

Descendants of Richard Illidge of Cheshire

First Generation

1. **Richard Illidge**¹ was born in 1637 in Weston, Cheshire, England,² died 12 Jun 1709 in Nantwich, Cheshire, England³ at age 72, and was buried 14 Jun 1709 in Wybunbury, Cheshire, England.⁴

General Notes: According to Lt. Richard Illidge's diary, his father was of Cherlton [Chorlton] and his mother was Cecilia Chesnis of Mickley in Wrenbury Parish. Richard was born in Weston, parish of Wybunbury in Cheshire in 1637. He was a younger son with three brothers and was apprenticed to a shoemaker in Nantwich when he was fifteen. He followed this trade for a number of years in various places, including London, before returning to Nantwich in 1660 - 1661. He married Mary, the daughter of Richard Price and the widow of William Minshull. When he was about forty he "took a rack lease of a farm called Cheer Brooke in Stapeley, near Nantwich and lived there for the next thirty years." [A rack rent refers to an excessive amount of rent which a landlord charged to a tenant]. He lived on this farm for the next thirty years.

Richard had four sons but he outlived all of them but his son George. His wife, Mary, who was a widow, also had children which Richard must have raised. He mentioned them in his will. He joined the Cheshire militia and was a member for fifty years. During this time he began to live a life of drunkenness and profanity. He later gave up these "wicked ways" and became very religious, wrote a diary of his life and many papers on living a moral and virtuous life. In among his papers was one of advice to his three young granddaughters: Elizabeth, Mary and Martha. He was 67 at the time, and tells them to be loving and dutiful to their father; that their mother, who died when they were very young, was a pious, modest and good woman. He also tells them that he had three brothers but that they are all dead now. This would have been about 1704. He died a few years later, 12 June 1709, age 72, and was buried in the Churchyard at Wybunbury, Cheshire.

Noted events in his life were:

- Will: 29 Apr 1709, Chester, Cheshire, England.⁵ George Illidge, Richard's only surviving son, was the executor of the will. Most of his estate went to his wife and son George. He left his granddaughter Elizabeth a silver tankard and a large new Bible. Her two younger sisters received a guinea each. Also mentioned in the will are the children of his wife and her first husband William Minshull: Richard, Thomas, Elizabeth and Ann.

Richard married **Mary Price** 29 Mar 1662 in Nantwich, Cheshire, England.⁶

General Notes: Mary was said to be the daughter of Richard Price, shoemaker in Nantwich. She was first married to William Minshull, and after his death, she married Richard Illidge.

In his will Richard leaves much of his estate to his wife. A Mary Illidge, wife of Richard, was buried 5 July 1671 in Nantwich, Cheshire. Richard does not mention the death of his wife and remarriage, so that Mary Illidge would probably not be Mary Price Illidge.

The child from this marriage was:

- + 2 M i. **George Illidge**^{7,8} was christened 4 Jan 1663 in Nantwich, Cheshire, England.⁹

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Second Generation (Children)

2. **George Illidge**^{7,8} (*Richard*¹) was christened 4 Jan 1663 in Nantwich, Cheshire, England.⁹

General Notes: Our family trees and charts show that George Illidge was married to Mary Croxton 15 Apr 1693 in Wybunbury. Mary would have been a second wife as George had three daughters with his first wife: Elizabeth, our ancestor, Mary and Martha, christened between 1687 and 1691. The daughters were very young when their mother died. We know this from their grandfather's writings. Lt. Richard Illidge, George's father, wrote words of advice to his three granddaughters in 1704. They would have all been in their teens. In it he mentions their mother who died young.

There is a burial for an Ellen Illidge on 6 Aug 1691 in Nantwich, Cheshire, spouse named George. This is very likely George's first wife. Their youngest daughter, Martha, was christened in June 1691 and George remarried in 1693. There is also a marriage in Nantwich between an Ellen Seavill and George Illidge on 27 July 1686, the year before Elizabeth, the oldest daughter, was born.
FamilySearch.org database: England, Cheshire Bishop's Transcripts, 1598-1900, Burial of Ellen Illidge, 6 Aug 1691, Nantwich, Cheshire, FHL MF 1786141, img 151. Her burial is also recorded in the Parish registers.

Family records also name him as George Illidge Jr. but in all three of his daughters' christening records, he is listed as George Illidge, shoemaker - no Junior. His father was Lt. Richard Illidge who was also a shoemaker. He was one of four sons and the only one to outlive his father. He was the executor of his father's will and given, among other items, all his father's books.

