

The Clark Antecedents of Priscilla Clark of Somerset, England

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Priscilla Clark was born in 1826 in Somerset to James and Fanny (née Hurle) Clark; the Clarks were longtime residents of Buckland-Denham parish in Somerset on the eastern edge of today's Somersetshire not far from Frome. 'Buckland-Denham' is the old name of the village; the spelling has changed in the last century to 'Buckland-Dinham'. The Clarks of Buckland-Denham parish can be traced back to about 1650, although the oldest records are very difficult to read. Nearly all of the Clarks discovered in the lineage apparently married local girls from Somerset (Fanny Hurle excepted).



Buckland-Dinham, Somerset from the St. Michael's parish cemetery

Priscilla's father James married Fanny Hurle of Rode parish in Somerset (later Wiltshire). The Hurles came to Rode from Trowbridge, Wiltshire. Fanny's maternal line (Cox) originated in Evercreech parish in central Somerset. Identification of James and Fanny is clear from the Buckland-Denham parish registers as are their children from the christening and burial data. Caution is however required as James' cousin Elias Clark and his wife Elizabeth (King) Clark were having children in the same parish at the same time; most critical is identification of the children who died young as their parents' names are not given, but fortunately their ages at death are specified which allowed them to be unambiguously identified.

The ancestry of Priscilla Clark descends from the Clarks of Buckland-Denham is confirmed by **at-DNA**. Shown in Cluster 1 are DNA matches to ETS (paternal aunt of the author): 'Anthea Church'.¹

CLUSTER 1 Clark		All single segments; no shared matches		
DNA	Match	cM	Descendant of	Common Ancestor
ETS	Anthea Church	8	Elias Clark (1803-1870)	62 John Clark (1761-)

¹ 'Rogers and Childs 3', owner scottchurch18, www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/8551909; some sources (accessed 11 Aug 2020).

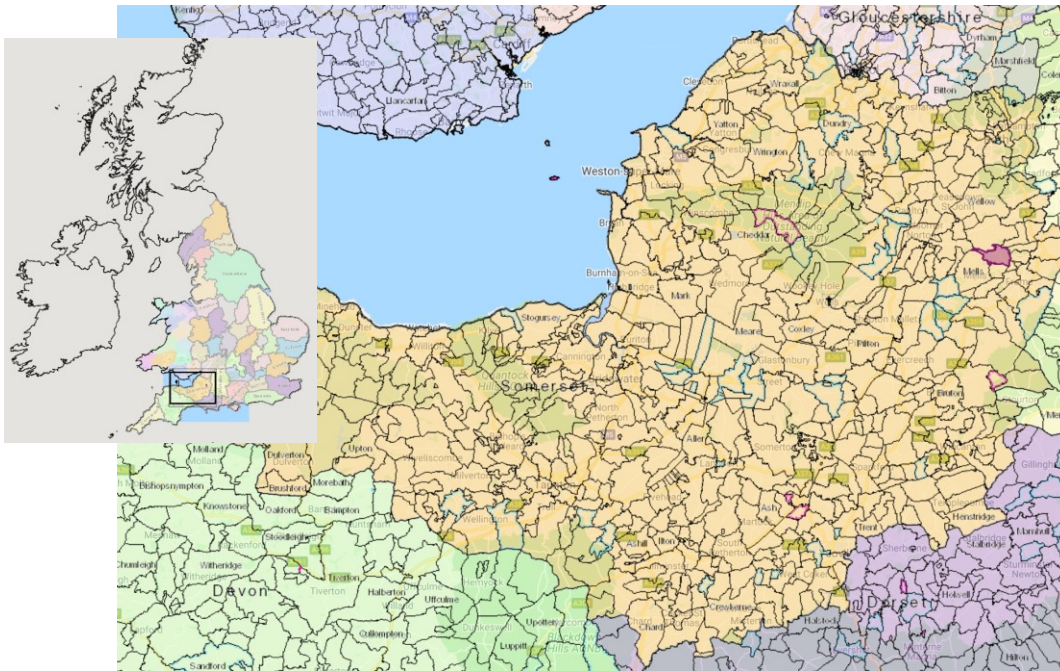


Figure 1. Somerset, England (orange) and the Buckland-Dinham parish (pink) the Frome-hundred in eastern Somerset; (source: *FamilySearch* wiki).

--Now for some notes on research methodology: the primary sources for Buckland-Dinham *vitae* are the parish registers and bishop's transcripts (BT's) available at *FamilySearch*. The BT's (FHL British Film 1526,441) that was searched at the FHL with great difficulty in 2014 has been digitized and can now be viewed online. The parish registers have also been digitized and these online images are 'somewhat' easier to read (the early ones are still extremely difficult). *FamilySearch* and *FindMyPast* (through their collaboration with the Somerset and Dorset Family History Society) have extracted most of the 18th century data and some 17th century data but are presumed to not have had the courage to tackle the 16th and early 17th century registers. This author read all the registers back to 1540 and extracted all the possible Clark *vitae* (baptisms, marriages, and burials—over 125 pieces of data), arranged them chronologically and tried to piece together families, based on the assumption that a homestead or tenancy was retained through time from father to son. Note that not all the data could be assimilated into this descendency.

The logic of this plan is based on the fact that in the 16 and 17th centuries families didn't move much. After 1066 (Wm the conqueror) all land was owned by the Crown who distributed it to various nobility over the centuries. Farmers did not own their land but were tenants on manorial land. In some cases the payment of rents was administered by the Anglican Church. These long-term leases were passed down from father to son.^{2,3}

² *FamilySearch* wiki.

³ Online at Wikipedia, 'English Land Law'.

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

Generation One

1. **William¹ Clarke** was born abt 1550 of Buckland-Denham, Somerset, England. He may have married **Elizabeth _____**; she was buried⁴ 2 Dec 1630.

William and Elizabeth Clark had children:

- 2 i. **JOHN CLARK** was born abt 1570 and died/was buried⁵ 28 Apr 1628. He married **Anna _____**; she was buried⁶ 23 Sep 1621.
- + 3 ii. **RICHARD CLARK** was born abt 1570. He married 4 Jun 1602 **Mary Lygell**.
- 4 iii. **MARY CLARKE** was born abt 1570. She married⁷ 29 nov 1604 **John Cooke**.
- + 5 iv. **WILLIAM CLARK** was born abt 1570. He married abt 1590 **Jone _____**.

Generation Two

3. **Richard² (William¹) Clarke** was born abt 1570. He married⁸ 4 Jun 1602 **Mary Lygell**.

Richard and Mary (Lygell) Clark may have had a son John.

- + 6 i. **JOHN CLARK⁹** was born abt 1622; called 'John the younger' in the PR. John married¹⁰ 16 Jun 1642 **Joane Joyce**.

