

Ian Powys is a descendant of Sir Thomas Powys with transcripts of original documents

Generation		Y-DNA of R-FT287223	Birth		Marriage	
No	Name		Record Type	Details	Record Type	Details
1	Sir Thomas Powys (1648 - 1719)	Identified	NA	NA	Marriage register	[Mollington > 1561-1696 Marriages Ano 1685 p. 61] "Thomas Powys esq and Sarah Holbech were married at Mollington ye 11th day of June 1685"
2	Thomas Powys (1687 - 1719)	Identified	Baptism register	[St Giles in the Fields, Holborn] "Thomas Son of Sr. Thomas Powis Knight his Majties. Attorney Gen ^{ll} . and Sarah his Wife was born on the 21th of Decembr. being Sr. Thomas' first Son and Christened the day after. Viz: on the 22th 1687."	Marriage register	[St Anne's, Soho Marriage Register] "April 1718 28 Thos Powls & Kather~ Ravenscroft . . . per LIC"
3	Thomas Powys (1719 - 1787)	Identified	Baptism register	"Christnings in October 1719 in St Andrews Holborne. "Thomas Son of Thomas Powys Esqr: & Catherine his wife in Red Lyon Street Born Sept ye 24th Bapt ye 19"	Marriage register	[Oxford Chapel, Vere Street, London] "Married 1740 "Novembr. 19. Thomas Powys of Lilford in the County of Northampton "Henrietta Spence of the Parish of St James Westminster in the County of Middlesex "By Licence. B.L.
4	Thomas Powys Lord Lilford (1743 - 1800)	Identified	Baptism register	[St George, Hanover Square > 1738-1751] "Baptisms 1743 "Baptiz'd June Born "2. Thomas, Son of Thomas Esqr & Henrietta Powis 4 [May]"	Marriage register	[Cottesmore, Rutland] "Thomas Powys Esqre of the Parish of Lilford in the County of Northampton and Eleanor Mann of this parish were Married in this Church by Licence this thirty first Day of March in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy two by me William Brendon [Rector] "This Marriage was solemnized between Us, Thomas Powys, Eleanor Mann "In the Presence of Littleton Powys Horatia Mann"
5	Thomas Powys Lord Lilford (1775 - 1825)	Identified	Baptism register	[St George, Hanover Square] "Baptized Baptisms May 1775 Born "5 Thomas S of Thomas Esq & Elenor Powys 8 [April]"	Marriage register	[Marriage at Penwortham, Lancs] "The Honble. Thomas Powys of Lilford in the County of Northampton, a Bachelor and Henrietta Maria Atherton of Atherton in the County of Lancashire a Spinster were married in this Church by Special "Licence the fifth day of December in the year One Thousand seven Hundred and Ninety [seven] by Geoffrey B—-by Rectr of Wincourt (?) in the Presence of Lawrence Pours—dine and(?) Lilford"
6	Rev Atherton Legh Powys (1809 - 1886)	Identified	Baptism register	[St George, Hanover Square] "Baptized===May 1810==Born "28 Atherton Legh S of Thos & Henrietta Maria Ld & Ly Lilford Sepr. 23 1809"	Marriage register	"1841. Marriage solemnized in the parish church in the parish of Melton Mowbray in the County of Leicester "Date: 23 Sep 1841. [Other details omitted.] "Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by licence by me, Frederic L Norman Off Min "This marriage was solemnized between us, Atherton Legh Powys, Charlotte Elizabeth Norman in the Presence of us, Richard Norman, Rutland, Elizth. Isa Norman, H A Powys Lieut R.N.
7	Richard Atherton Norman Powys (1844 - 1913)	Identified	Baptism register	"BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of Titchmarsh in the County of Northampton in the Year 1844. When Baptized: Octr 27 [1844] Child's Forename: Richard Atherton Norman Parents' Forename: Atherton Legh & Catherine Elizabeth Parents' Surname: Powys Abode: Titchmarsh Profession: Clerk Celebrant: J Drummond	Marriage register	1882. Marriage solemnized at St Jude's Church in the Parish of Kensal Green in the County of Middlesex "Date: Dec 28 1882 [other details omitted] "Married in the St Jude's Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by Licence by me, Arthur Wilson "This Marriage was solemnized between us, Richard Atherton Norman Powys, Florence Martha Hussey in the Presence of us, Henry Bedingfield, Walter Norman Powys.
