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AIMS OF THE JOURNAL

by W K Plant

The Guild of One Name Studies was formed in September 1979 to encourage the exchange of ideas and co-operative liaison between family historians who concentrate their research on all references to a single surname including variants.

The aims and objectives of the guild are:

- a) To advance the education of the public in the study of genealogy and family history of persons with the same name and its variants.
- b) To promote the preservation and publication of the resultant data, and to maximise its accessibility to members of the public.

It was on the basis that 'The Plant Family History Group' was formed early 1989 and this publication is the second Journal of the Group.

I have included in Journal No. 2 a list of articles contained in Journal No. 1 and copies of Journal No. 1 are available at £2.00 per copy. The cost of Journal No. 2 is included in the membership fee for 1991.

Comments on the second issue and articles for inclusion in subsequent issues are most welcome. The next issue is planned for distribution December 1991 and articles for inclusion are requested before the end of October 1991.

WILLIAM PLANT - STOCKPORT GRAMMAR SCHOOL

by W K Plant

William Plant was appointed Headmaster of Stockport Grammar School 9th November 1630 and taught there until 1633. He hailed from Derbyshire and entered Queens College, Cambridge, as a sizar Easter 1616. His degrees are not known. He may be identified with one of the same name who became Vicar of Lockington, Leicester, in 1647 and held office until his death 4 June 1662.

There is a memorial inscription to this clergyman at Lockington.

REFERENCES TO THE NAME OF PLANT IN LEICESTER 1851 CENSUS

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MEMBERS INTERESTS

Memb No.	pership Name	Interest
1	Miss Linda Lowrey	el9c Macclesfield Cheshire/ ml9c - Hollingwood - Darwen Lancs/
2	John Plant	General/
3	Mr John Patrick Plant	Any period Market Harborough + Bristol/
4	Colin W Plant	19c North Staffordshire/
5	Mrs Mary Stone	m19c Altrincham Cheshire/
6	Michael Plant	Any period South Staffs/North Worcs.
7	Mrs Christine O'Donovan	el9c Gnosall Staffs/ml9c Bloxwich Staffs
9	Mrs Dorıs Nıcholas	el9c Shropshire/el9c Cheadle Hulme Ches/
10	Mrs Pamela Plant	e19c Stockport Cheshire/
11	Mrs B Jones	L18c Clowne Derby/e19c Stavely Derby/m19c Halton Leeds Yorks/
12	Mrs Lois Webb	e19c Macclesfield Cheshire/m19c Hollinwood + Darwen Lancs/
13	Miss Helen Hill	e19c Ayrshire/m19c Rowley Regis Staffs/- L19c Cradley Staffs/
15	Mrs Winifred Stuart	Any period Cheshire/
16	Mrs C Reed	L18c e19c North Staffordshire/
18	Peter T Johnson	L19c Manchester Lancs/19c Mid Cheshire/
27	Mrs P E Ormerod	e19c Sandbach Cheshire/m19c Church Hulme Cheshire/
29	Mrs Shirley Hughes	L17c + 18c Rowley Regis Worcs/19c Dudley Worcs/L19c Sydney Australia/
32	Mrs Catherine Sproston	Any period Cheshire/
33	Miss Aileen Plant	17c 18c 19c Stockport Cheshire/
35	Arnold Plant	General/
37	Patrick Pearson	Any period Stockport Chesbire/
38	Mrs Sian Plant	el9c Denton Lancs/19c Leicester/ 20c Rounds Northants/

39	Mrs Gwyneth Vick	19c Clowne Derby/19c Staveley Derby/ L19c Halıfax Yorks/			
40	Mrs Joan McDonald	ml9c Wolverhampton Staffs/L17c + 18c Rowley Regis Worcs/ 19c Dudley Worcs/			
41	Val Edmonds	m19c Stepney + Limehouse Middlesex/			
42	John Roberts	Any period Cheadle Staffs/			
43	J A Stebbing	m19c London/			
44					
45	Mr David Johnson	19c Kidsgrove/			
46	John H Plant	L18c 19c Longton Staffs/ Any period RH + SL Plant Ltd/			
47	Mrs S Robson	General/			
49	Mrs Elizabeth Bass	m 19c North Staffs			
51	Gerald Plant	m19c Goostrey Cheshire/L19c e20c Salford Lancs/			
52	Dr John S Plant	19c Sheffield Yorks/ el9c Clowne Derbyshire/			
54	W S Plant	General/			
56	Mrs Joyce Westwood	Any period Cheadle Staffs/			
59	Nigel Burroughs	L18c 19c Burslem + Longton Staffs/			
60	Mrs Rosemary Terry	19c Burslem + Longton Staffs/ Any period RH + SL Plant Ltd/			
65	Mr D J Plant	Any period Cheadle Staffs/			
67	Mrs Juanıta Boston	m19c Astbury Cheshire/ m19c Biddulph Staffs/			
68	Mr W Perry	18c Congleton + Prestbury Cheshire/			
71	G Brian Plant	Any period Cheshire/			
72	William Plant	General/			
74	Mrs Alice Doreen Mercer	19c Leicester/L 19c Nottingham			
75	Mr M J Plant	e 19c Shropshire/e 19c Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire/			

76	Mrs M A Powell	e 19c Shropshire/e 19c Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire/
77	Mr G J Thomas	e 19c Shropshire/e 19c Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire/
78	Mr D W Plant	e 19c Shropshire/e 19c Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire/
79	E G B Powell	Any period Leicestershire/
80	Mıss J Nıcholas	e 19c Shropshire/e 19c Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire/
81	Mr Richard S Plant	Any period Staffordshire/RH + SL Plant Ltd/
82	Mr John Plant	General
83	Miss Kathleen Plant	L 19c Hyde, Cheshire/
84	Mrs Shirley Connagham	19c Long Crendon, Buckingham/20c Australia/
85	Mr John E Ransley	18c + 19c Staffordshire/
86	Miss Karen Miller	m 19c Fradswell + Colwich + Weston, Staffs/
87	Mrs Esmae M Davies	Any period Staffordshire/RH + SL Plant Ltd

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EARLY STAFFORDSHIRE PLANTS

by W K Plant

- 1381. Thomas Plonte surrendered himself at Stafford to the complaint by the widow of John de Warton that he had abetted other Leek men in her husbands murder. Thomas was released on finding security for good behaviour.
- 1395. John Plonte witnessed a conveyance of John de Grenley of land in Leek to Thomas Payge.
- Edward Plont gained from the Abbott of Dieulacres a lease for 39 years of two mess' one croft called Calwo-heye de Roche Graunge.
- 1422-61. A deed from the Abbott gives leave to Richard Plant of Stonscliffe to make an enclosure near a place called Lingrene.
- 1504. Laurence Plonte of Rede-erth sold the Boghes to Rauffe Rydrort.
- 1516. Laurence Plont summoned that he let an accused of murder hide in his house.
- 1530. Nicholas Plant and others broke down hedges and destroyed grass of John Legle.
- 1532. Census of the Archdeaconry of Stafford, Leekfrith families included Robert Plount and Agnes his wife.
- 1535. Nicholas Plont supported his kinsman Richard Mountfort in his appeal to the King against the Abbott of Dieulacres for his family property, Heysinge.
- 1539. In the list of arms issued to Leekfrith men at the General Muster Nicholas Plonte was given a horse and harnesse, Roger Plonte a bowe.

THE STAFFORDSHIRE BURIAL INDEX

by W K Plant

On behalf of the Group I have purchased a copy of the Staffordshire Burial Index covering the period 1813 to 1837 plus a considerable number of pre 1813 records. A total of nearly 1000 entries with the Plant name are listed. Work is continuing, indexing the remaining entries and it is estimated that there are a further 800 references to the Plant family. It is hoped to purchase the additional information at a later stage. In the meantime if you wish to consult the existing records please telephone me or forward your request by post with a stamped addressed envelope.

THE FAMILY OF JOHN PLANT JR AND HANNAH WHEDON OF BRANFORD CONNECTICUT, US A

by W K Plant

John Plant Jr was the son of John Plant Snr details of whom were given in Journal No. 1 - Article 'Plant City Florida'.

