

The Family of John Hatton & Elizabeth Cox als Hayward

The Registers of Forthampton are missing for the period in which the children of John Hatton and his wife Elizabeth Cox als Hayward were baptised. However, the family can be reconstructed from family wills.

John Hatton made his will¹ on 13 August 1658 and probate was granted at Gloucester in 1670. The beneficiaries of this will were:

- my Eldest sonn John
- my Daughter Joane ... when shee Comes to the age of eighteene years old.
- my other three Daughters (viz) Ann Elizabeth & Mary ... when they Come to the ages affore menconned
- my three younger Sonns (viz) Thomas Phillip & Sammuell ... when they Come to the ages of twenty one
- my wife Elizabeth

The Hatton children were also beneficiaries in the will of their uncle, Phillip Cox als Hayward², written in January 1675/76. Among the beneficiaries were:

- my sister Elizabeth Hatton
- John Hatton eldest sonn of my said sister
- Thomas Hatton second sonn of my said sister
- Phillip Hatton the third sonn of my said sister
- Samuel Hatton the fourth sonn of my said sister
- William Hatton the fifth sonn of my said sister
- Joane eldest daughter of my said sister
- Ann the second daughter of my said sister

Three children are referred to in the will of their grandfather, Thomas Hayward, written in August 1641³:

“I give unto my daughter Elizabeth Hatton the some of five pounds to be paid within one yeare after my dessease allso I give unto her three children the some of five pounds each when they shall come to the age of twentie and one yeares”

There is one relevant entry in the surviving Bishops Transcripts for Forthampton⁴:
11 Feb 1637 Joane the daughter of John Hatton and Elizabeth his wife was baptized

Using these three sources the order of children can be established as:

<i>Sons</i>	<i>Daughters</i>
John	Joan
Thomas	Ann
Phillips	Elizabeth
Samuel	Mary
William	

¹ <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wrag44/wills/hattonwills/JohnHatton1670.htm>

² <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wrag44/wills/haywardwills/PhillippHeyward1677.htm>

³ <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wrag44/wills/haywardwills/ThomasHayward1647.htm>

⁴ <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wrag44/forthampton/forthamptonbt.htm>

The Sons

John

John is the only child in his father's will whose age is not indicated. However, as his bequest was "all my wearing apparell" it was not a legacy that needed to wait for John to come of age, so he need not have been aged 21 at the time. As the eldest son he would, in time, inherit his father's copyhold estate and so would receive no legacy.

On 18 June 1677 John's mother, Elizabeth, surrendered her husband's copyhold premises at the Elm, Forthampton, and it was granted to "John Hatton sonne of the said Elizabeth."⁵

John was married at least twice. On 23 June 1677 he was issued a Marriage License⁶ to marry Canan Styles, unfortunately he did not give his age. He wrote his will⁷ on 8 September 1694 and was buried the following day. In the will he referred to:

- my brother Samuell Hatton of Ledbury in the County of Hereford Chandler and
- my brother Phillip of the Said Townshipp and County aforesaid Chandler

With no further evidence on age all that can be established is that he must have been aged at least 21 in 1677 and so born before 1656. As he was already widowed in 1677 then he was probably at least 25 and possibly older so he was probably born before 1652.

Thomas

Thomas was buried at Forthampton, 24 June 1681⁸.

Phillip

On 25 April 1696 Phillip Hatton made a Marriage Allegation⁹ to marry Elizabeth Merry of Corse. He gave his age as 40. He was therefore born in about 1656.

Samuel

Samuel settled at Ledbury in Herefordshire. His eldest child was baptised there in March 1684/85. He was probably married in about 1683 and so was born in about 1658

William

William was not mentioned in his father's will and was listed in his uncles will as the fifth and youngest son. Therefore he was born in about 1660

The Daughters

Joan

Joan, daughter of John and Elizabeth Hatton, was baptised at Forthampton 11 February 1637/38. However, Joan, the eldest daughter is said to be aged less than 18 in August 1658. This suggests a birth after 1640 and implies that the child baptised in 1637/38 had died as an infant.

Ann, Elizabeth and Mary

All three were aged under 18 in 1658 so were born after 1640. Neither Elizabeth nor Mary were mentioned in their uncle's will.

⁵ Forthampton Court Rolls, Gloucester Archives Finding Reference D2240

⁶ *Marriage Allegations in the Diocese of Gloucester, Volume 1 1637-1680*, edited by Brian Frith, page 147

⁷ <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wrag44/wills/hattonwills/JohnHatton1695.htm>

⁸ <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wrag44/forthampton/forthamptonvoll1pt1.htm>

⁹ *Marriage Allegations in the Diocese of Gloucester, Volume 2 1681-1700*, edited by Brian Frith, page 178

Mary married at Ledbury, Herefordshire, on 25 December 1677. Her marriage settlement, made in 1679 refers to her brothers John and Phillip. Her husband, Benjamin Browne, was baptised at Ledbury in 1655. Therefore it is likely that Mary was born at about the same time.

Probable Dates of Birth

From their grandfather's will it can be established that three children were born before August 1641. These three were:

- Joan, baptised in 1637/38
- a child born in 1639
From John Hatton's will it can be seen that all his daughters were aged under 18 in August 1658 and so all were born after August 1640. Therefore any child born in 1639 would have been a boy, the eldest son, John.
- a child born in 1641
This child would have been aged about 17 in 1658 and could, therefore, have been a girl. However, the oldest girl aged under 18 in John Hatton's will was named Joan and she cannot have been born until after the death of Joan, born in 1637/38. Therefore any child born in 1641 must have been a boy, the second son, Thomas.

Therefore the children of John and Elizabeth Hatton were:

Joan	born 1637/38, died soon after 1641
John	born 1639
Thomas	born 1641
Joan	born about 1644
Ann	born about 1647
Elizabeth	born about 1650
Mary	born about 1653
Phillip	born 1656
Samuel	born 1658
William	born 1660

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