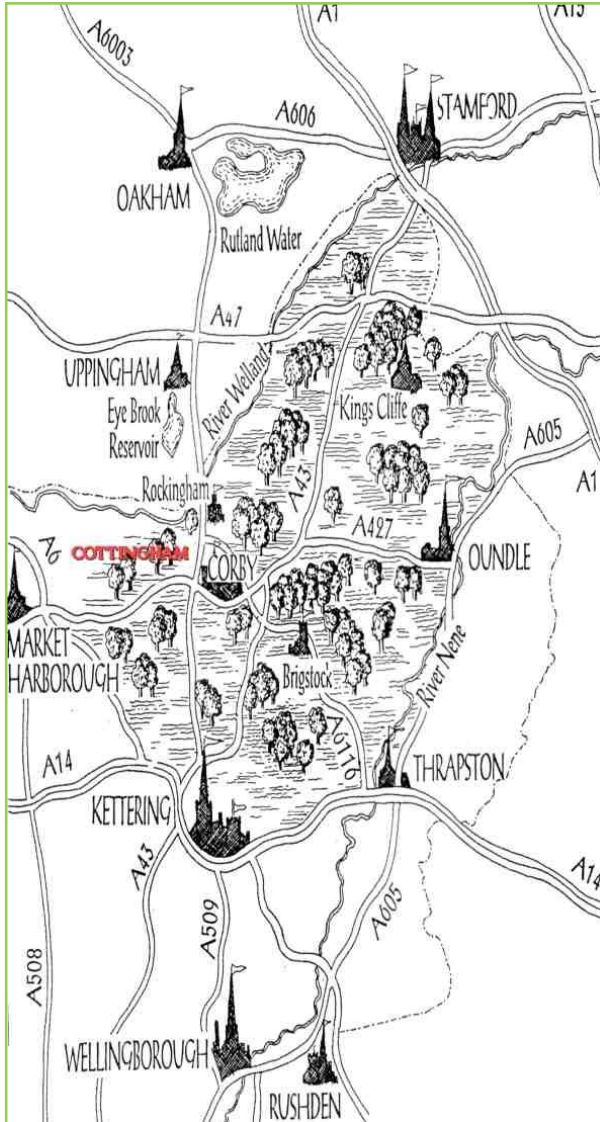


THE ROCKINGHAM FOREST AREA



Why not follow the Washington Trail to **SULGRAVE MANOR**, in the south of the county, follow the A45 south from Thrapston to Northampton, take the A428 Ring Road, then the A43 to Towcester and Syresham follow the signs to Sulgrave Manor.

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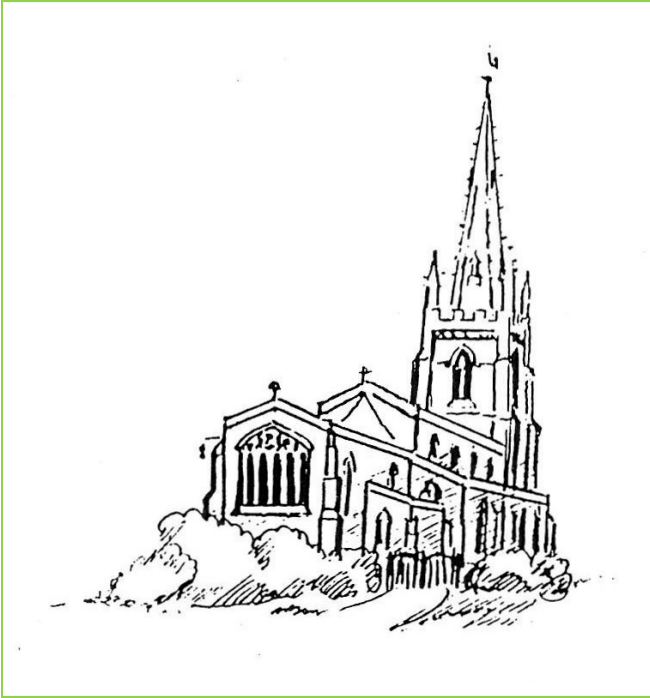
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THE WASHINGTON CONNECTION WITH ROCKINGHAM FOREST ISLIP AND THRAPSTON



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ST NICHOLAS CHURCH ISLIP



All of the church is 15 Century other than the base of the tower, which is older. High on the south wall is a tablet to MARY WASHINGTON, (died 1624) whose husband Sir John Washington of Thrapston was the Uncle of Lawrence Washington who sailed to America in 1657, becoming the Great Grandfather of President George Washington.