John Jr was baptised at Branford, 3 March 1678 and married Hannah Whedon, a daughter of Thomas and Hannah (Barnes) Whedon. He became a member of the church at Branford 2 September 1716 and his wife, Hannah, 21 September 1729.

A total of eight children were born of this marriage, John died 10 February 1752 and Hannah died 5 November 1754 aged 69.

John's will is in the Probate Records at Guilford, Connecticut, dated 29 February 1752, proved, 7 July 1752. It names his wife, Hannah Plant, who was appointed administratrix, daughters Hannah Whedon and Elizabeth Plant, and sons John, Jonathan, James, Timothy and Abraham. The inventory of the estate places the valuation at £1,007.6s. $1\frac{1}{4}$ d where of £891.8s. $11\frac{1}{4}$ d was real estate, of which one hundred acres of land was in Litchfield. In the distribution, which was made 19 December 1752, Elizabeth is called the wife of Josiah Parrish.

The will of Hannah Plant (John's wife) dated 31 November 1752 names sons John, Jonathan, James, Timothy, Abraham and Benjamin, and daughters Hannah Whedon and Elizabeth Parrish. The distribution papers name Hannah, wife of Abraham Whedon and Elizabeth, the wife of Josiah Parrish.

Thus it can be seen that Benjamin's name occurs in his mothers will, but is omitted in his fathers - I wonder why!!

The following information is known relative to the children and grandchildren of John Plant Jr and Hannah Whedon.

1. Hannah Plant, born 16 July 1708: baptised 7 August 1715; married Abraham Whedon.

Abraham Whedon died c 1762 and his will proved 7 September 1762, names wife Hannah, sons Reuben, William and Noah, daughters Hannah, Martha, Submit, Sarah and "youngest daughter Deborah, that still lives with me". William and Noah were minors and chose their mother as guardian.

2. John Plant, born 19 September 1711: baptised 7 August 1715, died c 1788.

His will signed at Branford, 4 March 1755, proved 25 March 1788, names his brother Benjamin executor and sole legatee.

3. Jonathan Plant, born 29 July 1714: baptised 7 August 1715.
He was shown as living in Branford 29 May 1753 by the "ear mark" for his cattle entered on the records. The deed of Timothy Plant dated 7 October 1772 refers to 'my late brother Jonathan Plant, deceased'. He must therefore have died before this 'date.

4. James Plant, born 4 November 1716; baptised 18 November 1716; married Bathsheba Page on 22 September 1740.

She was the daughter of Samuel and Mindwell Page of Branford; born 25 January 1715/16: died at Stratford, 5 January 1803.

James himself had a farm near the head of Lake Saltonstall and raised a family, most of whom left Branford. He was drowned 7 February 1795, whilst crossing the lake on the ice, and his farm was sold by John and Samuel Plant to George Townsend, of East Haven. His widow seems to have spent the closing years of her life with their eldest son in his home in Stratford.

The records show that James and Bathsheba had the following children; Solomon, James, Samuel, Stephen, Lois, Ebenezer, Sarah and Moses.

James died 7 February 1795.

5. Elizabeth Plant, born 1 August 1720; baptised August 1720; married Josiah Parrish on 21 September 1748.

Josiah Parrish was the son of John and Hannah Parrish, of Branford.

The will of John Parrish, the father of Josiah, shows that he was also the father of Lucy, the wife of Timothy Plant (see item 6 below).

Thus Elizabeth and Timothy Plant married brother and sister Josiah and Lucy Parrish.

Between 1749 and 1762 Elizabeth and Josiah produced Josiah, Elizabeth, Sibil, Hannah, Mary and John.

6. Timothy Plant, born 6 April 1724; baptised 17 May 1724; married Lucy Parrish at Branford on 12 February 1745 (see als item 5 above).

The following children were the family of Timothy and Lucy: Lucy, Hannah, Timothy, Joel and Ithiel.

7. Abraham Plant, born c 1727; baptised 23 September 1727;

married (1) 9 May 1751, Hannah Hoadley, daughter of John and Lydia Hoadley.

Hannah died 4 April 1755 and as far as can be ascertained they had no children.

Married (2) 12 January 1763; Tamar Frisbie (born e 1740, died 1793).

Children from second marriage, all born at Branford: Eli, Electa, Lydia, Abraham, Anne, Hannah, Elizabeth, Rebecca and Jason.

8. Benjamin Plant born c 1732

married (1) 5 April 1758, Lorana Beckwith of Lyme (b c 1736: died 16 March 1789).

Married (2) 17 June 1790, Abigail Palmer.

married (3) 6 December 1797, Lois Frisbie.

The following children were born from Benjamin's first marriage to Lorana Beckwith: Hannah, John, Benjamin, Anderson, Lorana, Peggy, Samuel and Elias. It can be seen that Benjamin's third marriage to Lois Frisbie, probably the sister of Tamar Frisbie, who was the second wife of Benjamin's brother, Abraham.

The aforementioned information was taken from New Haven and Branford Town and Church Records.

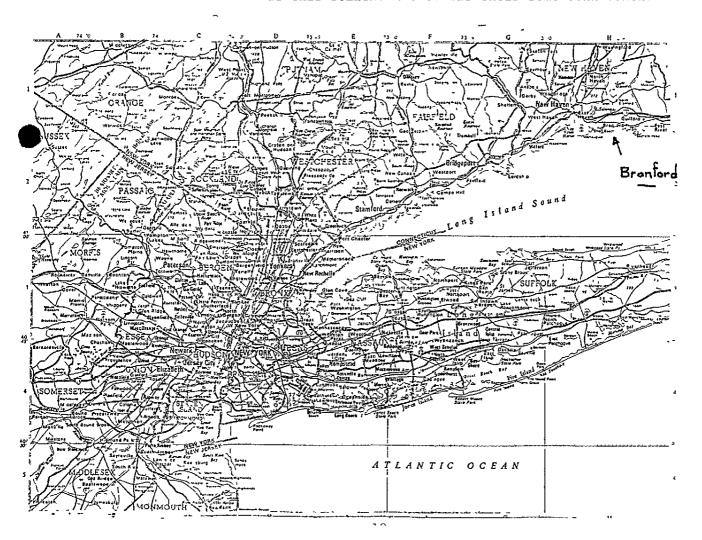
WKP note:-

It is hoped to continue with this Genealogical descent when more information is obtained from the authorities in the U S A.

WKP note:-

It is known from the records relating to Utica in New York State that a Benjamin Plant came from Branford, Connecticut in c 1790 and settled in Utica. Subsequently the family of William and Leah Plant of Stockport lived in Utica between 1850 and 1856 before returning to the UK to set up a hat block manufaturing company in Manchester.

Was this coincidence or was their some connection?



From the information given previously the following family details can be established.

CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN OF JOHN AND HANNAH (WHEDON) PLANT

Hannah Plant born 16 July 1708 married Abraham Whedon Reuben Whedon William Whedon Noah Whedon Hannah Whedon Martha Whedon Submit Whedon Sarah Whedon Deborah Whedon

John Plant born 19 September 1711

Jonathan Plant born 29 July 1714

James Plant born 4 November 1716 died 7 February 1795 married 22 September 1740 Bathsheba Page Solomon Plant James Plant Samuel Plant Stephen Plant Lois Plant Ebenezer Plant Sarah Plant Moses Plant

John Plant, Jr
Baptised 3 March 1678
died 10 February 1752
married —
Hannah Whedon
died 5 November 1754
aged 69

Elizabeth Plant born 1 August 1720 __ married 21 September 1748 Josiah Parrish Josiah Parrish Elizabeth Parrish Sibil Parrish Hannah Parrish Mary Parrish John Parish

Timothy Plant born 6 April 1724 married 12 February 1745 Lucy Parrish Lucy Plant Hannah Plant Timothy Plant Joel Plant Ithiel Plant

Abraham Plant
baptised 23 September 1727
married (1)
Hannah Hoadley
married (2)
Tamar Frisbie

Eli Plant
Electa Plant
Lydia Plant
Abraham Plant
Anne Plant
Hannah Plant
Elizabeth Plant
Rebecca Plant
Jason Plant

Benjamin Plant born 1732 died 11 August 1808 married (1) Lorana Beckwith married (2) Abigail Palmer married (3) Lois Frisbie Hannah Plant
John Plant
Benjamin Plant
Anderson Plant
Lorana Plant
Peggy Plant
Samuel Plant
Elias Plant

As an example of the perseverance required when researching for 'missing' ancestors and the feeling of achievement when you eventually find the elusive record I am repeating below a letter received from member No. 7 - Mrs Christine O'Donovan.