5. **William² (William¹) Clarke** was born abt 1570 of Buckland-Denham parish and died/was buried¹¹ there 21 Jan 1640. He may have married abt 1590 **Jone _____**. She was buried¹² 3 May 1655.

⁴ B-D PR, Film 5838385, 1624-1652, frame 13/16.

⁵ B-D PR, Film 5838385, 1624-1652, frame 12/16.

⁶ B-D PR, Film 5838384, 1540-1624, frame 17/33, wife of John.

⁷ Cooke/Clark marriage: B-D PR, Film 5838384, 1540-1624, frame 20/33.

⁸ Clark/Lygell marriage: Online at *FamilySearch*, Buckland-Dinham Parish Register, Baptisms, Marriages, Burials 1540-1624; FHL film 5848384, frame 20/33; hereafter **B-D PR, Film 5838384, 1540-1624** (these images are badly faded, in some cases nearly obliterated and very difficult to read). See also the Somerset Marriage Index on *FindMyPast*.

⁹ John's parentage is unproven; that he is a son of Richard is the best time-interval fit. There are no reported children for Richard/Mary in the parish Buckland parish register.

¹⁰ Online at *FamilySearch*, Buckland-Dinham Parish Register, Baptisms, Marriages, Burials 1624-1652; FHL film 5848385, frame 11/16; see also the Somerset Marriage Index at *FindMyPast*.

¹¹ Online at *FamilySearch*, Buckland-Dinham Parish Register, Baptisms, Marriages, Burials 1624-1652; FHL film 5848385, frame 14/16.

¹² B-D PR, Film 5838386, 1653-1673, frame 15/20.

William and Jone Clark had five children.

- 7 i. **ELIZABETH CLARK**¹³ was christened¹⁴ 21 Feb 1593. Elizabeth (parents unknown) married¹⁵ 23 Jan 1629 **William Read**.
- + 8 ii. **JOHN CLARK** was born abt 1595.
- 9 iii. **ANNIE CLARK** was christened¹⁶ 3 Feb 1604.
- 10 iv. **RICHARD CLARK** was christened¹⁷ 20 Sep 1607.
- 11 v. **ROBERT CLARK** was christened¹⁸ 18 Jun 1615.

Generation Three

6. John³ (William² William¹) Clarke was born abt 1622; called 'John the younger' in the PR. John married¹⁹ 16 Jun 1642 **Joane Joyce**. She died/was buried²⁰ 14 Jan 1685.

John and Joane (Joyce) Clark had six children.

- 12 i. **JOHN CLARK** was christened²¹ 16 Feb 1642 and probably died young.
- 13 ii. **JOHN CLARK** was christened²² 20 Dec 1645.
- 14 iii. **ELIZABETH CLARK** was born²³ 25 Oct 1652.
- 15 iv. **ANNE CLARK** was christened²⁴ 10 Jan 1663/4.
- 16 v. **JANE CLARK** was christened²⁵ 8 Nov 1665.
- 17 vi. **WILLIAM CLARK** was christened²⁶ 19 Sep 1675.

¹³ Elizabeth's parentage is unproven; that she is a dau of William is a best guess.

¹⁴ **B-D PR, Film 5838384, 1540-1624, frame 14/33.**

¹⁵ Read/Clark marriage: **B-D PR, Film 5838385, 1624-1652, frame 11/16.**

¹⁶ **B-D PR, Film 5838384, 1540-1624, frame 14/33.**

¹⁷ **B-D PR, Film 5838384, 1540-1624, frame 15/33.**

¹⁸ **B-D PR, Film 5838384, 1540-1624, frame 32/33, son of Wm.**

¹⁹ **B-D PR, Film 5838385, 1624-1652, frame 11/16.**

²⁰ Online at *FamilySearch*, Buckland-Dinham Parish Register, Baptisms, Marriages, Burials 1674-1737; FHL film 5848387, frame 32/39, wife of John.

²¹ **B-D PR, Film 5838385, 1624-1652, frame 8/16, son of John the younger.**

²² **B-D PR, Film 5838385, 1624-1652, frame 9/16, son of John/Jone.**

²³ **B-D PR, Film 5838385, 1624-1652, frame 10/16.**

²⁴ **B-D PR, Film 5838386, 1653-1673, frame 11/20, son of John/Jone.**

²⁵ **B-D PR, Film 5838386, 1653-1673, frame 11/20, son of John/Jone.**

8. **John³ (William² William¹) Clarke** was born abt 1595 of Buckland-Denham, Somerset, England and died/was buried²⁷ there 28 Apr 1667. He was probably the son of William Clark of the parish.²⁸ He married²⁹ **Mari 'Sinis'**³⁰ 5 Sep 1615 at Buckland-Denham parish. There is another John Clark (md³¹ 30 Sep 1630 **Anne Morris**). They had children: Robert chr³² 6 Feb 1639; he is a possible father of all children 'born to John' after 1630.

John and Mari (Sinis) Clark had eleven children at Buckland-Denham, Somerset.

- 18 i. **WALTER CLARK** was christened³³ 19 Oct 1615 and presumably died young.
- + 19 ii. **SAMUELL CLARK** was christened 19 Oct 1617.
- 20 iii. **RICHARD CLARK** was christened³⁴ 2 Nov 1621.
- + 21 iv. **THOMAS CLARK** was christened 10 Oct 1624.
- + 22 v. **ABRAHAM CLARK** was christened 4 Feb 1626.
- 23 vi. **WALTER CLARK** was christened³⁵ 20 Sep 1629.
- 24 vii. **JOHN CLARK** (twin) was christened³⁶ -- May 1631 and died/was buried³⁷ 20 Jun 1632.
- 25 viii. **ANNE CLARK** (twin) was christened³⁸ -- May 1631.
- 26 ix. **ALICE CLARK** was christened³⁹ 25 Jul 1633.

²⁶ Online at *FamilySearch*, Buckland-Dinham Parish Register, Baptisms, Marriages, Burials 1674-1737; FHL film 5848387, frame 4/39, son of John/Jone.

²⁷ **B-D PR, Film 5838386, 1653-1673**, frame 17/20 .

²⁸ The Clark family apparently moved to the Buckland-Denham parish after 1590 as there are no Clark *vitae* in the parish before that time. William was the only Clark having children around 1600 and is presumed therefore to be the father of John (no data).

²⁹ Clark/Sinis marriage: Online at *FamilySearch*, **B-D PR, Film 5838384, 1540-1624**, frame 33/33.

³⁰ The last part of the name 'Sinis—' is unreadable; perhaps 'Sinister'.

³¹ Online at *FamilySearch*, Buckland-Denham Parish Register, Baptisms, Marriages, Burials 1624-1652; FHL film 5848385, frame 11/16; hereafter **B-D PR, Film 5838385, 1624-1652**.

