

## Farrar Register Report

Name variations include: Farrar, Farrer, Fairer, Farrow, Farar, Pharoah & Pharrer.

### First Generation

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1. **Thomas<sup>1</sup> FARRAR** was "of Burnley, Lancashire"<sup>[1]</sup> and married **Athelred [surname not known]**.

They had one child:

2            i.        **Thomas**

Generation: G9 Grandparents (Susanna)/G10 Grandparents (Hanna)

Person Numbers: 3652/8124 and 3653/8125

### Second Generation

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#### Family of Thomas FARRAR (1) & Athelred [surname not known]

2. **Thomas<sup>2</sup> FARRAR** (*Thomas<sup>1</sup>*) was born in 1614/15 in Burnley, Lancashire, England and died in Lynn, Essex co., MA as "Farrar, Thomas, Sr." on 23 February 1693/4; he was 79<sup>[2]</sup>.

Thomas was a farmer who lived on Nahant Street in Lynn, Essex co., MA. He was not educated, as shown by the fact that he could only make his mark on the inventories he took on 26 May, 1678<sup>[3]</sup>.

Thomas and William Bassett took inventory of the Estate of Mrs. Elizabeth King on 26 May 1678<sup>[3]</sup>. They also took the inventory of the estate of Michael Lambert of Lynn on 29d:9:1676<sup>[12]</sup>. Finally, Thomas and Henry Collins (who could also only make his mark) took inventory of the estate of John Humphreys, Esq. on 3 July 1663<sup>[13]</sup>. In 1692, the town "voted that Thomas Farrar, Sen. (and seven others) should set in the pulpit" on account of their age and consequent difficulty of hearing.

Thomas' "son" Samuel was actually the son he of his daughter Sarah and her husband Joseph Newhall, whom Thomas adopted.

His nickname was "Old Pharaoh" and he was accused of witchcraft during the 1692 Salem Witch Hysteria. Farrar's trial was at Salem, Essex co., MA on 18 May 1692 and he was imprisoned at Boston, Suffolk co., MA until 27 December 1692. Thomas Farrar's will was dated 22 June 1693 and proved 3 April 1694. [Essex Probate 9263]<sup>[11]</sup>.

#### "Mercy Lewis v.

#### Phillip English, Mary English, Lydia Dustin, Elizabeth Johnson, and Thomas Farrer"

"1692/3

*Jan. 12. The Deposition of Mercy Lewis Aged [illegible] this Deponant Testifieth & saith that Last night Philip English & his Wife came to mee also Goodwife Dassten Eliz. Johnson & old pharoh of Linn: s'd Mrs English urged mee to set my hand to a Booke & told mee she would Afflict mee Dreadfully & kill mee if I did not, s'd also if I would but touch the Booke I should bee well, or else I should never, s'd Mrs English s'd she might bring the Book now she thought ever one of them would be Cleared & now at this present time before the Grandjury s'd Philip English, his Wife & old pharoah, come in the Roome or their shape & Stroke mee on the Brest: & almost Choaked mee & s'd they would strangle mee if they Could owned before the Grandjury upon the oath she had taken Jen'y 12th 1692/3"*<sup>[4]</sup>

*Ann Putnam's deposition against him reads: "The Deposition of Ann Putnam, who testifieth and saith, that on the 8th day of May, 1692, there appeared to me the apparition of an old gray-head man, with a great nose, which tormented me, and urged me to write in his book; and I asked him what was his name, and from*

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*whence he came, for I would complain of his; and people used to call him old father Pharaoh, and he said he was my grandfather, for my father used to call him father. I told him I would not call him grandfather, for he was a wizzard, and I would complain of him. And ever since he hath afflicted me by times, and beating me, and pinching me, and almost choaking me, and urging me continually to write in his book.*<sup>[5,6]</sup>

### “The Indictment of Thomas Farrer

*Essex in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England Anno RRs & Reginae Gulielmi & Mariae Angliae &c. Quarto Anno'qe Domini: 1692*

*The Juriors for our Sovereigne Lord & Lady the King & Queen doe present that Thomas Pharoa -- of Linn in the County of Essex husbandman -- the 10th of May In the year aforesaid and Divers other Dayes and Times as well before as after Certaine Detestable Arts calle dWitchcraft and Sorceries wickedly maliciously & feloniously hath used practised and Exersised at and in the Towne of Salem in the County of Essex aforesaid in and upon and against one Ann Putnam of Salem. Singlewoman by which said wicked acrs the Said Ann Putnam The day and year aforesaid and Divers other Dayes and Times both before and after was and is tortured afflicted Consumed wasted Pined and Tormented against the peace of our Sovereigne Lord & Lady the King & Queen their Crowne & Dignity and the law in that Case made & Provided*

*Witnesses*

*Ann Putnam*

*Elizabeth Hubbard*

*Sarah Vibber*<sup>[7,8]</sup>

*A mittimus “To the Keeper of Their Majest’s Goale in Boston” was issued from Salem on 18 May 1692 so that Roger Toothaker of Billerica (who died in prison), John Willard of Salem Village, Thomas Farrar of Lynn and Elizabeth Hart of Lynn were all taken into custody and jailed there.*<sup>[9,10]</sup>

Circa 1645 when Thomas was 31, he married **Elizabeth [surname not known]**, in Roxbury, Suffolk co., MA or Lynn, Essex co., MA<sup>[14,15,16,17,18,19,20]</sup>. She died on 8 January 1680 in Lynn, Essex co., MA as “Farrer, Elizabeth, w. Thomas”<sup>[21]</sup>.

