

REPORT OF SEARCH FOR PIPKIN DATA IN ENGLAND:

In early 1962, I wrote to the College of Arms, London, E. C. 4, to try to determine when and from where the Pipkin family might have originated. I asked for early Pipkins or if possible any Fyppkynn as I had heard this was the original spelling of the name. Here is an extract of the answer:

"... I am afraid that my searches in the official records were very disappointing and so I extend them to include various manuscripts and printed material.

I have to report that no family of Pipkin, Fypkyn or other reasonable variants of the name, has ever been granted or allowed arms, nor has any family of this name ever entered a pedigree in the records of the College of Arms.

The other sources I searched in the hope of locating the name were equally unrewarding. In case you ever wish to make more extensive searches I have listed the basic sources which I searched.

1. Lewys Dwnn's "Visitation of Wales, 1586-1613".
2. Gilfach Mss (Welsh pedigrees).
3. Frothoroc Mss (Welsh Pedigrees).
4. College of Arms index to Miscellaneous pedigrees & entries.
5. College of Arms index to Genealogical evidences in various of the collections.
6. Wills proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury 1653-1656. (This was the short period when the jurisdiction of this court covered all England & Wales).
7. Vincent Mss. (pedigrees, genealogical notes, evidences, arms, etc, incl Wales).
8. Philpot Mss (same as above).
9. Marshall's Genealogical Guide and Supplement.
10. Alumni Oxonienses (list of all who matriculated at Oxford University up to about 1900).
11. Alumni Cantabrigienses (counterpart of the above for Cambridge).

Here I had my only success. A certain Ernest Stratford Pipkin, who later changed his name to Ernest Stratford Stratford, son of Samuel J. Pipkin of Surbiton, County Surrey, was born in 1876 and died in 1915. He was a Doctor.

... I can find no account of the etymology of the word Pipkin, except it may be a form of the name Popin."

NOTE: I include this in our newsletter, in order that any who may write to England will know what manuscripts have been searched and thus prevent duplication of effort. The Pursuivant of Arms suggested that he may be able to trace the family back from the father, Samuel J. Pipkin, however, I did not pursue the matter.

Our Secretary, Mrs. Phyllis Ferrara, had better luck with her request for information. She obtained the following from Aylesbury, Bucks, England. County of Buckingham, Record Office, County Hall:

Vol II, page 111, John Pipkin & Mary Arnold both of Ivinghoe, married on 9 Feb 1808.

Vol III, page 83, John Pipkin & Alice Faulkner married at Linslade on 25 Nov 1805.

Vol III, page 134, Joseph Friar of Thornborough & Susannah Pipkin, married at Westbury, 7 June 1817.

Vol III, page 132, Richard Pipkin & Betty Mander married at Westbury on 21 July 1784.

Vol III, page 135, Richard Pipkin & Rebecca Wakopaco married at Westbury 24 Feb 1834.