³² **B-D PR, Film 5838385, 1624-1652**, frame 7/16, son of John/Anne.

³³ **B-D PR, Film 5838384, 1540-1624**, frame 32/33.

³⁴ **B-D PR, Film 5838384, 1540-1624**, frame 16/33.

³⁵ **B-D PR, Film 5838385, 1624-1652**, frame 5/16.

³⁶ **B-D PR, Film 5838385, 1624-1652**, frame 5/16.

³⁷ **B-D PR, Film 5838385, 1624-1652**, frame 13/16.

³⁸ **B-D PR, Film 5838385, 1624-1652**, frame 5/16.

³⁹ **B-D PR, Film 5838385, 1624-1652**, frame 6/16.

27 x. **SUSAN CLARK** was christened⁴⁰ -- Dec 1635.

28 xi. **JOHN CLARK** was christened⁴¹ 27 Jan 1637.

Generation Four

19. Samuel⁴ (John³ William² William¹) Clark was christened⁴² 19 Oct 1617 and died/was buried⁴³ 4 Jun 1693 at Buckland-Denham parish.

29 i. **SAMUEL CLARK** was christened⁴⁴ 4 Apr 1648.

30 ii. **ANNA CLARK** was christened⁴⁵ 14 Mar 1649.

+ 31 iii. **JOHN CLARK** was born abt 1655.

32 iv. **THOMAS CLARK** was born⁴⁶ 30 Sep 1660

21. Thomas⁴ (John³ William² William¹) Clark was christened⁴⁷ 10 Oct 1624 and died/was buried⁴⁸ 22 Mar 1692/3 at Buckland-Denham parish. He married abt 1640 **Marie ____**. There was another Thomas Clark (md **Susanna**)—perhaps an uncle?—having children⁴⁹ in the parish in this time period. This Thomas (who married Marie) is sometimes called ‘Thomas the younger’ in the register. A third Thomas (md⁵⁰ 18 Apr 1642 **Susan Dowling**) was also in the parish.

Thomas and Marie Clark had four children at Buckland-Denham, Somerset.

33 i. **THOMAS CLARK** was christened⁵¹ 8 Nov 1640 and died/was buried⁵² 7 Jan 1647/8.

34 ii. **RICHARD CLARK** was born abt 1642 and died/was buried⁵³ 4 Jun 1643.

⁴⁰ **B-D PR, Film 5838385, 1624-1652**, frame 6/16, father is presumed to be John, the father’s name and date of baptism are obscured by large, opaque spill.

⁴¹ **B-D PR, Film 5838385, 1624-1652**, frame 7/16.

⁴² **B-D PR, Film 5838384, 1540-1624**, frame 33/33.

⁴³ Online at *FamilySearch*, Buckland-Dinham Parish Register, Baptisms, Marriages, Burials 1674-1737; FHL film 5848387, frame 34/39; son of John; hereafter **B-D PR, Film 5838387, 1674-1737**.

⁴⁴ **B-D PR, Film 5838385, 1624-1652**, frame 11/16.

⁴⁵ **B-D PR, Film 5838385, 1624-1652**, frame 10/16.

⁴⁶ Online at *FamilySearch*, Buckland-Dinham Parish Register, Baptisms, Marriages, Burials 1653-1674; FHL film 5848386, frame 10/20; hereafter **B-D PR, Film 5838386, 1653-1673**.

⁴⁷ **B-D PR, Film 5838385, 1624-1652**, frame 4/16.

⁴⁸ **B-D PR, Film 5838387, 1674-1737**, frame 34/39.

⁴⁹ Children of Thomas/Susanna: Mary (b. abt 1636, d. 20 Jun 1636), Mary (chr 30 Jul 1637) and Richard (chr 23 May 1643) **B-D PR, Film 5838385, 1624-1652**, frames 13/16, 7/16, 8/16, respectively.

⁵⁰ **B-D PR, Film 5838385, 1624-1652**, frame 11/16.

⁵¹ **B-D PR, Film 5838385, 1624-1652**, frame 7/16.

⁵² **B-D PR, Film 5838385, 1624-1652**, frame 15/16, son of ‘Thomas the younger’.

35 iii. **ELIZABETH CLARK** was christened⁵⁴ 31 mar 1643.

36 iv. **GRACE CLARK** was christened⁵⁵ 30 Nov 1644 and died/was buried⁵⁶ 20 Feb 1645/6.

22. Abraham⁴ (John³ William² William¹) Clark was christened⁵⁷ 4 Feb 1626 and died/was buried⁵⁸ 21 Nov 1721 at Buckland-Denham parish. He married⁵⁹ 16 Jun 1656 **Bridget Ishell**; the marriage was witnessed by 'John the younger, Thomas and Samuel' (Abraham's brothers).

Abraham and Bridget (Ishell) Clark had three children at Buckland-Denham, Somerset.

+ 37 i. **ABRAHAM CLARK** was born 17 Apr 1659.

38 ii. **B? (son) CLARK** was born⁶⁰ 20 Dec 1663.

39 iii. **JOHN CLARK** was christened⁶¹ 13 Apr 1667.

Generation Five

31. John⁵ (John⁴ John³ William² William¹) Clark⁶² was born abt 1655 of Buckland-Denham, Somerset, England; buried in 1695 in Buckland-Denham parish.⁶³ He married⁶⁴ on 23 May 1675 at Buckland-Denham, **Ann Palmer**. She was buried⁶⁵ 1 Feb 1698 at Buckland-Dinham parish.

John and Ann (Palmer) Clark had six children in Buckland-Denham parish, Somerset:⁶⁶

+ 40 i. **SAMUEL CLARK** was christened 27 Jan 1676 and died/was buried 7 Jul 1746 at Buckland-Denham parish. He married **Elizabeth** ____ abt 1715; she died/was buried 23 Mar 1760 at Buckland-Denham parish.

⁵³ B-D PR, Film 5838385, 1624-1652, frame 11/16, son of 'Thomas the younger'.

⁵⁴ B-D PR, Film 5838385, 1624-1652, frame 8/16, dau of Thomas/Marie.

⁵⁵ B-D PR, Film 5838385, 1624-1652, frame 9/16, dau of Thomas/Marie.

⁵⁶ B-D PR, Film 5838385, 1624-1652, frame 11/16.

⁵⁷ B-D PR, Film 5838385, 1624-1652 frame 4/16 (accessed 12 Aug 2020).

⁵⁸ B-D PR, Film 5838387, 1674-1737, frame 37/39 .

⁵⁹ Clark/Ishell marriage: B-D PR, Film 5838386, 1653-1673, frame 5/20.

⁶⁰ B-D PR, Film 5838386, 1653-1673, frame 11/20.

