

English Ancestry of Martha Chaplin, wife of  
Robert Parke, of Wethersfield, Conn., 1639, and New London, 1649.  
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From Waters.

- " Probate Records of Bury St. Edmunds, County Suffolk, England.
- " Registers of Semer, County Suffolk, England.
- " Registers of Palisades, N. Y., in Aug. 1900.
- " Savage 1/360.
- " Boston Transcript, Jan. 31, 1906.

See Candler M.S. of Harleian Coals in British Museum.

- " Essex, Mass. Hist. Cols. 22/219 - 222.
- " for Parke: History of Wethersfield; history of New London;  
" " Stonington.
- " Savage 3/365 - 9.
- " Park Family Sketch (1830).
- " Champnet & Park Genealogy (1855) 25-36.
- " Genealogies of Parke family of Connecticut, including Robert of  
New London; Edward of Guilford, and others, (1906) PP. 333.

1. *William, 2 1576* *1st wife?* *Joan Greengrass*  
-----Chaplin married an unknown and became the father of  
three sons and one daughter. *Alice, Edmund, William + Samuel*  
*1st Second Generation.*

- 2. William Chaplin;
- 2. Clement of Acton, County Suffolk; married in Long Melford,  
Sept. 9, 1571, Joan, a daughter of ----- Firmen, by whom he  
became the father of William, who died before 1617; and
- 3. Thomas of Acton;
- 3. Edmund, who died young;
- 3. Edmund of Preston; County Suffolk;
- 3. Martha, who married Benedict Posford;
- 3. Ellen, who married Edward Eagle.

The family moved to Hitcham, County Suffolk about 1581 where  
the wife and mother died in 1614 and where she was buried  
April 9th, of that year. The widower died in 1621 probably in  
Semer, County Suffolk. His will of Dec. 14, 1617 was proved  
in the Probate Registry of Bury St. Edmunds Feb. 11, 1621.

An Abstract follows:

- Clement Chaplin of Semer, yeoman; mentioned that previous to the  
date of his will he had given household effects to his children.  
To Thomas Chaplin, my son;  
To Ellen Eagle, my daughter;  
To Edmund, my son;  
To Martha Posford, god-daughter;  
To Edward Eagle, son-in-law;  
To Edward, Margaret, John, Thomas, Martha and Joan Eagle, grandchildren;  
To Barbara Chaplin, grandchild;  
To the poor of Hitcham, 20s;  
Thomas Chaplin, executor;  
Witnesses, William Chaplin, John Bryant.  
(Register Harrolde, 338).

Joan Chaplin, married ----- Ballard and had issue in Melford.

Thomas Chaplin was living in 1575 when in his brother William's will,  
he was called "my said brother Thomas Chaplin". (As no such person  
was previously mentioned in that instrument, it is possible that  
"Thomas" was in error and "Clement" was meant.

/ William Chaplin of Long Melford, County Suffolk, England, yeoman, married twice but the name and identity of the first wife has not been established. He married (2) Joan, widow of John Greengrass, of Melford, whose first husband's will was proved Jan. 24, 1567.

/ William Chaplin held the Manor of Semer, a messuage called "Lyons" which passed to his son Edmund, one of his three children. *Mrs. Sons* Chaplin died in June 1575 and the widower about 1577, as his will of November 15, 1575 was proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury Jan. 25, 1577. His will follows:

My body to be buried in the churchyard of Melford;  
To repair the church, 40s.

Bequests to the poor of Melford, Sudbury, Acton, Foxherd, Borley and Liston.

To such poor people as my supervisor shall think fit, 10s, to pray for me.

✓ To brother Clement 3 pounds and the lease of a bit of land called Cookes, etc., 1 farm of Mr. Warren, and also the lease of land being by Cokes Lye, called Little Thurgoes.

✓ To Clement's eldest son, William, my god-son, the remainder of the lease of all lands held of Mr. Warren at the age of 21; at the age of 16, one good cow and 40s.

✓ To my eldest son, Edmund, the lease of a farm in Melford, called Tarnes where I now dwell and all the lands lately bought of Israel Ford.

✓ To Mary Greengrass, daughter of John Greengrass, late of Melford, deceased, besides 50 pounds bequeathed by her father, 40s of my own goods at the time of her marriage.

✓ To my sister, Joan Ballard, 40s.

Bequests to two of her children.

To my god-son, the son of my sister Ballard, 10s at 21 years.

To Ballard's boy, now with me, lame, 20s.

✓ To my daughter, Alice, the bequest of her mother and two good beasts at 24 or marriage.

Mentioned deeds, legacies, etc., due to any of the children or kinsfolk of my late predecessor, John Greengrass.

✓ To daughter Alice, messuage in Acton called Sackes & Himes.

✓ To son William, my gray cold which I bought at Woolpit fair.

