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THE CHENERY ANCESTRY OF JOHN MOODY AND OF FRANCES (MOODY) KILBOURN OF HARTFORD AND WETHERSFIELD, CONN.

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While a number of articles have been published on the Moody family from which the New England families of Moody and Kilbourn descend, little has been said about the identity of the mother of John and Frances Moody. This article will demonstrate that she was, in fact, Margaret Chenery of the family of that name which was based in Kennett, Cambridgeshire, England.

The identity of George Moody, the father of John and Frances Moody, has been well established. He was baptized at Moulton, Suffolk, 28 Sept. 1560, the son of Richard and Ann Moody of Moulton. While the baptisms of all his children are found in the Moulton register, the only reference made to his (first) wife, and thus the only indication we have of her name, is the record of her burial at Moulton, 25 Jan. 1602/3, in which she is identified as Margaret, wife of George Mody (Lilian J. Redstone, "Moody," NEHGR 80[1926]:313-327, reprinted in *English Origins of New England Families, First Series*, 2:144-158; Donald Lines Jacobus, *Hale, House and Related Families* [Hartford 1952] pp. 652-56).

Redstone, in her *Register* article, identifies the wife of George Moody only as Margaret —. A footnote to this article, however, suggests the possibility that the marriage of a George Moody to Margery Bacon which took place in Sudbury in 1601 could account for the Margaret Moody, wife of George, who was buried in 1603. If this were the case, of course, we would be left without even a first name for the mother of those Moody children born before 1601. Nathan Grier Parke in his *Ackley-Bosworth Genealogy* identifies the first wife of George Moody as Margaret Newce, although he cites no authority for this. But this would appear to be based on the note in TAG by John Insley Coddington (29[1953]:209), which reports this same information as being found in the Banks MSS at the Library of Congress; Banks, in turn, seems to be drawing on a pedigree at the College of Arms.

There is, however, no need to go so far afield as Sudbury in looking for the first wife of George Moody of Moulton. The marriage of George Moody and Margaret Chenery is recorded on 12 Oct. 1581, in Kennett, Cambridgeshire, a parish immediately adjoining Moulton. Elizabeth, the first child recorded for George Moody in

Moulton, was baptized there on 2 Oct. 1582. The close fit of these dates makes it likely that the first wife of George Moody was, in fact, Margaret Chenery of Kennett, Cambridgeshire. Even if the man who married Margery Bacon was George Moody of Moulton, (and there is no particular reason to believe he was), the date of the marriage means she could only have been the mother of his last child - Margaret Chenery would still have been the mother of the first eight (including both John and Frances of New England).

Following up this discovery was not so easy as one might have hoped. The marriage records for the parish of Kennett, beginning in 1558, were copied before the last war and are on deposit at the Society of Genealogists in London. The baptisms and burials were not so copied. The Cambridge Record Office reports that, due to a fire in the 1940s, the only parish records presently surviving for Kennett are the marriages beginning in 1754, and the baptisms and burials beginning in 1813. Archdeacon's and bishop's transcripts do, however, exist for some early years, and it is from these that the Kennett baptisms and burials mentioned in the ensuing discussion were obtained.

Searching the wills of the Chenery family (often Chinery, sometimes indexed as Chivery) revealed what appears to have been a single branch of this family living in the Kennett area. (Abstracts of wills and citations are provided below.) John Chenery of Kennett left a will proved in October of 1550, and his widow Emma Chenery of Moulton, Suffolk, also left a will, which was proved in June of 1560. Both died too early to be likely to mention the Margaret Chenery who married in 1581. There were, however, three Chenery sons mentioned in both wills - John, William and Richard. Fortunately all three also left wills. Unfortunately, all three died before 1581, so that there could be no mention of a connection with George Moody. As it happens, only one of the three mentioned a daughter Margaret - this was John Chenery 2nd (as I shall refer to him).

In his will of 25 Sept. 1575, John 2nd named his wife Elizabeth, one son (John 3rd) and four daughters (Mary, Margaret, Elizabeth and Johanne). Margaret, Elizabeth and Johanne were all under 20 at this time. John was under 21 (he was, in fact, baptized at Kennett in 1568). Mary's age was not indicated, and it seems likely, therefore, that she was about 20. Since Margaret was consistently mentioned second to Mary and previous to the other two daughters, an age of about 15 for her (which assumes she was about the same age as George Moody) is not unreasonable.

The only will recorded in this area for a widow Elizabeth Chenery (in 1628) makes it quite clear that she was the widow of another John Chenery whose will was proved in 1624. He was the son of Richard and Philippa Chenery, and the grandson of John 1st and Emma. Among the marriages of Kennett, however, was that of Elizabeth Chenery and William Hinson recorded in 1576, the year after the death of John 2nd. A search of wills revealed one for a widow Elizabeth Hinson of Fordham, Cambridgeshire, proved in 1626.

An examination of this will showed that Elizabeth Hinson had, indeed, been the wife of John Chenery 2nd. In it, she named her son John Chenery and her daughters Mary Chenery, Elizabeth Payne, Johanne Cheeseright, Grissell Fayercliffe and Anne

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Hart. The latter two, whose names did not appear in John's will, are shown by the record of their marriages to have been daughters by her second marriage. The others were precisely those mentioned in the will of John Chenery 2nd. (The marriage of Johanne Chenery and John Cheeseright was recorded in Fordham in 1584.) The only omission is Margaret. Of course, both Margaret and George Moody had died by the time this will was written. Fortunately for us, Elizabeth Hinson chose to remember her granddaughter (and namesake) Elizabeth "Prate," thus finally tying the two Margaret Chenerys together, since Elizabeth, the eldest daughter of George and Margaret (Chenery) Moody, married John Pratt of Wood Ditton in 1610. (For further discussion of this John Pratt, see Appendix to this article.)

With three generations of the Chenery family established, earlier records were examined in an attempt to trace the family still further. The existence of a Chenery family in and around Cockfield, Suffolk, was of particular interest, given that John Chenery the first left land in that parish to his heirs. While none of the Cockfield wills made direct reference to the Chenery family of Kennett, an early Chancery record demonstrated that the two branches of the family were, in fact, related (although the exact relationship was not specified), and that the father of John Chenery the first of Kennett was named Thomas Chenery.

The case is somewhat difficult to follow, given that it involves four different men named John Chenery. Fortunately for us, even their contemporaries evidently had trouble distinguishing among them, since at least two of the four were given sobriquets: John "Halting" Chenery and John Chenery "the clerk." To summarize the cast of characters, the suit deals with three Chenery men of the Cockfield family - John Chenery "the clerk"; his son, John "Halting" Chenery (both of whom were dead at the time of the suit); and John Chenery, son of Halting Chenery and his wife Elizabeth. His mother Elizabeth, and his stepfather John May of Pattiswick, Essex, were his co-plaintiffs. The defendants included John Chenery of Kennett (referred to elsewhere in this discussion as John Chenery the first). In his statement, he mentioned his father, Thomas Chenery, and stated that he himself had been a kinsman of John Chenery the clerk (PRO, Chancery Bundle #1143, folios 27-30). The statements reveal that the plaintiffs were John May of Pattiswick, Essex, his wife Elizabeth, who was late the wife of John Chenery (late of Cockfield, Suffolk, deceased, commonly called Halting Chenery) and John Chenery, son and heir of this same John Chenery. The defendants were John Chenery of Kennett, Cambridgeshire, together with the executors of Halting Chenery (i.e., Alen Chenery, clerk, William Cakston and John Androwe). The case was evidently brought to Chancery between 1544 and 1547, the period established by the tenure of the official to whom the suit was addressed.