⁶¹ B-D PR, Film 5838386, 1653-1673, frame 12/20, son of Abraham/Bridgett.

⁶² John's parentage is unproven; that he is Samuel's son John is a best guess.

⁶³ John Clark burial: Church of England, Buckland –Denham parish, FHL British Film 1526,441 item 13.

⁶⁴ Clark/Palmer marriage: Church of England, Buckland –Denham parish, FHL British Film 1526,441 item 13 and Buckland-Dinham Parish Register, Baptisms, Marriages, Burials 1674-1737; FHL film 5848387, frame 25/39; hereafter **B-D PR, Film 5838387, 1674-1737**.

⁶⁵ **B-D PR, Film 5838387, 1674-1737**., frame 16/39, 'Ann the wife of John' (accessed 12 Aug 2020);

⁶⁶ Christenings/burials of six Clark-Palmer children: Church of England, Buckland –Denham parish, FHL British Film 1526,441 item 13.

- 41 ii. **RICHARD CLARK** was christened⁶⁷ 24 Jan 1680 and was buried⁶⁸ 10 Aug 1687 in the Buckland-Denham parish.
- 42 iii. **MARY CLARK** was christened⁶⁹ 9 Aug 1683; a probable base-born son Joel was christened⁷⁰ 26 Feb 1711 at Buckland-Denham parish.
- 43 iv. **ANAH CLARK** was christened⁷¹ 11 Jul 1684.
- 44 v. **JOHN CLARK** was christened⁷² 8 Oct 1689 and died/was buried⁷³ 10 apr 1713 at Buckland-Denham.
- + 45 vi. **JOSHUA/JOSUA CLARK** was christened 13 Dec 1692 and was buried 6 Mar 1736 in Buckland-Denham parish, Somerset. He married abt 1717 **Margaret** ____; she died 6 Dec 1748 at Buckland-Denham.
- 37. Abraham⁵ (Abraham⁴ John³ William² William¹) Clark** was born⁷⁴ 17 Apr 1659 and died/was buried⁷⁵ 26 jul 1750 at Buckland-Denham parish. He married **Jone** ____.
- Abraham and Jone Clark had six children at Buckland-Denham, Somerset.
- 46 i. **MERROILL CLARK** was christened⁷⁶ 7 Mar 1680, she died/was buried⁷⁷ 6 Mar 1681.
- 47 ii. **ABRAHAM CLARK** was christened⁷⁸ 2 Nov 1682. He married abt 1702 **Elizabeth** ____.
- 48 iii. **MARY CLARK** was christened⁷⁹ 20 Jan 1685.
- 49 iv. **JOHN CLARK** was christened⁸⁰ 27 Mar 1691.
- 50 v. **ELIZABETH CLARK** was christened abt 1696 and died/was buried⁸¹ 30 Jun 1697.

⁶⁷ B-D PR, Film 5838387, 1674-1737, frame 6/39.

⁶⁸ B-D PR, Film 5838387, 1674-1737, frame 33/39.

⁶⁹ B-D PR, Film 5838387, 1674-1737, frame 8/39.

⁷⁰ B-D PR, Film 5838387, 1674-1737, frame 16/39.

⁷¹ B-D PR, Film 5838387, 1674-1737, frame 9/39.

⁷² B-D PR, Film 5838387, 1674-1737, frame 10/39.

⁷³ B-D PR, Film 5838387, 1674-1737, frame 37/39.

⁷⁴ B-D PR, Film 5838386, 1653-1673, frame 9/20.

⁷⁵ B-D PR, Film 5838388, 1739-1754, frame 26/33.

⁷⁶ B-D PR, Film 5838387, 1674-1737, frame 7/39, dau of Abraham/Jone.

⁷⁷ B-D PR, Film 5838387, 1674-1737, frame 31/39, dau of Abraham/Jone.

⁷⁸ B-D PR, Film 5838387, 1674-1737, frame 7/39, son of Abraham/Jone.

⁷⁹ B-D PR, Film 5838387, 1674-1737, frame 9/39, dau of Abraham/Jone.

⁸⁰ B-D PR, Film 5838387, 1674-1737, frame 10/39, son of Abraham/Jone.

51 vi. **ELIZABETH CLARK** was christened⁸² 26 jun 1698

Generation Six

40. Samuel² (John¹) Clark was christened⁸³ 27 Jan 1676 and died/was buried⁸⁴ 7 Jul 1746 at Buckland-Denham parish. He married **Elizabeth** ____ abt 1715; she died/was buried⁸⁵ 23 Mar 1760 at Buckland-Denham parish.

Samuel and Elizabeth Clark had four children in Buckland-Denham parish, Somerset.⁸⁶

52 i. **JOHN CLARK** was christened⁸⁷ 7 Nov 1718 and buried⁸⁸ 8 Feb 1721/2.

53 ii. **JAMES CLARK** was christened⁸⁹ 24 Jul 1719.

54 iii. **WILLIAM CLARK** was christened⁹⁰ 8 Apr 1722 and buried⁹¹ 6 Jan 1723/4.

55 iv. **JOHN CLARK** was christened⁹² 13 Jun 1725.

45. Joseph/Joshua² (John¹) Clark was christened 13 Dec 1692 at Buckland-Denham, Somerset, England; buried⁹³ 9 Dec 1736 in Buckland-Denham parish.⁹⁴ He married abt 1717 **Margaret** _____. She was born abt 1695 and was buried⁹⁵ 6 Dec 1748 at Buckland-Denham, Somerset.

Joseph/Joshua and Marget Clark had six children in Buckland-Denham parish, Somerset.⁹⁶

⁸¹ **B-D PR, Film 5838387, 1674-1737, frame 35/39.**

⁸² **B-D PR, Film 5838387, 1674-1737, frame 12/39.**

⁸³ **B-D PR, Film 5838387, 1674-1737, frame 5/39.**

⁸⁴ Online at *FamilySearch*, Buckland-Dinham Parish Register, Baptisms 1737-1799, Marriages 1739-1754, Burials 1737-1800; FHL film 5848388, frame 25/33, 'Samuel...husband of Eliz. Clark'; hereafter **B-D PR, Film 5838388, 1739-1754.**

⁸⁵ **B-D PR, Film 5838388, 1739-1754, frame 27/33, a widow.**

⁸⁶ All of these children were identified in the parish register as children of Abraham & Elizabeth.