The investigation concerned a Emma Plant, the great grandmother of Christine, who lived in the Staffordshire area.

"You will remember that my mother, Mrs Froggatt of Doncaster, contacted you when trying to trace the origins of her grandmother Emma Plant.

Well, we have found her and a rather interesting and exciting mystery to go with it.

Whilst still alive at the time of her retirement my great-grandmother required a birth certificate to apply for a pension. She believed she was born at Goscote Lodge Farm, Bloxwich and was called EMILY and that her birthday was in November. St Catherines House sent one for EMMA daughter WILLIAM/ANN (nee CARTWRIGHT) JANUARY 1849 - which was accepted as correct since she was orphaned and now ageing. Perhaps circumstances and her age were playing tricks with her memory?.

So I went to Stafford Record Office and began to piece the story together. A letter written to Emily/Emma by her son John after visiting the places of her youth was still in the possession of her grandson and mentioned Goscote as well as BLYMHILL near Shifnal and Newport. Although the latter two are in Shropshire Blymhill is in Staffs, and this has led to a great deal of confusion.

The 1861 census for Blymhill shows EMILY aged 9 years living with her mother's brother WILLIAM CARTWRIGHT. But she is $\overline{\text{EMILY}}$ and in 1861 should be 11/12 years if born in 1849.

Bloxwich Parish Records showed the baptism of three children of William/Ann including EMMA March 1849.

But there is no early burial for mother Ann at Bloxwich.

However, Blymbill Parish Registers indicates baptism EMILY daughter William/Ann 23 November 1851. Burial, Ann Plant of Wolverhampton 1853 aged 33 years.

I tried the Registrars of Shifnal, Wrekin, Stafford, South Staffs (Wolverhampton) and Walsall - NO REGISTRATION FOR THE ABOVE EMILY/NOVEMBER.

Then WALSALL provided a Death Certificate for an EMMA PLANT daughter WILLIAM PLANT (VICTUALLER) aged 10 months NOVEMBER 1849. (Jan - Nov = 10 months). The woman present at the Death was not ANN but ELIZABETH PLANT. The place was not Goscote but $\underline{Stafford\ Street}$, WALSALL.

Walsall library provided photocopies of the 1841 and 1851 Census Returns for Goscote (Bloxwich) and WALSALL, <u>STAFFORD STREET</u>.

1841 No Plants STAFFORD ST. 1841 Goscote HALL FARM.

*John Plant H 30
Sarah " W 20
John "
Thomas "
Daniel " 65
Ann " 60
William " 20

John " 12 (Gnosall P.R. John/Thos/Elizabeth Bromstead 1828)

Back To Gnosall Paris Register (1813 onwards - John born 1811*)

1820 William S/O DanieJ/Ann 1836 John S/O John/Sarah

Dudson

1839 Thomas S/O " " Bromstead

1851 NO PLANTS AT GOSCOTE.

1851 STAFFORD STREET WALSALL.

No 52	John Plant Sarah	t 11	42 <u>VICTUALLER</u> 30	Born GNOSALL
	John	11	14 Gnosall P.R. as before	
	Thomas	"	11	
	Sarah	tt	Bloxwich Parish Reg.	
	Daniel	##	Sarah dau. J/S Goscote Hall 1842	
			9 (Danzel S/O J/S " " 1844	

Other Children

(NOTE GOSCOTE 1841 "John aged 12" GNOSALL P.R. John S/O THOMAS/ELIZABETH 1828 1828 + 12 = 1840/41)

Thomas would be born 1806 - still off the 1813 onwards Register.

NOW WE HAVE SENSE OF THE DEATH CERTIFICATE 1849 OF FATHER'S OCCUPATION VICTUALLER; WOMAN PRESENT AT DEATH - ELIZABETH PLANT**.

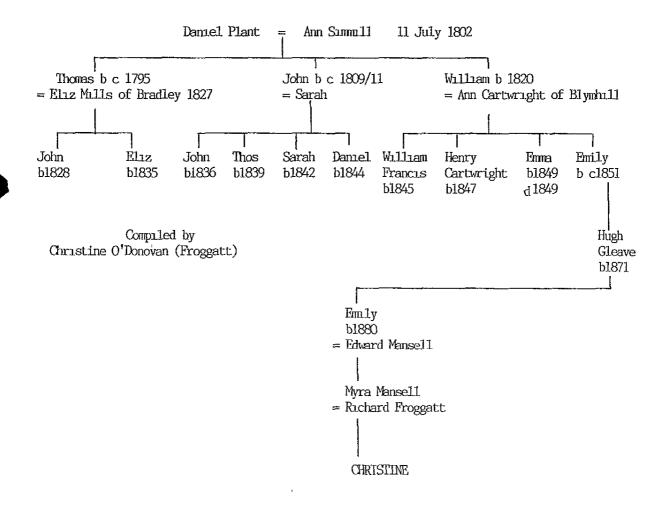
 \underline{So} EMMA died and was "replaced" by EMTLY. I suspect WILLIAM/ANN will appear on the 1851 census for Blymhill with the two elder boys and possibly Emily.

St Catherine's cannot search without a place - if I knew the place I could go straight to the Registrar but 5 possible districts have drawn a blank. So I shall go to St. Catherine's myself to find the district somewhere between November 1849 (when Emma died) and November 1851 when Emily was baptised. If there isn't one I may presume she was never Registered.

The Registrar General holds two Death certificates for the same person 81 years apart..

EMMA PLANT of 1849 was Registered DEAD in November 1849 and as EMMA GLEAVE aged 85 years of STOCKTON ON TEES in 1934.

According to the Records poor EMILY PLANT is still alive somewhere aged 135 years:::



THE PLANTS OF ELWORTH HALL - SANDBACH

Instalment No. 2 The first generation of Plants in occupation.



- The story so far -

Estate given by Richard de Bradwall to his younger son Thomas de Helleworth about the time of Edward ${\tt I.}$

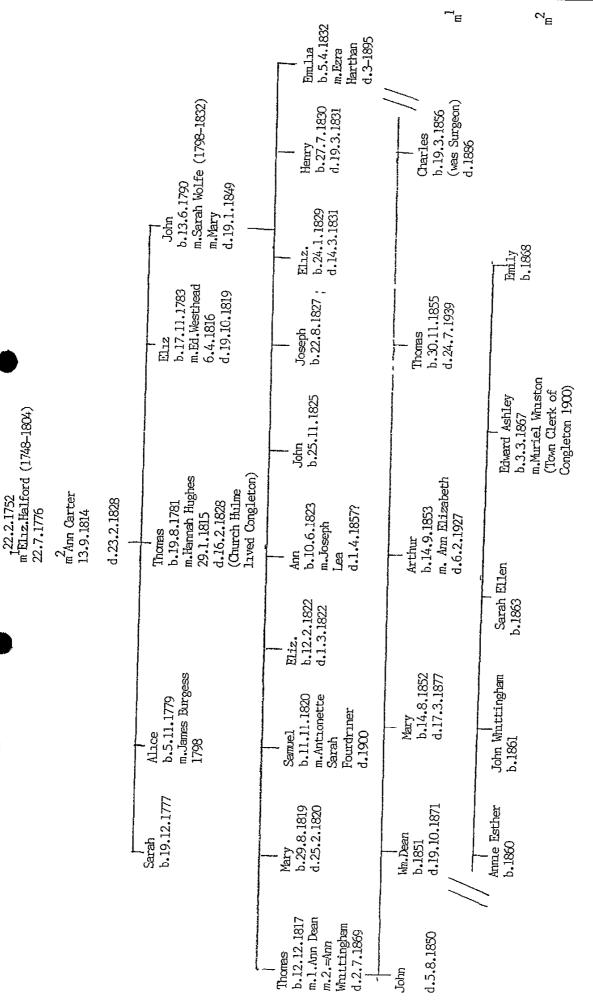
Helleworths (Elworths) succeeded by the Rowens.

