

## **Tracing The English Ancestry of John Easterbrook who Settled in Ohio after the War of 1812**

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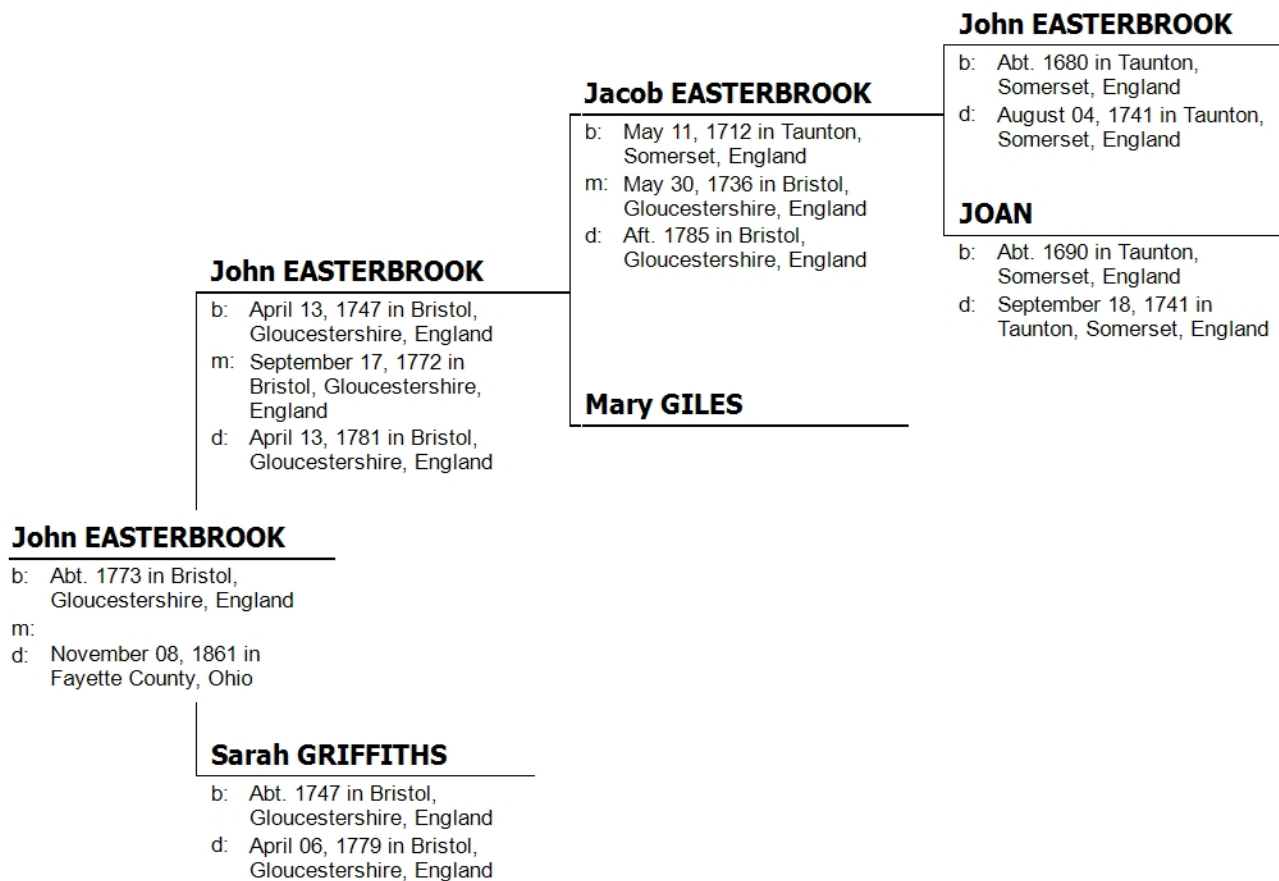
John Easterbrook was born in Bristol, England about 1773. He enlisted in the British 41st Regiment of Foot in Ireland in January of 1799 and went to Canada with his regiment in August of that year. John and his wife Julia, whom he married in Ireland, lived in Canada for more than a dozen years. After service in the War of 1812, John and his family immigrated to the United States and settled in Ohio where John died in Fayette County in 1861. His colorful life is the subject of another story.

This is the story of John Easterbrook's forebears. Using church and other public records, as well as circumstantial evidence, it is possible to trace his family back another four generations to Jacob Easterbrook and Sarah Marble, his 2x great-grandparents, who married in Taunton, Somerset, England on January 26, 1679.



*St. Philip and St. Jacob Church in Bristol, Gloucestershire, England. Also known as Pip 'n' Jay and located in central Bristol, it is considered the oldest place of Christian worship in the city. The church began as a small priory about CE 900. It has gone through a number of changes and additions over the centuries. The tower dates from at least the 13<sup>th</sup> century. John's grandparents Jacob Easterbrook and Mary Giles were married here on May 30, 1736. Photo by William Avery, dated April 18, 2007. Used with permission under Wiki Creative Commons.*

## Pedigree Chart for John Easterbrook



**Jacob EASTERBROOK**

b: Abt. 1650 in Southwest England  
m: January 26, 1679 in Taunton, Somerset, England  
d: November 05, 1681 in Taunton, Somerset, England

**John EASTERBROOK**

b: Abt. 1680 in Taunton, Somerset, England  
d: August 04, 1741 in Taunton, Somerset, England



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**Sarah MARBLE**

b: Abt. 1659 in Southwest England

## Generation 1

1. **John EASTERBROOK**, son of Jacob EASTERBROOK and Mary GILES, was born on April 13, 1747 in Bristol, Gloucestershire, England<sup>1</sup>. He died on April 13, 1781 in Bristol, Gloucestershire, England<sup>2</sup>. He married **Sarah GRIFFITHS** on September 17, 1772 in Bristol, Gloucestershire, England<sup>3</sup>. She was born about 1747 in Bristol, Gloucestershire, England<sup>4</sup>. She died on April 06, 1779 in Bristol, Gloucestershire, England<sup>5</sup>.

