

## **BYERS in Cornwall in the 17th century**

I have failed so far to find any supporting evidence either in Cornwall or Devon for the specific family/families of William Byers and Louisa Kinkade (or Kincade) and the following generation.

Many parish registers (or transcriptions thereof) from Cornwall, including those of the St Ives Parish, are available online. Those specifically for St Ives begin at 1651, so they're no use for checking the birth of William Byers apparently on 11 August 1647.

However the name Byers (in any spelling) doesn't seem to feature in St Ives itself.

There are some Dyer and Beere families, but none of their dates coincide with the relevant ones (William Byers died 14 March 1713; John Byers born 27 June 1678; William Byers born *either* 6 June 1687 *or* 6 May 1687; Robert Byers born 13 August 1688).

Not one of these births or baptisms features, though perhaps they're in a different parish in Cornwall, and have still to be found.

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A great source for Cornish records is at: <http://www.cornwall-opc-database.org/>

On 05 February 1631, Francis Byres alias Byas or Bees was baptised at St Just in Roseland, Cornwall. His parents were John and Anne

On 26 Sep 1631, John Byres alias Byas or Bees married Ann Corne, widow of John, decd., at St Just in Roseland, Cornwall.

On 15 September 1633, Thomas Byres or Byas was baptised at St Just in Roseland, Cornwall. His parents were John and Anne.

On 19 January 1656, Anthon[y] ... Bbyers married Ann Keigwin at Paul, Cornwall

On 08 September 1658, Thomas The Younger Bayers married Elizabeth James at St Ives, Cornwall

There are also occurrences of Byer, Bier, Brier, Bryer, Buyers, Bior, Bayers ...

e.g. On 15 February 1722, Edward Bier married Elizabeth Eady at Phillack, Cornwall.

or

On 25 July 1739, William Bryer married Elizabeth Mitchell at St Just in Penwith.

Elizabeth Bryer was born to William and Elizabeth on 15.12.1739 at St Just in Penwith.

William Bryer was born to William and Elizabeth on 13.09.1741 at St Just in Penwith.

Other children followed. See <http://www.cornwall-opc-database.org/>

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**1658 through 1853**

See also this Cornish Probate Guide: [http://webs.lanset.com/azazella/probate\\_guide.html](http://webs.lanset.com/azazella/probate_guide.html)

**MATHEW TRENWITH** of Towednack, gent

Written: not dated

Proved: 7 Dec 1658

son: **MATHEW** a silver cuppe, 2 hand trays gilded w/ gold, one mare w/ her 2 colts, 10 pounds

cousin: **WILLIAM JENKEN** one mare

**BRIGET DINHAM** one ewe

cousin: **ANNE BANFULL** one ewe

**LUCE DONTHORNE** one ewe lamb

**MARGARET PILL** one ewe lamb

**KATHERINE BYERS** one ewe

**CHRISTOPHER BARY** one ewe lamb

godchildren 1 sh. each

**THIRTY** [sic?] **HOSKING** one ewe

wife: **JANE** & our son **MATHEW** all the rest & executors

witnesses: **NICHOLAS HOSKIN**, **WILLIAM CALENSOW**

PCC, 62 Pell

