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INTRODUCTION

I hope that the contents of Journal No. 5 will be of interest. With such a wide area to cover it is difficult to balance 'stories' and information listing. I have a considerable amount of list type information but would welcome more information about the life and activities of the Plant Family.

I will not repeat in this issue The Aims of the Group as this aspect has been dealt with in all the previous issues. However, I would repeat my previous requests for information for inclusion in forthcoming Journals.

Since the last issue of the Journal, Ronelle Shields has forwarded to me the micor-fiche of the House of Plant of Macon Georgia and from this fiche I have included in this Journal an article relating to Increase Cook Plant of Georgia USA. The House of Plant of Macon Georgia with Genealogies and Historical Notes was written by G S Dickerman and published in the USA in 1900. A supplement to the book was compiled by Martha Plant (Ellis) Ross and published in 1963. The family is descended from John Plant and Hannah Whedon, details of which were included in Journal No. 2. Within this family group was a David Plant born 1783 who was Lieutenant Governor of Connecticut between 1827 - 1831 - More information in forthcoming Journals. The Book also contains details of the Plant Coat of Arms claiming that the arms have been predicated. However, more research is required to confirm that these arms Arms are genuine and I will keep you informed of any developments.

It is hoped to include in forthcoming issues the following:

- Plant connections with the Hatting Industry of Stockport.
- Uriah Plant of Lach Dennis
- William Plant of Sale
- Plants of Rainow, Macclesfield 14th Century
- Plants of Alderley, Cheshire 1620-1730
- Information collected by Dr John Plant
- Staffordshire Quarter Session Rolls 1581-1606
- Plant extracts from the P.O. Commercial Directory 1860 for Staffordshire
- A complete record of Cheshire Plants in the 1851 Census
- Extracts from 1G1 relating to Plants in Ireland
- Richard Warwick Plant of Cradley Heath
- Plants Brewery Limited
- The Plant Family of Gloucester

Finally, thanks once again for your assistance in the preparation of this Journal. Contributions are always welcome.

MEMBERS INTERESTS

<u>Membership No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Interest</u>
1	Miss Linda Lowrey	e19c Macclesfield Cheshire/ m19c - Hollingwood - Darwen Lancs/
2	John Plant	General/
3	Mr John Patrick Plant	Any period Market Harborough + Bristol/
4	Colin W Plant	19c North Staffordshire/
6	Michael Plant	Any period South Staffs/North Worcs.
9	Mrs Doris Nicholas	e19c Shropshire/e19c 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/
23	Mrs Judy Wallace	18c + 19c Nottingham/
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 Cheshire/
38	Mrs Sian Plant	e19c Denton Lancs/19c Leicester/ 20c Rounds Northants/
40	Mrs John McDonald	m19c Wolverhampton Staffs/L17c + 18c Rowley Regis Worcs/19c Dudley Worcs/
42	John Roberts	Any period Cheadle Staffs/
43	Mrs J A Stebbing	m19c London/

45	Mr David Johnson	19c Kidsgrove/
47	Mrs S Robson	General/
49	Mrs Elizabeth Bass	m19c North Staffs/
51	Gerald Plant	m19c Goostrey Cheshire/L19c e20c Salford Lancs/
52	Dr John S Plant	19c Sheffield Yorks/e19c Clowne Derbyshire/
56	Mrs Johce 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/
66	Sandra Cuming	L19c Wandsworth London/m19c Leicester/
71	G Brian Plant	Any period Cheshire/
72	William Plant	General/
74	Mrs Alice Doreen Mercer	19c Leicester/L19c Nottingham/
75	Mr M J Plant	e19c Shropshire/e19c Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire/
80	Miss J Nicholas	e19c Shropshire/e19c Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire/
85	Mr John E Ransley	18c + 19c Staffordshire/
87	Mrs Esmae M Davies	Any period Staffordshire/RH + SL Plant Ltd/
89	Mrs Denise F Weston	Any period Fenton + Cheadle + Longton/
90	Mrs M R Lake	m18c Suffolk/
91	Mr Fred Faulkner	Any period Yarnfield + Stafford/
92	Mrs Kathleen Turner	Any period North Staffs/
93	Cordelia Ronelle Shields	19c Stafford/any period Connecticut USA/
94	Mr Ross Plant	m19c County Cavan Ireland/
95	Linda Shields Wheeler	17c Stafford/any period Connecticut USA/
96	Mrs Yvonne May	19c Syston + Loughborough + Desford + Rotheby Leicester/
97	Mrs Margaret Walker	19c Dudley + Rowley Regis Staffs/
98	Deanna Richards	19c Eckington Derbyshire/

99	Brian Charles Plant	m19c Kent/
101	Mrs P Handley	19c Gnosall Staffs/
103	Mrs Janine Oliver	L19c Shelton Staffs/
104	Mrs Liz Plant	17c + 18c + e19c Wolverhampton/
106	Mrs Isobel McQuoid	L19c Leeds/
107	Mrs Joan Peebles	18c + 19c Suffolk/
108	Mrs Stella Kornfein	L19c Wisbech Cambs/L19c Battersea London/
109	Caryn Plant	General/
110	Mrs Myrtle Reid	L19c + e20c Darlaston + Walsall + West Bromwich, Staffs/
111	Malc John Plant	Any period Sibsey Lincs/
112	Mrs Helen Seamer	19c Willenhall Staffs/
113	Mrs Heather Plant	L19c Hackney Middlesex/
114	John Russell Ingamells	18c Lincs/
115	Mrs Pat Herring	e19c Ashley Staffs/L19c Wheelock Cheshire/
116	Miss Joan Plant	e19c Bristol/
117	Mrs Lana Fox	e19c Ontario Canada/
118	Eileen Fox	e19c Calais Maine USA/

THE PLANTS OF ELWORTH HALL - SANDBACH

Chapter No 4 - The third generation of Plants in occupation



- The story so far -

Estate given by Richard de Bradwell to his younger son Thomas de Helleworth about the time of Edward I.

Helleworths (Elworths) succeeded by the Rowans.

Estate passed through Mary, daughter of 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.

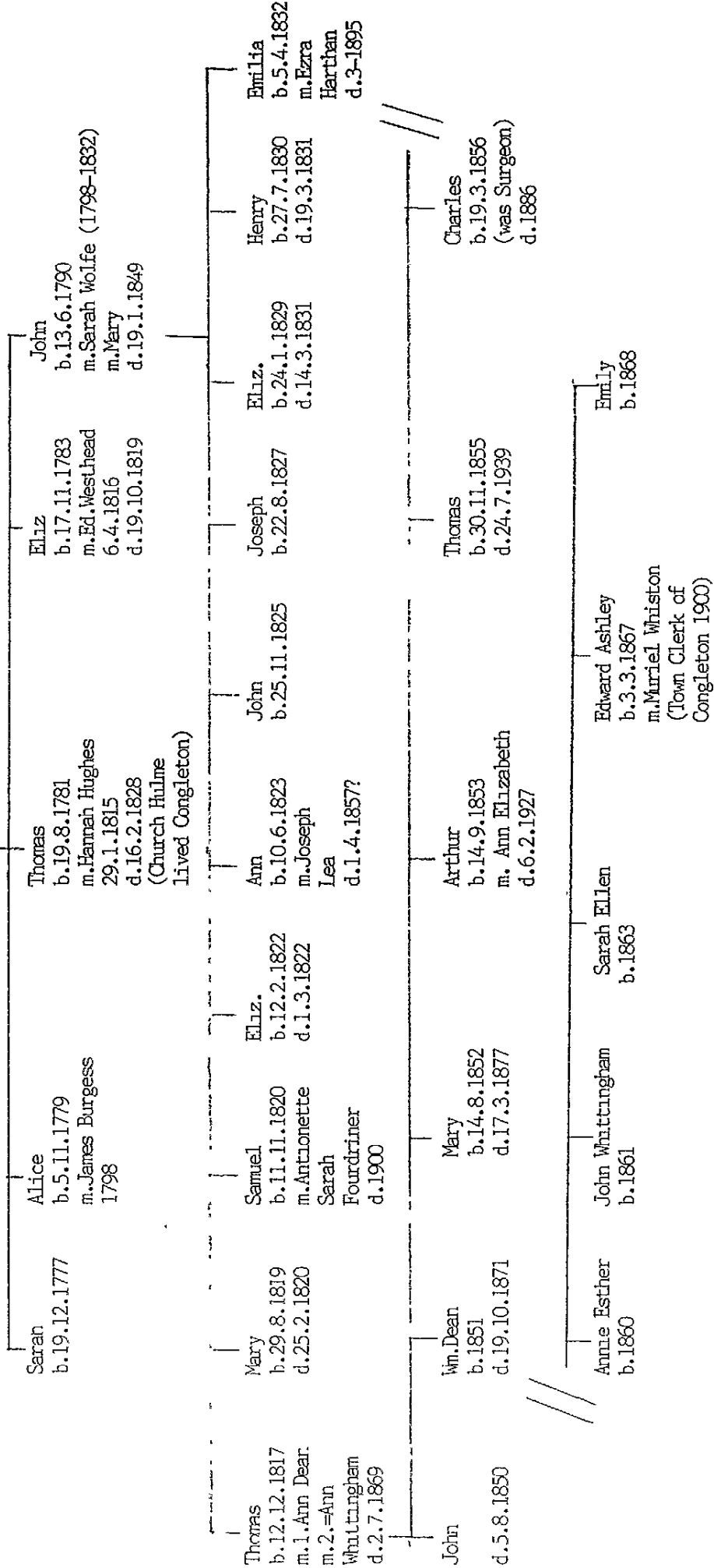
Thomas and Elizabeth had five children, Sarah (bt 19 December 1777), Alice (bt 5 November 1779), Thomas (bt 19 August 1781 d 16 February 1828) 7 days before his father, Eliz (bt 17 November 1783) and John (bt 13 June 1790).

On the death of Thomas senior, his second son John took over residence of the hall.

Thomas
 1 22.2.1752
 m Eliz. Halford (1748-1804)
 22.7.1776

2 Ann Carter
 13.9.1814

d.23.2.1828



1 m

2 m

John married Sarah Wolfe c 1815. Sarah was born 1798, the daughter of Samuel Wolfe and Mary Wolfe nee Reene of Warmingham.

John and Sarah had ten children, Thomas b 1817, Mary b 1819, Samuel b 1820, Elizabeth b 1822, Ann b 1823, John b 1825, Joseph b 1827, Elizabeth b 1829, Henry b 1830 and Emila b 1832.

For further information see Journal No's. 1, 2 and 3.

The story now continues:

On the death of John in 1849, his eldest son Thomas took over the Hall and the running of the estate. Thomas married his first wife Ann Dean c. 1850 and is listed as a farmer in the Trade Directories of 1850. The 1848 directories list a Thomas Plant of Red Hill as a Miller and it is probable that these are the same people.

When Thomas Plant married Ann Dean she brought with her (on the death of her father Wm 9 May 1849) estates at Tarvin and Ashton left to her as the only child of Wm and Ann Dean.