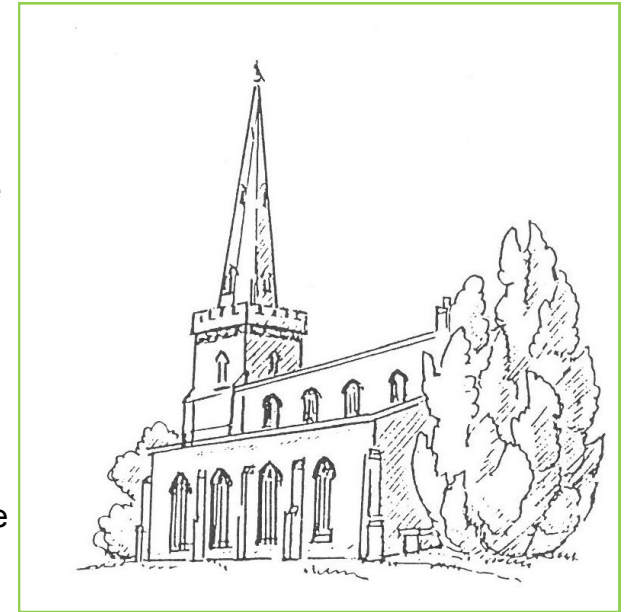
There is also a modern brass, given by the Americans, to replace the one which was lost, of John Nicholl (died 1467). Also presented was the Oak Chancel Screen and Reredos in remembrance of their Ancient Folk, including Mathias Nicholl (born 1630), who was a Plymouth preacher's son. He went out with the Duke of York, to whom Charles II had granted New York.

Mathias Nicholl drew up for the Governor the first code of English law, which he signed with his own name. They were generally regarded as liberal and sensible.

ISLIP VILLAGE

On Long Island, New York is the town of Islip so named after the English village in Northamptonshire and for which the connections are still maintained. It was founded by the son of a Northamptonshire emigrant, who became the first Mayor of New York City in 1671.

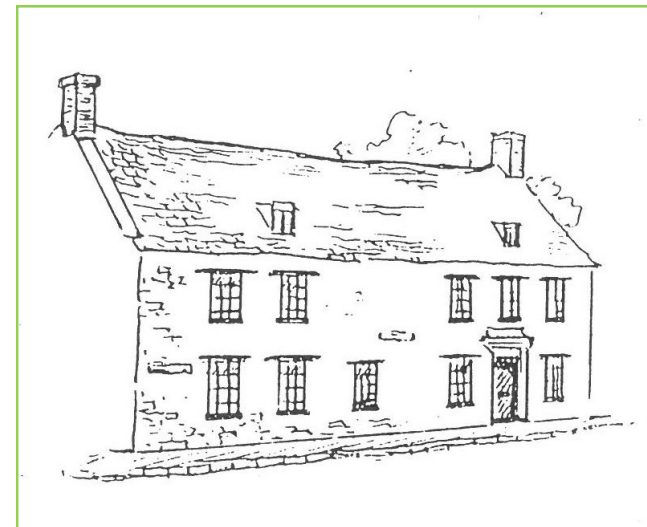
ST JAMES CHURCH, THRAPSTON



On the wall is a stone tablet bearing the arms of SIR JOHN WASHINGTON, three stars and stripes from which came the stars and stripes of the American Flag.

Sir John is buried somewhere in the churchyard.

The former pews were given in 1958, from the USAF Chapel at Chelveston, these were removed in the reordering of the ground floor in 1994.



THRAPSTON

In Chancery Lane is MONTAGUE HOUSE (now used as a solicitors office) believed to be the home of Sir John Washington