Notes for John EASTERBROOK:

The only records discovered for John Easterbrook, son of Jacob Easterbrook and Mary Giles, are the record of his baptism in the Lewins Mead Presbyterian Chapel in Bristol and the record of his marriage to Sarah Griffiths at St. James Church in Bristol.

There is no baptism record linking John Easterbrook, the Immigrant to America, with his parents. It is only by examining a number of documents and utilizing a process of elimination that John Easterbrook and Sarah Griffiths of Bristol in Gloucestershire, England have been identified as the parents of John who enlisted in the 41st Regiment of Foot in 1799, went to Canada with his regiment later that year, served in the War of 1812, immigrated to the United States, and settled in Ohio.

In a biographical sketch of Joseph Easterbrook, grandson of John the Immigrant, we find the following reference to John the Immigrant's parents: "The grandfather of Mr. [Joseph] Easterbrook was left an orphan when quite young and was taken in charge by his uncle, Rev. Joseph Easterbrook, who was a minister in the Church of England. This gentleman gave him a father's care and sent him to school." Source: *Portrait and Biographical Album of McLean County, Illinois* (Chicago: Chapman Brothers, 1887. p. 517).

Baptism records for John and Joseph have identified both as children of Jacob Easterbrook, the bellman, also known as the town crier, of Bristol. John's brother the Rev. Joseph Easterbrook, Anglican Vicar of the Temple Church in Bristol, achieved significant notoriety as the preacher who performed an exorcism in 1788 (The year of the exorcism varies among different sources.) A number of books written at the time note that the Reverend Joseph Easterbrook was the son of the city bellman, an official position.

Jacob Easterbrook, the bellman, and his wife, Mary Giles, had seven known children, including three sons who reached adulthood: Jacob, John, and Joseph. Jacob married Mary Hillman; this couple did not have a son named John. Joseph was the Vicar and there is no mention of a wife and children in biographical notes for him. That leaves John as the probable father of John the immigrant to Canada and later the United States.

The following burial records for a Mr. and Mrs. Esterbrook are very likely the burial records for John Easterbrook and his wife Sarah. A "Mr. Esterbrooke" was buried at Broad Mead Baptist Church in Bristol on April 13, 1781. The record reads, "Mr. Esterbrooke Interd in his Wife's Grave where is headstones." In the record dated April 6, 1779, is the following entry, "Mr. Esterbrook's wife Interr'd 12 yds from the west wall, 2 yds 2 foot from south." (Source: England and Wales, Non-Conformist and Non-Parochial Registers 1567-1970; Register of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, Somerset, Bristol, Broad Mead (Baptist) 1746-1791 Images 141 and 150; Ancestry.com, Accessed on September 6, 2017.) While John Easterbrook and his siblings had been baptized in the Lewins Mead Presbyterian Chapel in Bristol, they had long been affiliated with this Baptist Church, which obviously had a cemetery associated with it. In the records of the Baptist Church are a number of burial records for a "child of Jacob Easterbrook": December 27, 1738; March 23,

1746; July 30, 1755; Sept. 6, 1759; Feb 19, 1767; and March 11, 1773.

Other evidence supports the conclusion that these records are, in fact, the death records of John Easterbrook and his wife Sarah. We know that John Easterbrook's father Jacob and his brothers Jacob and Joseph were still living in 1781. Another brother Joseph had died in infancy. There is a burial record for William Easterbrook (no known relation) in Bristol, dated 1766. This eliminates all of the known adult males living in Bristol in the second half of the 18th century as candidates for this burial record of "Mr. Esterbrooke." In addition, there is a burial record for a Sarah Griffiths, indicating that a Griffiths family was also affiliated with this church.

If these are indeed the death records for John and Sarah (Griffiths) Easterbrook, then John died at age 34. His wife was likely a couple of years younger. This would fit with the information provided by a descendant in the *Portrait and Biographical Album of McLean County, Illinois*. The couple had been married for six and one-half years. No baptism records have been found for any child of John Easterbrook and Sarah Griffiths. It is to be noted that some of the non-conformist churches in Bristol in that era did not believe in infant baptism. John the Immigrant to America may well have been their only surviving child and he may not have been baptized, leaving no record of his birth.

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## Generation 2

2. **Jacob EASTERBROOK**, son of John EASTERBROOK and JOAN, was born on May 11, 1712 in Taunton, Somerset, England<sup>6</sup>. He died after 1785 in Bristol, Gloucestershire, England<sup>7</sup>. He married **Mary GILES** on May 30, 1736 in Bristol, Gloucestershire, England<sup>8</sup>.
3. **Mary GILES**.

