

Towne Family Reunion

In England — June 4 - 19, 2017

Itinerary by Karen Johnsen and Charles Farrow

*Come, join your cousins
in England for the
2017 Towne Reunion!*



- Want history to come alive?
- Want to walk where your ancestors walked?
- Want to see where they lived, were baptized, married and buried?

ANCESTRAL HOMES & CHURCHES

ENGLISH GARDENS, HALLS & MANORS

CATHEDRALS & CASTLES



The Leaders are Karen Johnsen TFA member and descendant of Mary, Joseph and Edmund Towne; and Charles Farrow who lives in England and does Genealogical Research. He is an expert on our Towne Family ancestors in England.



Sunday, June 4th, Arrive in London

Today you will fly in to **London Heathrow Airport**. You are all booked in to **The Crowne Plaza Hotel, Stokeley Road, West Drayton**, for overnight stay with dinner.

Day 1, Monday, June 5th, 2017

Come on all you **Joseph Towne** folk! We are hot on the trail of **Phebe Perkins'** ancestors, the **Deacon and Gould Families** in **Great Missenden, Bovingdon and Hemel Hempstead**. We see **Hunts Green Farm**, which may incorporate the **Gould house**, look at **Gould lands in Bovingdon** and the **Deacon house at Corner Hall**. As well as three **Churches**, we see the **School of Richard Field and Thomas Deacon**, oh, and we even treat you to **lunch**!

We next head off north to **Warwickshire, Shakespeare's County**, to the seat of the **Perkins Family in Hillmorton**. What a great family day!

Then off to the historic **Falcon Hotel** in **Shakespeare's home town of Stratford upon Avon**.

Day 2, Tuesday, June 6th, 2017

Today we have a feast of **William Shakespeare**! Everything from his **Birthplace** to his **Grave in Holy Trinity Church**, with his **Houses** on the way. What a wonderful morning! After lunch, we board the coach for **Anne Hathaway's Cottage at Shottery, Mary Arden's Farm at Wilmcote**, and a real **English Cream Tea**!

Back in **Stratford upon Avon**, will you spend a night at the **Theatre**, or explore the culinary delights in the town? So much choice!



Day 3, Wednesday, June 7th, 2017

Our mission this morning is to see the **Ladies of the Vale**, those three graceful spires which crown one of the most beautiful small **Cathedrals in England – Lichfield in Staffordshire**.

Once we have toured this gem, the **Perkins** descendants will eagerly wend their way to **Lichfield Record Office**, to see the **Perkins Wills**.

The afternoon is in **Warwick**, county town of **Warwickshire**, and home of the **Warwickshire Record Office**, where we will see **Hillmorton parish registers and Perkins deeds**. You are free to visit **Warwick Castle**, the **Leycester Hospital**, the **Collegiate Church**, or explore the **shops**. Something for everyone!

Day 4, Thursday, June 8th, 2017

Today we spend the morning in a **Palace**! **Blenheim Palace**, home of the **Dukes of Marlborough**, is not only the greatest house in **Oxfordshire**, but in the **top 10 in England**. A **tour of the house** and then a wander in the **superb grounds**.

The dreaming spires of the **City of Oxford** are only a short distance away, so we spend the afternoon having a **Tour** of this wonderful **University City**. For the **Joseph Townes** an added bonus, a visit to **Trinity College**, where **Thomas Deacon** obtained his degree in **1630**.

Day 5, Friday, June 9th, 2017

It's goodbye to **William Shakespeare** and **Stratford upon Avon** this morning as we head off for a day amidst the **records**! First to **Hertford** to the **Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies**, for a display of **Deacon and Gould** records. Then north up **Roman Ermine Street** to **Huntingdon**, where in **Huntingdonshire Archives** we see **Gould and Deacon Wills**.

After a well-deserved lunch we head east to **Norwich** to the **Norfolk Record Office**, to thrill every **Towne** with a feast of **Towne and Blessing** records. Something for everyone!

Phew! After all those records, time to get some sea air at bracing **Great Yarmouth**! What better place to stay than the **Imperial Hotel** looking out over the **North Sea**?

Day 6, Saturday, June 10th, 2017

This is lazy day! A gentle stroll along the **seafront** to the **Time & Tide Museum**. After that, the day is yours to explore **Great Yarmouth**, have a deckchair on the beach, a paddle or a swim, shop till you drop, or whatever pleases you.

Day 7, Sunday, June 11th, 2017

Reunion Day today, so it is off to the **Minster Church of St Nicholas** where William and Joanna Towne worshiped, for a **service** and **church tour**. Then **lunch**, followed by the **Annual Meeting**, and **tea**. Once you leave the **Minster** the rest of the day is yours.