Estate passed through Mary, daughter of \mbox{Wm} Rowen to Thomas Hulse at the end of the 17th Century.

The Hulse family remained in possession until the death of John Hulse in 1790 who in his will left the Hall for life to his servants Thomas and Elizabeth Plant.

For further information see Journal No. 1.

Thomas



- The story now continues -

The Plant family took over Elworth Hall in 1790, the descendents of which were still resident at the early part of the 20th Century. During this period, four generations lived in the Hall.

The first owners were Thomas & Elizabeth Plant (formerly Halford) who married in 1776. Elizabeth died in 1804 and Thomas re-married Ann Carter in 1814. Thomas had four brothers, Samuel born in 1746, William born in 1747, Richard born in 1750 and John born in 1753. He had one sister, Elizabeth, born in 1748.

Thomas died in 1828 and according to his will, he resided in Holmes Chapel at the time of his death. Why he was not living in Elworth Hall at that time is not known.

The following extracts are taken from the will of Thomas Plant, made 1 May 1827.

- a) Will and Testament of Thomas Plant the elder, late of Brereton but now of Holmes Chapel Yeoman.
- b) I direct that my wife, Ann Plant, shall have the use and enjoyment of the mahogany desk and bookcase and of all the books therein belonging to the Elworth Library.
- c) I give to my Grandson, James Burgess, the sum of five pounds.
- d) I give to my Grandson, Thomas Burgess, the said mohogany desk and bookcase on the death of my wife.
- e) I give to my Grand daughter, Ellen Burgess, the sum of five pounds.
- f) I give to my Grandson, John Plant the son of my son Thomas, the sum of five pounds and one of my silver watches.
- g) I give to my son, John Plant, my four volumes of Burns Justice and, to his son, Thomas, the sum of five pounds, an oak chest which was my fathers and the silver watch which I usually carry with a steel chain.
- h) And I give to my wife's niece, Martha Carter, the sum of ten pounds.
- I give and devise unto my son, John Plant, and my son-in-law, James Burgess of Stapeley, Gentleman, all field situate in Holmes Chapel called the Horse Leisure (now divided into two parts). And also the cottages situate in Holmes Chapel which I have lately purchased.
- I do direct my said Trustees to pay one hundred pounds thereof to my said Grandson, John the son of my said son Thomas, on attaining his age of twenty one years and, the remaining one hundred pounds thereof to my said Grand daughter, Elizabeth, on attaining her age of twenty one years or day of marriage, which shall first happen, provided their said father be then dead, but if living, then immediately after his decease.
- k) And as to for and concerning the maps, books and prints at Elworth and also those in the mahogany bookcase of which the enjoyment is

given to my said wife for her life, my will is that the same shall be divided into two equal parts and I do give the one equal half thereof to my said daughter, Alice Burgess, and the other to my said son, John Plant, and I direct that my said daughter shall have the first choice after the same shall have been so divided.

And all the rest residue and remainder of my monies, securities for money, personal estate and effects (in which I include any annuities and rents that may be due to me under the late Rev. Mr Hulses will and several codicils or otherwise) I do give and bequeath unto and equally between my said daughter, Alice Burgess, and son, John Plant.

The Testator, Thomas Plant died 26 February 1828 and from the information contained in the will and outlined above, plus further details given in the will, the following tree can be established.

THOMAS PLANT =

James Thomas Ellen Eliz. John Thomas under 21 in 1828

Thomas Plant married Elizabeth Holford 22 July 1776 at Sandbach Church, her father being Christopher Holford. There were several branches of the Holford family - Davenham, Holford (where they lived at Plumley Hall), and Newborough.

In the north aisle of Sandbach Church, there is a small white mural table surmounted by an urn containing the following inscription:

Sacred to the memory of ELIZABETH wife of THOMAS PLANT who died May 26 1804 aged 57 years.

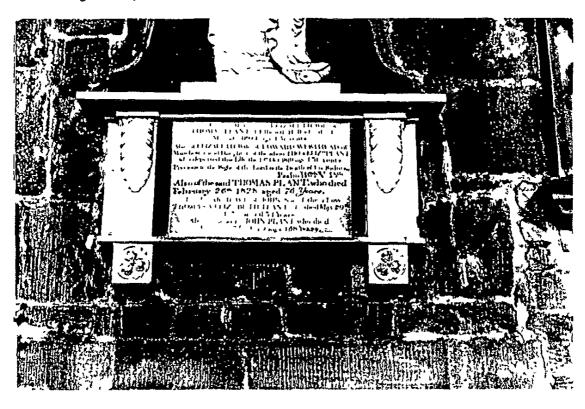
Also ELIZABETH wife of EDWARD WESTHEAD OF Manchester and daughter of the above THOS and ELIZ PLANT who departed this life 19 October 1819 aged 36 years.

Praise Psalm 110 V 15

Also of the said THOMAS PLANT who died 26 February 1828 aged 76 years.

Also of SARAH wife of JOHN son of the above THOMAS and ELIZABETH PLANT who died 29 May 1832 aged 34 years.

Also of the said JOHN PLANT who died 13 January 1849 aged 58 years.



Thomas and Elizabeth had five children, three daughters, Sarah born 1777, Alice born 1779, Elizabeth born 1783 and two sons, Thomas born 1781 and John born 1790. Thomas died in 1828 seven days before his father and on the death of Thomas senior, the hall was left to his second son John.

There is no reference to any marriage relating to the eldest daughter Sarah. However, the second daughter, Alice, married a James Burgess in 1798, the narriage taking place at Sandbach (see later for further information).

The third child, Thomas, died in 1828 in Congleton and was buried in Church Hulme. There is no positive record of any marriage though it is possible that this Thomas was the Thomas who married Hannah Hughes at Church Hulme, 1815, issue of this marriage being born both before and after marriage. In the records, Thomas is stated to be a wheelwright.

Elizabeth Plant's song book 1803 has been handed down through the family, the following information being written inside the book:

"This book was given to me in remembrance of one of the best of mothers soon after her death, which took place upon 26 May 1804.

Thomas Plant

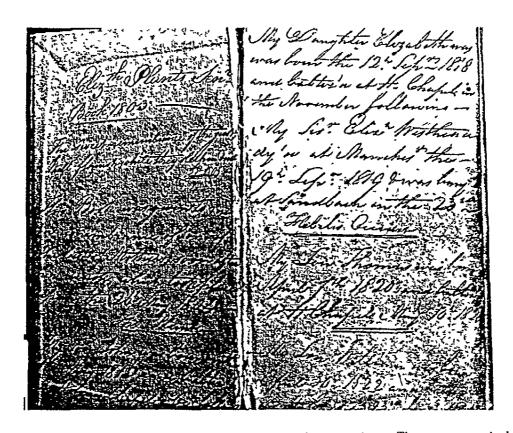
My son John was born on 1 May 1816 and baptised at Holmes Chapel the following November.

My daughter, Elizabeth, was born 12 September 1818 and baptised at Holmes Chapel in the November following.

My Sister Eliz. Westhead died at Manchester the 19 September 1819 and was burried at Sandbach on the 23rd.

My son Thomas was born 7 April 1820 and baptised at Holmes Chapel 10 May 1820.

My Son William was born 30 April 1822 and baptised at Holmes Chapel 23 ? 1822.



The information in t^h is song book confirms that Thomas married Hannah Hughes, lived in Holmes Crapel, the records for Holmes Chapel containing the following:

Holmes	Chapel		29 January 1815	Thomas Plant & Hannah Hughes
••	••	₽÷	13 November 1816	John s of Thomas & Hannah Plant
				(Mercer)
tt	tt	B+	26 November 1818	Eliz.d of " " "
tt	11	B+	10 May 1820	Thomas s of " " "
11	11		23 1822	Walliam's of" " "
11	11	D	19 December 1822	Wm Plant aged 7 months
11	11	Вт	20 July 1823	William s of Thoras & Hannah
				Plant (Wheelwright)
11	††	B+	24 September 1826	n n n n
Nantwi	ch		10 August 1841	John Holford Plant age 25
Nantwi	ch	D	12 October 1844	Hannah Plant aged 57
Holmes	Chapel	D	27 December 1886	Wm. Plant aged 63

Elizabeth, the fourth child of Thomas & Elizabeth, married Edward Westhead in 1816 and died 19 October 1819. She is buried in the same grave as her father in Sandbach Churchyard.

