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**THE COURT ROLLS OF THE LORDSHIP OF MACCLESFIELD,
1345 - 1485**

The two main areas in England from where the Plant family originated are:

1. South Cheshire/North Staffordshire
2. The Midlands - the area that is now known as the Black Country.

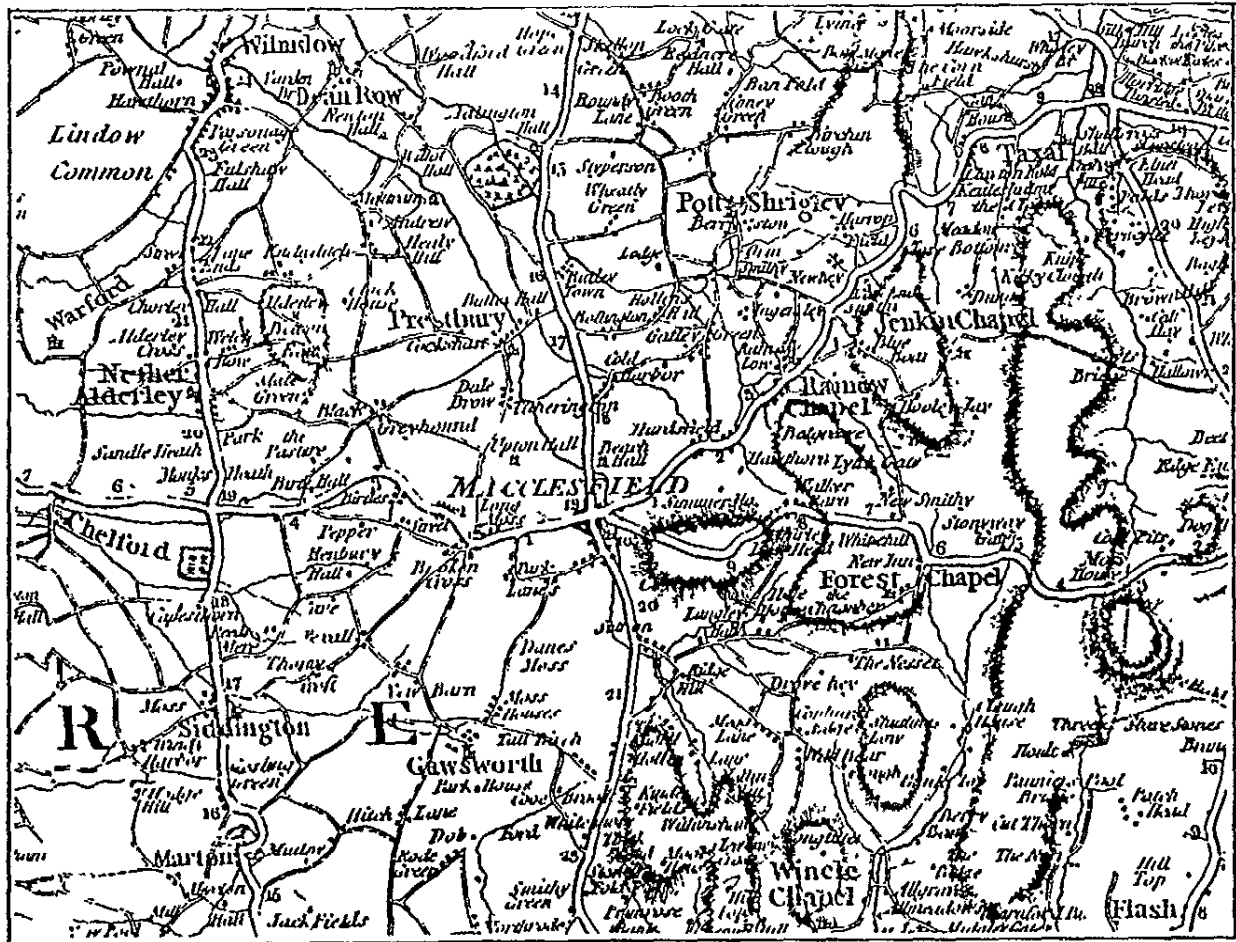
A considerable amount of information is already known relative to the Plant Family of Macclesfield (South Cheshire) in the 15th Century from the Court Rolls and it is my intention to include this information in the next issue of the Journal.

It will therefore be of interest to consider information relative to the function of these rolls and I am indebted to Ann Currey formerly of the Department of History at the University of Reading who, in the early 1980's, presented a thesis relative to these rolls. I have been unable to contact her since 1982 but, on the assumption that she would not object if I pass this information on to you, I hope that the following extracts from her thesis will be of interest.

For the mediaeval period, before the advent of large numbers of wills, the court rolls are the only documents where one can see something of the fabric of village or town life, where one can pick out the leading members of the community, the dominant families, the office-holders, the rival neighbours, the petty criminals, the disruptive elements in society. They give much information on family relationships and are indispensable for the genealogist or the historian interested in re-constituting the historic community. Admittedly, the courts were presided over by the lord or his steward, and the rolls themselves were drawn up by the lord's scribes and kept in his archive. The financial return from the 'perquisites of court' was a valuable part of seigneurial income: at the beginning of the fifteenth century, for instance, the Prince of Wales could expect about £50 per annum from fines and customary payments levied in the courts of his lordship of Macclesfield. But nevertheless, most of the recorded business, and indeed an increasingly larger proportion as the period continues, reflects the way the inhabitants conducted their personal and family affairs and regulated and administered their own community, for many of the proceedings in the courts were initiated by the inhabitants themselves.

