

### The Ancestors of the Rev. Thomas Knight

I have not done much in the way of research on the family of the Rev. Thomas Knight. This is what I have. If there are no sources listed the data is from the family trees on Ancestry.com-- a starting point, but by no means proof of anything. Valerie states that *“Thomas had five brothers and five sisters, the eldest child of William Henry being Charlotte. (family members are recorded on Family Search IGI).”* Here is the data from Ancestry.com. Please note the number on the far right documents the sources I have used which are displayed in the endnotes. This is a draft, and as more information becomes available, I will update it. I am posting this as a pdf. If a pdf is exported from a word processor, you can copy any of the text here by simply highlighting it and COPY. If anyone would like an MS Word document, let me know.

Thomas Knight b. 1732 d. 1809 m. 16 DEC 1760 Susan Tomson b. 1738				1
	Thomas Knight b.1761			
	Susanna Elizabeth Knight b. 1762 (baptized 26 NOV 1762) d. 1822 m. 5 JAN 1803 John Hussey Delaval b. 1728 d. 1808			2
	Catherine Knight b. 1765			
	William Henry Knight b. 1767 d. 1848			3
	Jane Mottley Knight b. 1770 d. 1771			
	Harriet Carter Knight b. 1772			
	Phillip Knight b. 1776			
	Sarah Elden Knight			

In the preceding table, the direct ancestral line of the Rev Thomas Knight is shown with a yellow fill. The first entry in the following table are the grandparents of the Rev. Thomas Knight.

Thomas and Susan were married 16 DEC 1760 at St Benet Gracechurch, London. This was the groom's home parish. The bride is from a different London Church, St James Duke Place.

The third child of Thomas and Susan was Susanna Elizabeth. She is significant in the history of the Knight Gregson family. Susan married John Hussey Delaval.

*"Delaval was the son of Francis Blake Delaval (1692–1752), who inherited estates at Ford Castle, Northumberland from his mother Mary, née Blake, and at Seaton Delaval, Northumberland from his uncle Admiral George Delaval (1660–1723). He was educated at Westminster School[1] and Pembroke College, Cambridge.[2] Delaval bought these estates from his elder brother Francis (1727–1791) in exchange for an annuity and developed the farming resources at Ford and the coal and mineral resources at Seaton.*

*Delaval served as Member of Parliament for Berwick on Tweed 1754–1761, 1765–1774 and 1780–1786. He was created a Baronet, of Seaton Delaval in the County of Northumberland, in the Baronetage of Great Britain in 1761, and in 1783 he was raised to the Peerage of Ireland as Baron Delaval, of Redford in the County of Wicklow.[3] In 1786 he was further honoured when he was made Lord Delaval, Baron of Delaval, in the County of Cumberland, in the Peerage of Great Britain.[4]*

*Delaval's seat was at Seaton Delaval Hall, an 18th-century masterpiece by Sir John Vanbrugh. He married twice but his only son predeceased him and the baronetcy and baronies became extinct on his death. He bequeathed his estates to his brother Edward Hussey Delaval (1729– 1814) with remainder to their nephew Edward Astley. He was buried in St Paul's Chapel, Westminster Abbey."<sup>1</sup>*

Susanna Knight was the second wife of John Hussey Delaval. It was she who was responsible for the appointment of the Reverend Thomas Knight as Rector of St. Michael and All Angels Parish, Ford, Northumberland.<sup>2</sup>

Throughout history there had been close articulation between the parish church at Ford and the Lord of the Manor at Ford Castle, which included the right to appoint the rector of the parish. In 1811, John James was *"appointed to the living of Ford, vacant by the death of William Warkman by Susanna Elizabeth, baroness Delaval. He agreed to resign upon request to the intent that Lady Devalal might present therto either Thomas Knight, then of Houghton-le Spring School, or John Knight of the same, sons of Mr. Henry Knight of Ford Cottage. On September 25th, 1819 he was called on to do so."*<sup>3</sup>