The youngest son John, who took over the ownership of Elworth Hall on the death of his father, married Sarah Wolfe c. 1815, though no reference has been found to this marriage. He died in 1849 age 59 and was buried in Sandbach Churchyard.

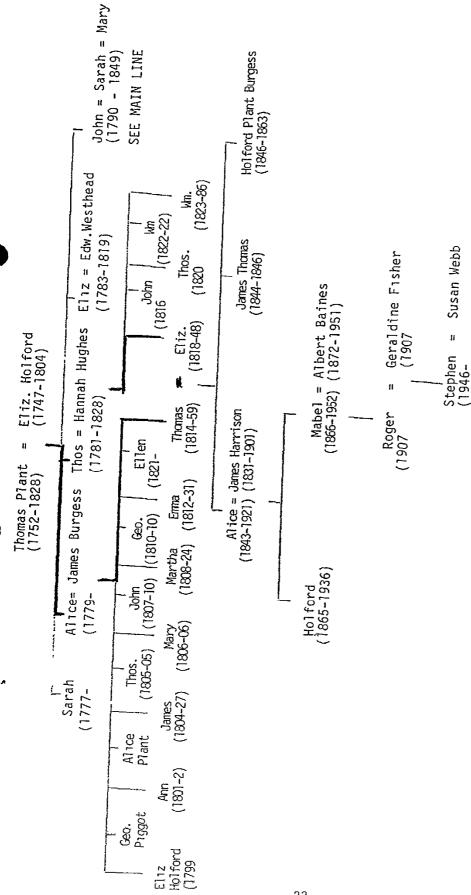
Sarah Wolfe was born 1798 and died 1832. She was the daughter of Samuel Wolfe (1763-1831) and Mary Reene or Rener of Warmingham, near Sandbach. The Wolfe family were subsequently involved with the Plant Family in relation to various legal matters.

As stated previously, Alice married James Burgess in 1798 and a descendant of this marriage, Stephen Baines, furnished information which together and with certain known recorded facts, connected the families of James Burgess and Alice Plant with Thomas Plant and Hannah Hughes (see family tree on page 23).

Trade Directories covering the period 1821 to 1850, list the following members of the Plant family in the Sandbach district.

1.	1824	Andrew Plant Samuel Plant	Wheelwright Victualler	Holmes Chapel George & Dragon Holmes Chapel
		Thomas Plant	Grocer/Draper	Holmes Chapel
2.	1829	John Plant	Gentleman	Elworth
		Andrew Plant	Shoemaker	Holmes Chapel
3.	1848	John Plant	Gentleman	Elworth
		John Plant	Brewer	Whealock
		Joseph Plant	Joiner & Builder	Holmes Chapel
		Thomas Plant	Mıller	Redhill
		George Plant	Sadler	Holmes Chapel
		Charles Plant	Publican (George &	•
			Dragon)	Holmes Chapel
		Thomas Plant	Wheelwright	Holmes Chapel

4.	1850	Thomas Plant	Victualler (White Lane)	High St. Congleton
		Thomas Plant	Corn Miller	The Hill, Sandbach
		Thomas Plant	Farmer	Elworth Hall
		George Plant	Saddle & Harness	
			maker	Holmes Chapel
		Thomas Plant	Wheelwright	Holmes Chapel
		Joseph Plant	Vict. & Joiner	(George & Dragon) Holmes Chapel
		Andrew Plant	Baker	Holmes Chapel
		Charles Plant	Farmer & Vict.	(Red Lion) Holmes Chapel
		Samuel Plant	Farmer	Lees
		Joseph Plant	Brewer	Whealock



Family Tree of Stephen Baines of Colchester, showing connection with Plant Family of Elworth Hall.

TITHE MAP - SANDBACH 1840

The 1840 Tithe map of Sandbach showed the property owned by John Plant of Elworth Hall the Apportionment List containing the following details

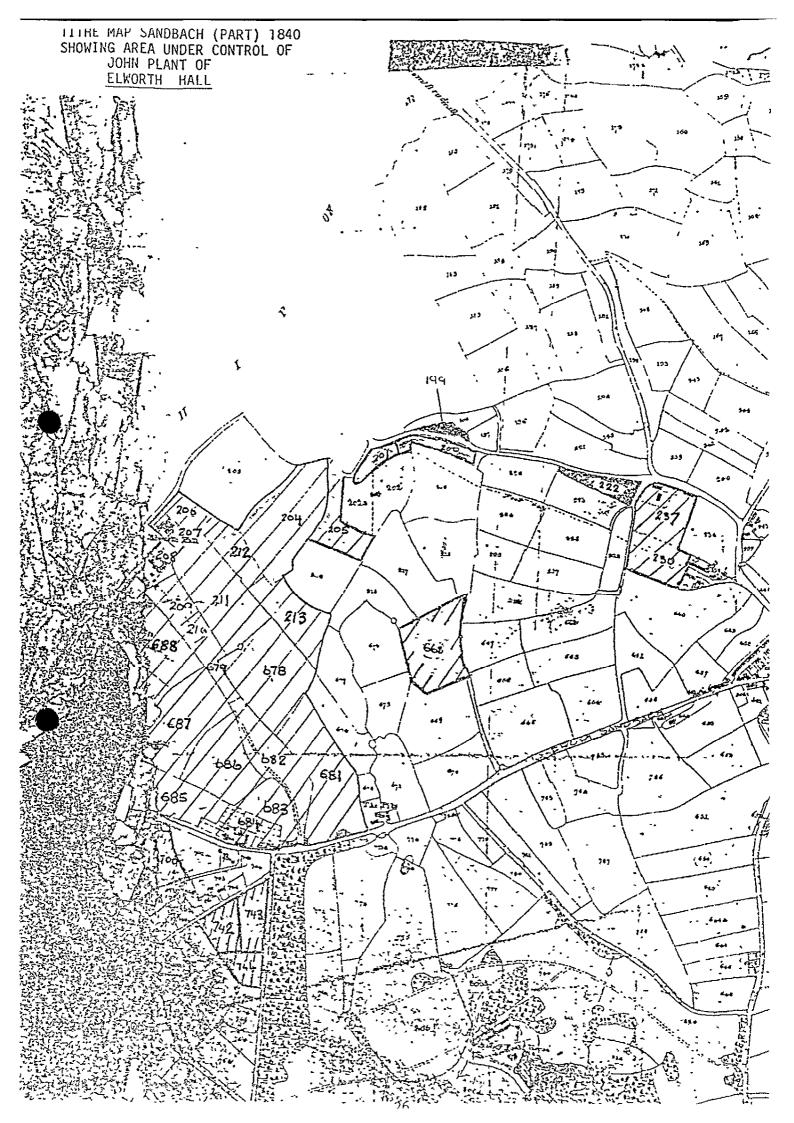
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					£.	s.	<u>d.</u>
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11	11	208	Offices & Yard	1. 2. 4.		3.	0
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11	11	678	Field	7. 1. 4		14.	52 51
	t t	679	Barn Meadow	1. 2.24		3.	02 21
ti	at .	681	The Bolshaw	8. 1.35		16.	111
11	it.	682		4. 2.26		9.	4
11	11		Long Meadow New Enclosure				
	ii	683		2. 2. 0.		5.	0.
11	16	684	Cottage & Gardens	2. 1.36		4.	113
11	ų.	685	Hilditch Field	5. 2. 0		11.	0
	11	686	Pastures	5. 1.18		10.	8.3/4
11	it	687	Long Ox Pasture	6. 2. 0		13.	0
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				20. 1.16.	£2. 0. 8.
University of Cambridge	John Plant	_682a	Plantations	0. 0.30	

In addition to the property owned in Sandbach, John Plant owned a number of houses and a Salt works in Betchton. The salt works was operated by Francis and James Mills.

