

**Le Maires not known to be related to our family,
including a note on
Isaac Le Maire of the Dutch East India Company.**

Family of James Le Maire of Tournai

1. **James Le Maire** #58 [of Turnay] m. **Catherine de Bary** #59, [of S Brixie]

Children:

2. i **David Le Maire** #60.

Second Generation

2. **David Le Maire** #60 m. 9 Feb 1591, in Austin Friars,¹ **Sarah Tyron** #61.

Boyd's Inhabitants of London contains the following entry:

David Le Maire, son of James Le M of Turnay, and Catherine de Bary of S Brixie, daughter of Peter de Bary and Catherine Bonenfaut, married 9 Feb 1591 to Sarah Tyron at Austin Friars.

Children:	Peter	will dated 1632. PCC 7.
	Mary	bur 22 Aug 1645. marr 1 Henry Swinnerton 2 Sir Francis Crane
	Sarah	marr Edward Baeshe

From *The General Armory of England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales* by Sir Bernard Burke, Ulster King of Arms, (London 1884): David Le Maire, visit. London, 1563, (son of James Le Maire, of Tournay) Ar. Three Moors' heads couped ppr. *Crest* - A Moor's head couped ppr. *Motto* - Tempera te tempori.

(Ar. = argent or silver or white. ppr. = proper).¶

Children:

i **Peter Le Maire** #62.

The bust of Sir Petrus Le Maire, formerly in St Margaret's Church, Lothbury, is now in a Bank vault. It was stolen, according to a churchwarden, by a vagrant and sold to a dealer for £200 about 1985-6. The dealer thought it was a replica but when he informed the Church he realized it was the original, valued then at £250,000.

The following appears on the wall at St Margaret's Church, Lothbury, London, adapted from a translation of a statement in French made in 1920, by Octave Jean Albert Ghislaine le Maire, member of the Archaeological Society of Maline, Belgium.

The Bust of Sir Peter le Maire

Peter le Maire, Knight, was born about 1593, probably in London. He died a Bachelor in 1631, at the age of 38, and was buried in the N.E. corner of the Choir of the Church of St Christopher le Stocks in London (on part of the site of the Bank of England), where his bronze bust, portraying him in Armour, was placed. This bust was removed later (about 1781) to the Church of St Margaret, Lothbury, where it is still (1920) to be seen on the top of a cupboard in the lobby at the West end of the Church.

The following words are written in Latin on the base of the bust.

PETRVS LE MAIRE
Eques auratus, Londinensis,
Aetat 38, 1631.
(Peter le Maire, Knight, of London, Aged 38, 1631).

Peter le Maire had been Knighted by James I at Royston (Herts) July 18, 1624. He made a Will which was registered by his Brother-in-Law, Sir Francis Crane, twice Member of Parliament, who founded the (famous) Mortlake Tapestries, in 1631, and then resided in the Parish of St Botolph, Aldersgate, London.

Amongst other Legacies, Sir Peter le Maire left an Annuity of £5 to the Church of St Christopher le Stocks. (for the poor of the Parish).

The Bust, according to Dr Philip Norman, F.S.A. and Mr Henry Poole, A.R.A., is in the style and may be the work of Hubert le Soeur, who modelled the Statue of Charles I at Charing Cross.

It was cleaned of the black paint, with which it had been covered, rebrunished and placed on the oak Pedestal at the last restoration of the Church (1922-1924).

(Signed)

J.G. Nairn

Fletcher N. Ponsonby Churchwardens.

William Priest (?) Curate-in-Charge.

Henry Stepney (Henry Mosley, Bishop of Stepney). March 1927.

(The above names may not be correct: not all signatures were legible).

P.H.L. 4 January 1990.

From Abstract of Huguenot Wills compiled by Henry Wagner, Vol E p 172 No 609.

Sir Peter Le Maire, Knt (Royston 18 July 1624) to be buried in St Christophers?. £200 to be bestowed in a monument. ? to the poor of the parish. £100 for clock. To my wife Hesther, dau. of Sir Edward Tirrel, Knt & Bart. £4000. Sister Mary, wife of Sir Francis Crane .. he, Sir Francis Crane whole executor. to chn of John Le Maire, preacher at Amsterdam. unkle Sir Wm Couteen an overseer, To Paule Antonio de Barry £500 if he returns from the Indies.. my poor kinsman and his wife £10 .. to Charles Harbord & John Beauchamp £5, to each of them to buy a scale of arms or a death's head in a ring to wear in remembrance of me. Many other legs. Da. 8 Jan. 1631. Pr. 16 Jan. 1631.