The suit concerned a piece of land in Cockfield which, according to the plaintiffs, had been left to John "Halting" Chenery by his father John Chenery, "commonly called John Chenery the clerk." The death of John "the clerk" Chenery took place "about 40 years now past," or about 1506. At this time John "Halting" Chenery entered into the lands. In his will, made about "18 years last past," or about 1528, Halting Chenery willed the said lands to John Chenery, his son, he to enter upon the

lands at age 21. The executors, who were to look after the lands until that time, in collusion with John Chenery of Kennett, deceded the land to him (John of Kennett) about 2 years before the date of the present suit.

John Chenery of Kennett, in his answer, specified that "long time before John Chenery the clerk had the said lands," Thomas Chenery, father of John Chenery of Kennett, was (with certain other persons) seized of the said lands. The said Thomas Chenery died about 46 years last past (about 1500), at which time the lands should properly have descended to the present defendant, John Chenery of Kennett. He was, at the time, only one year old. For this reason, John Chenery the clerk, "kinsman and nigh ffreende unto" the said John Chenery of Kennett now defendant, took upon himself the care of the lands until the heir reached maturity. However, he died before this could take place, at which time his son, John "Halting" Chenery, entered upon the lands and claimed them as his own.

According to the testimony of John Chenery of Kennett, all this happened when he was so young, that for many years he didn't know that the lands were supposed to have been his. When he learned this (about two years before the present suit), he brought suit and was awarded the lands. They were duly signed over to him by the executors of Halting Chenery, the co-defendants in the present suit.

This Chancery suit provides several valuable pieces of information, including the specification of some key dates. These dates, while inexact, can be specified to within two or three years, thanks to the short term in office of the official involved. For the purposes of this article, I have used 1546 as the approximate date of this Chancery suit, and have estimated the years of various events accordingly. I use this date for two reasons. One is that, as a middle year of the period in question, it ensures that no approximated date will be off by more than two years. Another reason is that in 1528 an epidemic of the sweating sickness broke out in England, causing widespread death and panic. John "Halting" Chenery, said to have died 18 years before the Chancery suit in question, may have been a victim of this plague.

An unfortunate omission in the testimony is the exact relationship between John Chenery the clerk and Thomas Chenery. This might have enabled us to establish the connection between the Chenery family of Cockfield and that of Kennett. It seems likely that with more research they will be found to be descendants, perhaps grandsons, of John and Elena Chenery of Cockfield, whose wills, recorded in the Probate registry of the Archdeaconry of Sudbury, were dated 1460 and 1464 respectively. In them they named, among others, sons John and Alan.

The relationship of Alan Chenery, clerk, one of the supervisors of John "Halting" Chenery, to the other Chenerys is also unstated. He may be the Sir Alan Chenery who was named supervisor of the will of another John Chenery of Cockfield whose will was dated 20 Jan. 1559 and proved 13 Feb. 1559[60] (Archdeaconry of Sudbury, 391 Sparrow). ("Sir" was commonly used at this time for priests, so that he could well be the same as "Alan Chenery, clerk.") In this will the testator named sons Harry, John and Thomas; daughter Jone Frost; Elizabeth Chenery, daughter of son John; Roger Kelom, son of daughter (unnamed); wife Annes. Yet another John Chenery of Cockfield, called John thelder, had left a will dated 22 April 1549, and

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proved 21 Feb. 1549[50] (Archdeaconry of Sudbury, 496 Cole). In it, he named sons Nicholas, William and Robert; daughters Agnes, Elizabeth and Maryon; wife Anne. He also stated that "for the further knowledge of this my last will to be trewe, I have surrendered my copy land into thands of John Chenery of Burton." Whether or not any of these John Cheneries might be identical to the youngest plaintiff in the Chancery suit is impossible to say with any certainty. Perhaps other records may enable us further to clarify these relationships.

The following abstracts of Chenery family wills provide the framework on which the ensuing family summary is based.

JOHN CHENERY of Kennett, Cambridgeshire, 1550, PCC 23 Coode

In the name of god Amen The xxv daye of October in the yere of our lorde god A Thousande fyve hundreth fourtie and nyin I John Chenerye of Kennet in ye Countie of Cambridge . . . unto Emme Chenery my wyfe All my house landes in the Townes of Moulton Gaysley Kentford Nedham Dalham Silverley and Snayelwell within the Counties of Suff and Cambridgeshire . . . for the term of her lyfe naturall . . . And after the deccas of the said Em I give and bequeathe all the said landes . . . unto John Chenery my sonne . . . unto Richarde Chenerye my sonne all my howse londe . . . within the Towne of Cokfeld in the Countie of Suff . . . unto William Chenerye my sonne all my Copylandes . . . in lakford in the Countie of Suff . . . also . . . my Tenement . . . in Borow . . . Maryon Heyward my daughter . . . Elizabet Parkynae my daughter . . . Elizabeth [other wills show that this should be Katherine] Gylbert my daughter . . . Sym Heywarde . . . at the daye of her mariage . . . Richarde my godsonne . . . Marion Parkyne my goddaughter . . . at thage of xiiii yeres . . . Em Parkyne . . . at . . . xiiii yeres . . . every child of John Heyward that ys Phillipp John Elisabeth and Em . . . when they come to the age of xii yeres . . . Bosse Ward . . . at the daye of her mariage I do . . . make my . . . Executors and Attorneys . . . Em my wyfe Richard my sonne John and William my sonnes . . . Witnesses: Henry Tyllott, Marmeduke Belaby and Thomas P(ar)kyn. Signed: John Chanery
Proven: 21 Oct. 1550

EMMA CHENERY of Moulton, Suffolk, 1558, PCC 38 Mellershe

In the name of god amen the year of our Lord god a thousand five hundred fifty and eight the xiith day of November I Emma Chynerey of Moulton within the County of Suffolk [bequeath to] Elizabeth Perkins my daughter; Willm Chynerey my son; Richarde Chynerey my son; fyne Heward my daughter's daughter; Audre Heward; Richarde Heward; Phillipp; fyne heywarde; Emma heiwarde; Katherin Gylbard my daughter; fyne heywarde; Elizabeth Parkins; Emma Perkins; John Chynerey; the residue . . . to be devidid equally amongst my iii sons Richard Cheverey John Cheverey and Willm Cheverey, which my three sons I do ordain and make my executors. Witnesses: Thomas Mode parson of Molton, Willm oldefelde, George Oldefelde with divers others.
Proven: 28 June 1560