It was George who got his father in touch with his friend Matthew Henry who wrote up and published Richard's diary. The diary gives a few details of his life, the change in his life from a drunk and wicked life to one of morality, religion and social concern.

George married someone.

His children were:

- + **3** F i. **Elizabeth Illidge**¹⁰ was christened 14 Jul 1687 in Nantwich, Cheshire, England^{11,12} and died about 1757¹³ about age 70.
- 4 F ii. **Mary Illidge**¹⁴ was christened 19 May 1689 in Nantwich, Cheshire, England.¹⁴
General Notes: There are two christenings for Mary Illidge, both the daughter of George. One on 26 Dec 1688 in Wybunbury, Cheshire, and one on 19 May 1689 in Nantwich, Cheshire. Either one could be the sister of Elizabeth and Martha, both of whom were christened in Nantwich, not Wybunbury. I have chosen the christening for Nantwich because her father is a shoemaker.
- 5 F iii. **Martha Illidge**¹⁵ was christened 21 Jun 1691 in Nantwich, Cheshire, England¹⁵ and was buried 26 Mar 1714 in Wybunbury, Cheshire, England.¹⁶

George married **Mary Croxton** 15 Apr 1693 in Wybunbury, Cheshire, England.¹⁷ Mary was buried 2 Oct 1728 in Chester, Cheshire, England.¹⁸

Marriage Notes: Notes handed down in the family said that George Illidge and Mary Croxton were the parents of Elizabeth Illidge Spurstow, but Elizabeth was born before their marriage in 1693. Elizabeth and her sisters were very young when their mother died. Their father remarried, presumably to Mary Croxton. The marriage record lists him as George Illidge Jr., but his father was Richard. Perhaps Elizabeth's father, George, married a different woman after his first wife died, and Mary Croxton was the wife of a different George Illidge - there were several by that name.

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Third Generation (Grandchildren)

3. **Elizabeth Illidge**¹⁰ (*George*², *Richard*¹) was christened 14 Jul 1687 in Nantwich, Cheshire, England^{11,12} and died about 1757¹³ about age 70.

General Notes: Elizabeth Illidge was the oldest of three daughters born to George Illidge and his first wife in the Nantwich area of Cheshire. Her father was a shoemaker and her mother died when she and her sisters were very young, before 1693 when her father married Mary Croxton.

There is a burial for an Ellen Illidge on 6 Aug 1691 in Nantwich, Cheshire, spouse named George. This is very likely George's first wife. Their youngest daughter, Martha, was christened in June 1691 and George remarried in 1693. There is also a marriage in Nantwich between an Ellen Seavill and George Illidge on 27 July 1686, the year before Elizabeth, the oldest daughter, was born.

Nantwich is in Cheshire, about 5 miles from Bunbury, where Elizabeth's husband, John Spurstow, was from.

There is a will written by Elizabeth Spurstow, widow, in 1756, probated in 1757, in which she mentions her late husband. If this is Elizabeth Illidge Spurstow, then her husband would be John, whose will was probated in 1769, long after his wife had died. Both wills mention sons John and George, but more research needs to be done to verify whose wills these actually are.

Noted events in her life were:

- Will: 2 Jul 1756, Manchester, Lancashire, England.¹⁹ 2 sons mentioned in will: John and George. Probate was 9 Sept 1757.

Elizabeth married **John Spurstow**,²⁰ son of **Charles Spurstow**, 4 Nov 1716 in Bunbury, Cheshire, England.^{21,22,23,24} John died in 1749.⁷

Noted events in their marriage were:

- Marriage/Church: Bunbury Church in Wybunbury, 4 Nov 1716.²⁵

General Notes: This John Spurstow is probably the son of Charles Spurstow, baptized at Bunbury, Cheshire, England, 13 November 1662, and buried there 17 June 1685. This comes from a Spurstow Chart called The Spurstows of Spurstow taken from "The Publications of the Harleian Society, V.17" and sent to me by Hope Healy Koontz.

A John Spurstow wrote a will (attributed in the family history to this John) in 1649. His wife is still alive but not mentioned by name. She, along with son John and Mr. George Croxton of Manchester, are named as executors. When the will was probated in 1769, John was the only surviving executor. He names his two sons, George and John in the will and leaves a silver tankard to his grandson George Spurstow. If this is the correct John Spurstow, he had two grandsons named George. He must have been referring to the first one, born to his son George's first wife, Elizabeth. This George died in 1751. The second grandson named George was not born until 1761, to son George's 2d wife, Elizabeth Hayes. The first grandson George could have been born by 1749 when the will was written. The second grandson George died in 1783, age about 22, and supposedly had not married. He supposedly had a half brother John who died in 1789, also unmarried. John Spurstow's wife, Elizabeth Illidge's mother was Mary Croxton. This would account for the Croxton relations. Until other findings say otherwise, I am assuming that this is the will of John Spurstow who died in 1769 and whose wife was Elizabeth Illidge.