Court rolls for England as a whole exist in large quantities from about 1260 onwards; Public Record Office List and Index 6, which gives details of Special Collection 2 - Court Rolls, has 377 pages with around 30 entries to a page, and there are more rolls to be found in the County Record Offices and in private collections. The best way of discovering whether a manor has surviving rolls is to consult the National Register of Archive's Manorial Documents register. However, it is not so usual to find a good, consecutive run of rolls continuing over a long period, although for any meaningful historical, demographic or genealogical work it is crucial to have as many rolls surviving as possible. Of all the settlements of Cheshire, Macclesfield is blessed with a splendid and unparelled set of rolls, by far the longest and with the

fewest gaps. Rolls survive for nearly every year between 1345 and 1485, covering the proceedings of various courts of the lordship, principally the Hundred Court, the Halmote of the Manor and Forest, and the Portmote of the town, along with the Eyre and the special courts held in the lordship, although the record for any particular year may be incomplete. The main series is kept at the Public Record Office, Chancery Lane, and is listed in a typescript supplement to List and Index 6. These rolls were transferred to the P.R.O. from Macclesfield Town Hall in 1926.



Unlike records of modern day courts or earlier Quarter Sessions papers, the mediaeval court rolls give the barest of details on both civil and criminal cases, save to record the names of the parties involved, their township of residence and perhaps their occupation and relationship to another person, along with a brief description of the offence or plea. The judgement, usually in the

form of a fine entered in the margin of the roll, is known, but we have little idea on how it was reached. For civil disputes, predominantly pleas of debt and trespass, there is often no detail at all, not even on the size of the debt, but, due to the niceties of English law, one gets more information on criminal offences, sometimes to the point of gruesome detail. In cases on inter-personal violence, the seriousness of the crime depended on the weapon used, the part of the body attacked and whether blood was spilt. In cases of alleged theft, the nature and value of the goods would be recorded.

It must be remembered that in the mediaeval period very few people were caught in the act, imprisoned pending trial, tried and punished. For the most part, people were 'reported' as having committed offences by their victims, their neighbours or the jurors of their townships. Inhabitants could be fined for not reporting crimes; in 1417, the residents of le Wallegate in the town of Macclesfield were charged a communal fine of 3s. 4d. for concealing a breach of the peace between John de Walton, chaplain, and John le Glasier. The obvious defects of the system of reporting crime were somewhat offset by the fact that false prosecutions and accusations, the unjustified raising of the hue and cry, and the non-pursual of pleas were all finable at a high rate, and payment had to be made for licences to settle disputes out of court.

For some manors, the court rolls are very short and easy to deal with. The Macclesfield rolls are bulky and full of courts and cases. Not only was the lordship large and reasonably well-populated - and it was the presence of people which generated business - but also within it were several different if overlapping jurisdictions each with its own court and court record. A year's set of records, with the judicial year running, like the accounting year, from Michaelmas to Michaelmas, were fastened together and then rolled.

As the Plants appear to have been based, at least in the late 14th and early 15thC in Rainow (3 miles east of Macclesfield) it is the Forest court roll rather than the Hundred and Borough court rolls that will contain the information on the Plant family. The Plant land holding is mentioned in the 1383-4 Rental of the Forest and subsequently the name is referred to in the Court Rolls. The next Journal will contain references recorded between 1383 and 1422 this being the only period so far researched.

As mentioned previously the most promising records in relation to the Plants are the Forest rolls and approximately two hundred rolls are held in the Public Record Office, Chancery Lane, London covering the period from 1345 to 1485.

The records have been indexed as follows:-

SC2/256/1 to 258/12 Hallmote of the forest
SC2/271/1 to 280/9 Hallmote and great leet of the forest
SC2/316/1 to 318/10 Swain mote

The originals are in Latin, but the handwriting is consistant and it is not too difficult to pick out the surnames.

From the information known it would appear that the Plants were reasonably prominent members of the village of Rainow, acting as guarantors on a number of occasions. They also had in their possession livestock, indicating, at that time, some standing in the community. By 1410 John Plant jnr had started to acquire land, possibly when he married, and was setting himself up independantly of John snr.

It is fairly certain that the records after 1422 will contain references to the name of Plant and all I need now is the time for further study.

The information so far known will be given in the next Journal.

LANCASHIRE BIOGRAPHIES 1905 CHARLES HARVEY PLANT OF PRESTON



Mr. C. H. Plant.

Plant.—CHARLES HARVEY PLANT, Nooklands, Preston: son of the late Wilham James Plant, solicitor, of Preston; born at Ashton-on-Ribble; educated at Preston Grammar School, and by private tutors. Member of the firm of Plant, Abbott and Plant, solicitors, of Preston and Poulton-Je-Fylde; Official Receiver in Bankruptcy for Preston, Blackburn and Burnley Districts. Married, August, 1885, Mamee, daughter of John Forshaw, of Hurst Grange, Preston, and has issue two sons and one daughter.

EXTRACTS FROM 1851 CENSUS RELATING TO PLANT NAME IN THE DISTRICT OF STOCKPORT CHESHIRE

Piece No 2154 covering

Bredbury Hyde Marple
Offerton Romiley Werneth

Folio 288 St Lukes Bredbury

52 ? Lane Eliz Plant Lodger U 26 Cook born ?
Farm Cottage

Folio 313 Hyde

151 Catherina St James Plant Head M 42 Joiner born Ashton Lancs
Harriet Plant Wife M 45 born Hyde Chesh
Henry Plant Son U 14? Cotton
Weaver born Newton Chesh
Mary Ann Plant Dau U 9 born Hyde Chesh
William Plant Son U ? Scholar born Hyde Chesh
Harriet Cook Plant Dau U 3 born Hyde Ches

Folio 324 Hyde

240 Higher ? ? Plant Head M 37 Pattern maker born Godley Chesh
Mary Plant Wife M 35 born ? Chesh
Harriet Plant Dau U 7 Scholar born Hyde Chesh
Thomas Plant Son U 2 born Hyde Chesh

