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Children by first wife :

- i. MARGARET (possibly), bapt. at Frittenden, the adjoining parish to Biddenden, 1 Aug. 1601.
- ii. SARA, bapt. at Biddenden 11 Sept. 1608 [sic].
- iii. MARGARET, bapt. at Biddenden 17 Jan. 1608-9 [sic]. (Did she m. 8 Apr. 1630, LAURENCE WHITTEN ?)
- iv. ELIZABETH, bapt. at Biddenden 24 Dec. 1609. (Did she m. 24 Oct. 1633, RICHARD NEWMAN ?)

Children by second wife, baptized at Biddenden :

- v. HANNAH, bapt. 8 Jan. 1614-5; d. 18 Sept. 1697; went to New England; m. at Scituate, 15 Oct. 1638, JOHN WINCHESTER of Hingham; had issue.
- vi. A CHILD, bur. at Biddenden unbapt. 9 May 1618.
- vii. HESTER, bapt. 26 Sept. 1619; went to New England; m. 20 Nov. 1639, SAMUEL JACKSON of Scituate; had issue.
- viii. A CHILD, bur. at Biddenden unbapt. 3 Dec. 1621. E. F.]

TILDEN

The Will of JOHN TYLDEN* Senior of Crotehole in the parish of Benynden, 12 September 1463. To be buried in the churchyard of St. George of Benynden. To the high altar there 3s. 4d. To every light of the church 20d. To the church two candles or torches of the value of 13s. 4d. The residue of all goods, not bequeathed, to wife Johan and sons John, Robert, and Thomas Tylden, in equal portions. My wife and sons John and Robert, executors. [Translated from the Latin.]

I John Telden of Benynden the "elthyr," 14 September 3 Edward IV. Out of all my lands and tenements being in the hands of John Heytherst, Wiff Nynne, and Symon Tylden, my feofees, Jone my wife shall have 6 marks a year during her life. My feofees shall divide all my lands and tenements to my three sons evenly. Each of my two daughters shall have 20 marks at her marriage or age of twenty-five years. If son Thomas die before he come to lawful age, etc. [No witnesses or probate.] (Archdeaconry of Canterbury, vol. 1, fo. 19.)

The Will of JOANE TELDEN, relict of John Telden late of Benynden, 15 June 1474. To be buried in the churchyard of Benynden. To the high altar there 8d. To the church two torches. Eight loads of stone towards the making of a chapel to the blessed Mary. To Elizabeth, daughter of John Telden. To my daughters Alice and Agnes at their marriage. To son Thomas (not yet twenty) at his marriage the inner "gestyn" chamber. To him certain live stock. The residue of all my goods to my sons John, Robert, and Thomas. I make John and Thomas executors, and Robert supervisor. Proved 1 April 1476 by the executors named in the will. (Archdeaconry of Canterbury, vol. 3, fo. 1.)

The Will of ROBERT TELDEN of Benynden, 25 July 1479. To be buried in the churchyard of Benynden. To the high altar there 20d. To every godson 4d. To the mending of the bad way between wodesed and peperbondesgate 3s. 4d. The residue of all my goods and legacies to Alice my wife and John Telden my brother, whom I make executors.

My last will concerning my lands. My feofees of all my lands in Benynden and Cranbrok in the County of Kent are Thoe' Wat'man, Richard

* From many Tilden wills the following have been selected as throwing light on the ancestry of Nathaniel Tilden of Scituate.—E. F.

Evynnden, Water Denman, John Stace son of Thomas Stace, and John Nenne son of Robert Nenne. To wife Alice during her widowhood my lands on the den of Crotehole, with reversion after her death or marriage to son John at the age of eighteen years. To son John, after my wife's decease or marriage, seven pieces of land called hersetgrove, Gretefeld, longfeld, Fyveacres, Griggismede, and the two pypesland. Provision made for any further child born. To brother John Telden two pieces of land called yaldfeld and yaldfeldwode, he to pay to my daughter Johane 12 marks at her marriage, and if she die before legal age and unmarried, reversion to any other daughter I may have, to whom I give 12 marks at marriage. If son John or any other son I may have die before eighteen years without heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten, my garden and lands on the den of Crotehole, after the death of wife Alice, to my brothers John and Thomas, they paying to my daughters at marriage or the age of twenty-eight years £20 each. To brother John arable land and wood called le knoll, knol wode, whithm̄, whithm̄ wode, cul'towne, and cul'towne wode, containing twenty acres, in payment of £22 13s. 4d. which I owe to him; 16 marks which Thomas Hendle of Crnebrok owes me for land there he bought of me, in payment of 50 marks which I owe my said brother; and two pieces of land called Jociscrofte and Slystowne on the den of Telden, in payment of 6 marks which I owe him. Proved 11 July 1480 by the executors named in the will. (Archdeaconry of Canterbury, vol. 3, fo. 18.)