Extract from Title

'And reciting that the said Ann Dean wife of William Dean died on the 19 January 1842 leaving the said Ann Dean her only child and heiress at law (having had only one other child who died in infancy) and the said Ann Dean was also the only child then living of the marriage between the said Wm Dean and Ann Dean, his wife.'

Prior to this, Ann's mother, also called Ann, inherited from her sister the estate at Kelsall owned by the Davies family into whom her sister had married.

The 1851 Census return gives the following information relative to Elworth Hall.

Thomas Plant	Head	Age 33 Farmer of 180 Acres and employer of labour	Born Sandbach
Ann Plant	Wife	" 23	Born Thornton
Joseph Plant	Brother	" 23 Brewer	Born Sandbach
Elizabeth Beech		" 26 House Servant	Born Haslington
Sarah Warrington		" 23 " "	Born Newton
Sarah Palin		" 19 " "	Born Sandbach
Samuel Cowley		" 14 Errand Boy	born Sandbach
Charles Clowes		" 16 Farm Servant	Born Elton

In 1848, a foundry was set up in Elworth by George Hancock of London and a friend in Cheshire, name of Plant. The foundry company was firstly called Plant and Hancock and was shown in the 1864 Trade Directory as Elworth Foundry owned by Plant and Hancock. The significance of this connection is that in 1856 Edwin Foden, then aged 15, became an indentured apprentice and at the age of 19, was appointed a shop foreman. By 1866 Hancock had made Young Edwin a partner and the company was renamed Hancock and Foden, though everyone referred to their works as the Elworth Foundry. Eventually, Edwin Foden took over completely and the company became the world famous Foden Motor Works.

In Pat Kennat's book 'The Foden Story', he recalls how George Hancock from London set up an agricultural engineering workshop with a friend in rural Cheshire in 1848. It is, therefore, probable that the Plant connected with George Hancock was a member of the Elworth Hall family, though at the time of writing, it has not been possible to establish which one.

In the 1855 trade records, Thomas is listed as a gentleman living at Elworth Hall. In his 'History of Cheshire' Vol III, Omerod refers to Thomas Plant in relation to the Bradwall Estate as follows:

'Another estate here consisting of seventy acres, was held by purchase at the beginning of the present century (1800) by Mr Timothy Dean whose grand daughter carried it in marriage to Mr Thomas Plant, grandson of the legatee of the Founder of Hulsein Scholarship mentioned in the account of Elworth. On this estate is a pleasant villa residence with well laid out grounds called Wellbank, occupied for the last thirty years by Joseph St. John Yates, esq., Judge of County Courts'.

The second son of Thomas and Ann was christened William Dean, obviously after her grandfathers family name of Dean.

Thomas and Ann Plant (formerly Dean) had a total of six children.

John who died as an infant 5 August 1850.

Wm Dean	b	1851	d	1871
Mary	b	1852	d	1877
Arthur	b	1853	d	1927
Thomas	b	1855	d	1939
Charles	b	1856	d	1886

Ann died age 31 years on 29 March 1857 the cause of death on the certificate stating Small Pox "Modified" 6 days confinement - Typhus certified 12 days.

Thomas re-married c 1859 to Ann Whittingham of Ashley Hall and a further five children were born between 1860 and 1869.

Anne Esther	b	1860
John Whittingham	b	1861
Sarah Ellen	b	1863
Edward Ashley	b	1867
Emily	b	1868

Thomas himself was accidentally drowned on 2 July 1869 aged 51 years and is buried in Sandbach churchyard. There are a number of references to the passing of the title of these estates the following being taken from an abstract of Title of Arthur Plant, Thomas Plant and Charles Plant to estates at Tarvin, Ashton and Kelsall in the county of Chester.

1. Thomas Plant died 2 July 1869 - Extract from title
'There were issue of marriage of Thomas Plant and Ann Dean, five children namely:

Wm Dean Plant
Mary Plant
Arthur Plant
Thomas Plant
Charles Plant

2. Extract from Title 19 October 1871
The said Wm Dean Plant died under 21 years of age and a bachelor leaving his brother Arthur Plant his heir at Law.'

Letters of administration were granted to Arthur Plant 30 August 1875.

3. Extract from title 12 March 1877.

'The said Mary Plant died intestate and a spinster having attained 21 leaving her brother the said Arthur Plant her heir at Law'.

Letters of administration were granted to Arthur Plant 7 May 1877.

On the 28 December 1877 Thomas Whittingham of Sandbach signed a declaration confirming that he knew and was well acquainted with the Plant Family and that the information contained in the Extract to Title was correct (see page 14).

Ann, second wife of Thomas continued to live at Elworth Hall at least until 1896 and was listed in the trade directories as the owner. John, who was left the property in Holmes Chapel, is not listed in the later records of the Trade Directories. Joseph, however, who took over the Wheelock and Newton Property, is listed in the 1874 and 1878 Directories as a brewer, living at Grove House, Wheelock.

The return of Holders of Land in 1873, includes the following:

	A.	R.	P.			
Ann Plant of Sandbach	33		36	£338		
Rent value						
John Plant & Others of Sanbach	4	2	21	£353	"	"
Thomas Plant of Kelsall	229		9	£382	"	"

The previous information relative to the children of Thomas and Ann Plant, is taken principally from the monumental inscriptions in Elworth Churchyard as follows:

1. In memory of William Dean son of Thomas and Ann Plant of Elworth Hall who died 19 October 1871, age 20 years.

Also of Mary daughter of the above named Thomas and Ann Plant who died 17 March 1871, aged 24 years.

Also of Thomas son of the above named Thomas and Ann Plant who died 24 July 1837, aged 82 years.

2. Arthur Plant of Elworth who died 4 July 1894, aged 42 years.

Also of Annie Martha, wife of the above Arthur Plant and also of Joseph Jinks who died 2 April 1924, aged 72 years.

Also of Percy Foden Plant, their son and husband of Kathleen Plant who died 21 December 1949, aged 71 years.

3. Wm. Cartwright of Elton who died 4 April 1901, age 54 years.

Also Emma Jane Plant who died 10 February 1929, aged 81 years.

Also Titus Plant who died 15 July 1939 aged 78 years.

4. 'In the same grave as Ezra Harthan'

Also Agnes Antionette Plant daughter of the above who died 6 June 1939, aged 65 years.

5. Anne Elizabeth Plant who died 24 January 1926, aged 67.

Also of Arthur Plant husband of the above who died 6 February 1927, aged 73 years.

The fifth son of Thomas first marriage, Charles, entered the medical profession and is listed in the Deacons Court Guide and County Blue Book of 1886 as follows:-

Charles Plant MRCS Eng. LRCP Lon.
LM Dub. of Elworth Hall, Sandbach.

Charles died in 1886, his will containing the following information:

Bequeth to Edward Antrobus £100
Mrs Wm Kimber Butcher (nee Brown of Bisley, Co. Gloc. £100
His Stepmother Ann Plant £100
His Sisters Annie Esther and Sarah Ellen Plant £300 on trust to pay £150 to John Armitage of Elworth, labourer, if living at the testators decease or, if not, equally between his children and issue of deceased children and to apply £100 and the interst thereof, to James Hughes of Elworth, labourer, or if deceased, to said John and issue as above, and to apply the remaining £50 to Mary Ann, daughter of James Hughes in default of which to said John and issue as above.
Devises remainder of real and personal estate to trustees to pay all expenses and then to be held in trust for brothers and sisters Arthur, Thomas, Annie Esther and John Whittingham, Sarah Ellen, Edward Ashley and Emily Plant and paid to them in equal shares when of age or when sisters marry to their issue if they be deceased.
Exors and trustees: Edward Antrobus of the Bank, St. Anne Street, Manchester, Banker: brother Arthur Plant of Fords Mills, Warmingham, Miller: and Thomas Plant of Elworth Hall, Farmer.

It can be seen that a Arthur Plant was mentioned as a trustee in 1875 to the will of John Plant, in which, he is stated to reside in Lincoln as a Corn Miller. The will of his brother Samuel (see above), also states that he was a miller but residing at Fords Mills, Warmingham.

Thomas, born in 1855, fourth son of Thomas and Ann, resided at Elworth Hall after the death of his mother c. 1900 and is listed in the Trade Directories up to 1914. The 1923 Directories however, show an Edward Richardson as resident at Elworth Hall and, therefore, some time between 1914 and 1923, the Hall must have been sold.

Thomas retired in 1918 and on his retirement, built 'Newark House' on the main Sandbach to Middlewich road, living there (in the latter years as a recluse), until his death in 1939.

Thomas was unmarried and lived at Newark House with his invalid step sister Annie and Mary Ann Hughes (see will of Charles Plant 1886), who was the 'old family retainer' deployed to look after his step sisters Annie and Emily who were invalids and confined to wheelchairs.

Of the remaining members of the family Arthur (b.1853) married Ann Elizabeth Burton and had a total of seven children.

1. Burton who married firstly Agnes Horton, his cousin and second, ? Crick who was related to the Bishop of Chester. There was no issue from either of these two marriages.
2. Mary married ? Bolshaw and no male issue was born.
3. Annie married a Dr Riddle.
4. Thomas who married and produced one son John who in turn, became the father of David and one other son.
5. William who married and produced two daughters.

Note - Both Thomas and William moved to Evesham, Worcs. as farmers.

6. Amy married ? David and had four children.
7. Margaret who married Charles White gave birth to two children.

The first son in Thomas second marriage, John Whittingham, emigrated to New Zealand and died there in 1910. He was married and had three children, John who died in 1985, Vivian and Ruth Mary.

Sarah Ellen Plant married Alfred Stringer who was a lawyer practicing in Sandbach.

Annie Esther and Emily, both of whom were invalids, were unmarried.

The youngest son was Edward Ashley born 1867 and the following information was taken from 'Who's Who in Cheshire'.

Solicitor of Westbourne, Congleton.

Born 1867 at Elworth Hall, Sandbach, son of the late Thomas Plant.

Educated at Sandbach School.

Married 1910 to Muriel, daughter of the late Wm. Whiston of Longley.

Town Clerk of Congleton 1900.

Additionally, the following information was taken from 'Contemporary Biographies' in Chester Record Office.



PLANT - EDWARD ASHLEY PLANT, West Road, Congleton, son of the late Thomas Plant, of Elworth Hall, Sandbach; born at Elworth Hall, 3 March 1867; educated at Sandbach Grammar School; Town Clerk of Congleton; articled to Mr Robert Biggott, solicitor, of Sandbach and Middlewich; admitted solicitor 1890; partner with Mr A Sheldon from 1898 to 1900, and on Mr Sheldon's appointment to the Town Clerkship of Burnley, Lancashire, succeeded him in his appointments in and near Congleton; Clerk to Biddulph Urban District Council and School Attendance Committee; now practising with Mr J G Barclay as Sheldon, Plant and Barclay, at Congleton and Macclesfield; member of the Congleton Cottage Hospital Committee; member and Junio Deacon of Eaton Masonic Lodge, No. 533.

Mr E A Plant

Edward Ashley died in 1943 and his wife Muriel died in 1971. They had one child, Joan, who is still alive and living in Congleton.

Elworth Hall no longer exists. After passing through various occupancies after 1930 it was destroyed in a fire sometime after World War II, certainly before 1970. The fire was said at the time to have occurred somewhat conveniently for insurance purposes, the house having become dilapidated.

