

Easter view of the within written feoffees of the said William Skypwith, knt., held at Ormesby on the last day of the month of April in the XIIth year of the said King. (1472) Thomas Cator is among the 7 sworn.

Thomas Massingberd, Esq., barrister-at-law, resided for a time at Louth; he married Frances, dau. of Robert Halton, Esq. of Clee, and Joan, his wife, dau. of John Draner, Esq. of Hoxton, Co. Middlesex and sister & heir of Thomas Draner, Esq. of Hoxton; they had 13 children:

1. Magdalen, b. 7 Oct. 1595, bur. St. James, Clerkenwell at age 7 yrs.
2. Frances, bap. Gunby 17 Feb. 1596, m.(1) 5 Jan. 1618 John Day of Sauce-thorp, gent.(he d. 21 Apr. 7 Char.I); (2) 11 July 1633 Thomas Pitcher of Trumpington, Co.Cambridge, Esq.; she d. 20 Nov. 1640.
3. Susanna, bap. Gunby 22 Feb. 1597, bur. at Louth March 1599.
4. Elizabeth, bap. Gunby 23 Mar. 1598; m. 5 Jan. 1618 John Booth, gent.
5. Ann, bap. Gunby 21 Dec. 1602, bur. 3 Dec. 1620.
6. Joan, bap. Louth 6 Nov. 1603, bur. 23 July 1604.
7. Susanna, bap. Gunby 26 Oct. 1606, m.(1) RICHARD CATER, gent. one of the sons of JOHN CATER of Langton, near Wragby, and had two sons: Francis and John. Richard Cater was killed by the fall of his horse 10 July 1631, buried at Welton Church. Francis Cater had a son JOHN CATER as appears from a certificate given to him relating to his father, Francis Cater son of Richard Cater, of Whaite in the Parish of Welton, gent., by Sir William Massingberd 24 Oct. 1717 and now at Gunby Hall. Susan Cater, widow of Richard Cater, late of Whait in the Parish of Welton, petitioned the Master of His Majesty's Court of Wards and Liveries for the wardship of Francis Cater, an infant of 7 years, son and heir of Richard Cater who had died 10 July 7 Car., seised of the reversion in fee simple of the grange of Whait and of the rectory of Welton, expectant after the end of a lease of 90 years made to Thomas Massingberd. She mar.(2) 5 Oct. 1635 Richard, 2nd son of John Gedney of Swaby, esq.
8. Thomas, bap. Gunby 29 June 1608, bur. six weeks after.
9. Henry, bap. Gunby 28 Aug. 1609
10. Alice, bap. Gunby 18 Sept. 1610, m. 27 May 1634 Thomas Day of Sauce-thorp, gent.
11. Mary, bap. Gunby 21 Aug. 1611, bur. there 10 Feb. 1614.
12. Margaret, bap. Gunby 28 Nov. 1613, m. 27 Jan. 1630 Leonard Purley of Parlsthorp.
13. Draner, b. 11 Dec. 1615, bap. Gunby Church 17 Dec. 1615.

Thomas Massingberd died suddenly on his way to Church and was bur. at Gunby 6 Nov. 1636; he made his will 3 June 1635. His widow was bur. at Gunby 23 Dec. 1638. In her will she leaves certain moneys for the poor of Gunby and other parishes, but stipulates that no one of sound mind above the age of 21 shall be partaker of her alms who "cannot rehearse and declare by heart without booke the Lord's praier the Beleeve and the Tenn Com-mandments sett forth in the Booke of Common Praier allowed in the Church of England."

CATER:

Thomas Massingberd, esqr. of Bratoft Hall, mar. Frances, dau. of George Fitzwilliam of Mablethorpe, esqr. and his wife, Mary, dau. of Sir. William Skipwith, Knt. of Ormsby; Thos. d. 11 Sept. 1621; they had 13 children including:

Thomas, bap. Bratoft 30 Aug. 1562, m. Frances, dau. of Robert Halton of Clee, esqr. and Joan, dau. of John Draner of Hoxton, esqr.

HENRY, m. Alice Busshey on 5 July 1592; he died 1616, his will Proved 27 July 1616; their son: Nathaniel, bap. at Bratoft 25 Jan. 1595, m. 1620 Elizabeth, dau of John Waddingham of Addlethorpe; their dau., Mary Massingberd, m. JOHN CATER, gent. and (2) 1 Nov. 1671 John Jolly of Candlesby, gent.