Day 8, Monday, June 12th, 2017

We say goodbye to **Great Yarmouth** as we set out to visit **eight Towne and Blessing churches**. **Caister, Belton, the golden church of Lound and Blundeston** take up the morning. After a well deserved lunch in the **Church Centre**, we enter the magnificent **St Margaret's Church at Lowestoft**. Then we cross the town to unique **Pakefield**, before doubling back past **Kirkley** to **Somerleyton**, ending at the beautiful **Norman church at Haddiscoe**.

After that it is off to the **City of Norwich** to stay at the historic **Maid's Head Hotel**. A lazy evening beckons after such a busy day! Plenty of places to eat and relax in Norwich!



Day 9, Tuesday, June 13th, 2017

As we recover from yesterday, a gentle stroll across the road brings us to the magnificence of one of the greatest **Norman Cathedrals in England**. Yes, **Norwich Cathedral** of course, but not just a **tour**, first we see **books from Great Yarmouth Parish Library**.

On the coach, hunger will make a **"Greedy Goose"** of all of us! We will "goose it" when we reach our destination, **Mannington Hall**, where we are the guests of **Lord & Lady Walpole**. A **tour** of this wonderful **moated Manor House**, and a wander in the **gardens**, to enjoy the famous **Rose Garden in June the month of Roses!**

A scenic ride brings us to **Walcott Church**, music to the ears of the **Jacob Towne** clan!

Down to Wroxham, Heart of the Broads, for some free time, then to Horning to board the **Southern Comfort Mississippi Paddle Boat** for a **two hour cruise** to **Ranworth Broad**.

Day 10, Wednesday, June 14th, 2017

Today is **Salmon** day, excitement for the **Mary Towne** clan! No less than **eight Churches in Suffolk** are connected with the **Salmon family**, and we visit all of them! Lonely **Creeting St Mary**; stately **Barking**; amazing **Needham Market**; soaring **Rattlesden**; delightful **Wetherden**; unusual **Haughley**; modest **Old Newton**; and finally colourful **Mendlesham**. Oh, and a few **Salmon Houses in Needham Market** for good measure! However, if you don't have **Salmon ancestry**, and wonderful medieval churches are not your thing, then you can stay in **Norwich** and do whatever pleases you – there is plenty of choice.

Day 11, Thursday, June 15th, 2017

Farewell to **Norwich** as we head south into **Suffolk** on the trail of **Isaac Estey's** family. **Freston** is the first port of call, so closely connected to the **Estey and Andrews** families. Then to **Ipswich** to the **Suffolk Record Office** for a feast of **Andrews, Estey and Salmon** records, and that iconic **Towne** document, the **Will of Thomas Towne**.

Next to **Burstall** church, on the way to **Hintlesham Hall**, for lunch in the house of the **Timperley Family** for whom the **Estate Map** was made in **1595**. Lunch over, on to the **Church**. Then like the **Pilgrims in Chaucer's Canterbury Tales**, we set off for **Canterbury**. We are staying at the historic **Falstaff Hotel**, just outside the **West Gate** of the **walled City**.

Day 12, Friday, June 16, 2017

This is walking day! Like the **Pilgrims** of old, we enter by the **West Gate** and wend our way along **medieval lanes** to **Christ Church Cathedral**, seat of the **Archbishop of Canterbury**. The stunning splendours of this great building will be revealed on our **Tour**. Then we go through the **Cloisters** to the **Cathedral Archives** to see **Canterbury City records** relating to **John Easty, Mayor in 1585**.

We walk on to the **City Walls**, with **Roman** foundations, then over to **St Augustine's Abbey**, and up the hill to the **little church** in which **Queen Bertha** is said to have prayed before the arrival of **St Augustine** in **597**. **St Martin's** is the **oldest continually used church in England**, a gem outside the city walls.

Back to the **medieval city streets**, you can get lunch before we meet up at what used to be **St Margaret's Church, the Easty church**. Now it houses the exciting **Canterbury Tales**, where **Chaucer's Pilgrims Tales** are recreated in audio and acting. Something very different. After this you can explore as long as you like, and sample the culinary delights.

Day 13, Saturday, June 17th, 2017

Today we visit **two of the finest medieval houses in Kent**, if not in England, both with the wow factor. First we spend the morning at **Penshurst Place**, a truly stunning **14th century manor house**, described as possibly the finest in England. After our tour, we can explore the **superb gardens**, and there will be an opportunity to get lunch.