14 The Will of RYCHARD TYLDEN of Tenterden in the County of Kente, yeoman, 22 January 1565-6. My body to be buried in the parish where I die. To the poor people of Tenterden. To my wife Elizabeth half of my household stuff, and various articles, including barley due me from Wyllyam Gerrys, live stock, all woollen cloth not made into garments, an angel noble, a double ducat, and 20s. The residue of my household stuff to my four daughters, Julyan, Agnes, Thomasen, and Mary Tylden, equally divided, and to each £30 at marriage or age of twenty years. To servant John Milles £30 in satisfaction of an account between him and me, and a cloak. To son John Tylden four pairs of hose, two coats, one of marbyll and another of russet, two hats, two new leather jerkins, a dublet of chamblett, and my white dublet. To Thomas Tylden my son a coat to be had of Peter Peyrs, my next best hat and a pair of hose. To Richard Adams of Benynnden a coat dublet and a pair of hose of Winchester russet. To Richard Peyris's widow. To Thomas Berry. To George Pellond. To Henry Meryote, Mother Crotholl, and John Ilverd. To my servant Richard Cheseman. To Rychard Peyrs, son of Rychard Peyrs of Tenterden deceased, Myldred Pyers, and Thomas Berry son of Thomas Berry. The residue of my moveable goods to son John Tylden, and I make him and Walter Bygge of Tenterden, tailor, my executors; my son not to meddle in the execution of my testament until he come to the age of four and twenty years, except it fortune Walter Bygge to die. If son John die before that age, son Thomas to have his legacy and take his place as executor. If both sons die before said age, then to my daughters. To Walter Bygge for his pains 20s. Witnesses: Wyllyam Cocks, Clerk and curate of Tenterden, Robert Ashenden, Wyllyam Marden yonger, and Peter Pyerse.

This is my last will concerning all my lands in Tenterden and Benynnden. My wife Elizabeth to have during her widowhood the occupation

of my parlor and buttery adjoining, two chambers over them, and the garret loft over, the buttery next the hall door, with use of bakehouse, brewhouse, malt house, the head of my barn called the tan house, east garden, and water of the pits or ponds. Also I give her eight loads of wood and two hundred faggots. My garden called new garden and five pieces of land and wood containing twenty acres at the back side of my messuage in Tenterden, and three other pieces called pigge holes, containing seventeen acres of land and wood, to my wife until my son John Tilden shall accomplish the age of four and twenty years, if she remain my widow so long, and not else. Son John to have the said lands at the said age and pay to my wife £6 13s. 4d. a year during her life. I give to my wife toward the keeping of my children £6 to be paid out of my lands in Tenterden until my youngest child come to the age of twelve years, and if she die before that time, then Walter Bygg my executor to have the bringing up of my children. To Thomas Tilden my son all my lands and tenements in the parish of Benyn den, when he shall accomplish the age of four and twenty years. My executor to take the residue of all profits of my lands and tenements in Tenterden and Benyn den until my son John come to his said age toward the performance of my will and paying my debts, and when son John accomplish the said age, then he to receive all the profits of the foresaid lands in Tenterden and Benyn den before willed to Thomas Tilden until the said Thomas accomplish his said age, and then John to pay to Thomas £50. My executors shall take down and sell the long houses along the street at my tenement in Benyn den, and make a pale and gate for the passage into said tenement, and build a barn there at my house where it stood before thirty-six feet by twenty feet. If either of my two sons die before the age of four and twenty years without lawful issue, the survivor shall pay to my daughters then living £20 apiece. If all my children die without lawful issue, then the said lands and tenements in Tenterden to John Mills and his heirs, and my lands and tenements in Benyn den as follows: to my brother-in-law Thomas Glouer of Benyn den two pieces of land called Barnfield and Oxenlease lying between a lane there and his house, and the residue of my lands and tenements in Benyn den to the relief of the poor of Tenterden and Benyn den, to be letten and the profits distributed by the church wardens. Witnesses: Wyllyam Cocks, Clerke, Curate of Tenterden, Robert Asshenden, William Mardin younger, and Peter Pyers. Proved 15 May 1566 by Walter Bygge, one of the executors named in the will, with power reserved to grant a like probate to John Tilden the other executor named, at the age limited in the will. (Archdeaconry of Canterbury, vol. 39, fo. 169.)

The Will of THOMAS TYLDEN of the parish of Wye in the County of Kent, 14 March 1616-17. To the poor of Wye 20s. £5 to be distributed among poor ministers. I make my son Joseph Tilden my executor and give him all that debt due me from James Thetcher of Willingdon in the County of Sussex. My wife Alyce shall have the use of all my household stuff and moveable goods during her life, with liberty to dispose of them to all or any of my children during her life and at her death to dispose of them that remain to such of my children as shall be living and not elsewhere. To son Thomas Tylden £5.

