

The Wives of Thomas Hatton (1643-1676)

On 27 January 1675/76 Thomas Hatton of St Mary's County made his will. After commending his soul to God and his body to the earth he made his bequests.

I I give unto Barbary Hanson my sister in Law one gold Ringe that was formerly my first Wifes Ring. I doe give unto my father in Law M^r Rand^o Hanson my white gelding. It I doe give unto Jn^o Cheverills sonne named Rob^t one mare foal^d and one cow calfe. I I doe give unto my two sisters in Law Barbary and Eliz: Hanson one young bay Mare (about two yeares olde the next aprill) and her increase forever. I I doe give unto my brother in Law Tho Wahop and his two sisters Margaret & Rebeckah Wahop one mare that is Runing at or about piny poynt and her increase forever. I I doe give unto Margaret Forrest daughter to Pat Forres^t one heifer ... I all my whole Psonall Estate ... I give and bequeath unto my Loving Wife Elizabeth and my only sonne Thomas equally to be divided ... but in case my wife should not manage her Estate soe as may indanger the imbezilling any p^t of my childs interest in his portion, then I doe desire my Lo: friends M^r William Hatton M^r Rand^o Hanson & Tho Dent Jointly or severally may be possessed with what is my childs portion and secure it for him agns^t he comes to age ... and in case of my wifes or Childs Mortallity I give the whole to the longest Survivo^r and if the Lord should in his wisdom take them all out of this life I then Will and bequeath my said Estate ... unto the Children of M^r Rand^o Hanson and his wifes viz Ja: Johnson. Rich. Hanson Tho: Hanson Timo: Hanson Barbary Hanson & Eliz: Hanson.¹

Probate was granted on 4 February 1675/46.

From this it can be established that Thomas Hatton had been married twice. His first wife was the daughter of Randolph Hanson and his second wife was the sister of Thomas Waughop. He had only one child, by his second wife, a son named Thomas who was a minor when his father made his will.

Thomas Hatton

Thomas Hatton was born in England on 14 March 1642/43.² He may be Thomas, son of Thomas Hatton, baptised at St Dunstan in the West, London, 21 March 1642/43.³ In 1648 his parents, Thomas Hatton, Secretary of Maryland, Margaret Hatton, his brother Robert, and servants Patrick Forrest, George Beckwith and Mary Forrell, arrived in Maryland.⁴

The first Mrs Thomas Hatton

Randolph Hanson, the father of the first Mrs Hatton, had arrived in Maryland in 1650 as a servant to Dr Luke Barber.⁵

Randolph's wife was Barbara Hatton, cousin to Thomas Hatton, who had arrived in Maryland in 1649 or 1650.⁶ Barbara Hatton was baptised at Lymm in Cheshire, England, on 12 January 1633/34.⁷

Prior to 31 May 1650 Barbara Hatton married James Johnson of Poplar Hill in the County of St Marys, Maryland.⁸ On that date, in accordance with a postnuptial agreement, James Johnson signed his will bequeathing his estate to Barbara and then to their, as yet unborn, children.⁹

James Johnson was still living on 19 April 1661 when he was sworn in as a member of a jury.¹⁰ Therefore it is not likely that he could have died and his widow have remarried any

earlier than about 1663. The first child of Randolph and Barbara Hanson could not have been born before 1664.

By January 1675/6 Thomas Hatton had married Randolph Hanson's daughter, been widowed, remarried and had a child. Therefore Thomas' wife was a daughter to Randolph Hanson in the same way as James Johnson, a beneficiary in Thomas' will, was his son, or more accurately the son of "of M^r Rand^o Hanson and his wives."

The first Mrs Hatton was the daughter of James Johnson and Barbara Hatton, born probably in about 1651, married in about 1671 and dead, probably in childbirth, within the year.

The second Mrs Hatton

Thomas Hatton's second wife was the sister of "my brother in Law Tho Wahop and his two sisters Margaret & Rebeckah Wahop."

Thomas and Rebecca Waughop were the children of John Waughop of Piney Point in St Mary's County. In his will, signed on 3 February 1679/8 (sic) and granted probate 18 March 1677/78, John made bequests to his children and other relatives, with provision for his children's early deaths:

*I give & bequeath unto my sonn Thomas Waughop the one halfe of all my prsonall estate when he shall arrive unto the age of Eighteen years of age and also the one halfe of my plantation called pine poynt in S^t Marys County when he shall arrive at y^e years aforesaid and after the decease of my sayd wife the whole plantation aforesaid to him & his heirs for Ever. item I give unto my Daughter Rebecka Waughop when she shall arrive to fifteen yeares of age all y^t tract of Land y^t 80 acres Called pine point in pocomocke in Sumerset County to her and her heirs forever ... Item I give unto my Grandchild Thomas Hatton the first Mare fole y^t shall fall after my decease ... if my sone Tho Waughop shall die before her arives to y^e age aforesaid and without issue that then the said plantation shall be unto the sayd Rebecka and her heirs for ever ... and if my said Daughter [and] sonn shall both happen to die without issue then the said reall estate to remaine unto my Grandchild Thomas Hatton and unto the Children of Henry Hyde deceased & to their heirs for ever ...*¹¹

Therefore Thomas Waughop was born after 1660 and Rebecca after 1663. Margaret, the sister who had been mentioned in Thomas Hatton's will of January 1675/76, had presumably died in the intervening two years.

