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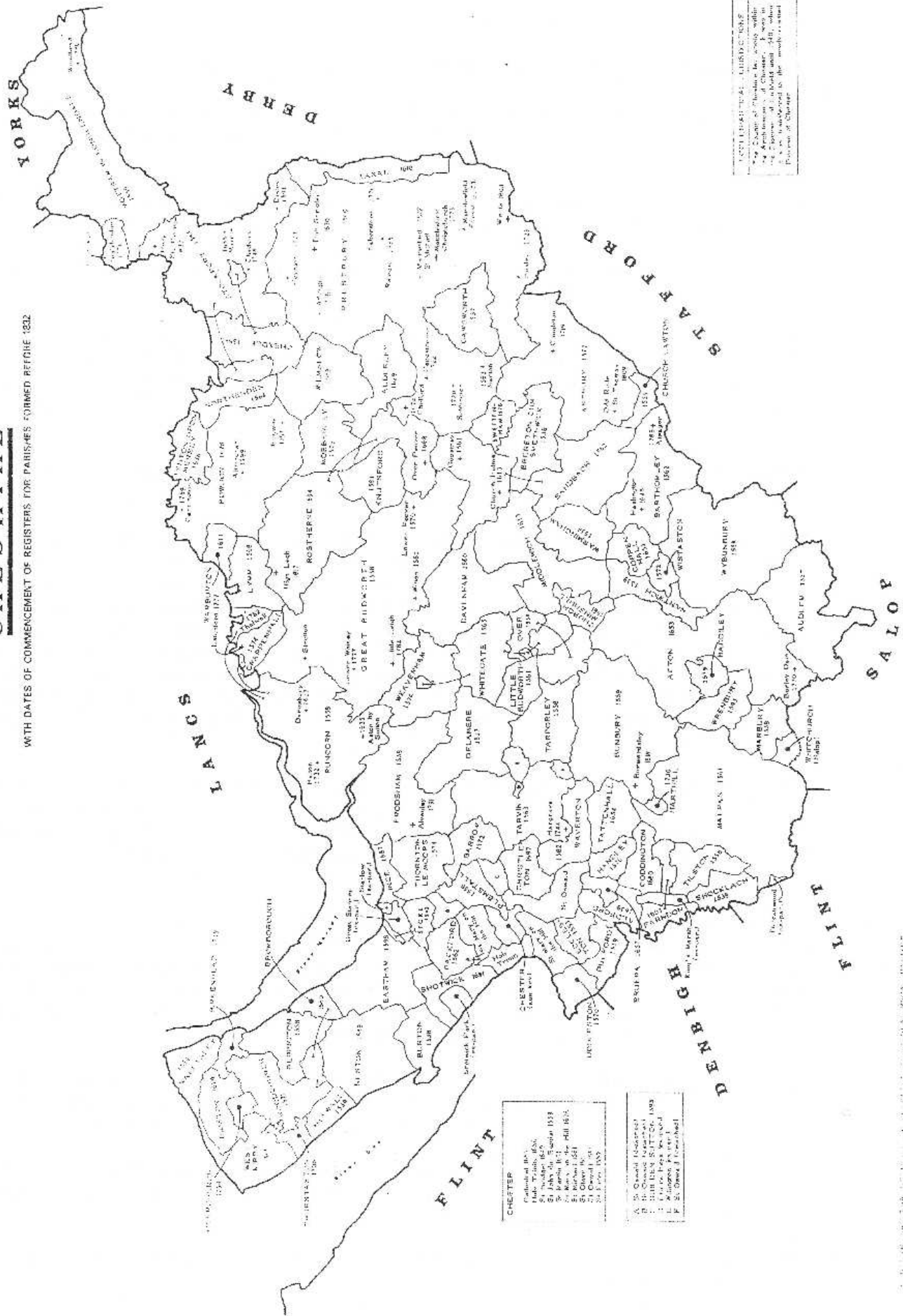
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CHESHIRE

WITH DATES OF COMMENCEMENT OF REGISTERS FOR PARISHES FORMED BEFORE 1832



ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTIONS
 The Diocese of Chester includes within its Archdeaconry of Chester, the following parishes, which are not included in the County of Chester.
 The Diocese of Chester.

CHESTER
 St. Andrew 1826
 St. John the Baptist 1539
 St. Mary the Virgin 1826
 St. Michael 1821
 St. Oswald 1821
 St. Peter 1821

St. Oswald (Macclesfield)
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Wm Plant of Sale 1877 to 1970 An appreciation

Information taken from Sale Guardian, 6th November 1970

Veteran Sale Labour Party President, Mr William Plant, freeman of the borough of Sale, Mayor 1938-39, died at his home, 34 Winstanley Road, on Monday, aged 93.

Mr Plant, former Labour party chairman was closely connected with the towns education for 51 years. First as a member of the former administrative sub-committee and later as a member of Sale and Lynn Education Committee. It was only in July that he decided not to stand again as a co-opted member.

Mr Plant was chairman of the Managers of Worthington Road School for 25 years and was well known for his ventriloquist act. A minutes silence was observed at Sale Education Committee meetings in memory of Mr Plant and the Chairman, Alderman S P Harris, referred to the great loss which the committee has sustained.

Alderman Mrs W M Phillips, spoke of Mr Plant's great love of the Borough and said "His special interests were housing and education".

The Mayor, Dr George Russell, recalled that in the past Mr Plant and himself had fought many an election battle together and added, "I have learned to appreciate him as a man thoroughly interested in the Borough. A Man of high principle who always fought his campaigns with dignity and without wrangle". Tributes were also paid by dept. Mayor Dr J E Peet and former headmaster of Lime Tree School, Alderman F S Laughton. Mr Plant's death means that Sale Labour Party have lost the founder member, a lifelong socialist, he drew his inspiration from Wm Morris and Robert Blatchford. He worked with Mr Blatchford on a number of occasions.

In his younger days he worked untiringly to build up Sale Labour Party which was formed in 1906-7, members holding their first meeting in Dr Israel Renshaw's surgery in Washway Road. From 1913 Wm Plant contested at least eight elections before being successful in 1919 to Sale U.D.C. as a member for West Ward, now St. Paul's Ward.

He became the first Labour Councillor, was chairman of the council in 1928 and the first Labour Alderman when Ashton became part of the new Sale Borough Council in 1935. Mr Plant was the first Labour Mayor and one of the first three honorary freeman of the borough, elected in 1945. For some years he was the longest serving member but retired voluntarily after 30 years service when he was 73.

In his years at the U.D.C. he became chairman of the health committee and was responsible for bringing modern sanitation into many areas. Many hundreds of old pail closets and open ash pits were replaced.

Later he played an active part in slum clearing when some 110 houses in the old Egerton Street, were demolished, the tenants re-housed on the Beach Farm Estate before World War Two.

When he won a seat on Cheshire C.C. in 1928, he was the first Labour candidate to do so.

Said friend and colleague, Mr T Willington, "Among all his public work he maintained his close contact with the man in the street, knowing his problems and helping those in difficulties".

In his business life too, as a hat block manufacturer, he kept the common touch and worked at the bench along with his employees.

His great love was for children and back in 1900, records show that he was a regular helper at the Charter Street Ragged School and Ancoats settlement, Manchester and was superintendant of the Socialist Sunday School. Until about three years ago, he held an annual childrens Christmas Party in Sale Town Hall and here, and at a number of local schools, his skill as a ventriloquist will be remembered by several generations.

J Plant - Prize Fighter

Extract from:

'FISTIANA'

The Oracle of the Ring

Results of

Prize Battles

From 1700 to December 1867

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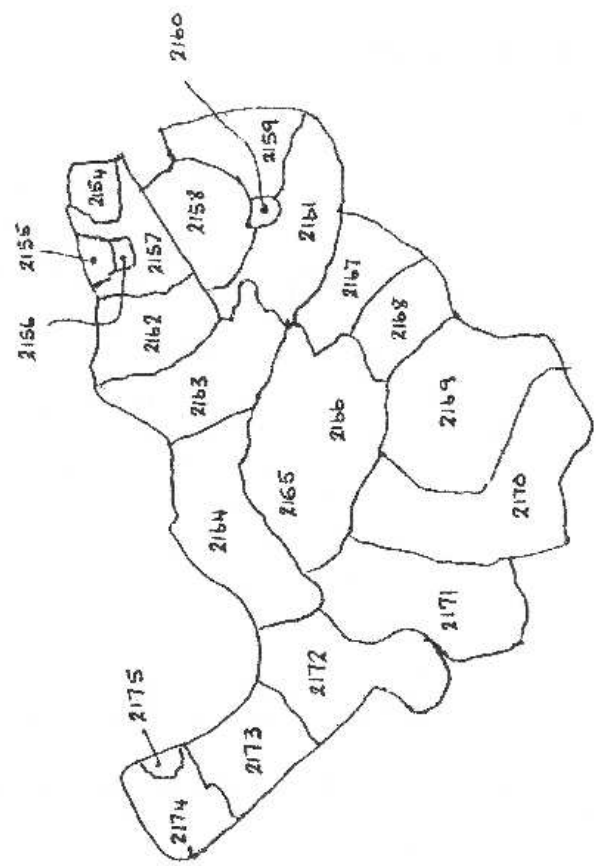
Published in London in 1868

'Plant J beat Platt £5/side 10 rounds Mow Cheshire 12 March
1841 Platt butted'

WKP - Note

I would be most interested in further information relative to the above.

1851 CENSUS CHESHIRE REGISTRATION DISTRICT AND PIECE NOS



PLANTS RECORDED IN 1851 CENSUS FOR CHESHIRE

Table 1 - Location

Registration District	Place No.	No. of Plants Listed
-----	-----	-----
Stockport	2154-2157	65
Macclesfield	2158-2161	83
Altrincham/Bowdon	2162-2163	16
Runcorn	2164	33
Northwich	2165-2166	47
Congleton/Sandbach	2167-2168	117
Nantwich	2169-2170	20
Great Boughton (Chester)	2171-2172	34
Wirral	2173-2175	7
TOTAL		422

It can be seen from the above table that the concentration of 'Plants' in 1851 was in East Cheshire particularly Stockport, Macclesfield, Congleton and Sandbach.

The earliest reference to the Plant name in Cheshire is in Rainow near Macclesfield early 15th Century and it is probable that the majority of East Cheshire Plants will have descended from this family - Further details in one of the forthcoming Journals.

