

## *Sarah Fluck Margrate*

### *Facts*

Sarah Fluck married Thomas Margret at Deerhurst on 4 October, 1680.

The couple had one child buried 19 February, 1681/82, and two children baptised, one on 12 November, 1682, and the other on 18 January, 1685/86

Sarah Maggott was buried on 18 August, 1687.

### *Conclusion*

Sarah was born between about 1640 (45 in 1685/86) and 1665 (15 in 1680)

### *Possibilities*

Records of baptisms at Deerhurst between 1640 and 1665 are erratic and the only Sarah Fluck whose baptism was recorded at Deerhurst was christened in 1638.

#### *Possibility 1. The only recorded Sarah Fluck baptised at Deerhurst.*

Sarah, daughter of Edward and Margery Fluck, was baptised, along with her brother, Samuel, at Deerhurst in 1638. Sarah's mother and her brother, Samuel, were both buried in the same year.

Sarah, baptised 1638, would have been 42 in 1680 and 47 in 1685/86. The latter age is at the upper limit of her possible child-bearing years.

Sarah's father was baptised 12 February, 1617/18, at Deerhurst, son of John and Margery Fluck. Both John and Margery left wills, in 1655 and 1664 respectively, with bequests to their children and grandchildren. Neither their son, Edward, nor their grand-daughter, Sarah, who, if still alive, would have been aged 16 or 17 in 1655, were included among the beneficiaries.

The conclusion from this is that both Edward and Sarah had died between 1638 and 1655. There are no surviving records of burials at all in the Deerhurst Registers from 1640 to 1652, and very few were recorded from 1653 to 1655.

**POSSIBILITY EXCLUDED**

***Possibility 2: The unrecorded baptism of a child of another couple surnamed Fluck.***

There were seven couples recorded as having children born or baptised at Deerhurst in the period 1640 to 1665.

**1) Thomas and Mary Fluck**

Their known children were:

- Elizabeth, baptised 24 April, 1629;
- Frances, baptised 22 September, 1633;
- Mary, baptised 8 May, 1637; and
- William, baptised 7 November, 1640.

Thomas Fluck the elder of Apperley left a will, dated 10 October, 1667. The will included bequests to his children and grandchildren. It did not include a bequest to a daughter named Sarah.

**POSSIBILITY EXCLUDED**

**2) Giles and Margaret Fluck**

This couple had children:

- John, baptised 23 February, 1641/42;
- Richard, baptised 28 June, 1644;
- Giles baptised 25 March, 1645; and
- Mary, baptised 20 October, 1650.

No member of the immediate family left a will, so it is not possible to establish whether the couple may have had other children. It is quite possible that they did have children born in 1647 or in the 1650s.

**POSSIBLE**

**3) John and Margery Fluck**

This couple had two children whose births are recorded in the registers of Deerhurst:

- Mary, born 30 December, 1644
- Elizabeth, born 24 July, 1647

John Fluck's brother, Edward, left an extensive will, dated 27 September, 1706. This will identifies a son of John and Margery, Edward, and a probable daughter, Anne. The will does not include any bequests to members of the Margrate family.

**POSSIBILITY EXCLUDED**

#### **4) Thomas and Susanna Fluck**

This couple had children baptised at Deerhurst:

- Elizabeth, baptised 3 May, 1646;
- Susanna, baptised 26 December, 1649; and
- Thomas, baptised in June, 1652

Two of the children, Elizabeth and Susanna, were mentioned in the will of Thomas' nephew, John Fluck of Evington, signed in 1701. As the main beneficiary of the will was Susanna's son, Thomas Roberts, it can be presumed that their brother, Thomas, had died. The will contained no bequests to members of the Margrate family.

#### **POSSIBILITY EXCLUDED**

#### **5) William and Ann Fluck**

William and Ann were married in 1653. They had six children born between 1653 and 1665. None of them were named Sarah.

In 1672 William Fluck, a widower, married, as his second wife, Elinor Beck and in 1678 they had a daughter, Sarah. William could not have been the father of Sarah who married in 1680.

#### **POSSIBILITY EXCLUDED**

#### **6) William and Mary Fluck**

William Fluck and Mary Ladd married at St Mary de Lode, Gloucester, in 1657 and had three children, Joseph, Jonathan and Mary.

The reconstruction of William and Mary's family is based on William's will and the extensive will of William's brother, John Fluck of Evington, from 1701. William's will mentions only his eldest son, Joseph and William's wife. As already noted, John Fluck's will contained no bequests to members of the Margrate family.