THERE IS A PROBLEM WITH THIS HOWEVER...

Elizabeth wrote her will in 1756 and she was a widow. She names her sons John and George. I think the 1769 date might be the wrong probate date for this will. This needs a lot more research.

Also, a John Spurstow, of Manchester, declared bankruptcy in 1756. This was reported in a list of bankruptcies listed in Berrow's Worcester Journal on 26 Aug 1756.

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~dutillieul/ZOtherPapers/NewBWJ26Aug1756.html>
Some Selected Reports from Berrow's Worcester Journal, Thursday, 26 Aug 1756.

Noted events in his life were:

- Civic Status: Freeman of the City of Chester, 3 Sep 1715, Chester, Cheshire, England.²⁶ John Spurstow, merchant. Freedom granted by order of assembly

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- Occupation: Merchant.²⁷
- Religion: Church of England.
- Residence: Chester of St. Martin's Parish, Chester.²⁵
- Will: 9 Sep 1749, Chester, Lancashire, England.²⁰
- Alt. Death: Death date found on family group sheet from Hope Healy Koontz, 21 Jul 1769.
- Will/Probate: Date of Probate, 31 Jul 1769.²⁰

Children from this marriage were:

- + 6 M i. **George Spurstow "Apothecary"**^{28,29} was born about 10 Feb 1717 in Chester, Cheshire, England,²⁷ was christened 10 Feb 1717 in Chester, Cheshire, England,^{30,31} and was buried 12 Jan 1770 in Chester, Cheshire, England.^{33,34}
- 7 M ii. **John Spurstow**²⁸ was born 18 Jul 1720 in Chester, Cheshire, England.³⁵

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Fourth Generation (Great-Grandchildren)

6. George Spurstow "Apothecary"^{28,29} (*Elizabeth Illidge*³, *George*², *Richard*¹) was born about 10 Feb 1717 in Chester, Cheshire, England,²⁷ was christened 10 Feb 1717 in Chester, Cheshire, England,^{30,31} and was buried 12 Jan 1770 in Chester, Cheshire, England.^{33,34}

Burial Notes: the burial record says 1769 which was really 1770 since the new year began in March

General Notes: There are several George Spurstows. This George is the apothecary. It is mentioned in the baptisms of his children and at his burial.

Noted events in his life were:

- Occupation: Apothecary.^{27,36}
- Civic Status: Freeman, 13 Jul 1747, Chester, Cheshire, England.³⁷ p.332:
George Spurstow, apothecary, s. of John Spurstow of Chester, merchant. Freedom granted by Order of Assembly

George married **Elizabeth**. Elizabeth was buried 29 Jan 1754 in Chester, Cheshire, England.³⁸

General Notes: Elizabeth was the first wife of George Spurstow, b. 1716/17. She died in 1753 after having at least two children with George. She is buried in St. Martin's churchyard, Chester, Cheshire. The burial record notes that she was the wife of George Spurstow, Apothecary.

There is a marriage record for a George Spurstow and Ann Grace, 1748. He was from Chester but the marriage took place in nearby Hargrave. There is no marriage record for George Spurstow and the 1st Elizabeth that I have found. Not sure who George Spurstow and Ann Grace were.

Family records show that there was a son John born about 1737, but no baptismal record has been found for him. Daughter Ellen was in the family records as born in 1739, but her christening was in 1750 so both Ellen's and John's birth dates may be wrong. John's baptism may have been in thre non-conformist church where his two sisters were baptized, so a record might be found there and it might be for a date closer to 1749-50. There is also a burial for a George Spurstow, son of George Spurstow, Apothecary, who was buried in 1750/51. No record of his birth or baptism has been found yet.

