

**The Descendants of
John Terry
of England (ca 1600 -
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"A people which takes no pride in the noble achievements of remote ancestors will never achieve anything worthy to be remembered with pride by remote decedents."

Lord Macaulay
Author: *History of England*

INTRODUCTION

This history provides an account of the Terry families that had their beginnings in 17th Century England, New England and New York. The first known Terry immigrants to America were the three sons of John: Thomas, Richard and Robert, who arrived in Salem aboard the ship *James* in 1635. By the early 1640s they had migrated to the newly formed colony of Southold on the eastern end of the North Fork of Long Island (L.I.). Both Thomas and Richard sired large families. Their sons gradually removed to other areas of L.I. and from there their descendants spread out over all parts of the new Nation. Little is known of Robert or his descendants.

The compiler wishes to acknowledge his appreciation for the efforts of various members of the respective families discussed in this history. Without their inputs this work could not have been possible. As, the compiler, I cannot be responsible for the accuracy of the data presented here. However, any errors of production are strictly mine. A reference to the source of data relating to particular individuals is included to the extent possible. In most cases, if children were identified in documents relating to parents, the source is only listed with the parents.

NOTE: Where certificate numbers (birth, death, etc.) are known they are included. Readers are requested to forward any pertinent comments, corrections, or additional relevant information to:

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TERRY FAMILY HISTORY

Being an Account of the Descendants of John Terry of England

OVERVIEW

This is a history of events in the lives of various TERRY family members, their forebears and their progeny, starting with John Terry of England. Included are pertinent facts regarding England, New England and New York in the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries.

This history is divided into chapters: one chapter for each generation starting with John who died in England in 1657. The intent of the compiler has been to put all Terry research data into a single record that can be modified as new facts are discovered. As much as possible original records have been consulted for dates, spellings, places, etc. Details of family members born after 1900 are limited due to space limitation. I accept responsibility for any errors in interpreting and typing the extant data, however no responsibility is acknowledged for errors of fact. The serious researcher would be well advised to consult primary sources. I would also like to acknowledge and thank all TERRY researchers who have contributed much of the data contained in this family history; without their assistance I never would have been able to collect all the data included herein.. I also wish to acknowledge the support and efforts of the many librarians, and others in both public and private offices who have contributed to this project.

Special notice must be taken of the work of Stuart T. Terry whose manuscript "Terry Genealogy" formed the "backbone" of the present work. It has been included in its entirety with the permission of David Kerkhof, Librarian, Suffolk County (New York) Historical Society Library. Stuart's comprehensive work has been revised by later discoveries.

METHODOLOGY

As mentioned, Stuart Terry's manuscript (Mss) formed the foundation of the present work. Stuart's Mss was entered in a computer program, Personal Ancestral File^{©1} (PAF). Further research was then conducted by the compiler and other Terry researchers. This new or additional data was also entered in PAF, updating Stuart Terry's data where appropriate. The raw PAF data was then extracted into a program, GEN-BOOK.^{©2} The product of GEN-BOOK was then converted into a Microsoft Word 98^{©3} file.

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

A bibliography of all sources researched is included at the end of the text. Readers are cautioned to consult *original sources* before taking any action based on the data in this family history.

INDEX

An alphabetical every-name index is provided at the end. Individuals are identified by a superscript numeral indicating their generation, starting with John as generation 1. They are also “tagged” with a consecutive sequence number which will facilitate locating a specific individual in the text.

Reading This Book

If, while reading the following pages of this book, the reader will keep these few facts in mind, a much clearer understanding of the contents will result. The format or style used in this book is known as the Modified Register System, which has been refined by the National Genealogical Society.

Three types of numbers are used: one to uniquely identify the individual, one to indicate the generation into which that person falls, and one to denote his or her birth-order within the nuclear family. The identification numbering system used in this book is called By Generation. The starting person is 1, his first child is 2. All the children are listed as generation number two, the grand-children are listed as generation number three and so on. Each person is assigned an ID number in sequential order by generation.

When an individual is introduced in his/her separate sketch, the name appears in boldface letters with the surnames in all capital letters. The name is preceded by the identification number. The last given name is followed immediately by a superscript number indicating the number of generations from the starting individual in this book. Next, the PAF RIN number is printed in curly brackets. In parentheses following the name is a list of direct ancestors back to the starting individual. Only the given name is listed, preceded by his/her ID number, and followed by the generation number in superscript.

When the list of children is presented, the ID number is printed, followed by M/F indicating the sex. Next a small roman numeral in front of the name designates birth-order. Next the name is followed by the birth and death dates.

The term "Spouse" may have several different meanings: husband, wife, partner, mate, parent, or significant other. The couple involved may not be legally married. The term "stepchild" may have several different meanings: the child may be a stepchild, adopted child, foster child, or just raised in the home. If there are any other children of the spouse, they will be designated as stepchildren.

The index is arranged alphabetically by surname. Under each surname, the given names are alphabetically arranged. The name is followed by the ID number in parentheses, followed by the year of birth and death in square brackets. The number to the right indicates the page where this name appears. The wife appears under her maiden name and under her married names with her maiden name in parentheses.