My will concerning the disposition of all my lands, tenements and hereditaments in the Counties of Sussex and Kent or elsewhere within the Realm

of England is as follows: "First my will & meaninge is that Nathaniell my sonne his heyres & Assignes shall for ever holde and enjoye on peece of fresh mershe land lyinge in the parish of East Guyldford in the Countye of Sussex called by the name of Cowelees contayneinge by estymation xxx acres accordinge to one deede of feafment thereof by me made to the vse of the said Nathaniell Itm I doe will giue and bequeath to the said Nathaniell my sonne & to his heyres forever one peice of fresh mersh land with the appurtenances called or knowne by the name of the Fyve acres lyinge & beinge in the aforesaid Parish of East Guyldford together with a sufficient carrying way to carrye driue goe to & for him his heyres & Assignes through one peece of land called the vpper peece of the lesser Spanyards lyinge in Guyldfford aforesaid." To my two sons Joseph and Hopestill Tilden their heirs and assigns forever the aforesaid piece of land called the upper piece of the lesser Spanyards containing twenty acres. To son Freegift Tylden and his heirs forever, if he live to the age of one and twenty years, a piece of fresh mersh land in East Guyldford containing fifteen acres known by the name of the nether piece of the lesser Spanyards and abutting upon Cowe lees aforesaid toward the south, with right of way to said land through the land called the upper piece of the lesser Spanyards bequeathed to son Nathaniel. If Freegift die before the age of one and twenty years, reversion to sons Nathaniel and Hopestill and their heirs forever. During the minority of Freegift £10 a year to be paid to wife Alice toward her jointure of £20 made by me to her during her life, the other £10 of the said £20 to be paid out of the lands bequeathed to sons Joseph and Hopestill. To son Freegift at the age of one and twenty years my messuage with the barn and other buildings, orchard, garden and seven pieces of land containing seventeen acres now in the occupation of the widow Gylbert, lying in the parish of Cranbrook upon the den of Omenden. If he die before said age, reversion to my son Joseph and his heirs. Wife Alyce to receive the profits of all Freegift's land during his minority and use them to see him brought up to learning, and if she die, son Joseph to receive them for that purpose, allowing to Freegift sufficient maintenance and yielding an account to him when he accomplishes his age of one and twenty years. [Signed] Thomas Tilden. Witnesses: Suretonhie Nicholes, Robart Hall, and Willyam Aysten. Proved 20 June 1617 by Joseph Tilden, son and executor named in the will. [The will was contested 23 September 1617, the widow Alice Tilden and sons Nathaniel Tilden of Tenterden, Hopestill Tilden of the town of Sandwich, and Thomas Tilden and Freegift Tilden of Wye bringing suit against the executor Joseph Tilden.* 27 March 1618 sentence was given for the confirmation of the will, the judgment being that the testator was sane at the time the will was made.] (Consistory Court of Canterbury, original will, bundle for 1617.)

Administration on the estate of JOHN TILDEN of Sandwich in the County of Kent was granted 16 February 1637-8 to Hopestill Tilden, father and creditor of the deceased, during the minority of Elizabeth, daughter of the deceased. (P. C. C., Act Book, 1638, fo. 149.) [29 May 1638 the former grant lapsed owing to the death of the said Elizabeth. (*Ibid.*, fo. 179.)]

* Doubtless because the testator left to son Thomas but £5, while the other sons received generous portions of land.—E. F.

The Will of HOPESTILL TILDEN, one of the jurats of the Town and Port of Sandwich in the County of Kent, 19 November 1661. I give and bequeath unto and amongst the children sons and daughters of my brother Nathaniel Tilden late of Tenterden in the said County, gent., £100 to be equally divided between them, £50 within twelve months after my decease and £50 in two years. To John Hughes, nephew of Deborah my now wife, £20. To my former servant John Iggleden 10s. to buy him a Bible. To my cousin Samuel Tilden 20s., to his daughter Anne Tilden £10 at the age of two and twenty years, and to his daughter Elizabeth 20s. at that age. To my two grandchildren Joseph Rumsey and Thomas Rumsey, sons of my daughter Sarah by Thomas Rumsey, 5s. apiece. To wife Deborah the use and benefit of the household stuff, one of my best chambers during her life, and an annuity of £20 to be paid out of the profits of my lands and tenements in Sandwich or elsewhere in the County of Kent. If she stay not with my executors for three months after my death then she shall have £5. To the poor people of Sandwich. All the residue of my goods, chattels and personal estate, and my messuage, lands and tenements in Sandwich in the Isle of Thanet or elsewhere in England, I give to my grandchildren Robert Smith and John Smith, sons of my late daughter Sarah deceased, Robert to have three fourths and John one fourth, and I make them joint executors of this my will. Witnesses: William Picard and John Verrier. Proved 9 February 1661-2 by Robert Smith and John Smith, the executors named in the will. (Archdeaconry of Canterbury, vol. 71, fo. 194.)