Children from this marriage were:

- 8 M i. **John Spurstow**³⁹ was born about 1737³⁹ and died 30 Aug 1789 in Chester, Cheshire, England³⁹ about age 52.
General Notes: John was the last Spurstow.
- 9 F ii. **Ellen Spurstow**³⁹ was born 8 Nov 1750 in Chester, Cheshire, England³⁹ and was christened 27 Nov 1750 in Chester, Cheshire, England.⁴¹
Christening Notes: Ellen was baptized at the Crooke Street Presbyterian or Unitarian Church in Chester, a non-conformist church
General Notes: Handwritten Notes of Francis Spurstow Miller, 1863-1901, on the Miller family tree, 1936, gives Ellen's birth as 1739. No record has been found for an Ellen Spurstow for that date but there is one for 1750. Not knowing where his information came from, I am going to go with the parish baptismal and birth records.
- 10 M iii. **George Spurstow** was buried 14 Feb 1752 in Chester, Cheshire, England.⁴²
General Notes: This George Spurstow's burial record notes that he is the son of George Spurstow, Apothecary. No christening for this George has been found yet, so his order in the family is unknown. George Spurstow, his father, married a second time and had another son, also named George. Buried 1751/52.
- 11 F iv. **Elizabeth Spurstow** was born 21 May 1752⁴³ and was christened 9 Jun 1752 in Chester, Cheshire, England.⁴³
Christening Notes: Christened at Crooke Street Presbyterian or Unitarian Church in Chester.
General Notes: There are two Elizabeths in this family. This Elizabeth is the first one. The second Elizabeth was born in 1759 to George Spurstow's 2d wife, Elizabeth Hayes. The first wife, also Elizabeth, died in 1753, but no record has turned up yet for the burial of the Elizabeth born in 1752. This Elizabeth and her sister Ellen were both baptized in a non-

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conformist church in Chester. The younger children were baptized in the Church of England.

George next married **Elizabeth Hayes**^{7,44} 2 May 1754 in Tattenhall, Cheshire, England.^{27,45,46,47} Elizabeth was buried 12 Mar 1778 in Chester, Cheshire, England.⁴⁹

Marriage Notes: Marriage was at the parish church, St. Alban's. This was the 2d marriage for George Spurstow and the first for Elizabeth Heays/Hayes. George had two or more children with his first wife, Elizabeth. Elizabeth Hayes and George were married with parental consent so Elizabeth might have been much younger than George. The marriage was in the parish church of Tattenhall and George was of the parish of St. Peter's, Chester. They were married by license.

There is a transcription of the marriage in FamilySearch.org for George Spunstow and Elizabeth Heas which gives the date of marriage as 2 May 1757 - but this is a transcription error since the date is 1754. A look at the image on FHL MF 1836287, image 370, shows other dates on the page as 1754 and 1755.

General Notes: According to notes of Hope Healy Koontz, who researched the Millers, Elizabeth Hayes Spurstow died without a will. Her daughter Mary Spurstow Miller was appointed to administer her estate. The date of 18 Nov 1781 is the date that her daughter was appointed to administer the estate. The family pedigree chart gives this date as her date of death but her burial date was 12 Mar 1778 according to the parish records.

According to a family tree that was handed down in the Miller family, Elizabeth Bagnall, or Bagnell, was the wife of George Hayes (Heays) and they were the parents of Elizabeth Heays who married George Spurstow in 1754. So far, though, no christening as been found that shows Elizabeth to be George and Elizabeth's daughter. Additionally, a document in the Cheshire Archives, DHL/41/1 3 July 1801, states that Elizabeth, wife of George Spurstow, apothecary, city of Chester, was the only daughter of John Heays, "heretofore of Eastham, yeoman, deceased..." So it seems that Elizabeth's parentage according to the family tree handed down is probably not correct. For now, Elizabeth's father is probably John Heays/Hayes, mother unknown, and her Bagnell ancestry is in question.

Noted events in her life were:

- Name Fact: Also spelled Heays.
- Probate: Died intestate, 1778, Chester, Cheshire, England.⁵⁰

Children from this marriage were:

- 12 F** i. **Mary Spurstow**⁵¹ was born about 1 Jun 1756 in Chester, Cheshire, England,⁵² was christened 1 Jun 1756 in Chester, Cheshire, England,^{53,54,55} died 30 Jan 1832 in Cheswardine, Shropshire, England⁷ about age 75, and was buried in Cheswardine, Shropshire, England.⁵⁶

General Notes: Mary was a widow when she died. Her husband, William, died in 1826, age 78. In 1834 her son, Rev. Charles H. Miller, was the curate of St. Swithun's in Cheswardine, Shropshire, England. In the graveyard of the church there is a headstone for Mary, "relict of Wm. Miller" and her daughter Ellen, age 65, who died in 1850. Mary and her daughter were probably living with Charles and his family after William Miller died.

Mary married **William Miller**,^{57,58} son of **John Miller**⁶¹ and **Margaret**,⁶¹ 21 Sep 1779 in Chester, Cheshire, England.^{59,60} William was born about 14 Oct 1751 in Kendal, Westmorland, England,⁶² was christened 14 Oct 1751 in Kendal, Westmorland, England,⁶³ and died 11 Aug 1826 in Liverpool, Lancashire, England^{64,65} about age 74.