Table 2

Age Spread

Under 10	=	102	}	
11 to 19	=	99	}	
20 to 29	=	76	}	
30 to 39	=	46	}	
40 to 49	=	52	}	422
50 to 59	=	24	}	
60 to 69	=	13	}	
70 to 79	=	7	}	
Over 80	=	3	}	

Oldest recorded age was

Male

Mathew Plant aged 84 Wheelwright

born Holmes Chapel

Female

Mary Plant aged 87

born Gawsorth

Table 3

3.1 Total number born inside County of Cheshire 306
3.2 Total number born outside County of Cheshire 107

Split

Staffs = 65

Note = Included in this figure was 37 records for Biddulph which were included in the Congleton Registration District.

Lancs	=	20
Derby	=	7
Shropshire	=	5
Yorkshire	=	3
Denbigh	=	1
Sussex	=	1
Cumbria	=	1
Surrey	=	1
Ireland	=	1
Berks	=	1
Herts	=	1

Note = A total of nine records were unreadable.

Table 4

	Stated Profession			Registration Districts						TOTAL
	2154 to 2157	2158 to 2161	2162 to 2163	2164	2165 to 2166	2167 to 2168	2169 to 2170	2171 to 2172	2173 to 2175	
Cotton Weaver	5								5	
Cotton Twister	1								1	
Cotton Carder	2								2	
Cotton Piercer	1								1	
Cotton Spinner	1								1	
Power Loom Weaver	4								4	
Cotton Winder	1								1	
Joiner/Carpenter	2		1		1	1			5	
Patern Maker	1								1	
Spindle Maker	2								2	
Cabinet Maker		2				1			3	
Coal Dealer	1								1	
Surveyor	1								1	
Errand Boy	1				1				2	
Washing Maid	1								1	
Agri/Farm Lab		1	1	3	3	10	3	4	25	
Under Gardener			1						1	
Gardener		1		1					2	
Housemaid				1					1	
Kitchenmaid				1					1	
Farm Servant				1	1	2			4	
Butchers Servant	1								1	
Nursemaid		1							1	
Stone Quarry Lab		2							2	
House Servant		2	3	2	2	11	2	2	25	
Bricklayers Lab		1							1	
Salt Lab					1				1	
Plough Boy					1				1	
Labourer				2		1	3		6	
Dairy Maid						1			1	
Bakers Assit	1								1	
aker	3								3	
Confectioners		1							1	
Butcher	1	3						1	5	
Railway Clerk	1								1	
Housekeeper		1							1	
Dressmaker	1			1	1	2			5	
Innkeeper	1					2	1	1	5	
Farmer				1	3	6	2	1	13	
Watch & Clockmaker	1								1	
Staymaker	2								2	
Trimming Mnf		1							1	
Silk Clerk		1							1	
Silk Piecer		20							20	
Silk Weaver		9							9	
Silk Winder		3							3	
Silk Fancy Trimmer		1							1	
Silk Doubler		1							1	
Card Maker		1							1	
Card Winder		1				1			2	
Silk Worker						2			2	
Earthenware Dealer		1							1	
Solicitors Writing clerk		2							2	

Table 4 (continued...)

	2154 to 2157	2158 to 2161	2162 to 2163	2164	2165 to 2166	2167 to 2168	2169 to 2170	2171 to 2172	2173 to 2175	TOTAL
Teacher				1	1					2
Nurse		1				1				2
Police Constable		1								1
Wheelwright				1		2				3
Teamsman				1						1
Shoemaker				1						1
Plumber					1					1
Blacksmith					2					2
Salt Agent					1					1
Saddler						1				1
Miner						2				2
Stone Miner						1				1
Beer Seller						1				1
Brewer						1				1
Corn Miller						1				1
Miller Apprentice						1				1

As one might expect the majority of Stockport 'Plants' were deployed in the Cotton Industry and the Macclesfield 'Plants' in the Silk Industry, these two areas being centres for the Cotton and Silk trade respectively. Most of the agricultural trade was Mid Cheshire as it still is today.

The Salt Agent referred to in Northwich district was Uriah Plant of whom more will be given in one of the forthcoming Journals.

Detailed information on all the references in the 1851 Census will be included in later issues of the Journal, starting with Stockport District in Journal No. 7.

STAFFORDSHIRE BURIAL INDEX

W K Plant

continued from Journals 3 + 4

covering Jane to Judith

1788	Aug 22	Jane 1		Brierley Hill
1807	Jan 8	Jane wife of Jno		Longton
1819	Jul 11	Jane 38		Newcastle under Lyme
1832	Mar 4	Jane of Stoke Lane	34	Stoke on Trent
1834	May 30	Jane of Rushall St	2	Walsall
1776	Jul 31	Jane wife of James		Weston on Trent
1789	May 18	Jane dau of William & Ann		Alton
1808	May 2	Jane dau of William & Mary of Amington	1	Tanworth
1818	Feb 16	Jane 56		Wolverhampton
1818	May 8	Jane of Rushall St	65	Walsall
1822	Mar 28	Jane of back of the church	2	Cheadle
1830	Aug 6	Jane of back of the town	17	do
1834	Sep 9	Jane of Furnace	78	Longton
1836	Sep 4	Jane of Stoke Lane	2	Stoke on Trent
1832	Aug 15	Jeffery of Primrose Hill	4	Rowley Regis
1793	Apr 12	Jemimah dau of John		Longton
1818	Sep 6	Jemima of Cornhill Cross	88	Leek
1823	Jun 15	Jeremiah of Brockmoor	14	Brierley Hill
1837	Aug 6	Jemima 34		Hanley
1611	21 Jun	Johanna vidua (Plante)		Colwich
1827	Mar 29	Job of Major's Barn	11 weeks	Cheadle
1834	Apr 20	Job infant		Brierley Hill
1586/7	Jan 27	John son of Thomas		Ellastone
1620	Jan 5	John		Abbotts Bromley
1675	Jun 20	Johanes		Dilhorne
1675	Jul 20	An vid		do
1691	Aug 19	John son of John		Uttoxeter
1703	Feb 25	John son of Thomas Plant pauper of Newdor.		Hanbury
1707	Jun 8	John		Eccleshall
1721	Apr 2	John de Newborow		Hanbury
1723	Dec 29	John son of William & Hannah		Dilhorne
1728	Jan 4	John son of William of Coseley		Bramshall
1736	Aug 20	John son of John & Martha of Ridge		Ashley
1739	Feb 13	John son of John & Elizabeth P		Bramshall
1745	Aug 31	John son of Mr John & Martha		Ashley
1747	Jan 8	John son of William & Frances		Burton on Trent
1750	Mar 15	John of Acton		Berkswich
1756	Jul 21	John		Kingswinford
1759	Feb 4	John son of John & Mary		forton
1762	Apr 15	John		Ashley
1763	Nov 28	John		Checkley
1763	Dec 27	John son of John & Peggy of Darlaston		Colwich
1767	Jun 18	John of Leek		Cheadle
1772	Oct 12	John		Dilhorne
1773	Dec 11	John of Newborough		Hanbury
1776	Mar 12	John		Bucknall cum Bagnall
1776	Aug 3	John 1		Brierley Hill
1777	Jul 25	John son of John & Alice		Alstonfield
1777	Nov 21	John son of Robert & Mary		Ashley

1779	Jul	1	John son of John & Sarah		Biddulph
1780	Dec	12	John blacksmith		Longton (Lane End)
1782	Feb	8	John son of William		Whitmore
1786	Feb	17	John 42		Brierley Hill
1787	Dec	19	John son of John & Ann of Old(cott)		Newchapel
1789	Jul	9	John son of John & Ann of Old.		do
1790	Jul	19	John gent		Betley
1792	Sep	12	John son of Margaret 13		Longton
1793	Jan	25	John (Longport)		Burslem
1793	Apr	25	John illeg.		Longton
1794	Apr	20	John son of Jno age 2		Newcastle under Lyme
1794	Jul	30	John son of John & Elizabeth		Longton
1796	Aug	18	John		do
1796	Sep	14	John of Biddulph Mill		Biddulph
1797	Nov	12	John, snr.		Forton
1799	Sep	-	John		Church Eaton
1801	Mar	15	John 88		Brierley Hill
1802	Mar	12	John 74 Yeoman		Betley
1802	Nov	22	John		Ashley
1803	Mar	30	John son of John & Anna Maria infant		Brierley Hill
1805	Aug	22	John son of John & Maria infant		do
1803	Apr	17	John blacksmith 43		Longton
1804	Oct	30	John 5 months		do
1806	Feb	7	John		Alton
1806	Aug	7	John 1 month		Newcastle under Lyme
1807	Oct	14	John son of Joseph & Elizabeth		Alstonfield
1810	Jun	14	John from Burton		Bramshall
1810	Dec	3	John		Longton
1811	Apr	15	John age 6 Months		Ellastone
1811	May	16	John 48		Brierley Hill
1811	Sep	22	John 23		Longton
1812	Mar	17	John		High Offley
1813	Jan	19	John 22		Burslem
1813	Nov	30	John of Wednesbury 37		Brierley Hill
1814	May	9	John Unicorn Yard 2		Lichfield St Michael
1814	May	12	John of Mill St 44		Leek
1814	Aug	30	John of Leek Moor infant		do
1815	Jan	30	John of Stoke Lane 6 months		Stoke on Trent
1817	Jul	28	John of Biddulph Mill 23		Biddulph
1817	Aug	7	John of Hardwick 49		Pattingham
1817	Aug	19	John of Oldcott 60		Newchapel
1818	Jan	1	John of Tipton 70		Brierley Hill
1818	Feb	15	John of Greenhill inf		Lichfield St Michael
1818	Feb	26	John of Major's Barn 69		Cheadle
1818	May	9	John of Hollins Clough 60		Longnor
1818	Oct	25	John infant		Hanley
1819	Dec	24	John of Lawton Low 75		Rushton Spencer
1821	Apr	13	John of Lawton Low 40		Rushton Spencer
1821	Oct	10	John of Tipton 1		Brierley Hill
1822	Jan	1	John of Forbridge 70		Stafford Castle Church
1822	Dec	15	John of Brockmoor 9		Brierley Hill
1823	Mar	22	John aged 22		Tamworth
1823	Nov	4	John 66		Maer
1824	Mar	18	John son of John 1		Stafford St Chad
1824	Oct	10	John 98		Warslow
1831	Apr	21	John 1		Stafford St Mary
1826	Feb	3	John 6 months		Newcastle under Lyme
1826	Sep	26	John of Bird St 71		Lichfield St Michael