JOHN CHENERY of Kennett, Cambridgeshire, 1575, PCC 40 Pyckering

In the name of god amen the xxvth daye of September in the yeare of our Lord god 1575 I John Chenerie of Kennett in the Countie of Cambridge thelder yomann . . . to be buried in the churchyard of Kennette nere unto my ffather . . . poore inhabitautes of Kennette aforesaide v s the poore of Kentford . . . the poore of Moulton . . . Elizabeth my Wife all my coppiehoulde and customarie landes . . . in Kennett called hundwell durcinge her naturall life . . . John Chenerie my Sonne all my Landes . . . in Moulton Gaysleye Dalham Kentforde or elles where . . . Elizabeth my Wife one indenture of a Lease of the mannour of Kennett which I nowe dwell in . . . all my Corne at Moulton Kennette ende and Kentforde . . . John Chenerie my Sonne when he shall accomplishe thaige of xxi yeares . . . Marye Chenerie my Dawghter . . . upon condicoun that she shall not concete in marriage with anye man excepte the good will and assente of Elizabeth my wife . . . Margarete my Dawghter . . . at the daye of her mariadge . . . or . . . thaige of twentie yeares . . . Elizabeth my Dawghter . . . Johanne my Dawghter . . . Bringinge upp of John my Sonne . . . I commytt to . . . my kynsman and nephewe John Chenerie . . . untill the saide John shall accomplishe his saide aige of xxi yeares . . . yf yt fortune the saide John Chenerie my Nephewe to Departe this worlde before John my Sonne shall accomplis-

she his saide aige Then I commytte and assigne the order ... of the saide John unto my Brother in Lawe Richard Norwiche ... my Brother in lawe Thomas Gylberte shall have ... profittes of all my Landes ... in Snaylewell ... Mr John Peter esquire ... Mr Bell ... my Sister Gilberte ... Phillip Chenerie ... George Chenerie ... Richarde Chenerie ... Thomas Chenerie ... Roberte Leache ... Richard Peeke my Servaunte ... John Ballard ... To Phillipp ffabyan ... Andrewe ffowler ... Elizabeth Sparrowe ... everye one of my Servautes as well maydes as men ... John Aves ... my executrix whome I ordaigne and make Elizabeth my wife ... I Desire the righte wourshipfull Mr Ryvette and Mr John Cottenne to be Supervisoures ... Witnesses: Stephen Norris, William Daynes, Richarde Drurie, Thomas Gilberte and John Chenerie

Proven: 2 Nov. 1575 by Elizabeth the Relict

ELIZABETH HINSON of Fordham, Cambridgeshire, 1616, Archdeaconry of Sudbury 443 Pearl
In the name of god Amen, the Eight Daye of Augast in the yeare of the Reigne of our Sovereigne lord James ... the fourteenth, and of Scotland the ffiftith, I Elizabeth Hindson of ffordham in the Countie of Cambridge wydow ... buried in the parishe Church of ffordham nighe unto the place where my late husband Hinson is buried ... Marie Chenerie my daughter all suche legacies gyven unto her by her father Chenerie his will ... Elizabeth Payne my dawghter ... Joane Cheesewrite my Dawghter ... one Coppie hould messuage ... beinge holden by Coppie of Corte Rowle of ye mannor of feltons ... John Chenerie my sonne ... Grissell ffayreclife my Dawghter ... Anne Hart my Dawghter ... Elizabeth Prate my grandchilde ... the said John Chenerie my sonne my Executor ... William Hart my sonne in Lawe Supervisor ... I have delyvered surrender of all my Coppicholde landes and tenementes holden of the mannor of feltons into the handes of us Erasmus Warren and Mathew Shipp ... the marke of Elizabeth Hinson. Witnesses: William Hart, Erasmus Warren, ye marke of Mathew Shippe, the marke of Richard Carter and the marke of Goodfrey Booper
Proven: 27 March 1626, John Chenery renounced executorship; 3 April 1626 executed by Joane Cheesewrite, daughter of the deceased

1 THOMAS^D CHENERY was born perhaps between 1470 and 1475 and died ca.1500. In the above-discussed Chancery Court suit, which took place between 1544 and 1547, John^C Chenery said that his father had died about 46 years before. If we assume the date of the suit to have been about 1546, Thomas would have died about the year 1500. Since his son and heir was then about one year of age, he would probably have been at least 20 years of age himself, but still relatively young - a birth year in the range of 1470 to 1475 would be reasonable. He owned land in Cockfield, Suffolk, but may have been a resident of Kennett, Cambridgeshire, as was his son. It is not clear when the son John acquired his father's Kennett lands.

The fact that John "the clerk" Chenery was described as kinsman to John^C, although evidently at least a generation older, suggests that he may have been a brother of Thomas^D.

Known child (CHENERY) of Thomas^D:

2 i JOHN^C b. ca.1499; d. between 1549 and 1550.

2 JOHN^C CHENERY (Thomas^D) was born ca.1499 and died at Kennett, Cambridgeshire, between 25 Oct. 1549 and 21 Oct. 1550, the dates when his will was written and proved, respectively. He married, say 1520, EMMA —, who survived him and died in Moulton, Suffolk, between 12 Nov. 1558 and 8 June 1560, the dates of the writing and proving of her will.

John and Emma (—) Chenery resided in Kennett, Cambridgeshire. Relatively well-to-do landowners, both left wills. He was buried in the Kennett churchyard according to the will of his son John.

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Her will calls her "of Moulton," suggesting either that she may have come originally from Moulton and had gone back to live with relatives, or (perhaps more likely) that she was living with one of her children in that parish. One of the witnesses to her will was Thomas Moody, parson of Moulton and brother of Richard Moody of Moulton, from whom the New England family here treated derive. (That he was the brother of Richard Moody is proven by the record of the administration in 1576 of his intestate estate, recorded in PCC administrations. In it, he is referred to as Thomas Moody, "clericus," of Islington, Middlesex, and his principal heir is George Moody, presently a minor in the care of Edward Colt of Moulton, Suffolk. In addition, an early Chancery dispute is on record, File 1453, #39-42, between Thomas Modye parson of Moulton and Richard his brother. Subject: "exclusion from complainant's parsonage which defendant has been permitted to inhabit at will.")

Another connection between the families which predates the marriage of George Moody and Margaret Chenery is the statement in the will of Richard Moody himself, who refers to sheep that he owns which are "now going at Kennett with John Chenery."

Children (CHENERY) of John^C and Emma (—):

- 3 i JOHN^B b. between 1520 and 1535; d. at Kennett in 1575.
- 4 ii WILLIAM d. at Kennett in 1568.
- 5 iii RICHARD d. at Kennett between 1563 and 1568.
- iv MARION b. perhaps ca.1520; m., prob. by 1537, since she had 5 children at the writing of her father's will in 1549, JOHN HEYWARD. Children as named in the will of John Chenery in 1549: Sym (female), Phillipp, John, Elizabeth and Em (the latter four all under 12 years old). Children as named in the will of Emma Chenery in 1558: Fyne (female), Audrey, Richard, Phillipp and Emma Heyward. Phillipp may be the unmarried female servant Richard^B Chenery named in his will in 1563. Audrey was named in the will of William^B Chenery in 1567 as his goddaughter. "Fyne" Heyward (named in Emma Chenery's will) may refer to the same girl as "Sym" Heyward (named in John^C Chenery's will) — the clerk may have mistranscribed one or the other.
- v ELIZABETH m. (THOMAS?) PERKINS, probably in the 1540s. Two daughters of hers, Marion and Emma, both specified as being under 14 years of age, were named in the will of John^C Chenery, their grandfather, in 1549. Emma (but not Marion) was also named in the will of Emma Chenery in 1558.
- vi KATHERINE m. by 1549 to THOMAS GILBERT. Both were still living in 1575 when they were named in the will of her brother John^B Chenery of Kennett.