Executors to occupy remainder in common until the Christmas next after my decease.

✓ To my sister, Joan Ballard, a tenement on Coke's Tye, for life and afterwards for the poor of Melford forever.

✓ Mentioned "my said brother, Thomas Chaplin".

Residue between Samuel and William, his sons, who he appointed executors.

Among the witnesses were William Payne and Edmund Chaplin. (Rigister Langley, 3.)

2nd Third Generation.

Children of William Chaplin (2) by his first wife: *Alice*

1. Alice born about 1551;

2. Edmund of Lindsey and Little Waldingfield, County Suffolk, eldest son, born about 1554, married in Melford June 30, 1578, Martha, a daughter of John King, of the last named place by whom he had Edmund of Gray's Inn, London, who married Anne about April 21, 1602, a daughter of Thomas Iles, of Hammersmith County Middlesex.

3 *William*  
4 *Samuel*

*Chaplin*  
*1st*  
*2nd*  
*wife*

Edmund, date 10-6-1608

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Martha, married Thomas Bryan;  
Elizabeth, who died young;  
Audrey, who married John Wincoll, of Waldingfield, County Suffolk.

2 (Edmund Chaplin, inherited the messuage called "lyons" on the death of his father in 1576, lived forty-two years afterwards and died in 1618 as his will of Oct. 6, 1608, was proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, Feb. 8, 1618 by John Wincoll and Thomas Bryan, with power preserved to the widow, Martha Chaplin, to act. His will is presented here in abbreviated form:

Edmund Chaplin, of Little Waldingfield, County Suffolk and Diocese of Norwich, gentlemen.

To my grand-son, Edmund, eldest son of my late son, Edmund, my messuage, called Lyons in Watfield, Suffolk, at the age of 25.

To grandchild, William Chaplin, son of said Edmund and to Ursula and Elizabeth Chaplin, his daughters (minor)

To John Wincoll, my grandchild at 16; John Wincoll, my son-in-law; and Audrey Wincoll, my daughter, his wife.

Thomas Bryan, my son-in-law, and Martha Bryan, my daughter, his wife;

To my friend, Thomas Iles, of Hammersmith, Middlesex, gentleman, a ring of gold valued at 40s, desiring him of all kindness to stand their grand-father and friend unto the young, poor, fatherless children of my late son and his son-in-law, Edmund Chaplin and his wife Anne, the daughter of Mr. Iles.

If interred in Little Waldingfield, then (certain conditions); if in Lindsay, then (other certain conditions).

To Parnell Wilkinson, wife of Wilkinson, the elder and to the widow Mallard, both of Little Waldingfield, 5s apiece.

Bequests to four household servants of John Wincoll.

All the residue to wife, Martha, who with sons John Wincoll and Thomas Bryan was appointed executrix.

(Register Parker, 40 and 56.)

The widow, Martha Chaplin survived her husband and perhaps lived in Hadleigh, County Suffolk.

William Chaplin, of Semer, County Suffolk, the second son married first, Agnes, ----- who became the mother of his children and died in 1602 and who was buried in Semer Sept. 26, 1602. He married second, Anne, a daughter of ----- Clopton, and died in Semer in 1629 and was there buried Oct. 15, 1629. Mrs. Chaplin survived her husband nearly seventeenth months and died in 1630 and was buried in Semer March 4, 1630. An abstract of her will which bore date of Jan. 26, 1629 and which was proved May 6, 1631 in the Probate Registry of Bury St. Edmunds is appended:-

Anne Chaplyn of Seamer, wydowe.

To my kinsman James Clopton, son of my brother Ralph Clopton, 10 pounds on marriage.

To Susan Stephens, daughter of Bryant Stephens, 50 pounds at 21 or marriage.

To Henry and Richard Stephens, brothers of Susan Stephens;

To Anne Parke, the daughter of Robert Parke, 50 pounds at 21 or marriage.

If Anne Parke do not survive, then to god-son, William Parke, brother of Anne.

To William Smith and Robert Smith, the two sons of my said son-in-law, Robert Smith, 50 s. each; and

To Francis and Robert Chaplyn, two sons of my son-in-law, Robert Chaplyn, 50 s at 21.

To Judith Frost, daughter of my kinsman, James Frost, 20 s at 24;  
 To Anne Clopton, daughter of my kinsman, Francis Clopton;  
 To the poor of Seamer, 10s.  
 To the poor of the town where I shall be buried 5s;  
 Lastly to my son-in-law, Richard Clopton, my lease of the farm  
 called Wallye in Pattiswick, County Essex;  
 Richard Chaplyn, executor;  
 The mark of the aforesaid, Anne Chaplyn;  
 Witnesses John Browning;  
 The mark of Stephen Goymer.  
 (Register Colman, 1631)

3rd 4th Generation.