Folio 528 Hyde

56 69 Backlane Sarah Plant Visitor U 22 Weaver born Dukinfield
Cheshire

Folio 497 St Thomas Hyde

129 Platt St James Plant Head M 36 Cotton Twister born Blakeley
Lancs
Sarah Plant Wife M 40 Cotton Carder born ? Chesh
Mary Mottram Dau U 17 Cotton Carder born ? Lancs
Benj Mottram Son U 11 Cotton Piecer born ? Lancs
Geo Moses Lodger M 34 Labourer born Ludworth ?
Sarah Moses Lodger M 32 Cotton Carder born Stockport
Chesh
Sarah Scott Lodger U 9 Cutter born Hyde

Folio 555 St Mary Stockport

15 Manchester Rd James Plant Head M 77 Coal Dealer born ? Yorks
Maria Plant Wife M 48 born Skipton Yorks
James Green Lodger M 46 Spinner born Werneth Chesh
Mary Ann " Lodger M 40 Washerwomen born ? Staffs
Sarah Green Lodger U born Hyde Chesh
Mary Ternett Lodger M 45 Weaver born Chapel Derby

Piece No 2155 covering

Heaton Norris Reddish

Folio 52 Heaton Norris

8 10 Tiviot Dale Wm Plant	Head M 47	Sand & Building Surveyor	born	Stockpt
			Chesh	
Jane Plant	Wife M 51		born	Stockpt Chesh
Mary E Plant	Dau U 15	Dress Maker	born	Manch. Lancs
Wm Plant	Son U 11	Scholar	born	Manchester "

Folio 75 Heaton Norris

12 17 Radbye Yard Thomas Plant	Head M 37	Joiner & Carpenter	born	Bredbury Chesh
Eliz Plant	Wife M 38		born	Lower Peover "
John Snelson	Stepson U 15	Cotton Bobbin Doffer	born	Lower Peover "

Folio 82 Heaton Norris

72 16 Cross St Samuel Plant	Head M 40	Spindle Maker	born	Stockpt Chesh
Eliza Plant	Wife M 36		born	Gorton Lancs
Eliza Plant	Dau U 15	Power Loom Weaver	born	Stockpt Chesh
John Plant	Son U 13	" "	born	Heaton Norris Lancs
Sarah Plant	Dau U 7		born	" " "
Joseph Plant	Son U 3		born	" " "
Samuel Plant	Son U 1		born	" " "

Folio 103 Heaton Norris

238 4 Chainey Wm Plant	Head M 38	Cotton Spinner	born	Stockpt Chesh
Hall New Rd Mary Ann Plant	Wife M 37	Power Loom Weaver	born	" "
Henry Plant	Son U 14	Errand Boy	born	" "
George Plant	Son U 10	Assistant to a baker	born	" "

Folio 180 Heaton Norris

131 5 Hesketh St Martin Bradbury	Head M 60	Overlooker of Power Looms	born	Stockpt Chesh
James Plant	Son-in-law M 25	Butcher	born	Macclesfield "
Mary Ann Plant	Dau M 26	Power Loom Weaver	born	Stockpt Chesh

Folio 214 Heaton Norris

92 21 Providence St Ann Plant Head U 40 ? of clothes born Congleton Chesh
 Eliza Plant Dau U 18 Power Loom Weaver born Lancs
 Ann Plant Dau U 16 " " born Watford Herts

Folio 204 Heaton Norris

2 7 Tiviot Dale Hannah Plant Head U 33 Provision & baker employing 2 men
 born Heaton Norris Lancs
 Mary Plant Sist U 31 " " " "
 George Plant Bro U 25 Railway clerk born Heaton Norris "
 Lettice Peel Mother M 62 Formerly baker born " " "
 Wm Garside Nephew U 10 Scholar born Stockpt Chesh
 Geo Garside Nephew U 8 Scholar born Manchester Lanc
 Sarah Parry Servant U 16 General Servant born " "

Folio 218 Heaton Norris

123 Bollington Rd North Hannah Plant Niece U 22 Dressmaker born Stone Staffs
 at home of Joseph Marthem and family

Folio 430 Heaton Norris

6 4 Henry St Ann Smith Head Wid 67 Housekeeper born Sheffield Yorks
 Philip Smith Son M 30 Self Acting cotton Minder born Stockpt Chesh
 Sarah Smith dau in law M 26 Bobbin tester born Bradbury Chesh
 Philip Smith Grandson U 1 born Heaton Norris "
 Sarah Smith " dau U 19 Cotton Tester born " " "
 Mary Ann Plant " " U 5 born " " "

Folio 547 Heaton Norris

180 Heaton Mersey Mount Heston Sarah Plant Washing Maid U 23 Servant born ? Chesh
 at home of Wm ? Cotton Manufacturer

Folio 546 Heaton Norris

171 Williamsons Yard Eliz Plant Visitor U 47 born Stockpt Chesh
 at home of James Williamson (Gentleman) Hannah and children

Piece No 2156 covering

Cheadle Bulkley Stockport (part)

Folio 20 Cheadle Bulkley

131 Bulkley Holmes

Yard 4	Thomas Plant	Head M 27	Gardener	born Stockpt Chesh
	Eliza Plant	Wife M 27	Cotton Weaver	born Stockpt Chesh
	Louisa Plant	Dau U 3	Scholar	born Stockpt Chesh

Folio 91 Cheadle Bulkley

64 174 Bow	George Needham	Head M 58	Groom	born Tideswell, Derby
Garrett	Fanny Needham	wife M 59		born " "
	Harriet Plant	Grddau U 11		born " "
	Sarah Ann Hulse	Neice U 6		born Stockpt Chesh

Folio 215 St Thomas Stockport

138 Shaw Heath	George Plant	Head M 39	Innkeeper	born Horton Staffs
(Swan Hotel)	Mary Plant	Wife M 33		born Stone "
	James Plant	Son U 8	Scholar	born Stockpt Chesh
	Emma ?	U 10	House Servant	born " "