1826	Dec 19	John of Mobberley	13	Cheadle
1827	Feb 5	John of the Asylum	50	Stafford St Michael
1827	Mar 13	John of Burston	76	Sandon
1828	Jan 20	John of Harborne	2 yrs 3 mths	Harborne
1828	May 2	John of Majors Barn	24	Cheadle
1828	Aug 17	John of Cliff Bank	infant	Stoke on Trent
1829	Feb 23	John of Stanton	infant	Ellastone
1829	May 14	John of Brockmoor	10	Brierley Hill
1829	Jul 19	John	1	High Offley
1829	Aug 4	John of Stone Heath	94	Leigh
1829	Sep 10	John of Lid Lane	16	Cheadle
1829	Nov 30	John of Dudley Wood	14	Rowley Regis
1830	Jan 13	john	79	Ellenhall
1930	Mar 31	John of Springhouse	13	Rowley Regis
1831	Jul 3	john of Nay Church	74	Meerbrook
1832	Feb 13	John	3 weeks	Stafford St Mary
1832	Feb 28	John	39	Longnor
1833	Feb 15	John of Bishops Lay	76	Eccleshall
1833	Aug 15	John	21	High Offley
1833	Oct 20	John of Knutton Heath	14	Wolstanton
1833	Dec 20	John of Hart Hill	37	Stoke on Trent
1834	Feb 26	John of Mill Bank	infant	Biddulph
1834	May 18	John	13	Burslem
1834	Oct 11	John	7	Hanley
1835	Sep 25	john of Weston Jones	56	Norbury
1835	nov 11	John of London Row	70	Leek
1835	Nov 15	John of Maer heath	53	Maer
1836	Dec 26	John	45	Shelton
1825	Nov 16	Jonathan of Lane Delph	inf	Longton
1837	Oct 1	Jonathan of Mill St	3 yrs	Leek
1774	Feb 19	Joseph		Burton on Trent
1714	Jan 8	Joseph of Newbor		Nanbury
1742	Jan 2	Joseph		Kingswinford
1743	Nov 4	Joseph son of John		Hanbury
1747	Feb 3	Joseph		Kingswinford
1776	Jul 14	Joseph		Burslem
1882	Dec 29	Joseph		Darlaston
1784	Dec 23	Joseph son of Joseph & Eliz of Sneyd Green		Norton le Moors
1794	Jan 20	Joseph labourer	77	Longton
1795	Mar 18	Joseph		Bucknall Cum Bagnall
1796	Apr 18	Joseph son of Samuel		Longton
1805	Jan 4	Joseph		Hanley
1811	Aug 9	Joseph son of Hayward & Katharine	inf	Brierley Hill
1813	Mar 5	Joseph	1	Gayton
1816	Dec 10	Joseph	14	Stafford St Mary
1817	Mar 30	Joseph of Cullamoors	35	Stone
1818	Mar 8	Joseph of Cliff Bank	2	Stoke on Trent
1818	Jul 11	Joseph of Waterfall	43	Leek
1818	Dec 31	Joseph of Spout St	55	Leek
1821	Feb 18	Joseph of Shurey	41	Leek
1821	Mar 9	Joseph of Woodseaves	1	High Offley
1821	Sep 21	Joseph of Spout St	infant	Leek
1822	Jan 13	Joseph	11 months	Stoke on Trent
1822	Apr 15	Joseph of Blackshaw Moor	80	Leek
1822	Nov 10	Joseph of Longport	6 days	Burslem
1823	Feb 11	Joseph of Spot St	22	Leek
1825	Jan 30	Joseph	61	Longnor
1825	Aug 28	Joseph Hill Top	8 weeks	West Bromwich

1826	Jul 9	Joseph of Hanley	66	Norton in the Moors
1827	Jul 12	Joseph	82	Great Barr
1830	Apr 4	Joseph	infant	Burslem
1831	Jun 5	Joseph of Penkhull	18	Stoke on Trent
1832	Sep 1	Joseph	11	Gnosall
1834	Jan 16	Joseph	infant	Eccleshall
1834	Apr 5	Joseph of Burston	63	Sandon
1834	Jun 3	Joseph of Spitals Poorhouse	49	Stoke on Trent
1835	Apr 17	Joseph of Uttoxeter	81	Bramshall
1828	Feb 10	Josh of Oldcot	12	Newchapel
1782	aug 23	Josiah spurious son of Josiah Plant & Elizabeth Radcliff		Ashley
1832	Dec 26	Josiah of Irelands Cross	80	Mucclstone
1690	Dec 25	Joyce wife of William of Concoat		Butterton
1738	Aug 2	Joyce wife of Thomas		Lapley
1802	Oct 7	Judith	2	Checkley
1806	Jan 8	Judith dau of William & Sarah of Greenway Bank		Norton le Moors
1811	Feb 26	Judith wife of Thomas	34	Biddulph

For new members I would explain that the Staffordshire Burial Index was prepared by The Birmingham and Midland Society for Genealogy and Heraldry, the first issue, for which the above extracts have been taken, covering in the main, the period 1813 to 1837 plus a number of earlier references. It is the intention to publish in due course a second edition covering pre 1813 records.

All Staffordshire parishes are included except the following:

Barton under Needwood	1672-1696
Baswich	1601-1812
Couldon	1580-1664
Handsworth	1558-1774
Penn	1570-1754
Stafford St Chad	1636-1813
Stafford Castle Church	1567-1755
Tattenhall	1565-1812
Tipton	1573-1736
Trentham	1558-1812
Wolverhampton St Peter	1539-1660
Kinswinford	1762-1812

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

by W Keith Plant

The Test Act of 1673 required all civil or military officers to produce at Quarter Sessions certificates showing that they had taken sacrament of the Lord's Supper according to the usage of the Church of England within six months of appointment: and to make a declaration denying the doctrine of trans-substantiation. Later Acts of 1701 and 1714 imposed oaths of adjuration, allegiance and supromaeon all officers civil or military (except hundred, parish and manorial officers) and on all ecclesiastical persons, all members of universities, school masters and lawyers the oaths to be taken at Westminster or at the Quarter Sessions for the County. In 1723 the oath of allegiance was required of all over the age of eighteen who had not already taken it: and those refusing to comply were to register their names and real estates as papists.

In Cheshire the records contain over ten thousand names and residencies. In many instances marital status and occupations are given.

The Cheshire records have been transcribed and indexed and contain the following references to the Plant name:

Edward Plant of	Nether Alderley
Edward Plant of	Bartington
Frances Plant of	Warford
James Plant of	Moreton
Jeffrey Plant of	Sutton (Macclesfield)
John Plant of	Hunsterson
Samuel Plant of	Wildbourclough
Thomas Plant of	Hale
William Plant of	Astbury

Chapter 6

Charles Plant from Clowne

SOME RESULTS OF GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

Though the precise ancestry of Charles Plant is uncertain, the possibilities are discussed of his descent (around 1800) from the large Plant family at Clowne that was described in Chapter 3. In common with other Plants from Clowne (to be discussed later), he ended his days drawn to the rapidly-growing nearby town (now a city) of Sheffield. The family trees of his descendants (in particular, through his children Aaron, Ann, and Charles *jun*) are known with more certainty, even though they spread to various parts of the country — three of his descendants, namely Gwyneth Vick (*née* Plant), Ellen Jackson (*née* Knowles), and Audrey ('Betty') Jones (*née* Plant) are currently in contact with a view to uncovering further information.

6.1 Charles Plant (circa 1803-78)

Charles (*snr*) was born at Clowne (c 1802/4) and he married Ellen (H)E(a)rushaw on 30.4.1829 (see Figure 6.1); a record of the Banns was in the Parish Chest at Chesterfield. One of the witnesses at Charles's wedding was called John Bennet *suggesting a possibility of some connection* with the second wife, Mary Bennet, of Thomas Plant (1745-1827) of Clowne from Sutton-cum-Duckmanton (who was described in Chapter 3); from the late 1820's (at least) until 1835, the known locations of John Bennet coincide with those of Charles.

By 1834 Charles (*snr*) was living at Staveley. By 1840, he is recorded to be a farmer at Haigh Lane, Mastin Moor, Staveley (1840-61) and then (1862-9) at Pond House Farm, Staveley.

The 1841 Tithe Records ascribe 6 lots of arable land to him including items called Mastin Moor, Sound Croft, Kay Croft, and Bennetts House and Croft, yielding a total tithe due to the Rector and to the Duke of Devonshire of 22 shillings each. The 1851 Census for 68 Hague Lane records Charles as a 'farmer of 22 acres employing 1 labourer' and the 1861 Census for 1 Hague Lane records him as a 'farmer of 41 acres'.

Charles's wife Ellen died at Pond House on 2.1.1869 at a stated age of 64. Charles died about 10 years later (10.11.1878) aged 76, at Joiner Lane, Sheffield and was buried (Nov.1878) in nearby Burngreave Cemetery. The final address of Charles is close to Lady's Bridge in The Wicker (central Sheffield) and about half a mile from his eldest son's address

(see section 6.4.1) near the top of Spittal Hill and similarly close to the premises of other Plants (as will be described more fully later, in Chapter 9).

6.2 Census Enumerator

Charles Plant was an enumerator for the 1841 and 1851 Censuses for part of Staveley in Derbyshire. In the book 'Making Sense of the Census' (HMSO PRO publication), Dr Edward Higgs writes:

Once this basic ground work had been laid, the local registrars selected an enumerator for each enumeration district. They could appoint whoever they liked as long as they met the basic requirements:

He must be a person of intelligence and activity; he must read and write well, and have some knowledge of arithmetic; he must not be infirm or of such weak health as may render him unable to undergo the requisite exertion; he should not be younger than 18 years nor older than 65; he must be temperate, orderley and respectable, and be such a person as is likely to conduct himself with strict propriety, and to deserve the good will of the inhabitants of his district.

Generally it was agreed that the rates would not attract high quality staff in themselves -- GR Office hoped men would do the work as a social duty. In towns registrars appear to have depended on local government officers but in the countryside they must have fallen back on the help of farmers and schoolteachers.

6.3 Some possibilities for Charles's ancestry

One possibility is that, for example, relatives from elsewhere of the Plants living in Clowne (perhaps from nearby Sutton-cum-Duckmanton) were visiting Clowne when Charles was born and he was baptised elsewhere (though no baptism record has yet been found). Another possibility is that he was an *unrecorded* child of one of the Plant families of Clowne.