Certificate of Death.



18 69 Death in the District of Lancashire in the County of Chester

No	When and where Died	Name and Surname	Sex	Age	Rank or Profession	Cause of Death	Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant	When Registered	Signature of Registrar
159	Second July 1869 Lancashire	James Plant	Male	51 Years	Farmer	Accidentally drowned	Information received from W. P. Brindley Cromer Ashton August 11th 5 th Aug 1869	First August 1869	Charles Latham Registrar

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE WRITTEN IS A TRUE COPY OF AN ENTRY IN THE REGISTER BOOK OF DEATHS IN THE DISTRICT OF

BOOK No 17 Extracted this 7th day of December 1877

Charles Latham
Registrar

Certificate of Death.



18 57 Death in the District of Lancashire in the County of Chester

No	When and where Died	Name and Surname	Sex	Age	Rank or Profession	Cause of Death	Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant	When Registered	Signature of Registrar
160	Twenty ninth March 1857 Eighth Hall Lancashire	Ann Plant	Female	31 Years	Wife of James Plant House and Lard Producer	Small Pox "modified" 6 days infirmity "Catarrh" "Erysipelas" "Palsy"	Weymouth Junction Present at the Rev Eighth Hall Lancashire	First March 1857	Charles Latham Registrar

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE WRITTEN IS A TRUE COPY OF AN ENTRY IN THE REGISTER BOOK OF DEATHS IN THE DISTRICT OF

BOOK No 10 Extracted this 7th day of December 1877

Charles Latham
Registrar

I Thomas Whittingham of the Pts in Sandbach in the County of Chester Gentleman do solemnly and sincerely declare.

1 I knew and was well acquainted with Thomas Plant of Elworth Hall in Sandbach aforesaid Gentleman and with his wife Ann Plant formerly Ann Dean Spinster

2 That the said Thomas Plant survived his said Wife and died on the second day of July 1869

3 That I have had frequent conversations with the said Thomas Plant with respect to his affairs and particularly with reference to the estates at Ashton Hallsall and Garvin comprised in the settlement made on his marriage with the said Ann Plant formerly Dean and that he has frequently stated to me that neither he nor his said wife had in any manner made any deed or Will in excess of any power contained in such settlement and I never heard from the said Thomas Plant or his said Wife or any other person that any such deed or Will had been so made.

4 That there were issue of the marriage of the said Thomas Plant and Ann Dean six children and no more all of whom I well knew namely William Dean Plant Arthur Plant Mary Plant Thomas Plant and Charles Plant.

5 That the said William Dean Plant died under the age of Twenty one years and unmarried leaving the said Arthur Plant his eldest brother and heir at Law and the said Mary Plant died unmarried and intestate leaving the said Arthur Plant her eldest brother and heir at Law her surviving.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the



provisions of an Act made and passed in the
Session of Parliament of the 5th and 6th years of
the reign of his late Majesty King William the
Fourth intitled "An act to repeal an act of the
present Session of Parliament intitled 'An Act for
the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations
taken and made in various departments of the
state and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof
and for the more entire suppression of voluntary
and extra judicial Oaths and Affidavits and to
make other provisions for the abolition of
unnecessary Oaths.

Taken and declared at
Sudbuck in the County
of Chester this twenty eighth
day of December 1847
Before me
Robt Bygones
Commissioner to administer
Oaths in the Supreme Court
of Judicature in England.

Thomas Whittingham

PLANT - HARTHAN CONNECTION

SAMUEL HARTHAN m JUDITH BOOTH
 SILK THROWSTER OF BIDDULPH OF BIDDULPH
 MILLS - CHESHIRE 1792 - 1845 = 1793 - 1866

TWELVE OTHER SONS AND DAUGHTERS
 EZRA HARTHAN JR
 LIVED AT SANDBACH
 1835 - 1917

EMILY PLANT
 1832 - 1895

AGNES 1872-1939 EMILY 1873-1942

m HER COUSIN BURTON PLANT
 NO CHILDREN

m. ADAM FOX M.D

GEORGE 1874-1941
 M.D OF EVESHAM

m WINIFRED DAU. OF
 DR JOHN SAM'L SLATER
 OF EVESHAM

MARY 1913 -

m HER COUSIN GEORGE RIDDELL
 ISSUE

ANTONY 1908-76 RST 1909-25

m MARY SHIRPLEY

DICK 1913-

m MST KENNEDY

JOHN 1916 -

UN MARRIED

CHRISTOPHER

NO CHILDREN



LIST OF RECORDED WILLS - PLANT FAMILY

1500 - 1896

* Entries shown thus, indicate copies of full will have been obtained and copies can be obtained from W. K. Plant.

		PRO
* 1527	Alice Plant widow of Stone	Lichfield
* 1533	Plant	"
* 1537	Thomas Plant	"
* 1540	Roger Plant	"
* 1540	Nicholas Plant	"
	1545 Hugh Plant	"
* 1550	Henry Plant	"
	1550 Thomas Plant	"
	1550 William Plant	"
	1552 John Plant	"
	1555 William Plant	"
	1556 Ellen Plant	"
	1557 Richard Plant	"
	1558 Thomas Plant	"
	1558 John Plant	"
	1560 William Plant	"
	1560 George Plant	"
	1561 James Plant	"
	1567 Richard Plant	"
	1568 Richard Plant	"
	1574 Thomas Plant	"
	1576 William Plant	"
* 1582	Robert Plant	"
	1582 William Plant	"
	1583 Alice Plant	"
	1583 Thomas Plant	"
* 1585	Robert Plant	"
	1586 Humphrey Plant	"
	1587 Reginald Plant	"
* 1588	Lawrence Plant	"
	1591 Christopher Plant	"
	1595 Margaret Plant	"
	1596 Richard Plant	"
	1598 John Plant	"
	1599 William Plant	"
	1602 John Plant	"
* 1604	William Plant	"

1605	Humphrey Plant	"
1609	Edward Plant	"
* 1611	William Plant	Chester
1614	William Plant	Lichfield
1616	Thomas Plant	"
1619	Richard Plant	Lichfield
1623	John Plant	"
1626	Ellen Plant (deed of gift)	"
* 1626	John Plant of Sutton	Chester
1628	William Plant of Stone	Lichfield
1628	John Plant of Sherrif Holes	"
* 1633	Lawrence Plant	"
1633	Thomas Plant	"
* 1637	Edward Plant of Siddington	Chester
1637	John Plant	Lichfield
1637	Margaret Plant	"
1637	William Plant	"
1638	Henry Plant	"
* 1639	Lawrence Plant of Wincle	Chester
1640	William Plant of Leek	Lichfield
* 1647	Randle Plant of Gawsworth	Chester
* 1647	Justice Plant of Henbury	"
* 1678	Ann Plant of Gawsworth	"
* 1677	John Plant of Bosley (Yeoman)	"
1685	John Plant of Hunstanton	"
* 1686	John Plant of Gawsworth	"
* 1688	Richard Plant of Winkesley	"
* 1690	Edward Plant of Butley	"
1690	Mary Plant of Winkesley	"
* 1690	William Plant of Bury (Husbandman)	Lancashire
* 1699	Henry Plant of Wincle	Chester
* 1701	Lawrence Plant of Widdall	Lancashire
* 1705	Lawrence Plant of Hall Edge, Prestbury	Cheshire
* 1707	James Plant jnr. of Wincle (Blacksmith)	"
* 1717	Edward Plant of Mobberley (Yeoman)	"
1723	Thomas Plant of Widdes in Bury (Yeoman)	Lancashire
1727	Elizabeth Plant of Barthomley	Chester
* 1728	Edward Plant of Little Leigh	"
1729	Lawrence Plant of Elton (Yeoman)	Lancashire
1740	Jonathan Plant of Broughton in Stafford (Gent)	Lichfield

1744	Davenport Plant of Butley (Soldier)	Chester
1752	Martha Plant of Brereton (Widow)	"
* 1750	Randle Plant of North Rode (Miller)	"
1753	Mary Plant of Liverpool (Shopkeeper)	"
* 1754	Thomas Plant of Betchton - Sandbach	"
1757	Thomas Plant of Congleton	"
1764	Thomas Plant of Manchester	Lancaster
* 1774	James Plant of Odd Rode	Chester
* 1775	Thomas Plant of Wincle	"
* 1775	Samuel Plant of Wincle (Yeoman)	"
1801	James Plant of Manchester	"
1802	Ann Plant of Cheadle (Widow)	"
1805	William Plant of Liverpool (Mariner)	Lancaster
* 1805	William Plant of Wincham (Yeoman)	Chester
1808	Mary Plant of Hulton Park (Spinster)	"
* 1808	John Plant of Branshaw (Yeoman)	"
* 1808	Joseph Plant of Great Budworth (Soiner)	"
* 1808	William Plant of Edgeley (Gardener)	"
1811	William Plant of Liverpool (Sawyer)	"
* 1812	William Plant of Bredbury (Yeoman)	"
1813	Mary Plant of Nantwich (Widow)	"
1813	Thomas Plant of Liverpool	"
* 1813	Jonathan Plant of Broughton in Stafford (Gent)	Lichfield
1814	Olive Plant of Cheadle	Chester
1814	Joseph Plant of Astbury (Yeoman)	"
* 1815	Thomas Plant of Church Hulme (Farmer)	"
1816	Hannah Plant of Mottram St. Andrew late of Butley (spinster)	"
* 1818	Thomas Plant of Crawley (Labourer)	"
1820	John Plant of Salford (Cabinet Maker)	"
1820	John Plant elder of Low in Buglawton (Gent)	"
1821	Andrew Plant of Northwich (Sadler)	"
1821	George Plant of Sutton (Cotton Spinner)	"
1821	John Plant of Buglawton (Farmer)	"
* 1825	Lawrence Plant of Betchton (Farmer)	"
1825	Martha Plant of Buglawton	"
1825	Thomas Plant of Over Peover (Farmer)	"
1827	George Plant of Heaton Norris (Baker)	"
1827	Richard Plant of St. Helens (Gent)	Lancaster

