Thomas GREEN (1733-1780)

The Register Book for the Registering of all Banns and Marriages Published or Solemnized in the Parish Church of the Parish of Ware, Hertfordshire – Marriages 1755
Thos Green and Susanna Mason both of this parish were married in this Church by Licence this 29th Day of May 1755 by me Wm Webster. This marriage was solemnized between us Thos Green Susannah Green late Mason in the presence of us Leeds Mason Thos Green.

Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies – Manorial records and title deeds for the Manors of Thundridge – Reference DE/H/306 – 23 Feb 1771
Surrender: Henry Newman to Thomas Green of Ware. Two pieces of arable land in Langlands.

Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies – Manorial records and title deeds for the Manors of Thundridge – Reference DE/H/246 – 27 May 1775
Surrender out of court: Thomas Green of Ware, gent., to Silvanus Bevan of Lombard Street. Two cottages near Langlands, abutting north and east on Highway, in occupation of Daniel Mardell; 1 rood in Langlands, 2 pieces in Langlands.

Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies – Title Deeds Independent Chapel, Church St, Ware – Reference D/Z94/T1 – 1778-1896
Main parties: Isaac Parsley of Ware, maltmaker; Thomas Adams of Ware, maltmaker; Thomas Green of Ware, farmer; the meeting house then became the responsibility of the trustees.

St James's Chronicle or the British Evening Post 22 Jun 1780
This day were published, Price 3s. sewed, or 3s 6d bound, Poems on various Subjects, chiefly sacred by the late Mr Thomas Green, of Ware, in Hertfordshire. Printed for J; Harris, No.41, Leadenhall-Street, and J North, No.81, Gracechurch-Street.

Public Advertiser 18 Jun 1791 List of Unclaimed Dividents – Proprietors of 3½ per Cent Annuities, 1758
Thomas Green, of Ware, in Herts, farmer, deceased. Date when first dividend became due – July 1780. The number of dividends due – 21.

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Thomas Green, Poet. In 1780, there appeared in a 12mo. Vol. of 365 pages, *Poems on various Subjects, chiefly Sacred*, by the late Mr Thomas Green, of Ware, Hertfordshire. As Mr Green was fortunate enough to write one of the best devotional hymns in the language, and was not fortunate enough to be elected to a vacant niche in some biographical dictionary, allow me to record his name in your pages. Mr Green belonged to Ware, and was dead when his poems were published. Can some one furnish any details of his life, calling, and end? The hymn I alluded to is in many selections, but usually with one or more verses left out. It commences:-

"It is the Lord, enthroned in light,
Whose claims are all divine," &c.

Every verse except the last two (9 and 10) commences with the words "It is the Lord." Mr Green also wrote the hymn commencing "Some boldly venture near the throne," and a number of others, which resemble in style and spirit the Olney Hymns more than any others I know. If Thomas Green had had some judicious friend, or more of the critical faculty, his poems might have been remembered with honour. The defects of his manner from time to time, and other circumstances, are against him; but after all, his volume contains many charming little pieces. The purest morality, the warmest devotion, and the strictest orthodoxy distinguish these pages. The wit and satire are quiet and harmless, but often genuine, and the quaint and homely illustrations are such as Cowper's readers (and we are constantly reminded of him) would admire. The simplicity of the language, both as to words and construction, betokens a stranger to the schools, and one who wrote thus because it was natural for him to do so, and because he wished to do good. I give six lines from his New Year's Eve Soliloquy, p.100:- [the author of this item is given as B.H.C.]

"With Thee let every day be past,
And when that comes which proves my last,
May glory dawn within!
Then banish from me every doubt,
And ere life's glimmering lamp goes out,
Let endless joys begin!"

Hertfordshire County Record Office – Manuscript volume – Monumental Inscriptions: Ware – Reference D/P116/29/6 Page73 Numbers 43
Mr Thomas Green… 30th April 1788 [sic] aged 47 [sic] years*

*Comment provided by Catherine Hilton: This could be a transcription error reading 1788 instead of 1780. Ware Parish Register Burials have been searched and there is no burial record for a Green in the months of April or May 1788. There **is** a record of a burial of Thomas Green on 5th May 1780 which would be appropriate for a death on 30th April.

