

# Descendants of William De Egge

## Generation No. 1

1. William De Egge was born 1300 in Staffordshire, England and served under King Edward I. William married an unknown woman and had a son, named Sir Hugh Degge.

## Generation No. 2

2. Sir Hugh Degge, the son of William De Egge was born 1377 in Caverswall, Staffordshire, England and died in 1403 in England. Sir Hugh Deege married Alice Betterton.

Children of Sir Hugh Degge and Alice Betterton are:

- i. William Degge 1403-1432

## Generation No. 3

3. William Degge born 1403 in Strongshall, Staffordshire, England and died in 1432 Strongshall, Staffordshire, England.

Child of William Degge and an unknown woman:

- i. Jeffery Degge 1426 -1466

## Generation No. 4

4. Jeffery Degge born in 1426 in Strongshall, Staffordshire, England and died in 1466 in England.

Children of Jeffery Degge and an unknown woman are:

- i. Robert Degge 1466-1500

## Generation No. 5

5. Robert Degge born in 1466 in Strongshall, Staffordshire. England and died in 1500 in England. Robert Degge married Jane Rowley born in 1465 England.

Child of Robert Degge and Jane Rowley:

- i. Thomas Degge Sr. 1500-1519

## Generation No. 6

6. Thomas Degge Sr. born in 1500 Staffordshire, England and died in Strongshall, Staffordshire, England

The child born to Thomas Degge Sr. and an unknown woman is:

- i. Thomas Degge Jr. 1525-1565

## Generation No. 7

7. Thomas Degge Jr. born 1525 in Stramshall, Staffordshire, England and died in 1563, Strongshall, Staffordshire, England. Thomas Degge Jr. married Elizabeth Smyth born 1526 in Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England to parents, Sir Thomas II Smyth, Lord of Wellbourne, and Lady Margaret Helena Clarke.

Children of Thomas Degge Jr. and Elizabeth Smyth are:

- i. Thomas Degge III 1560-1599
- ii. Mary Degge 1562-
- iii. Jane Degge 1564-

Generation No. 8

8. Thomas Degge III born 1560 in Stramshall, Staffordshire, England and died February 24, 1599 in Uttoxeter, England married Ellen More born in 1564 in Stramshall, Staffordshire, England and died November 11, 1625 in Uttoxeter, England.

Children of Thomas Degge III and Ellen More are:

- i. Thomas Bayliff Degge 1580-1627
- ii. Marie Degge 1595-1670
- iii. Ann Degge 1596-
- iv. Suzan Degge 1598-

Generation No. 9

9. Thomas Bayliff Degge born in 1580 in Strongshall, Staffordshire, England and died November 15, 1627 in Uttoxeter, Staffordshire, England and married Dorothy Critchlow born 1585 in Wellescote, Derbyshire, England and died August 08, 1643 in Strongshall, Staffordshire, England.

Children of Thomas Bayliff Degge and Dorothy Critchlow are:

- i. Catherine Degge 1607-
- ii. Robert Degge 1609-1630
- iii. Mary Degge 1610-
- iv. Sir Simon Degge 1612-1704
- v. Isaac Degge 1619-1687

Generation No. 10

10. Isaac Degge born December 08, 1619 in Strongshall, Stafford, Uttoxeter, England and died December 03, 1687 in Nantwich, Cheshire, England married Rose Marshall born 1623 in Wisbeche, Cambridge, England and died about 1669 in Cheshire, England.

Children of Isaac Degge and Rose Marshall are:

- i. John Degge 1645-1716
- ii. Simon Degge 1648-1716
- iii. Mary Degge 1649-1722

Generation No. 11

11. John Degge born 1645 in Nantwich, Cheshire, England and died August 28, 1726 in Christ Church Parish, Middlesex, Virginia, USA and married Rebecca born 1649 in Nantwich, Cheshire, England and died 1700 in District of Columbia, USA.

John Degge and Rebecca had the following children:

- i. Rose Degge 1671-
- ii. Elizabeth Degge 1683-
- iii. Simon Degge 1683-1780
- iv. William Degge 1691-1760
- v. Marshall Degge 1693-1751
- vi. James Degge 1716-1718
- vii. Mary Degge

Generation No. 12

12. William Degge born March 13, 1691 in Middlesex County, Virginia, USA and died May 4, 1760 in Richmond, Virginia, USA married Dorotha Smith born March 26, 1701 in Nantwich, Cheshire, England and died February 14, 1777 in Virginia, USA.

