

British Ancestry of Billingsley Immigrant Brothers

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THE BILLINGSLEY FAMILY (BILLINGSLY-BILLINGSLEA) IN AMERICA

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Note that the listings below are not, collectively, an outline representation of the family descendency. Rather, each number at the left margin starts an independent outline descendency. I have taken the liberty of taking the first 5 descendencies that the author prepared, and folding them into one multi-generation descendency. Thus the descendency numbers skip from 1 to 6. I also added the lines that separate the descendencies.

The numbers in parentheses between the first and last name are generation numbers.

The large roman numerals in the very last descendency flag the 5 brothers who emigrated to America. Francis Billingsley, my immigrant ancestor is highlighted in yellow.

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HISTORICAL

BILLINGSLEY is a very old English place name. The Herald's Visitations of the British Museum give records of Billingsley of Kent, England, 1096, 1463, 1476, and 1504; of London, 1141, 1145, 1559, 1568, 1575, etc.; of Salop, 1241, 1396, 1472, and 1672. There appear some six Coats of Arms of Billingsley in a Visitation of London in 1575, all using the same Crest, and all testified to by Clarence Cooke, viz.:

- 1 Gules, a fleur de lis and a Canton, Or.
- 2 Argent, on a cross cotised Sable, five estoiles between four lions rampant.
- 3 Per saltine Or and Azure, in chief and .base two martlets Or; in fesse two cinqfoils Azure.
- 4 Azure, two lions passant guardant in pale, Or.
- 5 Argent, a fesse and in chief two mullets Sable.
- 6 Argent, two bars and a Canton Gules, over all a bend Sable.

Crest: On a mount Vert, a leopard Or, spotted Sable.

The Visitation of Shropshire in 1623 shows some nine generations of the family pertinent to this record. We have chosen to present them in generations rather than in pedigree chart form. References consulted: Harleian Society Publications; Visitations; Collectanea Genealogica, Foster; St. John's College, Baker; Athanae Cantab., Cooper; Athanae Oxon, Wood, ed. Bliss; Biographical Dictionary, Chalmers, etc. Search of original records in England and Holland by competent authority:

- 1 Roger (1) Billingsley, m _____ In Com. Salop anno 20 of Edward IV (1481).
 - i Roger (2) Billingsley, m _____ In Com. Salop.
 - a Roger (3) Billingsley, m _____ Of -Canterbury, Com. Kent. Issue
 - (1) Roger (4) Billingsley.
 - 6 (i) William (5) Billingsley
 - (2) William (4) Billingsley.
 - 7 (i) William (5) Billingsley

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- 6 William (5) Billingsley, son of Roger 4, Citizen and Haberdasher, of London, England, married Elizabeth, daughter of ____Harding; he died and she married (2) Sir Martyn Bowes. Issue:
 - i William (6) Billingsley.
 - ii Richard (6) Billingsley.
 - 8 iii Henry (6) Billingsley.
 - iv Ciceleye (6) Billingsley, m. William Newce (Newer ?) of Com. Hertfordshire.
 - v Martha (6) Billingsley, m John Robinson, of London.

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- 7 William (5) Billingsley, son of William 4, of Com. Salop. In the Visitation of Shropshire in 1623 he is listed with Arms: Argent, a cross Sable voided of the field, five estoiles in cross between four lions rampant all of the second. He married Ciceleye _____. Issue:
 - 9 i John (6) Billingsley.
 - ii William (6) Billingsley, m _____ had a son, Thomas (7).
 - iii Richard (6) Billingsley.
 - iv Joanne (6) Billingsley, m Hugh Chys.

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- 8 Henry (6) Billingsley: b 153-, son of William 5. Admitted a scholar to St. John's College in 1551; apprenticed to a London haberdasher and became a wealthy merchant; a "Customer of the Queen" at Visitation of London 1568 when he is described as "3 sonne of William Billingsley, of London, Citizen & haberdasher." Translated Euclid with notes and published same in 1570; chosen Sheriff of London in 1584; an Alderman in Lower Ward 16 November 1085; registered admission to Grey's Inn 22 February 1590-91; moved to Candlestick Ward in 1592; President of St. Thomas Hospital 15941606; elected Mayor of London 31 December 1596; knighted 6 February 1596/97; he bore the same Arms as William Billingsley, No. 7, with this addition, first quarter: Gules, a fleur de lis and canton Or. Sat as a member of Parliament for London 19 March 1603-4. He was granted large estates in Ireland by Elizabeth. He died 22 November 1606 and is buried in church of St. Catherine Coleman. He married (1) Elizabeth, daughter of Henry Bourne, she died 29 July 1577 aged 36 years; he married (2) Katherine, daughter of Sir John Cornwell, and widow of Robert Harding, of London, she died 1599; he married (3) Susanna, daughter of _____ Tracey, and widow of Edward Barger. Issue:

