

# Eight Generations to “Tottenham in his Boots” and his Family

## A1. The First Generations

- a) **William Tottenham (1490- )**, yeoman, of Barrington, Cambridgeshire, and one of the two principal persons of that parish. See Subsidy Rolls of the Parish 1523, 1541, 1543, and 1546. He leased the Manor of Spaldings.
- b) **John Tottenham ( -1599)** of Barrington, Cambridgeshire, where both he and his wife were buried. See Subsidy Rolls 1556, 1571, and 1597. Brother of William.
- c) **William Tottenham ( -1600)** of Barrington, Cambridgeshire. See Subsidy Rolls 1546, 1558, 1566, and 1571. On 26<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1563, he purchased from Henry Cheney, or Cheyney, of “Sherland in Thyle of Shoppey” (the Isle of Sheppey), Kent, (afterwards Lord Cheyney of Toddington, Co. Bedford) the Manors of Wyllyen, Co. Herts, and Shelton-in-Marston, Co. Beds, for £750-Feet of fines, Herts and Beds, Easter, 5 Eliz., No. 777. The former Manor included” 4 messuages, 2 gardens, 1 dove-cot, 500 acres of land, 12 acres of meadow, 30 acres of pasture, 2 acres of wood, and common pasture for 500 sheep, with the appurtenances, in Wymondlye Magna, Wymondlye Parva, Baldocke, Hychen, Weston, and Newton, Co. Herts”. The latter, in “Marston and Wotton, Co. Beds”, was smaller. He married the widow of Robert Castell, and seems to have died without living issue. A child was mentioned in its grandmother’s will, 1559, but William’s property was inherited by his brother, John.
- d) **John Tottenham ( -1611)** and his brother, James, lived and died at Barrington, Cambridgeshire. See Subsidy Roll, 1609.
- e) **James Tottenham ( -1657)** and his brother, John, lived and died at Barrington, Cambridgeshire. See Subsidy Rolls 1597, 1609, and 1611.
- e) **The Rev. Humphrey Tottenham (1569-1638)**, M.A. (Cambridge), ordained as deacon and priest at Peterborough in 1592. He was Vicar of Shillington, Felmersham and then Wooton, Bedfordshire. His 1<sup>st</sup> wife was daughter of Henry Bidells, Wooton. Buried in Wooton in 1638.
- f) **Beatrice Tottenham ( - )** married John Hancock, who came from Shiproth (now Shepreth), the parish next to Barrington. She was living in Ireland, 1632.
- g) **Eleanor Tottenham ( - )** married Thomas Gunstone of Barrington, Cambridgeshire, and had several children.
- h) **John Tottenham (1609- )** accompanied his cousin, Barnabas Hancock Tottenham (A1i-4) to Ireland some time before 1632, in which year Barnabas died, and he married at Cork the daughter of Edward Tynte of Wrexhall, Somersetshire, and sister of Sir Robert Tynte of Ballycrenan, Co. Cork. John is described in the marriage licence as “of Ballyduffe, Co. Waterford, gentleman”. Burke adds that he lived earlier at Youghal.
- i) Of John Hancock’s three children, Barnabas seems to have died young, because John and Anne were legatees of their uncle, Barnabas.
- Barnabas Hancock took his cousin John (A1h-4) to Ireland, where he died without issue in 1632, after assuming the surname of Tottenham, and acquiring the estate of Ballyduffe, Co. Waterford (about half way between Lismore and Fermoy). He married by special licence Martha King, who was the widow of Harman and who subsequently married, fourthly, Sir Erasmus Borrowes, Bart. His nephew, John Hancock, (not his cousin, John Tottenham) was made heir to his property in England. He left to his wife his property in Ireland, and to his cousin, John, “my black gelding”. His seal bore “A hand on a chief three cocks”; and his crest was a cock. His nephew and niece, John and Anne Hancock, were “to be sent over to England” after his death, from which it seems that his brother, John, also went to Ireland.
- j) **John Tottenham (1633-1700)** of Ballyloskeran, Co. Wexford - which he bought from Charles Collins, the grantee under the Acts of Settlement. Ballyloskeran was subsequently known as Tottenham Green. John’s first wife was the daughter of John Atkin of Polemore, Co. Cork; his second wife, whom he married in “a public assembly of the people called Quakers”, was the daughter of John Clarke of Hardingstone, Northants. Note the pathetic attempts to have, and rear, a son called John. Only one son, Edward, survived to manhood.