A number of fields ajoining Elworth Hall but in the parish of Bradwall, were also owned by John Plant.

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PLANTS WHO HAVE ATTENDED OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITIES UP TO 1900

W K Plant

Information taken from Biographical Registers of Oxford and Cambridge University (County Record Office Chester)

John Plant Monk Cistercian Woburn Abbey, Beds.
Probably scholar at Oxford 1452
Was granted papal dispensation to hold a benefice with cure of souls 21.0ct.1465

Edward Plante subscribed 4.11.1614 BA from Wadham College 8th May 1618 MA 25th June, 1621 Rector of Kiddington

William Plant matric sizar from Queens Cambridge, Easter 1616
of Derbyshire
Perhaps vicar of Lockington Leicester 1647-62
Died June 4 1662
MI at Lockington
Will (Leicester) 1662

Mathew Plant son of Thomas of Dichford Co.Worcester, pleb, Hart Hall, Oxford, matric 24. Nov.1626 aged 17

John Plant Adm sizar (age 18) at Christs, Cambridge, 25.May 1662
Son of George, born at Gresley, Derbyshire
School Repton, matric 1662
BA 1665 MA1669
Ordained deacon, Lichfield, March 1665-6, priest Feb.1666-7

Robert Plant son of John of Toddenham, Co.Gloucester, pleb. Gloucester Hall, Oxford matric 3.Dec.1662 aged 16

Francis Plant D.D.by diploma 5 July 1667
pastor of the church at Breda and Hebrew professor in the 'Aurangian' college there

John Plant amd.sizar at Jesus Cambridge, June 15, 1698 of Staffs matrıc 1698 BA1701-2 rector of Smynmerton, Staffs, 1704-7

Matthias Plant adm.pers at Jesus Cambridge Apr.14 1709 of Weston-Jones, Staffs.
born 1688 matric 1709 scholar 1711 BA 1712-3 ordained deacon (Ely) Dec.20 1713

Samuel Plant second son of John of Sandbach, Cheshire, Gent.
Brazenose College matric 11.June 1840 aged 19
scholar 1840-5 BA 1844 MA 1847
Vicar of Weston on Trent 1849
preb. of Lichfield 1878

John Halford Plant adm. at St.Johns Cambridge, Oct.10.1874
eldest son of the Rev.Samuel Plant (Brazenose College, Oxford
1840) vicar of Weston on Trent, Staffs (and Antionette Sarah)
born there bapt. Sept 2.1855
School Oundle
Matric 1874 BA 1878 MA 1881
Ordained Deacon (Lichfield) 1879 priest 1880, curate of
Brereton, Staffs 1879-83 Mission priest in the diocese
of Melanesia 1883-91
Died June 8 1891 aged 35 at Worthing

Arthur Blurton Plant youngest son of Arthur Plant of Lichfield, Co.Stafford Gent. New College, Oxford, matric 5.Feb.1877 aged 22 B.Mus. 1882

Wm.Arthur Plant adm.pers. (age 19) at Magdalene Cambridge June 22 1878 son of Thomas, esq. of 2 Ventnor Villas, Lincoln School Surrey County, Cranleigh Matric 1878 BA 1882 MA 1886 Ordained deacon (Winchester) 1883, priest 1885 Assistant master at Cranleigh School 1881-6 Curate of St.Michael and All Angels, Southsea 1886-8 Naval Chaplain, served in HMS Colossus 1889, Howe 1890/2 Defiance 1892/3, Nile 1893/6, Britannia 1896-1901, Malta Dockyard RMA Barracks, Eastney 1905/9, Sheernes 1909/10, Portsmouth 1910/14, R.N.College Dartmouth 1914/15, RN Barracks Davenport 1915/15, Chaplain of L.Berwick 1916/18 Vicar of Bayford, Herts 1920/1 Hon. Chaplain to the King 1911/38 Died June 3. 1938 aged 79

Henry Francis Plant 4th son of Samuel Plant of Weston-on-Trent, Co.Stafford, cleric St.Edmund Hall, Oxford. matric 14th June, 1883 aged 19

George Ralph Plant 5th son of Samuel Plant of Weston-on-Trent, Co.Stafford, clerk. St.Edmund Hall, Oxford matric 22nd Oct.1884 aged 19 BA 1887 Some of the descendants of Charles Plant (b c 1802/4 at Clowne) have spent many years trying to ascertain his ancestry, largely from the clue of his being born, according to Census data, in the parish of the village of Clowne in Derbyshire. Although they have not yet traced the parental origins of this Charles Plant, they have done much to piece together the family trees of Plant families living at and around Clowne, such as at nearby Sutton-Cum-Duckmanton, from about 1730 to 1830.

- Plants near Sutton and Clowne -

Records have been found (incomplete) for various Plants in parishes around Clowne. For example, Sutton-Cum-Duckmanton is immediately to the south of the parish of Stavely, which in turn is immediately to the west of the parish of Clowne.

The ancestor William, in Figure 1.1, was of Duckmanton when he married Ann Webster in 1725 in the parish of Ault Hucknall. It appears that their first child, Robert, was born to the north of this parish. It should be added, however, that the 1988 version of the IGI also records at Sutton-Cum-Duckmanton, in 1729, a marriage between a William Plant and Anne Green.

- Robert(s) of Bolsover and Beighton -

A Robert Plant married Rachel Spaner at Beighton in 1751 (Figure 1.3); the parish of Beighton is about 8 miles to the north of Sutton-Cum-Duckmanton.

As the name appears to be rare, it seems reasonable to consider that this may be the same Robert Plant as the one baptised to William and Ann (included in Figure 1.1) in the parish of Bolsover. However, there is also a Robert (bap 6 March 1727) for the parish of Edensor which is twice as far as Bolsover from Beighton.

¹Based on information supplied by Betty Jones (Newcastle upon Tyne) and Gwyneth and Gordon Vick (Carlisle) of the Plant Family History Group.

Ault Hucknall (not to be confused with Hucknall near Nottingham) is two parishes south of Sutton-Cum-Duckmanton, near Hardwick Hall near Mansfield, and about 7 miles south of Clowne.

³ The parish of Bolsover lies between those of Sutton-Cum-Duckmanton and Clowne; there is also a region of Ault Hucknall called Glapwell which is a Chapelry of the parish of Bolsover.

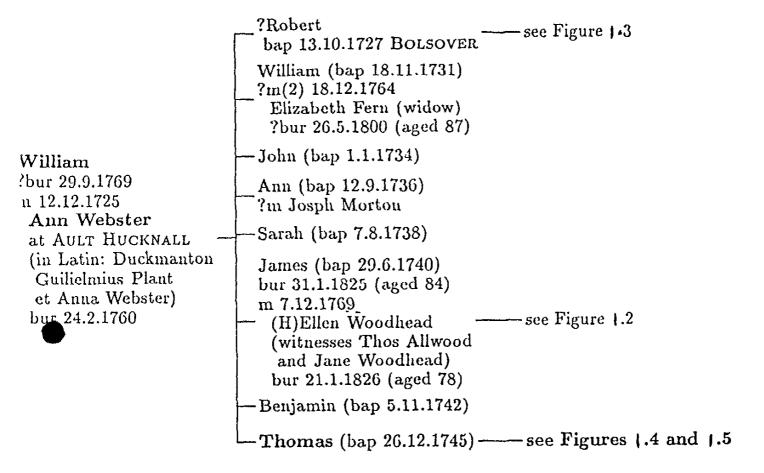


Figure 1.1: A scheme for Sutton-Cum-Duckmanton

- James and Ellen of Sutton -

It would seem that William's son James (Figure 1.1) and perhaps subsequently this James's son James (Figure 1.2) were the 'occupiers' of a substantial amount of land (with a house) at Sutton-Cum-Duckmanton; the tithe payment in 1801 was 118s 3d and the proprietors were Clarke and J H Price Esq; in 1829/32 the tithe was 157s 3d and the proprietor was Rich Arkwright. In the will of (William's grandson) James in 1831, less than £600 is left to widow Mary with letters of administration applied for by Mary and her son Joseph (Figure 1.2).