The precise date of birth of Charles can be variously estimated from his death certificate and the 1851 and 1861 Censuses, leading to a range from January 1802 to March 1804 (perhaps more likely from April 1802 to December 1803). At these times the sons William and John, of Thomas (1745-1827) and his first wife Ann (née Coldwell), were both having children at Clowne but barely with a sufficient gap to allow for Charles. Also children called George (bap 12.12.1802) and Aaron (bap 2.12.1804) were baptised to Thomas (1745-1827) himself and his second wife Mary (née Bennett) at Clowne at this time and, whereas subsequent information has been found for Aaron and his younger brothers, none has (yet) been found for George. Thus, the following possibilities hold the added attraction of explaining Charles's connection with the Bennett family (a) Charles was a brother born between George and Aaron, (b) Charles was recorded incorrectly as George at his baptism, or (c) George changed his name to Charles (perhaps partly because of the growing unpopularity of King George IV around 1820).

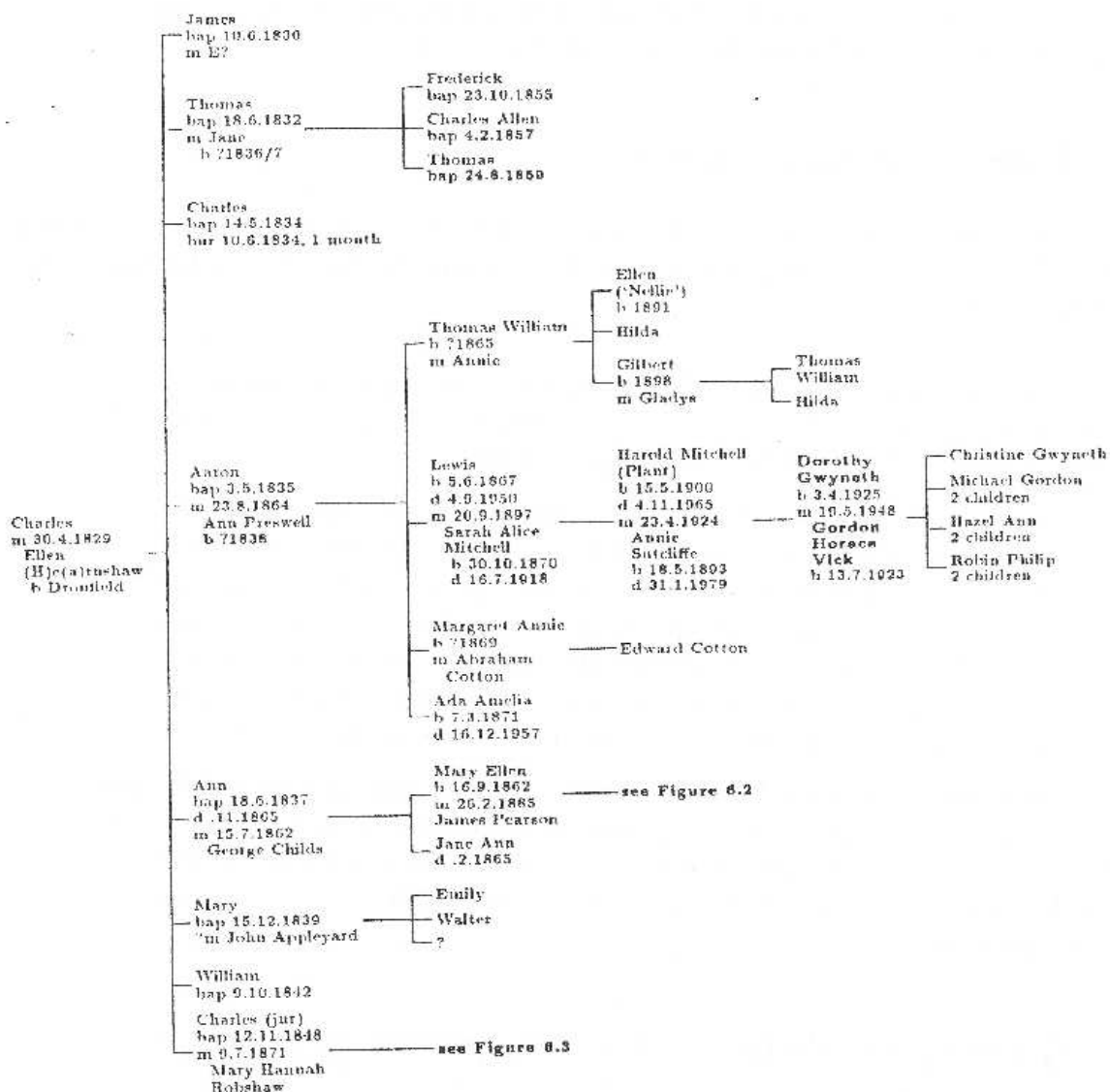


Figure 6.1: Descendants of Charles Plant (snr) and Ellen

6.4 Descendants of Charles and Ellen

Charles and Ellen’s eldest two sons James and Thomas were baptised at Clowne, whereas their siblings Charles (died aged 1 month), Aaron, Ann, Mary, William, and Charles (jnr) were baptised at nearby Staveley.

Charles and Ellen’s younger daughter, Mary, was still at Mastin Moor (aged 11) in 1851. The *supposition* that she married John Appleyard relates to the finding that the Leeds address of her brother Charles (jnr) (section 6.4.5), when he married in 1871, is the same as that (in the 1871 Census) of a Staveley born Mary, with her husband John Appleyard and 2 children.

6.4.1 James and Sheffield

The eldest son of Charles and Ellen, James, is quite certainly one of those mentioned in a will, dated 20.12.1835, of a John Bennett bachelor of Staveley Woodthorpe in the Hundred of Scarsdale, who died the next day. In particular this bequeaths £10 to each of 'five' God-children including a James Plant; this James could well be the one baptised (10.6.1827) to blacksmith Benjamin and his wife Hannah as described in Chapter 4 (this James still appears with father Benjamin at Hart Hill in the 1841 Census but with step-brother Thomas at Staveley in the 1851 Census). However, as an extra name has been inserted into second place in the list of 'five' God-children, there is also a sixth-named and this is 'James, son of Charles Plant' (there seems no doubt as to the identity of this James as the name Charles Plant is rare in this area). The will did 'strongly recommend' that the 'said sums ... shall be expended on their education'.

Charles's son James had become a farm labourer nearer to Sheffield, living in the household of William Whitehead at Rose Cottage, Eckington by 1851. He had become a gardener at Buckenham Road, Sheffield in 1878 and his wife registered the death of her father-in-law Charles (snr) that year.

6.4.2 Thomas

In the 1861 Census, the second eldest son of Charles and Ellen, Thomas (aged 28) from Clowne, had become a Carpenter Master at 19 South Street, New Whittington (near Chesterfield) where his three sons Frederick (5), Charles Allen (4) and Thomas (2) are shown to have been born; his wife Jane was from ?Accomb in Yorkshire. The baptisms of the three children are in the parish records for Brimington.

6.4.3 Aaron's line

The above mentioned second eldest son, Thomas, was presumably the same person as the Thomas Plant that was a witness at the wedding of Charles and Ellen's fourth eldest son, Aaron, to Ann Preswell in Halifax in 1864.

Aaron was at Mastin Moor in 1841 but had become a coachman in Halifax by 1861. In the 1861 Census, Aaron (aged 25) from Staveley is recorded as an unmarried servant to gentlewoman *Mar^t* Milne (widow aged 62) at 20 Cliffhill, Warley, Halifax. Aaron (36) is still recorded as a coachman in the 1871 Census for Lane Ends Green, Hipperholme, Halifax, but he is now listed with his wife Ann (34) from St Pancras, London and children Thomas W (5), Lewis (3), Margaret Ann (2) and Ada Amelia (1 month); the children are recorded to have been born at Warley, except for the youngest who was born at Hipperholme, indicating that the family moved to Hipperholme around 1870. In the 1881 Census for Moor Royd Lodge, Halifax, Aaron is again recorded as a coachman with his wife Ann from London Marylebone and his 4 children born in Halifax; Thomas (aged 15) is now described as a joiner and Lewis (aged 13) as a monitor schoolmaster, with Margaret and Ada Amelia recorded as scholars.

Aaron and Ann's son Lewis married Sarah Alice Mitchell at St Paul's Halifax but she was buried exactly 21 years later (20.7.1918) at Kings Cross Wesleyan Cemetery Halifax. Lewis was buried in the same (Methodist) Cemetery after a further 32 years (7.9.1950).

Lewis and Sarah's son Harold Mitchell Plant was born and married in Halifax but died in Stockport. His Halifax born wife Annie Sutcliffe died at Wetheral, Carlisle.

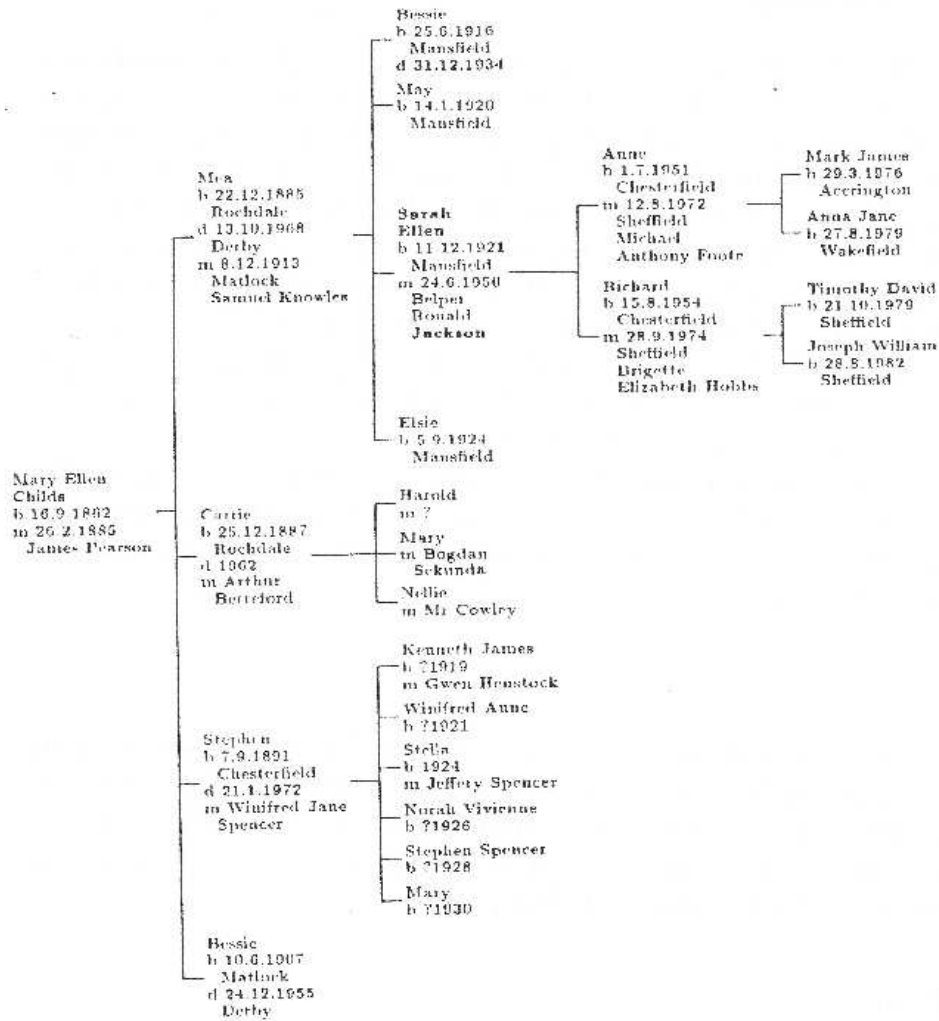


Figure 6.2: Offspring of Mary Ellen Pearson (née Childs)

Harold and Annie's daughter, Dorothy Gwyneth Plant, was born in Salford and married Sheffield born Gordon Horace Vick at St George's in Stockport. Their eldest two children were born in Doncaster whereas their two youngest were born in Flint in North Wales.

