

# **John Brooks (Prior)**

**John was born abt 1615 possibly Cartmel,  
Cumbria**

**father and mother unknown**

**Siblings unknown**

**Worked as a Prior at Cartmel Priory, he was  
later "ejected" and started work as a  
preacher at Cartmel fell church**

**Married Margaret Parke, 1637**

**Had Thomas 1638, A Child 1640,  
Margaret B&D 1643, Giles B&D 1647**

**Lived in Cartmel and Cartmel Fell**

**Died, unknown**

**Although I cannot connect John (the prior) to  
Richard (the top of the tree) it seems more  
than likely they are related because Cartmel  
at this time had a population of less than 600.**

**There are a lot of infant and elderly deaths at the time of John, I have found out this is a hangover from the Plague of the 1500s that were still affecting small isolated towns like Cartmel.**

**Margaret Parkes` family seem to be one of the oldest family names of the Cartmel records, going back to 1200s**

**Cartmel priory at the time of John was used as a place of worship, a school, a basic hospital, and poor relief work.**