

12 October 2001

Dear Sirs,

It was my great pleasure to discover your wonderful Web site devoted to the village of Little Saxham. Even more significant, from a genealogical perspective, to note that you have information relating to the Lucas lineage.

My great-grandfather eight generations removed was Thomas Lucas, b. 1650 in Little Saxham, Suffolk; d. February 22, 1721/22 in Prince George County, Maryland. Married to Dorothy Letchworth of Prince George County, Thomas Lucas had two children, Thomas Lucas b. 1688 and Charles Lucas b. 1692.

I have no other information in regards to Thomas Lucas, although it is my supposition that he is a descendant of Sir Thomas Lucas of Little Saxham, married Elizabeth Kemys. Thus, I am hopeful that you may be able to provide me with additional information.

Do you by chance have a GEDCOM file featuring the lineage of Sir Thomas Lucas? In lieu of a GEDCOM file, I would be happy to pay for any cost associated with providing lineage information in paper form.

If interested, I would most certainly be happy to provide you with a GEDCOM file that features the lineage of Thomas Lucas b. 1650 through the present day. Several of Thomas Lucas' descendants were among the earliest settlers of the American states of Ohio and West Virginia.

I look forward to hearing from you at your convenience. Warm regards.

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30 October 2001

Dear Rick

Many apologies for not replying to your message of 12 October. I have been away at two conferences since then and time has been at a premium!

Thanks for your kind comments about the site - I am delighted that someone has found it useful.

I know about the 1650 Lucas and of course, the Lucas' who were at Little Saxham Hall between 1505 and 1531. However I have no evidence that the two are linked. I am in contact with a Peter Conlon, who can demonstrate direct linkage with the earlier Thomas. I will give you his details so that you can get in contact with him.

When Thomas Lucas died in 1531, his son Jasper had already died. The Hall was sold by Jasper's son Thomas and his uncle, John Lucas, to Sir John Crofts. Young Thomas then bought Horsecroft Hall in the nearby parish of Horringer and four generations followed, before another Jasper left for Co. Cork in Ireland in 1808.

Can you link up with that line?

I don't have (or even know what it is) a GEDCOM file featuring Sir Thomas Lucas' lineage, so I would be pleased to see one.

Here is Peter's details:

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90 Hayes Road
Bromley
Kent
England
Tel: 00 44 20 8464 7446
(I've lost his e-mail address)

Hoping to hear from you again

Best regards
Bob Jones

30 October 2001

Dear Bob,

Many thanks for your kind message. I will most certainly follow up with Mr. Conlon with the hope that a link can be established between Thomas Lucas ca. 1650 and Solicitor General Thomas Lucas. To find evidence of such a link would bring nearly a decade of genealogical study to a successful conclusion, as I already have knowledge of the lineage extending from Solicitor General Lucas backwards to Christian name Lucas ca. 1180 (representing the proverbial 'end of the line' vis a vis the Lucas hereditary surname).

No doubt, you are in possession of the Little Saxham Parish Registers from S.H.A.H. 1901 in which the genealogy of Solicitor General Thomas Lucas is contained, along with his will.

The question of whether Thomas Lucas ca. 1650 (and thus my line) descends from Thomas Lucas of Horringer or perhaps from Henry or John, sons of Solicitor General Thomas Lucas, remains to be answered. Your reference to Jasper, descendent of Thomas Lucas of Horringer was new information to me. I knew in general terms of the four generations following Thomas' departure from Little Saxham, but had not uncovered the names of any of those descendents. Might I ask your source for that information, perhaps it is from the Horringer Registers? If so, I will obtain a copy of the Horringer Registers for my files.

Thank you again for your assistance. If, in fact, the linkage can be established between Sir Thomas Lucas and the Thomas Lucas of my lineage, I will most certainly forward a copy of the completed GEDCOM file to you for reference. GEDCOM is the standard format for many computer-based genealogical programs. Kind regards.

Rick Lucas

30 October 2001

Rick

The reference to four generations is from the Little Saxham Parish Registers p154. The reference to the second Jasper is from a letter received from Peter Conlon back in 1997 and I quote:

"..it was from here [Horsecroft Hall, Horringer] that Jasper Lucas left for Co. Cork and produced the line from which my family is descended."

I'm sure Peter will fill you in on some of the details. You and he may well be related!

Regards
Bob

8 January 2002

Hi Rick

Just wishing you a Happy New Year and good genealogical hunting!

Did you manage to contact Peter Conlon and if so, did you establish any further links?

The Little Saxham web site has been developed a little further, including a Guestbook. I'd be delighted if you could leave a message there!

www.littlesaxham.org.uk

Best wishes
Bob