Folio 602 St Mary Stockport

183 50 High St	John Plant	Head M 50	Baker & provision dealer	born Stockpt Chesh
	Ellen Plant	Wife M 50		born " "
	Joseph Plant	Son U 20	" "	born " "
	Sarah Plant	Dau U 16		born " "
	John Plant	Son U 14	Scholar	born " "
	Ann Turner	GrdDau U 1		born " "

Folio 844 St Thomas Stockport

Workhouse

Edgeley Ward	Hannah Plant	Patient U 33	Cotton Mill Winder	born Bredbury Chesh
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Piece 2157 covering

Bramhall	Brinnington	Cheadle Moseley
Handforth cum Bosden	Norbury	Stockport (part)
Stockport Etchells	Torkington	

Folio 9 St Mary Stockport

42 37 New Bridge Lane	Robert Plant	Head M 46	Watch & Clock Maker	born Tideswell Derby
	Harriet Plant	Wife M 40		born Liverpool Lancs

Folio 84 St Mary Stockport

120 35 Lower Hill

Gate	Allan Gordon	Head M 39	Bookkeeper	born Stockpt Chesh
	Mary Gordon	Wife M 34	Staymaker	born " "
	Ann Plant	MIL W 61	"	born " "
	Wm Gordon	Son U 13	"	born " "
	Emma Gordon	Dau U 8		born " "
	Alfred Gordon	Son U 6		born " "
	Jane Gordon	Dau U 4		born " "
	Sarah Gordon	Dau U 1		born " "

Folio 144 St Mary Stockport

New Zealand Rd	Nathaniel Plant	Head M 31	Spindle Maker	born Macclesfld Ches
	? Plant	Wife M 29		born " "
	Mary Plant	Dau U 9		born Heaton Norris Lanes
	Joseph Plant	Son 1		born Stockpt Chesh

Folio 300 St Paul Brinnington

237 10 Brewery St	John Plant	Serv U 21	Butchers Servant	born Macclesfld Ches
	in house of John Littward		Butcher	

JOHN PLANT (LIBRARIAN OF SALFORD)

The following obituary was found in the 6th January 1884 issue of the Manchester City News

"John Plant FRGS died on Wednesday night January 3rd 1894 at his residence in Rhosneigr, Anglesea. Mr Plant was well known to the residents of Manchester and Salford as curator of the Peel Park Museum and Chief Librarian of the borough of Salford, a post which he held since the foundation of those institutions in the year 1849. Owing to failing health he retired from active service early in 1892 when he went to reside in Anglesea. Mr Plant has recently enjoyed fair health and was out as lately as Saturday last but on Wednesday night he was seized with Paralysis and died at midnight aged 74 years. His death will be regretted by many old friends especially in Salford where he passed an active life in connection with the corporation, the volunteers and the working Men's College. He was a member of the Manchester Literature Club from 1873 - 1886 and an active worker in connection with a Manchester Scientific Students Association, a society which was dissolved a few years ago. He was also well known as a Geologist and a member of the Library Association."

PLANT REFERENCE IN WILL OF JOSEPH HOWARD OF BROOKLYN NEW YORK STATE

The following letter has been received from Mr J Fowler, P.O. Box 313,
Grand Bend, Ontario, Canada, NOM ITO

" Dear Mr. Plant,

I came across an entry in the November 1991 edition of the Ontario Genealogical Society "Newsleaf" regarding your group and journal

Although I have no direct interest in the Plant family, I am in possession of a copy of the will of one Joseph Howard of the City of Brooklyn, New York State, dated 13 January 1886, with attachments from the Surrogate Court of Brooklyn, the first dated June 1886 proving his will, and the second dated February 1888 regarding the judicial settlement. It is therefore evident that Joseph Howard died between January and June 1886.

Among the many bequests made in the will, the following people are mentioned:-

- . The children of my sister RUTH PLANT (nee Howard) -
 - Aaron PLANT, Hicksford, Greenville County, Virginia
 - Thomas PLANT, Dallas, Texas
 - Ruth HIGGINS, wife of James Higgins, City of New York
 - Sarah HINSWORTH, Sheffield, England
 - Mary Ann STONE, wife of Edward Stone, City of New York
 - Teresa ENGLISH, Kansas City, Missouri


The daughters of NANCY WALKER, half-sister to Joseph Howard-
Sarah BINGHAM)
Anna GREEGH) all of Birley Planting, Intake,
Harriet LENTHOUSE) Sheffield, England

The son of NANCY WALKER -
William WALKER of the same Birley Planting. Apparently
William died before 1888 as the Court then
refers to his son Robert WALKER of Lower Victoria
Road, Handsworth Woodhouse, Sheffield

My interest in the foregoing is that Sarah BINGHAM is a maternal great-grand parent of mine.

If this information is of use to you, please feel free to use it, however if you want a photo-copy of the document, they will cost the price of copying (\$Can. 0.25 per page for 14 pages) plus postage.

Yours Truly,



I hope the above information may be of interest to somebody.

IRISH CONNECTIONS

Any members with Irish connections may be interested in the following letter received from Maureen Rendell, Editor of The Old Taughmaconnell Society and Family History Group Journal.

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Eskerebeg
Bealnamullia
Athlone
Co Roscommon
EIRE

17 Sept 1993

Dear Mr Plant

I would be extremely grateful if you could insert the enclosed press release in your journal or newsletter.

We are anxious to trace decendants of the families listed many of which emigrated to your country. Many of the family names still exist in South Roscommon and it would be nice if they could link up with their relations in your country.

Many thanks for your help

Yours sincerely

Maureen Rendell
Editor

PRESS RELEASE

A South Roscommon, Ireland, research group have just publish their first journal, the Group, The Old Taughmaconnell Society and Family History Group are researching families from Roscommon.

