

SPARHAM, THOMAS,

Additional Genealogical Information

Thomas SPARHAM MD was born about 1733. He died on 19 Feb 1813 in Kingston. He was buried in Kingston's Lower Burial Ground, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Kingston, Ontario Canada.

Thomas married Anna Ulrica BENZEL, daughter of Adolphus BENZEL and Rebecca TRANBERG, sometime before 1773 in Crown Point, New York. Anna was born on 28 April 1753 in Wilmington, Delaware, USA. She was christened on 10 May 1753 in Holy Trinity Church, Wilmington, Delaware.

They had the following children: Thomas SPARHAM Jr. and an unnamed second child who died before the family came to Canada.

Thomas SPARHAM Jr., son of Thomas, was born about 1773 in British America. He came to Canada with his parents and eventually was barrack-master at Carleton Island and settled in Kingston where he was a lieutenant and quartermaster of the militia in 1812. He was promoted captain on Sept. 28, 1816. He served as a Magistrate for the Midland District in Ontario, Canada. He died on 18 Mar 1855 in Kingston Ontario, Canada.

Thomas Jr married Rosamond SMYTH, daughter of Thomas SMYTH and Lavinia COMSTOCK, on 25 November 1805. Her father, Thomas SMYTH served in the King's Royal Regiment and was a British Frontier Spy along with his father Dr. George SMYTH and brother Terence. Major Thomas SMYTH, U.E.L., was the original grantee of land at Smiths Falls in 1786 and the city is named after his family. Rosamond was born on 3 February 1787 in Brockville, Ontario, Canada. She died on 20 September 1882 in Kingston, Ontario, Canada. She was buried on 22 September 1882 in Cataraqui Cemetery, Kingston, Ontario.

Thomas Jr. and Rosamond had the following children.

Adolphus SPARHAM was born about 1807 in Kingston, Ontario, Canada. He was christened on 4 January 1807 at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Kingston, Ontario. Adolphus married Anna KNIGHT in 1829 in Kingston. Anna was born about 1810. He died on 27 July 1842 in Waterloo Village which became Cataraqui, Ontario from Scarlet Fever at the age of only thirty-five. He was buried on 28 July 1842 in Wesleyan Methodist Burying Ground, Waterloo, Ontario. She died sometime before 1851 leaving their five young children without parents.

There is a possibility that the unnamed SPARHAM child who was buried on 27 September 1808 in Kingston's Lower Burial Ground, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Kingston, Ontario Canada is the second child of Thomas Jr. and Rosamond SPARHAM. If it is assumed there is a connection to Dr. Thomas SPARHAM who was buried in Kingston's Lower Burial Ground in 1813, then as Thomas Jr. was the only child of Dr. SPARHAM to survive to adulthood, his children are the only possibilities. Based on a gap of four years between the births of Thomas Jr.'s known children, it could be supposed that another child was

born in this period between 1807 and 1811. It would have been a logical place to inter a grandchild in a family plot.

The next recorded child born to Thomas Jr. and his wife was George Smyth SPARHAM who was born about 1811. George Smyth Sparham graduated from Queen's University Medical Graduates in 1859. He died on 20 April 1904 in Athens, Ontario.

Terence Peter SPARHAM was born on 6 Nov 1813 in Ontario, Canada. He died on 11 January 1902 in Brockville. He was buried in Old Protestant Cemetery, Brockville, Ontario. Terence married Sarah FREEL in 1842. Sarah was born in 1812. She died on 11 August 1896 in Brockville, Cataraqui Ontario. She was buried in Old Protestant Cemetery, Brockville, Ontario.

William Patrick SPARHAM was born about 1814. He died on the 6 December 1899.

Anne Louise SPARHAM was born about 1818 in Kingston, Ontario. She died on 6 August 1897 in Frontenac, Ontario, Canada. Anne married Richard Henry LIGHT on 15 June 1859 in Frontenac, Ontario, Canada

Emmanuel Bayard SPARHAM was born about 1821. Emmanuel married Ellen FAIRFIELD on 1 Jul 1852.

Thomas Jr. and Rosamond's last child Eric Benzel SPARHAM, was born in 1832 in Waterloo Village, Ontario, Canada. He died on 26 July 1894 in Leeds, Ontario. He was buried on 28 July 1894 in Cataraqui Cemetery, Kingston Ontario. Eric married Annie SHERWOOD, daughter of George SHERWOOD, on 11 December 1866 in Brockville, Ontario, Canada. Annie was born about 1848. She died on 1 Jul 1912 in Brockville, Ontario, Canada

Carolyn Goddard
5th Great-granddaughter

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