Notes for Jacob EASTERBROOK:

It has been determined by a process of elimination that the Jacob Easterbrook who married Mary Giles in Bristol in 1736 is the same Easterbrook who was born and baptised at the St. Mary Magdalene Church in Taunton in 1711. An extensive search of the records of Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org yielded no other Jacob Easterbrooks who were born at the turn of the eighteenth century in southwest England, or for that matter in all of England. Furthermore, Jacob Easterbrook of Bristol listed his occupation as weaver on the baptism record of his oldest son Jacob in 1740. Taunton, just 40 miles' distance from Bristol, was a commercial center for the wool industry. However, the area was suffering economically at the beginning of the eighteenth century. Many young men were migrating to nearby cities seeking better employment opportunities. Also supporting the argument that Jacob Easterbrook of Bristol is the same man as Jacob Easterbrook born in Taunton is that Jacob Easterbrook disappears from the records of eighteenth-century Taunton.

Jacob Easterbrook married Mary Giles in the St. Phillip and St. Jacob Church in Bristol in 1736. The couple were the parents of seven children: three girls and four boys. Dorothy (1737), Jacob (1740), Innocente (1742), Joseph (1745), John (1747), Mary (1748), and Joseph (1750) were born and baptized in Bristol. Jacob's occupation is not listed on the record of his oldest daughter. As mentioned above, he is listed as a weaver on the baptism record of his son Jacob. Beginning in 1742, Jacob is listed as a bellman on the baptism records of the other five children. (Source of the baptism records for the last six children: England and Wales, Non-Conformist and Non-Parochial Registers, 1567-1970, Bristol, Lewins Mead Chapel (Presbyterian) 1718-1840. Accessed on Ancestry.com, September 4, 2017)

Jacob Easterbrook is listed in two city directories: Sketchley's Bristol Directory of 1775 (printed by James Sketchley) and the Bristol Directory of 1785 (printed by Ar. Browne and Son, et al). His

address was listed as 7 Buford's Court and his occupation was listed as town cryer in the first directory. In the later record, Jacob's occupation is given as city bellman and his address Beaufort's Court, Bristol. (Directories accessed on Ancestry.com, September 5, 2017)

Jacob died sometime after 1785. No death record has been found for either Jacob or his wife, Mary.

Two other Easterbrook marriages took place in the same church where Jacob and Mary married and about the same time. There was a Joseph Easterbrook who married Hannah Saunders there on June 22, 1733. There was also a Martha Easterbrook who married Joseph Newport on August 22, 1730. Another Easterbrook living in Bristol in the mid-18th century was William Easterbrook who married Rachel. This couple had at least three children: William (baptized January 15, 1758), John (baptized November 8, 1761) and Samuel (baptized on October 7, 1759). (Source: England, Select Marriages, 1538-1975 Online database, Accessed on Ancestry.com, September 4, 2017) Could these couples be related in some way to Jacob and Mary Easterbrook?

Mary GILES and Jacob EASTERBROOK had the following children:

- i. Dorothy EASTERBROOK was born on July 10, 1737 in Bristol, Gloucestershire, England<sup>9</sup>. She died on December 27, 1738 in Birstol, Gloucestershire, England<sup>10</sup>.

Notes for Dorothy EASTERBROOK:

Dorothy was born to Jacob Easterbrook (mother not identified) and baptized at St. Phillip and St. Jacob's Church in Bristol in 1737. This was the same church where Jacob and Mary had married a year earlier. There were no other Jacob Easterbrooks in the city at this time; it is assumed that this is the child of Jacob Easterbrook and Mary Giles. (Source: England Select Births and Christenings, 1538-1975 Online database, Accessed on Ancestry.com, September 4, 2017).

- ii. Jacob EASTERBROOK was born on December 29, 1740 in Bristol, Gloucestershire, England<sup>11</sup>. He died about December 1785 in Bristol, Gloucestershire, England<sup>12</sup>. He married Mary HILLMAN on November 19, 1758 in Bristol, Gloucestershire, England<sup>13</sup>.

Notes for Jacob EASTERBROOK:

Jacob, baptized in the Lewins Mead Chapel (Presbyterian) in Bristol, was the oldest son of Jacob Easterbrook, Bellman of Bristol and his wife Mary. When he was just short of eighteen, he wed Mary Hillman at St. Mary Redcliffe Anglican Church in Bristol. The couple had two known children: Martha (1758) and Joseph (1767).

This Jacob Easterbrook followed the occupation of "tobaccanist." One "Jacob Easterbrook, Tobaccanist" was initiated as a Freemason on March 14, 1768. He appears in the Bristol City Directory for 1785 as a tobaccanist living on Old Market. (Sources: *United Grand Lodge of England Freemason Membership Registers, 1751-1921*; *UK and USA Directories*; Both accessed on Ancestry.com, September 9, 2017.)