TILDEN ENTRIES IN THE REGISTERS OF ST. MILDRED'S CHURCH,
TENTERDEN, 1544-1638

Baptisms

- 1554 Catherin daughter of Richard Tylden 30 September.
- 1556 Mary daughter of Richard Tylden 8 June.
- 1559 Alice daughter of Richard Tylden 6 April.
- 1561 Marye daughter of Richard Tyldenne 15 May.
- 1570 Anne daughter of John Tylden 5 November.
- 1573 George son of John Tylden 28 February [1573-4].
- 1576 Elizabeth daughter of John Tylden 23 April.
- 1578 Judith daughter of John Tilden 17 August.
- 1579 Sara daughter of Thomas Tylden 30 August.
- 1580 Samuel son of John Tylden 25 September.
- 1581 Abigail daughter of Thomas Tylden 26 February [1581-2].
- 1582 John son of John Tylden 4 November.
- 1583 "Nathaniell Tylden sonne of Thomas Tylden bapt ye 28th of July."
- 1584 Daniel son of John Tylden 16 December.
- 1585 Joseph son of Thomas Tylden 28 November.
- 1588 Hopestill son of Thomas Tylden 1 May.
- 1588 Jonathan son of John Tylden Jurat 28 October.
- 1590 Theophilus son of Thomas Tilden 11 October.
- 1593 Thomas son of Thomas Tilden 1 May.
- 1598 Elizabeth daughter of George Tylden 7 August.
- 1600 Annah daughter of George Tylden 21 September.
- 1602 George son of George Tylden 9 January [1602-3].
- 1604 Freguift son of Thomas Tylden 29 May.
- 1604 Samuel son of George Tylden 25 November.

- 1608 Thomas son to Nathaniel Tylden 23 October.
 1610 Marie daughter to Nathaniell Tilden 20 May.
 1611 Joseph son of Nathaniel Tylden 12 January [1611-12].
 1613 John son of Daniel Tilden 26 April.
 1613 Gyles son of Samuel Tilden 6 June
 1613 Sarah daughter of Nathaniell Tilden 13 June.
 1614 John son of Samuel Tilden 1 January [1614-15].
 1615 Suzann daughter of Robert Tylden 14 April.
 1615 Joseph son of Nathaniell Tylden 29 April.
 1616 Margaret daughter of Daniel Tylden 8 September.
 1616 Samuel son of Samuel Tilden 2 March [1616-17].
 1616 John son of Robert Tilden 23 March [1616-17].
 1617 Steuen son of Nathaniell Tilden 31 March.
 1617 Thomas son of John Tilden 4 May.
 1617 Gregory son of Jonathan Tilden 28 July.
 1617 Thomas son of Samuel Tilden 8 February [1617-18].
 1618 Pateence daughter of Daniel Tilden 14 June.
 1618 Samuel son of John Tilden 12 July.
 1618 Mildred daughter of Robert Tylden 26 December.
 1618 Thomas son of Nathaniell Tylden 19 January [1618-19].
 1620 Robert son of Robert Tylden 14 May.
 1620 Marie daughter of Samuel Tylden 11 June.
 1620 Judith daughter of Nathaniell Tylden 22 October.
 1621 Edmond son of Robert Tilden 3 June.
 1622 Rebecca daughter of Samuel Tilden 14 July.
 1622 Winifrede daughter of Mr Nathaniell Tilden "Maioir" 20 October.
 1624 Lidia daughter of Mr Nathaniell Tylden Jurat 30 May.
 1624 Jeremy son of Samuel Tilden's widow 10 October.
 1624 Sarah daughter of Robert Tilden 28 November.
 1625 Lydia daughter of Mr Nathaniell Tylden Jurate 28 September.
 1627 Stephen son of Robert Tylden 7 October.
 1629 Stephen son of Nathaniell Tylden Jurat 11 October.
 1629 John son of Robert Tilden 14 March [1629-30].
 1632 George son of George Tilden 2 September.
 1634 Anne daughter of George Tilden and Anne his wife 22 February [1634-5].
 1638 Elizabeth daughter of George Tilden and Anne his wife 29 April.
 1638 John son of Mr. John Tilden and Sisley his wife 4 November.

Marriages

- 1568 Thomas Fynche and Julia Tilden 21 June.
 1568 Peter Pierse and Agnes Tylden 14 February [1568-9].
 1569 John Tylden and Patience Casslen 23 January [1569-70].
 1576 Thomas Tilden and Alice Biggs 10 March [1576-7].
 1587 William Hache and Annah Tylden 26 July.
 1593 Thomas Tylden and Ellen Evnde 13 November [Ellen Evernden, widow, of Rolvinden in marriage license].
 1594 Peter Finche and Elizabeth Tylden 24 July.
 1600 John Stanshame and Sarah Tylden 20 November.
 1606 Robte Sharpie and Elizabeth Tylden 1 July.
 1612 Samuel Tylden and Rebecca Gyles 28 May.