8	Atherton Richard Norman Powys (1888 - 1976)	Identified	Baptism register	"BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of Gotham in the County of Nottingham in the Year On Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Seven & Eight. When Baptized: Sep 23 1888 Child's Forename: Atherton Richard Norman Parents' Forenames: Richard Atherton Norman & Florence Martha Parents' Surname: Powys Abode: Kilburn Profession: Secretary Officiant: J A Wodehouse	Marriage registration index	Atherton Richard Norman Powys and Edith Smart married in c. May 1951 in Westminster district, London.
9	Ian Atherton Powys (1930 - 2023)	Tested result	Birth Registration index	Surname First name(s) Mother District Vol Page Births Dec 1930 (>99%) Powys Ian A Smart Kensington 1a 190	Marriage registration index	Ian Atherton Powys and Beryl Mary Lomax married on 1 Jan 1955 in Colchester district, Essex.
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1. The above is an adequately documented proof from public records of Ian's paternal line descent from Sir Thomas.
2. Copies of the supporting birth and marriage documents accompany this report.
3. A similar proof with documents has been provided for Tim Powys-Lybbe for his paternal line descent from Sir Thomas. Similarly for William Powys when he has been proven by the Big-Y test to be another descendant of Sir Thomas.
4. These lines of descent have been known for each person publicly from the day of their baptism or birth and no challenge has ever been made of the validity of these historical lines.
5. We can safely declare that the nearest common ancestor of Ian and Tim is, from original historical documents, Sir Thomas.
6. Both Ian and Tim have been tested by Family Tree DNA for their Y-DNA and both have the same Y-DNA. This Y-DNA is measured from a Single Nucleotide Polymorphism, SNP pronounced 'Snip' and named R-FT287223. So they must have a DNA-proven common ancestor who is known historically, above, to be Sir Thomas.
7. This means that their first shared male-line ancestor, Sir Thomas, must be the source of this SNP and must have carried it as well.
8. This means that all their male-line ancestors back to Sir Thomas and his male-line ancestors have the same SNP. If Sir Thomas' supposed male line ancestors do not have this SNP, they are not his ancestors.
9. It also means that all male-line descendants of all these ancestors also have this SNP. If they don't, this means they are not descendants.
10. If anyone else is found to have this SNP, they have to be related to these Powyses and share a common ancestor. It is convenient to refer to this SNP as the Powys SNP.
11. The way to find the SNP of a deceased person is to find two separate male lines of descendants and then test them for their SNP values carried by living males of each line. Sir Thomas had five sons of which only two had any descendants at all and in fact have between them around 22 male line descendants living today.
12. The reason for testing relatives who were so distant is that it means that their common ancestor will be that more distant in time and thus have more generations and more descendants to be included in any SNP that was found.
13. So far about 2040 descendants of Sir Thomas have been found, 180 of whom are males in male lines and of these about 22 are alive now and should bear the Powys SNP. One wonders how many do?
14. There are two possible lines of illegitimate descent that may descend from the youngest son John of William of Ludlow. If we could find descendants of either line and beg them to take the Y-DNA test and they had the Powys DNA, this would extend it back to the common ancestor, William of Ludlow, and bring in several other branches as probable carriers of the Powys SNP.
15. A chart is available on my website at <powys.org/DNA> that shows all the males of male-only descent whose lines lasted more than a few generations from Sir Thomas. Hopefully this also shows all the living such male-line descendants who should all have the Powys SNP.

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