

## THORNTON

William Thornton, b. 1620 and emigrated to Va. in 1650, when his sponsor, William Pryor, patented land. William Thornton was from Yorkshire, England and settled in York Co., then Gloucester Co. before 1629, where he recd a land grant. Va. Land Patent, Book 5, P. 573. From this grant, he named his plantation "The Hills", after the ancestral estate of his gr-grandfather, Francis Thornton, who d. Yorkshire, England in 1566.

William traded in shipping on Mobjack Bay across the bay from Norfolk, operating the ship "Mary Jane" in shipping to Barbadoes and the West Indies. He died at home of his son, Francis, in 1708 Stafford Co., Va., his tombstone bearing coat of arms, viz: Arms: Argent, a chevron sable, sometimes gules between three hawthorn trees, proper. Crest: Out of a ducal coronet, or a dragon's head, between two wings, argent. Inscription: "God is my hope."

William was m. to Elisia, dau. of Luke Belling or Bellington, and his wife, Elisia Russell Bellington in Lunenburg Parish, Richmond Co., Va., and m. 2d before 1679, Elizabeth Rowland.

In p649 he was gtd 164 acres in Gloucester Co., Petscoe Branch, adj. the land "he now owns". He was elected vestryman from 1677 to 1704, resigning in 1706, his position filled by William Thornton, Jr., who became the Church Warden. A deed in Rappahannock Co., Va.: "William Thornton of Gloucester County, Virginia, of the one part, to Francis and Rowland Thornton, two of the sons of the said William Thornton, deed of gift of land in Rappahannock Co.; goes to son, William, in case one dies. In case of death, again to Esther." Issue of William follows:

I. Edward Thornton, Planter, in 1675 listed as age 29. He m. Patience of Accomack Co., Va. He d. 10/5/1703.

II. Colonel William Thornton, b. 3/27/1649, d. 2/15/1727 Stafford Co. Va. He had a dau., Prudence, b. 3/31/1699 who m. Samuel Pryor, Col., from Scotland, ca 1700.

III. Rev. Francis Thornton, Sr., b. 11/5/1651 Stafford Co., Va., m. 4/13/1674 Alice Savage, and 2nd Jane, the wid. of John Harvey. Francis d. 1726 at his plantation "The Hills". He was Justice of Stafford Co. and Member of House of Burgesses.

IV. Rowland Thornton, b. ca 1654 m. Elizabeth, dau. of Capt. Alexander Fleming. He d. 1701.

V. Luke Thornton. In 1675 listed as age 33. Born 1642 Lunenburg Parish, Richmond Co., Va., m. Ann [she d. after 1725 in N. Farnham Parish, WB F, P. 6, Richmond Co., Va.] Luke d. 3/2/1725, his LWT pvd Richmond Co., Va., dtd 1/29/1725, with Ann Thornton, extrx, naming his children: Thomas, Ann Mountjoy, Mathew, Elizabeth Nash, and grandchildren - William Thornton, Sarah Jones and Mark Thornton.

In 1689 Luke Thornton was surveyor in Rappahannock Co., Va.; 1694 he was deeded land in Northern Neck of Va., recorded DB 2, P. 162. Thornton Family, A Partial History, reports births and deaths of above persons, stating children of Luke were: Mark, Rowland, Mathew, Luke, Elizabeth, and Anne. Issue:

1. Rowland Thornton, b. 4/5/1688 m. Elizabeth Dozier, dau. of Leonard Dozier [b. in France 1680] and Elizabeth Ingo Ascaugh Dozier. Rowland d. 10/1/1729.

2. Mathew Thornton, b. 1700 Sittenborne Parish, m. Ellen Elizabeth Hopkins, dau. of Robert Hopkins. Ellen d. 4/5/1727. Mathew d. 1727, his LWT of that date, Richmond Co., Va.

3. Luke Thornton, b. ca 1684 m. Margaret, d. 4/2/1718, with Margaret apptd advx of his est., DB 7, P. 267, Richmond Co. Va.

4. Elizabeth Thornton m. Mr. Nash.

5. Anne Thornton m. John Mountjoy.

6. Mark Thornton, b. 9/23/1686 N. Farnham Parish, Richmond Co., Va., w., Mary. He d. 1/3/1719, inv. of his est. ordered 2/26/1721. Mary was apptd extrx of his estate, DB 8, P. 91, WB 4, P. 199, estate signed by Leonard Dozier. Issue:

a. Mark Thornton, b. 1705/1719 Richmond Co., Va., d. 1809 Elbert Co., Ga., m. Susanna Dozier after 1742. Lunenburg County, Virginia, 1746-1816, Cumberland Parish, by Bell: "Returns of Processioning in Obedience to an Order of Bestry, September 30, 1763, Cumberland Parish, the lines between Lodwick Farmer and Mark Thornton, the north-side processioned by Lodwick, farmer, and Silvanus Stokes...." Issue of Mark Thornton named in Thornton Family, A Partial History, by Rear Admiral W. N. Thornton.

i. Dozier Thornton, b. 4/14/1755 Lunenburg Co., Va., m. 1st Lucy Elizabeth Hill, and 2d Jane Pulliam. Died Franklin Co. Ga. 9/1843.

ii. Mark Thornton, Jr.

iii. William Thornton.

iv. Thomas Thornton, b. 4/11/1742, d. 5/20/1820 Ga., from Bible of Thomas Thornton, owned by Mrs. Cora Craft, Tignall, Ga. He drew in 1807 Ga. Land Lottery, resident of Franklin Co. Rev. War Soldier.

