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# **The Staffordshire Leighs**

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### The Staffordshire Leigh Family

The paucity of references to Francis Leigh of the Governor's Council of Virginia 1676-1680 constitutes a significant barrier to research. One possible connection that was pursued was through the Lightfoot family. This was the notable Virginia family which produced the "Merchant Prince" of Yorktown and through marriage linkages was aligned with many other Virginia notables including the family of Col. Richard Lee. Philip Lightfoot is listed as the administrator for Captain Francis Leigh in 1684/85. On pursuing the Lightfoots further, an Edward Leigh is noted in the will of Elizabeth Lightfoot, Philip Lightfoot's mother, with a bequest as a son in law.

Due to Alan Nicholl's research, Edward Leigh is identified with a Staffordshire Leigh family. No appropriate Francis Leigh has been identified, however, an unbroken male line of descent from Edward Leigh to the present day has been found and a DNA test might prove useful.

I attach below both an "all in one" family tree showing everyone in the present Staffordshire Leigh family file as well as a Genealogy Report for this Leigh family.

*Generation No. 1*

1. **John<sup>1</sup> Leigh**, born before 1442.

Children of John Leigh and \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_:

- 2     i.   **William Leigh**, died after 1478.

*Generation No. 2*

2. **William<sup>2</sup> Leigh** (*John<sup>1</sup>*), died after 1478.

Children of William Leigh and \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_:

- 3     i.   **Robert Leigh**

*Generation No. 3*

3. **Robert<sup>3</sup> Leigh** (*William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*).

Children of Robert Leigh and \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_:

- 4     i.   **John Leigh**

*Generation No. 4*

4. **John<sup>4</sup> Leigh** (*Robert<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*).

Children of John Leigh and \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_:

- 5     i.   **Richard Leigh**, died before 1577.

*Generation No. 5*

5. **Richard<sup>5</sup> Leigh** (*John<sup>4</sup>, Robert<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), died before 1577. He married Agnes.

Children of Richard Leigh and Agnes:

- 6     i.   **Thomas Leigh**, born about 1534, died about 1629, in Secondary of Poultry Comptor.

*Generation No. 6*

**6. Thomas<sup>6</sup> Leigh** (*Richard<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Robert<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), born about 1534, died about 1629, in Secondary of Poultry Comptor, buried in Enville,Staffs.

Children of Thomas Leigh and \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_:

- 7 i. **John Leigh**, died 1643, in Secondary of Poultry Comptor, London.
- 8 ii. **Richard Leigh**, died before 19 Apr 1650.
- iii. **Joyce Leigh**. She married fnu Grove.
- iv. **Jane Leigh**. She married George Lydiat. George Lydiat was born in Himley, died 1614.

*Generation No. 7*

**7. John<sup>7</sup> Leigh** (*Thomas<sup>6</sup>, Richard<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Robert<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), died 1643, in Secondary of Poultry Comptor, London. He married Mary.

Children of John Leigh and Mary:

- 9 i. **Richard Leigh**, born about 1614.
- ii. **John Leigh**.
- iii. **Elizabeth Leigh**. She married unk Finch.
- 10 iv. **Edward Leigh**, born about 1621, died 1690.
- v. **Gerrard Leigh**.
- vi. **Mary Leigh**. She married Edward Brook. Edward Brook was born 1626, in Bobbington, Staffs.
- vii. **Anne Leigh**, born before 29 Jul 1637. She married Edward Careswell. Edward Careswell was born in Bobbington, Staffs.
- viii. **Thomas Leigh**.

**8. Richard<sup>7</sup> Leigh** (*Thomas<sup>6</sup>, Richard<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Robert<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), died before 19 Apr 1650, buried 19 Apr 1650, in St. Helen, Bishopsgate. He married Mary Nicholl. She was the daughter of William Nicholl.

Children of Richard Leigh and Mary Nicholl:

- i. **Mary Leigh**, born 17 Feb 1633/34.
- ii. **Ann Leigh**, born 18 Sep 1632.
- iii. **Fraunces Leigh**, born 23 Feb 1639/40.
- iv. **Elizabeth Leigh**, died 19 Feb 1639/40.
- 11 v. **Thomas Leigh**, died 1692, in Worcester.

*Generation No. 8*

**9. Richard<sup>8</sup> Leigh** (*John<sup>7</sup>, Thomas<sup>6</sup>, Richard<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Robert<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), born about 1614.

Matric. Brasenose Coll., Oxford 27 Jan 1621/22, BA 1635, MA 1639.

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Children of Richard Leigh and \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_:

- 12 i. **John Leigh**, died 1700.