General Notes:

William Miller is listed in the parish registers of St. Nicholas Church, Liverpool, as a mercer and draper from the 1782 christening of his daughter Elizabeth; from 1788 until 1800 he is listed as a silk mercer

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at his children's christenings.

Noted events in his life were:

- Baptism: Holy Trinity Church, 14 Oct 1751, Kendal, Westmorland, England. ⁶⁶
- Education: ca. 1765, St Bees, Cumbria, England. ⁶⁷ Attended St. Bee's School, a boarding school for boys west of William's home in Kendal.
- Business Dealings: 20 Jun 1777, Liverpool, Lancashire, England. ⁶⁸ "Messrs. Miller and Co. take this method of acquainting their friends and the public, that they have taken Mr. Elkington's shop, No. 13, in Atherton Street, where the trade will be carried on by them in all its branches, entirely for ready money."
Liverpool Advertiser and Mercantile Chronicle, June 20, 1777

In 1774 James Elkinton was listed in Gore's Liverpool Directory as a linen draper, 13 Atherton St. in Liverpool.

- Marriage: St. John the Baptist Church, 21 Sep 1779, Chester, Cheshire, England.
- Occupation: Mercer and draper, 1782, Liverpool, Lancashire, England. ⁶⁹
- Residence: 1782, Liverpool, Lancashire, England. ⁶⁹ Castle St.
- Residence: 1800, Liverpool, Lancashire, England. ⁷⁰ Castle St.
- Residence: 1821-1824, Liverpool, Lancashire, England. ^{71,72} William Miller, gentleman, 10 Erskine St., 1821
William Miller, gentleman, 13 Erskine St., 1824
- Will: 13 Apr 1826, Lancashire, England. ⁵¹ This is my last Will. So soon after my death as may be convenient I wish all my just debts - if funds sufficient - may be discharged the remaining part of my property of every sort and description whatever I leave to my present Dear Wife Mary for her Life and her death to be divided share and share alike to my daughters Helen, Rebecca and Mary or to so many of them as may be then alive. Revd. Chas Miller executor.
Wm Miller
13 Apr 1826
- Probate: 23 Jan 1827, Lancashire, England. ⁵¹
- Notice of Death: Liverpool Mercury, 7 Sep 1826, Liverpool, Lancashire, England. ⁷³ "Died: On Thursday, the 7th instant, aged 74, Mr. William Miller, Erskine street, gentleman."

- 13 F ii. **Elizabeth Spurstow** was born in 1759 and was christened 29 Jan 1759 in Chester, Cheshire, England. ⁷⁴

Elizabeth married **Robert Ansdell** ⁷⁵ 5 Sep 1786 in Chester, Cheshire, England. ⁷⁶ Robert was christened 15 Apr 1754 in Liverpool, Lancashire, England. ⁷⁷

Noted events in their marriage were:

- Marriage Intention: 4 Sep 1786, Chester, Cheshire, England. ⁷⁸ Robert Ansdell of Liverpool in the County of Lancaster and Diocese of Chester, Gentleman, 21 & older and a bachelor, and Elizabeth Spurstow of the parish of St. Michael withing the City and Diocese of chester, 21 & older and a spinster, applied for a license to marry in the parish church of St. Michael

General Notes: Notes from Hope Healy Koontz say he was a Liverpool broker.

- 14 M iii. **George Spurstow** ⁷⁹ was born in 1761, ⁷ was christened 18 May 1761 in Chester, Cheshire, England, ⁸⁰ and died in 1783 ⁷ at age 22.

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- 15 F** iv. **Dorothy Spurstow**⁴⁸ was born in 1763 in Chester, Cheshire, England,^{81,82,83} was christened 13 Sep 1763 in Chester, Cheshire, England,⁸³ and died 20 Sep 1828 in Parkgate, Cheshire, England^{7,48} at age 65.

General Notes: Mentioned in her will are daughters Mary, Anne, Elizabeth, Martha, Ellen, Esther, sons Charles and William John, and nephews William and Rev. Charles.