Burials

- 1560 Alice daughter of Richard Tylden 30 September.

- 1572 Rachell daughter of John Tylden 17 March [1572-3].
 1582 Abigaile daughter of Thomas Tylden 5 August.
 1587 John Tylden Jurat had one or two children [2 children in B. T.]
 buried unbaptized 1 December.
 1593 Alice wife to Thomas Tylden 13 May.
 1604 George Tylden 4 January [1604-5].
 1611 Joseph son to Nathaniel Tylden 15 March [1611-12].
 1615 Mrs Patience Tylden wife of Mr. John Tylden thelder Jurate 23
 November.
 1616 Goane wife of Robert Tylden 21 March [1616-17].
 1617 Thomas son of John Tilden 6 July.
 1617 John son of Robert Tilden 2 August.
 1618 Thomas son of Nathaniel Tylden 19 January [1618-19].
 1619 Gyles son of Samuel Tilden 12 October.
 1619 Stephan son of Nathaniell Tilden 21 October.
 1620 Robert son of Robert Tylden 14 August.
 1628 Samuell Tilden buried 3 March [1623-4].
 1624 Lidia daughter of Mr. Nathaniell Tilden Jurat 15 September.
 1625 Old Mr John Tilden ye auncient Jurate 29 January [1625-6].
 1627 Winefrith daughter of Mr. Naniel [*sic*] Tylden Jurat 14 September.
 1631 Marie daughter of Samuel Tylden deceased 10 June.
 1636 Anne wife of Mr. John Tilden 27 May.

TILDEN ENTRIES IN THE PARISH REGISTERS OF BIDDENDEN,
 1538-1638

- 1552 Robert Hames and Anne Tylden married 6 February [1552-3].
 1619 Thomas Tilden and Mary Bate married by license 13 May.

FROM THE BISHOP'S TRANSCRIPTS OF HALDEN

- 1632 Fregifte Bourne and Rebecka Tilden married 10 April.

TILDEN ENTRIES IN THE BISHOP'S TRANSCRIPTS OF LENHAM

- 1612 Roberte Dunburye of Aylsfordes and Alis Tilden of this parish mar-
 ried 23 November.
 1616 James Tunbridge and Katherine Tylden married 19 February [1616-
 17].

TILDEN ENTRIES IN THE BISHOP'S TRANSCRIPTS OF BENNENDEN

- 1560 Roger Tilden and Jone Lucas married 30 September.
 1602 Roger Tylden householder who was relieved by the parish for the
 space of three years before his death buried 19 May.
 1617 Widow Tylden poor buried 5 September.
 1630 Mary daughter of George Tilden bapt. 12 December.

FROM THE BISHOP'S TRANSCRIPTS OF ROLVENDEN

- 1632 John Crouch of Iden and Anne Tylden of Bennenden married 24
 May.

TILDEN ENTRIES IN THE BISHOP'S TRANSCRIPTS OF HARRIETSHAM

- 1567 Susan daughter of Edward Tylden bapt. 19 February [1567-8].
 1625 Thomas Tilden and Cattren Bland married 4 August.
 1626 Thomas son of Thomas Tilden bapt. 21 May
 1628 Sarah daughter of Thomas Tilden bapt. 27 July.

- 1628 Sarah daughter of Thomas Tilden bapt. 24 December,
1631 George son of Thomas Tilden bapt. 4 March [1631-2].

TILDEN ENTRIES IN THE BISHOP'S TRANSCRIPTS OF WYE.

- 1617 Mr. Thomas Tilden an aged man buried 6 June. ←
1617 Samuel son of Thomas Tilden bapt. 5 February [1617-18].

[From the foregoing wills and entries the following Tilden pedigree has been constructed:

JOHN TYLDEN, Senior, of Crotehole in the parish of Benynden, the testator of 1463, born probably about 1415, died probably shortly after making his will. He married JOHAN, the testator of 1474, who died between 15 June 1474 and 1 Apr. 1476. She may possibly have been a second wife and mother only of Agnes and Thomas.

Children:

- i. JOHN, b. bef. 1445; living in 1480. (Was Elizabeth, daughter of John Telden, who is mentioned in Joane Telden's will, the daughter of this John?)
- ii. ROBERT, b. bef. 1445; see below.
- iii. THOMAS, b. after 1454; m. MARGARET ———; made his will in 1479, leaving to wife Margaret, sister Alice, brother John, and the son of brother Robert at 18 years, and to Robert's daughter at marriage.
- iv. ALICE, b. after 1438; unm. in 1474.
- v. AGNES, b. after 1438; unm. in 1474.