Jacob died at the end of 1785 at the age of 44. Apparently he had been in ill health for some time. He left a will, dated March 28, 1784, which raises more questions than it answers. He begins his will by saying that he is in "a bad state of health but of sound mind, memory, and understanding." There is no mention of a wife or children. It is presumed that his wife predeceased him. However, his children Martha and Joseph were still alive; Martha was in her twenties and Joseph in his late teens. In the will, Jacob bequeaths to his "Dear Uncle the Revd. Mr. Joseph

Easterbrook Clerk the sum of 50 pounds." This is curious, because the Reverend Joseph Easterbrook was his brother. The rest of his estate is bequeathed to his "Dear Uncle Simon Wayte" and to [Simon's] heirs and assigns forever, for their use and benefit. According to the will, Jacob's estate included dwelling houses and warehouses in the Old Market district of Bristol, as well as furnishings and monies. "Dear Uncle Simon Wayte" was then named executer of the will. The will also mentions a "Mother-in-Law Ann Easterbrook" as currently being in possession of at least one of the dwellings in the Old Market that is owned by Jacob. Ann Easterbrook has not been identified. Easterbrook was Jacob's surname so it would be unusual for a mother-in-law to have the same surname.

There is a marriage record for a Simon Wayte and Elizabeth Easterbrook, dated September 11, 1777. The marriage took place in St. James Church in Bristol. Presumably, this Elizabeth is the sister of Jacob's father, also Jacob Easterbrook, who married Mary Giles. Elizabeth was born in Taunton, Somerset in 1710. Four years after Jacob the tobacconist died, Simon Wayte died in Calne, in nearby Wiltshire County. His Last Will and Testament, dated March 26, 1789, was proved in London on the same date; it must have been drafted on his deathbed. In his will, Simon refers to his property in the Old Market in Bristol "last in the occupation of Ann Easterbrook and currently in the occupation and possession of Joseph Easterbrook." (Presumably, this is Jacob's son Joseph.) Simon leaves all of his property, including the property in Bristol, to his dear wife Elizabeth and to his [minor] daughter Elizabeth. Simon's wife, Elizabeth, was 67 when she married Simon. Who was this daughter? Apparently, nothing from the estate of Jacob Easterbrook, the tobacconist, went to Jacob's descendants. Was there some skullduggery going on here?

(Source of Wills for Jacob Easterbrook and Simon Wayte: *Wills, England and Wales, Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills, 1384-1858*; Accessed on Ancestry.com, September 9, 2017)

- iii. Innocente EASTERBROOK was born on January 19, 1742 in Bristol, Gloucestershire, England<sup>14</sup>. She married John DOWNE on October 17, 1762 in Bristol, Gloucestershire, England<sup>15</sup>.

Notes for Innocente EASTERBROOK:

Innocente, child of Jacob and Mary Easterbrook, was baptized in the Lewins Mead Chapel (Presbyterian) in Bristol. She was twenty when she married John Downe at St. James Church in Bristol. On her marriage record, her name is listed as "Innosent Esterbrook." Nothing more is known about Innocente.

- iv. Joseph EASTERBROOK was born on March 04, 1744 in Bristol, Gloucestershire, England<sup>16</sup>. He died on March 23, 1746 in Bristol, Gloucestershire, England<sup>17</sup>.

Notes for Joseph EASTERBROOK:

Joseph, son of Jacob and Mary Easterbrook, was baptized in the Lewins Mead Chapel (Presbyterian) in Bristol. He died as a small child before the birth of his sibling, also named Joseph, who was born in 1750.

- 1. v. John EASTERBROOK was born on April 13, 1747 in Bristol, Gloucestershire, England<sup>1</sup>. He died on April 13, 1781 in Bristol, Gloucestershire, England<sup>2</sup>. He married Sarah GRIFFITHS on September 17, 1772 in Bristol, Gloucestershire, England<sup>3</sup>. She was born about 1747 in Bristol, Gloucestershire, England<sup>4</sup>. She died

on April 06, 1779 in Bristol, Gloucestershire, England<sup>5</sup>.

- vi. Mary EASTERBROOK was born on December 21, 1748 in Bristol, Gloucestershire, England<sup>18</sup>.

Notes for Mary EASTERBROOK:

There is a baptism record for Mary Easterbrook, child of Jacob and Mary Easterbrook. She was baptized in the Lewins Mead Presbyterian Chapel of Bristol, as were her siblings. There are other records of Mary Easterbrook living in Bristol in the second half of the eighteenth century, including a Mary Easterbrook who married John Robinson at St. James Church on February 22, 1778. Mary was a common name; this may or not be Mary Easterbrook, daughter of Jacob Easterbrook and Mary Giles.

- vii. Joseph EASTERBROOK was born on December 10, 1750 in Bristol, Gloucestershire, England<sup>19</sup>. He died on January 21, 1791 in Bristol, Gloucestershire, England<sup>20</sup>.

Notes for Joseph EASTERBROOK:

Joseph Easterbrook, born in 1750, was the youngest known child of Jacob and Mary (Giles) Easterbrook. Like his siblings, Joseph was baptised in the Lewins Mead Presbyterian Chapel in Bristol.