The above comments by Octave Le Maire and Henry Wagner are not consistent. The former states that Sir Peter died a bachelor whereas Wagner's account of the will states that Sir Peter left £4000 to his wife. Also, Boyd's *Inhabitants of London* states the will was dated 1632, whereas Wagner gives the date 1631.

ii **Mary Le Maire** #63 m. (1) Henry Swinnerton #65, m. (2) Francis Crane #66, [Knight] Mary fnrl 22 Aug 1645. (Boyd's *Inhabitants of London*).

iii **Sarah Le Maire** #64 m. Edward Baeshe #67.

Family of Pierre Le Maire and Jeanne Billo

Generation One

1. **Pierre Le Maire.**

IGI records Le Maire Pierre, s of Jehan Le Maire and Marie Tomson bap. 13 Apr 1613 at Threadneedle St. and Le Maire Pr s of Claude Le Maire and Catherine de Beaumon bap. 30 July 1618. These dates would probably be close to the date of birth of #10, whose son was married in 1670.

He married¹ Jeanne Billo, b. in Sedan.²

Children:

2. i. **Barthelemy Le Maire** b. ___ ___ 16__.

Generation Two

2. **Barthelemy Le Maire**, b. ___ ___ 16__,³.

As their first child was born in 1671 the parents were probably born 1645-50.

He married Marie Blanchart, married 26 Dec 1670 in French Church Threadneedle Street,⁴ b. in London,⁵ (daughter of Isaac Blanchart and Marie Jean).

Children:

- i. **Pierre Le Maire**, baptized 19 Nov 1671 in French Church Threadneedle Street,⁶.

Probably died in infancy; these parents baptized another son Pierre on 18 May 1673.

- ii. **Pierre Le Maire**, baptized 18 May 1673 in French Church Threadneedle Street,⁷

Probably died in infancy; these parents baptized another son Pierre on 6 Dec 1674.

- iii. **Pierre Le Maire**, baptized 6 Dec 1674 in French Church Threadneedle Street,⁸

Possibly this Pierre Le Maire is the same as #190 who was the father of Samuel Le Maire #66.

- iv. **Jaques Le Maire**, baptized 8 Oct 1676 in French Church Threadneedle St,⁹

1 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 13, 49i.

2 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 13, 49i.

3 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 13, 49i.

4 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 13, 49i.

5 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 13, 49i.

6 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 13, 201k. (also IGI).

7 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 13, 207a. (also IGI).

8 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 13, 213b. (also IGI).

9 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 13, 220r. (also IGI).

- v. **Bartelemy Le Maire**, baptized 25 Dec 1678 in French Ch Threadneedle St,¹⁰
- vi. **Marie Le Maire**, baptized 29 Feb 1680 in French Ch Threadneedle St,¹¹

The Register of the French Church published in HSP QS vol XIII shows the name as Maire.

- vii. **Henry Le Maire**, baptized 4 Jun 1682,¹²

A Henry Le Maire is in the Freedom Records of the CLRO, admitted April 1714 and described as a shipwright having served as an apprentice. Is this a link with our supposed nautical past? If this is the son of Barthelemy he would have been about 32 on admission to the Freedom.

Family of Pierre Le Maire and Madelaine Gellé

Generation One

1. **Pierre Le Maire.**

This could be the Peter Le maire mentioned in Hug. Soc. Publns vol 33 1931 as, having lived in England for 15 years and used the weaving trade, was admitted a foreign master 16 Nov 1668. Or he could be the Peter Lemare, mentioned ibid p43, who served in Holland and was admitted to the Weavers' Company as a for. j. (journeyman) on 10 May 1675.

He married¹³ Madelaine Gellée.

Children:

- i. **Pierre Le Maire**, baptized 2 Jun 1667 in French Ch Threadneedle St,¹⁴

Possibly this Pierre Le Maire is the same as #190 who was the father of Samuel Le Maire #66.

- ii. **Jean Le Maire**, baptized 7 Nov 1669 in French Ch Threadneedle St,¹⁵
- iii. **Daniel Le Maire**, baptized 27 Nov 1670 in French Ch Threadneedle St,¹⁶
- iv. **Marye Le Maire**, baptized 15 Feb 1674 in French Ch Threadneedle St,¹⁷
- v. **Madelaine Le Maire**, baptized 27 Feb 1676 in French Ch Threadneedle St,¹⁸ .