3 JOHN^B CHENERY (John^C, Thomas^D) was born probably between 1520 and 1535. He married (probably ca.1550-55) ELIZABETH NORWICH, daughter of Stephen and Agnes (—) Norwich of Ashley, Cambridgeshire. He resided in Kennett, and left a will dated 25 Sept. 1575, and proved 2 Nov. 1575.

His widow Elizabeth married, second, 30 July 1576 in Kennett, William Hinson of Fordham, Cambridgeshire, who had been previously married (in Fordham in 1570) to Margaret Dearsle, who was buried at Fordham, 13 Sept. 1573. William was buried at Fordham, 3 June 1592. Elizabeth was buried at Fordham, 28 June 1619, leaving a will ("Elizabeth Hindson, widow, of Fordham") which was dated 8 Aug. 1616, and proved 27 March 1626.

The provisions of John^B Chenery's will suggest that his daughter Mary was older than her sisters, and that she was about the age of 20 (or older) at the writing of his

will in 1575. This would, in turn, suggest a marriage date for John in the early 1550s, and a birth date in the 1520s or 30s. Of course, these dates are conjectural, but in the absence of more specific ones, they help to place the chronology of this family.

It is interesting to note that Mary Chenery, who was left money by her father only under condition that she marry with the consent of her mother, seems to have found this requirement impossible to meet, as she was still unmarried some 40 years later in 1616. This condition, in that it was stated in such a way as to apply only to Mary, implies that she may have been seeing a man of whom her parents disapproved, or at least that her father did not have great confidence in her ability to choose an acceptable husband.

Children (CHENERY) of John^B and Elizabeth (Norwich):

- i MARY^A b. perhaps ca.1550-1555. Unmarried in 1616 at the writing of her mother's will. She may have been the Mary Chenery who was bur. Fordham, 17 Sept. 1625.
- ii MARGARET b. perhaps about 1560 (she was under 20 in 1575); m. in Kennett, 12 Oct. 1581, to GEORGE^A MOODY, who was baptized in Moulton, Suffolk, 28 Sept. 1560, son of Richard and Ann (—) Moody. She was bur. in Moulton, 25 Jan. 1602/3, George m. (2) Moulton, 19 Sept. 1604, Christian Knapp. This date has erroneously appeared in print as 5 Sept. 1604 (Ackley-Bosworth p. 17). In the original, however, it is clearly 19 Sept. And, although most writers give the bride's name as Christian Cramp, it looks more like Knapp in the register. George was bur. Moulton, 23 Aug. 1607. They were parents of the immigrants John Moody and Frances (Moody) Kilbourn.
- iii ELIZABETH b. perhaps about 1562; m. in 1585 by licence, Bury St. Edmonds, WILLIAM PAYNE; named in her mother's will as Elizabeth Payne. Her husband was identified in a Chancery suit dated 14 May 1595. In this suit, Thomas Hinson, son and heir of William Hinson, gentleman, of Fordham, claimed that Elizabeth Hinson, late wife of William Hinson and mother-in-law of the said Thomas Hinson, together with her son-in-law William Payne, had taken possession of a piece of land that should have been his (Thomas') (PRO, Chancery Files C3 241/45).
She may have been the widow Elizabeth Payne of Worlington, Suffolk, whose will was proved in the Sudbury court on 29 May 1630. In it she mentioned her son Henry Payne, her daughter Dister, her daughter Anne Guest and her daughter Mary Biggs, wife of Thomas Biggs. One of the witnesses was Elizabeth Dister, perhaps the daughter named in the will.
- iv JOAN b. perhaps about 1564; bur. Fordham, 2 Jan. 1640/1; m. JOHN CHEESERIGHT at Fordham, 12 Nov. 1584, who was bur. there, 24 Oct. 1615. Joan was executrix (after the renunciation of her brother John) of her mother's will in 1626.
The will of John Cheeseright of Fordham, in which he is styled "gentleman," was dated 3 April 1613 and proved 30 Nov. 1615 (Archdeaconry of Sudbury, 326 Stevens). His widow Joan was the executrix, and in it he named sons Mark, John, Edward, Thomas and Richard Cheeseright, grandson Thomas Cheeseright (a minor), daughters Bridgett Cheeseright, Elizabeth Cheeseright, Sarah Cheeseright, Margaret Cheeseright, Joane Cheeseright, Frances Cheeseright (the youngest daughter), Frances Norridge (not the same person), Amy Shillinge and Grissell Bentley. He also mentioned his son-in-law Martin Shillinge, gentleman, whom he named as his supervisor. One of the witnesses was a Robert Bentley, presumably the husband of his daughter Grissell.
This appears to have been a family in which two daughters were given the same name. His youngest daughter Frances was baptized at Fordham, 22 Sept. 1603. His elder daughter Frances was married at Fordham, 17 Dec. 1600, to Mr. John Norredg, parson of Ashley. Since Norredg is a variant spelling of Norwich, this man was probably a close relative of Joan (Chenery) Cheeseright through her mother Elizabeth (Norwich) (Chenery) Hinson, whose family was also from Ashley.

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The widow Joan Cheeseright's will was dated 31 May 1633, and proved at Sudbury 4 June 1641 (Archdeaconry of Sudbury, 264 Muriell). In it she named her daughter Joane, her son-in-law Robert Bently and her daughter Grissell his wife, her daughter Elizabeth (wife of Robert Larkin), her daughter Sarah and her son Mark, whom she named as her executor. Her supervisor was her son-in-law Thomas Abbs. It is uncertain whether all the children of John Cheeseright were by Joan.

- v JOHN bp. Kennett, 8 Feb. 1567/8; he was living in 1626, when he renounced executorship of his mother's will. He may have been the John Chenery of Fordham whose children (George, Ann, John, Bridget and Tomasin) were baptized there between 1600 and 1610. ELEANOR, the first wife of this John Chenery, was bur. Fordham, 19 May 1604.

Children (HINSON) of William and Elizabeth (Norwich) (Chenery):

- vi GRISSELL bp. Kennett, 20 July 1577; m. Fordham, 28 May 1600, to WILLIAM FAIRE-CLIFFE. Still living at the writing of her mother's will in 1616.
- vii ANNE b. perhaps 1579; m. Fordham, 13 Nov. 1605, to WILLIAM HARTE. Still living in 1616.

4 WILLIAM CHENERY (John^C, Thomas^D) was buried at Kennett, 6 Feb. 1567/8. He was a husbandman of Howndwell, parish Kennett, Cambridgeshire, at the writing of his will, which was dated 1 Jan. 1567/8, and proved 7 April 1568. In it, he named his wife ANNE whom he made his executor, and his three sons George, Richard and Thomas, all of whom were under 18 years of age. He also named his brother John Chenery, whom he made his supervisor, and his brother-in-law Thomas Oldfyld. He mentioned his goddaughter Awdrey Haywarde, his godson Henry Costone (Cotton?) of Multon and his goddaughter Elizabeth Sherocke. Other legatees included John Sherocke, Richard Smythe, Ambrose Prygge and his maid Mary Horne. Witnesses to the will were John Chinerye, John Sherocke and Thomas Oldfyld of Kennet, William Fyson and Elyce Oldfyld of Kentford.