⁸⁷ **B-D PR, Film 5838387, 1674-1737, frame 18/39.**

⁸⁸ **B-D PR, Film 5838387, 1674-1737, frame 38/39, '...son of Samuel'.**

⁸⁹ **B-D PR, Film 5838387, 1674-1737, frame 18/39.**

⁹⁰ **B-D PR, Film 5838387, 1674-1737, frame 19/39.**

⁹¹ **B-D PR, Film 5838387, 1674-1737, frame 38/39.**

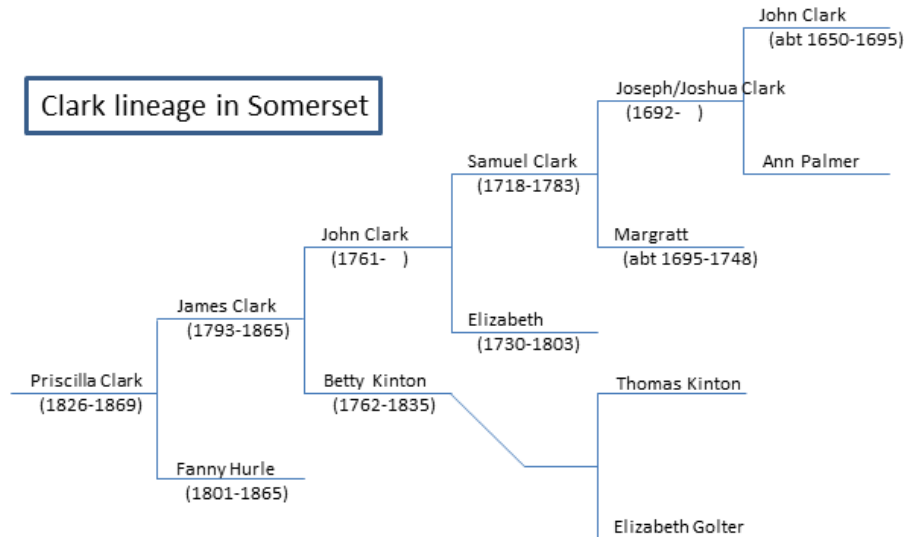
⁹² **B-D PR, Film 5838387, 1674-1737, frame 18/39.**

⁹³ **B-D PR, Film 5838387, 1674-1737, frame 3/39.**

⁹⁴ John Clark burial: Church of England, Buckland –Denham parish, FHL British Film 1526,441 item 13.

⁹⁵ **B-D PR, Film 5838388, 1739-1754, frame 25/33, a widow.**

⁹⁶ Christenings/burials of six children of Joshua and Margret Clark: Church of England, Buckland –Denham parish, FHL British Film 1526,441 item 13.



- + 56 i. **SAMUEL CLARK** born Jun 1718 and christened 24 May 1719; buried 11 Feb 1783 at Buckland –Denham, Somerset, England. He married 11 Nov 1750 at Babington **Elizabeth Daniel** born 1730 and died and was buried 15 Dec 1803 at Buckland-Denham, Somerset.
- 57 ii. **JOHN CLARK** was christened⁹⁷ 10 Sep 1721 and buried⁹⁸ 26 Sep 1743 at Buckland-Denham.
- 58 iii. **ANNA CLARK** was christened⁹⁹ 19 Jan 1723.
- 59 iv. **MARY CLARK** was christened¹⁰⁰ 14 Mar 1724.
- 60 v. **MARGRET CLARK** was, born 24 Jul 1729 and christened¹⁰¹ 27 Jul 1729. She married¹⁰² 21 Jun 1751 at Buckland-Denham **Benjamin Dowden** of Batcomb parish. Four children born in Buckland-Denham; son Benjamin (base born) chr.¹⁰³ 17 Mar 1750.

⁹⁷ B-D PR, Film 5838387, 1674-1737, frame 18/39.

⁹⁸ B-D PR, Film 5838388, 1739-1754, frame 24/33, 'In son of Sam'l & Elizabeth'.

⁹⁹ B-D PR, Film 5838387, 1674-1737, frame 19/39.

¹⁰⁰ B-D PR, Film 5838387, 1674-1737, frame 19/39.

¹⁰¹ B-D PR, Film 5838387, 1674-1737, frame 20/39.

¹⁰² Dowden-Clark marriage: Church of England, Buckland-Denham parish, FHL British Film 1526,441 item 14 (he of Batcomb) and online at *FamilySearch*, Buckland-Dinham Parish Register, Baptisms 1737-1799, Marriages 1739-1754, Burials 1737-1800; FHL film 5848388, frame 18/33.

¹⁰³ B-D PR, Film 5838388, 1739-1754, frame 10/33.

61 vi. **JAMES CLARK**, born abt 1734 of Buckland-Denham parish. He married¹⁰⁴ 8 Sep 1754 at Lullington, Somerset **Sarah Keinton**, born abt 1734 of Lullington, Somerset, England.

Generation Seven

56. Samuel³ (Joshua² John¹) Clark was born Jun 1718 and christened¹⁰⁵ 24 May 1719; buried¹⁰⁶ 11 Feb 1783 at Buckland-Denham, Somerset, England. He married¹⁰⁷ 11 Nov 1750 at Babington **Elizabeth 'Betty' Daniel** born 1730 and died/was buried¹⁰⁸ 15 Dec 1803 at Buckland-Denham, Somerset.

Samuel and Elizabeth Clark had two children born in Buckland-Denham, Somerset:

62 i. **HANNAH CLARK** was christened¹⁰⁹ 26 Oct 1755; buried 28 Jul 1841 at Buckland – Denham, Somerset, England.¹¹⁰ She married¹¹¹ 9 Oct 1792 at Buckland-Denham (she was of the Norton St. Philips parish) **James Pearce**.

+ 63 ii. **JOHN CLARK** was christened 28 Jun 1761. He married 7 Nov 1785 at Kilmersdon, Somerset **Betty (Elizabeth) Kinton/Kingston**.

Generation Eight

63. John⁴ (Samuel³ Joseph/Joshua² John¹) Clark was christened¹¹² 28 Jun 1761. He married^{113,114} 7 Nov 1785 at Kilmersdon, Somerset **Elizabeth 'Betty' Kinton** christened^{115,116} 13

¹⁰⁴ Clark/Keinton marriage: Online at *FamilySearch*, Buckland-Dinham Parish Register, Marriages 1754-1812; FHL film 5848392, frame 4/20.

¹⁰⁵ Samuel Clark christening: Church of England, Buckland –Denham parish, FHL British Film 1526,441 item 13.

¹⁰⁶ Samuel Clark burial: Church of England, Buckland –Denham parish, FHL British Film 1526,441 item 13 (age 64 years).

¹⁰⁷ Clark/Daniel marriage: England Marriages 1538-1973, Babington, Somerset (parish register), 'Samuel born Buckland'; online at *FindMyPast*.

¹⁰⁸ Betty Clark burial: Church of England, Buckland –Denham parish, FHL British Film 1526,441 item 13 (age 73, widow of Samuel) and Buckland-Dinham Parish Register, Baptisms, burials 1800-1812, FHL film 5848389, frame 8/16.