John Waughop had married Joan, the widow of John Gosse, between 1654 and 1658.¹² John Gosse, his wife Joan, and their daughter Frances, had arrived in Maryland in 1654. In 1658 John Waughop took up John Gosse's claim to land.

*Sept. 11th. 1658. John Waghop who hath married the relict of John Goss demands land upon the rights of the said Goss entered ultimo Augusti 1654.*¹³

It is unlikely that John Waughop would have allowed this demand for land to have been delayed long after his marriage and so the marriage of John Waughop and Joan Gosse probably occurred in 1658.

Henry Hyde, deceased, who was mentioned in John Waughop's will, died in 1675 leaving a will, signed on 29 October.¹⁴ In his will he left bequests to his wife, Frances, and his

children, Ann, Margaret and Robert. He appointed as overseers Thomas Dent, his “father” John Wachope, and his “brother” Thomas Hatton.

Following her husband’s death, Frances Hyde remarried. Her second husband was Henry Lawrence. One of their grandchildren was named John Goss Lawrence.¹⁵ This names shows that Henry Hyde’s wife, the child’s grandmother, was Frances Gosse, daughter of John and Joan Gosse, and step-daughter of John Waughop.

In John Waughop’s will his son, Thomas, inherited Piney Point. In the event of his death it was to pass to his sister, Rebecca. In the event of her death it was to pass to his “grandchild” Thomas Hatton and the Hyde children in equal shares.

It has been suggested that Henry Hyde married Frances Gosse as his second wife and had first been married to a daughter of John Waughop by whom he had had three children, and that after her death he married Frances Gosse.¹⁶ This supposed wife cannot have been Margaret Wauchop as she still bore that name in Thomas Hatton’s will.

As any woman who could have given Henry Hyde three children by 1675 must have been married in about 1670 and been born no later than 1652, she could not be a child of John and Joan Waughop who did not marry until after 1654. Therefore there is no reason to suggest that Frances Gosse was not the mother of Henry Hyde’s three children.

In his will John Waughop placed his Hyde stepchildren on an equal footing with his grandchild, Thomas Hatton. This provision means that Thomas Hatton and the Hyde children must have stood in the same degree of relationship to John. Therefore Thomas Hatton was his step-grandchild, otherwise John was equating the rights of a grandson of his own blood with the rights of the children of his stepdaughter.

By January 1675/6 Thomas Hatton’s mother, Elizabeth, was a married woman with a child. She cannot have married Thomas Hatton senior any later than 1674. She was therefore born no later than 1656. This is two years before the probable marriage of John Waughop and Joan Gosse.

Therefore Elizabeth Hatton was the daughter of John and Joan Gosse and the stepdaughter of John Waughop.

While there is no record of Elizabeth’s death it is possible to estimate a date. In the will of Eliza Moy, signed 8 January 1675/76 she was left a bequest.¹⁷ On 29 August 1679 the legacy for “Elisabeth Hatton's child paid to Mr. Randall Hanson.”¹⁸ This means that Elizabeth Hatton had died by August 1679. It is quite possible that she died in 1676, possibly in childbirth.

Conclusion

Thomas Hatton (1643-1676) was married twice. His first wife was the daughter of James Johnson and Barbara Hatton, and stepdaughter of Randolph Hanson. His second wife was Elizabeth Gosse, daughter of John and Joan Gosse, and stepdaughter of John Waughop.

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- ¹ Will of Thomas Hatton, Will Book PC1, folios 15-16, viewed at www.familysearch.com
 - ² *Archives of Maryland, Volume X* (Baltimore, Maryland Historical Society, 1891) page 86
 - ³ London Metropolitan Archives, St Dunstan in the West, Composite register: baptisms and burials, 1642/3 - 1645, P69/DUN2/A/007/MS010357, viewed at www.ancestry.com
 - ⁴ *Maryland Historical Magazine, Volume 8* (Baltimore 1913), pages 186-187
 - ⁵ St. Mary's City Men's Career Files MSA SC 5094
<http://msa.maryland.gov/megafile/msa/speccol/sc5000/sc5094/001700/html/sm1799.html>
 - ⁶ *Maryland Historical Magazine, Volume 8* (Baltimore 1913), pages 187. The year of arrival may be 1650 in the modern style as the claim for land was dated 1 March 1649, which in the modern style is 1 March 1650.
 - ⁷ Lymm Parish Register viewed on www.findmypast.co.uk
 - ⁸ *Archives of Maryland, Volume X* (Baltimore, Maryland Historical Society, 1891) pages 12-13.
 - ⁹ *Maryland Calendar of Wills, Volume 1* page 4
 - ¹⁰ *Archives of Maryland, Volume XLI* (Baltimore, Maryland Historical Society, 1922) pages 453
 - ¹¹ Will of John Waughop, Will Book PC1, folios 36-37, viewed at www.familysearch.com
 - ¹² *The Ulster Branch of The Family of Wauchope Wauhope, Wahab, Waughop, Etc.* by G.M. Wauchope, page 141 http://www.wauchopes.com/wauchope_ulster_book.pdf
 - ¹³ *ibid.*
 - ¹⁴ *Maryland Calendar of Wills, Volume 1* page 110
 - ¹⁵ Will of Joseph Lawrence, dated 6 May 1750, Will Book TA1 folios 277-278
 - ¹⁶ This appears in many trees on <http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com>
 - ¹⁷ *Maryland Calendar of Wills, Volume 1* page 118
 - ¹⁸ <http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=mrmasha&id=I014656>