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1525 - SOME NOTABLE ISHAM FAMILY MEMBERS - 1947

UNITED KINGDOM

- 1525-95 – **JOHN ISHAM** of Lamport – 1560 - bought Manor of Lamport;
Thrice Warden of Mercers' Company, London.
- 1608 – **Sir JOHN ISHAM** Knighted - in 1627 – created Baronet;
1611 – High Sheriff of Northamptonshire.
- 1661 – **Sir Justinian Isham** - imprisoned as a Royalist;
Member of Parliament for Northampton
- 1673 – Elected Fellow of the Royal Society, London.
- 1710 -**Sir Edmund Isham** – Fellow and Vice President of Magdalen College, Oxford;
Advocate of Doctors' Commons - Judge of the Admiralty Court;
Assessor General to the Deputy Earl Marshal.
- Sir Charles Isham** – introduced Alpine garden and gnomes to England; vegetarian;
1851- High Sheriff of Northamptonshire.
- 1926 – **Sir Gyles Isham** – President of Oxford Union;
Professional Shakespearean actor, particularly his Hamlet;
High Sheriff of Northamptonshire; Trustee of National Portrait Gallery, London.
- 1916 – **Vere Arthur Richard Isham** – B.A.; 3 times M in D and Military Cross+Bar.
- 1919 -Volunteered for North Russian Expeditionary Force to Archangel.
- 1999 – **Sir Ian Isham** – originator of the American Ishams gathering at Lamport.

UNITED STATES

- c.1650 - **HENRY ISHAM** of Bermuda Hundred – landed in Virginia from England;
married Katherine Banks (Royall) , of “Dogham” Farm, James River, Virginia;
his daughter Mary, buried at “Monticello”, was great-grandmother of the
3rd.President - Thomas Jefferson of the “Monticello” estate and
the “Declaration of Independence”, which stated :-
“We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal,
that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights,
among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”
- Gen'l Robert E. Lee, Commd'r Confederate Army - descendant of Mary Isham Randolph.
Lady Astor, first woman MP in H.of C., UK - descendant of Mary Isham Randolph.
- 1677 – **JOHN ISHAM** of Barnstable. Mass. (his origin is as yet unconfirmed);
from whom there have been many descendants.
- c.1900 – **Henry Heyward Isham** -
President of Marietta, Cleveland and Columbus Railway;
- 1916 - “Buffalo Bill”- Col. William F. Cody had a favourite horse named “Isham”.
The Isham Memorial Organ at Harvard, donated by Ralph Isham.
- c.1920 – Lt. Col. **Ralph Heyward Isham** CBE
acquired Boswell papers from Malahide Castle, Ireland; now at Yale University.
- Heyward Isham** – a noted Russian scholar;
1950 – at the U.S.Mission in Berlin;
- 1971 - Chief of U.S.Delegation to the Paris Peace Talks on Vietnam;
1974 - US Ambassador to Haiti.