ROBERT TELDEN of Benynden, born before 1445, the testator of 1479, died between 25 July 1479 and 11 July 1480. He married ALICE, who was one of his executors. His children were probably very young at his death, as he makes provision for any posthumous child.

Children:

- i. JOHN, b. after 1461.
- ii. JOHANE, under age and unm. in 1479.

It seems probable that either from John, son of John of Crotehole, or from John, son of Robert and Alice, was descended Richard Telden of Benynden and Tenterden, the testator of 1565-6, although no evidence has yet been found to prove the connection.

1. RICHARD TILDEN, yeoman, the testator of 1565-6, born probably at Benenden between 1510 and 1520, died between 22 Jan. 1565-6 and 15 May following. He married ELIZABETH, who survived him. Was she a sister of Thomas Glover?

Children:

2. i. JOHN, b. after 1541.
 - ii. THOMAS, b. after 1541.
 - iii. JULIAN, b. after 1546; m. at Tenterden, 21 June 1568, THOMAS FYNCH.
 - iv. AGNES, b. after 1546; m. at Tenterden, 14 Feb. 1568-9, PETER PIERSE.
 - v. THOMASEN, b. after 1546; living in 1565-6.
 - vi. CATHERINE, bapt. at Tenterden 30 Sept. 1554; probably d. young.
 - vii. MARY, bapt. at Tenterden 8 June 1556; probably d. young.
 - viii. ALICE, bapt. at Tenterden 6 Apr. 1559; bur. there 30 Sept. 1560.
 - ix. MARY, bapt. at Tenterden 15 May 1561; living in 1565-6.
2. JOHN TILDEN of Tenterden, born probably at Benenden after 1541, was buried at Tenterden 29 Jan. 1625-6. He married there, 23 Jan.

1569-70, PATIENCE CASSLEN, who was buried at Tenterden 23 Nov. 1615. We learn from the church records that he was jurat in 1587, 1588, 1615, and 1625. He is called "Mr." Tilden, his wife "Mistress" Tilden, and in their marriage licenses several of his children are described as gentlemen.

Children, baptized at Tenterden :

- i. ANNE, bapt. 5 Nov. 1570; m. at Tenterden, 26 July 1587, WILLIAM HATCHE.
- ii. RACHEL, bur. at Tenterden 17 Mar. 1572-3.
- iii. GEORGE, bapt. 28 Feb. 1573-4; bur. at Tenterden 4 Jan. 1604-5; m. ———, and had *Elizabeth, Annah, George, and Samuel* (dates in Tenterden registers).
- iv. ELIZABETH, bapt. 23 Apr. 1576; m. at Tenterden, 23 July 1594, PETER FINCHE.
- v. JUDITH, bapt. 17 Aug. 1578.
- vi. SAMUEL, bapt. 25 Sept. 1580; bur. at Tenterden 3 Mar. 1623-4; m. there, 28 May 1612, REBECCA GYLES, and had *Gyles, John, Samuel, Thomas, Mary, Rebecca, and Jeremy* (dates in Tenterden registers).
- vii. JOHN, bapt. 4 Nov. 1582; m. ANNE ———, who was bur. 27 May 1636; had *Thomas and Samuel*; license to marry widow CICELY MAY of Ashford dated 10 Nov. 1637, and their son *John* was bapt. 4 Nov. 1638.
- viii. DANIEL, bapt. 16 Dec. 1584; m. JUDITH SHORT of Tenterden, license dated 23 June 1612, and had *John, Margaret, and Patience*.
- ix. } TWO CHILDREN, bur. unbapt. 1 Dec. 1587.
- x. }
- xi. JONATHAN, bapt. 28 Oct. 1588; m. (1) ANN HALL of Willesborough, license dated 17 June 1616; had a son *Gregory*; m. (2) ALICE HALL; had *Richard, George, John, Jonathan, Anne, and Sarah*. (Second marriage and children in 2 *Misc. Geneal. et Herald.*, vol. 1, p. 333. See below.)

3. THOMAS TILDEN of Tenterden, the testator of 1616-17, born probably at Benenden after 1541, was buried at Wye 6 June 1617. He married first at Tenterden, 10 Mar. 1576-7, ALICE BIGGS, who was buried at Tenterden 13 May 1593; married secondly, 13 Nov. 1593, ELLEN EVERNDEN, widow, of Rolvinden. The date of her death is unknown, but Thomas Tilden left a widow ALICE, probably the mother of his son Freegift. Between 1604 and 1614 Thomas Tilden left Tenterden, and moved perhaps to East Guilford in Sussex, not far across the border from Tenterden, as he owned lands there. What reason he had for moving to Wye does not appear.