10 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 13, 230p. (also IGI).

11 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 13, 236s. (also IGI).

12 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 13, 251a. (also IGI).

13 Marriage inferred from baptisms of children. Hug Soc Pubs Quarto Ser. vol 13.

14 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 13, 185d. (also IGI).

15 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 13, 193u. (also IGI).

16 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 13, 197u. (also IGI).

17 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 13, 210h. (also IGI).

18 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 13, 218r. (also IGI).

Family of Thomas Le Maire and Marie Marguerite Loiseau

Generation One

1. **Thomas Le Maire.**

Was this the Thomas #25 who was baptized 1 June 1701?

He married¹⁹ Marie Loiseau.

Children:

- i. **Marthe Le Maire**, b. 3 Jan 1721,²⁰ baptized 15 Jan 1721 in French Church Threadneedle Street,²¹
- ii. **Marianne Le Maire**, b. 3 Nov 1722,²² baptized 18 Nov 1722 in French Church Threadneedle Street,²³
- iii. **Jean Le Mer**, b. 1 Aug 1724,²⁴ baptized 16 Aug 1724 in French Church Threadneedle Street,²⁵

Family of Thomas Le Maire and Marguerite

Generation One

1. **Thomas Le Maire**, occupation Shawmaker.²⁶ (possibly shawlmaker)

HSQS 58 Minutes of the Consistory of the French Church Threadneedle Street 1679-1692 pp339: 20 Sept 1691 Thomas Le Maire, native of St Omer, presented himself to make abj. (uration des erreurs de l'Eglise Romaine); he was urged to get better instructed. 18 Oct 1691, again presented himself and, being found better instructed, was admitted to make abj. next Sunday. Is this Thomas Le Maire (#21) whose first child was born 11 Dec 1692?

He married²⁷ Marguerite.

Children:

- i. **Thomas Abraham Le Maire**, baptized 11 Dec 1692 in French Church Threadneedle Street,²⁸
- ii. **Thomas Le Maire**, b. in Quaker Street,²⁹ baptized 1 Jun 1701 in French Church Threadneedle Street,³⁰

19 Marriage inferred from baptisms of children. Hug Soc Pubs Quarto Ser. vol 23. 117g.

20 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 23. 116b.

21 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 23. 116b.

22 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 23. 117g.

23 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 23. 117g.

24 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 23. 118q.

25 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 23. 118q.

26 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 16. 254f.

27 Marriage inferred from baptisms of children. Hug Soc Pubs Quarto Ser. vol 16.

28 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 16. 343g.

29 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 16. 209f.

30 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 16. 209f.

Is this the same Thomas as #39 who married Marie Loiseau? Their first child was born 3 Jan 1721.

- iii. **Henry Le Maire**, b. in Monmouth St, Churgon, Stepney Parish,³¹ baptized 10 Sep 1704 in French Church Threadneedle Street,³²

Family of Abraham Le Maire and Marguerite le Clerc

Generation One

1. **Abraham Le Maire.**

Was this the Abraham, son of Samuel and Anne, baptized 19 October 1695? - see HSP Quarto Ser. 16, 95w.

He married³³ Marie Marguerite le Clerc.

Children:

- i. **Esther Le Maire**, baptized 15 Oct 1721 in French Church Threadneedle Street,³⁴
- ii. **Susanne Le Maire**, b. 18 Apr 1723,³⁵ baptized 5 May 1723 in French Church Threadneedle Street,³⁶
- iii. **Abraham Le Maire**, b. 15 Jun 1726,³⁷ baptized 25 Jun 1726 in French Church Threadneedle Street,³⁸
- iv. **Marie Marguerite Le Maire**, b. 16 Jul 1728,³⁹ baptized 28 Jul 1728 in French Church Threadneedle Street,⁴⁰
- v. **Anne Le Maire**, baptized 25 Apr 1731 in French Church Threadneedle Street,⁴¹
- vi. **Jacques Le Maire**, baptized 4 Feb 1733 in French Church Threadneedle Street,⁴²
- vii. **Charles Le Maire**, b. 21 Nov 1736,⁴³ baptized 4 Dec 1736 in French Church Threadneedle Street,⁴⁴

31 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 16. 254f.

32 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 16. 254f.

33 Marriage inferred from baptisms of children. Hug Soc Pubs Quarto Ser. vol 23. 82c.

34 International Genealogical Index.

35 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 23. 82c.