¹⁰⁹ **B-D PR, Film 5838388, 1739-1754**, frame 11/33.

¹¹⁰ Hannah Pearce burial: Church of England, Buckland –Denham parish, FHL British Film 1526,441 item 17 (age 86).

¹¹¹ Pearce/Clark marriage: Online at *FamilySearch*, Buckland-Dinham Parish Register, Marriages 1754-1812; FHL film 5848392, frame 15/20.

¹¹² **B-D PR, Film 5838388, 1739-1754**, frame 12/33.

¹¹³ Clark-Kinton (Kingston) marriage: Church of England, Kilmersdon, Somerset parish, FHL British Film 1526,662 item 12 frame 52.

Jun 1762 at Beckington,¹¹⁷ Somerset daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Golter) Kingston.¹¹⁸ Betty Clark was buried¹¹⁹ 22 Dec 1835 (age 72) at Buckland-Denham, Somerset.¹²⁰

John and Betty (Kinton/Kingston) Clark had eight children born in Buckland-Denham, Somerset:¹²¹

- 64 i. SARAH CLARK born 1790; buried 23 Aug 1790 at Buckland, Denham, Somerset, England.
- 65 ii. SARAH CLARK christened¹²² 3 Apr 1791.
- + 66 iii. JAMES CLARK was christened 6 Jan 1793 at Buckland-Denham, Somerset, England and died 14 Jan 1865; buried 29 Jan 1865 in the same parish. He married **Fanny Hurle**.
- 67 iv. ELIZABETH CLARK christened¹²³ 5 Apr 1795.
- 68 v. GEORGE CLARK christened¹²⁴ 9 Jul 1797; buried¹²⁵ 29 Mar 1829 (age 31) at Buckland –Denham, Somerset, England.

¹¹⁴ The Clark/Kinton banns were published Sep 25, Oct 2, Oct 9 1785; FHL Film 5848911, Kilmersdon, Somerset marriages 1754-1787, frame 101/102.

¹¹⁵ Betty Kinton christening: Church of England, Beckington, Somerset parish, FHL British Film 1526,373 item 29 frame 18.

¹¹⁶ The Beckington, Somerset BT's 1599-1841 (FHL Film 1278,898 i13,14, beginning frame 1473/2868) are extremely spotty (large gaps in dates of records) besides being badly faded and hard to read; no useful Kinton/Kingston information was obtained (accessed 11 Aug 2020).

¹¹⁷ Beckington is a part of Frome (across the Frome River from Lullington) and is east of Buckland-Dinham while Kilmersdon is west of Buckland-Dinham.

¹¹⁸ Kingston-Golter marriage: Church of England, Beckington, Somerset parish, FHL British Film 1526,373 item 32, p. 25. Thomas and Elizabeth (Golter) Kinton had two daughters: Betty (*vide supra*) and Sarah, christened 29 Oct 1765 in Beckington, FHL British Film 1526,373 item 29, frame 21. Thomas Kinton was buried 25 Dec 1810 (age 77) and his wife Elizabeth was buried 12 Dec 1769, FHL British Film 1526,373 item 30, frames 45 and 18, respectively.

¹¹⁹ Online at *FamilySearch*, Buckland-Dinham Parish Register, Burials 1813-1893; FHL film 5848391, frame 17/54; accessed 11 Aug 2020; hereafter **B-D PR, Film 5838391, 1813-1893**.

¹²⁰ Note: an alternative to Betty Kinton as John's wife was identified. The Milverton Parish Register (FHL British Film 1526,680 item 4, p. 70 contains the marriage of John Clarke of Nynehead and Betty Lockyer of Milverton on 6 Apr 1789 (also in Somerset Marriages, FHL British Film 480,077 item 3 'Milverton marriages'). But the Milverton PR has Betty Lockyer b. 1769, not 1763; therefore this couple was ruled out (accessed 11 Aug 2020).

¹²¹ Christenings/burials of six children of John and Betty Clark: Church of England, Buckland –Denham parish, FHL British Film 1526,441 item 14.

¹²² **B-D PR, Film 5838388, 1739-1754**, frame 16/33.

¹²³ **B-D PR, Film 5838388, 1739-1754**, frame 18/33.

¹²⁴ **B-D PR, Film 5838388, 1739-1754**, frame 18/33.

69 vi. **JANE CLARK** christened¹²⁶ 29 Dec 1799; buried¹²⁷ 10 Jul 1805 at Buckland-Denham, Somerset.

+ 70 vii. **JOHN CLARK** born abt 1801.

+ 71 viii. **ELIAS CLARK** christened 3 Apr 1803; buried 22 Jun 1870 at Buckland-Denham, Somerset.

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66. James⁵ (John⁴ Samuel³ Joseph/Joshua² John¹) Clark was christened¹²⁸ 6 Jan 1793 at Buckland-Denham, Somersetshire, England and died¹²⁹ 14 Jan 1865; buried 29 Jan 1865 (age 72) in the same parish. He married¹³⁰ 29 Jan 1826 at Buckland-Denham, **Fanny Hurle**, christened¹³¹ 8 Mar 1801 in Rode, Somerset dau of Richard and Mary (Cox) Hurle. Fanny was deaf in 1851.¹³²

James and Fanny Clark had eight children born in Buckland-Denham parish.¹³³

72 i. **PRISCILLA CLARK** was christened¹³⁴ 22 Sep 1826; murdered 5 July 1869 near Carson City, Nevada. For detail see 'The Life and Times of English Immigrant Priscilla (née Clark) (Pickett) (Pickett) Wilford (1826-1869)' on this website www.29deadpeople.com.

¹²⁵ **B-D PR, Film 5838391, 1813-1893**, frame 13/54.

¹²⁶ **B-D PR, Film 5838388, 1739-1754**, frame 19/33.

¹²⁷ Jane Clark burial: Church of England, Buckland –Denham parish, FHL British Film 1526,441 item 14 (age 6) and Buckland-Dinham Parish Register, Baptisms, burials 1800-1812, FHL film 5848389, frame 9/16.

¹²⁸ James Clark baptismal record, Buckland-Denham Parish baptismal register 1737-1800, unpaginated, SRO; FHL microfilm 1,526,441, item 14, frame 27. Also, James Clark burial record, Buckland-Denham Parish burial register 1813-85, p. 67, SRO; FHL microfilm 1,526,441, item 17, frame 36.

¹²⁹ **B-D PR, Film 5838391, 1813-1893**, frame 37/54.

¹³⁰ Clark/Hurle marriage: Online at *FamilySearch*, Buckland-Dinham Parish Register, Marriages 1813-1837; FHL film 5848393, frame 9/16 and Banns 1824-1882 FHL film 5848395, frame 7/54.

¹³¹ Fanny Hurle baptismal record, Rode [Road] Parish baptismal register 1745-1811, unpaginated, SRO; FHL microfilm 1,526,726, item 25, frame 17.