**10. Edward<sup>8</sup> Leigh** (*John<sup>7</sup>, Thomas<sup>6</sup>, Richard<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Robert<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), born about 1621, died 1690. He married Mary Lightfoot 1655. She was the daughter of John Lightfoot and Elizabeth Phillips.

[Lightfoot.FTW]

An Edward Leigh, Esq. was MP for Staffordshire in 1643.

Children of Edward Leigh and Mary Lightfoot:

- 13 i. **Edward Leigh**. He married Jane Alington. She was the daughter of William Alington.  
ii. **Thomas Leigh**  
iii. **William Leigh**, born 29 Aug 1674.  
14 iv. **Mary Leigh**  
15 v. **Elizabeth Leigh**

**11. Thomas<sup>8</sup> Leigh** (*Richard<sup>7</sup>, Thomas<sup>6</sup>, Richard<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Robert<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), died 1692, in Worcester.

Children of Thomas Leigh and \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_:

- i. **Rev. Richard Leigh**. He married Anne.  
ii. **Richard Leigh**. He married Susannah.

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**12. John<sup>9</sup> Leigh** (*Richard<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup>, Thomas<sup>6</sup>, Richard<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Robert<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), died 1700.

Children of John Leigh and \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_:

- 16 i. **Richard Leigh**, died 1740.

**13. Thomas<sup>9</sup> Leigh** (*Edward<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup>, Thomas<sup>6</sup>, Richard<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Robert<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*). He married Mary Hare. She was the daughter of Thomas Hare and Elizabeth Dashwood.

Children of Thomas Leigh and Mary Hare:

- 17 i. **Thomas Leigh**

**14. Mary<sup>9</sup> Leigh** (*Edward<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup>, Thomas<sup>6</sup>, Richard<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Robert<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*). She married William Attwood.

Children of Mary Leigh and William Attwood:

- i. **Leigh Attwood**.

**15. Elizabeth<sup>9</sup> Leigh** (*Edward<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup>, Thomas<sup>6</sup>, Richard<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Robert<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*). She married John Wood. John Wood was born in Langley, Bucks.

Children of Elizabeth Leigh and John Wood:

- i. **John Wood.**

*Generation No. 10*

**16. Richard<sup>10</sup> Leigh** (*John<sup>9</sup>, Richard<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup>, Thomas<sup>6</sup>, Richard<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Robert<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), died 1740.

Rector of Eastham, Worcestershire. Sold Hoo in 1712-1713.

Children of Richard Leigh and \_\_\_\_\_:

- i. **John Leigh**, died before 1741. Sold reversion of Leigh House, Enville, Staffs.
- ii. **Thomas Leigh**, died after 1741, in Bradninch, Devon.

**17. Thomas<sup>10</sup> Leigh** (*Thomas<sup>9</sup>, Edward<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup>, Thomas<sup>6</sup>, Richard<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Robert<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*). He married Anne Clavering.

Children of Thomas Leigh and Anne Clavering:

- 18 i. **Thomas (Leigh) Hare**, died 12 Feb 1834.

*Generation No. 11*

**18. Thomas (Leigh)<sup>11</sup> Hare** (*Thomas<sup>10</sup>, Thomas<sup>9</sup>, Edward<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup>, Thomas<sup>6</sup>, Richard<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Robert<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), died 12 Feb 1834. He married (1) Mary Geary 3 Mar 1779. She was the daughter of Admiral Sir Ferancis Geary. Mary Geary died 1801. He married (2) Anne Elizabeth Graves 15 Jan 1803. She was the daughter of Admiral Thomas Graves.

Created Baronet of Stow Hall on 14 Dec 1818.

Children of Thomas (Leigh) Hare and Anne Elizabeth Graves:

- 19 i. **Thomas Hare**, born 18 Jul 1807, died 14 Nov 1880.

*Generation No. 12*

**19. Thomas<sup>12</sup> Hare** (*Thomas (Leigh)<sup>11</sup>, Thomas<sup>10</sup>, Thomas<sup>9</sup>, Edward<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup>, Thomas<sup>6</sup>, Richard<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Robert<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), born 18 Jul 1807, died 14 Nov 1880.

2nd Baronet of Stow Hall.

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Children of Thomas Hare and \_\_\_\_\_:

- i. **Thomas Leigh Hare**, born 4 Apr 1859, died 22 Feb 1941. Created Baronet 21 Dec 1905 by Edward VII. He may have been an illegitimate son who was legitimized by his father. In 1864 he was given a grant of arms when he changed his name from Norman to Hare. He was commissioned into the militia in 1879 and 1893 and in 1884 he was made Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk. He was MP for Norfolk SW in 1892.
- 20 ii. **George Ralph Leigh Hare**, born 16 Mar 1866, died 19 May 1933.
- 21 iii. **Edward Philip Leigh Hare**, born 24 Feb 1869, died 31 Jan 1954.