Children (CHENERY) of William and Anne (Oldfyld?):

- i GEORGE (eldest son).
- ii RICHARD (second son); perhaps the Richard Chenery of Fordham, who was bur. there 20 June 1607. His children Richard, William, John, Elizabeth and Robert were baptized at Fordham between 1592 and 1606. His widow ELIZABETH was bur. there 7 June 1627.
- iii THOMAS (third son).

5 RICHARD CHENERY (John^C, Thomas^D) of Kennett, Cambridgeshire, left a will dated 6 Nov. 1563, and proved 7 April 1568. In it he named his wife PHYLIPE and his son John, who was under 21 years of age. His brother William Chenery was heir to land in Cockfield if John should die. His wife Philipe was named executor. Other heirs included his servant Phylipe Hayward (female, unmarried), servant Richard Cuter (Center?), godson William Oldefyld, goddaughter Mary Chinnery, godson Richard Avery, William Waspe, Elizabeth Dale and Richard Bolabye. Supervisors were his brother John Chenery and Chrystopher Founstone. Witnesses included Sir Olyver Mather, clarke, William Fytzson, John Fytson, John Chinnery, William Chinnery and Chrystopher Founstone.

His widow married, second, at Exning, Suffolk, 20 Aug. 1567, Richard Drury. She was buried at Exning, 23 June 1587, leaving a will, dated 19 June 1587 and proved at Sudbury on 2 Oct. 1587. In it, she named, among others, her son John Chinnery; his

eldest son Richard; his daughters Phillipe (eldest daughter), Anne (second daughter), Katherine (third daughter), Elizabeth (other daughter), Francis and Margaret (daughters); and the child that her daughter-in-law Annis Chenery was carrying at the time.

Child (CHENERY) of Richard and Philippe (—):

6 i JOHN b. between 1542 and 1554; died 1624.

6 JOHN CHENERY (Richard, John^C, Thomas^D) was born after 1542 (he was a minor in 1563), and before 1554 (he was given custody of his cousin in 1575). He died in 1624 in Barton, Suffolk. He married first, at Exning, 9 July 1570, to AGNES BRIDGEMAN, daughter of William Bridgeman of Exning, Suffolk. She was buried at Kennett, 4 Feb. 1615/6. He married second, at Bury St. Edmonds, St. James parish, 24 Oct. 1616, widow ELIZABETH BAXTER, who survived him.

Agnes Chenery's identity is established from the will of her father, dated 19 March 1577, and proved 2 May 1578 (PCC Langley). In it, he named his daughter Annis Chenery and he requested that land be appraised by John Chenery of Moulton (among others). John Chenery was also one of the witnesses to the will.

John Chenery's will was dated 7 Oct. 1624, and proved 8 Nov. 1624 (Archdeaconry of Sudbury, 81 Pearle). In it he called himself John Chenery of Barton, yeoman. He requested burial in Kennett near his late deceased wife Agnes. He named his current wife Elizabeth, and referred to "her former husband's inventory." He mentioned his mourning cloak for the death of Sir John Cotton, knight. He named his sons Richard, John, William ("3rd son") and Charles ("4th son"); his daughters Phillippe Murdon (widow), Katherine Pope, Elizabeth Firmage, Frances Lankester and Margaret Rose; his grandchildren Olyver Murdon (eldest grandchild), Sarah Chenery (daughter of Richard), John Chenery (eldest son of John) and Robert Cranys. He left his son John his signet ring with the letters J and C engraved. Other legatees were kinswoman Joane Ballard of Isleham and servant George Goodchilde. His executor was his son John and his supervisors were his son-in-law Thomas Pope, John Fyrmage and Warren Ingrid.

The will of Elizabeth Chenery, widow of John, was dated 10 Nov. 1627, and proved 19 April 1628 (Archdeaconry of Sudbury, 135 Mason). In it, she was called "of Kennett" and named her late husband's children: Richard Chenery (eldest son), John Chenery (2nd son), Charles Chenery (4th son), Katherine Pope, wife of Thomas Pope, gentleman, Phillip Morden, Elizabeth Firmage, Frances Ingre and Margaret Rose. Frances had been widowed and remarried by this time.

Children (CHENERY) of John and Agnes (Bridgeman):

i PHILLIPPE (female) bp. Exning, Suffolk, 1 May 1571; m., by 1593, OLIVER MURDON of Exning, Suffolk. Her husband's will was written in 1621 and proved in 1624, in which he named his wife Phillipe, his sons Oliver, John, William, George and Martaine, his daughters Anne and Phillipe (both unmarried) and his daughters Bryant and Jhones (presumably their married surnames).

ii ANNE bp. Kennett, Cambridgeshire, 9 March 1572/3; she was living, "2nd daughter" in her grandmother's will in 1587; perhaps the Anne Chenery who married EDWARD POVELL at Exning, 18 Nov. 1600. She was not named in the wills of her father (1624) and stepmother (1627).

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- iii RICHARD bp. Exning, Suffolk, in April 1575; married with a daughter named Sarah by 1624.
- iv KATHERINE prob. b. about 1577/8; m. (1) Exning, Suffolk, 17 Jan. 1596, JOHN CHAPMAN; m. (2) by 1624 to THOMAS POPE, gentleman. Her stepmother, in her 1627 will, refers to her as Katherine, wife of Thomas Pope, gent., but names her son William Chapman as her residual heir.
- v ELIZABETH prob. b. about 1580/1; m. by 1624 to (JOHN?) FIRMAGE.
- vi FRANCES bp. Exning, Suffolk, 15 Nov. 1584; m. (1) Kennett, Cambridgeshire, 15 Oct. 1606 to THOMAS LANCASTER, gentleman, who was bur. Kennett, 5 Jan. 1621/2; m. (2) at Holy Trinity in Ely, Cambridgeshire, in 1624, WARREN INGREY of Shepreth, Cambridgeshire (Boyd's Marriage Index); she died at Shepreth, a widow, leaving a will dated 1654 and proved in 1662. In it, she named her grandchild Francis (male) Radcote (elsewhere called Redcloake), her son Thomas Lancaster, her daughter-in-law Elizabeth Lancaster, her son Thomas Ingrey, her daughter-in-law Mary Ingrey, her grandchild Thomas Ingrey, her grandchild Thomas Lancaster, her daughter Margaret Banks and her daughter Elizabeth Shipson.
- vii MARGARET bp. Exning, Suffolk, 6 Sep. 1586; m. — ROSE. She was widowed by 1624, the date of her father's will.
- viii JOHN bp. Exning, Suffolk, 7 Oct. 1587; married with an eldest son named John by 1624.
- ix WILLIAM bp. Exning, Suffolk, 11 Oct. 1588; perhaps died by 1627, when he is not named by Elizabeth Chenery, his stepmother.
- x CHARLES bp. Exning, Suffolk, 22 April 1591; he was named in the will of his father in 1624 and of his stepmother Elizabeth in 1627.
- xi THOMAS bp. Exning, Suffolk, 4 June 1592; bur. there 20 June 1592.