#### **POSSIBILITY EXCLUDED**

#### **7) Thomas and Alice Fluck**

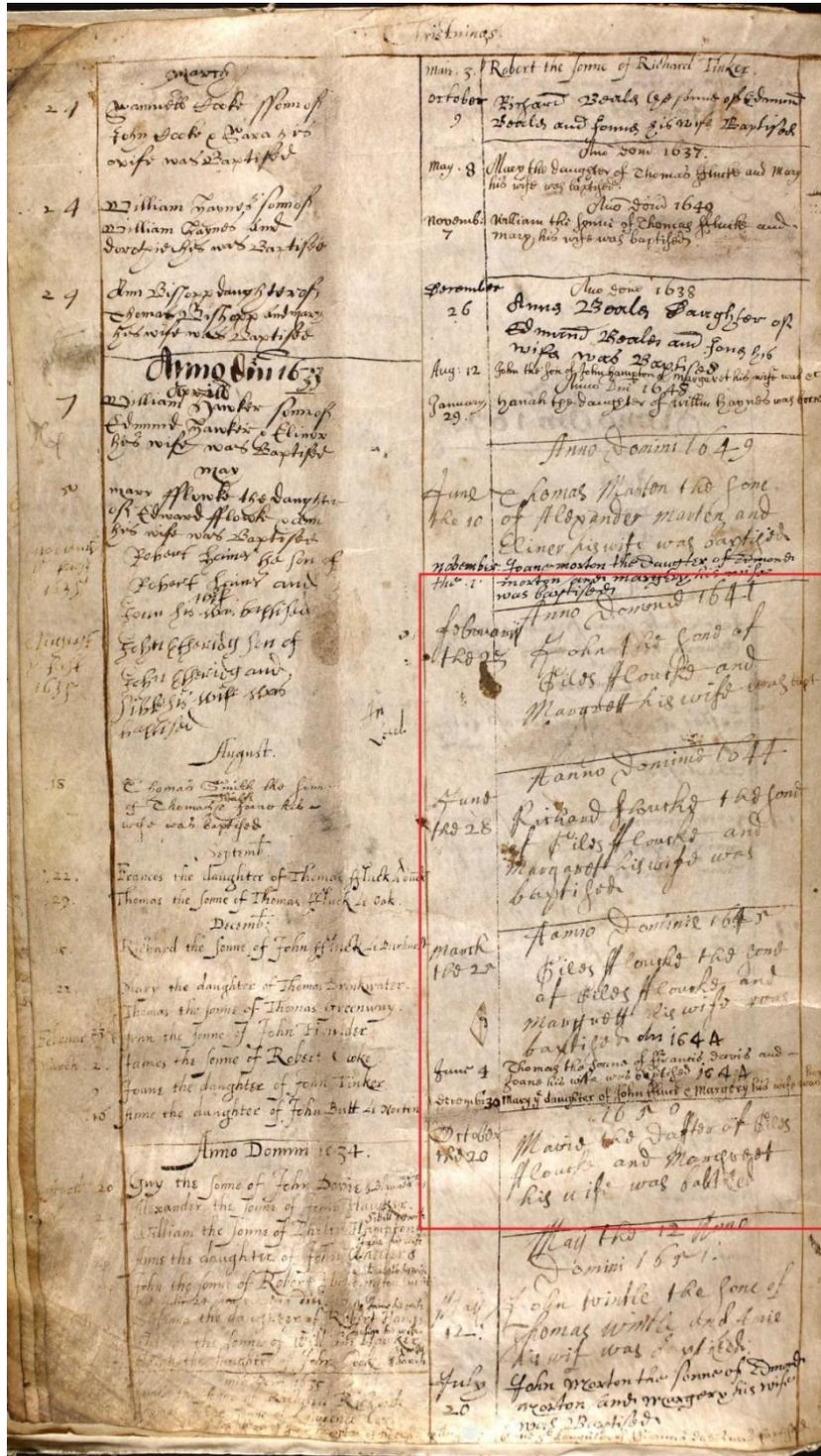
Thomas Fluck and Alice Gardiner married at Deerhurst in December, 1661, and had children baptised 1663, 1665 and 1668. None of them were named Sarah.

As there is no gap in baptisms of their children they could not have had another child until 1670. Any child born in or after that year would not have been of marriageable age in 1680. There was no mention of the Margrates in Alice Fluck's will of 1693.

#### **POSSIBILITY EXCLUDED**

## Conclusion

There is only one couple surnamed Fluck having children born at Deerhurst in the period 1640 to 1665 who cannot be excluded as possible parents for Sarah Fluck/Margrate: Giles and Margaret Fluck. As the baptisms of their four known children are grouped together in chronological order on one page of the Registers of Deerhurst any further children would have been born subsequent to 1650.



The Baptisms of the four known children of Giles & Margaret Fluck.

Giles and Margaret's children would therefore have been:

- John, baptised 23 February, 1641/42;
- Richard, baptised 28 June, 1644;
- Giles baptised 25 March, 1645;
- Mary, baptised 20 October, 1650;
- Sarah, born about 1655

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