgrove and Roxeye, with bequests to his sons Thomas and Henry; his brothers John Knapp and William and John Smythe." (A History of the Chief English Families Bearing the Name of Knapp)*

Amie died in about 1603, leaving a will: *"Amie's (or Anne) will was dated 14 November 1603. She desired to be buried in Chilton Church; mentions her children Richard, Thomas, John, Ales and Agnes, to whom four pounds and a silver spoon a piece; her son Henry residuary legatee; her brother in law William Smythe." (A History of the Chief English Families Bearing the Name of Knapp)*

Thomas and Amie had the following children:

1. **Thomas**, born about 1553; *"of Chilton"*; buried 26 July 1623 in Chilton.

2. **William**, married Alice; died leaving a will 1629.

3. **John**

\*4. **Henry**, born in about 1575; married 1) Amye Loder 3 November 1600 in Harwell; married 2) Anne Smalbone 4 August 1606 in Steventon; died in about 1642.

5. **Richard**, *"of Toot Baldon"*.

6. **Nicholas**, *"of Froxfield"*.

7. **Walter**, married Agnes; died about 1597
8. **Ales**, married Edward Pope
9. **Annes**, under eighteen and unmarried in 1591.

*SOURCES: A History of the Chief English Families Bearing the Name of Knapp; Eynsham parish register; www.ancestry.com.*

## FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF NICHOLAS KNAPP

Nicholas Knapp was born in about 1500 of Tylehurst, Berkshire, the son of Thomas and Catherine Knapp of Tylehurst. Nicholas was a yeoman. Nicholas married Alice Blackeman 8 May 1545 at Reading (possibly a second wife).

Nicholas died in about 1558. He left a (verbal) nuncupative will, and an inventory was created for him.

*Will of Nicholas Knapp of Tylehurst, 1558 (Archdeaconry of Berkshire)*

*A declaration of the will of **Nicholas Knapp of Tylehurst** in the diocese of Sar and in the Countye of Berks, who dyed intestate. Fyrst his will was and he will to **John his sonne** twoo kyne the which be in the keeping of **his brother John Knapp**. Also he willed to **Thomas his sonne** a cowe and a shepe. Also to **Margaret his daughter** ij heckfords and a shepe. I praye you let the admynystracon be grantyd and anext to yt in which sort as you knowe best.*

*Inventory for Nycollas Knappe of Tylehurst*

*The inventory indentyd of all the goods and chattals of Nycollas Knappe of Tylehurst decessed taken the xxth daye of Marche in the first yere of the Reigne of Quene Elizabeth by the grace of God of Englande France and Ireland defender of the Faythe taken by John Curtys John Godwin and **John Knappe** 1558*

*In the halle*

*Imprimis a fouldinge tabell a forme and a cowbbard iij s*

*Item a chayer and a stanyed cloth xijd*

*In the chamber*

*Imprimis iij matterys beddys with their apparel xijs ivd*

*Item cofers ij payre of shettys xij d iijs*

*Item iij brasse potts vjs viijd*

*Item iij kyttels vs*

*Item iiij platters iiij potingers iiij sawsars with iiij spones vjs. viijd*

*Intem iij kanstyks vjd*

*Item a payre of potehangers a payre of pothokys a fyre shwell a gerdyarn and a broche ijs viijd*

*Item a cewer a tubbe a verkyn a barrell ij bowles iijs ivd*

*Item a byll an axe a iron wedge and awger xvjd*

*Item ix kyne and iij bollokys xli xs*  
*Item iij sheppe xijs*  
*Item ij sowes and iij shottys vs*  
*Item a mare and iij hennes a koke vs viijd*  
*Item a gosse and an gandar viijd*  
*Sum xiiij li xxij d*

Nicholas and his wife had the following children:

\*1. **Thomas** "of Chilton"; married Amie; died about 1593.

2. **John**

3. **Elizabeth**

4. **Margaret**

*SOURCES: A History of the Chief English Families Bearing the Name of Knapp, by Oswald Greenway Knapp; Eynsham parish register; www.ancestry.com.*

## **FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF THOMAS AND CATHERINE KNAPP**

Thomas Knapp was born in about 1475 of Tylehurst (or Sulhampstead) in County Berkshire. He married Catherine. Thomas was a yeoman.

*"The earliest Tylehurst registers are lost but his name occurs in a Rental of Reading Abbey, dated 31 Henry VIII (1539) preserved in the Augmentation Office, from which it appears that Thomas Knapp or Knap was tenant at will of the late dissolved monastery, from which he rented 13 acres of meadow in Sulhampstead, for 20 s. also the tithes of Motehall, (perhaps Moat Farm in Sulhampstead Bannister) and a barn etc in Tylehurst for 7 pounds. In 1544, when a lease of the tithes of Tylehurst was granted by the Crown, those of Motehall Barne and two meadows in Solamstede were still in the possession of Thomas Knappe. His will has not been found, but he may be the unknown person of the name of Knapp who left ten pounds to the poor of Tylehurst, as recorded on the table of benefactors there." (A History of the Chief English Families Bearing the Name of Knapp)*

After Thomas died, Catherine then married John Southende of Yattendon, Berkshire, a yeoman. They had two children: Robert and Maude. Catherine survived him, and was living in Yattendon in 1567.

Thomas and Catherine had the following children:

\*1. **Nicholas**, "of Tylehurst"; died in about 1558.

2. **John**, "of Tylehurst"; occupation: yeoman; left a will dated 23 May 1567 mentioning his mother



Catherine Southende, his sister Julyan the wife of John Wheate, brother Robert Southende, and sister Mawde Southende.

3. **Julian**, married John Wheate of Theale in Tylehurst.

Catherine and John Southende had the following children:

4. **Robert** Southende

5. **Maude** Southende

*SOURCES: A History of the Chief English Families Bearing the Name of Knapp, by Oswald Greenway Knapp; Eynsham parish register; [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com).*