36 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 23. 82c.

37 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 23. 107j.

38 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 23. 107j.

39 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 23. 129a.

40 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 23. 129a.

41 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 23. 149f.

42 International Genealogical Index.

43 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 23. 182x.

44 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 23. 182x.

Family of Isaac Le Maire and Susanne

Generation One

1. **Isaac Le Maire**, occupation Weaver.⁴⁵ He married⁴⁶ Susanne _____.
Children:
 - i. **Ester Le Mere**, b. in Eagle Street Shoreditch,⁴⁷ baptized 6 Apr 1701 in French Church Threadneedle Street,⁴⁸
 - ii. **Marie Le Maire**, b. in Garders Rents near Webb St Shordish,⁴⁹ baptized 14 Mar 1703 in French Church Threadneedle Street,⁵⁰
 - iii. **Marie Susanne Le Maire**, b. in Great Street near Jacob Well Shordith,⁵¹ baptized 10 Feb 1706 in French Church Threadneedle Street,⁵²
 - iv. **Marie Le Mere**, baptized 10 Oct 1708 in French Church Threadneedle Street,⁵³

Family of Jean Blanchard and Marie Le Maire

Generation One

1. **Jean Blanchart**. He married Marie Le Maire.
Children:
 - i. **Jean Blanchart**, b. 12 Jul 1669 in Guînes near Calais,⁵⁴ baptized 21 Jul 1669 in Protestant Church Guînes,⁵⁵
 - ii. **Marie Blanchart**, b. 25 Mar 1671 in Guînes,⁵⁶ baptized 31 Mar 1661 in Protestant Church Guînes,⁵⁷
 - iii. **Catherine Blanchart**, b. 19 Jan 1673 in Basse ville d'Ardres,⁵⁸ baptized 22 Jan 1673 in Protestant Church Guînes,⁵⁹
 - iv. **Jacques Blanchart**, b. 19 Feb 1676 in Basse ville d'Ardres,⁶⁰ baptized 23 Feb 1676 in Protestant Church Guînes,⁶¹

45 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 16. 235s.

46 Marriage inferred from baptisms of children. Hug Soc Pubs Quarto Ser. vol 16.

47 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 16. 207c.

48 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 16. 207c.

49 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 16. 235s.

50 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 16. 235s.

51 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 16. 270m.

52 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 16. 270m.

53 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 16. 295k.

54 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 3. 17.

55 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 3. 17.

56 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 3.

57 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 3.

58 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 3.

59 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 3.

60 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 3.

61 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 3.

- v. **Jeanne Blanchart**, b. 19 Feb 1676 in Basse ville d'Ardres,⁶² baptized 23 Feb 1676 in Protestant Church Guînes,⁶³

Family of Abraham Le Maire and Marguerite le Clerc

Generation One

1. **Abraham Le Maire.**

Was this the Abraham, son of Samuel and Anne, baptized 19 October 1695? - see HSP Quarto Ser. 16, 95w.

He married⁶⁴ Marie Marguerite le Clerc.

Children:

- i. **Esther Le Maire**, baptized 15 Oct 1721 in French Church Threadneedle Street,⁶⁵
- ii. **Susanne Le Maire**, b. 18 Apr 1723,⁶⁶ baptized 5 May 1723 in French Church Threadneedle Street,⁶⁷
- iii. **Abraham Le Maire**, b. 15 Jun 1726,⁶⁸ baptized 25 Jun 1726 in French Church Threadneedle Street,⁶⁹
- iv. **Marie Marguerite Le Maire**, b. 16 Jul 1728,⁷⁰ baptized 28 Jul 1728 in French Church Threadneedle Street,⁷¹
- v. **Anne Le Maire**, baptized 25 Apr 1731 in French Church Threadneedle Street,⁷²
- vi. **Jacques Le Maire**, baptized 4 Feb 1733 in French Church Threadneedle Street,⁷³
- vii. **Charles Le Maire**, b. 21 Nov 1736,⁷⁴ baptized 4 Dec 1736 in French Church Threadneedle Street,⁷⁵

62 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 3.

63 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 3.

64 Marriage inferred from baptisms of children. Hug Soc Pubs Quarto Ser. vol 23. 82c.

65 International Genealogical Index.

66 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 23. 82c.

67 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 23. 82c.

68 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 23. 107j.

69 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 23. 107j.