Only a few miles away is **Hever Castle**, a **moated manor house** complete with **gatehouse**, set in **beautiful gardens** and boasting a superb collection of **sculptures**. This was the home of **Anne Boleyn**, second wife of **Henry VIII**. What a day!



Day 14, Sunday, June 18th 2017

We bid farewell to **Canterbury** and set out on the last day. Say **1066** and you think of **Hastings, historic port and seaside resort**. Wrong. The **Battle of Hastings** wasn't fought there, but several miles inland. **William the Conqueror** founded an **Abbey** on the **Battle site, Battle Abbey**, where the monks could pray for the souls of all those killed. When a little market grew up at the gates, it was called **Battle**. Today we come to see the **Abbey ruins** and the site of the **Battle of Hastings**.

A short ride to the **Powder Mills Hotel**, where we have lunch with **Derek Salmon**, the head of the **Salmon family** today. 89 year old Derek adds with a smile "if I am still alive"!

We head back to the **Crowne Plaza Hotel** at **West Drayton** for dinner and overnight stay.

Day 15, Monday, June 19th, 2017

*Say Farewell, then depart for home or on to your next destination! ***



WILLIAM TOWNE and JOANNA BLESSING
were married in this church on 25 April 1620
and six of their eight children were baptized here.
They founded the Towne family in America. Two of
their children, Rebecca and Mary, were executed
during the Salem witchcraft delusion in the 1690's.

**** Please note that this Itinerary has been drawn up some 2 years before the Tour, and changed circumstances may mean that it will have to be altered at short notice.**

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Trip Cost: \$3,200 per person not including airfare, transfers from airport to hotel. Trip cost does include trip coach transportation and hotel rooms, all breakfasts, some lunches and two dinners. Several lunches and most dinners will be at your own expense. **Early Bird Cost:** \$2,995 (deposit must be received before June 15, 2016, after this date, the price will be \$3,200).

Payments: \$250 per person when you register; \$1,000 per person due by Aug. 15, 2016; \$1,000 per person due by Oct. 15, 2016; **Final payment** per person due by Dec. 15, 2016. [Early Birds with double occupancy - \$950; Early Birds with Single Supplement (+\$600) - \$1,345 due; Non Early Birds double occupancy - \$950; Non Early birds with Single supplement (+\$600) - \$1,550.] Full refund through Dec. 15, 2016; 50% refund through March 15, 2017; and no refund after March 15, 2017.

There can only be thirty-seven people who can go on the trip besides Karen, Charles and Stewart, the bus driver, so please sign up early so you will not be left behind as the trip should fill up quickly.

Warning: This trip was not designed for people with accessibility issues; so please contact Karen Johnsen if you need to determine if you can be accommodated. There will be a lot of walking on this trip and stairs to climb, plus only a few hotels have rooms available on the ground floor or accessible by a lift. **If you have any questions related to the trip, please contact Karen Johnsen at:**

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**** This trip was designed for adults who enjoy genealogy and want to see the places where their ancestors lived and worshipped.**

Yes! I/we want to join the **Towne Family Reunion Trip to England, June 4-19, 2017.** Please reserve ____ space(s). As a deposit, I/we enclose a check for \$____ (\$250 per person) payable to TFA Inc. and mail to: Catherine Troeger Kauffman at 5201 E. Mountain View Rd., Paradise Valley, AZ 85253-1627

Person 1: _____

Person 2: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: Home (____) _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

Member of Towne Family Association: ____ Yes ____ No

(Membership is required for trip participation: \$20 Individual; \$22 family. Details: www.townefolk.com) * Dues may be raised in January 2016 to \$22 Individual; \$25 family.

Senior Discounts are available at some places. If you are a Senior Citizen 60 years or older, please check:

Person one: ____ Sr. Citizen Person two: ____ Sr. Citizen

Accommodations Preference:

Couples: ____ 1 Queen bed or prefer ____ 2 Twin beds

In hotels without Queen beds ____ 1 Double bed or prefer ____ 2 Twin beds

Singles: ____ 2 Twin beds - Sharing with a friend

Friend's name: _____

Non-share ____ (cost for single with no roommate add extra \$600 to final payment)

Assign a roommate for single person (If possible) ____

List handicap requirements: _____

All hotels are nonsmoking.

Please circle child or children of William and Joanna Towne from whom you descend:

Rebecca Edmund Jacob Mary Joseph Sarah

Person 1 signature: _____ Date: _____

Expiration date on Passport: _____

Person 2 signature: _____ Date: _____

Expiration date on Passport: _____

If your passport is due to expire before or during the trip, please renew several months before the trip.