6.4.4 Ann's line

The witness at the marriage of Charles and Ellen's elder daughter, Ann, to George Childs in Chesterfield (15.7.1862) was called William Plant. This could have been Charles and Ellen's second youngest son William (bap 9.10.1842) who was still living at Mastin Moor in nearby Staveley in 1861 along with Ann. Ann's daughter, Mary Ellen, was born (16.9.1862) at Pond House Farm, Staveley, to where her parents Charles and Ellen must have moved that year. Details of the offspring of Mary Ellen are shown in Figure 6.2.

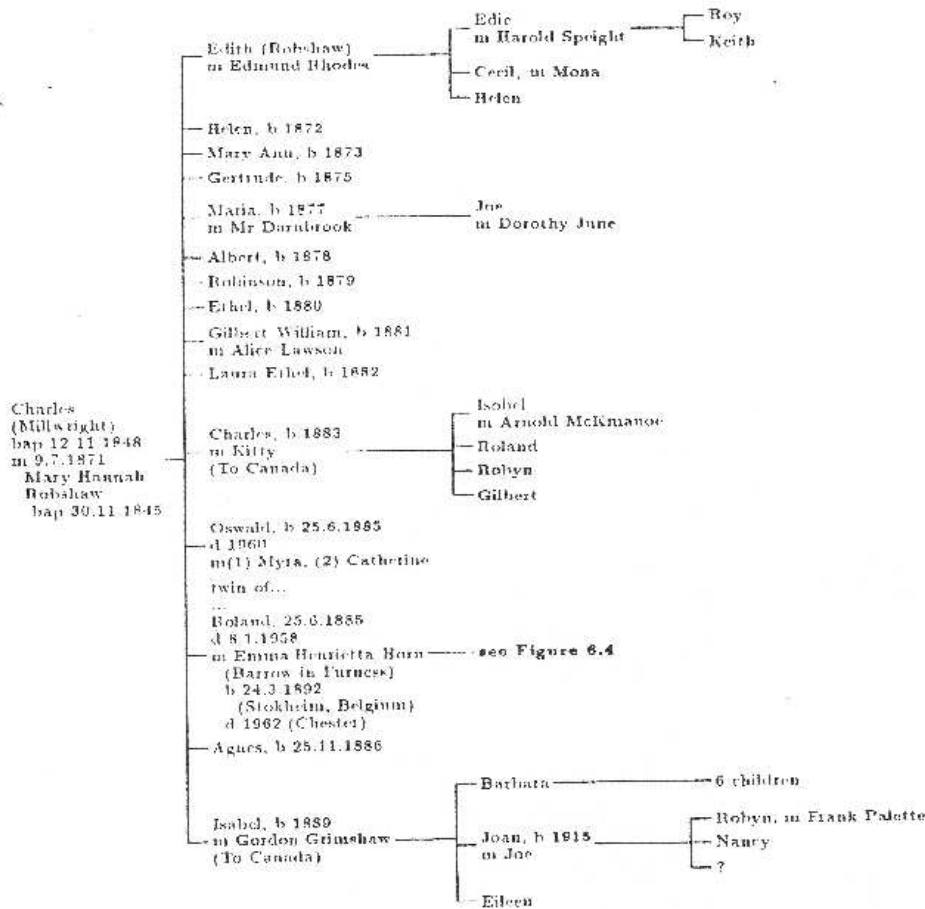


Figure 6.3: Progeny of Charles Plant (jnr) and Mary

6.4.5 Charles (jnr)

Charles and Ellen's youngest son, Charles (jnr), married Mary Hannah Robshaw (9.7.1871) at St Peter's Chapel in Leeds where all their 15 children were born (see Figure 6.3). He is recorded as a millwright.

Their son Roland married Emma Henrietta Horn and their three children (Figure 6.4) were born in Barrow in Furness (Charles and Raymond) and Wallasey (Audrey). Roland's first child died as an infant. Roland's second child, Raymond, married twice; the children of Raymond and Grace were born in Liverpool (Anne, Edward Nicholas and Richard) and Chester (Jonathon) whereas the children of Raymond and Cynthia Betty were born in Liverpool (Julian), Chester (William Raymond and Sarah Jane) and Wrexham (Quentin James).

Roland's third child, Audrey (Betty) Plant, married Chester born Brian Jones at Hoole Parish Church in Chester. Their younger two children were born at Ponteland, Newcastle upon Tyne.

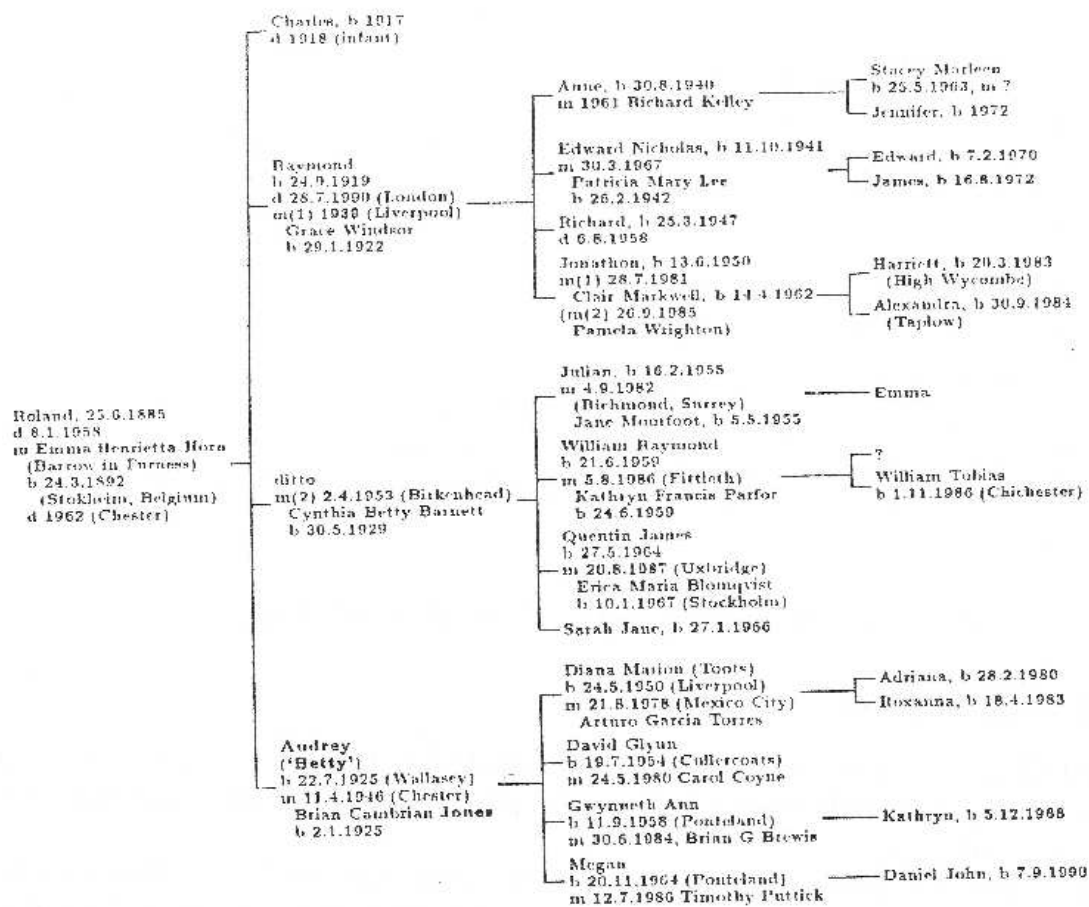


Figure 6.4: Progeny of Charles Plant (jnr) continued

PLACE NAMES

by W Keith Plant

Place names can quite often give clues to the reason for the creation of the name in the first instance be it physical features, trades and buildings which may have vanished over the years. For example:-

aber	- river mouth
avon	- river
barrow	- hill
barton	- barley or corn farm
beck	- stream
bryn	- hill
burgh/bury	- fortified place
burn	- stream
by	- village
caster/chester	- city: fortified place
den/dean/dene	- wooded valley
dol	- field, dale
dun	- fort: hill
field	- open land, forest clearing
garth	- enclosure
gate	- street, road, passage
grange	- farm: grain store
haigh/hay	- place surrounded by a hedge
ham	- village, manor, dwelling place
hirst/hurst	- hillock, copse
holm	- island, usually in river or lake
holt	- copse
howe	- valley, depression
ing	- people
ley	- wood clearing: meadow land
llan	- church
magna	- great
march/mark	- boundary
over	- bank, shore, slope, hill
parva	- little
pont	- bridge
sey	- island
show	- small wood
stead	- place, religious place
stoke	- religious place: secondary settlement
stow	- place
super	- on
thorpe	- hamlet: secondary settlement
thwaite	- forest, paddock, meadow
toft	- homestead
ton	- enclosure, village, farm
warden	- enclosure
wick	- premises
wootton	- farm by a wood
worth	- enclosure

ROBERT HAZLEHURST PLANT OF MACON GEORGIA U S A



Son of Increase Cook and Elizabeth
Mary (Hazlehurst) Plant - See
Journal 5.

b 21 August 1847 - Macon
m 25 July 1871
Margaret Redding Ross - Macon
d 30 May 1904 - Macon
buried Rosehill Cemetery Macon

Children - all born in Macon Georgia

Mary Ross Plant born 27 January 1872 died 2 October 1895

Elizabeth Hazlehurst Plant born 20 July 1879 died ?