1827	Jane Plant of Bramhall (widow)	Chester
* 1828	Thomas Plant of Holmes Chapel (Yeoman)	"
1828	Ann Plant of Holmes Chapel	"
1828	James Plant of Hurdsfield (Shoemaker)	"
* 1828	Thomas Plant elder of Brereton (Yeoman)	"
1833	William Plant of Leese (Farmer)	"
* 1834	Samuel Plant of Church Hulme (Publican)	"
1835	Joseph Plant of Antrobus (Yeoman)	"
1841	Hannah Plant of Plumley (widow)	"
* 1842	William Plant of Crawley (Farmer)	Chester
* 1846	John Plant of Elworth Hall (Gent)	"
1848	Mary Plant of Sproston (widow)	"
1849	Simon Plant of Hurdsfield (Butcher)	"
19. 3.1852 (d.29.12.1856)	Andrew Plant the Edler of Church Hulme (Wheelwright)	"
28. 3.1855 (d.12.4.1855)	George Plant of Stockport (Innkeeper)	"
(d.14.6.1851)	John Plant of Sale Moor (Gardener)	"
20.11.1844 (d.23.9.1851)	John Plant of Stockport (Baker & Flour maker)	"
17. 6.1856 (d.3.7.1856)	Robert Plant of Stockport (Clock & watch maker)	"
13.8.1852 (d.5.3.1853)	Thomas Plant of Lawton Heath (Labourer)	"
4.5.1854 (d.3.9.1854)	Thomas Plant of Chester (Publican)	"
*29.10.1847 (d.19.1.1857)	William Plant of Stalybridge (Gentleman)	"
1859	Thomas Plant of Congleton (Innkeeper)	"
1860	James Plant the Elder of Macclesfield (Weighing Clerk)	"
1860	Thomas Plant of Church Hulme (Wheelwright)	"
1860	Sarah Plant of Church Hulme (Spinster)	"
1862	George Plant of Church Hulme (Saddler)	"
1863	John Plant of Congleton Green (Grocer)	"
1866	Samuel Plant of Stockport (Spindle & Flyer manf)	"
1866	Nancy Plant of Macclesfield	"
1866	Robert Plant of Henbury (Farmer)	"
1869	James Plant of Halton (Farmer)	"
1870	Hannah Plant of Halton (widow)	"
1872	Jonathan Plant of Bostock & Davenham (Labourer)	"

1874	Eliz.Plant formerly of Heaton Norris, afterwards of Hyde late of Stockport (Spinster)	"
1874	Samuel Plant of Hyde (Patternmaker)	"
1875	William Plant of Beanbridge in Warleston nr. Nantwich (Gentleman)	"
1877	John Plant of Seven Oakes farm (Labourer)	"
1877	Helen Plant of Betchton (widow)	"
1878	Simon Plant of Macclesfield (Shopkeeper)	"
1878	Mary Plant of Macclesfield (widow)	"
1879	James Plant of Dukinfield (Licensed Victualler)	"
1879	John Plant of Nantwich (Gentleman)	"
1879	Thomas Plant of Pickmere (Farm Bailiff)	"
1882	John Plant of Castle Northwich (Stone mason)	"
1889	Fanny Plant of Stockport (spinster)	"
1890	George Plant of Alsager (Machinist)	"
1894	William Plant of Little Leigh	"
1894	Jane Plant of Crewe	"
1895	George Plant of Haslington, nr Crewe	"

MANCHESTER COURT LEET RECORDS

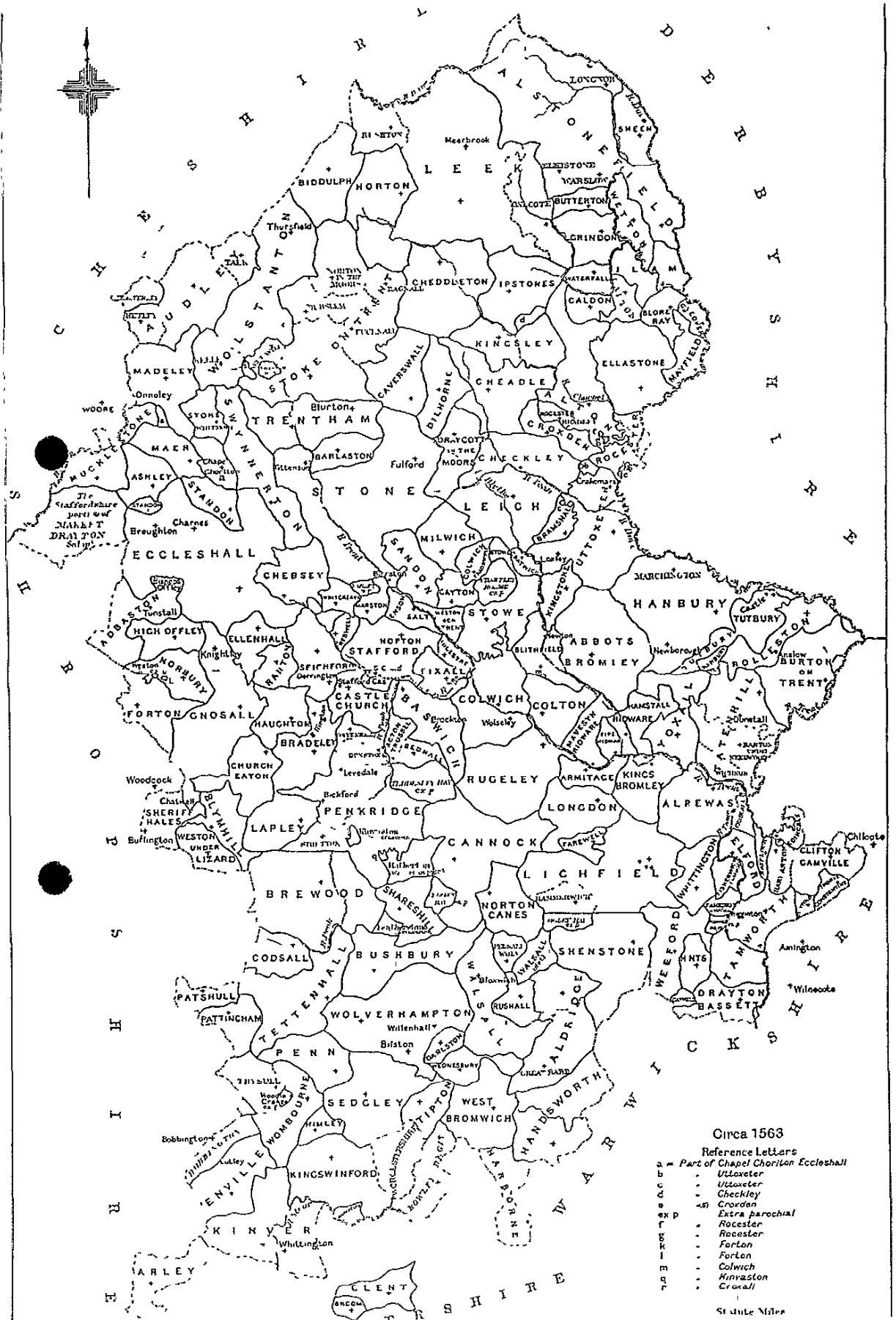
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The Court Leet Records for Manchester contain the following references to the Plant family.

- 7.10.1661 Thomas Plante took Oath of Allegiance to King at Manchester Court Proceedings.
- 26.4.1757 Thomas Plant was sworn in as a Burgess for Manchester responsible for Deansgate and Smithy Door.
- 10.10.1759 Thomas Plant was sworn in as a Burgess for Manchester responsible for Deansgate and Smithy Door.
- 23.4.1760 'We the Jurors do present the following officers who have neglected to appear at this Court to Present those things which belong to their office to present and therefore, each of then is summoned in the sum of one shilling'.

Thomas Plant responsible for Scavengers.
- 13.10.1762 Thomas Plant was sworn in as a Burgess for Manchester responsible for Smithy Door.
- 12.10.1763 Thomas Plant was sworn in as a Burgess for Manchester responsible for Smithy Door.
- 15.10.1766 Lawrence Plant was sworn in as a Burgess for Manchester responsible for Corn Weights and Measures.
- 14.10.1767 Lawrence Plant was sworn in as a Burgess for Manchester responsible for Deansgate and Smithy Door.

THE ANCIENT PARISHES OF STAFFORDSHIRE



Circa 1563

Reference Letters

- a = Part of Chapel Choriton Eccleshall
- b = Uttoxeter
- c = Uttoxeter
- d = Checkley
- e = Croxall
- f = Extra parochial
- g = Rocester
- h = Rocester
- i = Forton
- j = Forton
- k = Colwich
- l = Minvaston
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ARTICLE No 5

PLANTS AROUND N E DERBYSHIRE

by Dr John Plant

Dr John Plant (Member No. 52) has again been busy researching the Plant family and his findings relating to N E Derbyshire are detailed below. It is planned to take a more detailed look at the Chesterfield Plants which may alter some of the information contained in this chapter - more details later if applicable.

5.1 The Drapers of Worksop and Doncaster

The Great North Road (A1), famous from Roman times, runs 18 miles northward from East Retford to Doncaster; Worksop lies 7 miles west of East Retford, halfway to Clowne. Five miles south of Worksop is Norton-Cuckney, which is half-way to Sutton In Ashfield and Mansfield.

The will of Thomas Plant (d 4.10.1848) of Ashley Cottage, Worksop mentions inter alia a factory at Church Walk, the trustees William Cart Plant of Doncaster, Thomas Plant of Cheltenham and Robert Plant of Worksop, and the beneficiaries Hannah (his wife), Robert, John Lomax and James (his sons). The will of Hannah (his wife) of Worksop (under £300) was proved by William Cart Plant.

An associated family tree is shown in Figure 5.1 and other wills for this family refer often to drapers.

The will of a Robert Henry Plant (under £1500) draper and outfitter late of Worksop (d 1.2.1881) was proved by his brother George Thomas outfitter and draper of Worksop. Also, the will of William Cart Plant draper late of Doncaster (d 13.11.1885) was proved by his brother John Lomax Plant of East Retford draper and Charles James Drabble of North Carlton.

The 1871 Census for 121/9 Albion Place, North Doncaster records William H Plant (aged 65) from Worksop as a draper employing 4 men + boy + 1 woman, with wife Annie S (aged 33) and Sons Herbert J (aged 1) and Herbert (12 days), and 3 servants.

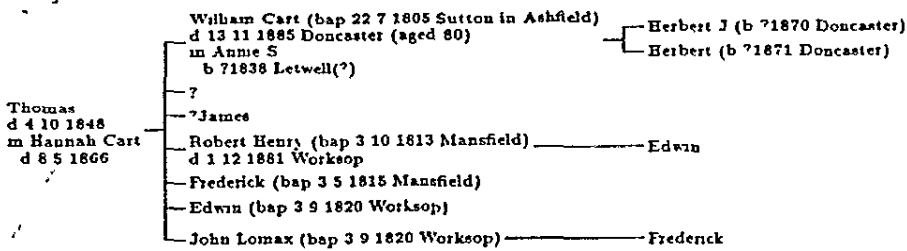
It is possible that this family originated from Clowne (eg. as Thomas and Ann's third son, Thomas,*) or Nottingham (eg. John of Figure 5.8) for example.

By 1863, there is also a John Plant tailor and (wool) draper recorded in Trades Directories for Sheffield.

*See page 34 of Journal No. 2.