¹³² James Clark household, 1851 English census, Somerset, Buckland Denham Parish, Frome Registration Dist., Nunney Subdist., p. 17, household 63, HO 107/1932, folio 783.

¹³³ Christenings/burials of six children of James and Fanny Clark: Church of England, Buckland –Denham parish, FHL British Film 1526,441 item 16.

¹³⁴ Priscilla Clark baptismal record, Buckland-Denham Parish baptismal register 1813-63, p. 27 and online at *FamilySearch*, Buckland-Dinham Parish Register, Baptisms 1813-1863; FHL film 5848390, frame 17/54 accessed 11 Aug 2020; hereafter **B-D PR, Film 5838390, 1813-1863**.

73 ii. **AQUILA CLARK** was christened 12 Jul 1829;¹³⁵ died 5 Dec 1898 in Wolverhampton, England.¹³⁶ He married¹³⁷ 4 Apr 1858 **Mary Sheppard**, born about 1829 in Frome, Somersetshire. Mary probably predeceased her husband as his married daughter was the informant for his death certificate. The daughter, **Charlotte Annie Clark**, was born 22 Jul 1870 at Cobden Row in Lockwood, Yorkshire, England, and married **Job Starkey** in Sep 1894 at Aston, Warwickshire.¹³⁸ Aquila left Buckland-Denham by 1851, probably to apprentice as a woolen weaver. Aquila and his family moved every few years presumably following employment as either a woolen or cotton weaver--they lived in Wiltshire (1861), Yorkshire (1871), Lancashire (1881), and Somerset (1891). From time to time Mary was also employed as a weaver. In 1891 their daughter was a weaver in Aquila's employ.¹³⁹

74 iii. **SARAH CLARK**, christened¹⁴⁰ 4 Sep 1831.¹⁴¹

75 iv. **CHARLOTTE CLARK**, christened¹⁴² 26 Apr 1835.¹⁴³

¹³⁵ Aquila Clark baptismal record, Buckland-Denham Parish baptismal register 1813-63, p. 32; FHL microfilm 1,526,441, item 16, frame 19 and **B-D PR, Film 5838390, 1813-1863**, frame 20/54.

¹³⁶ Aquila Clark certification of death, Wolverhampton Dist., Second Quarter 1898, 6b:378, England and Wales Civil Registration.

¹³⁷ Clark/Sheppard certification of marriage, Bath Dist., Second Quarter 1858, 5c:1210, England and Wales Civil Registration and Aquila Clark household, 1881 English census, Lancashire, Haslingden Parish, Haslingden Registration Dist. and Subdist., ED 7, p. 5, Duckworth Clough, no. 28, RG11/4138, TNA; FHL microfilm 1,341,990.

¹³⁸ Charlotte Annie Clark certification of birth, Huddersfield Dist., Third Quarter 1870, 9a:359. Aquila Clark certification of death, Wolverhampton District, Second Quarter 1898, 6b:378. C. A. Slarkey, daughter, was informant for the death certificate and Aquila Clark household, 1891 English census, Somerset, Wellington Parish, Wellington Registration Dist. and Subdist., ED 9, house 37, RG12/1871, folio 8, TNA; FHL microfiche 6,096,981.

¹³⁹ Aquila Clark household, 1861 English census, Wiltshire, Trowbridge Parish, Melksham Registration Dist. and Trowbridge Subdist., ED 3, p. 1, house 6, RG9/1295, folio 56, TNA; FHL microfilm 0,542,791. Aquila Clark household, 1871 English census, Yorkshire, Lockwood Parish, Huddersfield Registration Dist., Lockwood, Subdist., ED 9, p. 7, household 32, RG10/4375, folio 7, TNA; FHL microfilm 0,848,088. Aquila Clark household, 1881 English census, Lancashire, Haslingden Parish, Haslingden Registration Dist. and Subdist., ED 7, p. 5, Duckworth Clough, no. 28 RG11/4138, folio 48. Aquila Clark household, 1891 English census, Somerset, Wellington Parish, Wellington Registration Dist. and Subdist., ED 9, house 37.

¹⁴⁰ **B-D PR, Film 5838390, 1813-1863** frame 22/54.

¹⁴¹ Sarah Clark baptismal record, Buckland-Denham Parish baptismal register 1817-63, p. 3; FHL microfilm 1,526,441, item 16, frame 21.

¹⁴² **B-D PR, Film 5838390, 1813-1863**, frame 27/54.

¹⁴³ Charlotte Clark baptismal record, Buckland-Denham Parish baptismal register 1817-63, p. 46; FHL microfilm 1,526,441, item 16, frame 26.

76 v. **JANE CLARK**, christened¹⁴⁴ 2 Jul 1837; buried¹⁴⁵ 13 Jul 1837 (infant).

77 vi. **JANE CLARK**, christened¹⁴⁶ 29 May 1838; buried¹⁴⁷ 16 Sep 1838 (age 4 mos).

78 vii. **GEORGE CLARK**, christened¹⁴⁸ 6 Sep 1840.¹⁴⁹

79 viii. **WILLIAM CLARK**, christened¹⁵⁰ 4 Dec 1842.¹⁵¹ He probably married¹⁵² 16 Sep 1877 at Buckland-Denham **Harriet Weaver**.

70. John⁵ (John⁴ Samuel³ Joseph/Joshua² John¹) Clark born abt 1801. He married¹⁵³ 30 Jun 1825 at Buckland-Denham, Somerset **Mary Ann Nash**.

John and Mary Ann (Nash) Clark had a daughter.

80 i. **LOUISA CLARK** christened 13 Jul 1826; buried¹⁵⁴ 29 Jan 1829 (age 3 yrs) lived at Frome, Somerset.¹⁵⁵

71. Elias⁵ (John⁴ Samuel³ Joseph/Joshua² John¹) Clark was christened¹⁵⁶ 3 Apr 1803; buried¹⁵⁷ 22 Jun 1870 (age 67) at Buckland-Dinham, Somerset. He married¹⁵⁸ 25 Dec 1823 at Buckland-Denham, Somerset **Elizabeth King** born 1801 at Wellow, Somerset; died after 1871.

¹⁴⁴ Jane Clark baptismal record, Buckland-Denham Parish baptismal register 1817-63, p. 51; FHL microfilm 1,526,441, item 16, frame 28 and **B-D PR, Film 5838390, 1813-1863**, frame 29/54.

¹⁴⁵ **B-D PR, Film 5838391, 1813-1893**, frame 18/54.

¹⁴⁶ Jane Clark baptismal record, Buckland-Denham Parish baptismal register 1813-63, p. 53; FHL microfilm 1,526,441, item 16, frame 29 and **B-D PR, Film 5838390, 1813-1863**, frame 30/54.