APPENDIX

JOHN PRATT OF WOOD DITTON

Elizabeth, the eldest daughter of George and Elizabeth (Chenery) Moody, married John Pratt of Wood Ditton, Cambridgeshire. While few people still believe this couple to be John and Elizabeth Pratt of Connecticut, the parish registers of Wood Ditton and probate records of Sudbury make it clear that they could not have been. Their children's baptisms, recorded in Wood Ditton: Mary (1611), Alice (1613), John (1615), Thomas (1618), Elizabeth (1621) and Rebecca (1624). The burial of John Pratt at Wood Ditton was on 12 May 1642. The will of John Pratt of Wood Ditton, yeoman, was dated 11 April 1642 and proved 14 May 1642. In it he named eldest son John (executor), youngest son Thomas, youngest daughter Rebecca and wife Elizabeth. These records also rule out the possibility that the Hartford man could have been John Jr., since John of New England was in Cambridge, Mass., by 1633, and John Jr. of Wood Ditton was his father's executor in 1642. In addition, the will of a John Pratt of Wood Ditton, gentleman, was written 19 Aug. 1661 and proved 9 Oct. 1661, in which he named, among others, his "cousins" Richard Davy and William Fisson. Since Mary Pratt, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Moody) Pratt and sister of John Jr., married William Fisson in 1632, it would seem evident that this was the will of John Pratt Jr.

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THE NORWICH ANCESTRY OF MARGARET CHENERY, MOTHER OF JOHN MOODY AND FRANCES (MOODY) KILBOURNE OF CONNECTICUT

By Frederick J. Nicholson

In a previous article, the Chenery ancestry of Margaret (Chenery) Moody was treated (TAG 64:1-11). The present article traces the ancestry of Elizabeth (Norwich) Chenery, Margaret's mother.

In his 1575 will (abstracted in the above-mentioned article), John Chenery, the father of Margaret (Chenery) Moody, placed his son John in the care of his nephew John Chenery. In case this nephew should predecease his son, however, he named "Brother in Lawe Richard Norwiche" as alternative guardian. Since the names of the husbands of the elder John Chenery's sisters were known, it seemed likely that this Richard Norwich was brother to John's wife Elizabeth. A search of Norwich wills in the area confirmed this relationship.

In the will of Agnes Norwich of Ashley, Cambridgeshire, dated 28 June 1591, the testator named both her son Richard Norwich and her daughter Elizabeth Hinson. As Elizabeth, widow of John Chenery, had by this time married William Hinson, this will shows that John Chenery's wife was, indeed, Elizabeth Norwich.

The identity of the husband of Agnes was easily established as Stephen Norwich, whose will named his wife Agnes, as well as all six children later appearing in the will of his widow. While Stephen did not mention the surnames of any of his daughters in his will, Elizabeth was certainly married by the time he wrote it, and the other two probably were, as well. In light of this identity, it seems likely that the Stephen Norris who witnessed the will of John Chenery in 1575 was, in fact, Stephen Norwich (often rendered as "Norridge"), father-in-law of the testator. Stephen himself is named not only in the will of his father, but also in those of two of his brothers, by whom he was named supervisor. He appears to have been a man much relied-upon by his family.

In the will of Richard Norwich of Westley Waterless (who was Stephen's father) the references to the property that his wife Agnes had brought with her indicate that she was probably a second wife and not the mother of his children. She may be the Agnes Norwich of West Wratting whose will was dated 4 Aug. 1545. In that will, Agnes named no Norwich legatees, although she mentioned her sister Alice Cowper and several other Cowpers.

It is interesting to note that the noble family of Norwich whose first representative was Walter de Norwich, Lord Norwich, had a grant in the 14th century of the manors of Dalham and Bradfield, with the advowson of the church of Dalham, county Suffolk, all of which are situated immediately adjacent to the Cambridgeshire parishes in which our Norwich family resided. This Barony became extinct in 1374 at the death without issue of John de Norwich, at which time his estates went to his cousin Catherine de Brews, daughter and heir of Thomas de Norwich, his great-uncle. When Catherine took the veil, the estates were passed on to William de Ufford, Earl of Suffolk, whose wife was Thomas' sister Margery. A note in Burke's *Dormant and Extinct Peerages* states that the Norwich family of Brampton, county Northampton, is said to have sprung from this Baronial family. No mention is made of the Norwich family discussed in this article, which is still to be found near the locale of the original Barons Norwich as late as the 17th century.

The following abstracts of Norwich family wills provide the framework on which the ensuing family summary is based.

HENRY NORWICH of Wilbraham Magna, 1509[10?]. (Consistory Court of Ely, vol. E, folio 63)

In dei no[m]i[n]e amen: vi die mensis februarys Ao Dni m ccccc ix Ego Henricus Norwyche de Wilbram Mag[n]a ... lego Angnet[i] uxori mee ... lego Ric[ard]o filio meo ... lego Ric[ard]o Norwyche Juniore ... lego Henrico Norwyche ... lego Will[iel]mo Norwyche ... lego Steph[an]o Norwyche ... Residue ... lego praefat[.] Ric[ard]o Norwyche filio meo ...

RICHARD NORWICH of Brinkley, 1521. (Consistory Court of Ely, vol. J, folio 53)

In the name of god Amen the iiide day of the moneth of Aprile in the yere of our lorde god m cccccc I Richard Norwiche of Brynkeley in the diocese of Ely ... my body to be buried in the Cherche of Brynkeley aforesaid ... to the hygh Awter of the same Cherche ... xx d ... a quarter service for a preest to sing for me in the Cherche of Brinkelye ... to the Cherche of Brinkley for the Grounde brekyng concerning my buriall vi s viii d ... to my iii brethern eche of them xx s ... to Johan my Sister vi s viii d ... to Thomas ffoxe ii s iiiii d ... to Johan my doughter xx s The Residue ... to Mary my wif ... I make ... the saide Mary my wif Richard Norwiche my ffather and Robert Cleydon myn Executors ... Witnesses: Thomas Roger, Nicholas Tayler, others

Proved: 23 April 1521

HENRY NORWICH of Ashley, 1538. (Archdeaconry of Sudbury, 184 Brett)

In dei no[m]i[n]e Amen the yere of our lord m ccccc xxvii the first daye of the moneth of Julye I Herry Norwich of the towne of Asheley and in the parish of Sylverley and in the countye of Cambrye and in the dioces of Norwich ... my body to be buried in the churche yerd of Sylverley ... to the hyeghe aulter of Sylverley ... iii s iiiii d ... to the hyeghe aulter of Asheley iii s iiiii d ... to Herry my sonne vi l xiii s iiiii d and a brasse pott ... to John my sonne vi l xiii s iiiii d to be delyvered them at the age of xxi yeres if they mary not before that age if they mary before the age of xxi yeres then I wyll it shalbe delyveryd them at the dayes of their maryage ... if Henry and John my sonnes decesse bothe within age I wyll both theyr partes shalbe equally devyded betwex my iii doughters ... Jone my doughter v markes sterlyng ... to Elizabeth my doughter v markes sterlyng ... Alice my doughter v markes sterlyng to be

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Witnesses: Jamys Robartes, Stevyn Norwich, Edmund Clarke, others
Proved: 26 Sept. 1538

