

# The Parentage of Mary Fluck Healing

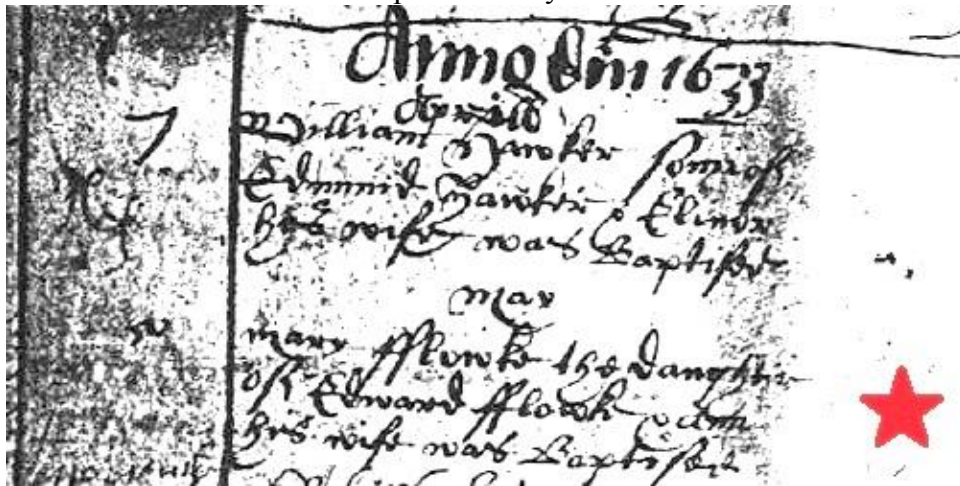
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What do we know about Mary Fluck Healing?

She was married at Bishops Cleeve in 1668 as Mary Fluck of Apperley<sup>1</sup> and died in 1724. She had children born between 1668 and 1688. To marry in 1668 she must have been at least 15 in that year, and to have had a child in 1688 she must have been under 50 so therefore she was born sometime between 1638 and 1653.

There are four Mary Flucks whose births are recorded at Deerhurst<sup>2</sup> who could have married in 1668:

- Mary d/o Edward & Ann Flowke baptised 5 May 1633



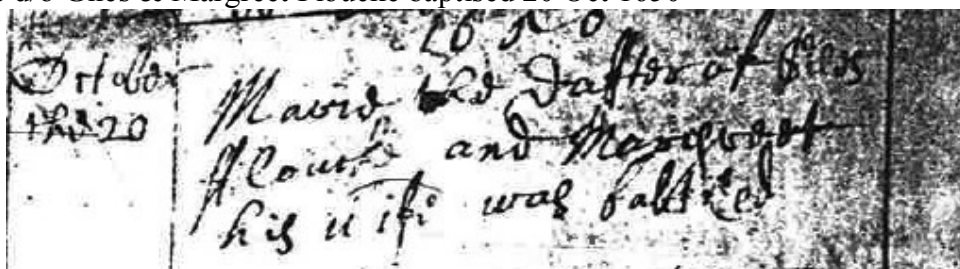
- Mary d/o Thomas & Mary Fluck baptised 8 May 1637



- Mary d/o John & Margery Fluck born 30 Dec 1644



- Marie d/o Giles & Margreet Floucke baptised 20 Oct 1650



<sup>1</sup> John Haling and Mary Fluck of Apperley were married 20 June 1668, *Gloucestershire Parish Registers, Volume III*, page 89.

<sup>2</sup> It should be noted that baptisms in this period are poorly recorded. There is only one baptism/birth in 1637, 1640 and 1641, none at all in 1642 or 1648, and very few in some of the other years.

To look at each of them in turn.

### **Mary, daughter of Edward Fluck, born 1633.**

She would have been 55 in 1688 when the last Healing child was born, unlikely but possible.

She is mentioned in her father's will, dated 4 October 1661<sup>3</sup> as "Mary Flucke my daughter". On 14 October 1661 Steven Mitton was issued a license to marry a woman named Mary Fluck.<sup>4</sup> Steven Mitton was a witness to Edward's will and in 1706 Mary's brother Edward mentions Steven son of Steven Mitton in his will<sup>5</sup>. Therefore this Mary must have married Steven Mitton and cannot be the wife of John Healing.

### **Mary, daughter of Thomas Fluck, born 1637**

She would have been 51 in 1688 when the last Healing child was born, again unlikely but possible.

She is not mentioned in her father's will dated 1667<sup>6</sup>. However amongst the legatees mentioned in that will are Mary Haward "my grandchild" and William Haward "my grandchild". These are the children of William Haward and Mary Fluck who were married by license dated 11 February 1661/62<sup>7</sup>. Therefore Mary, daughter of Thomas Fluck, was the wife of William Haward and cannot be the wife of John Healing.