No records have been discovered indicating that Joseph was ever married or had children of his own. He became a father figure to his nephew John Easterbrook who joined the 41st Regiment of Foot in 1799, was sent to Canada, served in the War of 1812, and eventually settled in America. According to a biographical sketch of a descendant of John Easterbrook the Immigrant, the latter "was orphaned at an early age and was taken in charge by his uncle, Rev. Joseph Easterbrook, who was a minister in the Church of England. This gentleman gave him a father's care and sent him to school." (Source: *Portrait and Biographical Album of McLean County, Illinois*. Chicago: Chapman Brothers, 1887. p. 517)

It isn't clear when Joseph was ordained a minister. In 1774, he was listed in the UK Poll Books and electoral Registers as a clergyman in Portishead, Somerset County. He is listed in the Temple Census of 1781 as a "clerk fr. Vicar of the Temple." He is also listed in the Bristol City Directory of 1785 as a cleric with the Temple Church. (Sources accessed on Ancestry.com, September 7, 2017.)

About 1788, the Rev. Joseph Easterbrook, a "faithful and laborious minister of the gospel," encountered much notoriety and ridicule for his claim to have cast out evil spirits in the case of George Lukins, an imposter who professed to have suffered with them for 18 years. (Source: Cambridge University Alumni, 1261-1900. London: Cambridge University Press, 1922-1954. Online database. Accessed on Ancestry.com September 9, 2017.) (Note that the year of the exorcism is reported variously as 1778, 1787, and 1788 in different sources.)

A concise summary of Joseph Easterbrook's life appears in a book written by the Reverend L. Tyerman on the life of the Reverend John Wesley, founder of the Methodists. In his book Tyerman writes that Joseph Easterbrook was an indefatigable clergyman . . . the son of the Bristol bellman; was educated at Kingswood school; became assistant master at Trevecca college; obtained



ordination; was presented to Temple church by the Bristol corporation; and succeeded James Roquet as chaplain of Newgate prison. . . . when he first entered Trevecca, he began to live upon water and potatoes; and yet, besides attending to his scholastic duties, he preached every evening in the week, and occasionally as many as four times on Sundays. . . . In Bristol, it was Easterbrook's invariable rule to send those, who were awakened under his ministry, to meet in class among the Methodists." The Reverent Tyerman noted that when Wesley came again to Bristol in September of 1790, Wesley wrote, "Mr. Easterbrook is ill of a disorder which no physician understands, and which it seems God alone can cure. He is a pattern to all Bristol, and indeed to all in England; having, besides his other incessant labours, which were never intermitted, preached in every house in his parish! . . . He died on the 21st of January, 1791, in the fortieth year of his age, some of his last words being "God does all things well. I have no fear of death or of judgment." (Source: Tyerman, Rev. L. *The Life and Times of the Rev. John Wesley, M.A., Founder of the Methodists*. New York: Harper & Brothers, Pub. 1872. p. 600)

From another source: "among the clergy Easterbrook seems to have been looked upon as 'a somewhat erratic person, who believed he could cast out devils.' However that may be, Easterbrook was held in high regard among the Dissenting ministers of the city. (Source: Early Methodism in Bristol with Special Reference to John Wesley's Visits to the City. A Publication of the Wesley Historical Society, no date. Available as a PDF online and downloaded on September 1, 2017.)

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### Generation 3

4. **John EASTERBROOK**, son of Jacob EASTERBROOK and Sarah MARBLE, was born about 1680 in Taunton, Somerset, England<sup>21</sup>. He died on August 04, 1741 in Taunton, Somerset, England<sup>22-23</sup>. He married **JOAN**.
5. **JOAN** was born about 1690 in Taunton, Somerset, England<sup>24</sup>. She died on September 18, 1741 in Taunton, Somerset, England<sup>25-26</sup>.

Notes for John EASTERBROOK:

No baptism record has been found for this John Easterbrook. His parents are identified as Jacob Easterbrook and Sarah Marble through a process of elimination. A fairly exhaustive search of the church records of Taunton and neighboring villages (through Ancestry.com) yielded no other likely candidates.

John and Joan Easterbrook are listed as the parents of three children in the baptism records of St. Mary Magdalene church in Taunton, Somerset, England: Elizabeth, Jacob, and Anna. The last child died at birth or shortly thereafter. John is identified as a "yeoman from Holway" on each of the baptism records of his children. In two of the children's records, John's surname is recorded as "Easterbrooks."

There is no record of a marriage between John and Joan in the church records of the turn of the century. A marriage between John Easterbrook and Joan Smith took place on August 20, 1737. One possibility is that John Easterbrook and Joan Smith who married in 1737 are actually the parents of Elizabeth, Jacob, and Anna who were born between 1710 and 1713. In 18th-century England, some couples waited to get married or didn't bother to marry at all.

In the 18th-century records of St. Mary's are other Easterbrook records of interest. Edith Easterbrook, widow of M. Chook, was buried at Taunton St Mary on March 2, 1726. Mary

Easterbrook was buried at the same place on August 20, 1746. (Source of above records: Somerset, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials 1531-1812, Taunton St Mary 1685-1776, Accessed on Ancestry.com on September 1, 2017) These individuals were undoubtedly related; however the exact relationship cannot be determined. Edith and Mary might have been siblings of Elizabeth, Jacob, and Anna, or perhaps an aunt.

JOAN and John EASTERBROOK had the following children:

- i. Elizabeth EASTERBROOK was born on May 11, 1710 in Taunton, Somerset, England<sup>27</sup>.

Notes for Elizabeth EASTERBROOK:

Elizabeth is listed as a child of John and Joan Easterbrook in the baptism records of St. Mary Magdalene Church in Taunton.