Children of William Degge and Dorotha Smith:

- i. William Diggs 1724-1780
- ii. Jonathon "John" Digges Sr. 1736-1803
- iii. Mary Degge 1737-
- iv. Robert Degges 1742-1788
- v. Ann Degge 1745-

Generation No. 13

13. Jonathan "John" Digges Sr. born November 24, 1736 in Nelson, Virginia, USA and died in 1803 in Amherst, Virginia married Elizabeth Harris born January 20, 1741 in Beaufort, South Carolina, USA and died 1810 in Amherst, Virginia.

Children of Jonathan Digges Sr. and Elizabeth Harris:

- i. Katherine Digges 1768-1855
- ii. Nancy Digges 1769-1853
- iii. William Harris Digges 1772-1849
- iv. Charlotte Digges 1773-1839
- v. Dorothy Digges 1775-1843
- vi. Jonathan "John" Digges Jr. 1782-1846
- vii. Lucy Digges 1782-
- viii. John T Deggs 1786-1860

Generation No. 14

14. Jonathan "John" Digges born 1782 in Amherst, Virginia, USA and died in 1846 married Lucinda Harris born about 1786 in Virginia death unknown.

Children of Jonathan Digges Jr. and Lucinda Harris:

- i. Elizabeth Digges 1819-

- ii. Lucinda Digges 1824-
- iii. Nicey Ann Niel Digges 1826-1863
- iv. Elmira Digges 1828-
- v. Caroline R. Digges 1830-1903
- vi. Benjamin Franklin Digges 1834-1895

#### Generation No. 15

15. Benjamin Franklin Digges born 1834 in Virginia and died March 18, 1895 in Norfolk, Virginia married Josephine E. Gay, daughter of Samuel and Phoebe Gay, all from Virginia.

Benjamin F. Digges and Josephine Gay had the following children:

- i. Melville Benjamin Diggs 1873-1929
- ii. Caroline R. Digges 1876-
- iii. Caskie Lee Digges 1877-
- iv. Samuel S. Digges 1880-

Benjamin Franklin Digges also had children with Molly Harris Tuner born in 1844 in North Garden, Virginia, daughter of Frank Turner and Minerva Jackson. Benjamin F. Digges and

Molly Harris Turner had the following children:

- i. Irvin Diggs 1871-1946
- ii. Clarence Diggs 1871-1919
- iii. Clistia Albemare Diggs 1876-1975
- iv. Rosa Diggs 1879-1963
- v. Daniel Harris Diggs 1882-1964

#### Generation No. 16

16. Daniel Harris Diggs married Willie Henry Slaughter in 1902 in West Virginia. Willie is the daughter of William Henry Slaughter and Sarah Caroline Coles.

Children of Daniel Diggs and Willie Slaughter are:

- i. Walter Diggs born 1903 in Virginia
- ii. Carrie Diggs born 1905 in West Virginia
- iii. Mattie Diggs born November 12, 1907 in Boomer, West Virginia and died sometime before 1910 in West Virginia.
- iv. Maude M. Diggs born December 06, 1908 in West Virginia.
- v. Willie Lee Diggs born November 09, 1912 in West Virginia and died January 17, 1987 in West Virginia.
- vi. Mary Diggs born 1913 in West Virginia.
- vii. Ethel J. Diggs born in 1915 in West Virginia.
- viii. Vernon McClure Diggs born 1916 in West Virginia.
- ix. Marion D. Diggs born 1919 in West Virginia.
- x. Ester Elizabeth Diggs born 1920 in West Virginia and died October 19, 1994.
- xi. Elberta J. Diggs born 1922 in West Virginia.
- xii. Goldie Talmadge Diggs born June 03, 1925 in West Virginia and died November 04, 1986 in Washington, DC.

xiii. Calvin T. Diggs born October 10, 1926 in West Virginia and died August 02, 1988 in Battle Creek, Michigan.

xiv. Wendell Lindburgh Diggs born April 16, 1930 in West Virginia and died June 11, 1990 in Battle Creek, Michigan.

\*\*I verified these findings through DNA testing for I found three distant cousins who are direct descendants of William Degge from Generation No. 12.

\*\*Of particular interest is when this part of our lineage migrated to America - willingly. John Degge from Generation No. 11 was the first to arrive in America from England. He is buried in Virginia and his wife, Rebecca, is buried in DC.

\*\*The surname changed over the years for many reasons but from what I understand, the name was mostly spelled phonetically. As for the origin of De Egge there are two possibilities: 1. De Egge is a corruption of Edge meaning the point of a weapon; 2. Egge is a Norwegian name, roughly meaning edge of a hill. There were at least two farms named Egge, one near Steinkjer and the other near Oslo. And since my DNA contains a good dose of genes from Scandinavian, I'm inclined to agree with #2