Their journal contains information on how to trace your family tree in Ireland, they are also researching the following local families, and, in future journals will publish information on them.

ALLEN, BOYLE, BRACKEN, BRENNAN, BRIEN, BROOKS, BURKE, BUTLER, BUTSON, CARTY, CHURCHILL, CLANCY, COGLAN, CONIFFE, CONNELL, CONNOR, COONEY, CORBET, CORBETT, COSTELLO, COSTELLOE, COY, CRAFFEY, CRAVEN, CRIBBANN, CROBBANE, CROFFEY, CROSBIE, CURLEY, CUPRAN, CUSACK, CREAM, DALY, DAY, DIGNAN, DOLAN, DONNELLAN, DONOHUE, DONOHUE, DOOLIN, DORAN, DOWNEY, DOYLE, EGAN, FAHEY, FAHY, FALLON, FEHALY, FINERTY, FINNERAN, FITZSTEPHEN-FRENCH, FLANNERY, FLYNN, FOLEY, FOWLEY, FURY, GALAVAN, GALVIN, GATELY, GERAGHTY, GILDEAGH, GILLIGAN, GIVERAN, GLENNON, GLYNN, GRADY, GRAHAM, GREENE, GROOM, GURN, GURRY, HALL, HALLIGAN, HAMROCK, HARDIMAN, HARNEY, HARRINGTON, HART, HAVERTY, HENRY, HOGARTY, HOLIGAN, HOLLIGAN, HUGHES, HYNES, INLAS, JACKSON, KEEHAN, KELLY, KENNY, KEOGH, KILLEEN, KILLIAN, KILROY, KIGHRNY, KENNA, LALLY, LEECH, LENNON, LYNCH, LYONS, LYSTER, MACDONA, MANNION, MCDERMOTT, MCDONAGH, MCDONALD, MCDONNELL, MCHUGH, MCKAY, MCMANUS, NEARES, MELEDY, MOORE, MORAN, MORGAN, MULLANE, MULLIGAN, MULLSTONES, MULVEY, MURPHY, MURRAY, MULHEARNS, NAGHTEN, NAUGHTON, NEWCOMEN, NEVIN, OATS, O'BRIEN, O'KELLY, OLIS, PIERCE, PLANT, QUIGLEY, QUINN, REILLY, RIGNEY, ROGERS, ROGERSON, ROWAN, RHATIGAN, SHARPE, SIMPSON, SMYTH, SPELMAN, SPELLMAN, STUTZER, TALBOT, TANSEY, TANSY, TUMELTY, TYRRELL, WALKER, WALSH, WARD, WILLIAMS.

The journal will be issued four times a year. Subscription cost £15 Irish pounds per year and can be obtained from, Maureen Rendell, Eskerebeg, Bealnamullia, Athlone, Co. Roscommon, Ireland.

The Diary of John Plant of Hazzlewood House Farm on the Leekfrith in
North Staffordshire 1849-1853

Continued from Journal No 6.

- June 2. Went to rushton to receive half years rent for the Royal Oak inn for Mr Hargreaves but it was not ready. Settled with Joseph dale for fixtures and stock in trade £7-2s-4d some team work £1-8-0.
3. I went to Chapel in the Morning T Brough went to Upperhulme in the afternoon to Meerbrook at night. The Girls went to Wincle in the afternoon.
5. We went to Hazzlewood road and 2 tits.
6. T Brough went to Leek bought a whip 3s-6d a bos for trophy 1s9d.
7. I went to Rushton Settled the Half Years rent for Mr hargreaves for the Royal Oak rent £25 for the half year. Joseph Dales bill was £10-2s 2. received £14-17s-9.1/2. all bills and accounts settled between Mr Hargreaves and Joseph Dale by me john Plant.
8. Elizabeth went to greasley and the Paddock.
9. J Findlow fetch a load of meal at £1-9s-0.
10. I went to Chapel and the Girls.
11. William Beswick had 150 roof tiles from the Far Barn.
12. T Brough went to the Hill John Findlow went to meeton with Smiler.
13. T Brough Ditto. I went to meet elizabeth to market.
14. I and T Brough went to the opening of the raile way in road.
15. T Brough went to roach road.
16. I went down to Rushton took 2 Rabbits for Mr Hargreaves and Mr Gaskill he is poorly Mr J Gaskill was there to see his brother.
17. I went to Chappil in the Morning joined in the Sacrement Girls went to Winkle in the afternoon.
18. T Brough went to Leek Brought 3 strike of Malt of Enoch Cooper at 7s6d pr strike 3lb of Hops at 1s2d pr st and 7lb of treacle of Mr ralph Mountford at 3dpr lb Mary Mason Ellen Chapman and her young daughter and Jane Dawson came to visit us.
19. Brewing. T Brough went to the smithy. old J Dane found ill in the house.