### **Mary daughter of John Fluck born 1644**

She would have been 44 in 1688 when the last Healing child was born.

There is no mention of her after her baptism. While her father did not leave a will, her uncle Edward did. In his extensive will, written in 1706<sup>8</sup>, he mentions the children of Thomas Leech of Cheltenham. In 1680 Thomas Leech had married Mary Fluck. From their marriage allegation, dated 14 April 1680 her date of birth can be calculated as about 1656.<sup>9</sup> As Edward had no surviving children she must be his niece.

Edward had three brothers, Richard, John and William. Richard was the eldest and the only apparent mention of him is in the will of his aunt, Joan Pixley, written in 1639<sup>10</sup>. He is not mentioned in his father's will of 1662<sup>11</sup> or his brother's will of 1706<sup>12</sup> so it is probable he had died before 1662. It can be presumed that he died without issue as there are no bequests in his father's will to any children of a son named Richard, living or dead.

The second brother was William. He is mentioned in his father's will of 1662<sup>13</sup> but not in his brother's, suggesting he died before 1706.<sup>14</sup> He is probably the father of Sarah Fluck who

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<sup>3</sup> Gloucestershire Archives, Will Reference 1662/31

<sup>4</sup> "Stephen Mitton, Cheltenham, plumber, 30, & Marie Fluck, Apperly, p. Deerhurst, 20" *Gloucestershire Marriage Allegations, Volume 1*, page 21

<sup>5</sup> Gloucestershire Archives, Will Reference 1707/50

<sup>6</sup> Gloucestershire Archives, Will Reference 1668/211

<sup>7</sup> "William Heward, Sandhurst, yeom., 26 & Mary Flucke, Deerhurst, 23" *Gloucestershire Marriage Allegations, Volume 1*, page 23

<sup>8</sup> Gloucestershire Archives, Will Reference 1707/50

<sup>9</sup> "Thomas Leech, Cheltenham, plumber, 26 & Mary Flucke, Deerhurst, 24" *Gloucestershire Marriage Allegations, Volume 1*, page 197

<sup>10</sup> Will probated at London 11 July 1653,- Reference PROB 11/228/142. She leaves a bequest to "Richard Flucke my kinsman that liveth with me."

<sup>11</sup> Gloucestershire Archives, Will Reference 1662/31

<sup>12</sup> Gloucestershire Archives, Will Reference 1707/50

<sup>13</sup> Gloucestershire Archives, Will Reference 1662/31

<sup>14</sup> *ibid.*

married William Terrett in 1693<sup>15</sup> and her sister Elizabeth, administration of whose estate was granted to Sarah Terrett in 1707.<sup>16</sup> According to their tomb at Tewkesbury<sup>17</sup> Elizabeth was born in about 1677 and Sarah in about 1658. While it is possible that he was also the father of Mary Fluck Leech, the ordering of bequests in Edward Fluck's will of 1706<sup>18</sup> suggests otherwise. After an initial bequest to his principal heir he mentions first, the sisters Sarah Terret and Elizabeth Fluck, then the Mitton family, children of his sister Mary, then the family of his brother John. Mary Leech is placed in the latter group and so is probably a daughter of Edward's brother John.

This is the same John Fluck who was the father of the Mary who was born in 1644. While her age at marriage in 1680 is given as 24 in the published version of the Marriage Allegation, in the original records it as "aged 24 and upwards." It is therefore possible that her age was actually 36 and that her age was recorded as "24 and upwards" to suggest she was younger than her prospective husband. The couple's last child, Mary, was baptised in 1691 when her mother would have been 35 or possibly 47. Either age is possible. However the Mary who was born in 1644 either died before 1656 or married Thomas leech in 1680 and so she cannot be the wife of John Healing.

It can also be inferred that Mary Healing cannot belong to this family as there are no bequests in the extensive will of Edward Fluck to any of the family of Mary Fluck Healing.

#### **Marie daughter of Giles Floucke baptised 1650**

She would have been 38 in 1688 when the last Healing child was born.

This branch of the Fluck family left no wills after 1619 so I cannot find any evidence to prove she is the bride of John Healing. However she is the only Mary born at the right time who cannot be accounted for.

#### **Conclusion**

The Mary who married John Healing in 1668 was most probably the daughter of Giles Floucke.

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<sup>15</sup> License dated 22 October 1693 *Gloucestershire Marriage Allegations, Volume 2*, page 155

<sup>16</sup> Gloucestershire Archives, Will Reference 1707/5

<sup>17</sup> Bigland's Gloucestershire Collections, 1992 edition, Volume 3, page 1274

<sup>18</sup> Gloucestershire Archives, Will Reference 1707/50