

until his next appointment in 1879. August 10, 1863, he was also created Registrar of the Court of Marriage and Divorce, which office he held until his death. June 30, 1879, in the governorship of Sir William-Fenwick Williams, he was made Superintendent of the Money Order Office at Halifax, a position which he ably filled until the office was finally abolished. After his retirement from public life Mr. Thorne removed from Dartmouth, where he had lived for many years, to Kentville. He married, October 13, 1847, Mary, daughter of Dr. Silas and Rhoda-Burgess Piper, and died at Kentville, May 8, 1887, his burial being in Camp Hill Cemetery, Halifax. His children were: Lydia-Anne, married to John B. Gray, James-Hall, Stephen-Snedden, Edward-Lesserts, Livingston-Morse, Sancton, Sarah-Frances-Almon, and *Augusta-Billing*, born January 26, 1866, married to Leslie Seymour Eaton of Elmwood.

The Thorne family in America is descended from William Thorne¹, who first appears at Lynn, Massachusetts, May 2, 1638. In 1645 he was one of the eighteen patentees of Flushing, on the north side of Long Island, two of the ancestors of the New York Lawrences, John and William, and the ancestor of part of the New York Townsends, John Townsend being among the other patentees. In 1646 he took up land also in Gravesend, and in 1657 in Jamaica, Long Island. His wife's Christian name I believe was *Sarah*, but further than that I know nothing of her except that she bore her husband four sons and one daughter, all of whom married and had families in Long Island.

The children of William¹ and Sarah Thorne were, William², John², Joseph², Samuel², and Susanah², who married John Kissam and became the ancestress of the well known Kissam family of Brooklyn and New York.

*William Thorne*² m. Winifred, dau. of Henry Linington (whose will was made in 1691). From him is descended Major Richard Thornes of the Revolutionary army, a son of Richard⁴ and Alicia-Van Wyck Thorne of Long Island, who m. in St. George's Parish, Flushing, January 9, 1768, Sarah Waters of Far Rockaway.

*John Thorne*² m. Mary, dau. of Nicholas and Sarah Pearsall. From their youngest son Joseph³ are descended *William-Knapp Thorne*⁸, who m. for his second wife Emily A. Vanderbilt, a daughter of Cornelius Vanderbilt, the elder; *Leonard Mortimer Thorne*⁸, his brother, for many years a member of the well known firm of Garner & Company; *Frances-Garner-Lawrence*¹⁰, *Lady Vernon*, wife of the Seventh Lord Vernon (whose mother was a dau. of the Earl of Litchfield, a grand-niece of Leonard M. Thorne; and Florence-Josephine Garner, a first cousin of Lady Vernon, who was m. in 1891 to Sir William-Gordon-Cumming, Bart. From John Thorne² are also descended the late Mrs. Wm. Waldorf Astor, and her brother, Mr. James W. Paul of Philadelphia.

*Joseph Thorne*² m. at Flushing, L. I., Mary, dau. of John Bowne, b. in 1660, and had twelve children, eight of whom were sons. From Joseph³, the second of these sons, comes the Nova Scotia family, and a well known New York family, the Thornes of Millbrook, Dutchess County.

*Samuel Thorne*², of Flushing died in 1732. He had at least eight children, who and whose children were intermarried with the Motts, Sands, Kissams, Townsends, Willetts, Suydams, Van Wycks, Hicks' and Hoffmans. One of Samuel Thorne's descendants was *Colonel Herman Thorne*, who married Jane-Mary, niece and adopted daughter of William