There is a marriage record for a Simon Wayte and Elizabeth Easterbrook, dated September 11, 1777. The marriage took place in St. James Church in Bristol. (Source: England, Select Marriages, 1538-1973, Online Database; Accessed on Ancestry.com September 9, 2017) Simon Wayte is listed as "Dear Uncle Simon Wayte" in the Last Will and Testament of Jacob Easterbrook, son of Jacob Easterbrook, the bellman of Bristol. This further supports the belief that Jacob Easterbrook the bellman of Bristol in the mid-eighteenth century is Jacob Easterbrook, born in Taunton in 1710.

Also in the church records is the marriage of an Elizabeth Easterbrook on July 3, 1712 to Joseph Bray of "Mitaol Chrooch, now living in Holway." Might this have been Elizabeth's aunt? John Easterbrook is identified as a yeoman from Holway on the baptism records of his three known children.

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  - ii. Jacob EASTERBROOK was born on May 11, 1712 in Taunton, Somerset, England<sup>6</sup>. He died after 1785 in Bristol, Gloucestershire, England<sup>7</sup>. He married Mary GILES on May 30, 1736 in Bristol, Gloucestershire, England<sup>8</sup>.
  - iii. Anna EASTERBROOK was born on July 05, 1713 in Taunton, Somerset, England<sup>28</sup>. She died on July 09, 1713 in Taunton, Somerset, England<sup>29</sup>.

Notes for Anna EASTERBROOK:

Apparently, this child died at birth or shortly thereafter. Her burial is listed four days after her baptism in the church records of St. Mary in Taunton.

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## Generation 4

8. **Jacob EASTERBROOK** was born about 1650 in Southwest England. He died on November 05, 1681 in Taunton, Somerset, England<sup>30</sup>. He married **Sarah MARBLE** on January 26, 1679 in Taunton, Somerset, England<sup>31</sup>.
9. **Sarah MARBLE** was born about 1659 in Southwest England.

Notes for Jacob EASTERBROOK:

Records show that Easterbrook families had settled in Taunton in south-west England by the second half of the seventeenth century. On January 26, 1679, Jacob Easterbrook married a woman named Sarah Marble. Because Jacob Easterbrook is the only man with the surname of Easterbrook to appear in the records of Taunton at this time, it is assumed that he is the father of John

Easterbrook of the same town who established a family with Joan and had at least three children between 1710 and 1713.

There are two burial records for a Jacob Easterbrook in Taunton in the last years of the seventeenth century, one of which likely belonged to Jacob who married Sarah in 1679. There is a Jacob Easterbrook who was buried on November 5, 1681. (Source: St. Mary Church in Taunton) There is also a record listing a Jacob Easterbrook who died in Taunton, Somerset in the UK Extracted Probate Records 1269-1975; Accessed on Ancestry.com on September 4, 2017.) The date of death on the latter record is 1797.

In the church records of St. Mary's there is also listed a Mary Easterbrook who married John Gilliard on November 5, 1686. There are also three other burial records in the seventeenth-century church archives: Mashe (?) Easterbrook, buried on December 30, 1675; Mary Easterbrook, buried on July 1, 1687; and Charles Easterbrookes, buried on June 9, 1691. (Source: Somerset, England. Church of England Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials 1531-1812, Taunton St. Mary 1558-1696; Accessed on Ancestry.com September 4, 2017)

The Easterbrook name (spelled also as Esterbrook and Easterbrooks) does appear in the church records of Bishops Lydeard, a small village some five miles from Taunton. William Easterbrook was buried there on February 24, 1695. John Esterbrooks was buried there on October 15, 1702. This John and his wife Catherine had two daughters: Catherine Easterbrooks, baptized on September 30, 1689, and Joan, baptized on July 1, 1694. Thomas Esterbrooks was buried there on March 17, 1709.

There were also a couple of Easterbrook families living in Pitminster, a village some four miles from Taunton: Benydick Easterbrooke who married Elizabeth Harkcombe on November 25, 1675 and Benjamin Easterbrook who married Elizabeth Daw on May 25, 1708. (Source: Somerset, England, Church of England Births, Marriages, and Deaths, 1531-1812; Accessed on Ancestry.com on September 8, 2017)

There is no known connection between the families living in Bishops Lydeard and Pitminster and Jacob Easterbrook of Holway. In that era, families often repeated the Christian names of fathers, grandfathers, and uncles down through the generations. The names of William, Thomas, Benydick, and Benjamin are not found in the family line of Jacob Easterbrook.

Sarah MARBLE and Jacob EASTERBROOK had the following child:

4. i. John EASTERBROOK was born about 1680 in Taunton, Somerset, England<sup>21</sup>. He died on August 04, 1741 in Taunton, Somerset, England<sup>22-23</sup>. He married JOAN. She was born about 1690 in Taunton, Somerset, England<sup>24</sup>. She died on September 18, 1741 in Taunton, Somerset, England<sup>25-26</sup>.