Margaret Alice Plant born 4 October 1881 died 23 December 1960

Robert Hazlehurst Plant Jnr born 12 August 1883 died 14 April 1927

Fanny Ross Plant born 17 September 1885 died 30 March 1935

Flewellyn Plant born 17 March 1888 died 9 December 1938

Viola Ross Plant born 29 May 1889 died ?

Martha Ross Plant born 28 January 1892 died ?

Graeme Dickerman Plant born 25 September 1894 died ?

Mary McCaw Plant born 8 October 1896 died 20 July 1948

Robert Hazlehurst Plant was born 21 August 1847, the eldest child of Increase Cook Plant and Mary Plant (nee. Hazlehurst). He had one brother and two sisters namely:

George Henry Plant	born	11 August 1849
Elizabeth Wilson Plant	born	20 December 1859
Mary Hazlehurst Plant	born	6 October 1875

At the outbreak of the American Civil War Robert was still a number of years below the military age, but as time went on and more and more recruits were called for the question of his entering the army began to be seriously considered. It was decided that he should enter the Georgia Military Institute at Marietta to be trained for service if required.

He was fifteen years of age when he responded to the Governor's call and entered the Confederate Army. For a period he served in the trenches near Atlanta until he fell ill with a fever and returned home where he remained until he was well enough to return to the war. On his return he was transferred to the engineering department in Savannah and remained in the army up to the end of the war.

When the news of surrender came he was with his company in Virginia and like other members of the Army he wanted to return home as soon as possible. He had a ten dollar gold piece that his father had given him for an emergency. With the money he bought a horse that had been stolen and by nightfall had started his return journey. The next day a man riding ahead of him was suddenly shot dead by pursuers and when he enquired why they had shot him they said it was because he was a horse thief.

The journey home took two weeks presenting many difficulties not the least of which was lack of food. The horse proved to be invaluable and to ensure that it was not stolen he took it into the woods and slept by it. Once he crossed the French Broad river on a crowded raft during which two other passengers were jostled off and left to drown. At length, however, he reached Macon in safety.

After a year at school he became collection clerk in the First National Bank of which his father was President, and not long after was made bookkeeper, remaining in this position for a year. His father then took him into partnership in his private banking business changing the name of the firm to I C Plant and Son.

He was now nineteen years of age and continued in the partnership for twenty five years until his father's death when he carried on the business under the name of I C Plants Son. He also succeeded his father as President of the First National Bank.

In 1887 Robert was appointed Manager of the New York Life Insurance Company for Georgia, Florida and Tennessee. Starting with a small office and one clerk the business rapidly developed and within a short period of time moved to greatly enlarged premises employing a number of assistants.

Robert married Margaret Redding Ross on 25 July 1871. Robert was twenty three and Margaret nineteen.



Both Robert and Margaret were brought up in Macon knowing each other from childhood, growing up as neighbours.

They had a total of ten children





ROBERT HAZLEHURST PLANT, JR.



FANNY ROSS PLANT



FREWELLYN PLANT



VIOLA ROSS PLANT and MARTHA ROSS PLANT



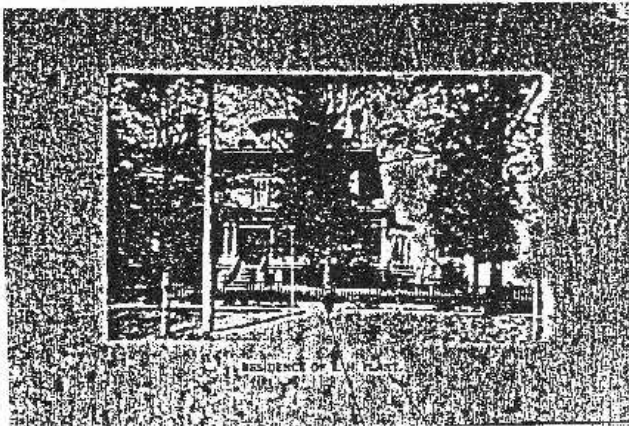
GRAEME DICKERMAN PLANT.



MARY MCCAW PLANT.

The first home after their marriage was on New Street not far from Roberts business and they lived there until 1891.

They then moved to the house in which Mrs Plant had passed her early life. It had passed out of the family into other hands and had been greatly changed in outward appearance. The house was speedily renovated and refurbished.



Some charming features of the old house had vanished beyond recall. However as far as possible the house was restored to its original condition and the Plant family lived in happiness for many years.

After Robert's death in 1904, the house was rented for two years. It was then sold to John T Moore who lived there with his family until it was destroyed by fire in November 1924.

In addition to their house in Macon the family had a summer home at Mt Airy, a quiet spot in northern Georgia, where the Appalachian range slopes down to the level countryside. It was the usual practice for the family to spend three or four months annually at this retreat.

The family were members of the Episcopal Church and served the Church faithfully throughout their lives.

Little is know of the remainder of his life, though he appears to have been a very astute business man expanding his father's business interests.

Robert died 30 May 1904 and was buried at Rosehill Cemetery Macon. His wife died on 26 January 1917 and is also buried at Rosehill Cemetery.

John Plante - Westminster

The following information was extracted from Close Roll 17 Edward III m 28d kept in the Public record Office:

7 July - 1343 Westminster

Acknowledgment by Ellen and Joan, daughters of Laurence de Boys, of: release by Ellen and Joan to Simon de Leuesham, citizen and vintner of London, and Alice his wife, of all their right and claim in all the lands which formerly belonged to Henry de Boys, their grandfather in the town of Theden Boys, and which Simon and Alice hold of the grant of Nicholas de Sprotton, rector of the Church of St Bartholomew, London, of which tenements they had a writ of the king before the justices of the Bench agains Simon and Alice.

Witness: Bartholomew Langrich, Gilbert de Theidene, Ralph de Halstede, Thomas de Raukedich, William del Hay, John Vernoun, William Morice, William Cokerel, John Plante, Dated at Theydene Boys on Sunday after Trinity 17 Edward III (15 June 1343).

THE DIARY OF JOHN PLANT OF HAZZLEWOOD HOUSE FARM by W Keith Plant
ON THE LEEKFRITH IN NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE 1849 - 1853

In 1851, 65 year old bachelor, John Plant, was head of the house, farming 80 acres, Trustee of the Roads Maintenance Committee and of the Parish charities, and confidante and business agent for numbers of his neighbours and kin. John Plant knew and was known all over the Leekfrith and in Leek and Macclesfield.

His household consisted of two nieces, Elizabeth and Maria, aged 28 years and 27 years: the daughters of John's sister, Mrs Shufflebotham of Wincle. There were his house servants.

A kinsman, 45 year old Thomas Brough, the second son of Wm Brough yeoman of Middlehulme was the farm bailiff.

John Plant's forebears have been established with a direct line of four generations from 1736 recorded in the lease and release, marriage indentures and marriage licence records as follows:

Lease and release to John Plant Yeoman of Upton Prestbury Cheshire called Rough Hazlewood. 13 May 1736.

1751. Marriage Settlement (Lease and release)

John Plant Sen of haslewood Hse Leek to John Plant his son.... to Richard Wood Yeo., Roachside Leed and Johnathen Broadhurst, Yeo. of Wincle, Prestbury in consideration of £100 the marriage portion of Sarah Wood, daughter of Richard and intended wife of John Plant jun. Hazlewood House, with land tithes etc at Hazlewood Leek to be divided into two and held in trust as follows. One moiety to use of John Plant jun. for life...who and to receive rent thereafter to trustee charged with payment of an annuity of £5 to Sarah Wood, if i.e. widow...in lieu of dower. One moiety to use of John Plant Sen. for life thereafter to John Plant jun. and Sarah Wood daughter etc...with providion for.....to raise mortgage etc for younger son and daughter. 8 May 1751.

John Plant jun. signs. John Plant sen (mark of)
Sarah Wood. Richard wood of roachside yeoman.
From original deed John Plant elder of Hazlewood House.
John Plant younger only son and heir of above.
Johnathan Broadhurst of Wincle psh of Prestbury Yeoman.
Will Robinson (his mark) of Turners Pool on marriage deed no 314.

At Rushton on the eighth day of January 1783 before the revernt Daniel Turner Clerk Surrogate. On which day appeared personally John Plant of the Parish of Leek, Husbandman and being sworn on the Holy Evangelists made oath as follows. That he is a Bachelor of the age of twenty five years and intends to marry Kezia Barber of the parish of Leek....aged thirty....

On the following day, January 9th 1783 they were married by the Curate H Rogers in the presence of Thomas Birchenough and Joseph Myott.

These were the parents of Laurence and John Plant, Mary Shufflebotham and Elizabeth Hassal.

The first entry in the Diary is 30 December 1848 and the last 20 June 1853.

John Plant left a will dated October 1854 and he died February 1855. He left £50 cash to "My friend Wm Taylor of Brounswork Farmer and Thomas Brough Farm Bailiff" his Executors.

To Thomas he left a further £50 and all his personal effects. He was also to have "for a fair sum" the household furniture, equipment of husbandry, agriculture, brewing, dairy and cheesemaking; and all the animals and all cheese and bacon on the premises.

The estates of Hazzlewood, Far Barn, and Whitehill were his to have for all of his lifetime at a low rent which was to go to sister, Ellen Hassal.

Not until the death of Thomas would the estate be sold and divided between the children of John Plants sisters Ellen Hassal and the late Mrs Shufflebotham.

The Diary has been Researched and Transcribed by Catharine Ann Hind and with her permission I am repeating as follows her notes on his diary followed by the details of the Diary over a period from 30 December 1848 to 31 May 1849. The Diary will continue in subsequent issues of the Journal.

John Plant and his Diary by Catherine Ann Hind

No doubt John Plant kept his meticulous diary entries of tasks, commitments, costs and quantities as a private aide memoire. He would not expect that his diary would survive to interest and please future generations.

He affords us a look at life in which bread, meat, coal and even rail fares seem to cost almost nothing; where farming and home-life is a relentless non-stop round of chores; and of a community life that is its own department of taxes, rates, schools and road-builders.

Unwittingly John Plant compiled an assessment of his own character and moral outlook; introducing us to a man who lives, as best he can, the tenets and Letter of the Faith to which he is regular in duty and observance.

