

William Taverner Bible Update submitted by Mike Craze, Winchester 9 May 2021

I just wanted to share with those who may not already be aware, that there appears to have been an error made in the notes that were written 'in the margin' of the William Taverner Bible 'insertions'.

Whether or not this has come about through the original entry being incorrectly recorded in the first place or through a transcription error later on I'm not sure although what appears to be a repetition of the same mistake does appear further on in the notes (see below 1c.).

This mistake was pointed out to me by Gordon Handcock, Professor Emeritus in Geography, Memorial University of Newfoundland in Jan 2020 so I am indebted to the Professor for supplying me with the information which, in an abbreviated form, is as follows:

William Taverner Bible

1) What the transcript says (in part only)

a) *Elizabeth Taverner b.1675* then 'in the margin' (*married Woodford of Essex, miller and farmer*)

b) *Mary Taverner b.1677* then 'in the margin' margin' (*married Corbin of Ringwood, had 4 sons John Henry Wule {sic} and Dan*). 'Wule' is probably Will or Wm.

Then further on in the notes:

c) *Mary Taverner Corbin second daughter of Wm & Mary Taverner departed this life 1759*. This is the entry I believe is a repetition of the mistake made in record **b)** above (Mike Craze).

2) Isaac Taverner (1680-1718) Will*

Isaac Taverner in his will of 1718 mentions the following siblings...

'my brother William Taverner'

'my sister Mary Woodford' (twice) + *'James Woodford her husband'*

'my sister Elizabeth Corbin'

'my loving sister Rachel Lester'

This then seems to demonstrate that the transcript entries above in section 1) must be incorrect and that it was in fact Mary Taverner who married '*Woodford of Essex*' and her sister Elizabeth Taverner who married '*Corbin of Ringwood*'

* Isaac Taverner will 1718: The National Archives; Kew, Surrey, England; *Records of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, Series PROB 11; Class: PROB 11; Piece: 568* (Available on Ancestry)

3) **'Corbin of Ringwood'** (Mike Craze Research)

'*Corbin of Ringwood*' I believe is Henry Corbin (HC) died c.1715.

His will of 1715 mentions he is HC '*of Newfoundland belonging to West Parley in the county of Dorset*'

N.B. Although the bible transcription mentions '*Corbin of Ringwood*', not West Parley (WP), this has probably been added to the bible later and his wife's will of 1758 records that she is Elizabeth Corbin (EC) of Ringwood (Rwd) Widow (see below)

His will also mentions his wife as 'Betty' (Elizabeth Corbin in the Latin probate section) and names eight sons: John, Henry, William, Isaac, Benjamin, Sollomon, James and Dan.

Henry Corbin 1715 Will: *The National Archives; Kew, Surrey, England; Records of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, Series PROB 11; Class: PROB 11; Piece: 551* (Available on Ancestry)

Another possible candidate for '*Corbin of Ringwood*' could have been the brother of HC, John Corbin (JC) of Muccleshell (-1752) who in his will leaves his plantation at Old Perlican, Newfoundland to his son William but JC's wife is called Judith and his children are William, John, Mary & Elizabeth (No Henry or Dan) Also JC (-1752) makes no mention of Ringwood in his will other than when he mentions his '*beloved kinsman Henry Corbin of Ringwood... tanner*' who is the son of his deceased brother HC (-1715) (see next section 4)

JC 1752 Will: Hampshire Record Office 1752HP1

Both an HC & JC are shown on the Nfld census of 1708 as being at Old Perlican, Nfld.

http://sites.rootsweb.com/~cannf/pw_earlycensus.htm

4) **Elizabeth Corbin of Ringwood Widow** (1675-1758) (Mike Craze Research)

Elizabeth Corbin 1758 Will: *The National Archives; Kew, Surrey, England; Records of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, Series PROB 11; Class: PROB 11; Piece: 841* (Available on Ancestry)

Elizabeth Corbin of Ringwood Widow (-1758) I believe is the Elizabeth Taverner (b.1675) recorded in the WT bible and also the widow of HC (-1715). Her will of 1758 names four surviving sons: John, Henry, William and Dan. The same names as recorded in the bible transcript.

It appears that EC (1675-1758) survives HC (-1715) by 43 years which is a considerable lapse of time but we can see from her will (which would make her 83 when she dies) that she is leaving bequests to both grandchildren and great grandchildren which therefore fits.

After HC died in 1715, it looks like the family ended up in the WP/Rwd area. Son Henry opens a tannery, son John a brewery and son William a malthouse; all in Ringwood. Son Dan settles down at Blandford Forum as a currier working in leather and oilskins and is mentioned by the Lester Brothers Benjamin & Isaac (Newfoundland-Poole merchants) in their diaries. Their mother, also recorded in the WT bible, was Rachel Taverner (1682-1768) the sister of Elizabeth Taverner.

I hope this will be of some use to fellow researchers.

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<https://www.ancestry.co.uk/family-tree/tree/176152658/family/familyview?cfpid=282288851886>