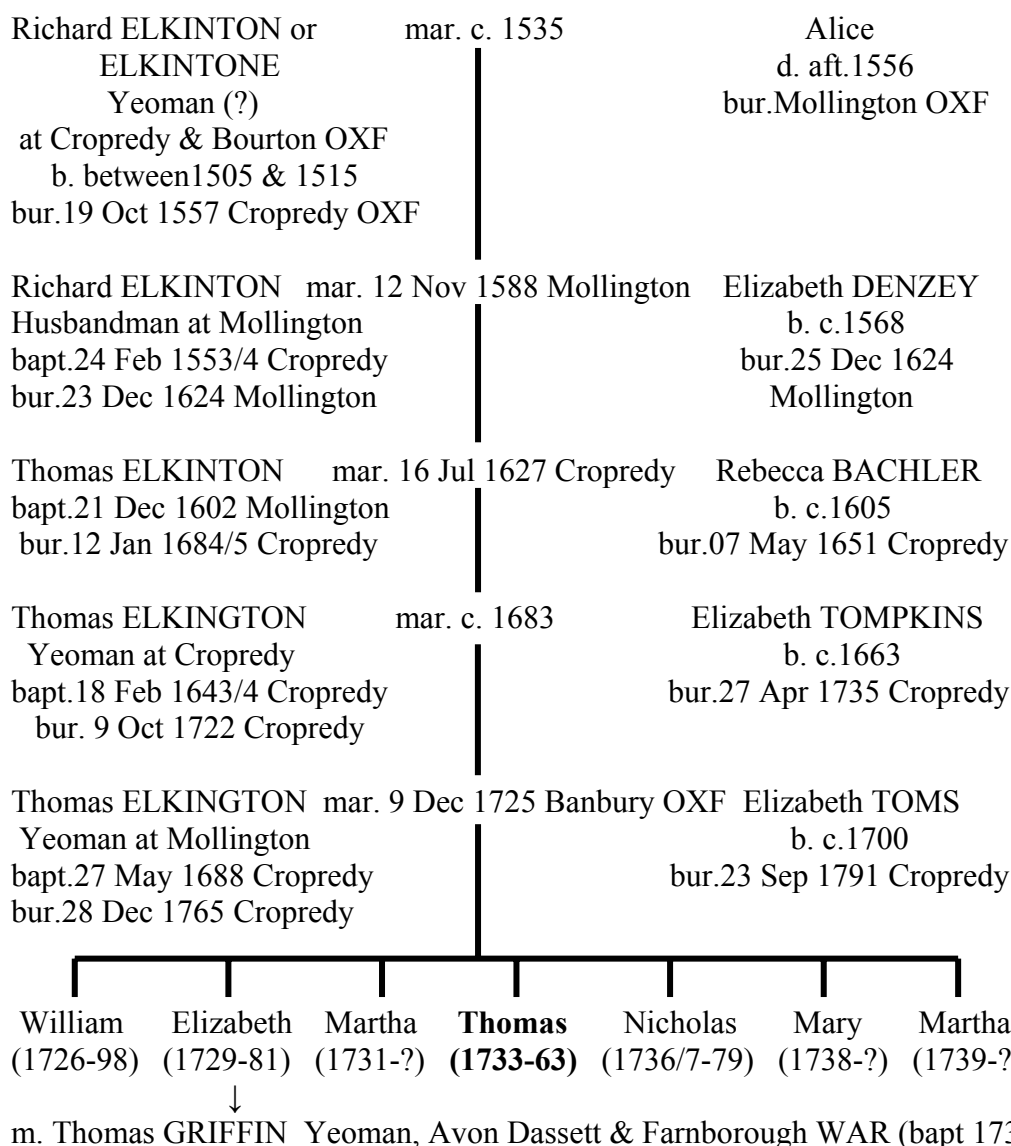


Ancestry of Thomas Elkington (1733-1763)



Pending further evidence of his identity, I associate Thomas the bailiff with the son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Toms) who died around his thirtieth birthday. This Thomas's baptism was recorded in the Parish Register of Mollington on 15 April 1733, and in that of nearby Cropredy, a burial entry for a Thomas Elkington appears dated 18 February 1763, with the note, "from Farnborough". Unlike siblings, Thomas was not mentioned in his father's will, which seems to confirm the fact that he died before him. We will probably never know whether he fell off his horse, choked on a fish bone, or simply died of an ague, caught in the winter snows.

Elkington information above is mostly from extensive files detailing genealogy of the Oxfordshire and Warwickshire branches. This work was compiled by Mr A.E.H. (Arthur Edward Hardwicke) Elkington, who d. 1974, and his cousin Christine. Typescript copies in England, deposited in 1969, include those at Oxford Central Library; the Warwickshire CRO; and the Society of Genealogists, London. For links and latest updates, check *Ancestry* on the website.

Support for the supposition that the above Thomas was indeed the owner of the pocket book would appear to be lent by the fact that his sister Elizabeth married into the Griffin family. The book may have passed into her hands after Thomas's death, or come to her household via her widowed mother, who could well have lived with her. Elizabeth was the wife of Thomas Griffin, yeoman farmer of Avon Dassett and Farnborough, neighbouring (Warwickshire) parishes of Mollington and Cropredy: the book remained in the hands of Griffin farming families at Dassett and Stockton (Warks) for two hundred years, until given to me by my aunt Elizabeth Lucy Shaw (née Griffin).

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