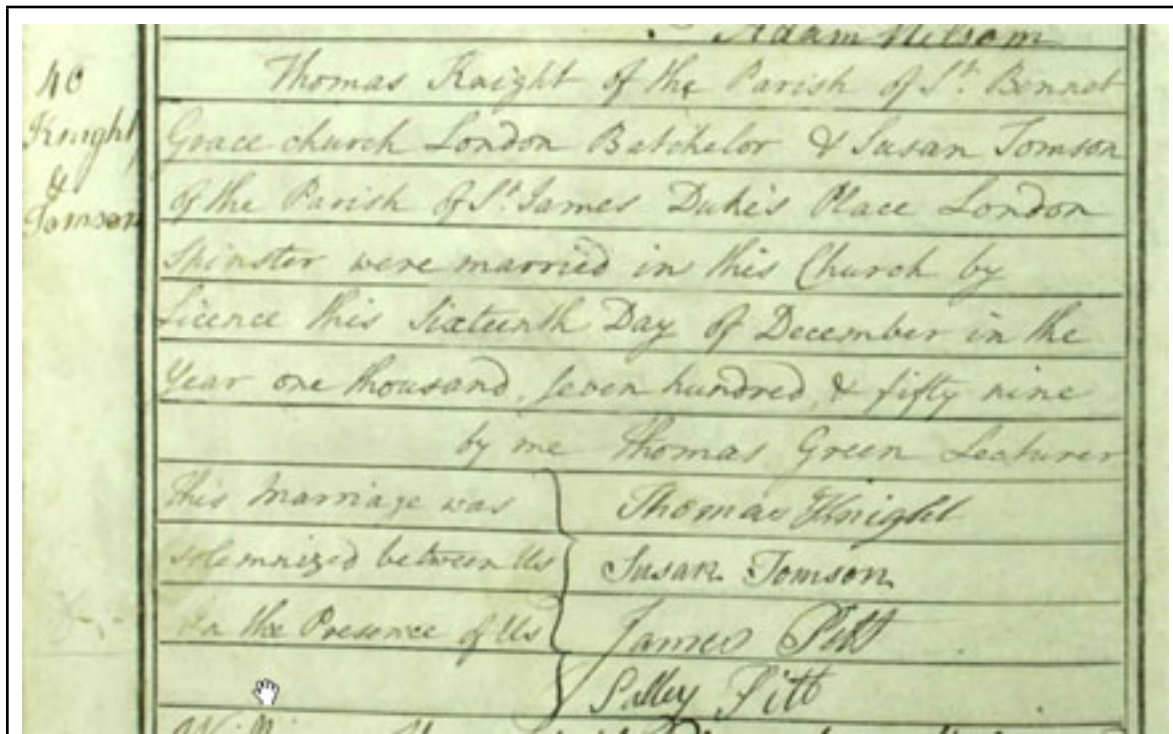
Lady Delaval (Susannah Elizabeth Knight)

<sup>1</sup> Quoted material from: [Wikipedia](#)