20. I went to Leek paid E Halsall a rate of one peck of pottatoes 1s6d.
Joseph Dane Died. T Brough went to the roach getting stone.
 21. T Brough and I went to the roach road I went to Philip Mellors Martha Turnock at our house.
 22. T Brough went to Grin 2 in 23 Hour with one horse. I went to a meeting i onely went to the Close botham the 1st time. I went to the flash nearly 2nd time John Findlow met us on the roach end got in at 12 o'clock started in the morning at 1.
 23. George Ryder sent his Bill by W Rogers £2-10-1.1/2.
 24. Maria and Mary Halsall went greasley T Brough and I to Chapel.
 25. Charles Beswick came to pay for 150 roof tiles that I had sent them made him a bill for 4sld Paid T Brough 6s for trousers.
 26. I went to Swythamley rent day Dined with Mr Brocklehurst Bagshaw and Mellor. Mary Halsall called and I went with her.
 27. Maria went to Macclesfield T Brough and I went to Help to mend the road up Back of the Roach by Turnocks 17 men from the green lane and 10 from Hazzlewood.
 28. Maria came from Macclesfield stop the night with James at Long gutter. T. Brough went to Grin I went to meet him Asker cow very Lame of her forefoot began on the 27th.
 29. Buxton Well Washing T Brough went to Grin I went to meet him.
 30. Mary Halsall came with some barm T.B. to Grin Do Do. Paid Mary Sedlow £2 interest for £50 went to see Mr Hargreaves fetched a Load of sand stone from Sweetmore in the shey Paid 3s6d.
- 1849 July 1. Called on Hannah Oliver Samuel Fowler very ill went to Chappell.
Girls went to Wincle a charity sermon preached in the afternoon. John Halsall called in the afternoon.
2. I went to the Pool End for thomas Finey to doctor the lame Cow Hudson.
 3. We took the bull to the Far Barn he bulled Yates a cow as he went.

4. Abil and T Brough took the bull to White Hill turn bulled ten.
I and Elizabeth went to Leek heard of Samuel Fowlers Deth. and sold a fat pig to George Critchlow 9s per score.
5. Hudson Cow jumbed out of the bank and Lamed the other leg.
6. I went to the funeral of sam Fowler called at Pheasants Clough Thomas Finney came to Doctor the cow Hudson.
7. Wee began moving T Brough took the pinkils to be sharpened and brought back Mrs Bott brought us some barm.
8. T Finey came to Doctor the Cow and a calfe that was Amiss. received 3s6d I and the Girls went to the Chapel Tom Turnock went.
9. George Critchlow fetched the Pig in the Cart Living.
10. We had 5 Load of hay T Brough took the bull to F barn.
11. T Brough went to Leek seed the Pig weied 10 score 18lb. Brought 17lb of leg and loin of mutton at 6d pr lb Jain Dawson and 2 Wagstaffs Dauters from Knutsford came to see us. Lead 2 L hay.
12. 3 Load of hay in hem Meadow. J Mellor came bidding us to the Funeral of Mr Taylor.
14. Began in the new meadow Mowing 5 Loads of hay.
15. John Brocklehurst came in the morning to tell us of old twinter, being a bulling T Brough went with him with the bull had it bulled I went to the funeral of Mr taylor and cut the beef. Paid the Clerk for digging the grave and the Burial fees 5s-8d Paid Mr. Orme for a small baril of Porter 9s stopped the night Service. Mrs Wagstaff and Dawson came to see us.
16. Finished mowing at home had 6 Loads of hay began mowing at F Barn.
17. wet morning. Put a Load of hay on the rick.
18. Finished the New Meadow 1 Load of hay Elizabeth went to market bought me a walking stick for 6d.
19. J Findlow mowing in the F B Meadow Bottom. T Brough weeding onions.

20. T Brough & J Findlow weeding pottatoes J Findlow brought the Bull home.
 21. T.B. & J.F. and I were corn weeding in the Morning turning hay wee took Hereford to Botts Bull did not bull her J Findlow mowing. Harrison cleaned the Clock.
 22. T Brough and J Findlow took E Eardleys Bull to White Hill went Badly Mrs Hues called and to Chapel with Maria I & T Brough went.
 23. Mrs Bott came for the Bull ring T Brough helped to put them on. T. Brough went to the Hollin hall to look at a 3 yrear old mare J Halsall asked £25 for her did not purchase her.
 24. I & T Brough got some thatch Mr Taylor came to us for Income Tax.
 25. Cutting thistle in Tinkers Cote brout the thatch Home with Gilbert Elizabeth to Market.
 26. Pulling hay rick Haymaking 3 cows a Bulling bulled with Botts Bull.
 27. Took Halsalls bull to Gun but not one cow was bulled by him the 3 cows Bulled in the morning by Botts bull. Lead 3 Load of hay at F.B.
 28. Heard of the Frith being sold for £2000 and 40 and od. £3000 and 27 was the purch. Got 3 load of hay.
 29. I went to the Chapel in the morning Miss Turner and Miss selino Cruso were there James dawson came to fetch Elizabeth Jain was put to bed this morning of a son. Maria went to see her at night James came with her to the Spout Elizabeth stayed all night.
 30. Elizabeth came back at 7 o'clock T Brough and I thatched the hay rick.
 31. I and T Brough finished mowing the F barn meadow J Findlow came afternoon Elizabeth went at night to Brownsett with the Income Tax. £0-6s-5d.
- August 1. Got new Pottatoes had 6 Load of hay.
2. Finished the Far Barn Meadow 2 D mowed round the corn.
 3. Mowed the Bank and rough field.
 4. Hay making in rough field Isaac Shufflebottom came to see us.

5. T Brough went to Chapel Girls went to see Jain at the Paddock.
6. Finished in the hay 2 Load out of the corn and rough field. T Brough went to the smithy with 2 Horses.
7. I went to Macclesfield called on Mr. Geskill He told me His Brother was interred on Wednesday last.
8. I went to Leek and called on Mr Hargreaves. Sold Charles Oldsnam 3 Load of Meal at £1-9-0 a load.
9. He fetched it and paid £3 towards it £1 7s unpaid he is to have six when he pays. T Brough went to gilla for Mr Turner Paid 8s4d for Coal and 9s for tool a very Hot day.
10. Took 2 Pairs of Elizabeths shoes to be mended at Naidins they were all in a Confusion there servant girl was Lost they found her frock and shues at the bearda mill pool. Mr Hues and Mr Heath in the Boat found her 6 yards from where her clothes lay. I give Thomas pickford 2s6d for the loss of his cow.
11. I was at Macclesfield and dined with Mr Geskill came back with Mr Hues. Cald at Swythamley Had my tea with Mr and Mrs Hues and Mr Philip Brocklehurst. J Findlow came with a leg of Veal in the afternoon.
12. I went to Chapel in the morning The Girls went to Dainbridge.
13. I Pointed the Building.
14. Finished Pointing. T Brough thistle mowing.
15. I and T Brough went to Leek bought a pig for 34s. Dined at the George Mr & Mrs Geskill were in Leek and Dine with mee. Mary Halsall invited one of the Girls to go to the Pheasants Clough on Friday next.
16. I got a mess of peas Ellen Chapman Sarah Fisher & Sarah Hine called to see us had tay with us. August 13th an Inquest was held on Nadins servant. Verdict found Drowned.
14. Margaret Ratcliffe john Ratcliffes Daughter of the Black Horse in Heaton. Nadins servant was interred at Rushton.
17. I give a woman 1s that came from Astbury she said her mother had Lost 6 Cows all she had of the distemper. Elizabeth went to the pheasants clough on a visit. James Barber sent us by T Perkins 2 fine Tench fish.