### *Generation No. 13*

**20. George Ralph Leigh<sup>13</sup> Hare** (*Thomas<sup>12</sup>, Thomas (Leigh)<sup>11</sup>, Thomas<sup>10</sup>, Thomas<sup>9</sup>, Edward<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup>, Thomas<sup>6</sup>, Richard<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Robert<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), born 16 Mar 1866, died 19 May 1933. He married Florence Mary Constance Marsham. Florence Mary Constance Marsham was born 9 Feb 1868, died 4 Oct 1954.

Third Baronet of Stow Hall.

Children of George Ralph Leigh Hare and Florence Mary Constance Marsham:

- i. **Grace Constance Leigh Hare**, born about 1893.
- ii. **Mary Leigh Hare**, born 1896.
- iii. **Marjory Florence Rhoda Leigh Hare**, born about 1900.
- 22 iv. **Ralph Leigh Hare**, born 19 Jan 1903, died 1976.
- v. **Joan Nuriel Leigh Hare**, born 1905.

**21. Edward Philip Leigh<sup>13</sup> Hare** (*Thomas<sup>12</sup>, Thomas (Leigh)<sup>11</sup>, Thomas<sup>10</sup>, Thomas<sup>9</sup>, Edward<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup>, Thomas<sup>6</sup>, Richard<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Robert<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), born 24 Feb 1869, died 31 Jan 1954. He married Kathleen Florence Mary Stanhope 29 Dec 1920. Kathleen Florence Mary Stanhope was born about 1889.

Children of Edward Philip Leigh Hare and Kathleen Florence Mary Stanhope:

- 23 i. **Philip Leigh Hare**, born 13 Oct 1922, died 25 Jan 1993.

### *Generation No. 14*

**22. Ralph Leigh<sup>14</sup> Hare** (*George Ralph Leigh<sup>13</sup>, Thomas<sup>12</sup>, Thomas (Leigh)<sup>11</sup>, Thomas<sup>10</sup>, Thomas<sup>9</sup>, Edward<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup>, Thomas<sup>6</sup>, Richard<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Robert<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), born 19 Jan 1903, died 1976. He married (1) Barbara Mary Theodora Walton. He married (2) Natalie Alexandria Elizabeth Julia de Langue. He married (3) Doreen Pleasance Anna Bagge.

4th Baronet of Stow Hall.

Children of Ralph Leigh Hare and Doreen Pleasance Anna Bagge:

- i. **Jean Bridget Hare**, born 31 Jan 1929.
- ii. **Thomas Hare**, born 27 Jul 1930, died 25 Jan 1993. 5th Baronet of Stow Hall

**23. Philip Leigh<sup>14</sup> Hare** (*Edward Philip Leigh<sup>13</sup>, Thomas<sup>12</sup>, Thomas (Leigh)<sup>11</sup>, Thomas<sup>10</sup>, Thomas<sup>9</sup>, Edward<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup>, Thomas<sup>6</sup>, Richard<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Robert<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), born 13 Oct 1922, died 25 Jan 1993. He married Anne Lisle Nicholson 1950. She was the daughter of Geoffrey Nicholson.

Became 6th Baronet of Stow Hall in 1993.

Children of Philip Leigh Hare and Anne Lisle Nicholson:

- 24 i. **Nicholas Patrick Hare**, born 27 Aug 1955.
- 25 ii. **Louisa Kathleen Hare**, born 1955.

### *Generation No. 15*

**24. Nicholas Patrick<sup>15</sup> Hare** (*Philip Leigh<sup>14</sup>, Edward Philip Leigh<sup>13</sup>, Thomas<sup>12</sup>, Thomas (Leigh)<sup>11</sup>, Thomas<sup>10</sup>, Thomas<sup>9</sup>, Edward<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup>, Thomas<sup>6</sup>, Richard<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Robert<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), born 27 Aug 1955. He married Carolyn Keith Allan 1982. She was the daughter of Terence Playfair Keith Allan.

7th Baronet of Stow Hall.

Children of Nicholas Patrick Hare and Carolyn Keith Allan:

- i. **Thomas Edward Hare**, born 1986.
- ii. **Robert Leigh Hare**, born 1987.

**25. Louisa Kathleen<sup>15</sup> Hare** (*Philip Leigh<sup>14</sup>, Edward Philip Leigh<sup>13</sup>, Thomas<sup>12</sup>, Thomas (Leigh)<sup>11</sup>, Thomas<sup>10</sup>, Thomas<sup>9</sup>, Edward<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup>, Thomas<sup>6</sup>, Richard<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, Robert<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>*), born 1955. She married Benson Whittle 1981.

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- i. **Charlotte Whittle**, born 1981.

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