Mary
m 7 6 1744 Worksop
Josph Haslam

Thomas
m 29 9 1801 Sutton in Ashfield
Sarah Cart



John
m? Mary — Dorothy (bap 27 2 1817 Worksop)
— John (bap 11 11 1819 Worksop)

John
m 20 9 1813 Cuckney
Elizabeth Downs

Figure 5.1: Some Plants around Worksop

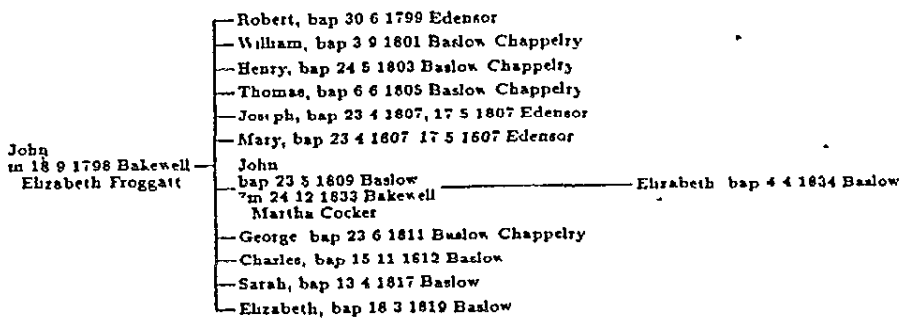


Figure 5.2: A Plant family near Baslow

5.2 Some Further Plants

Though incomplete, some records are shown for some surrounding parishes in Figures 5.2 to 5.10. Relative to Clowne, Chesterfield is about 8 miles to the west and Baslow twice as far; Worksop is about 7 miles to the east and East Retford twice as far; Mansfield and Sutton-in-Ashfield are about 10 miles south and Nottingham rather more than twice as far. Eastwood (Figure 5.9) is about 8 miles NW of Nottingham and Ashbourne a further 18 miles to the west.

Ruth
M 27.11.1798 John Canlin

Dinah
m 17.11.1802 Thomas Turner

Figure 5.3: Some Plant records at Old Brampton

Elizabeth
m 17 10 1699 Joannem Sheldon

Robtus Andrew — Margareta, bap 9 4 1724

Samuel
m 1.12 1714 Isabella Milner — Gubemus, bap 13 10 1723
Thomas, bap 27 6 1727

Samuel
?m 3 7 1737 North Wingfield — Samuel, bap 11 6 1738 Beeley
Dinah Fidler — Dinah, bap 17 1 1741
?m 1 1 1771 Saml Smith

Laurentius — Saml, bap 14 2 1730

Samuel — William bap 16 5 1765
Lucy, bap 14 2 1768

? — Thomas
m 1 11 1748 Elizabeth Limb

? — Thomas — Mary, bap 12 7 1752

? — Samuel
m 10 11 1779 Jane Higton

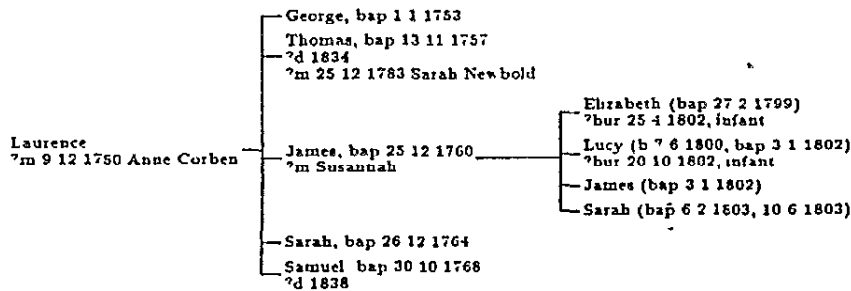


Figure 5.4: A scheme of some Chesterfield Plant Records

5.2.1 Shoemaker Thomas of Chesterfield

There is a will (under £450) made in 1831 by Thomas Plant of Chesterfield which was proved (1834) by his brothers Samuel and James; a Thomas Plant (freehold tenements in Packers Row) also appears in the 1832 Electoral Roll for Chesterfield. These brothers Thomas, Samuel and James are probably sons of Lawrence as shown in Figure 5.4.

From parish record data it seems that it may be this same Thomas who married Sarah Newbold in Chesterfield on Christmas Day 1783 (it may be no more than coincidence that a John Plant also married a Sarah Newbold, in Sheffield in July 1786). In his will, Thomas is described as a patten maker, and he left for example £40 to his servant Amey Shipstone and £10 to Mary Harmitage in Sheffield. In Trades Directories (Pigot), Thomas Plant of Packers Row, Chesterfield is shown as:

. 1821/22 Derbyshire Directory - Clogg and Pattern Maker

Ellen
m 18 3 1806
Joseph Addison of Salford

Hannah
m 27 6 1803 Thomas Jackson

Hannah — Sarah, bap 6 1 1804

Hannah
m 12 11 1809 George Saville

Hannah
m 3 9 1817 Isaac Whitehead

William
m? Ann Johnson — Mary, bap 15 6 1800

William — Dinah, bap 28 11 1824
m? Mary

William
m? Mary Ann — Mary Ann, bap 15 12 1830

James — Emma, bap 24 2 1839
m? Sarah

Joseph
m 24 11 1833 Dronfield — Thomas, bap 19 2 1834
Lucy Hutchinson — Hannah, bap 24 1 1836
— Anne, bap 31 3 1839
— Benjamin, bap 13 8 1841
— Dennis, bap 30 8 1843

Figure 5.5: A scheme of some Chesterfield Plant Records, continued

Thomas — Frederick, bap 23 10 1855
m Jane — Charles Allen, bap 4 2 1857
— Thomas, bap 24 8 1859

Figure 5.6: A Plant family at Brimington

. 1835 Commercial Directory (Derbyshire) - Boot and Shoe Maker

It may be noted that the will of Thomas Plant, patten maker, was proved in 1834 but the above information for the 1835 Directory could have been compiled before his death. It is not clear whether there is any connection between this shoemaker, Thomas, and the shoemaker William who was the father of James Plant (1829-1904) of Sheffield.

There is also a will made in 1834 for a Samuel Plant of Chesterfield in which almost everything (under £3000) is left to his brother James. Thus, this Samuel and James may have been brothers of the shoemaker, Thomas. The property in the will of Samuel includes Pews in the Parish Church of Chesterfield, 5 Messuages in Chesterfield and 2 on Brampton Moor and the will mentions also his housekeeper Mrs Martha Eyre (the name Eyre appears also, in 1764 and 1766, in Plant parish records for Edensor).

5.2.2. Some North Wingfield Plants

The parish of North Wingfield adjoins the parishes of Chesterfield, Sutton-Cum-Duckmanton and Ault Hucknall. Some associated parish records are shown in Figure 5.7.

John
m Mary — William, bap 20 1 1771
 — Thomas, bap 28 6 1773
 — Joseph, bap 5 11 1775

George
m 25 12 1881 Eliza Meakin

Figure 5.7: Plants at North Wingfield

Robt
m 10 5 1600 (Nottingham and Thrumpton)
 Anne Burtowe

Anne
m 20 2 1668
 William W(a/h)ite

Thomas
m^r Elizabeth — Thomas bap 18 7 1749 — Mary, bap 23 3 1775
 — m 6 11 1771 — Thomas, bap 12 7 1773
 — Ruth Hains — John, bap 12 11 1776

Thomas
m(2)^r Mary — Mary bap 25 2 1750
 — m 16 4 1775
 — John Hallet
 — George, bap 30 6 1753
 — James bap 30 6 1753
 — Elizabeth bap 23 7 1754
 — m 29 7 1777
 — Robert Greaves
 — Sarah bap 12 7 1757
 — James bap 2 12 1760

Thomas
m^r Harri(o/e)t — Thomas Robert, bap 26 6 1801
 — Holland, bap 18 9 1802
 — John, bap 9 11 1803
 — Henry, bap 27 12 1804
 — Peter, bap 27 12 1804
 — m 11 8 1832 Radford
 — Mary Raynes Smith
 — Holland Pope, bap 11 1 1807
 — Frederick, bap 14 10 1808
 — Mary Ann, bap 19 1 1812
 — Thomas (bap 28 3 1813 East Retford)

Figure 5.8: A scheme for some Nottingham Plants

5.2.3 Some Nottingham Plants

In connection with Figure 5.8, it may be noted that the baptisms are recorded for Nottingham St Marys, except for the children of Thomas and Harri(o/e)t which are at Nottingham St Nicholas. There are records of wills for Thomas the elder of Nottingham (July 1789) and Thomas (October 1802).

5.2.4. Some Derby Plants

The 1851 Census for Derby 'Boro' shows at 64 John Street (Parish of St Peters) the family of Thomas and Sarah as outlined in Figure 5.11; Thomas is described as a railway labourer, sons George, Charles, Thomas and William as respectively linseed pressman, brass moulder, linseed brusher, errand boy, and each daughter as a scholar; all except the father were born in Derby; another son of this family may be the servant, Henry, chimney sweep in the household of master chimney sweep Thomas Hall at Willow Row, Court 3 (Parish of All Saints). The family of silk dyer Joseph and Ellen, with unmarried son Joseph tailor, are shown at 12 Kedleston St (Parish of St Ackmund). The family of power? loom worker James and his wife Mary are at 71 Nuns Street (Parish of All Saints); also in this parish, in the household of George Coulson at 4 St Mary Gate, is Emma from Langley with her fellow servant Hannah Booth from Duckmanton.

Thomas
m Elizabeth — Sarah, bap 1 6 1851
— William, bap 5 6 1856
— Sampson, bap 16 11 1857

Figure 5.9: A Plant family at Eastwood (Notts)

William
m 7 11 1772 Longford — William
Sarah Yates m Ann bap 23 1 1780 Osmanton — Sarah (bap 23 3 1800 Bradley)
— William (bap 1802 Osmanton)
— male (bap 15 4 1804 Osmanton)
— Joseph (bap 16 6 1805 Shurley)
— William (bap 2 11 1806 Shurley)
— Robert (bap 20 8 1809 Shurley)
— Ann (bap 20 6 1810 Osmanton)
— Ann (bap 21 4 1811 Shurley)
— Maria Harnet (bap 23 12 1813 Osmanton)

Saml — Wm (bap 10 3 1790 Brailsford)

Ralph — William (bap 20 5 1804 Osmanton)
m Ann

William
m 24 2 1824 Radbourne
Phyllis Pedley

William
m 6 9 1819 Derby — Anne (bap 4 2 1821 Osmanton)
Ann Swan — Thomas (bap 14 3 1823 Osmanton)
— Thomas (bap 19 12 1824 Osmanton)
— John and Hannah
(bap 25 5 1828 Osmanton)

Figure 5.10. A scheme of some Plant Records near Ashbourne

Thomas
b 1804/5 Osbaston, Derbysh — George, b 1830/1
m Sarah b 1805/6 — Charles, b 1831/2
— Thomas, b 1833/4
— William, b 1835/6
— Mary Ann, b 1838/9
— Eliza, b 1844/5

Henry
b 1840/1

Joseph
b 1799/1800 Osmanton — Joseph, b 1824/5 Kniverton
m Ellen b 1796/7 Kniverton

James
b 1803/4 Leek, Staffs — Lucy, b 1839/40 Leek
m Mary b 1805/6 Wirksworth — Ann, b 1841/2
— Harritt, b 1848/9