Dorothy married **Dr. John Tomlinson**,^{48,84} son of **Randle Tomlinson**^{7,48} and **Ann Bagnell**,⁴⁸ 9 Feb 1786 in Chester, Cheshire, England.^{85,86,87} John was born about 1759 in Plemstall, Cheshire, England,^{48,88} was christened 18 Jan 1759 in Plemstall, Cheshire, England,^{89,90} died in 1808 in Chester, Cheshire, England^{48,91,92} about age 49, and was buried 26 Jul 1808 in Handley, Cheshire, England.^{92,93}



Noted events in their marriage were:

- Church: St. Martin, Church of England.⁹⁴

General Notes: There is a burial in the parish registers for a John Tomlinson, 26 Jul 1808, in Handley, Cheshire. Although he died in Chester, there is no record of a burial for him there. His wife, Dorothy, who died in 1808, also has no burial record in Chester, where they used to live. She died in Parkgate, Cheshire, which is further west. There is a burial for a Dorothy Tomlinson in a place called Hamner in Flintshire, Wales. This is not far from where she died and not far from Handley. This may be our John and Dorothy Tomlinson but more research would need to be done to confirm this.

Noted events in his life were:

- Civic Status: Freeman, 20 Aug 1800, Chester, Cheshire, England.⁹⁵ p.418: John Tomlinson, surgeon
- Notice of Death: 1 Sep 1808.⁹⁶ *The Monthly Magazine, or British Register*, vol. 26, p.185: "Died:...At Chester, ___Mr. John Tomlinson, surgeon, 49."

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12. Bishop's Transcripts: Nantwich, Cheshire, England, MF 1786141, img 162: Elizabeth Illidge, dau of George Illidge, shoemaker, baptized 14 July 1687.
13. Will: Elizabeth Illidge Spurstow, 1749, Will: Elizabeth Illidge Spurstow, 2 July 1756, Manchester, Lancashire, England. Probate: 9 Sept 1757. Lancashire Record Office, Supra Will, v.44 in v.25 of wills at Chester, Cheshire, England, 1741-1760.
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15. Parish Registers: Nantwich, Cheshire, England, 1539-1963, FHL MF 2105029, img 144: Martha Dau of George Illidge Shoemaker baptized 21 June 1691.
16. England, Cheshire Parish Registers, 1538-2000, FamilySearch.org database, FHL MF 2298979, img 62: Martha Illidge, dau of George, buried 26 Mar 1714.
17. England, Cheshire Bishop's Transcripts, 1598-1900, FHL MF 1850126, img 319: George Illidge Jr married Mary Croxton 15 Apr 1693, Wibunbury, Cheshire.
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22. Marriage Record: John Spurstow and Elizabeth Illidge, 1716, Bunbury, Cheshire, England, 4 Nov 1716. FHL MF 1655425, Bishop's Transcripts for Bunbury, John Spurstow, merchant, of Chester, and Elizabeth Illidge of Stapeley, parish of Wibunbury, both age 21 or older, married by license.

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25. Family Group Sheets from Hope Healy Koontz (1998).

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28. Will of John Spurstow, 9 September 1749, Lancashire, England, Lancashire Record Office, 1769, mentioned in will as his son.

29. Baptismal Record: Mary Spurstow, June 1, 1756, St. Peter's Church, Chester, Copy of document: Chester Diocesan Record Office, City of Chester, County of Chester, 15 January 1980, Father of Mary is George, an apothecary.

30. Bishop's Transcripts for Church of England Parishes in Cheshire, Online database, Record Search Pilot, FamilySearch.org, Record of baptism for George, son of John Spurstow, St Martin, Chester, Cheshire.

31. Parish registers: St. Martin's Church, Chester, Cheshire, England, 1671-1963, FHL MF 1999761, Baptisms, marriages, burials, 1671-1744: George Son of Mr. John Spurstow merchant was baptized upon ye tenth day of Feb 1717.

32. Probate records: Elizabeth Hayes Spurstow, 1781, Consistory Court, Diocese of Chester, Cheshire, England, 18 Nov 1781. Cheshire County Council, W.S. [Supra Will], 1781, In his wife Elizabeth Spurstow's probate papers she is listed as a widow.

33. Parish registers: St. Martin's Church, Chester, Cheshire, England, 1671-1963, FHL MF 1999761, Baptisms, burials, 1744-1797, Burials, Geo. Spurstow, Apothecary, 12 Jan 1769/1770.

34. Bishop's Transcripts: St. Martin's Church, Cheshire, England, Church of England, 1600-1842, FHL MF 1655481, item 2; Burial: Geo. Spurstow, Apothecary, 12 Jan 1769 [this would have been 1770].

35. Parish registers: St. Martin's Church, Chester, Cheshire, England, 1671-1963, FHL MF 1999761, Baptisms, marriages, burials, 1671-1744: John, son of Mr. John Spurstow was born on ye eighteenth day of July 1720. No date of christening, only his birth.

