

Terry Thorp – Tharp (c1765-c1816)

By Jerry Long, Owensboro, Ky., 1998

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Dear Mr. Thorpe:

I saved your query on the Thorpe family that was published in February 1995 issue of the Kentucky Explorer. I have long wanted to write and inquire about the family you were researching.

Are you working on the Thorp family of Amelia County, VA and Granville County, NC, and whose descendants migrated to Washington, Hardin, Ohio & Caldwell Counties, in Kentucky? Have you learned anything about a Terry Thorp (wife was Susan Foley) in your research? This Terry (several later ones), was born ca 1765, died ?1815-1817 Daviess County, KY. I believe he was a resident of Hardin County, KY 1806-1810 (there in the 1810 census), Ohio County, KY 1811-1814, and was a resident of Daviess County, KY when it was created from Ohio County in 1815.

Have you published your book? If you know anything of the above family I would greatly appreciate any assistance in learning more about them. Good luck in your research.

Yours truly,
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e-mail from Ed Grief to Jerry Long, 26 February 1998, subject Tharp(e)/Thorp(e):

Hi Jerry:

Br. Leo tells me I should contact you for help in the KY Room files for Tharp(e)/Thorp(e) family of Washington Co & Daviess Co Kentucky?

I have been researching this family with other researchers who have missing links in this Family.

To help find the missing links, I am writing a research paper on this family & sending copies to other Tharp researchers. I am hoping by writing & distributing the report -- everyone will know what everyone else knows/doesn't know and will add their insights to the report for missing pieces of the puzzle.

I want to get this written & distributed before the ND/KY reunion. This Tharp puzzle, like the Hilton puzzle has been around to long.

I descend from Elizabeth Tharp 1810-1860, orphan of a Terry Tharp. She was born in Yellow Banks/Owensboro & married Samuel Thomas in Washington Co. Elizabeth is mentioned in the Washington Co Will of her Great Uncle William Tharp, d. 1827, Washington Co KY.

Specifically, I'm trying to identify the grandfather of Elizabeth and brother of William (who is the same missing link). Br. Leo descends from Elizabeth's sister Cinthia.

Jerry, I'd be grateful if you would review the Tharp(e)/Thorp(e) Family file and photocopy and mail me a copy of what you see that relates to the era I am researching. I'll promptly send you a check for your time & expenses. If you need the check first just e-mail me a note.

Many thanks . . . See you in July @ MD/KY reunion.

Ed

P. S. Jerry, I have a copy of Wm. Tharp's 1827 will/probate and I have a copy of the Tharp Family info from the Washington Co History Book. So, I don't need these duplicated.

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Whoever said, "Seek and Ye shall find," was not a genealogist.

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RE: Tharp(e)/Thorp(e) and Allied Families

Hello, My Friend & Mentor!

Hope this letter finds you feeling well and excited about all your new challenges.

You will recall, I got serious about researching our Tharp parent lineage. Well, for now, I've taken it about as far as I can go unless (1) I go to VA & NC to research or (2) some researcher comes up with missing clues.

Currently, I am working with Willis Patrick "Pat" Oliver in an attempt to unpuzzle some confounding issues and get researches to look at the wife/wives of Terry Tharp again.

At your suggestion, I contacted Gerald Thompson and he sent me a photocopy of the St. Rose Baptism Register #1, p. 17, listing Cinthia Catherine Thorp's parents. Clearly, her mother's name is Susan Folley (sic).

Other researchers have good evidence that Terry Tharp m. 1788 Susanna Totty in Charlotte Co VA.

Question: Did Terry Tharp have two Susanna/Susan wives? Terry had a son, Stephen b. ca 1789 and 12 years later (ca 1801) Elizabeth was b. in VA. Then 12 years later (1813) Cinthia Catherine was b. in Yellow Banks (now Owensboro KY). This is unnatural

It is unnatural for known children to be born so far apart. This leaves open the possibility there were two wives. Elizabeth could be the d/o of Susanna Totty and her three orphan sisters d/o Susan Folley.

Br. Leo, you got me into this mess.... any ideas?

End: Terry Tharp & Susan Folley FGS

St. Rose Baptism record of Cinthia Catherine Tharp (mother Susan

Cc: Jerry Long & Frank Toon

Jerry – Thank you for the research you sent me.

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Charles Tharp died circa 1775-1776 Virginia, wife Judith; children:

1. John, born c1727, wife Sarah (? Terry), in 1811 living Granville County, NC; children: Sarah (married James Terry, 5 April 1780 Granville County, NC), Terry (born c1765 VA,

married Susan Foley, died 1815-1816 Daviess County, KY, children – Stephen, Elizabeth, Cinthia Catherine, Susan Mary & Juliann), Martha (born c1770 VA, married Littleon Howard, 2 October 1789 Granville County, NC, in 1811 lived Ohio County, KY), John (born 27 June 1772 VA, married Martha Howard, 27 June 1792 Granville County, NC; died 17 December 1832 Caldwell County, KY, children – Nancy, Sally T., Rebecca, Terry, Elizabeth, Judith, Susannah, Patty, John, Caroline & Isabella) and Judith (married __ Clement)

2. William , will in 1827 in Washington County, KY
3. Theotho / Othe, died 1808 Halifax County, VA
4. James, in 1820 lived in Washington County, KY
5. Charles, born c1743 Va, married Elizabeth DuPriest, 9 December 1796 Charlotte County, VA; died 11 April 1835 Hickman County, KY; children: Martha (Hickerson), Terry H., Charles Jr., Elizabeth (Wiman), Mary Ann (Milburn – Slaughter), and John
6. Polly, married ? Totty, Tate or Talley
7. Daughter married David Logan