Children of William (<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>) and Agnes Chaplin, (all baptized in Semer);

1. Agnes baptized 5-20-1582; married 12-30-1602, John Baret of Stratford, County Suffolk.
2. Martha (See 5?) (subject of pamphlet)
- \* 3. William of Blockeshall, in Hitcham, County Suffolk; married Katherine -----, born about 1589 as she was 65 in 1654. He died in Semer in 1656 and was buried there Dec. 18, of that year. His will of April 22, 1654, was proved March 2, 1656. He became the father of William Richard, Thomas, Clement, John Samuel, Anne and Jonathan.
4. Richard of Semer; baptized 2-19-1587; married there 8-6-1612, Anne Smith, by whom there was no issue. It was probably this Richard Chaplin who was buried in Semer 10-16-1645;
5. Jane, baptized 3-11-1588; married in Semer 11-13-1606, Geoffrey Cremer or Skryme.
6. Samuel, baptized 4-26-1590; was buried in Semer 8-17 the year following.
7. Thomas of Bury St. Edmunds, linen draper, baptized 10-21-1591; became an alderman, a justice of peace for County Suffolk and a Member of Parliament for Bury St. Edmunds 1658-1660. He married Elizabeth, one of the daughters and co-heiresses of -----Hinds of that place, goldsmith, by whom he had William, Clement, Elizabeth, Anne and Abigail, and who survived him. The husband and father died in 1672, leaving a will which was proved in Bury St. Edmunds Nov. 25, of that year.
8. <sup>6-1587</sup> Clement, baptized 6-5-1592, lived probably in Bury St. Edmunds. He married Sarah, one of the daughters of -----Hinds, another of whose daughters, Elizabeth, became the wife of Clement's brother Thomas.

*See name*

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In 1635, the family embarked in London on the ship "Elizabeth & Ann", sailing to New England and located in Cambridge, Colony of Massachusetts Bay which town was incorporated 9-8-1633, having previously been known as "Ye Newe Towne". Mr/ Chaplin there became a freeman of the colony 3-3-1636, but soon removed to Hartford in Connecticut Colony which town was named in February 1637 and of which he became an original proprietor. As such he, in the general land distribution in 1639, was assigned a home lot "on the east side of the main street, south of the meeting house yard, on the Central Row". However, he did not settle permanently in that place and his assignment of land was declared forfeited 1-10-1639. Nevertheless as he resided there for a time, his name appears on the monument in Hartford which was erected in 1836 by the Ancient Burying Ground Association in honor of the first settlers.

He located in Wethersfield, and there was recorded to him, 4-28-1641, a homestead of 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres of land with a house and barn thereon at the south-west corner of the Green or Common. 5-1-1641, he had recorded another homestead which he had purchased of the widow Rachel Brundish. He had also 1200 acres of land in Naubuc, near Glastonbury. He became the ruling elder on the Wethersfield church and in 1643, he served as deputy to the General Court of the Colony. He returned to England subsequent to 1646, and located in Thetford, County Norfolk, where he called himself a clerk, i. e. a clergyman. He died there in 1656 as his will of 8-16, of that year was proved in the Prerogative Court, Canterbury, 9-23, following.

A synopsis of that instrument is here given:-

8 Clement Chaplin of Thetford, in the County of Norfolk, Clerk:  
To wife, Sarah, my house and lands in Hartford and Wethersfield in New England, to her and her heirs forever;  
Loving brother, Thomas Chaplin, Bury St. Edmunds in Old England and my kinsman, William Clarke of Rocksbury in New England to be supervisors;  
Witnessed by Elizabeth Gurnham (by mark); and John Spincke.  
Proved by Sarah Chaplin, relict and sole executrix.  
(Register Berkeley, 332.)

- 9. Mary, baptized 12-4-1594. She or her sister Dorothy married Robert Smith of Semer.
- 10. Dorothy, baptized 6-16-1596; She or her sister Mary, married Robert Smith of Semer.
- 11. Edmund of Semer; baptized 2-3-1599; married Barbara ----- and had issue: William, Richard, Anne, Edmund, Joseph, Thomas, and Deborah. The husband and father was buried in Semer 7-1-1600 as was the widow and mother 8-14-1668.
- 12. Robert, of Bury St. Edmunds, woolen draper; baptized 9-26-1602; married Elizabeth, a daughter of Francis Asty of that place and he became the father of Francis of London, tradesman, who became the Lord Mayor of that city in 1668 and was knighted; of Robert who died about 1704; Susan who died single; Ann, who perhaps married -----Hamby; and Elizabeth who married Caesar Adamson of Bury St. Edmunds, surgeon.  
Robert Chaplin's will was proved in Bury St. Edmunds in 1643. His widow married for her second husband -----Hutt.

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*see name*

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5. Martha Chaplin, baptized in Semer Feb. 4, 1583; (subject of this pamphlet.)