RICHARD NORWICH of Westley Waterless, 1540. (Consistory Court of Ely, vol. K, folio 25)
In the name of god Amen The iiiii daye of September in the yere of our Lord god m v c and xl
I Richard Norwiche of Westle Waterley in the dioces of Elye . . . my bodye to be buried in
the Churche yerd of Westle aforesaide . . . unto the Churche of Westley iii of my best hyves
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Stephyn my sonne oone hyve And so to be devyded emongiste them As farre as they will ex-
tend . . . Willm Norwiche my sonne . . . I doo constitute and ordeyn myne executor To
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gentylman, Syr Robert Adams parson of Westlee, Martyn ffawkes yeman, Stephyn Norwiche
Proved: 20 Nov. 1540

AGNES NORWICH of West Wrattling, 1545. (Consistory Court of Ely, vol. K, folio 153)
In the Name of god Amen The iiiith daye of August in the yer of our lord god 1545 I Agnes
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Syster my best gowne . . . to John Cowper A payer of Sheetys and A yealow blanckett . . . to
Thomas Cowper A payer of Shetyes and iii s iiiii d in money beyng in his handes . . . to Anne
Cowper the wyffe of Thomas Cowper A Red Kyrtyll . . . to John Drapers wyffe my sangwyn
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cotte . . . to Margaret Reavell A Payer of Sheetys . . . to eyche of Thomas Cowpers Children
xx d beyng in his handes . . . to eiche of John Drapers Childern xii d The Resydwe of my
goodes . . . shalbe solde by Willm Mordon and Willm Baytam of the same Towne whome I
ordeyn and make myn Executors And the goodes beyng solde to be distributed amongst
poore ffolkes and hyghe wayes of the same Towne . . . I will that Willm Bowtell and Robert
Knocke of the same towne be pryvey and helpers to the same sale of my goodes And I will
that eyche of them fower shall have xx d for their payns takyng Witnesses: Thomas Johnson
Vycar, Willm Powtell, Robert Knocke, others
Proved: no date given

WILLIAM NORWICH of Westley Waterless, 1548. (Consistory Court of Ely, vol. K, folio 232)
 In the name of god Amen The xvi daye of Marche in the second yere of the Reigne of our
 Sovereigne lord Edward the vi [1547/8] by the grace of god king of England ffrance and
 Ireland etc I Willm Norwiche of Westle Waterlesse in the Counto of Cambridge husband-
 man . . . unto Isabel Norwyche my wyeff all my ffree londes and Tenementes in Westley
 aforesaid for the terme of xii yers next after the date hereof . . . after that terme endyd . . .
 unto Willm Norwyche my eldest Sonne . . . upon suche condicon that the said Willm Nor-
 wiche . . . doo paye . . . unto John Norwyche fyve poundes to Henry Norwyche fyve poundes
 and to Anthoyne Norwiche fyve poundes as every of them shall com to their age of xxiii yers
 And if any of them shall chaunce to dye before the said age or ages Then I will that he or
 they so overlyving to have the portion or parte of his broother deceassyd . . . unto Isabell my
 wyeff xii acres of Copey lond that I have in Westley untill my sonne Willm shalbe of the age
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 abell my wyef my Ten[emen]t and vii Acres of lond belonging unto yt that I holde of the lord
 of Westley called Wynters Except a lytill parcell of ground inclosed unto my ffree howsse in
 Westley for terme of her lyeff And after her deceasse to Willm my sonne . . . And as to that
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 the date hereof And after that terme I will yt unto Willm my sonne . . . unto Willm my sonne
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 that shee doo honestly and vertuously bring up all my Childern accordyng unto my valewe
 for the terme of xii yers for the better performaunce of the better bringyng up of my said
 Childern I dyd will the said landes and Ten[emen]tes for terme of xii yers unto her . . . I doo
 . . . ordeyn the said Isabell my wyef to be my sole Executrix . . . Stephyn Norwich my brother
 to be Supervysor of the same for whose payne to be taken I doo will and bequeath unto hym
 vi s viii d Witnesses: Sylvester Cumpyon, John Hasselwood, Willm Jeffrey
 Proved: 28 April 1548

STEPHEN NORWICH of Ashley, 1583[4]. (Archdeaconry Court of Sudbury, 106 Frende)
 In the name of god amen The xvii daie of Januarie in the yere of oure Lord god one Thou-
 sand fyve hundred fowerskore and thre Stephan Norighe of Ashelic in the Countie of Cam-
 bridge and dioces of Norwiche . . . did make and ordaine this his Last will and Testamente
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 all Comodities and profects thereunto belonginge Duringe her naturall Liffe and after her
 decease to John my sonne and to his heires for ever . . . my Leasse of the mannor of Ashelic
 and Sylverlie the one halffe to Agnes my wiffe and to herrye my sonne and to their heires
 and thother halffe to John my sonne and to his heires and assignes The mannor howse with
 the homestalles and fyrwoode excepted whiche I will that John my sonne his executors and
 assignes shall have to beare all the Charges of Courte and Leesse from tyme to tyme Duringe
 the terme of all the yeres of the said Leasse And also one pece of Lande conteyninge by es-
 timation fower Acres adioyninge to the parsonage Closse of Ashelic aforesaid excepted
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AGNES NORWICH of Ashley, 1591. (Archdeaconry Court of Sudbury, 95 Bacon)

In the name of god amen the xviiiith daie of June Ao Dni 1591 in the xxxiii yeare of the Reigne of oure soveraigne Ladye Elizabeth ... I Annes Noridge of Ashley in the Countie of Cambridge Widdowe ... doe ordeyne & make this my last will & Testament ... to the poore of the parishe of Ashley aforesaid xx s ... unto Elizabeth Hynson my daughter three silver spoones ... unto Margarett Dearslye my daughter my best Coverlett ... unto John Noridge Henric Noridge & Jone ffitch my children the Residewe of my housholde stuffe & moveable goodes within my howses to be equally divided amongst them ... unto Margarett ffitch v l in money to be payde unto her within one yeare nexte after my departure ... to Annes ffytche a mylche Bullocke ... to Annes Noridge my goddaughter a milche Bullocke ... unto Jone my daughter nyne acres of arrable Land which is in my owne occupyng duringe the terme of the Lease of the Manner of Ashley ... unto John Noridge & Henry Noridge my Sonnes, the residewe of my parte in the said ferme that is divided latelie in the Tenure & occupyng of Richarde Noridge my Sonne duringe the Terme of the saide lease, The residue ... unto John Noridge & Henry Noridge my Sonnes whom I doe ... Make my Executors ... In witnes whereof I have sette my hand & seale the daie & yeare above written. The marke of Annes Noridge, wytnesses John Anthony, By me Chaplys Norton

Probatum fuit ... Archidiaconi Sudburie Norwicensis Dioc ... nono die mensis Octobris Ao dni 1591 ... Johanni Noridge Executor ... altera vero Exec viz Henricus Norridge aut ovus executoris huius Testi in ... assumpsit mortem obyt.

1 HENRY^E NORWICH of Great Wilbraham, Cambridgeshire, died probably shortly after the date of his will, 6 Feb. 1509[10?]. His wife at the time of the making of his will was AGNES. In his will, he also mentioned his son Richard, who was his principal heir, and Richard Norwyche junior, Henry Norwyche, William Norwyche and Stephen Norwyche; the latter (although he does not explicitly say this in his will) were his grandchildren, the children of his said son Richard.