PCC Will: Thomas Green of Ware 1780 – transcribed by Catherine Hilton – Public Record Office Reference Prob 11/1065
I Thomas Green of the Town of Ware in the County of Hertford Gentleman being I thank God of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding do make publish and declare my last Will and Testament in the manner and form following that is to say I give and bequeath unto **my son Thomas Green** all and singular my Copyhold and Customary Messuages or Tenements and Hereditaments with their and every of their appurtenances situate lying and being in Baldock Street in Ware aforesaid and holden of the Manor of the Rectory of Ware and also all those my five acres of Copyhold or Customary land with the appurtenances as the same more or less called or known by the name of Perry Croft otherwise Peiry's Croft otherwise Townsend Close lying and being in Ware aforesaid and holden of the Manor of Ware Extra and Thundridge and also all and singular other my Copyhold Estates whatsoever and wheresoever to hold all and singular the said Messuages Lands Tenements Hereditaments and premises hereinbefore devised with their and every of their appurtenances unto him my said son Thomas Green his heirs and assigns for ever Subject nevertheless to the proviso hereinafter mentioned that is to say provided always that if it shall happen that my said son Thomas Green shall die before he shall have attained his age of twenty one years and without lawful issue Then I give and devise all and singular the said Messuages Lands Tenements Hereditaments and premises hereinbefore devised with their and every of their appurtenances unto **my son Leeds Green** his heirs and assigns for ever Also I give and bequeath unto my said son Leeds Green the sum of four hundred and fifty pounds of lawful money of Great Britain to be paid to him out of my Personal Estate at his age of twenty one years in case he shall not then be in possession of the said Copyhold Estate as hereinbefore devised by the death of my said son Thomas Green but if he shall then be in possession of the said Copyhold Estate It is my Will that the said Legacy of four hundred and fifty pounds shall not be paid nor payable but shall sink into the residue of my Personal Estate Also I give and bequeath unto **my daughter Mary Green** the sum of four hundred and fifty pounds of lawful money of Great Britain to be paid to her out of my Personal Estate at her age of twenty one years or day of marriage with the consent of my Executors or the survivor of them which shall first happen and whereas I have given to **my daughter Martha** the sum of five hundred pounds **upon her marriage with Thomas Johnson** I do hereby give and bequeath unto my said sons Thomas Green and Leeds Green the further sums of fifty pounds apiece to be paid to my said sons respectively at their respective ages of twenty one years also I give to my daughter Mary Green the further sum of fifty pounds to be paid to her at her age of twenty one years or day of marriage with the consent of my Executors or the survivor of them which shall first happen and also I give to **my Wife Susanna Green** the sum of ten pounds to be paid to her by my Executors within one month next after my decease Also I give to **my Brother Aaron Green** and **my Brother in Law Leeds Mason** my Executors hereinafter named the sum of twenty pounds each as an acknowledgement of their trouble in the execution of this my Will and Subject and chargeable as hereinafter mentioned I give and bequeath all the rest and residue of my Monies Securities for Money Farming Stock Goods Chattels and Personal Estate whatsoever and wheresoever not hereinbefore otherwise disposed of **unto my said children Thomas Green Leeds Green Martha Johnson and Mary Green** equally to be divided amongst them share and share alike to be paid to my sons respectively at their respective ages of twenty one years and to my daughter Martha Johnson at her age of twenty one years and to be paid to my said daughter Mary Green at her age of twenty

