

JOHN WILLIE I (abt. 1495-before 1555)
 AGNES _____ (-1555)

All the information available for this early family in England was found in the collection of Denison Genealogy published in 1963 by E. Glen Denison. Of John Willie I and his wife Agnes, the following is found in the book's introductory chapter:

"John Willie: The earliest known ancestor of the Willie family of Thorley, England. He was probably born in the Parish about 1500, the first record of whom is his purchase in 1548 of three dwellings and a parcel of land in Thorley from his son John Willie. He married probably about 1520 Agnes _____ who died 1555; the record of Agnes' death calls her a widow (so John, her husband, had died earlier). Among his children was: John Willie (see 7-27)."¹

This son (7-27) became linked to the Denison family when his daughter Agnes, married John Denison of Bishop's Stortford, England. The town of Thorley, home of the Willies, and the town of Bishop's Stortford, home of the Denisons, were most likely neighboring towns, both in Hertfordshire, England (map 1 #27).

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WILLIE (7-27)

JOHN WILLIE II (abt. 1521-)
 JOAN MARSEAD ()

Both John Willie II and Joan Marsead were from Thorley, Hertfordshire, England and they were married Oct. 30, 1540. John was the son of John and Agnes Willie. Little information has been found leaving much to be researched. However, in the introduction of E. Glen Denison's work in 1963 the names of their children are given as:

- "1. John Willie III, bpt. Aug. 4, 1541
2. Emmeret Willie, bpt. Nov. 8, 1543
3. Agnes Willie, md. John Denison (7-23)
4. Mary Willie, b. Nov. 13, 1548; md. Oct. 18, 1579, Edward Duckett of Thorley
5. Bridget Willie, bpt. Feb. 1, 1551; md. abt. 1580, George Abbott, son of William and Elizabeth Abbott; died Aug. 13, 1625
6. Edward Willie, md. Jan. 18, 1581, Elizabeth Jardfield, died 1615
7. George Willie, md. Mary, daughter of Nich Brett, Little Hadham, England, died 1615
8. Grace Willie, md. Oct. 16, 1580 Rich Walker; buried Nov. 29, 1583."¹

Agnes (#3 above) and John Denison were the parents of William Denison, who emigrated to America about 1631 (see 7-24).

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