- Thomas of Sutton and Clowne -

The common ancestor in Figures 1.4 and 1.5, Thomas Plant, apparently had 2 wives and 18 children. Thomas was married by Banns, by the Rector of Langwith Michael Hartshorne, to Ann Coldwell on 7 February 1771 at Northon Cuckney (Notts), which is on the edge of Welbeck Park about 2 miles east of Langwith and 6 miles south-east from Clowne⁵.

Thomas and Ann signed the marriage papers and the witnesses were called James Plant and Joseph Woodhead. It may be noted that the aforementioned James, an older brother of the Thomas in Figure 1.1, married (H)Ellen Woodhead and the coincidence of the names for both witnesses at Thomas and Ann's marriage provides substantial evidence of a link between the Clowne and Sutton-Cum-Duckmanton Plants; furthermore, the age of (the same) Thomas Plant at his burial in Clowne confirms that this was the Thomas in Figure 1.1 from the parish of Sutton-Cum-Duckmanton and, also, presumably the same Thomas as the one who married Ann Coldwell at Cuckney and took up land in the parish of Clowne.

The name Joseph Woodhead appears also 30 years later, with Mary Woodhead, as a witness at the marriage of (this) Thomas and Ann's son John to Sarah Taylor at Clowne in 1801 (Figure 1.4).

The namesake, the famous inventor Sir Richard Arkwright (1732-92) from Preston was, by now, dead but it may be relevant that the 'village' of Arkwright Town is just to the west of Long Duckmanton.

⁵ This general area is known as 'The Dukeries' because of the large number of Dukes who owned the great estates in this northern area of Sherwood Forest, such as the eccentric 5th Duke of Portland who added a Labyrinth of underground passages to Welbeck Abbey in the 19th century.

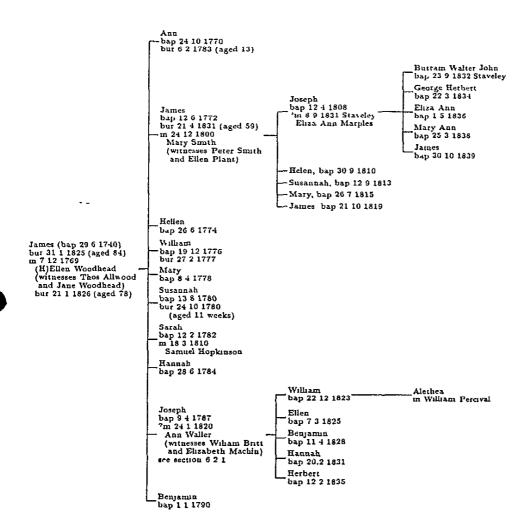


Figure 1.2: A scheme for Sutton-Cum-Duckmanton, continued

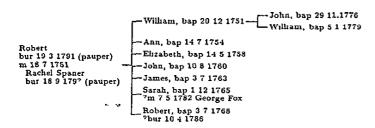


Figure 1.3 A scheme for Beighton

- Thomas's two marriages -

Thomas's first wife Ann Coldwell was buried on 6 March 1800 and it seems quite certain that it was her surviving husband Thomas (apparently then aged about 55) who was the widower (recorded in parish records) that married Mary Bennett of the parish of Staveley on 26 January 1802 at Staveley (see Figure 1.5). This seems more likely than an alternative supposition that the bridegroom was, for example, Thomas and Ann's son Thomas (bap 3 October 1777) since there are records of a Joseph (Figure 1.4) who, though baptised (30 March 1793) as the 'son of Thomas and Ann Plant', was buried (12 February 1811) aged 17 as the 'son of Thomas and Mary Plant'.

A possible indication that Thomas's son Thomas was still in the area can quite easily be discounted, if it is presumed that the tithe records were not fully up to date. Father Thomas was buried at the stated age of 81 on 26 February 1827, at Clowne; following this burial the tithe records for 1829/32 for Clowne still refer to a Thos Plant in a manner essentially unchanged from 1801, both as occupier of House and Land owned by Thos Hill of D T Hill (tithe payment 25s 5d) and as the proprietor of House and Land occupied by John Hopkinson (tithe 1s) and John Bingham (tithe 1s).

In the baptism records, for the children of Thomas and Mary, their father Thomas is described as a farmer in 1814 and 1816 but as a labourer in 1819, by when Thomas senior would have been aged about 73. Thomas's widow Mary was apparently still alive in Sheffield (aged 77) much later in 1851 and these data indicate that Isaac's mother was a Mary born in Staveley, which is compatible with her being the same Mary Bennett who married Thomas at Staveley.

- Offspring of Thomas -

All of Thomas's children (Figures 1.4 and 1.5) were baptised at Clowne, some first being baptised privately before being 'received into the Church'.

- Sons of Thomas and Ann -

The children of Thomas and Ann's eldest son William, who is described as a labourer in 1813 and 1817, were baptised (from 1799 to 1817) at Clowne as so also were those of Thomas and Ann's third son John (children baptised 1801-11). The fourth son Benjamin apparently had his children baptised (1807-29) at nearby Harthill, just two parishes to the north.

⁶ If still living This Thomas would have been about 24 at the time of the marriage.

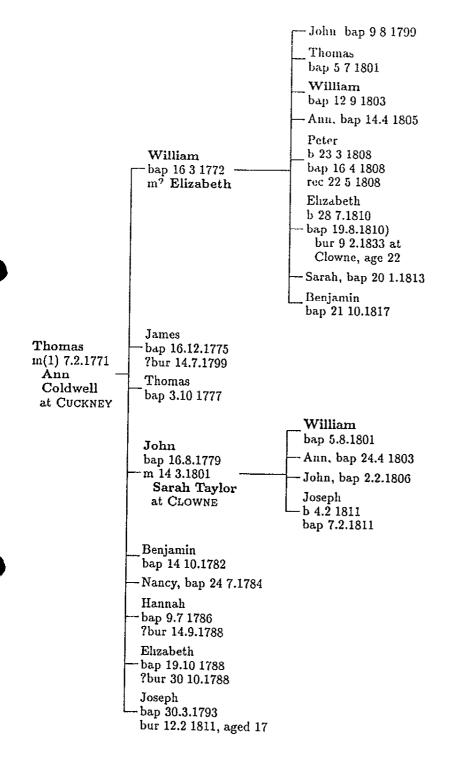


Figure 1.4. First marriage of Thomas.

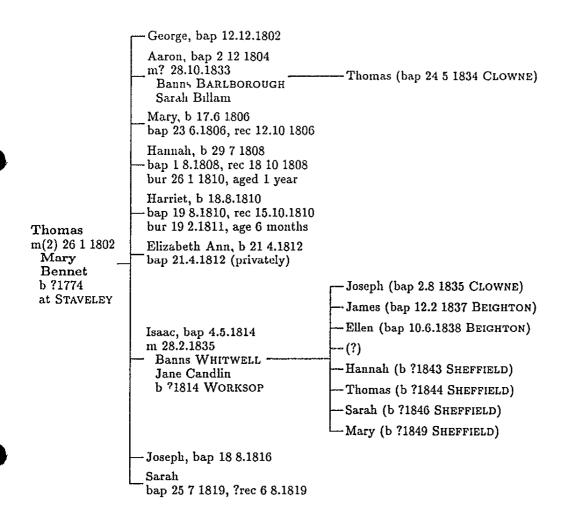


Figure 1.5: Second marriage of Thomas.

- Sons of Thomas and Mary -

The witnesses at the marriage of Thomas and Mary's son Aaron (Figure 1.5) to Sarah Billam of Barlborough (one parish to the north of Clowne) in 1833 were called Joseph Scott and Sarah Cox; Aaron is described as a labourer when his son Thomas is baptised at Clowne in 1834.

In 1835 the witnesses at the marriage of Aaron's brother Isaac to Jane Candlin of the adjoining parish (to the east) of Whitwell were called George and Ann Candlin; their first son was baptised at Clowne but subsequent children were baptised nearer to Sheffield, initially at Beighton (Figure 1.5) which is about 6 miles to the north-east from Clowne.