Children by first wife, baptized at Tenterden :

- i. SARA, bapt. 30 Aug. 1579; m. probably, 20 Nov. 1600, JOHN STANSHAME; not mentioned in his father's will.
- ii. ABIGAIL, bapt. 26 Feb. 1581-2; bur. at Tenterden 5 Aug. 1582.
4. iii. NATHANIEL, bapt. 28 July 1583.
- iv. JOSEPH, bapt. 28 Nov. 1585; citizen and girdler of London; will dated 1 Feb. 1612. (See Waters's *Gleanings*, vol. 1, p. 71.)
5. v. HOPESTILL, bapt. 1 May 1588.
- vi. THEOPHILUS, bapt. 11 Oct. 1590; not mentioned in his father's will.
- vii. THOMAS, bapt. 1 May 1593; m. and had a son *Samuel*, bapt. at Wye 5 Feb. 1617-18. *Samuel* and his daus. *Anne* and *Elizabeth* are mentioned in the will of his uncle *Hopestill*, 1661.

Child, either by second or third wife, baptized at Tenterden :

- viii. FREEGIFT, bapt. 29 May 1604; living in 1660. (See Waters's *Gleanings*, vol. 2, p. 1305.)

4. NATHANIEL TILDEN, baptized at Tenterden 28 July 1583, came to New England in the *Hercules* in March 1634-5, with wife, seven children, and seven servants; settled at Scituate; and died, probably at Scituate, between 25 May and 31 July 1641. He married in England LYDIA, who, Savage thinks, was perhaps daughter of Thomas Bourne. But as Thomas Bourne was born about 1581, he would have been only twenty-seven when Nathaniel Tilden's eldest child was born, and therefore Savage's conjecture is wrong. The "son Tilden" referred to in Thomas Bourne's will, made in 1664 (see Pope's *Pioneers of Massachusetts*), could not have been Nathaniel, who had been dead twenty-three years, but was probably Thomas Tilden, son of Nathaniel and husband of Elizabeth Bourne. That the wife Lydia was the mother of all of Nathaniel Tilden's children is proved by the bequest in Joseph Tilden's will: "to my sister Lydia Tilden, late wife of my brother Nathaniel Tilden . . . and to her two daughters who are married in New England" (*Waters's Gleanings*, vol. 1, p. 71). These daughters were born in 1610 and 1613.

Tenterden, a limb of the Cinque Port of Rye, was a prosperous and important place in our ancestors' day, as now, and the principal town in the Weald of Kent. Nathaniel Tilden, called "Mr" in both the Old and New England records, and "gentleman" in his brother Hopestill's will, was a man of importance, mayor in 1622 and jurat—a jurat was also justice of the peace—in 1624, 1625, 1627, and 1629. In New England he was also a town officer and a ruling elder. (For an abstract of his will see REGISTER, vol. 4, p. 173. See also, for him and his descendants, Deane, *History of Scituate*, 353 ff.)

Children, baptized at Tenterden:

- i. THOMAS, bapt. 23 Oct. 1608; bur. at Tenterden 19 Jan. 1618-19.
- ii. MARY, bapt. 20 May 1610; came with her father to New England; m. 13 Mar. 1636-7, THOMAS LAPHAM.
- iii. JOSEPH, bapt. 12 Jan. 1611-12; bur. at Tenterden 15 Mar. 1641-12.
- iv. SARAH, bapt. 13 June 1613; came with her father to New England; m. 13 Mar. 1636-7, GEORGE SUTTON.
- v. JOSEPH, bapt. 29 Apr. 1615; came with his father to New England; m. 20 Nov. 1649 ALICE or ELIZABETH* TWISDEN, widow or daughter of John; lived in Scituate.
- vi. STEPHEN, bapt. 31 Mar. 1617; bur. at Tenterden 21 Oct. 1619.
- vii. THOMAS, bapt. 19 Jan. 1618-19; came with his father to New England; m. ELIZABETH (BOURNE) WATERMAN, widow of Robert Waterman and daughter of Thomas Bourne of Marshfield; lived at Marshfield.
- viii. JUDITH, bapt. 22 Oct. 1620; came with her father to New England; m. ABRAHAM PREBLE.
- ix. WINIFRED, bapt. 20 Oct. 1622; bur. at Tenterden 14 Sept. 1627.
- x. LYDIA, bapt. 30 May 1624; bur. at Tenterden 15 Sept. 1624.
- xi. LYDIA, bapt. 28 Sept. 1625; came with her father to New England; m. RICHARD GARRETT.
- xii. STEPHEN, bapt. 11 Oct. 1629; came with his father to New England; m. 25 Jan. 1661-2, HANNAH LITTLE; lived at Marshfield.

5. HOPESTILL TILDEN, the testator of 1661, baptized at Tenterden 1 May 1588, died between 19 Nov. 1661 and 9 Feb. following. He

* *Ellice* in Scituate Vital Records, vol. 2, p. 290. *Elizabeth* is given as his wife's name in his will of 12 May, 1670 (REGISTER, vol 7, p. 180).

married DEBORAH, perhaps not his first wife, who survived him. He lived in Sandwich, England, as early as 1614, and was jurat of that town at the time of his death. He was a grocer, as the marriage license of his daughter states.