one years or day of marriage with the consent of my Executors or the survivor of them which shall first happen and if any one or more of them my said sons and daughters Thomas Green Leeds Green Martha Johnson and Mary Green shall dye before their his or her shares or share of the said residue of my Personal Estate and other their respective Pecuniary Legacies hereinbefore given and bequeathed shall become payable by virtue of this my Will and without lawful issue Then I give the said shares and share Legacy and Legacys of him and her respectively so dying unto the survivors and survivor of them equally to be divided amongst them share and share alike and to their respective Executors and Administrators But if any one or more of my Children shall dye before their his or her said Shares or Share Legacies or Legacy shall become payable as aforesaid leaving Issue I Will that such Issue shall be intitled to and shall receive the shares and share Legacy and Legacys their his or her father or mother would have been intitled unto Also I give and devise unto my said Children Thomas Green Leeds Green Martha Johnson and Mary Green all and singular my freehold Messuages Maltings Lands Tenements and Hereditaments whatsoever situate and being in the Town of Ware aforesaid and in the Parishes of Ware and Great Amwell and elsewhere in the said County of Hertford with their and every of their appurtenances and all and every other my Freehold Estates whatsoever and wheresoever to hold the same with their and every of their appurtenances unto my said Children Thomas Green Leeds Green Martha Johnson and Mary Green equally to be divided amongst them share and share alike and to their several and respective heirs and assigns for ever To hold and take the same as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants Subject nevertheless and chargeable and I do hereby Subject and Charge all and singular the said premises mentioned and comprized in this Devise last above mentioned and also all the said rest and residue of my Personal Estate to and with the payment of one annuity or yearly sum od forty pounds of lawful money of Great Britain free and clear of and from Land Tax and all other Taxes and Deductions whatsoever which I give to my said Wife Susanna Green to be paid to her during the term of her natural life by equal Quarterly payments viz upon Lady Day Midsummer Day Michaelmas Day and Christmas Day the first payment thereof to be made upon such of the said Days as shall happen next after my decease and I do declare that the provisions made by this my Will for my said Wife is and shall be accepted and taken by her in lieu and full satisfaction of Dower and of all other Claims and Demands whatsoever which she my said Wife may have or make in to or out of my real and personal Estates or either of them by virtue of any Bond or Settlement made or executed by me upon my marriage with her or upon any other account whatsoever and I make constitute and appoint the said Aaron Green and Leeds Mason Executors of this my Will and Guardians of all my Children during their minority respectively and I wil and direct that my Executors shall not be answerable or accountable for any Rents or Moneys or other my personal Estate by this my Will devised given and bequeathed other than such as they respectively shall actually receive or as shall come to their respective hands by virtue of this my Will nor for any Losses that may happen thereof without their wilful default nor the one of them for the other of them nor for the acts deeds receipts or disbursements of the other of them but each of them for his own acts deeds receipts and disbursements only and that it shall be lawful for my said Executors to retain to and reimburse themselves respectively all costs charges and expenses incident to the Execution of this my Will or in any wise relating there to Lastly I revoke all former and other Wills by me made and I declare this to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have to this my last Will and Testament set my hand and seal this eighteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine Thos Green Signed sealed published and declared by the said Thomas Green as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who subscribed our names as Witnesses thereof at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other (James?) Berry W Plumer Windus John Green

A Codicil to the last Will and Testament of me Thomas Green of the Town of Ware in the County of Hertford Gentleman Whereas I have by my said Will and Testament bearing the date the eighteenth day of November last given to my Wife Susanna Green an annuity or clear yearly sum of forty pounds during her life payable as therein mentioned Now I do by this present Codicil give to my said Wife a further annuity or clear yearly sum of ten pounds to be charged and payable to her my said Wife during her Life in like manner in every respect as the said Annuity of forty

pounds is charged and made payable by my said Will also I give to my said Wife the sum of five pounds of lawful money of Great Britain in addition to the Legacy bequeathed to her by my said Will to be paid to her in one month next after my decease and Whereas I have by my said last Will and Testament appointed my Brother Aaron Green and my Brother in Law Leeds Mason Executors thereof Now I do by this present Codicil nominate and appoint **my Brother in Law John North** jointly with the said Aaron Green and Leeds Mason Executors of my said last Will and Testament and I give to the said John North the sum of twenty pounds as an acknowledgement of his trouble in the Execution thereof and I declare this Codicil to be a part of my last Will and Testament and I confirm my said last Will and Testament in all respects whatsoever except only where the same is altered or varied by this present Codicil In Witness whereof I the said Thomas Green have hereunto set my hand and seal the twenty fourth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty Thos Green Signed sealed published and declared by the said Thomas Green as and for a Codicil to his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who hereunto subscribe our hands as Witnesses thereof at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other the word (--) in the sixth line being first wrote (---) W Plumer Windus Elizabeth Heard X her mark John Green

This Will was proved at London with a Codicil the thirteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty before the Worshipful Andrew (---) Doctor of Laws Surrogate of the Right Worshipful Peter Calvert Doctor of Laws Master (---) or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the Oaths of Aaron Green and Leeds Mason the Executors named in the said Will and John North the Executor named in the said Codicil to whom Administration of all and singular the Goods Chattels and (---) of the deceased was granted having been first sworn duly to Administer