He lives harmoniously with his neighbours and relations, ever hospitable no matter how busy he is when they call on him; and he turns the other cheek when an old friend rages against him. It is left to the mistakes and blots on the page where he describes painful incident to bear silent testimony to his distress.

He visits the widowed and fatherless leaving shillings and even sovereigns, and so widespread is his reputation for generosity that suppliants come from afar to his door. The are never sent away even when they prompt and entry reading "I gave him 5 shillings but I doubted his tale".

In matters of business he is astute, scrupulous and trustworthy, and is one of the network of local worthies who borrow and lend, investing in each others endeavours and enterprises.

His household was comprised of himself as Master of the House, his sister Mrs Shufflebothams daughters Elizabeth and Maria as house servants, and another probable kinsman, Thomas Brough, as a farm servant. The census supplies the titles, but what servant on perhaps ten or twelve pounds a year can lend his master ten golden sovereigns?

I think we can suppose the term is used for want of some other description of their position in the house. The diary suggests more a group of kin living out the routines of an interdependant life on a farm rather as might have pertained had they been a man and his son and daughters; and always John Plant generously refers not to "MY" house, but to "our house".

Elizabeth, Maria and Thomas are paid an annual wage on Christmas Day, but their evident measure of some financial independence is a result of a degree of private enterprise and business run concurrently with the farming.

There is brewing, butter churning, and massive cheese-making; and an apparent dealing in coal, lime and dry goods which Thomas purchased frequently and in large quantities.

John Plant records that "Thomas sold his pigs.... he bought new cord trousers and a cloth weskit"; "Maria took butter to Leek... she bought two new dresses"; and "Elizabeth took six fish from the Turners Pool to the shopkeeper in Leek.... her bought two new bonnets".

Here is more than a suggestion that the proceeds were theirs to do with as they pleased; additionally they make regular trips to Leek or Macclesfield to the Savings Bank.

Elizabeth made an afternoon visit to her aunt Ellen Halsall 'and her wearing her new bonnet'. All the people who walk across his pages are recorded formally and fully be they the rat ketcher, neighbour or relative.

This is helpful if we are examining the census records for thus we know who they were, where they lived and what they did. It is only when John Plant's life is over and we see his Will that we discover the relationships.

The diary commence on the penultimate day of 1848. The household has so many repetitive tasks all needing to be done quickly in the short hours of winter daylight. We find John Plant himself much pre-occupied with the responsibilities of letting the Royal Oak Inn at Rushton on behalf of his friend Mr Hargreaves; and that gentleman is working himself up into the first of his nasty tempers.

- 1848 December the 30th. Joseph Dale came to Hazzlewood House to take the Royale Oake inn at Ruston. Mr. Thomas Sumner came with him. I let it to him at 40 pound a yr.
31. Went to Mr. Hargreaves to inform him of the Buisness.
- 1849 January 4th took the agreement to the royal oake to be sined by Mr. Hargreaves and Mr. Dale.
5. Isaac Eardley killed a pig 9 stone 12 lb. T Brough went to the smithy.
 6. went to the mill took 6 bags.
 7. the Girls went to tea and supper with Mr. Sumner came back at 11 o'clock.
 9. Thomas Brough went to Maclesfield sold 2 cows to Salt. for £16-10-0.
 10. Elizabeth went to Leek.
 11. fetched the loading 3 load at 55 lb of meal to home. 6 at 1s 9d per load for grinding 2d per score. 9 quarts of pease at 3.1/2 per quart 2-7.1/2 Give to Thomas Brough 2 for the miller.
 13. sold Isaac Kirkham some Clog wood at 5d per yard.
 14. Elizabeth went to the Chappel brought word from Wm Brough to T Brough of his Mother being ill he went to Leek in the afternoon Brought word of the death of John Glulow departed this Life between one and two of the same day.
 15. Salt to have fetched the cow but did not.
 17. I went to Leek and called on Thomas Broughs mother she was Better. Paid Edward Halsall a Poor Rate 1-8-1.1/4 and a Chappel Rate for Meerbrook 5-7.1/2.
 18. old Jack calved a bull calfe.
 19. was weighing straw at Buxton brow 11c & 45 lb. Thomas Brough took 6 bags of oats to the mill. Bacon up today.
 20. 11c.4st.5lb of straw from Buxton brow Thomas Brough to see his Mother.
 21. the Girls went to the Chappel Meerbrook.
 22. Thomas and E Halsall took I Kirkham 50 yards of clog wood at 5d per yard. £10.10. Sold Nathan Wardle a sker cow to fetch her on Monday next at £7-10-0.

23. We got out 7 load of dung at far Barn Brough a lock of sticks very windy.
 24. I Kirkham came and paid for the wood we got six loads of dung out at home.
Thomas went to the market his Mother worse.
 25. Thomas fetched the loading from the mill did not pay.
Do went at night to enquire after his mother. Mr. Taylor called for the property Tax.
 27. Maria went to Brownsett to pay the property tax. N Wardle called to look at the cow. Mr. Hargreaves took his codicil back. T Brough went at nine to see his Mother.
 29. Nathan Wardle fetched the cow T Brough went to the Oak at Ruston with him. I went to Leek to see Mrs. Brough & she was rather better Brought 2 sprocks at 14s6d.
 30. T Brough agreed with John Findlow to hold the plough is to have 10s a week and board himself.

Thomas Brough went to the Har Greasley to pay John Shufflebotham 4. of Interest on Mr. Hargreaves account for £100 being due on the 27th of this month Receiving the £4 on the 26th of November 1848.
 31. T. Brough went to Market his Mother worse.
- Feb. 1. T. Brough and J Findlow flead a twinter Hient. Mary Mason came to see us.
3. T Brough saddled Gilbert and took the twinter hide to Leekbrought 5 stone Flour at 2s per stone. Called on his Mother she was rather better.

T Brough went to look at J Findlows twinters he valued them at £5 per twinter.
 4. the Girls went to the Chappel.
 5. we got 13 load of dung out at home.
 6. T Brough bought a twinter of James Halsall.
 7. T Brough went to the Candlemans Fair his Mother rather better. I spread dung and dirt.
 8. Picked the stone in the parks. T Brough went to the Hollinhall for the twinter he for it £3-15s-0.
 9. Loading stuke J Findlow helping us.
 10. T Brough brought the Aims to the smithy.

11. I went to the Chappel.
 12. T Brough went to T Shufflebotham with a cow. took her to Maclesfield did not sell her.
 14. Maria to market a new dress. housed corn rick E Halsal helped.
 15. Joan Heifer cast her calfe traper paid.
 16. T Brough carting stone at the Needly Mr Hargreaves came and brought his conveiance and I lent him 20 pounds to be returned on the 25th of March.
 17. T Brough went to Maclesfield sold to James Berrisford a pig and a cheese.
Moll calved a bull.
 18. The Girls went to Chappel.
 19. My birthday aged 64 sold 2 bull calves to T Thornley 1-17.
 21. Maris went to Market T Brough took 6 bags to the mill 1/2 Light to be dried.
 22. I Eardley killed a pig T Thornley fetched 12 calves.
 23. T Brough took 1 pig and some cheeses to T Berrisford.
 24. Do fetched the Loading £3 paid for. First cheese made.
 25. T Brough went to see his Mother she was come on to her Last.
 26. fetched straw from Buxton brow 7c-3t=10lb. £11-1-5.
 27. Hanah Oliver came to our house wanted £3-0-0. Borrowed £2 of Maria Shufflebotham at £4-4-0. T Brough went to Maclesfield Bought 2 pigs.
 28. I went to Leek Borrowed of Ralph Mountford £5-0-0. paid Maria the £2 she lent me.
- March 1. Taylors sale T Brough ill in bed.
2. Housed the corn rick went to the smithy.
 3. T Brough and J Findlow beganb to plough the parks.
 4. the Girls went to Chappel.
 5. T.B. & J.F. ploughed in the parks. W. Jonson cald.

6. Do. Do.
 7. Do Elizabeth went to market.
 8. began more ploughing.
 9. Get out 12 cart of dung. Ploud in the afternoon.
 11. Girls went to Chappel in the morning. T B went to the Grange.
 12. T.B. & J.F. ploughing in the parks. Heifer risen on.
 13. Do Do Brought the heifer home.
 14. Do Do Elizabeth at market Dick calved a cow calfe.
 15. Do 16 Elizabeth went to Leek for shoes.
 19. Brought Taffe Home she had calved a cow calfe.
 21. I went to Leek bought seeds at 4s-6d per strike. Halsall calved in the morning a cow calfe.
 22. we began a Harrowing. Jack calved a bull calfe.
 23. Hudson calved a bull calfe in ther night.
 24. Lone heifer calved a cow calfe in the night hard frost. E Halsall soad the Hay seeds.
 25. Good Sunday and no one went to Chapel.
 26. T Perkin and T Brough drewed the reins.
 27. Joseph Perkin began picking the stone on the corn-fields is to have 4s6d.
 27. Mr Turner came and wanted his rent and I was scant of money Borrowed £10 of S.Hulme. Elizabeth went to market finished harrowing.
 29. T Brough went to rudyard Hall sale.
 30. T Brough Do.Bout a set of Harrows at £2-13s-0. Sold to Cooper 2 cows for £13-10s. 4d back for luck.
 31. Cooper fetched the cows and paid for them. T Brough fetched the Harrows. Paid Samuel hulme the £10 that I borrowed.
- April 1. Girls went to Chapel. T Brough went to the funeral of T Rider.

2. T Brough went to Leek. Maria into Winco. Housed the corn rick Jo Perkins helped us.
4. Elizabeth went to market got 7 load of dung out at Far barn.
5. Samuel Clous killed us a calfe & cut it up. Charge 1s.
6. Heifer calved a bull calfe Mr Hargreaves came to pay the £20 that he Had borrowed took back his carpet bag told me to interfere in his business no more as he was able to do it Himself.
7. Nan calved a cow calfe we got out 5 load of dung at Home.
8. no one went to Chapel on a good Easter Sunday.
9. T. Brough went to the Smythe with Gilbert.
10. Samuel Hulme came down with his road book.
11. Maria went to the Fair and did the markets. T Brough took old Jack cow to the Fair and sold Her for £4-10s paid, Ralph Mountford the £5 that I borrowed on the 28th Feb.
Paid the easter Dues.
12. the Butcher fetched the calfe.
13. T Brough went to Leek for malt 1 strike. the Girls Broued that Night at snow in the morning and Frosty Morning.
14. Got 6 loads of dung out at home.
15. Elizabeth went to Chapel.
16. Got 10 loads of dung out at home.
17. T. Brough and J. Findlow fettled the pottato ground and got 3 load of dung out at the F barn. Brunt fetched the calfe I brought 2 cows home.
18. Elizabeth went to market T Brough took the cart to Meerbrook to be repaired.
19. Thomas Whiticar paid his half of rent £18 being due 25th of March.
Samuel Buxton came to tell me Mr Hargreaves was taken ill on the 11 in the morning and got no Better was rather was worse and I went to see him.