36. Baptismal Record: Mary Spurstow, June 1, 1756, St. Peter's Church, Chester, Copy of document: Chester Diocesan Record Office, City of Chester, County of Chester, 15 January 1980, Father is an apothecary.

37. The Rolls of the Freemen of the City of Chester, Part II, 1700-1805, transcribed and edited by J.H.E. Bennett, printed for The Records Society, 1908.

38. Parish registers: St. Martin's Church, Chester, Cheshire, England, 1671-1963, FHL MF 1999761, item 6, Baptisms, burials, 1744-1797, p.6: Eliz Wife of Mr Geo. Spurstow Apothecary, Jan'y 29, 1753 [1754].

39. Handwritten Notes of Francis Spurstow Miller, 1863-1901, on Miller Family, 1936.

40. Parish registers: St. Martin's Church, Chester, Cheshire, England, 1671-1963, Indexed data at FamilySearch.org, data extracted from FHL MF 1655481: Jno Spurstow, buried 30 Aug 1789.

41. Church records, Presbyterian Church, Crooke Street, Chester, Cheshire, Births, baptisms and burials, 1651-1855, FHL MF 0020046, #246: Ellen, daughter of George Spurstow, born Nov 8th, bap Nov 27th 1750.

42. Parish registers: St. Martin's Church, Chester, Cheshire, England, 1671-1963, FHL MF 1999761, burials 1744-1797: Burials: Geo Son of Mr Geo. Spurstow Apothecary, 14 Feb 1751.

43. Church records, Presbyterian Church, Crooke Street, Chester, Cheshire, Births, baptisms and burials, 1651-1855, FHL MF 0020046, #260, Elizabeth, Dau of George Spurstow, born 21 May, baptized 9 June 1752.

44. Probate records: Elizabeth Hayes Spurstow, 1781, Consistory Court, Diocese of Chester, Cheshire, England, 18 Nov 1781. Cheshire County Council, W.S. [Supra Will], 1781, Elizabeth Spurstow is named in the letter of administration as "heretofore Elizabeth Heays."

45. Bishop's Transcripts for Church of England Parishes in Cheshire, Online database, Record Search Pilot, FamilySearch.org, George Spunstow and Elizabeth Heays married 2 May 1754, Tattenhall, Cheshire.

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47. Bishop's Transcripts: Tattenhall Parish Church, Cheshire, England, 1579-1902, FHL MF 1836287, item 2. 1754 Marriages in the Parish of Tattenhall: 2 May, George Spurstow of the Parish of Saint Peter's, Chester, & Elizabeth Heas of this parish by license.
48. Family pedigree charts dated 1983 from Hope Healy Koontz (Unverified information).
49. Parish registers: St. Martin's Church, Chester, Cheshire, England, 1671-1963, FHL MF 1999761, Item 6, Baptisms, burials, 1744-1797: Eliz Spurstow Wid, burial 12 Mar 1778.
50. Probate records: Elizabeth Hayes Spurstow, 1781, Consistory Court, Diocese of Chester, Cheshire, England, 18 Nov 1781. Cheshire County Council, W.S. [Supra Will], 1781, Mary Miller, wife of William Miller, one of the three signers of the administration bond, and "one of the natural daughters [&] next of kin, was appointed to administer her mother's estate since her mother died intestate.
51. Will of William Miller, 13 April 1826, Lancashire, England, Lancashire Record Office, 1827.
52. Baptismal Record: Mary Spurstow, June 1, 1756, St. Peter's Church, Chester, Copy of document: Chester Diocesan Record Office, City of Chester, County of Chester, 15 January 1980.
53. Bishop's Transcripts for Church of England Parishes in Cheshire, Online database, Record Search Pilot, FamilySearch.org, Record of baptism for Mary Spurstow, dau of George Spurstow, St Peter, Chester, Cheshire.
54. Parish registers: St. Peter's Church, Chester, Cheshire, England, 1588-1958, FHL MF 2045912, Baptisms, burials, 1693-1768; Mary, daughter of George Spurstow, Apothecary, bapt. June 1st, 1756.
55. Bishop's Transcripts: St. Peter's Church, Chester, Cheshire, England, 1600-1879, FHL MF 1655592, item 2. 1 June 1756, Christening of Mary, Daughter of George Spurstow, Apothecary.
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57. Parish registers: Kendal, Westmoreland, England, 1558-1907, FHC Microfilm 0973138 & 139 of original transcripts, vols. 6 & 7, 1750-1770, vol. 6, p.19: William, son of Jno. & Margt. Miller of Market Pl.
58. Will of John Miller, 29 May 1777, Lancashire Record Office, Court of Probate: Archdeaconry of Richmond. FHL MF 99086: Probate Records for the Archdeaconry of Richmond Consistory Court, 1466-1860. Microfilm of original records in the Principal Probate Registry, Somerset House, Strand, London, Named in the will as his son.
59. Registration of Marriage for William Miller and Mary Spurstow, Sept. 21, 1779, The Parish Church, St. John the Baptist, Chester. Registration #636, County and City of Chester, England.
60. Marriage License Bond and Allegation for William Miller and Mary Spurstow, Sept. 21, 1779.
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64. Notice of death: William Miller, d.1826, Gore's Advertiser, p.3, col.6, Died 7 inst. Aged 74 years.
65. Notice of death: William Miller, d.1826, Liverpool Mercury, 7 September 1826. Accessed in Gale's newspaper database, FHL Salt Lake City, Wm. Miller, Gentleman, Erskine St.
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71. Gore's Directory, Liverpool, 1821.