- k) **Edward Tottenham ( -1702)** of Cheddar, Somersetshire, “late of the Kingdom of Ireland”. His connection with this County may have come through his mother - see h. H.L.T. saw the tombstones of Edward, and his first wife, and of his son, John, and his daughter, Elizabeth, in Cheddar Church before they were obliterated by “restoration” in 1873.
- l) **Edward Tottenham (1659-1712)** of Ballyloskeran – Tottenham Green -J.P. His first wife (his first cousin?) was the daughter of Samuel Hayman of Youghal. His second wife, by whom he had his two sons, proved her husband’s will.
- m) **The Rev. John Tottenham (1696-1740)**, B.A. (Balliol College, Oxford), 1714, M.A. (Lincoln College), 1717. Prebendary of Holcombe, Wells, 1725; Vicar of Cheddar, 1730, where he died.
- n) **Charles Tottenham (1694-1758)** of Tottenham Green. (**Tottenham in his Boots**). The sole surviving member of the family in the 7<sup>th</sup> generation from William of Barrington, so far as is known. Freeman of New Ross, 1711; M.P. for New Ross, 1727-1758; High Sheriff, Co. Wexford, 1737; Mayor of Wexford, 1739. His first wife, who bore all his nine children, was the eldest daughter of John Cliffe of Mulrankin, Co. Wexford. His second wife was the daughter of John Grogan of Johnstown, Co. Wexford, widow of (1) Major Andrew Knox, and (2) William Hore of Harperstown. Of his six sons and three daughters, only the first two sons, John and Charles, produced sons.
- o) **The Rev. Edward Tottenham (1717-1793)** of Ballinahoun, Co. Wexford, M.A. (Trinity College, Dublin). His first wife was the daughter of Jasper Cox, and his second of his cousin, John Cox of Coolcliffe, Co. Wexford. Edward was found by Inquisition of June 10<sup>th</sup>, 1792, to have been a lunatic for six months. A note by H.L.T. says “He had nearly £10,000 cash and £1600 a year landed property”.
- p) **General Loftus Tottenham (1718-1811)** of Wakefield, Yorkshire, where his wife came from. There is some doubt about the date of his birth. H.L.T. gave 1723 in the old Pedigree; but “The Gentleman’s Magazine” reported his death on 16<sup>th</sup> March 1811 “in his 95<sup>th</sup> year”. This would bring his birth to 1717 or 1718, which fits in with that of his elder brother, Edward. From references in “The Gentleman’s Magazine”, etc., his career seems to have been: Captain in Lambton’s - Regiment, 10<sup>th</sup> June 1756; Major 52<sup>nd</sup> Foot, March 1760; Lt.-Col. late 122<sup>nd</sup> Foot, 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 1762; Colonel 90<sup>th</sup> Foot, 25<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1777; Major-General, 19<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1781; Colonel 55<sup>th</sup> Foot, 9<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1791; Lt.-General, 12<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1793; General, 1<sup>st</sup> Jan. 1798. Correspondence between H.L.T. and the curate in charge at Wakefield in 1876 includes the following from the curate: “I believe the church here was chiefly built by the Tottenhams. I was in the vaults yesterday under the church and saw Gen. Tottenham’s vault with his name and date upon it. I am sure you have every reason to be proud of such an ancestor, so remarkable for benevolence. What a storehouse of vanished worth is Heaven!” St. John’s Church, Wakefield was built by John Lee. Gen. Loftus Anthony & nephew John (B5a-9) Contributed largely to the cost.
- q) **Cliffe Tottenham (1730-1773)** of Cork, J.P. Was an officer in Gen. Bragge’s Regiment. Ensign, 8<sup>th</sup> July 1737.
- r) **Synge Tottenham (1732-1793)** of Fethard. Was Lieutenant in 28<sup>th</sup> Regiment.
- Note:** Cambridge University has records of a William Tottenham entering Queens College in 1629, gaining a B.A. in 1632 and an M.A. in 1635. The dates would place him somewhere in the 4<sup>th</sup> generation if he were a member of the family.

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