Emma
b 1822/3 Langley, Derbysh

Figure 5.11. Some data for Plants at Derby

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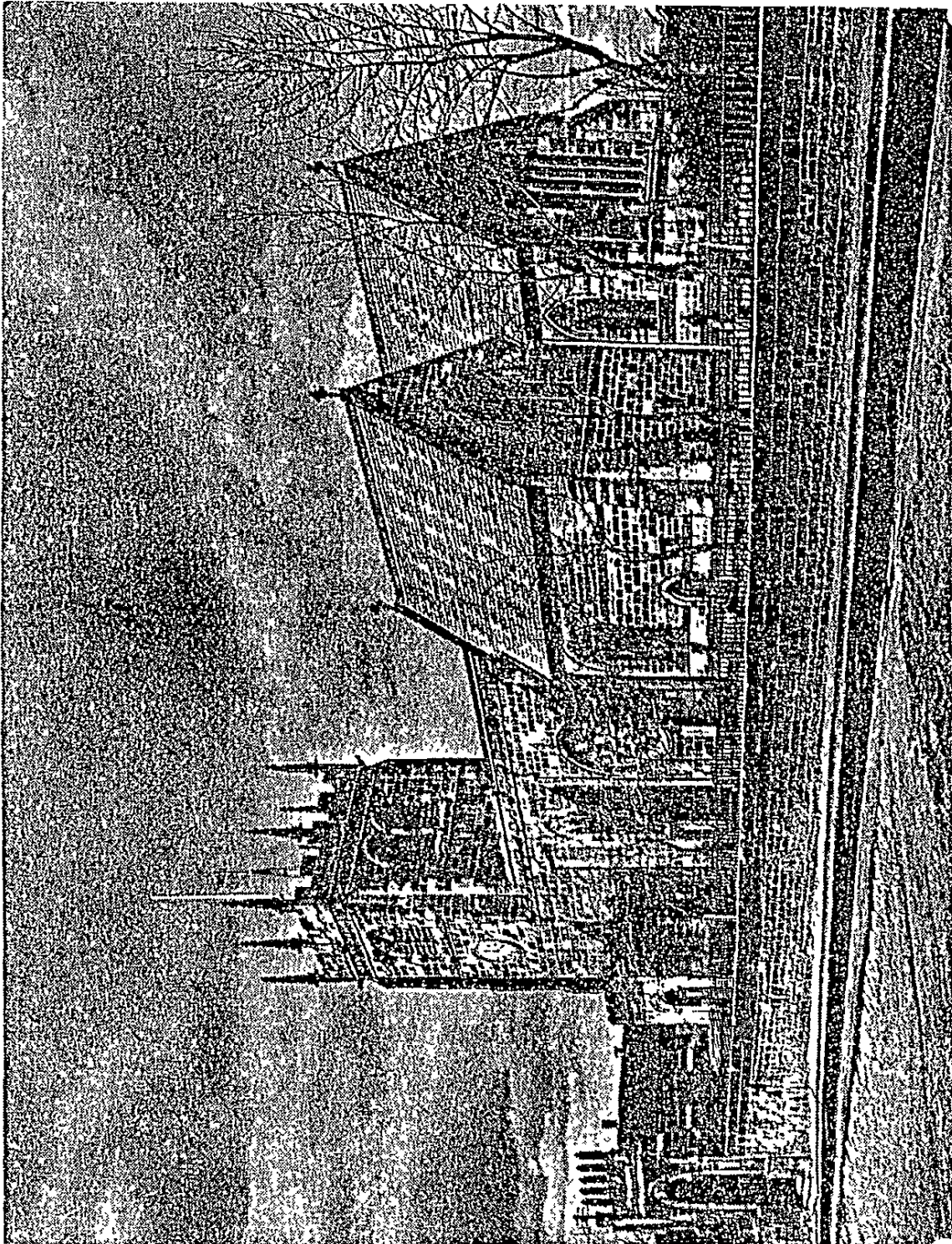
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- Angel** A gold coin worth 6/8d minted in 1465/6.
- Crown** A gold coin minted in 1526 and worth 4/6d. In 1551 it appeared as a silver coin and valued at 5/-. Discontinued in Victorian period.
- Farthing** Until 1279 a farthing was obtained by cutting a penny into quarters. Silver farthings were issued from this date until the reign of Edward VI. Copper farthings were minted in 1672 and eventually made of bronze. Farthings were discontinued in 1956.
- Florin** A gold coin minted in 1344 and worth 6 shillings. First minted in Florence from where it took its name. Silver florins were first minted in 1849.
- Groat** A silver coin introduced in 1279 without much popularity. It was re-introduced in 1351 and was worth 4d and remained in use until 1662. A small silver groat was later minted but discontinued in 1855.
- Guinea** A gold coin worth £1 minted in 1663. It took its name from Guinea in West Africa, the source of the gold used. In 1717 it was revalued at 21 shillings and discontinued in 1813.
- Halfcrown** A gold coin first introduced in the reign of Henry VIII but later re-issued by Edward VI as a silver coin.
- Half-penny** Until 1279 a half-penny was obtained by cutting a penny in half. Silver half-pennies were issued from 1279 until 1672 when they were minted in copper. From 1860 it was made in bronze.
- Mark** The mark was not a coin but it was often used as a unit in accountancy. It was a weight of metal originally valued at 128 silver pennies (10/8d) but was later revalued at 13/4d.
- Penny** First issued in the 8th century as a silver coin. For nearly 500 years it was the only coin struck in England and remained a silver coin until 1797. The Saxon penny weighed 22.5grains - hence there were 240 pennies to a pound weight of silver. In the early period the penny was minted with a cross on the reverse side so that the coin could be broken into half-pennies and farthings.
- In 1797 a copper penny was introduced reducing the size in 1799. In 1860 it was reduced to its final size. No pennies were issued in 1923-5, 1941-3, 1952 and 1954-60. Only a token supply was minted in 1933.
- Pound** Originally a pound weight of silver from which 240 pennies could be minted. Pound notes were first issued in 1797.

LEEK - STAFFORDSHIRE

PLANT CONNECTIONS

The next Journal will include extracts from the Diary of John Plant of Leekfrith 1849-53. As an introduction to this article the following should be of interest.



LEEK PARISH CHURCH

The information below is printed by kind permission of the Rev. J.Y. Crewe, vicar of St. Edward.

The Ancient Parish Church of Leek is dedicated to King Edward the Confessor. The church was probably founded in early Saxon times and would have been a simple rectangular building of adequate size for the 100 people said to be living in Leek at the time of the Domesday Book.

On the night of June 9th, 1297, the Church of Leek and the whole town, was burnt down. The church was re-built and was re-consecrated in 1320 and at that time, dedicated to St. Edward.

During the middle ages, the church was under the patronage of the Abbey of Dievlocres. In 1538, the Abbey was dissolved and the patronage passed into the hands of laymen. At this time, the church was divided into parishes and independent parishes were set up in the parishes of Cheddleton, Horton and Ipstones. Leek parish itself was divided into four:

Leek and Lowe, Leek Frith, Bradrop and Endom.

The Civil War brought considerable conflict to Leek and there was one fierce battle in 1640 when a detachment of the Kings men were defeated by Parliamentarian soldiers. It was said that the Church was the scene of the last stand and the Church was hit by cannon. Several men were killed and 18 wounded. This can be reckoned from the sum paid by the Parish for maimed soldiers at 8s.6d. a soldier.

In the 1715 rebellion, Leek was carefully watched and was considered a most rebellious place. Feeling ran high in the town and Stuart sympathisers were strong. The Quaker meeting house was burnt down. Perhaps it was for this reason that thirty years later, Bonnie Prince Charlie chose to march through Leek in his famous but ill-starred invasion of England in 1745. We have an eye-witness account of the event. The young Pretender himself slept at the Vicarage. Although his colours carried the motto "A la fin" ("to the end"), he turned back at Derby. He stopped in Leek again on his return, but this time, the Vicar gave him no welcome. His wife, who was ill at the time, was so terrified by the prospect of being punished for having harboured the rebel Prince that she died.

Like many other small places, Leek began to become an industrial town as well as a market town at the end of the 17th century. The silk trade in Leek and neighbouring towns is often linked with the arrival in quite large numbers of Huguenots in 1685, when Louis XIV of France revoked the Edict of Nantes, although it must be recorded that this theory has been strongly challenged and modern research suggests that the silk trade came from Spitalfields via Derby

Nonetheless, the arrival of these French Calvinists in Leek would no doubt have had its effect not only on the industrial and social life of the town, but on its religious life too. These Frenchmen incidentally, were joined later by others in the Napoleonic wars, when French prisoners chose to settle in Leek on finding many of French extraction already residents here. They settled as a little colony in the land beside the Church which became known as Petty France, an anglicisation of the French 'Petite France' (Little France).

John Wesley visited Leek several times. After one visit on Easter Day in 1782, he wrote,

"I preached in the Church, morning and evening. We have about 800 communicants. In the evening we had a love-feast and such a one as I have not seen for many years. Sixteen or Eighteen persons gave a clear scriptural testimony of being renewed in love and many others told what God had done for their souls with inimitable simplicity"

It is a great sign of grace that at that time the Vicar, the Rev. Simon Mills, whose incumbency stretched from 1758-1785, should have welcomed him. By this time, all too few churches remained open to John Wesley, for he had made many enemies, especially among the Bishops. Before Mr. Mills' incumbency, there were many fights between Churchmen and Methodists. A curate of Leek, John Richardson, became a Methodist and as ordained men were scarce among the early followers of Wesley, he played an important part in the early history of Methodism. It was he who buried John Wesley.

The Van Tuyl memorial in the North aisle is notable for being a memorial to one of the Huguenot families that came to Leek in the 16th Century. Their history is interesting. The original Van Tuyls were wealthy titled people. They had two sons, Peter John and John Peter, whom they brought over in fruit panniers, having disguised themselves as fruit peddlars. Both sons went to America in 1700, Peter John to Nova Scotia and John Peter to New York, where he prospered and became one of the founders of the City of New York. His son Otto, however, became a pirate and was drowned in New York harbour on Christmas Day, 1761. His son Andrew took after his grandfather and became a prosperous merchant in New York. Their grandson, Peter Bogart Van Tuyl, married Olive Bullock of Leek. This memorial tells of their Bullock ancestors and their own children.

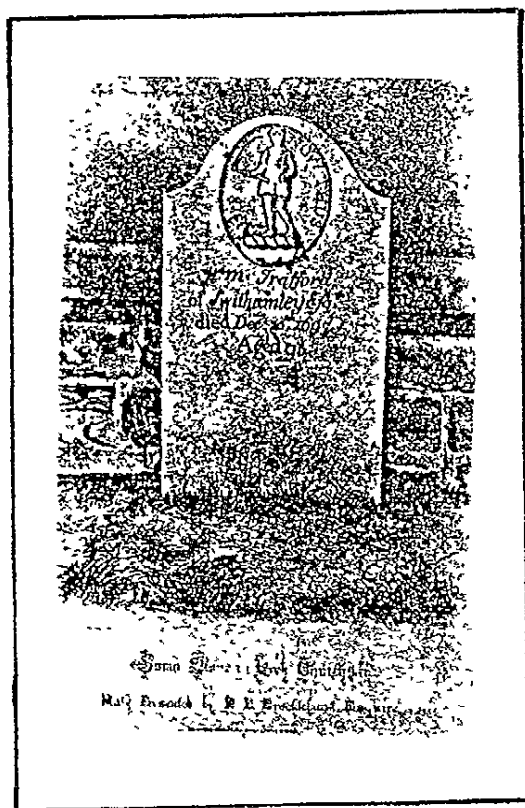
In the Parlour there are two grave stones of special interest. One is a Forester's Grave Slab. The Sherwood Forest once stretched from Nottinghamshire to Cheshire and Leek was well within its boundaries. There were many outlaws who lived off the King's deer and generally defied the power of the Norman and Angevin kings by living in this huge forest. Robin Hood was only the most notorious of many such fellows. Foresters were like sheriffs of the forest appointed to keep order and put down outlaws.