18. I went to the roach road T Brough took Enoch eardleys bull home. He went somewhere in the afternoon came back about 10.0'clock. Jesse Perkins brought us some perch fish i give him 6d. I had the backache for 2 week.
19. I went to the chapel T Brough went to rushton wakes came back at 2 in the morning. Maria went to Wincle chapel.
20. T Brough went to Leek took Gilbert bought 2 strike of malt and his Mother was ill. and 2lb of hops from Enoch Coopers at the Kings Head and 1 quart of Barm from the Blackhead.
21. T Brough went to Hazlehurst Limekiln the 1s lime The Birls Browed.
22. T Brough went to Leek his Mother was worse he came home sick and ill.
23. T Brough took William some perch fish Living.
24. T Brough at kil yates tit ran away. Mary Mason and daughter came here. Mary and Maria went to Pheasants Clough. Samuel Buxton came for me to go to Rushton.
25. I went into rushton. Dale of the Royal Oake creditors were wanting there money, I called on Mrs sudlow she had had her Landlord today.
26. No one went Chapel wet day. T Brough went to the withy stoke in the evening.
27. Nathan Buxton came for me to go to into Rushton I went when I helped T Brough to shuet his Lime I went to rushton Bank and had my tea with Mr and Mrs Sumner the Mr came with me to Royal Oak for to agree with Joseph Dale for the Hay turnips pottatoes Brewing vessels and other fixtures towards Mr Hargreaves rent he Promised to give up his License and Key to me if he give over the pullick Buisness his wife in bed of 7 child. Mr Hargreaves was very stormy and cross. Samuel Findlow came for some alder sticks he had 14 yards at 5d pr yard and 16 at 4d pr yard he paid for it 11s 4d,
28. T Brough took John Brocklehurst a Load of Lime a good gale.
29. T Brough went to Leek paid Samuel Clows for a leg of veal 7s.

30. T Brough went to kiln Mr and Mrs Francis Geskill came to see us from Macclesfield Ellen Halsall was at our house.

31. I went to Matthew Olivers at Midgely Yates Ann Buxton came to let me know that Dale was having a sale and I must go early in the morning.

September 1. I sent a note by Mrs Bellfield to Mr Geskill for him to come to Rushton he came and Mrs Murify came from Waterfall to take to Rile Oak Inn he offered to Mr Hargreaves £30 a year for it but Dale would not give up the premises as he had promised nor allow the hay and green Crops value towards rent as he had promised. I went to Macclesfield by railway and brought Mr Ainsworth the Lawyer with me but no business was done. I gave Mr Hargreaves will to Mr Geskill to keep he took it with him. Hand bills were put out for a sale on the 4 of this month a bad thunderstorm in the night.

2. I went to Meerbrook in the morning service in the morning. T Brough and the Girls went in the afternoon. Fine weather set in.

3. T Brough at the kiln. I moad some Edish to make hay in.

4. T Brough went to Sutton Fair and called at Mr Geskills he was gone to Buxton. He took the deeds of the Stockmeado in Leekfrith and Tanhouse in Rushton and a small Memorandum book and other papers and give them to Mrs Geskill. He came by railway to Rushton stopt at the sale at the Royal Oak a short time called on Mr Hargreaves give him a note from Mrs Geskill.

5. I went to Leek Mr Critchfield paid me for a pig he had on the 10 of July 10 stone 13 at 9s pr score... £4-18s.

6. T Brough went to Leek took Gilbert brought 5 stone of flour from Mr Masseys 1s-10d Samuel Buxton came and wanted me to write a Notice for Joseph Dale of the Royal Oak Inn Rushton but I sent him back to tell Mr Hargreaves that Mr Ainsworth of Macclesfield must write one.

7. T Brough at Kiln I began shearing moad the Little in the Parks.

8. Alice Beswick died this morning rather suddenly she had been unwell some weeks we had to cart Load of second crop hay it was well got very fine weather.