An earlier will, that of Thomas Norwich of Little Abington, dated 3 March 1496, is to be found in the volumes of the Consistory Court of Ely. In it he named his wife Johan and his sons, William, John, and Henry. Given the proximity of Little Abington and Great Wilbraham, it seems likely that this Thomas was either father or brother to Henry, but the will alone is not sufficient to prove the relationship. Further research along these lines may well be fruitful.

Child (NORWICH) of Henry^E:

2 i RICHARD^D b. poss. 1470-80; m. (??) AGNES —

2 RICHARD^D NORWICH (Henry^E) was born perhaps about 1470-1480 and died at Westley Waterless between 4 Sept. and 20 Nov. 1540, the dates that his will was executed and proved. At the time of his death his wife was AGNES —. She was probably a second wife, since in his will Richard leaves her, among other things, "all that perteyneth to howseholde whiche was her owne and brought to me." She may have been the Agnes Norwich of West Wratting whose will was written 4 Aug. 1545. In it, she mentions no Norwiches, but does name (among others) her sister Alice Cowper and several other Cowpers.

Children (NORWICH) of Richard^D, order uncertain:

- i RICHARD b. poss. in the 1490s as he was married with one child at the time of his death in April 1521. He was married to MARY — at the time of his death, at which time he was of Brinkley, Cambridgeshire. He named his father, Richard Norwich, as one of his executors, together with his wife Mary and Robert Cleydon. He also mentioned his three brothers, his sister Johan and his daughter Johan. His only other legatee was Thomas Foxe, no relationship specified, who was given a lesser amount of money than were his siblings. He was named first in his grandfather's will, and was therefore perhaps the eldest of his family. Child (NORWICH): *Joan* b. by 1521.
- ii HENRY b. poss. ca. 1500, as he was named second in the will of his grandfather Henry in 1509. His wife was ISABEL —. In his will, dated 1 July 1537 and proved 26 Sept. 1538, he called himself Henry Norwich of the town of Ashley in the parish of Silverley, Cambridgeshire. Since, at that time, he had five minor children living, he was probably married somewhere in the early 1520s, according well with a birth year of about 1500. One of his supervisors was his brother Stephen Norwich, although the relationship was not specified in the will. Children (NORWICH): *Henry, John, Joan, Elizabeth, Alice*.
- iii WILLIAM as the third-named son in the will of his grandfather Henry in 1509, was perhaps b. ca. 1500, d. Westley Waterless, Cambridgeshire, bet. 16 March and 28 April 1548, dates of the writing and of the proving of his will. At the time of his death, he referred to himself as a husbandman. His wife was ISABEL —. Children (NORWICH): *William, John, Henry, Anthony, Mary*.
- 3 iv STEPHEN^C b. poss. bet. 1500 and 1509; m. AGNES —
- v JOAN named in the will of her brother Richard in 1521. Poss. m. ROBERT RAY of Denston, Suffolk (see discussion under Stephen^C, below).

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3 STEPHEN^C NORWICH (*Richard*^D, *Henry*^E) was probably born between 1500 and 1509. He was buried at Ashley, Cambridgeshire, 23 Jan. 1583/4. At that time he held the lease of the manor of Ashley and Silverley.

His widow AGNES left a will dated 18 June 1591 and proved 9 Oct. 1591. In it she named all six of the children named by Stephen. Unlike her husband, she used the married names of their daughters, thus enabling us to identify the parents of Elizabeth (Norwich)(Chenery) Hinson.

In the will of Robert Ray, senior, yeoman of Denardeston [Denston], Suffolk, which was written in 1550 and proved in 1560, he mentioned, among others, Johan Norwich, goddaughter Elizabeth Norwiche, and godson Richard Norwiche. He also mentioned his land holdings in Ashley and Silverley, Cambridgeshire. Note also that one of the supervisors of the will of Henry Norwich (No. 2ii) of Ashley was a Robert Ray. This suggests a possible connection between the two families. Henry had daughters named Johan and Elizabeth, but only Stephen had a son Richard. Since Robert Ray's wife was named Johan, it is possible that he married Joan Norwich, daughter of Richard^D and sister of both Henry and Stephen^C. Other connections are, of course, possible, but this explanation accounts quite economically for the apparent connection to both Henry and Stephen. One additional piece of evidence in favor of this possibility is that none of the other members of Robert Ray's family who left wills in this period (his father and mother, wills dated 1539, his brother John of Cheveley, will dated 1558, and his brother George of Long Melford, will dated 1544) mentioned any connection with the Norwich family. This makes a connection through Robert's wife seem most reasonable. Robert is estimated to have been born around 1505, making him a reasonable age for the husband of Joan Norwich. It is also interesting that the only child of Robert and Joan Ray whose name is not accounted for by the immediate family of Robert himself is Richard, which was the name of Joan Norwich's father and eldest brother. (Information on the Ray family is from NEHGR 63[1909]:356-58, 64:51-66.)

Children (NORWICH) of Stephen^C and Agnes (—), order uncertain:

- i HENRY
- ii JOHN

iii RICHARD was a yeoman of Ashley, Cambridgeshire, at the time of the writing of his will on 18 May 1591. The will was proved 1 June 1591. In it he named his wife ELIZABETH, his son Richard, under 24 years of age, and his two daughters (unnamed), under 21 years of age. This is the Richard Norwich, mentioned at the beginning of this article, who was named in the will of his brother-in-law John Chenery, father of Margaret (Chenery) Moody, and grandfather of John Moody and Frances (Moody) Kilbourne of New England. Children (NORWICH): *Richard, Elizabeth, Agnes.*

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- iv ELIZABETH^B bur. Fordham 28 June 1619; m. (1) prob. ca.1560 JOHN^B CHENERY, son of John and Emma (—) Chenery of Kennett, Cambridgeshire. She m. (2) as his second wife, Kennett 30 July 1576 WILLIAM HINSON of Fordham, Cambridgeshire, bur. Fordham 3 June 1592. Children (CHENERY): *Mary, Margaret* who m. George^A Moody, *Elizabeth, Joan, John*. Children (HINSON): *Grisell, Anne* (TAG 64:8-9).
- v JOAN m. bef. 1591 — FITCH. Prob. had two daughters, *Margaret* and *Annes Fitch*, by that time.
- vi MARGARET m. bef. 1591 — DEARSLY

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COMING TO OUR CENSUS

By George Freeman Sanborn Jr.

Much is being written and said these days about census records and their deficiencies. Apparent errors, lacunae and inconsistencies plague researchers using this valuable genealogical resource. And more than one person has been overheard "cussin' out" the census-taker.

But census-takers suffer from the same human frailties as the rest of us, and occasionally we get a glimpse of what went into the records we so eagerly devour. Recently, while reading through the 1891 census of Ontario, I came upon some insights into the difficulties encountered by census-taker Stafford McBratney. Hard at work in the North Ward of the City of Brockville on 25 April 1891, he wrote:

Examined and found to be pretty correct it is hard to get the whole work perfect

Things weren't much better a few days later when he was in the nearby Township of Kitley on 1 May 1891:

We have examined this set of schedules and found some clerical errors and irregularities which we have correted [sic] to the best of our ability you will still find some enteries [sic] not just what they ought to be

Mr. McBratney's candor is refreshing; his warning is a word to the wise.

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