

Blog to eastmeonhistory.net, Dec 24th 2013

I am an Australian descendant of a Mehetabel Love baptised in East Meon in 1772 who later moved to Warblington and then Sussex. She married a Henry Dash who I think was also from East Meon. The Love family appear in the East Meon baptism registers from 1572. Based solely on the East Meon parish registers there is a possible line for Mehetabel going back to the 1600s as follows:

- Mehetabel daughter of Thomas Love baptised 1772.
- Thomas son of William Love baptised 1730. Thomas married Mary Collins.
- William son of Edward Love baptised 1698. William married Elizabeth Lock.
- Edward son of Edward Love baptised 1669. Edward married Olive Silvester.
- Edward son of William Love baptised 1641.

I was wondering if anyone knew if there was a connection between the East Meon Love family and the Love family of Basing Park and Froxfield that produced Dr Nicholas Love (1568-1630), who seems to have been one of the translators of the King James Bible, and his son Sir Nicholas Love (1608-1682), one of the regicides of King Charles I. I was also wondering if anyone knew anything about the Love family of East Meon in the 1600s and 1700s.

EastMeonDescendant

Email from David Hopkins, East Meon History Group, 7th December 2014

The names Love and Luff/Luiffe are interchangeable both (with evidence) from the East Meon registers and nationally ie the first abbot of Carthusians in England). There is evidence of Luffs in East Meon from the Middle Ages (I encountered a Court Roll entry for a Luff required to work on the Bishop's "Great Pond" for several days a month). This is further evidenced by family tree researchers labeling their forebears as Love/Luff in their trees.

2. The Loves of Froxfield records appear under Froxfield or subsequently Winchester and London records. Their appearance in East Meon Records is usual only when they marry a female from East Meon proper (although there is a complex relationship of Froxfield being in East Meon Manor jurisdiction and Froxfield being subservient to EM Parish benefice.)

3. There is a disparity in the continuing wealth, education, and standing of Froxfield Loves and those in East Meon.

My best guess is that they are distantly related from the Middle Ages, but not the same from recorded BMD of the mid Tudor period.

However, John Love (born c.1568), father to Nicholas Love, Warden of Winchester College, one of the translators of the KJ Bible, and grandfather of Nicholas Love the Regicide married a Margaret Pinke whom I suspect was a member of the influential and numerous Pinke family of East Meon. The Court Rolls show that three Pinke families were all "Tithing Men" (ie substantial families) at the time of her marriage for the tithings at Riplington, Coombe, and Meon Church respectively....all in East Meon and broadly abutting the "Basings" holding of the Love's. A later connection may be the marriage of a Mary Pinke to a later John Love who seems to be a possible member of the Froxfield family.

Email from 'EastMeonDescendant' 8th Jan 2014

Barring attractive milkmen or something odd, I am confident I am descended from a Henry Dash born according to the 1851 census in Warblington about 1793 (but resident in Brighton by 1841). His presumed 29 Apr 1792 baptism identifies his parents as Henry & Mehetabel Dash. Their presumed marriage on 25 Apr 1791 in Warblington has him of Westbourne and her a Love of Warblington (Pallots). There seems to be an IGI burial record for Mehetabel (as Dash) on 20 Jan 1832 in Brighthelmstone/Brighton giving a birth year of 1772.

That gets to the baptism of Mehetabel Love in East Meon on 18 Mar 1772 to Thomas & Mary Love, who may have had their final child in Warblington after earlier children in East Meon. I think Thomas Love married Mary Collins in East Meon on 1 Dec 1757 (one child was named Stephen Collins Love). (I also think Mary Collins' parents may still have a gravestone in the East Meon churchyard inscribed "IMO Dorothy wife of John Collins d Sept 27 1766 aged 65, IMO John Collins wd Jan 23 1791 aged 85" from an online inscription list. John Collins was a blacksmith.)

There is a good baptism fit for Thomas Love on 13 Jun 1730 in East Meon to William & Elizabeth Love. There is a good marriage fit for them on 26 Jun 1726 in Bramdean with him a blacksmith and her a Lock, both of East Meon:
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~buriton/EastMeonLic.htm>

There is a good baptism fit for William on 10 Jan 1699 to Edward Love. There is a fairly good marriage for Edward with an Olive Silvester on 4 Jun 1693 in Froxfield (the name Olive starts to appear in the Loves from this time). There is a possible baptism for Edward Love on 13 Feb 1669 in East Meon to another Edward who could then be the Edward baptised on 22 Aug 1641 to William in East Meon but it's so far back, there are too few siblings to look for name patterns and I can't find potential marriages, so that's all very, very speculative.

I can't find a baptism of an Olive Silvester but I can find a marriage of an Olive Pook and a Jesse Silvester on 25 Jul 1688 and there are two Olive Pook baptisms in East Meon in 11 Sep 1665 to Henry and on 23 Jul 1666 to John. For various reasons I think the latter is the more likely and the author of the Pook One Name Study who looked at it in more detail than me I think agrees. She put together the attached family trees for that particular Pook line of East Meon.

The Thomas Pooke and Alice Bulbeck at the top of those trees are mentioned in the will of Alice's mother Joane who was buried in East Meon on 12 Dec 1665 as a "Widdoe Aygd 92". The will is attached (but UK National Archives copyright) as is a rough transcription by me. I found it quite interesting as it is by far the oldest actual document that I could have a connection with I've found. Other researchers have linked Joane to the marriage of Thomas Bulbeck and Jone in 1586 in East Meon which seems to fit. That's as far as I can go.