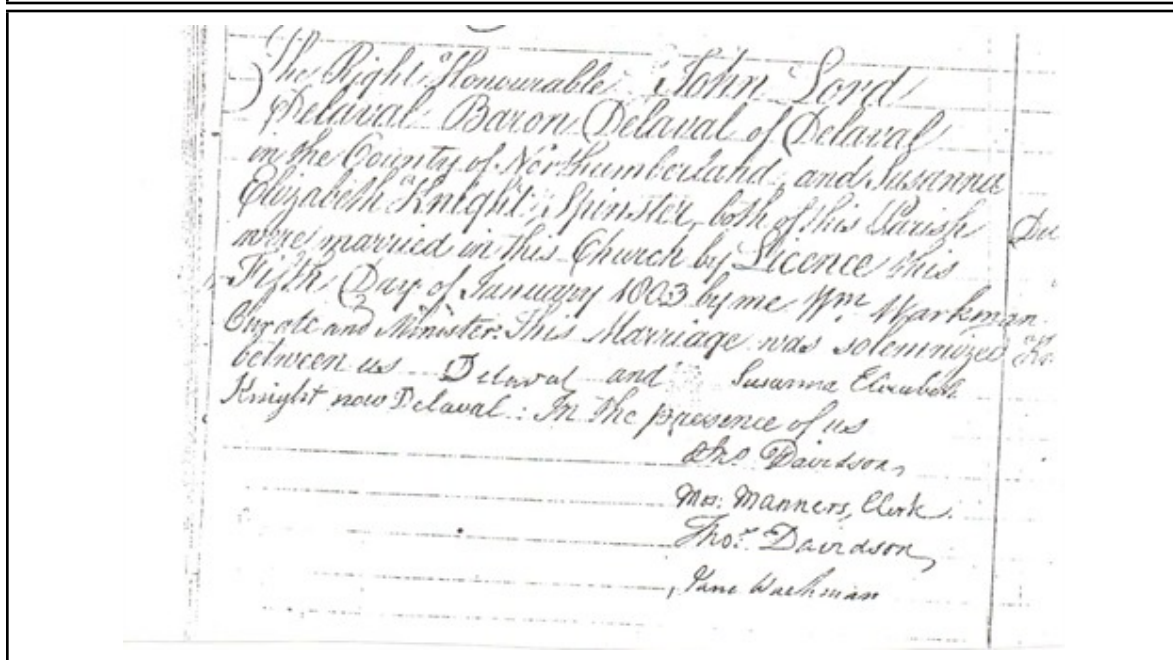
<sup>2</sup> The Reverend Thomas Knight was Susanna's nephew, son of her brother William Henry Knight

<sup>3</sup> Kenneth H. Vickers, A History of Northumberland Vol xi.,. (London: Andrew Reid & Co, 1922). [p. 366.](#)

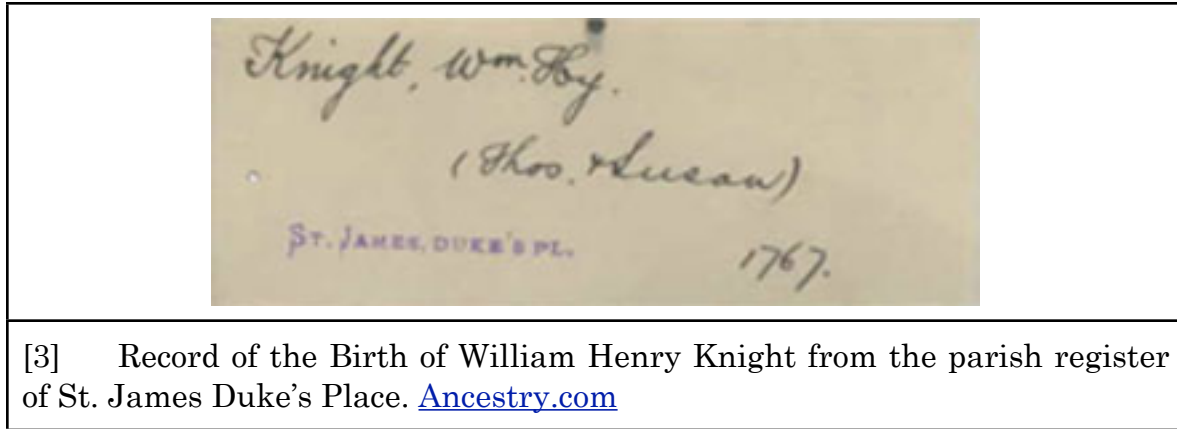
End Notes



[1] Parish Register St. Benet Gracechurch, London indicates that [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com)



[2] Marriage Record of Susanna E. Knight and John Hussey Delaval



[3] Record of the Birth of William Henry Knight from the parish register of St. James Duke's Place. [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com)