Dozier, Mark, Jr., William, and Thomas Thornton left Virginia with their father traveling to Wade, Granville, Bertie, Franklin and Warren Cos., N. C., abt 1764. They were all Rev. War Soldiers, serving under Gen. Matthews, and by 1784 were in Wilkes Co., Ga. Issue of Thomas Thornton:

- 1- Sarah Thornton, b. 9/2/1768 Lunenburg Co., Va.
- 2- Susannah Thornton, b. 4/11/1772 Lunenburg Co., Va.
- 3- Elizabeth Thornton, b. 12/4/1773 Lunenburg Co., Va. m. Mr. Warren, d. 1872.
- 4- John Thornton, b. 12/14/1775 Lunenburg Co., Va., d. 1818 Jackson Co., Ga. He drew in 1805 Ga. Land Lottery, along with bro., Prior, for land in Jackson Co. Jackson Co. Invs., Appr., Returns, 1800-1839, P. 463-4, Inv. of Est. of John Thornton, decd, dtd 11/10/1818. Named in sale of personal property on 11/13/1818 were: Penelope Thornton, Prior Thornton, John Rogers, James H. Pendue, George Haney, William Sailors, William Grimes, Sarah Thornton, Polly Thornton, etc. "Penelope Thornton, Dr to the Est. of John Thornton, decd, for the amount of plantation rent...for year 1818...\$50, which she was allowed for boarding three children's clothing and education." P. 468, Penelope Thornton, Dr to Estate of John Thornton, decd, for rent of plantation for year 1820 - \$30. Penelope Thornton, charge against est. of John Thornton, decd, for the support and clothing of three minor children in 1820: Benajah Thornton, Levina Thornton and Synthia Thornton. The Bible of Thomas Thornton, father of John, also lists issue of John Thornton as follows:  
Sarah, b. 1/4/1802; Middleton, b. 11/30/1799; Polley, b. 4/9/1804; Micajah, b. 7/3/1809; Benajah, b. 12/15/1811.
- 5- Martha Thornton, b. 12/22/1777 Lunenburg Co., Va.
- 6- David Thornton, b. 12/1/1779 Lunenburg Co., Va. m. 2d Lucy K. White, b. 2/23/1787, d. 1/25/1837.
- 7- Elsadad Thornton, b. 9/28/1806.
- 8- Betsy W. Thornton, b. 12/29/1807.
- 9- Memorable Thornton, b. 1/7/1810.
- 10- Eppy White Thornton, b. 5/22/1811.
- 11- John M. Thornton, b. 10/10/1814 m. Louisa, lived Talbot Co. Talbot Co. deed 1/20/1837, Memory Thornton, Eppy W. Thornton, John M. Thornton and Mark Thornton to Thomas Eavinson, Lot 187 in 17th dist. Talbot Co., Ga.
- 12- Salley Thornton, b. 5/20/1816 m. Mr. Egrinson.
- 13- Mark Thornton, b. 12/31/1819.
- 14- Prior Thornton, b. 4/27/1770 Lunenburg Co., Va., d. Jackson Co. Ga., his inv. dtd 8/24/1821, Jackson Retns, Apprs, 1800-1839, P. 535-7. Among purchasers of his personal effects were Elizabeth, William and Mark. A Return was made 2/5/1828 by Elizabeth Thornton, admx of est. of Prior Thornton, decd, and money pd to Thomas C. Barron, gdn, Mark Thornton, and Willis Thornton. The following is deed which Prior Thornton's grandfather made to him: Jackson Co. DB G, P. 7, 8/12/1805, Mark Thornton to Pryor Thornton, also Bk E, P. 663. Wife of Prior Thornton was Elizabeth and their issue as follows:
  1. Thomas Thornton who deeded his share of mother's dower to Mark Thornton, by deed dtd 1837, Jackson Co. Ga.
  2. Willis Thornton, Ensign, Jackson Co. 1824-8.
  3. Mark Thornton, Mary, his w., b. 1808 Ga., a wid. in 1850. Mark made his LWT dtd 3/22/1849 Jackson Co., Ga., pvd 5/1849. Jackson DB I & J, P. 356, Joseph McLester to Mark Thornton 5/6/1833, both of Jackson Co., acquisition thru public auction, land n. of Oconee River. Mark was Lt. Jackson Co. Mi. 1821-24; Capt. 1834 to 1836.

Mary Thornton, w. of Mark, was decd in 1858, when negroes belonging to her estate were sold, valued at \$3415.50, recorded 2/2/1858 Jackson Co., by T. A. Thornton, admr. In the distribution of Mary's estate, V. A., Jackson Co. Invs., Appras, P. 630, following distribution was made: John D. Thornton, Posey Wilson and Isaac R. Thornton.

Issue of Mark Thornton and w., Mary: Isaac R., b. 1827; Stephen, b. 1829; John C., b. 1837; Zembrey C., b. 1839; and Zemily C., b. 1841 Jackson Co., Ga. m. 1st 2/21/1856 Jackson Co., Ga., Posey Wilson, 2d Elihu Minish about 1866, and she appeared on 1870 Jackson Co. Census with him.

"Georgia  
Jackson County

This Indenture made this 19th day of January 1837 between Thomas H. Thornton of the county and state aforesaid of the one part and Mark Thornton of the other part; Witnesseth, that the said Thomas Thornton, for and in consideration of the sum of \$90 in hand paid, hath bequeathed, sold and conveyed all my part of my mother's dower, it being a part of the real estate of Prior Thornton, late of said county, deceased, and I, the said Thomas Thornton, do warrant and defend from myself, my heirs, executors and assigns, and all and every person whatsoever, to the said Mark Thornton..." Jackson Co. DB K, P. 485.