The William Trafford Memorial also has an exciting story attached to it. The Traffords were an ancient family in these parts and William lived at Swythamley Hall. He raised a troop of horses for the King in the Civil War and after the capture of the King, returned to his home.

He was followed there by the Parliamentarians, but he disguised himself as a common worker in a smock and when the Roundhead soldiers arrived, he was threshing wheat in the barn. He was said to be heard muttering the family motto "Now Thus". He lived to the ripe old age of 93. Note the smock and the flail and the words on the slab. Sleigh's History of the Ancient Parish of Leek has an earlier variant of this story which seems far less likely.

The Churchyard contains two preaching crosses, the one near the porch being used in 1745, when Bonnie Prince Charlie marched through the town, as shooting practice by his soldiers. The cross still shows the indentations of their bullets.

Other evidence of Military use of the churchyard is shown by the deep grooves of the third buttress to the right of the North side Rose Window. These were made by the young men who, by a law passed by Richard III, had to practice archery on Sundays and Holy Days after worship. As the archers waited their turn, they would trim and sharpen their arrows on the buttress.



WILLIAM TRAFFORD MEMORIAL

The Plants were numerous in Leek between the years 1634 - 1694 and the following records have been found relating to this period

D	25. 4.1634	Fould	Nicholas Plant
	1634		Tho.Plant was Church Warden
B	17. 8.1634	Fould	John s. of Wm. & Eliz.Plant
B	18.10.1634/5		Tho.s. of Thos.& Margt.Plant
D	1.11.1634/5	Low	Will Plant - Senior
B	12. 6.1636	Leek	Sarah d. of Nicholas Plant
B	3. 7.1636	Leek	Meiray d.of John & Isobel Plant
B	20. 7.1636	Hobhouse	Anne d of Robert & Catherin Plant
D	9.12.1636	Leek	Wm. s of John Plant
M	25. 3.1736		John Watson & Sarah Plant
B	16. 8.1637	Fryth	Sarah d.of Thos. & Mgt.Plant
D	12.10.1637	Redearth	Mgt.Plant - Widow
D	20.10.1637	Redearth	John Plant
D	28.11.1637	Hobhouse	Anna d.of Rbt.Plant
M	3.12.1637		John Cash & Eliz.Plant
	1637	Fryth	Tho.Plant was Church Warden
D	15. 3.1638	Low	Anne Plant widow
B	19. 8.1638	Leek	Mary d.of Nich & Joan Plant
B	3.10.1638	Leek	Tho.s of John & Isobel Plant
B	10.10.1638	Leek	Tho.s of Tho. & Anne Plant
M	30.12.1638		Tho.Clowes & Alice Plant
D	7. 6.1639	Low	Eliz.wife of Wm.Plant
D	21. 6.1639	Low	Wm.Plant
B	14. 7.1639	Fryth	Joseph s. of T. & Alice Plant
D	29. 7.1639	Leek	Thos.Plant
D	21. 8.1639	Leek	John Plant
D	26. 4.1640	Leek	Nicholas Plant
D	28. 1.1641	Leek	Lawrence Plant
M	10. 6.1642		Rob.Plant & Eliz.Johnson
M	25. 2.1642		Rich.Plant & Thomazin Allen
B	4. 6.1644	Blackshaw Moor	Ellen d.of Rich & Thomazin Plant
D	25. 9.1645	Cowley	Cath.Plant, Widow
B	2.10.1645	Blackshaw Moor	Ann d of Richard & Thomazen Plant
D	20.12.1646	Blackshaw Moor	Lawrence Plant
B	26. 7.1648	Fryth	Eliz.d of Rob & Eliz.Plant
B	16. 5.1648	Blackshaw Moor	Eliz.d. of Rich & Thom.Plant
D	5. 4.1649	Hobhouse	Rob.Plant
M	11. 5.1649		Ralph Heywood & Eliz.Plant
D	10.12.1649	Redearth	? Plant
M	10. 5.1651		Wm.Morris & Anne Plant
M	25.10.1651		James Clowes & Sarah Plant
D	18.12.1652	Blackshaw Moor	Spurius James Plant
	1653	Cliffe	Will Plant was Churchwarden
D	6.12.1655	Blackshaw Moor Head	Mary Plant (Widow)
B	27. 1.1655		Ellen d. of James & Alice Plant
? M	20. 2.1655		Law.Plant of Richard & Joan Plant of Redearth
M	12. 3.1656		? Lewis Hackwood of Chaddleton (Forgeman) & Joan Plant
M	24. 6.1656	Rowly Gate	Henry Plant & Anne Charlaworth
M	26. 3.1657	Redearth	Law.Plant & Anne Gent
M	30. 4.1657	Redearth	Sam.Plant & Anne Turner of Ipstones
B	10. 5.1657	Leek	Tho.s of Henry & Anne Plant

M	11. 5.1657		Rich.Heath b.Leeke (Yeoman) & Alice d. of Tho.Plant
M	10. 6.1657	Leek	Randall Spencer of Newbold Astbury & Joan Plant
D	29. 1.1657	Redearth	Tho.Plant aged 82
D	3. 3.1657	Tattsworth	Jane d.of Samuel & Ann Plant
M	4. 4.1660	Redearth	Sam.Plant & Mary d. of Peter Lownes
D	3. 5.1662		Tho.s of Henry Plant
B	2. 4.1663	Bradshaw	Thom.s of Samuel Plant
B	10. 4.1663		Tho.s.of Law. Plant
M	24. 9.1662	Leekfrith	Sampson Shoopplebothan & Joan Plant as say David Fernifall of Carlton
M	10. 7.1664	Leekfrith	Rich.Slack p.Prestbury & Mary Plant
B	2. 6.1665	Leek Moore	Anna & Marg.Twins of Henry & Anna Plant
D	15. 6.1665	Redearth	Tho.Plant
D	16.10.1665	Barnyate	Alice Plant
B	28. 1.1665		A. son of Tho.Plant
D	25. 4.1666	Rudyard	Widow Plant
D	5. 8.1666	Blackedge Moor	The wife of Jonas Plant and his daughter
B	4.10.1666	Tattsworth	Eliz.d of Sam & Anne Plant
D	26.11.1666	Milstreet	John Plant
B	9. 5.1667	Bradshaw	A son of Sam Plant
M	3.12.1668	Leekfrith	Rich.Plant & Ann Plane
B	6.11.1668	Brownscoot	Anna d. of Thos.Plant
M	27.12.1669	Leekfrith	Mathew Tonkinson of Park Lane & (Doroth?) Plant
M	29.12.1669	Leek	Tho.Plant & Eliz.Smith
B	17.11.1670	Leek	Sarah d.of Thos & Eliz Plant
M	3. 2.1671	Middlehulme	Sam Johnson & Eliz Plant
M	15. 2.1671	Alstonfield	Tho.Plant of Hurdlaw & JaneBramly of Elleston
B	20. 4.1671	Dunwood	Anne d of Sam Plant
D	16. 4.1672	Leek	Anne d. of Henry & Anne Plant
M	30. 4.1674	Leek	Tho.Plant & Jane Malkin
D	11.1675	Hazelwood	Tho.Plant
D	20. 3.1675	Nachurch	A. d. of Rich Plant
B	17.10.1678	Blackshaw Moor Head	Law. s.of Mary Masterson of Easin Moore and Law Plant
B	5. 1.1678	Leek	Eliz. d.of Thos & Jane Plant
M	11.12.1680		Law Plant & Mary Lomas of Overhulme
M	4. 4.1681	Milstreet	Ralph Clayton & Anne Plant
B	7. 7.1681	Lady Meadows	John s.of Rich & Mary Plant
B	18. 8.1682		Dor. d. of Richard & Dor Plant
M	31. 8.1682		Tho.Rider & Anne Plant
M	5. 9.1682	Leek	James Harrison & Jane Plant
B	8. 9.1682	Lady Meadows	Rich. s.of Rich Plant
M	20. 6.1683	Redearth	James Nixon of Rushton & Hanna Plant
B	1. 8.1684	Lady Meadows	James s. of Rich & Mary Plant
M	8.10.1684		John Andrew & Mary Plant
B	6. 1.1685	Redearth	Law. s of T. Plant
M	5. 5.1687		James Braddock & Lydia Plant
B	9. 6.1687	Leekmoore	Wm. s.of Rich & Mary Plant
B	18. 6.1687	Leek	Susan d of Sarah Whitehall & W.Plant

B	9. 2.1688	Redearth	Tho. s.of Tho & Jane Plant
M	28. 9.1689	Leek	Sam Plant and Mary Shaplebothum of Wincle
B	25. 7.1689	Redearth	James s.of Tho & Jane Plant
M	5. 8.1693	Leek	Tho.Plant & Jane Dod p Cheadleton
B	14. 8.1693	Redearth	A child of Tho. & Jane Plant
B	7.11.1693	Leekfrith	Tho.Wood & Jane Plant
B	8.11.1693	Leek	Martha d. of Hannah Plant & Rich Myott of Horton
B	25. 1.1694	Newgrange	Joseph s. Joseph & Jane Plant
M	13. 2.1694	Rushton	John Clowes & Anne Plant
B	26.11.1690	Blackshaw Moor	John s. of Sarah Plant & John Bagnold of Halhouse
B	28. 2.1690	Blackshaw Moor	Mary d John Plant
M	8. 2.1692	Leekfrith	Joseph Plant & Jane Johnson
M	8.10.1694	Leek	Tho.Rogers & Sarah Plant.

The churchyard contains the following monumental inscriptions:

1. In memory of Hannah Wife of Joseph Plant who died Jan 29 1768
aged 44

Also here lies 3 of her children

Likewise George her son who died May 26 1790 aged 19
2. Memory of James Plant of Golden Farm in Bradrop who died April
11 1835 aged 90 years

Sarah wife of the above who died July 12 1845 aged 86 years
3. In memory of Hannah Plant died Nov. 6 1806 aged 77
4. To the memory of Martha & James our chidren who died

Also Plant intered Feb 1793 aged

The above Joseph May 1795 aged

Also Eliz. granddaughter died 1799 aged 41
- 5 Here lieth the body of Mary d. of Benjamin and Mary Plant who
departed this life Sept 20 1740 aged 2

Also the above Mary Plant who died 13 Jan 1804 aged 80

Benjamin Plant outlived his wife until the 11th March, 1806 aged
83

THE FRENCH CONNECTION

The following letter has been received from Bruce W Taylor of P.O. Box 1568, New Liskeard, Ontario, POJ 1P0

Dear Mr. Plant:

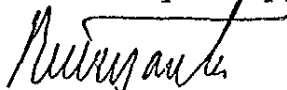
I noticed with considerable interest your recent query in the Newsleaf of the Ontario Genealogical Society regarding the Plant Family History Group.