70 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 23. 129a.

71 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 23. 129a.

72 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 23. 149f.

73 International Genealogical Index.

74 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 23. 182x.

75 Hug. Soc. Pub. Quarto Ser. vol. 23. 182x.

Notes on Isaac Le Maire from *Cape Horn* by Felix Reisenberg.
(London: Robert Hale 1941).

Although Drake had sailed off the west coast of South America and through the Strait of Magellan he failed to find the open sea passage between the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans.

Isaac Le Maire was a native of Antwerp but fled to Holland when Spain took Antwerp for the second time. Isaac was one of the first investors in Van Barneveldt's East India Company. He and his wife lived in Amsterdam with their 22 children. He was appointed to the board of the DEIC but on policy he differed from the board. He believed the company's ships should be more active in the war against Spain. He left the company, and Amsterdam, going to live in a small village. He believed there may be a better passage to the East. With Captain Willem Schouten he formed the *Campagne Australe* and they equipped two ships the *Unity* (in Dutch the *Eendracht*) and the *Hoorn*, the name of the home town of Schouten. Schouten's brother John was also a captain. Isaac was joined by two sons, the eldest Jacques and Daniel. The ships sailed in June 1615 with the Schoutens and the Le Maire sons. En route they called at Port Desire on the Patagonian coast and there defouled the ships. They attempted to burn off the weed from the *Hoorn*, after successfully careening the *Unity*. However, the fire got out of control and the *Hoorn* was lost. They continued with all officers and hands on the *Unity*.

On January 20, 1616, they were south of the entrance to the Magellan Strait and on 25th January they were in what is now known as Le Maire Strait. They rounded Cape Hoorn at 8 pm on 29th January. On February 12th they were off Desolation Island and Cape Deseado. The newly found passage was named after Isaac Le Maire, but subsequently his name became used only for the narrow strait between Staten Island and Tierra del Fuego. They made sketches of States Land, now Staten Island, imagining it to be part of Terra Australis. The land to the west (Tierra del Fuego) they named Maurice Land after Prince Maurice of Nassau.

In Bantam, Java, Dutch East Indies, the Schoutens and Le Maires were not believed; a new strait was thought to be impossible. They were returned to Holland in the steerage. Two weeks after leaving Bantam Jacques died. However, the journals and accounts of the voyage were examined by Isaac, and with Schouten, took the DEIC to court and the company was ordered to refund the value of the ship and goods that they had confiscated.

Although this was the first recorded passage of Le Maire Strait and rounding of Cape Hoorn, Reisenberg reports that a ship of the fleet of Don Alonso de Camargo passed through the Strait and wintered in a port of Tierra del Fuego in 1541. However, the names of the captain and his ship are not known; the captain appears to have been unaware of his discoveries. His account of the voyage in the collection of Munoz was found in the archives of Seville and printed by Torres de Mendoza; it was reprinted in the *Anuario Hidrografico de Chili*, 1879.

Note by PHL. We do not know whether Isaac Le Maire is an ancestor of our family. However a Pierre Le Maire, who may have been the father of the earliest member of our family of whom we have records, came from Holland and was admitted a foreign journeyman in the Weavers' Company in 1675. This man may have been a descendant of Isaac Le Maire who had 22 children so there is a real possibility! The Le Mare coat of arms (see Notes on Robert Le Mare 1734-1794), which includes a mermaid with a comb and a mirror, suggests that the family may have had a nautical background. However, if there were a connection with Isaac Le Maire it is likely that it would have become part of the family story passed from generation to generation, and that some early members of the family would have had the name but from about 1700 the name was not given until Isaac Dunn Le Mare (b. 1797) and his son Isaac (b. 1835).

See also *The Blind Horn's Hate* by Richard Hough. (London: Hutchinson & Co 1971). Chapter 4, 'Cape Hoorn ... rounded 8 p.m.': The Dutch Sail South, gives an account of Isaac Le Maire.

In Chapter 6, 'Hope Deferred, Not Lost' (motto of Patagonian Missionary Society), on p243 the author comments: "... Cook was the luckiest Cape Horner of all. Cook spent only a few weeks in Fuegian waters, bringing home a report of kindly seas which his predecessors had found hostile and terrifying. His great accomplishment lay elsewhere: the destruction of the myth, and the discovery of the reality, of the continent *Terra Australis*, which had eluded Le Maire in the 16th century and so many others since." Cook's visit to the Horn seems to have been about 1760.