It would seem that it may have been Isaac's uncle Robert (Figure 1.1) who had moved earlier to Beighton, by 1751.

- Grandsons called William -

Though subject to further investigation, the current information may be relevant to the ancestry of, for example, a William Plant of Sheffield, of whom it is said "this may be the Plant who traveled from Clowne in Derbyshire, where the family owned land, to Sheffield". This William of Sheffield, who can be considered to have been both the husband of Elizabeth Hartley (married in Sheffield in 1828) and the father of James Plant might accordingly be the same as the one that appears in the tree of Figure 1.4 as either (1) William (bap 12 September 1803) or (11) William (bap 5 August 1801), both grandsons of Thomas Plant and Ann Coldwell.

It may be added that a William Plant was buried at Clowne on 2 September 1801 and this may have been the William who was baptised on 5 August 1801; alternatively, for example, the recorded burial could conceivably be that of William and Ann's eldest son William (Figure 1.1) from nearby Sutton-Cum-Duckmanton.

- These William's sisters Ann -

It may be noted (from Figure 1.4) that both grandsons William, of Thomas and Ann, had younger sisters called Ann (baptised 1805 and 1803). It could have been either of these who married (banns at Clowne) Robert Askham of Ryhill (Wrigley?) of the County of York on 27 November 1822 (with witnesses William Drabble(?) and Elizabeth Wilson). Also an Anne Plant is recorded as the mother of John Plant (bap 5 July 1834 at Clowne).

- Brothers of a William -

Two of the brothers of one of these Williams (the one that was baptised in 12 September 1803 at Clowne) are subsequently recorded in Sheffield; viz Thomas (bap 5 July 1801) and Benjamin (bap 21 October 1817).

- Departure from Clowne -

Most of the family appear to have departed the immediate vicinity of Clowne by 1841; the Clowne Census Data mentions (1) 'Nan Plant' (stated age 65) a Derbyshire born charwoman who might perhaps have been Thomas and Ann's daughter Nancy (bap 24 July 1784), who would have been about 56, and (11) Elizabeth Plant (aged 60 approx) born outside Derbyshire who may have been the (surviving) wife of William, the eldest son of Thomas and Ann (Figure 1.4).

DO YOU KNOW THIS LADY?

W K Plant

Member No 18 Peter Johnson has forwarded an excellant photograph, on card, of this lady.



The picture was taken by James Rider of 19 King Street, Leek and written on the back, in pencil, is the following:-

"Miss Annie Plant (late Mrs Sam Smith of Westcliffe, Leek) - Buried in what was 'The Mount' Chapel Graveyard."

If 'she' belongs to your family, please contact me and I will 'return' her to you.

If your ancestors were farmers and left wills you may have difficulty in identifying some of the terms used in the will relative to farmhouses and buildings. To assist you a number of the more common terms, together with an explanation of meaning, are given below:-

- Ancient Messuage -

A house erected before the time of legal memory, that is before the reign of Richard 1. However it was used quite commonly to describe houses built before living memory.

- Barn -

Originally barley-house and derived from the Old English word 'bern'.

- Bield -

A Stone Shelter in the field.

- Biggin -

A Scottish and north of England term for a rough house or cottage.

- Booth -

A northern and Scottash term for a cow-house.

- Bottle -

A northern term for a house.

- Bow -

A northern and Scottish term for a house or cattle fold.

- Capital Messuage -

A large house.

- Claybiggen -

A term for a rough cottage or hut made of clay and wood.

- Cob/Cot House -

A cottage built of clay and straw.

- Cote -

A cottage or hut used as a term for an animal shed or an isolated farm house.

- Courtledge -

A west-country term for the yard and outbuildings of a house.

- Curtilage -

A term for a yard and outbuildings of a house.

- Ending -

A Middle Age term for a dwelling.

- Garth -

A yard or enclosure.

- Garthstead -

A house and its land.

- Hallhouse -

A dwelling.

- Lathe -

A term for a barn.

- Messuage -

A house, its outbuildings and yard and, in some instances, a garden as well.

- Onstead -

A northern term for a group of farm buildings.

- Tallet -

A stable loft: a widwspread southern term for a space beneath a roof that has no ceiling.

- Toft -

A house or the land where one has stood. Common rights might still attach to the house even though it has long disappeared.

- Town Place -

The buildings and cottages belonging to a farm.

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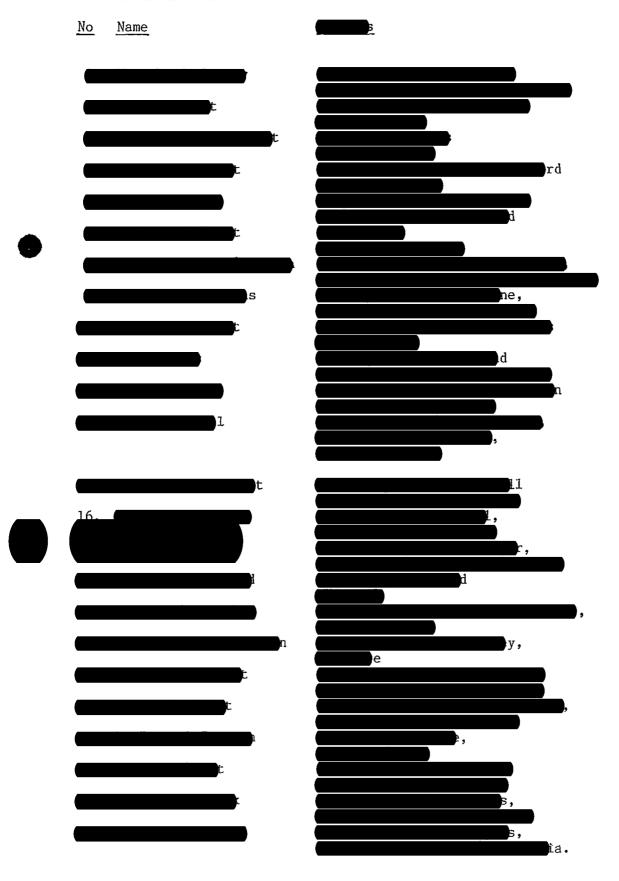
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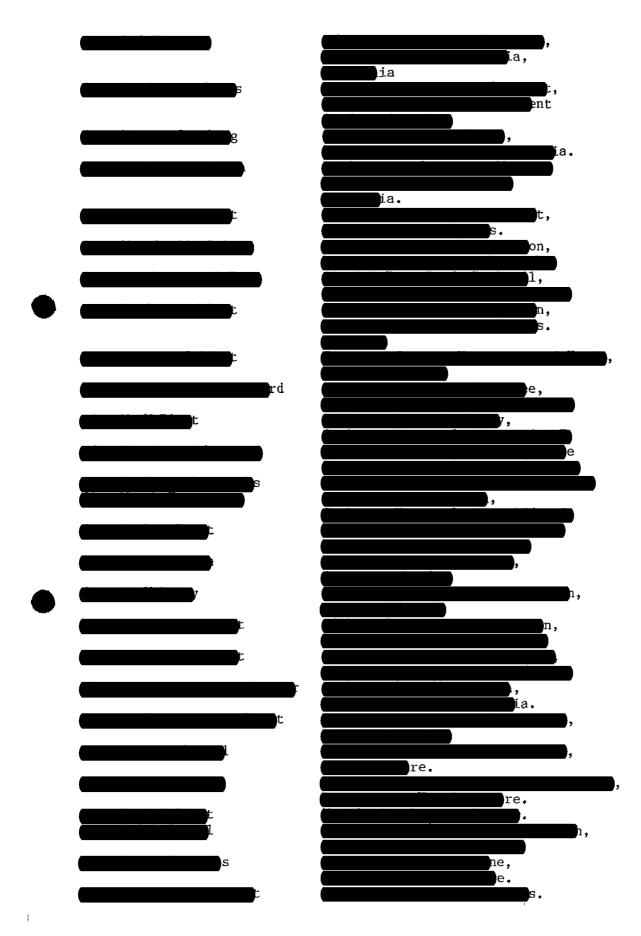
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