A TALE OF TWO COUSINS

or Will The Real AQUILLA TIPTON Please Stand Up

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FIRST GENERATION: from England to America

“One of the descendants of Sir Anthony de Tipton was Edward Tipton who came from London on the ship 'Friendship' in about 1668 and about the same time came his son Jonathan Tipton” [1, p 8].

SECOND GENERATION: Tipton Brothers

Jonathan Tipton, son of Edward, b 1639 [1, p 24] although an alternative birth date, 25 March 1659 [2], seems more plausible. In either case, he would have still been near his 100th year or older at the time of his death on 21 Jan 1757.

Jonathan married three (3) wives: Sarah Pearce, Mary Chilcoat, Elizabeth Edwards [1, p 24]. For this analysis, which wife is the mother of which of Jonathan's children is not of primary importance so this issue will not be addressed here.

Jonathan Tipton had among other children, Thomas, b 8 Apr 1693, William, b 27 Jul 1696, and Jonathan, b 25 Mar 1699 [1, p 24].

THIRD GENERATION: Tipton Marriages

The three Tipton bothers married as follows:

Jonathan Tipton (b 1699) married Elizabeth (probable surname Edwards) and had daughter, Sarah Edwards Tipton, b 30 Oct 1736, Maryland [3, p 370].

Thomas Tipton (b 1693) was the father of William Tipton, b 27 Feb 1719. Sarah Steptoe was William's mother.

William Tipton (b 1696) married Hannah Price (daughter of Mordecai Price and Mary Parsons). They in turn had among other children, Morcedai Tipton (b 18 Apr 1724) most likely named for his grandfather, Mordecai Price [3, p 371].

Hannah Price Tipton (widow of William Tipton, b 1696) married John Bosley, 1726 or 1727. Hannah and John Bosley had 2 sons: Walter Bosley (b ca 1727) and Joseph Bosley (b ca 1729) [3, p 371].

FOURTH GENERATION: Tipton Cousins

William Tipton (b 1719) and his wife, Angelica Cole, had a son, Aquilla Tipton, b 1749, Maryland [4].
Mordecai Tipton (b 1724) married his cousin, Sarah Edwards Tipton (b 1736,). They had the following children: Thomas, Joshua, Jonathan, Sylvester, William, Aquilla Tipton, Joseph, Shadrack, John, Meshac. Aquilla was born b ca 1756, Back River Upper Hundred, Baltimore County, Maryland.

From a young age, Mordecai Tipton (b 1724) grew up in a Bosley family. It would therefore be natural for Mordecai and his children to continue the Bosley family association just as they would with the Price family of Mordecai's mother.

CENSES: Two Aquilla's

Looking at the 1790 US Census records, we see that Mordecai Tipton's son Aquilla (b 1756), is living between his brothers, Shadrack and William in the Back River Upper Hundred, Baltimore County, Maryland. Further, on this same census page we find William Bosley, brother Joshua Tipton, as well as Nehemiah Price, William Price and Stephen Price.

The other Aquilla Tipton (b 1749), the son of William (b 1719), is living in the Delaware Hundred, Baltimore County Maryland in the same census year.

The Maryland State Census of 1791 shows Aquilla (b 1756) still living in the Back River Upper Hundred next to brother, William Tipton. Shadrack Tipton, and William Bosley are likewise enumerated on the same page. On the next page is found brother, Joshua Tipton, and Nehemiah Price.

MARRIAGE: Aquilla's Marry

Aquilla Tipton (b 1756) married (Elizabeth) Rebecca Belt on 6 May 1778, Baltimore County, Maryland. The marriage information has been transcribed to read that Aquilla was born 1750. Many researchers have assumed that this must mean that Aquilla Tipton (b 1749) had to be the groom. However, the year 1756 may also be written so that it looks like “1750”. After having looked at various Census and Marriage records over the years it is quite clear that people are not consistent when it comes to age from one document or year to another. For instance, in my own family, a great-uncle gave his age as two years older when he married otherwise he would not have been of legal age.

With this in mind, we can distinguish between Aquilla Tipton (b 1749) who married Mary Miller on 26 Oct 1775, Baltimore, Maryland and Aquilla Tipton who married (Elizabeth) Rebecca Belt in 1778.

MILITARY: Aquilla Tipton, b 1756

Aquilla (b 1756) served in the Revolutionary War as a Private in Captain John Cokey's Company of Dragoons.

He was later commissioned as Second Lieutenant according to the Maryland State Archives: “Friday, December 20, 1776 . . . Commissions issued to the following Persons appointed Officers in Col. Edward Cockey's Battalion of Militia in Baltimore County, to wit . . Abm Cox 2 Lt [2d Lieutenant], Aquilla Tipton 2 Lt, Walter Bosley 2 Lt . . . “.
Abm (Abram) Cox was married to Cassandra Tipton*, first cousin of Aquilla Tipton (b 1756). Walter Bosley was Aquilla Tipton's uncle (or cousin depending on his age) as Walter Bosley was half-brother of his father, Mordecai Tipton. Further, in the 1791 US Census referenced above, a member of the Cockey family, Caleb Cockey, is enumerated on the same page as Aquilla Tipton (b 1756) while Thomas Cockey is the person doing the enumeration.

THREE AQUILLA'S

To further distinguish between Aquilla (b 1756) from Aquilla (b 1749), a brief lineage of Aquilla Tipton (b 1838), grandson of Aquilla Tipton (1756) found in a history of Harrison County [Ohio] states “Aquilla Tipton [b 1838], farmer, Nottingham Township, Harrison County, Ohio, is a son of Aquilla Tipton [b 1800], who was the son of Aquilla Tipton [b 1756]. It is not known where Aquilla (first) was born, but the first known of him was at McIntrie, Jefferson Co, Ohio where he settled in a very early day, and thence moved to Stock Township, Harrison County . . . “ [8, p 732]

Alas, for Aquilla (b 1749), he is the son of William and has no son Aquilla. [3]

FINAL THOUGHT

Aquilla Tipton (b 1800) had a son named, Thomas Belt Tipton. Echoring the last name of his gr-grandmother, (Elizabeth) Rebecca Belt wife of Aquilla (b 1756). * Cassandra was the daughter of Samuel Tipton and his wife Sarah Gott. Samuel was the brother of Mordecai Tipton the father of Aquilla (b 1756).

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