They had the following children:

- |          |      |                           |
|----------|------|---------------------------|
| <b>3</b> | i.   | <b>Hanna</b>              |
| <b>4</b> | ii.  | <b>Susanna</b>            |
| <b>5</b> | iii. | Thomas                    |
| <b>6</b> | iv.  | Peleg [ <i>Twin</i> ]     |
| <b>7</b> | v.   | Mehitabel [ <i>Twin</i> ] |
| <b>8</b> | vi.  | Elizabeth                 |
| <b>9</b> | vii. | Sarah                     |

Generation: G8 Grandparents (Susanna)/G9 Grandparents (Hanna)

Person Numbers: 1826/4062 and 1827/4063

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### Third Generation

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#### Family of Thomas FARRAR (2) & Elizabeth [surname not known]

**3. Hanna<sup>3</sup> FARRAR** (*Thomas<sup>2-1</sup>*) died after November 1720 in Lynn, Essex co., MA<sup>[14]</sup>. This is the date of her husband's will and the division of his estate. Since she is mentioned in the documents, we know that she was alive at this time. I think Hanna's death is recorded in the following diary entry: "Berry, \_\_\_\_, Aunt, bur. 24:11m:1727/8" It comes from the same source [P.R. 5] which recorded the deaths of her children in Lynn<sup>[22]</sup>. None of the Berry entries outside the family are recorded in P.R. 5.

Circa 1664 Hanna married **Thaddeus BERRY**, in Rumney Marsh, Suffolk, co. MA or Lynn, Essex co., MA<sup>[14,23,24,25,26]</sup>. There are two Torrey entries for him. One under "Berry, Teague" and the other under "Berry/Barry?, Thaddeus". Thaddeus' name variations alone merited an entire article in the *New England Historic Genealogical Register*. Please see his own entry for his considerable history.

They had the following children (*surnamed BERRY*):

- i. John
- ii. Elizabeth
- iii. Samuel
- iv. Hannah
- v. Thomas
- vi. Daniel
- vii. Sarah
- viii. Ephriam
- ix. Athelrid/Ethelred
- x. Rebecca
- xi. Abigail**
- xii. Jerusha
- xiii. Mehitable

Generation: G8 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 2030/2031

**4. Susanna<sup>3</sup> FARRAR** (*Thomas<sup>2-1</sup>*) was born on 26d:1m (March):1659 in Lynn, Essex co., MA as "Farrer, Susanna, d. Thomas"<sup>[11,65]</sup>.

Susanna received "one cove" in her father's will<sup>[11]</sup>. After she remarried, on 2 February 1733, "...Susannah Symonds of Lynn, widow, in presence of Richard Hood and Benj. Newhall, conveyed to her son Samuel Newhall, by deed of gift, all her right in the real estate which had been in the possession of her brother Thomas Farrar, late of Lynn, deceased, and was given unto him, the sd Thos. Farrar, by her fond father Mr. Thos. Farrar, formerly of Lynn, deceased..."<sup>[66]</sup>

Circa 1678 when Susanna was 18, she first married **Ensign Joseph NEWHALL**<sup>[67]</sup>, son of **Thomas NEWHALL & Elizabeth POTTER**, in Lynn, Essex co., MA<sup>[11,14,68,69,70,71,17,72,73,74,72]</sup>

They had the following children (*surnamed NEWHALL*):

- i. Jemima
- ii. Thomas
- iii. Joseph**
- iv. Elisha
- v. Ephriam
- vi. Daniel
- vii. Ebenezer

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viii.	Susanna
ix.	Benjamin
x.	Samuel
xi.	Sarah

Generation: G7 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 912/913

On 26 September 1713 when Susanna was 54, she second married **Benjamin SIMONS**, of Woburn, Middlesex co., MA, in Lynn, Essex co., MA. An intention was also filed on 26 Sept. 1713.

**5. Thomas FARRAR** (*Thomas*<sup>2-1</sup>) was born in 1657 and died as "Farrar, Thomas, 'Uncle'" in Lynn, Essex co., MA on 29d:10m:1733; he was 76<sup>[81]</sup>. Thomas, Jr. took the Oath of Freeman on 18 April 1691<sup>[79]</sup>. Ironically, he was selectman for Lynn in 1692 -- the very year his father was accused of witchcraft.

On 3 March 1680/1 when Thomas was 23, he first married **Abigail COLLINS**, in Lynn, Essex co., MA<sup>[14,82,17,20,75,83]</sup>. On 6 December 1682 when Thomas was 25, he second married **Elizabeth HOOD**, in Lynn, Essex co., MA<sup>[14,2075,84,83,85,86]</sup>.

**6. Peleg FARRAR** (*Thomas*<sup>2-1</sup>) was born on 6d:8m (October):1660 in Lynn, Essex co., MA as "Farrer, Peleg"<sup>[87]</sup> and died in 1660 in Lynn, Essex co., MA, listed under the same spelling of his name<sup>[88]</sup>.

**7. Mehitabel FARRAR** (*Thomas*<sup>2-1</sup>) was born on 6d:8m(October):1660 in Lynn, Essex co., MA as "Farrer, Mehitabell"<sup>[87]</sup> and died in 12d:8m(October):1660 in Lynn, Essex co., MA under the same spelling of her name<sup>[88]</sup>.

**8. Elizabeth FARRAR** (*Thomas*<sup>2-1</sup>) was born died on 25 October 1677 in Lynn, Essex co., MA<sup>[21]</sup>.

**9. Sarah FARRAR** (*Thomas*<sup>2-1</sup>) was born on 20 May 1667.

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