- i Henry (7) Billingsley: b 15-. Registered admission to Grey's Inn 30 Jan. 1581/82; was of Lysam, Com. Gloucester; knighted 28 June 1603; m . Issue:
 - 1 Matthew (8) Billingsley: b 16-. Registered admission to Grey's Inn 1 Aug. 1619.
- ii William (7) Billingsley: b 15-, m Blanch, daughter of Francis Gunter, of Aldburie, Com. Herts. He was deceased in 1614. Issue:
 - 1 Henry (8) Billingsley: b 15-, Registered admission to Grey's Inn 9 Aug. 1614; called to the bar 25 June 1623; m. Elizabeth, daughter of Edward Collies, merchant. Issue:
 - a Blanche (9) Billingsley: aet. 5 years in 1623.
 - b Elizabeth (9) Billingsley: aet. 1 year in 1623.
 - 2 Thomas (8) Billingsley: b 15-. Registered admission to Grey's Inn 10 Aug. 1614.
- iii Thomas (7) _Billingsley: b 15-, of London, Gent. m. Elizabeth, daughter of Rowland Hinde, of Hedsor in Com. Bucks, and of Inner Temple, Gent. Issue:
 - 1 Henry (8) Billingsley: b 159-. Registered admission to Grey's Inn 9 Aug. 1623, unmarried at that date; entered his pedigree in Visitation of 1634.
 - 2 Thomas (8) Billingsley: b 159-.
 - 3 Clement (8) Billingsley: b 16-.
 - 4 Elizabeth (8) Billingsley: b 1604, m prior to 1634 Edward Palmer, of D'eweshall, Com. Essex, Gent.
 - 5 Katherine (8) Billingsley: b ca 1608, m prior to 1634 William Chilcot, of Istelworth, Com. Middlesex, Gent. Elizabeth and Katherine Billingsley above mentioned were baptized in the Mormon Church of Salt Lake City, Utah, 12 July -1927, both were endowed 31 Aug. 1928, baptism and endowment by one George Hind, who states he is a relative-in-law.
- iv Richard (7) Billingsley.
- v Elizabeth. (7) Billingsley.

9 John (6) Billingsley: b ca 1525, of Astley, Com. Salop. He married Frances, daughter of William Acton, of Aldenham. Issue:

- 10 i Francis (7) Billingsley: b ca 1549.
- ii Janne (7) Billingsley: b 15-, m. Captain Thomas Bailey, d.s.p.
- iii Ciceleye (7) Billingsley: b 15-.

10 Francis (7) Billingsley: b 15-, was living 1623 in Astley, Com. Salop. He married prior to 1575 Bridgett, daughter of Sir Thomas Vernon, of Haslington (near Nantwich), in Com. Chester. Issue:

- i Dorothy (8) Billingsley: b 1575 s.p.
- 11 ii Francis (8) Billingsley: b ca 1578.
- iii Marye (8) Billingsley: b ca 1580, m Francis Rowley, of Wyken, Com. Salop; constable of Brimsley hundred in 1623. Issue:
 - 1 Richard Rowley: b 1602 son & heir.
 - 2 Samuel Rowley: b 16-.
 - 3 Andrews Rowley: b 16-.
 - 4 Seluanis Rowley: b 16-.
 - 5 Sarah Rowley: b 16-.
 - 6 Bridgett Rowley: b 16-.
- iv Frances (8) Billingsley: b 158-. s.p.
- v Janne (8) Billingsley: b 158-. s.p.
- vi Thomas (8) Billingsley: b 158-.
- 12 vii John (8) Billingsley: b ca 1587.
- viii Margaret (8) Billingsley: b 15-, m John Jeuan (Jevan 7), of Com. Stafford.
- ix Jane (?) Billingsley.
- x William (8) Billingsley: b 159-.
- xi Rachel (8) Billingsley: b 159-.
- xii Judeth (8) Billingsley: b 159-.
- xiii Benjamin (8) Billingsley: b ca 1600. Registered admission to Grey's Inn 27 Feb. 1639; also of Clifford's Inn, London, Gent.
- xiv Edward (8) Billingsley: b 16-.
- xv Bridgett (8) Billingsley: b 16-.

11 Francis (8) Billingsley: b ca 1578, son and heir, of Abbot, Astley, Com. Salop, married prior to 1600 Eleanor, daughter of Thomas Kerrey, of Bindweston, Com. Salop, Esquire. Issue:

- i Francis (9) Billingsley: b 1600 Son & heir.
- ii Thomas (9) Billingsley: b 16-.
- iii Walter (9) Billingsley: b 16-.
- iv John (9) Billingsley: b 16-.
- v Edward (9) Billingsley: b 16-.
- vi Dorothy (9) Billingsley: b 16-.

12 John (8) Billingsley: b ca 1587 in Com. Salop, 3d son of Francis Billingsley and Bridgett Vernon. He married prior to 1612 Agatha born 1593, Com. Salop, and became connected with the Quakers. They removed from England in the late 1630's and settled in Holland, where he was deceased prior to 1659. Agatha survived him some years and died in 1666 in Rotterdam. Issue:

- I i JOHN (9) BILLINGSLEY: b 1612. Migrated to America
- ii Agatha (9) Billingsley: b 1614.
- II iii JAMES (9) BILLINGSLEY: b 1616. Migrated to America.
- III iv THOMAS (9) BILLINGSLEY: b 1618. Migrated to America.
- IV v FRANCIS (9) BILLINGSLEY: b 1620. Migrated to America.
- vi Bridgett (9) Billingsley: b 162-. s.p.
- vii Francis (9) Billingsley: b 1624. s.p. viii Joanne (9) Billingsley: b 1626, m . d.s.p.
- V ix WILLIAM (9) BILLINGSLEY: b 1628. Migrated to America.
- x Mary (9) Billingsley: b 163-, m-, died in Holland.
- xi Walter (9) Billingsley: b 163-. Was living 1659 Holland.