I found the query of interest because I have just finished publishing a book on the history of the Plaunt/Plante family of Renfrew County in Eastern Ontario, and in the course of my research have determined that the name may have originally been Plant.

Remi Plante, a prominent genealogist from Ottawa (recently deceased), has done extensive research into the origins of the Plante family that emigrated from France to Quebec about 1643. It was his theory that the name Plante was derived from the English name Plant. Mr. Plante published his findings in a book entitled "The Plante Family- The Story of Ten Generations Since 1650. The book was published privately in both French and English.

I have enclosed a photocopy of two pages of my book which give an explanation of the origins of the Plante family in Canada. I would be very interested in knowing if your research of the Plant family has indicated any long-lost ancestors who may have gone soldiering to Aquitaine.

Yours very truly,


Bruce W. Taylor

I was subsequently pleased to receive from Bruce the following extract from his book and with his permission I have pleasure in including the information in this issue of the Journal.

BEGINNINGS IN FRANCE

The story starts in the mid-1600's in the Town of Laleu in the old Province of Aunis in France. This is part of the area once called Aquitaine which was held by the English for several hundred years, and was fought over endlessly by the English and French; although there was little to distinguish the English knights and nobility from their French counterparts right up until the fifteenth century, as both sides spoke the same language (the heritage of the Norman conquest of Britain), and the nobility had intermarried to the extent that they were mostly all related.

The Town of Laleu is now a part of the city of LaRochele on the Bay of Biscay. It is famous for being the location of a house in which Louis XIII lived during the famous siege of LaRochele against the Calvinists in 1627-1628; not long before our ancestor Jean Plante transported himself to the new world.

Jean Plante from whom all of the Plantes and Plaunts in Canada are descended was a native of Laleu.¹ Remi Plante, has a theory on the origin of the name "Plante" as follows;

" If we consider the duration of the occupation (the English settlements in Aquataine- Author's note), it is very possible that an English soldier by the name of "Plant" posted in France for an undetermined period, may have married a little French girl and settled for good in the country. This is an explanation of how the name Plante may have taken root in France and was Frenchified very easily, by adding the letter E. The implantation was very light throughout the years and in the 1640's, Jean Plante, one who issued from that lineage, came to New France and settled in this new country. Jean Plante is the father of the branch of the family that has been very productive."²

It is ironic that in the 1800's, in Renfrew, the name Plante once again undergoes a transformation — an anglicization this time — to Plaunt. This spelling is used by the many descendants of Francis Xavier Plaunt, the first member of the family to live in Ontario — or Upper Canada as it was called at the time he arrived in Renfrew in 1827.

Aunis, the region of France from which our ancestor, Jean Plante came, contributed a large number of colonists to New France, many of whom were to distinguish themselves in politics, the church, social activities, and the arts.

(1) Serre, Lucien L'Ancetre des Plante, Bull Rech Hist 33,750-752

(2) Plante, Remi The Plante Family - The story of Ten Generations since 1650 P VIII

JEAN PLANTE- 1621-1706

Jean Plante, the son of Nicholas Plante and Elizabeth Chauvin was born in France in approximately 1621. We don't know exactly the year that he arrived in Canada, but it was probably about 1643. Shortly after he arrived in Canada. September 1, 1650, to be exact, he married Francoise Boucher, the 14 year old daughter of Marin Boucher and his second wife, Perrine Malet. Francoise was the first child of the Bouchers to be born in the new world. In addition to seven children born in France to his first wife. Marin Boucher had two sons from Perrine Malet born in France, and another four children after Francoise, all born in Quebec.

Jean Plante and his wife Francoise acquired a farm in the Parish of Chateau Richer on what is called the "Beaupre Coast" on the North Shore of the St. Lawrence River opposite L'Isle d'Orleans. The family then settled down to live the life of Habitants, or farmers, and proceeded to raise their large family. Twelve children, eight sons and four daughters were born between 1653 and 1678.

Jean Plante died at the ripe old age of 85 on March 29, 1706. His wife, Francoise, to whom he had been married for 56 years died on April 18, 1711.

In a conversation in 1990 with Paul Filteau, a resident of Kirkland Lake and President of the Temiskaming-Abitibi Heritage Association, I mentioned my interest in the history of L'Isle d'Orleans. It happens that Mr. Filteau's ancestors settled on the Island about 1663, and he produced a document showing that "Jean Plante witnessed that Pierre Philteau died after receiving the sacraments and was buried in accordance with the ordonnance on July 25, 1699 at the age of 60 years." This event took place in the Parish of St. Jean, on the Island of Orleans. I speculate that the Jean Plante in question is the son of our ancestor Jean Plante, who did in fact own a farm in St. Jean Baptiste Parish. He was born in 1661 and died in St. Jean on May 6th, 1711.

FRANCOIS PLANTE (1) - 1668-1742

Our progenitor, Francois, the eighth child, was born at Chateau Richer on December 3rd, 1668. We know nothing about his early life, but we do know from records of a Notary, Estienne Jacob, that, following the custom of the time, on February 22, 1694, Jean Plante at the age of 73, turned over the family farm and all his personal belongings to his son Francois (who was at that time unmarried and living at home), on the condition that Francois agree to look after the lodging, care and welfare on his parents in their old age, as well as that of his younger brother Joseph and sister Louise, still at home. The other siblings, who were all either established on farms of their own or in the case of sisters, married to established farmers, signed off on any claims to the estate.



INCREASE COOK PLANT
born 1814 - died 1892

INCREASE COOK PLANT 1814 - 1892

by W K Plant
from information provided by Ronella Shields
Member No. 93

Increase Cook Plant was born 27 February 1814 in New Haven, Connecticut, America the youngest son of Timothy and Chloe Plant (nee Dickerman). The family was descended from John Plant who appears on the records of the town of Branford, Connecticut 21 January 1677, when a lot of two acres was granted to him on condition that he should build upon it within three years (for more information see Journals No's 1 and 2).

The early life of Increase Cook Plant was spent in New Haven. His father was a bookbinder associated with the publishing house of Increase Cook, after where he named his son.

At the age of thirteen he left home to attend a boarding school in Columbia, South Carolina. An elder brother, Benjamin D Plant, was a bookseller in Columbia and arrangements were made for Increase to join him and attend the local school. It is probable that other members of the family had also moved to Columbia prior to Increase's move.

Following completion of his studies, he entered his brothers store where another brother, Timothy H Plant, was also employed. When he was about the age of eighteen Timothy and Increase went to Augusta, Georgia and opened a book store of their own under the name of T.H. and I.C.Plant.

Over the next two years Increase, in addition to the book store business, developed a brokerage business, this business expanding to the point where the book store took secondary importance.

Within a very short period he moved to Columbus, Georgia with a view to developing the business there. However, the proprietors of an Augusta bank had become so impressed with his abilities that they offered him an agency on their behalf at Brunswick. He accepted this offer and remained in that position until 1839 when he went to Macon and became the agent of the Marine Bank of Georgia. He was then aged 25.

Whilst living in Augusta Increase became acquainted with Miss Charlotte Walker, a young lady who was visiting there from Leamington, Vermont. The acquaintance ripened into an engagement and on 24 July 1838 they were married at Leamington. They returned to Augusta but Charlotte soon developed consumption and even the mild climate of Augusta did not improve her condition. It was thought wise to go farther south and a journey was entered upon with the purpose of spending a few weeks of the winter in Cuba. Reaching Brunswick, Georgia they decided not to try the sea voyage and found a boarding house there. Whilst in Brunswick she deteriorated rapidly and died on 12 March 1839. They had been married for less than 8 months. She was buried at Oak Grove Cemetary, Brunswick.

After this sad experience Increase remained a widower for over four years and then on 2 October 1843 married Miss Elizabeth Mary Hazelhurst, the second daughter of Robert Hazelhurst, a rich planter of Glynn County, Georgia.

Mr Plants business activities to the end of his life was that of a banker for which he was admirably fitted and he was very successful. Under his management the Marine Bank prospered and became one of the solid moneyed institutions of Middle Georgia.

He worked in this bank for over twenty years until the Civil War necessitated the closure of such establishments.

At the end of the war Mr Plant found his business in much the same condition as others in the South. He obtained the assistance of an old business acquaintance in New York and with the co-operation of others started the First National Bank of Macon. He was elected President and held this position until his death.

In 1865 he organised the banking house of I. C. Plant & Son, this son being Robert H Plant. Following the death of Increase Plant, Robert was made President of the First National Bank and Increase's younger son, George H Plant, Vice President.

Increase and Elizabeth had four children all born in Macon.

Robert Hazlehurst Plant	born	21 August 1847
George Henry Plant	born	11 August 1849
Elizabeth Wilson Plant	born	20 December 1849

married Alonzo D Schofield
died 2 September 1950
buried Riverside Cemetary Macon

Mary Hazlehurst Plant	born	6 October 1875
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married Marshall de Graffenried
died 13 December 1930
buried Atlanta Georgia

Robert Hazlehurst Plant and George Henry Plant will be the subject of a separate article in one of the forthcoming Journals.

Increase appears to have had an interest in natural science - rare minerals, ores, shells, fossiles and birds making a collection of such items and including a large number of Indian relics. Eventually his collection was bestowed upon the University of Georgia at Athens.

He also had a genius for mechanical inventions including a cotton tie which was patented and sold to a manufacturer in New Orleans. He gave much study to railroad switches in an effort to improve safety and to car wheels and axles with a view to certain improvements.

Increase was heavily involved with the Presbyterian Church giving one tenth of his income to the Church.

Mrs Plant worked ceaselessly for the Episcopal Church and together with Increase made every effort to improve the conditions of the slaves and others less fortunate than themselves. In 1860 the rector started a mission and the Plant Family became involved in its operation. A small house was rented and provision was made for the care of the sick. A night school was eventually opened.

After a while, Mrs Plant and one of her friends was asked to open a sewing school starting with four pupils. The school soon became a success and within two years the numbers of pupils had increased to ninety eight.

In the second year 570 garments were made and many of these garments were given to the pupils. During the Civil War years the school also produced clothing for the soldiers.



Mrs I C Plant
(Elizabeth Mary Hazlehurst)

During 1862 Mr Plant offered a building on the lot adjacent to the new site which was given the name of St Barnabas Chapel.

At the close of 1864 it was recorded that since the opening of the school, more than 2500 garments had been made.

In 1868 Mr Plant sold the house and together with his own and friends bequests providing capital for the building of a mission chapel.

Not only did Mr & Mrs Plant do so much for St Barnados mission, but their elder daughter assisted them until her marriage.

Mrs Plant died suddenly on 23 July 1883. Possessing many talents she used them for the benefit of others. Increase Plant survived his wife for over nine years. It was said that his vigorous constitution and orderly habits gave him the enjoyment of almost uninterrupted health and he was able to discharge the duties of his office at the Bank till a little before his death. The Directors of the Bank at that time placed on record this estimate of his worth.

'He was a man most upright in all his dealings and noted for his generosity and charity to all who were deserving. He died on 16 November 1892 in his 79th year, respected and honored by all who knew him'.

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I have now completed the Journal No. 5 for the above Group and have pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy for your records.

The Journal is published on a twice yearly basis and a copy of future issues will be forwarded to you.

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