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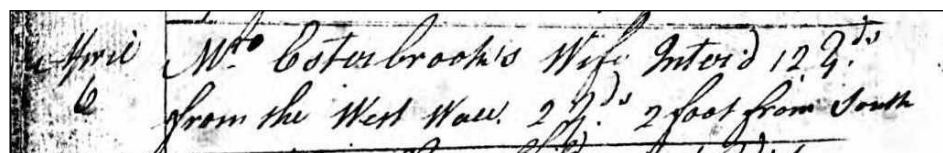
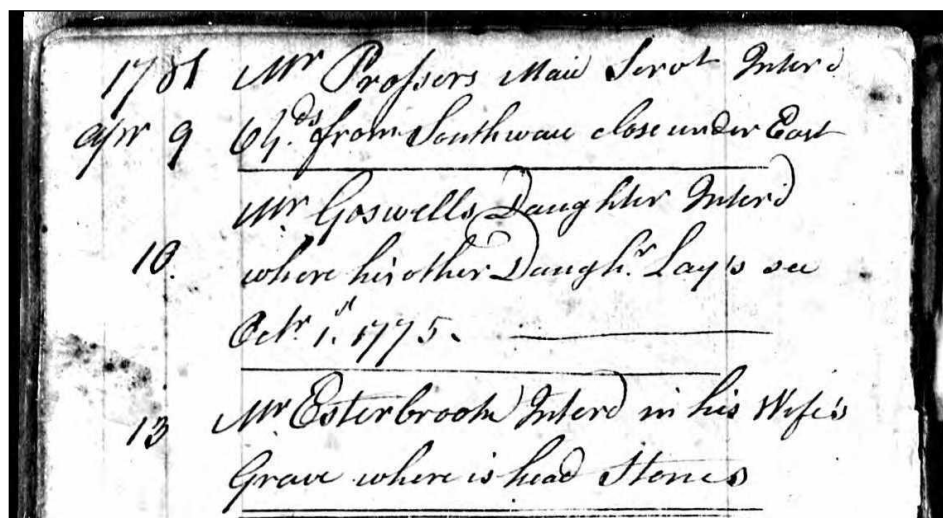
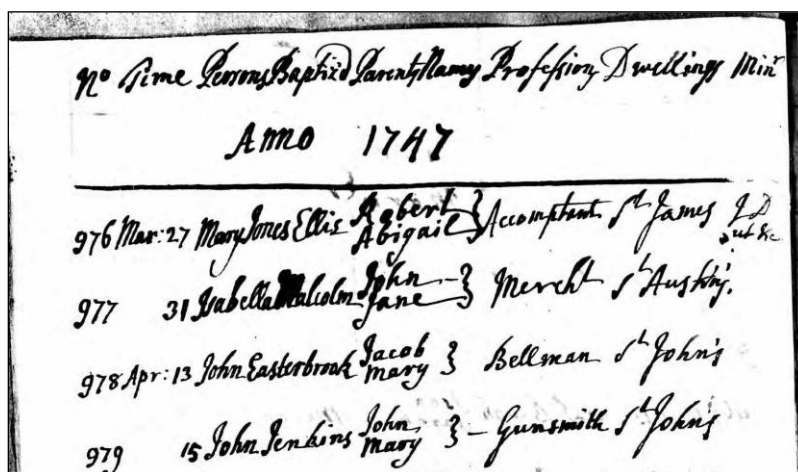
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### Baptism and Burial Records for John Easterbrook (1747-1781) of Bristol, England

(Father of John Easterbrook, Immigrant to America)



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## Baptism Record for Jacob Easterbrook, son of John and Joan Easterbrook

St. Mary Magdalene Church, Taunton, Somerset, England

May 11, 1712

Christnings An. Dom: 1711 M <sup>3</sup>		Thomas Gale Vicar	
27	John son of Joseph & Grace Adams Labourer holway	16	Catharine Daug <sup>r</sup> of Robert and Sarah Galford Comber ford street
27	Mary Daug <sup>r</sup> of John & Mary Mars fuller of Bishops hult	16	May
	now living high street & p <sup>th</sup>		Jacob son of John & Joan Easterbrook Yoman holway
	William son of William & Hannah Kitchcock Cutler	17	11
3	ford street		Agster Daug <sup>r</sup> of John & Mary Dode
	Elizabeth Daug <sup>r</sup> of William and Sarah Shorbrook wower	23	18
6	holway		Mary Daug <sup>r</sup> of William & Thomasine Sprake Comber high street
	March the 26. 1712		29
	Grace son of Abraham and Dorothy Teworaker Comber	26	Elizabeth Daug <sup>r</sup> of John & Mary
	maker high street		29
6	Mary Daug <sup>r</sup> of George & Mary Phippin Comber shutteren	30	Sam Comber high street
	April		June
10	Edward son of Edward and Mary Cadby Brasier & planner North street	3	William son of William and Mary Hard Ford
10	Hannah Daug <sup>r</sup> of William & Elizabeth White a Comber	3	6
17	shutteren		Joan Daug <sup>r</sup> of John & Elizabeth Lewis also Sanders bricklayer
	Mary Daug <sup>r</sup> of James & Deane Webb a weell breaker holway	20	8
20	Joseph son of Joseph & Martha Durham black smith east street	21	Thomas son of Edward & Mary
20	Ann Daug <sup>r</sup> of James & Mary Gorrie wower holway	21	Edmonds living in this parish
	Elizabeth Daug <sup>r</sup> of Edward & Hannah Walls fuller in	23	10
20	east street		but of p <sup>th</sup> of Liberton in County of Devon
	Sarah Daug <sup>r</sup> of Nicholas & Mary Hard Gun holder	24	Mary Daug <sup>r</sup> of Richard and Ann Walter glazier north street
	north street		20
14	James son of John & Sarah Rowlett holder North street	25	John son of Thomas and Mary Hopkins Ford vinder
	Edward son of Edward & Elizabeth	25	27
	Biomey saddle ford street		North street
			Henry son of Henry & Ann Whiticott wower holway
			29
			Elizabeth Daug <sup>r</sup> of George & Elizabeth & Apthorpe a hoopier of
			29
			Wedington but by a Discharge now living ford street this town
			July
			Ann Daug <sup>r</sup> of Samuel & Ann Lucas Drago
			2
			maker holway

