

The Three Thomas Flucks at Deerhurst in the Seventeenth Century

In the first half of the seventeenth century there were three men named Thomas Fluck living at Deerhurst. There is no clear indication as to who their parents were. They were Thomas Fluck of the Oak, Thomas Fluck of Apperley, and Thomas Fluck of Deerhurst.

The baptisms of boys called Thomas Fluck between 1590 and 1620 were:

- Thomas Flouke sonn to Gyles Flouke base - 3 March, 1593/4
Giles married Elizabeth Fluck 12 August, 1594, and it is likely she was the mother of Thomas. Therefore Thomas would have used the Fluck name;
- *Thomas Floucke sonn to Thomas Floucke of Wyghtfield - 2 September, 1594*
He died before September, 1600, when his brother Thomas was baptised;
- *Thomas Flowcke sonn to William Flowcke & Johane his wife - 16 May, 1598*
He died before January, 1599/1600, when his brother Thomas was baptised;
- *Thomas Fluck sonn to Willm Fluck - 27 January, 1599/1600*
He died before September, 1605, when his brother Thomas was baptised;
- Thomas Fluck sonn to Tho Fluck - 7 September, 1600
In 1594 his father was called "of Wightfield." In 1634 his mother, Maud, wrote her will and her son, Thomas was living;
- Thomas Floucke sonn of William Floucke the elder and Joane his wief - 24 September, 1605
William the father wrote a will in 1625 in which he mentioned Thomas and it is clear that Thomas was aged over 18; and
- Thomas Fluck sonn of William Fluck & Joan his wife - 20 January, 1619/20.
Because the previous Thomas was still alive in 1625 this was a second couple also named William and Joan.

There is no certainty that the three men named Thomas Fluck are identical with any of these four children, but without proof that one of the four children who appear to have survived childhood died then it seems the most likely conclusion.

Thomas Fluck of the Oak

- He was called "of the Oak" in the Deerhurst Registers in 1627 and 1633. "The Oak" did not appear before 1627 and in 1760 appears to have been situated in Apperley.
- Children: Margaret (1621) James (1623) William (1626) John (1629) & Thomas (1633).
- He cannot have been the Thomas born in 1605, who would have been 16 in 1621, or Thomas born 1619/20 who would have been 1.
- The eldest known child, Margaret, was baptised in December 1621. Allowing for a marriage nine months earlier then Thomas and Anne were married in March 1620/21. Thomas baptised March, 1593/94, was aged 27 in March, 1620/21, Thomas baptised September, 1600, was aged 20. The two younger Thomas may be excluded.

The conclusion is that Thomas of the Oak could be either Thomas baptised 1593/94 or Thomas baptised 1600.

Thomas Fluck, holder of Apperley

- Wife Mary; Children: Elizabeth (1629) Frances (1633) Mary (1637) William (1640).
 - His will dated 10 October, 1667, mentioned:
Children: William, Francis Vicridge, grandchildren Haward and Vicridge
Kinsmen John Flucke and Edward Fluck
 - Edward Fluck was either:
Edward son of John Fluck (born in the 1620s). This Edward was last attested in 1633;
OR
Edward (1621 - 1706) the grandson of Edward Fluck, the uncle of Thomas born in 1605. He was the only Edward known to be living at Deerhurst in 1667.
 - John Fluck could have been:
John Fluck (1619- 1686) another grandson of Edward Fluck, the uncle of the Thomas born in 1605;
John Fluck (1623 – aft 1656), brother of Edward (1621- 1706) and therefore a grandson of Edward Fluck, the uncle of the Thomas born in 1605;
John (born 1629) son of Thomas Fluck of the Oak;
John (1631 - after 1686), son of William Fluck, whose ancestry is unknown;
John (born 1642) son of Giles Fluck, uncle to the Thomas born in 1594; or
John Fluck (ca.1617- 1703), whose parentage is unclear, but who was the nephew of the Thomas Fluck, yeoman of Deerhurst.
- This suggests that in this will “kinsman” was used in its broadest sense and as Thomas, baptised in 1593/94, Thomas, baptised in 1600, Thomas baptised in 1605, and Edward (1621 - 1706) were all descended from John Fluck who was living in 1538, Edward (1621 - 1706) was kinsman to all three.
- The will of Maud Fluck, mother of the Thomas born in 1600, appointed “ Mr Huntington & my sonnes John & Thomas Flucke to be Overseers of this my last will ” The will was then witnessed by Robert Huntington, John Fluck and Thomas Flucke, presumably the same people. Thomas Fluck who witnessed the will could sign his name, while the Thomas who died in 1667 could not. Therefore Thomas Fluck, holder of Apperley, could not have been the Thomas who was baptised in 1600.

The tentative conclusion is therefore that Thomas Fluck, holder of Apperley, was either Thomas baptised in 1605 or Thomas baptised in 1593/94.

Thomas Fluck, yeoman of Deerhurst

- Wife Susannah; Children Elizabeth (1646), Susannah (1649) & Thomas (1652)
- Nuncupative will dated 22 Jun 1664, probate 28 October, 1669
Bequests to wife Susannah & children Elizabeth, Susannah & Thomas
- Mentioned in will of his nephew John Fluck, Sergeant of his Majesty’s Wine Cellar
Daughters Elizabeth Heaven & Susannah Roberts

- As this Thomas' parentage rests on the parentage of John Fluck, born about 1617, could one of these Thomases have had a brother who had a child born in 1617?
 - Thomas born in 1594 had a younger half- brother, William, born 1605, aged 12 in 1617.
 - Thomas born 1600 had two brothers, John, whose son John died in 1628, and George, who was aged 13 in 1617.
 - Thomas born in 1605 had older brothers, Giles and William. Giles had children born between 1594 and 1616, but no known child named John. William had two sons born in 1619/20 and 1621. He was aged 22 in 1617 and so could have a son born in about 1617.
 - Thomas born 1619/20 was the son of a man born in 1595. It is therefore impossible for him to have a nephew born in 1617.
- The only Thomas who could have had a nephew named John was Thomas, born 1605.

The tentative conclusion is that Thomas, yeoman of Deerhurst was the Thomas born in 1605.

Based on this last conclusion identification of the three Thomas seems to be:

Thomas Fluck of the Oak	=	Thomas Fluck, baptised 1600
Thomas Fluck of Apperley	=	Thomas Fluck, baptised 1593/94
Thomas Fluck of Deerhurst	=	Thomas Fluck, baptised 1605

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