

Mary WATTS 1773 – 1844

Mary WATT's web page: <https://jansquire.com/tng/getperson.php?personID=I3373&tree=squire>

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Origin of the Surname WATTS

WATT - Scottish and English: from the common Middle English personal name, Wat(t), a short form of Walter .

WATTS - English: variant of Watt , with genitival or post-medieval excrescent -s.

Henry WATTS b 1660

The earliest ancestor I can find is Mary's great grandfather, Henry WATTS, born in Porlock, Somerset, in 1660. He married Grace DELBRIDGE in Minehead in 1698, so he would have been 38 years old. They had (at least) one son, Charles, in 1701, in Minehead.

I do know that Henry's father was Henry WATTS, but I have no other information on him.

Charles WATTS b 1701

Charles WATTS was born in 1701, in Minehead. He married Elizabeth KENT in 1731, and their first child was born just a few months later. The second child was Thomas WATTS, born in 1743 in Dunster, Somerset.

Thomas WATTS b 1743

Thomas WATTS was born in 1743 in Dunster. He married Margaret SKINNER in 1758, in Dunster, so would have been just 15 years old. Dunster Castle is the seat of the Luttrell family, so they probably laboured for them in a manor farm. I can find records of three children, the third being Mary WATTS, born in 1773, in Dunster. Thomas died in 1786, and was just 43 years old, so died quite young.

Mary WATTS b 1773

Mary WATTS was born in 1773, in Dunster. This could have been in the suburb of Minehead called Alcombe, and they may have been living in Staunton cottage at this time. Mary married William GILL in 1805, in Dunster Anglican church. They had eight children, the fifth being James GILL. He was definitely living in Staunton cottage in the late 1880's when his wife died, but the GILL or the WATTS family could have been in Staunton cottage, Alcombe much earlier. Mary died in Alcombe in 1844.

Mary is Jan's great x 4 grandmother, and she married a GILL, whose daughter married a SQUIRE.

I have written a narrative for the GILL surname, and you can read it here:

<https://jansquire.com/tng/showmedia.php?mediaID=89&medialinkID=89>

Facebook Summary

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Mary WATTS

♀ 1773 - 1844 (71 years)

Generation: 1

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1. Mary WATTS was born in 1773 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was christened on 23 May 1773 in Dunster, Somerset, England (daughter of Thomas WATTS and Margaret SKINNER); died on 28 Dec 1844 in Alcombe, Somerset, England; was buried on 29 Dec 1844 in Dunster, Somerset, England.

Mary married William GILL on 14 Apr 1805 in Dunster, Somerset, England. William (son of John GILL and Joan HAWKES) was born on 20 Oct 1781 in Selworthy, Somerset, England; was christened on 28 Oct 1781 in Selworthy, Somerset, England; died on 23 Apr 1842 in Alcombe, Somerset, England; was buried on 24 Apr 1842 in Dunster, Somerset, England. [[Group Sheet](#)] [[Family Chart](#)]

Children:

- i. Eliza GILL was born in 1806 in Alcombe, Somerset, England; was christened on 18 Mar 1806 in Dunster, Somerset, England.
- ii. Charlotte GILL was born in 1808 in Alcombe, Somerset, England; was christened on 31 Jan 1808 in Dunster, Somerset, England.
- iii. James GILL was born on 10 Feb 1810 in Alcombe, Somerset, England; was christened on 10 Feb 1810 in Dunster, Somerset, England; died on 23 Feb 1810 in Alcombe, Somerset, England; was buried on 24 Feb 1810 in Dunster, Somerset, England.
- iv. Samuel GILL was born on 10 Feb 1810 in Alcombe, Somerset, England; was christened on 17 Feb 1810 in Dunster, Somerset, England.
- v. James GILL was born on 5 Dec 1811 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was christened on 29 Dec 1812 in Dunster, Somerset, England; died in 1897 in Dunster, Somerset, England.
- vi. William GILL was born on 5 Dec 1811 in Alcombe, Somerset, England; was christened on 29 Dec 1812 in Dunster, Somerset, England.
- vii. Ann GILL was born in 1815 in Alcombe, Somerset, England; was christened on 16 Apr 1815 in Dunster, Somerset, England.
- viii. John GILL was born in 1817 in Alcombe, Somerset, England; was christened on 13 Jul 1817 in Dunster, Somerset, England.

Generation: 2

2. Thomas WATTS was born in 1743 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was christened on 11 Jun 1743 in Dunster, Somerset, England (son of Charles WATTS and Elizabeth KENT); died on 24 Jun 1786 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was buried on 25 Jun 1786 in Dunster, Somerset, England.

Thomas married Margaret SKINNER on 14 Dec 1758 in Dunster, Somerset, England. [[Group Sheet](#)] [[Family Chart](#)]

3. Margaret SKINNER

Children:

- i. Ann WATTS was born in 1760 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was christened on 9 Nov 1760 in Dunster, Somerset, England.
- ii. Eleanor WATTS was born in 1770 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was christened on 5 Jan 1770 in Dunster, Somerset, England.
- iii. 1. Mary WATTS was born in 1773 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was christened on 23 May 1773 in Dunster, Somerset, England; died on 28 Dec 1844 in Alcombe, Somerset, England; was buried on 29 Dec 1844 in Dunster, Somerset, England.

Generation: 3

4. Charles WATTS was born in 1701 in Minehead, Somerset, England; was christened on 20 Apr 1701 in Minehead, Somerset, England (son of Henry WATTS and Grace DELBRIDGE).

Charles married Elizabeth KENT on 27 Jun 1731 in Minehead, Somerset, England. [[Group Sheet](#)] [[Family Chart](#)]

5. Elizabeth KENT

Children:

- i. Mary WATTS was born in 1731 in Minehead, Somerset, England; was christened on 29 Oct 1731 in Minehead, Somerset, England.
- ii. 2. Thomas WATTS was born in 1743 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was christened on 11 Jun 1743 in Dunster, Somerset, England; died on 24 Jun 1786 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was buried on 25 Jun 1786 in Dunster, Somerset, England.

Generation: 4

8. Henry WATTS was born in 1660 in Porlock, Somerset, England; was christened in 1660 in Porlock, Somerset, England (son of Henry WATTS and ? ?).

Henry married Grace DELBRIDGE on 2 Apr 1698 in Minehead, Somerset, England. [Group Sheet] [Family Chart]

9. Grace DELBRIDGE
Children:

- i. 4. Charles WATTS was born in 1701 in Minehead, Somerset, England; was christened on 20 Apr 1701 in Minehead, Somerset, England.

Generation: 5

16. Henry WATTS

Henry married ? ?. [Group Sheet] [Family Chart]

17. ? ?

Children:

- i. 8. Henry WATTS was born in 1660 in Porlock, Somerset, England; was christened in 1660 in Porlock, Somerset, England.

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