20. T. Brough went to Leek for a load of tile for the Barn. Cold winds with Frost and Snow the 21 rather milder.
 21. J. Findlow spread dung at home T Brough paid Samuel Hulme for a ton of straw £2 Fetched 9 score of bran from the mill give 13 pence pr score. Elizabeth went to the Roche grange with the land tax collector W.Lomas.
 22. Elizabeth went to Winco and ill Meadows.
 23. T. Broughy fetched a Load of Goldsich Cole. I went to Berisford and James paid me £14-15-9 called of Hanah Oliver and paid her £1-0-0.
 24. Moll calced a cow calfe Paid Elizabeth her £40 & Interest.
 25. Elizabeth went to market Sker calved a bull.
 26. Ellen Halsall came to see us. Mary Morton fetched a cow calfe paid for it Joseph Downs the traper called and Maria paid him a shilling he being paid before on the 15th February he must be remembered and have no pay in the Autumn. I heard the Cuccoo sing for the first time.
 27. Setting the potatoes Brought a Load of hay from the Farn Barn. Mr James Geskitt came for me to go to Rushton to see Mr. Hargreaves. Joseph Dale of the royale Oake wanted to borrow £40 of Mr Hargreaves and his rent was due and not paid Mr Joseph Geskitt and I advised him not to lend it. The first time I know Mr Joseph geskitt.
 28. T Brough and J Findlow went to White Hill brow to repair the fence A fine growing day & showry.
 29. Thomas Maria and elizabeth went to Chapel.
 30. Brought a load of hay from the far barn. T Brough cleaned and oiled the Gearing.
- May
1. T. Brough fetched a load of coals from Gillo. 5.1/2 Druits at 17s per Druit. Elizabeth went to Macclesfield and William persuaded her to Leave and come to Greasley.
 2. I went with T Brough and bought him a suite of Clothes. Black cloth for coat and waistcoat at 15s-6d pr yard 2 yard gray carsemy for trousers 5s per yard. Lining and buttons. Paid Mr. Best for bulling of two Beasts. T Broughs close with Linings and buttons and pockets cost £2-12s.

3. Put two heifers in the meadow. T Brough went to Gillo for coals.
4. Fetched a load of hay from Far Barn. Cold North Wind.
5. T Brough fetched the loading from the mill 4.1/2 Load of meal 1-9 pr load grinding. Load of flour at 8-3 per quarter. The rooks took all the Beans.
6. Samuel Hudson gave a secret for some oils to rub Smilers Hip he had been lame three weeks past of a bottle from John Hunts rubbed the first time. High Cold North Wind still blowing grass and hay scant. Cold North Wind and the Girls went to Dainbridge Chapel.
7. T Brough went to Leek to receive money from the Savings Bank paid him 8 he borrowed of Maria 10.
8. Laid the young Cows out in the rough field.
9. Took 3 twinters and 5 stirks to White Hill brow fetched the hens 4 home Elizabeth went to Mak.
10. T Brough fetched the cart from Meerbrook. William Beswick paid me 13s-6d for the bulling of cows.
11. T Brough and J Findlow got 14 loads of dung out at home and 3 at Far Barn.
12. Made a rick of straw and hay at home.
13. I went to White Hill with the Girls to Chapel. T Brough took Hunts oils bottle home and I to fill it.
14. Samuel Clows killed a clafe I went to Rushton fine growing weather with shows.
15. George Rider came to borrow some Money I was low in cash and loned him none. Isaac Eardley left the Thorneylee. T Brough fetched 2 cartload of coal from Goldsich at 10s per Horseload with Gilbert.
16. T Brough fetched his new Close for the making of them.
17. Laid the cos out took 3 to the Barn a storm of thunder lightening and hail.
18. T Brough took in Calfe Stirk to Leek and sold to George Kirkham for £5-5s-0 Very cold laid the cows up again.

19. T Brough went to Grin with Gilbert for lime. Maria went to Leek took Mr Mountford 16 perch bought two bonnets. Thomas Finney came to look at cow that was lame in the foot.
20. No one went to Chapel very wet day.
21. T Brough went to Meerbrook smithy with 2 Horses.
23. Elizabeth went to market bought two bonnets. I took Smiler to the Far Barn and laid him out.
25. I went down to see Mr Hargreaves T Brough went to White Hill to look them Beasts set the stone-picking about the Drains to Abel Brocklehurst.
26. Thomas finney cam to dress the cows foot.

SAMUEL HUDSON'S SECRET RECEIT FOR A HORSE OR COW that is strained in the hip or shoulder. Oil of turpentine oil of freter and oil of spikes Each five ounces mix these with 3 ounces of Linseed and nerre oile of each alike quantity and rub the gointe well then heat it well with a hot iron.

BLACKING FOR BOOTS OR SHOES

Gum arabic eight ounces; Ink half a pint; treacle two ounces; Vinegar and Spirits of Wine of each two ounces. Dissolve the gum and tracle in the ink and the vinegar; then strain and add all the spirit.

A MIXTURE OF OILS FOR HARD UDDERS OR BRUISES

3d oil of origanum 1d opodilock (for strong 2d) 1d of dogs spirits of wine 1d oil of turpentine 1d Exter 1d tincture of myrh 1/2 pint neatsfoot oil.

- 1849 May 28 Thomas Brough went to Grin Mrs Bellfield came to see us.
29. I took Gilbert to the Far Barn and laid him out. T Brough went to Macclesfield bought 2 pigs 30s per pig £3-0-0.
 30. T Brough went to Leek sold Incalf Stirk for £6-10s-0 and I went to the market J Findlow and T Brough fetched E Halsalls Bull stirk to Far Barn and he bulled a cow and then brought him home.
 31. Paid Maria Shufflebottom the 10 that I borrowed on the 7th of May.

RICHMOND WARWICK PLANT OF CRADLEY HEATH

On a recent visit to the archives section of Dudley library I came across an article in 'The Best of the Black Country Bugle issues', relating to Richmond Warwick Plant:

With the permission of the Black Country Bugle I am reproducing this article.



STINKING HERRINGS.

Grandly-named Richmond Warwick Plant proudly posing in the 'Four-penny waistcoat' which added to his image as a great old Cradley Heath character.....

Mr Norman Plant, one of Cradley Heath's most venerable characters certainly 'opened a barrel of fish' a few months ago when he presented us with a selection of pictures from his old Cradley Heath Collection - but we reckon that the one reproduced here will now take 'pride of place' in this Chain Town veteran's scrapbook.

It shows his famous grandad **Richmond Warwick Plant**, widely known as 'Stinking Herrings' during some of Cradley Heath's most flamboyant decades. Like Norman, he was a fishmonger and his photograph has been kindly provided by another proud descendant - **Mr William Plant** of Fallowfield Road, Rowley Regis. He tells us that his great-grandad's famous waistcoat is 'still in the family' but minus the four-penny bits which once decorated it in such profusion.

He also informs us that Richmond's mother and father had 18 children between them (9 each from previous marriages) when they wed - quite a 'houseful', even in those days of 'big families'. Richmond earned his nickname from travelling the streets with his fish-cart, shouting '**Stinking Herrings**'. He was a realist who said all fish stank once they were out of water. One family legend tells that he had a very crafty daughter. Richmond let her have half a barrel of herrings to sell on commission. She hawked them around shouting to people to buy hers (not his) because her father's herrings 'stunk' - not the kindest example of daughterly virtue but '**Stinking Herrings**' was probably proud of his 'wench' for inheriting the Plant's famous business acumen.

'**Stinking Herrings**' waistcoat would be worth a considerable sum is still intact, today. Although the original groat, an English silver coin, was first minted by Edward III in 1351, it is probable that the coins which decorated this famous Cradley Heath waistcoat were silver fourpenny pieces 'revived' by William IV in 1836 after being discontinued by Henry VII in 1662.

They were popularly known as 'Joeys' after Joseph Hulme, the monetary expert responsible for their minting. The issue was discontinued in 1856 and the coin de-monetised in 1887 but are still much sought after by collectors.

The above article could be of interest to members from this particular area or members from the Black Country generally.

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The following information has been received from Mr Fred Faulkner - member No. 91.

"While searching the 1881 Census of Middlesborough - Yorks I came across the following entry for a Samuel Plant - Master of the boat REIGATE?

Vessel	-	Reigate
No.	-	45063
Port	-	London
Tonnage	-	1034
Description	-	Iron Ship
Trade	-	East Indian

Place at which the schedule is delivered to the Master and date of deliver:

26.3.81 Victoria Dock Dundee

Position of Vessel at Midnight 3 April 1881

MIDDLESBOROUGH		DOCK			
Samuel Plant	Mar	52	Master	born	Thornham Suffolk
Harriet Plant	Mar	46	Master wife		
			Passenger	"	Batterdale Suffolk
Samuel Plant	UM	14	Son		
			Passenter	"	Framlington Suffolk
Charles Henry Plant	UM	10	"	"	"

Hoping this may be of interest to one of the members".

ED - Thanks for the information.

LETTERS

Dear Mr Plant

Could you please mention in the magazine for any interested member with family in Staffs that I still have left a few copies of St Peters Quainford MIs - £4.50 including postage.

Also Bucknall at £3.50 including postage.

Mearbrook MI's are out of print.

St Peters, Stoke on Trent MI's are now available for reference in libraries.

Longnor MI's being typed.

Yours sincerely

ELIZABETH BASS (member No. 49)

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<u>Membership No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Interest</u>
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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/
24	Mr George Plant	19c Staffordshire/
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/
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38	Mrs Sian Plant	e19c Denton Lancs/19c Leicester/ 20c Rounds Northants/
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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 Joyce Westwood	Any period Cheadle Staffs/
59	Nigel Burroughs	L18c 19c Burslem + Longton Staffs/
65	Mr D J Plant	Any period Cheadle Staffs/
71	G Brian Plant	Any period Cheshire/
72	William Plant	General/
74	Mrs Alice D Mercer	19c Leicester/L19c Nottingham/
75	Mr M J Plant	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/
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