¹⁴⁷ Jane Clark burial record, Buckland-Denham Parish burial register 1813-85, p. 31; FHL microfilm 1,526,441, item 17, frame 18 and **B-D PR, Film 5838391, 1813-1893**, frame 19/54.

¹⁴⁸ **B-D PR, Film 5838390, 1813-1863**, frame 32/54.

¹⁴⁹ George Clark baptismal record, Buckland-Denham Parish baptismal register 1813-63, p. 5; FHL microfilm 1,526,441, item 16, frame 31.

¹⁵⁰ **B-D PR, Film 5838390, 1813-1863**, frame 34/54 (accessed 11 Aug 2020).

¹⁵¹ William Clark baptismal record, Buckland-Denham Parish baptismal register 1813-63, p. 61; FHL microfilm 1,526,441, item 16, frame 33.

¹⁵² Clark/Tappen marriage: Church of England, Buckland-Denham parish, Banns 1824-1882 FHL film 5848395, frame 49/54.

¹⁵³ Clark/Nash marriage: Church of England, Buckland-Denham, Somerset parish, FHL British Film 1526,441 item 19.

¹⁵⁴ **B-D PR, Film 5838391, 1813-1893**, frame 13/54.

¹⁵⁵ Louisa Clark burial: Church of England, Buckland-Denham parish, Bishop's Transcripts, FHL British Film 1278,916 item 14-16.

¹⁵⁶ Online at *FamilySearch*, Buckland-Dinham Parish Register, Baptisms, burials 1800-1812, FHL film 5848389, frame 8/16.

¹⁵⁷ **B-D PR, Film 5838391, 1813-1893**, frame 41/54 (accessed 11 Aug 2020).

Elias and Elizabeth (King) Clark had ten children in Buckland-Denham, Somerset.¹⁵⁹

- 81 i. **LEAH CLARK** christened¹⁶⁰ 26 Sep 1824; buried 29 Jan 1829 at Buckland-Denham, Somerset, England.
- 82 ii. **JACOB CLARK** christened¹⁶¹ 17 Sep 1826; buried¹⁶² 1 Jul 1838 (13 yrs) at Buckland –Denham, Somerset, England.
- 83 iii. **RACHEL CLARK** christened¹⁶³ 21 Sep 1828; buried¹⁶⁴ 9 Dec 1830 (2 yrs) at Buckland-Denham, Somerset.¹⁶⁵
- 84 iv. **GEORGE CLARK** christened¹⁶⁶ 9 Jan 1831; buried¹⁶⁷ 8 Jun 1837 (7 yrs).
- 85 v. **LEAH CLARK** born abt 1832 and died 1859.¹⁶⁸ She married Jun 1847 at Clutton, Somerset **Frederick Price**; he died before 1851.¹⁶⁹ Three children.
- 86 vi. **JOHN CLARK** christened¹⁷⁰ 27 Jan 1833. He married¹⁷¹ 1855 at Buckland-Denham, Somerset **Mary Ann Tappen** of Buckland Denham, Somerset. Five children.

¹⁵⁸ Clark/King marriage: Online at *FamilySearch*, Buckland-Dinham Parish Register, Marriages 1813-1837; FHL film 5848393, frame 8/16.

¹⁵⁹ Christenings/burials of six children Elias and Elizabeth Clark: Church of England, Buckland –Denham parish, FHL British Film 1526,441 item 16 and Elias Clark family group: 1841 English Census, Somerset, Buckland-Denham Parish, Frome Registration District, Kilmersdon Subdist., p. 5, HO107/948, folio 5 and 1851 English Census, Buckland-Dinham Parish, Frome Registration District, Nunney Subdist., p. 21, household 83, HO107/1932, folio 784.

¹⁶⁰ **B-D PR, Film 5838390, 1813-1863, frame 15/54.**

¹⁶¹ **B-D PR, Film 5838390, 1813-1863, frame 17/54.**

¹⁶² **B-D PR, Film 5838391, 1813-1893, frame 19/54.**

¹⁶³ **B-D PR, Film 5838390, 1813-1863, frame 19/54.**

¹⁶⁴ **B-D PR, Film 5838391, 1813-1893, frame 14/54.**

¹⁶⁵ Rachel Clark burial: Church of England, Buckland-Denham parish, Bishop's Transcripts, FHL British Film 1278,916 item 14-16.

¹⁶⁶ **B-D PR, Film 5838390, 1813-1863, frame 21/54.**

¹⁶⁷ **B-D PR, Film 5838391, 1813-1893, frame 18/54.**

¹⁶⁸ Leah Price death: FreeBMD Death Index, Reg. district Frome, Somerset, Vol. 5c, p. 437, Jan-Mar 1859, online at Ancestry.com.

¹⁶⁹ 1851 English Census, Buckland-Dinham Parish, Frome Registration District, Nunney Subdist., p. 21, household 83, HO107/1932, folio 784.

¹⁷⁰ **B-D PR, Film 5838390, 1813-1863, frame 24/54.**

¹⁷¹ Clark/Tappen marriage: Church of England, Buckland-Denham parish, FHL British Film 1526,441 item 19 and Banns 1824-1882 FHL film 5848395, frame 32/54; accessed 12 Aug 2020..



{'Anthea Church' is a descendant of Elias Clark (1803-1870) through son John (1833-).}

87 vii. **WILLIAM CLARK** christened¹⁷² 7 Jun 1834. He married¹⁷³ **Mary Cornish** in Sep 1855 at Buckland-Denham, Somerset. She was born abt 1834. Five children.

88 viii. **GEORGE CLARK** christened¹⁷⁴ 5 Nov 1837; probably died young.

89 ix. **ELIAS CLARK** christened¹⁷⁵ 1 Aug 1841; probably never married.¹⁷⁶

90 x. **GEORGE CLARK** christened¹⁷⁷ 6 Jul 1845; probably never married.¹⁷⁸

¹⁷² **B-D PR, Film 5838390, 1813-1863**, frame 27/54.

¹⁷³ Clark/Cornish marriage: Church of England, Buckland-Denham, Somerset parish, FHL British Film 1526,441 item 21 and Banns 1824-1882 FHL film 5848395, frame 33/54.

¹⁷⁴ **B-D PR, Film 5838390, 1813-1863**, frame 30/54.

¹⁷⁵ **B-D PR, Film 5838390, 1813-1863**, frame 33/54.

¹⁷⁶ Clark household, 1871 English Census, Buckland-Dinham Parish, Frome Registration District, Kilmersdon Subdist., p. 16, household 86, RG10/2437, folio 34 (Elias is single).

¹⁷⁷ **B-D PR, Film 5838390, 1813-1863**, frame 36/54.

¹⁷⁸ *Ibid.*