

## Are Thomas Linthicum (1640 -1701) and wife, Jane, buried in the All Hallow's Parish Cemetery? (and other questions)

All of the information below is very interesting trivia which I have revisited in a failed attempt to figure out where the original (or one of the original) All Hallows Parish church or meeting house(s) might have been as I do not feel that Thomas, d Nov 1701, or his wife Jane are buried at the existing All Hallows Parish Cemetery. The existing location was not established until about 1732<sup>1</sup> according to what I can glean from this study:

Mechelle Kerns-Nocerito. 2002. [Stories Dead Men Tell: Geophysical Survey in the All Hallows Graveyard, Anne Arundel County, Maryland.](#) *Maryland Archeology* 38(1): 13-18.

A casual glance at the [All Hallow's Parish Cemetery Listing](#) might raise the question as to how there are burials in the cemetery in the 1680's if it did not exist. A bit more reading from the linked references informs us that the Burgess markers (I'm not sure about the remains) were move to the cemetery by the DAR well after its establishment in its present location.

If you are interested there are a lot of other bits and pieces of information that help establish the total context of the times and the Linthicum connections:

A friend sent me a couple of pages from an interesting book on Londontown<sup>2</sup>. I wish I had access to the whole book just for historical interest and for the footnotes. The friend suggests that the lot of Thomas Linthicum discussed below may be the site of an inn/tavern that is on the National Historic Register.

There are also references to the lot or lots that Thomas Linthicum purchased in London Town in Newman's Anne Arundel Gentry<sup>3</sup> and Badger's Linthicum & Allied Families<sup>4</sup>. Most of these references can ultimately be traced to copies of deed

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<sup>1</sup> The Church of England was officially established in the Colony of Maryland In 1692 by King William and Queen Mary, who chartered 30 parishes, one of which was All Hallows, South River . However, our earliest Parish records date back to March 1, 1669, noting the first recorded baptism at All Hallows. Since its establishment in early 1692, All Hallows has had a long line of rectors, some of whom, like the biographer, Mason Locke Weems, who invented the story of George Washington and the cherry tree, were famous in their own right From the Church's Web Page: <http://www.allhallows.ang-md.org/history.shtml>

<sup>2</sup> Shomette, Donald G. 1978. London Town: a brief history. Londontown, Maryland: London Town Publik House Commission

<sup>3</sup> Anne Arundel Gentry, A Genealogical History of Twenty-two Pioneers of Anne Arundel County, Maryland and Their Descendents", by Harry Wright, Newman, Baltimore, Md., Lord Baltimore Press, 1933, Digital Reproduction of original in the Sutro Library as found at HertiageQuest Online.

<sup>4</sup> Genealogy of the Linthicum and allied families, Editor and Compiler, Badger, Matilda P., Baltimore, Md., Publisher: unknown, 1936; Digital reproductions widely available online

records available in the Maryland online land records. There is some room for confusion as in one transaction where Thomas' son, Hezekiah, sells a 200 ft. x 200 ft. lot to David Mackelfresh<sup>5</sup>, it is referred to as "Linthicum Lot" and there was another 70 acre tract by roughly the same description (Lincicomb's Lott) in Thomas' will. It does not appear that the London Town lot is in the will and I wonder if Thomas and Jane<sup>6</sup> may have lived there (perhaps as a "town house") as the transaction with Mackelfresh reserves a portion of the original tract with a house which seems to be sold at a later date. This could have been the residence of Jane after the death of Thomas.

I would hope that a review of the information above would make the reader a bit more cautious when viewing unsourced statements regarding, the burial place for Thomas and Jane, the specific date and place of their marriage and the name "Spurlock" widely circulated as Jane's maiden name, and see that such statements are indicative of shallow research which perhaps is in need of source citation or revision. I cannot say that I can substitute a supported fact for any one of these events but that is exactly the point..... Repeating a supposition over and over does not improve the quality of the information but just a bit of delving into the history that is backed by fact does bring one to appreciate the complexity of finding good information to add to their family history.

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<sup>5</sup> ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COURT (Land Records), WT 2, 1702-1709 p 57,MSA CE 76-7

<sup>6</sup> It appears that Jane survived Thomas but I do not think there is a precise reference for her death nor any evidence that she left a will.