Children :

- i. JOHN, d. bef. 16 Feb. 1637-8, when administration on his estate was granted to his father; he m. and had an only child *Elizabeth*, living at his death, but dead bef. 29 May 1638.
- ii. SARAH, b. abt. 1619; d. bef. 1661; m. (1) JOHN SMITH of St. Johns, Thanet, woollen draper, and had by him *Robert* and *John*; m. (2) THOMAS RUMSEY, by whom she had *Joseph* and *Thomas*.

In *Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica*, Series 2, vol. 1, p. 333, there is printed a Tilden pedigree, taken from the Visitation of London, 1687, and headed "*Tower Ward, Dolphin Precinct. Bakers' Hall in Harp Lane, Tuesday 2^o August a^o 1687.*"

The arms there portrayed are Azure a saltire ermine between four pheons or. The crest, a broken spear inverted gules, head or, environed by a snake proper.

In this pedigree it is stated that there is "No Descent of this Family in the Visitations of Kent or Sussex. The Arms he produced are in a Book of M^r Philpots Intituled Quartered Coats & Crests fo. 80."

According to this pedigree, as corrected by R. G. Fitzgerald-Uniacke, Esq., after comparison with the original in the College of Arms, RICHARD TILDEN of Tenterden, co. Kent, had a son JONATHAN TILDEN of Breade, co. Sussex, who died about 1635, aged 46, and had as his second wife ALICE, daughter of ——— Hall of ———, near Gillingham, co. Kent. The children of Jonathan and Alice (Hall) Tilden were :

- i. RICHARD, citizen and merchant of London, aged 63 in 1687, who m. HANNAH MILLER, dau. of John of Biggleswalde, co. Bedford, and had sons *Richard*, aged 22, unm.; *Daniel*, aged 16; *Samuel*, aged 14; *Gabriel*, aged 13; and *Jonathan*, aged 9; and daughters *Hannah*, wife of Thanks Holland of Stepney; and *Rose* and *Mary*, both living unm. in 1687. It is this Richard Tilden, citizen and merchant of London, who signs the pedigree.
- ii. GEORGE, of Breade, co. Sussex, aged 60 in 1687, who m. and had issue.
- iii. JOHN
- iv. JONATHAN } both dead without issue.
- i. ANNE, wife of ROBERT GIBBON of Beckley, co. Sussex.
- ii. SARAH, wife of THOMAS BEDINGFIELD of Dover, co. Kent.

The Jonathan Tilden of this pedigree, with second wife Alice Hall, was, however, not a son but a grandson of Richard Tilden of Tenterden; for he is identical with Jonathan, youngest child of John of Tenterden, who was a son of Richard Tilden, our testator of 1565-6. (See above.) Jonathan Tilden moved into Sussex, and died when his son Richard was only eleven years old, and this may account for the meagreness of the latter's knowledge regarding his father's family. He does not mention any child or children by his father's first marriage, although we know from the Tenterden registers that Jonathan had at least one child (*Gregory*, baptized 28 July 1617) by his first wife.

The Richard Tilden who entered this pedigree was a first cousin once removed of Nathaniel Tilden, the emigrant to New England, and he evidently proved to the satisfaction of the College of Arms his right to bear the arms described above. Since he tried to trace his ancestry back to

Richard Tilden, the testator of 1565-6, it is likely that this Richard, his great-grandfather, had borne these same arms; and, if this should be proved, then Nathaniel Tilden and his descendants in the male line would be entitled to bear them.—E. F.]

[For the Tyldens of Milsted, co. Kent, see Berry, *Pedigrees . . . in the County of Kent*, pp. 30-31; Burke, *Commoners*, vol. 2, p. 381, and *Landed Gentry*. The Tyldens of Milsted bore the same arms as Richard Tilden of London, but their crest was somewhat different. According to Berry, William Tylden of Wormshill, Kent, who died in 1613 and who was father of Richard Tylden, the purchaser of the manor of Milsted, was a descendant of William Tylden who paid aid for his lands in Kent at the knighting of the Black Prince, 20 Edward III, but the intermediate generations are not given. (See Hasted, *History of Kent*, 2d ed., vol. 6, p. 109.) Berry says, *loc. cit.*: "The Tyldens are a very ancient family in this county [Kent], and appear to have separated into three distinct branches. The first, and the most ancient, is here recorded. The second were originally of Tenterden, and went into Sussex: mention is made of this family in the visitation for that county. One of the Tenterden branch went to America, with the Pilgrims, and has founded a numerous family of the name in that country, but they spell their name with an *i* instead of a *y*. The third branch settled at Ifield, in Kent, and spell their name with an *i*." (See also Burke, *General Armory*, *sub voce* Tylden.)—HENRY EDWARDS SCOTT.]