Source: Somerset, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials 1531-1812, Taunton St Mary 1685-1776, Accessed on Ancestry.com on September 1, 2017

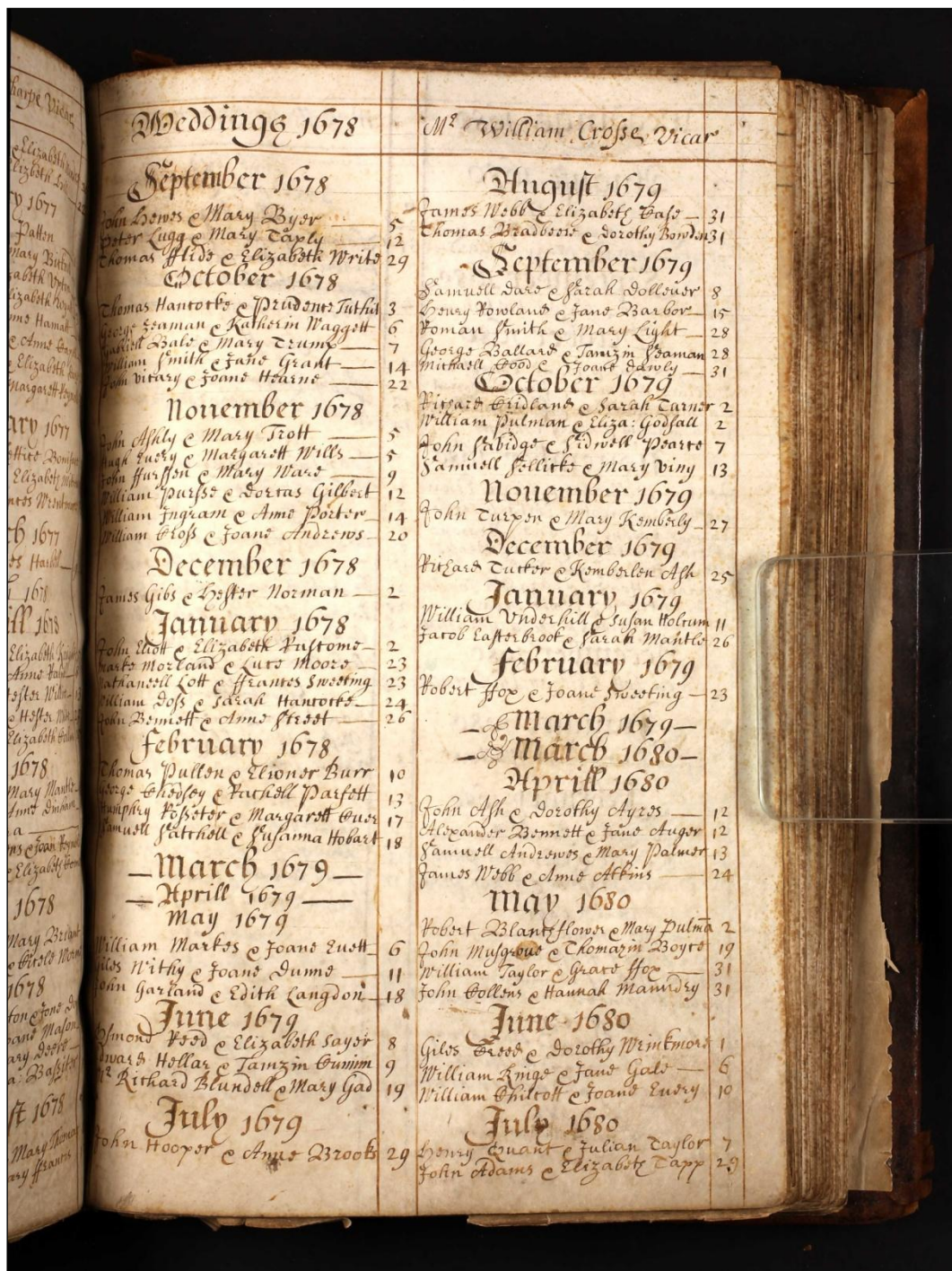


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## Marriage Record for Jacob Easterbrook and Sarah Marble

St. Mary Magdalene Church, Taunton, Somerset, England

January 26, 1679



Source: Somerset, England. Church of England Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials 1531-1812, Taunton St. Mary 1558-1696. Accessed on Ancestry.com September 4, 2017. The marriage of Jacob Easterbrook and Sarah Marble is located in the right-hand column half-way down the page, under "January 1679."

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