

1661, at what age is unknown. One of his sons, George, by his wife Rebecca, had three sons,—Peter, b. Feb. 1, 1682; George, b. March 6, 1685; and Maverick, b. March 19, 1694. Peter, the eldest son, m. Elizabeth Burroughs, a dau. of the Rev. George Burroughs, who, on Aug. 19, 1692, was hung at Salem as a witch. The only evidence of his guilt consisted in the fact that, though of rather small stature and frame, he had remarkable physical strength. The thorough research of Mr. Upton, however, leaves him, as a man and Christian minister, without stain or reproach.

Peter was a merchant, and successful in business. He had four sons,—George, Peter, Elias, and Moses.

Moses, the youngest, was at various times a soldier, mariner, trader, farmer, and school-teacher. He m. Fidelity Grant at Hamstead, L. I., where he was teaching school. Two children were b. there, and three more after their return to Boston. Not succeeding there in business, leaving his family in Boston, he went to North Carolina, where he d. in 1752.

Isaiah Thomas, LL.D., the youngest son of Moses and Fidelity, was b. in Boston, Jan. 19, 1749, five years after the birth of Dr. William, grandson of William of Hardwick, and with whom Isaiah claimed relationship.

The line of descent of Isaiah Thomas is, therefore, as follows: Evan, d. 1661; George, b. about 1640; Peter, b. 1682; Moses, b. 1712; Isaiah, b. 1749.

Accepting the tradition that the Thomas family of Hardwick was related to that of Isaiah, the problem then becomes: When traced back, where do the two families unite? The problem is in no way changed, nor the difficulty lessened or increased, by accepting at the same time the view of Mr. Paige, that William of Hardwick was the son of William of Newton.