72. Letter from R. B. Trunkfield, R.G., to Hope Healy Koontz, Member of the Assn. of Genealogists and Record Agents, Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire, England, from Gore's Liverpool Directory, 1821, and Baine's Liverpool Directory, 1824.

73. Notice of death: William Miller, d.1826, Liverpool Mercury, 7 September 1826. Accessed in Gale's newspaper database, FHL Salt Lake City.

74. Parish registers: St. Peter's Church, Chester, Cheshire, England, 1588-1958, Elizabeth, Dau of George Sporst, Apothecary, christened 29 Jan 1759.

75. Will of Dorothy [Spurstow] Tomlinson, 28 July 1820, Cheshire [England] Record Office, Ref. W.S. 1830, Date of Probate 28 July 1830, mentioned in will as her brother-in-law and executor.

76. Bishop's transcripts for St. Michael's Church, Chester and St. Olave's Church, Chester, 1600-1876, Microfilm of originals in the Cheshire Record Office, Chester. FHL MF 1655539 Item 2, FHL MF 1655539, #225: Robert Ansdell of the parish of Liverpool and Elizabeth Spurstow of this parish by License this fifth Day of September 1786.

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78. Intended marriage: Elizabeth Spurstow & Robert Ansdell, 1786, Marriage Bonds for the County of Chester, 1750-1800, FHL MF 1736578. #5799, 4 Sept 1786, applied for a license to marry. Bond made by Robert Ansdell, bachelor, of Liverpool, 21 or older, & John Tomlinson, 100 pounds. Marriage with Elizabeth Spurstow of the parish of St. Michael, Chester, spinster, 21 or older.

79. Will of John Spurstow, 9 September 1749, Lancashire, England, Lancashire Record Office, 1769, mentioned in will as his grandson.

80. Parish registers: St. Peter's Church, Chester, Cheshire, England, 1588-1958, England, 1588-1958, FHL MF 2045912, baptisms, burials, 1693-1768: 18 May 1761, George Son of George & Elizabeth Sporst, Apothecary.

81. Spurstow Miller Charts Recompiled from Donovan Miller's Charts by Hope Healy Koontz and Anne Healy Field, 1978, Original research by Adm. Francis S. Miller, 1863-1953, Birth year in family records is 1762.

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83. Parish registers: St. Peter's Church, Chester, Cheshire, England, 1588-1958, FHL MF 2045912, Baptisms, burials, 1693-1768; Dorothy, daughter of George and Elizabeth Sporst, apothecary, baptism, 13 Sept 1763.

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87. Parish registers: St. Martin's Church, Chester, Cheshire, England, 1671-1963, FHL MF 1999762; #146. John Tomlinson, Surgeon & Apothecary, of the parish of St. Oswald in the city & diocese of Chester, batchelor, and Dorothy Spurstow, spinster, of the parish of St. Martin in the city & diocese aforesaid, married in this church by license the ninth day of February 1786 by John Baldwin, official minister. Witnesses: Robt. Ansdell & Esther Tomlinson.

88. Bishop's transcripts for Plemstall, Cheshire, 1586-1879, Microfilm of original records in the Cheshire Record Office, Chester, England. FHL MF 1751557, Item 2, Principal residence: St. Peter, Plemstall, Cheshire.

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94. Bishop's Transcripts: St. Martin's Church, Cheshire, England, Church of England, 1600-1842, FamilySearch.org indexed data from parish records, FHL MF 1655481; Jno Tomblinson & Dorothy Spurstow, married 9 Feb 1786, St. Martin's Chester.

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