9. I went to the Chapel in the morning Jim and Henry Halsall came to our house dined with us T Brough not well nor Maria.
10. He was shearing in the Parks John Maydew bid to the Burying of Alice Beswick Mary Armett told me I must carve.
11. wee was shearing in the parks. Nathan Buxton came to us told that Dale was Leaving I went to the funeral of Mrs Beswick Samuel Buxton came with a letter from Mr. Hargreaves.
12. T Brough went to Leek took Gilbert a wet day.
13. Shearing in the Parks in the afternoon.
14. Do in the rough field. George Bellfield went to Macclesfield.
15. Do and in the parks. 3 shears.
16. T brough rather better. I went to see Mr Hargreaves hee told mee he had put his Buisness into the hands of Mr Ensworth the attorney and Mr Geskills Hands both of Macclesfield I and elizabeth went to the Chapel Maria not well rather poorly last sunday.
17. We shut shearing had 5 shearers viz Jessa, Tom and To Perk John Findlow and George Bellfield very fine day.
18. Led a Load of corn that we had moved I went on the White hill to Look the young beasts I asked Mr Read for some rushes to thatch the cornricks he dirst not sell me any till he asked his Land Lord.
19. T Brough went to Leek he went to the Doctor and had some medecen he Bout 2 Hymn Books I gave Mary Armett a pair of trousers. Elizabeth Bout a calico dress and a Hanky of a Hawker.
20. Housed 13 Hivers to thresh for thatch began threshing.
21. led 2 Load in the afternoon a very High wind rained at night.
22. finished thrashing thatch winnowed and took a bag of oats to the mill Led 2 Load of corn in the afternoon turned the beats into the Edich.
23. I did not go to the Chapel the Sacrament the Girls went to Wincle.
24. Finished Leading corn we made 3 ricks J Findlow and perkin helped.

25. T Brough thatched the three ricks.
26. T Brough and I went to Leek Bought 15lb of Beef of Jim Cooper at 6d lb for the Wakes.
Sold a fat pig to Ben Goodwin at 7s6d pr score to go to Saturday Tomas mother poorly.
27. T Brough went to the smithy he was poorly Nadins man wanted us to fetch a load of toil.
28. Samuel Clows kild a pig John Findlow helped James Barber sent a hare.
T Brough was at the mill Bought 6 score of meal 10s.
29. T Brough took a fat pig to Leek for Bengamin Goodwin 16 score. at 7s6d pr score took Mr Turner at Meerbrook at 22lb cheese and a poarter barrel to Mr Ormes Brought a Load of tile for John Nadin at the Bentend 1/2 Load of Flour from Gatliffs for Botts of the Meadows Load of Salt from Hunts mill street charge 1s9d for our selfs James Barber brought 2 rabbits.
I went to Meerbrook and paid the rent for Parks and tinkers Coat to Mr Turner Mrs Turner treated me with elderberry wine and biscuit.
30. Meerbrook wakes showing day with thunder no one went to Chappel.

October 1. rained all day a dull wakes.

2. T Brough and I were getting Pattatoes good crop and fine day.
3. I went to Leek a very wet cold and windy day. Bought good Beef at 4.1/2d pr pound and mutton at 5d. pr lb.
4. wet T Brough fetched the beasts of the Brow Hee Field and buried a calfe that had been desesed all summer I bought 2 pen knives and a pair of scisers of a Sheffield man for 2s sold the knives for 1s.
5. a snow a deal of corn out getting pottatoes in the afternoon.
6. wee finished getting pottatoes in the Forenoon T Brough went to Middle hulme to the wakes in the afternoon very fine day came back at 9 o'clock and brought three sacks as Charles Oldsnam had had meal in on the 3 of Aug.
7. very windy and wet corn blone down no one went to Chapel.
8. T Brough went to Leek corn for E Halsall at the Neelds fine day.

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USEFUL ADDRESSES

UK

Copies of all registers of births, deaths and marriages since 1837 are in the custody of the Registrar General and all have been indexed. The indexes are arranged alphabetically in quarterly volumes and are available for public inspection free of charge at:

St Catherines House
10 Kingsway
London WC2B 6JP

Tel: 071-242-6262

The Search Rooms are open from 8.30 am to 4.30 pm on weekdays. Certified copies of entries in the registers themselves can be purchased from:

The General Register Office
Smedley Hydro
Trafalgar Road
Southport Merseyside PR8 2HH

Registered copies of all wills proved after 1 January 1850 are available for inspection at:

Principal Registry of the Family Division
Somerset House
Strand
London WC2R 1LA

Tel: 071-405-7641
ext 3659

Provided the date of death is known, photocopies of registered wills can be ordered by post from the Record Keeper, Correspondence Department, at the address given above.

Before 1858 wills were proved in a wide variety of church and other courts. The vast majority of these wills are to be found in local record offices often indexed and listed in book form.

The records in the UK Public Record Office are extensive and are described in J M Cox and T R Padfield, Tracing your Ancestors in the Public Record Office.

The Public Record Offices are located at:

Kew
Richmond
Surrey TW9 4DU

Tel: 081-876-3444
Fax: 081-878-8905

Chancery Lane
London

If you visit the PRO you will need to obtain a readers ticket when you first arrive giving documentary proof of identity, e.g. Citizen of the UK - driving licence or bankers card - Citizen of any other country - passport. A ticket can then be issued immediately.

The most commonly used records are:

Chancery Proceedings* While the records of other courts contain sparse information of use to family historians, and are written in Latin, the records of the court of Chancery, which begin in the latter part of the fourteenth century, are written in English and are concerned with disputes over wills, marriage settlements, and landed estates and other matters. The Bernau Index to eighteenth century proceedings is held by the Society of Genealogists.

Close rolls* Private deeds enrolled, for better security, on the Close Roll from the sixteenth to the nineteenth century are relatively easy to search as they have been indexed by both grantor and grantee.

Hearth Tax Returns* These, covering the years 1662-1674, record the taxation of every hearth and provide:

name of the householder; and
number of hearths for which he was responsible.

The records are arranged topographically. The tax was unpopular and widespread evasion resulted in the omission of many names. Some returns have been published by local record societies.

Death Duty Registers and Indexes* From 1796 onwards many estates were liable to duty. The registers contain details of legacies and legatees and give the name of the court in which probate was granted, among other matters: together they constitute a central index to all dutiable wills and letters of administration of the period.

Unauthenticated Registers: Fleet Prison etc* During the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, clandestine ceremonies were conducted in and around London. The registers, of which some are forgeries, may provide information about a marriage which is known to have taken place in London but which is not recorded in more orthodox sources.

Board of Stamps - Apprenticeship Books and Indexes** Between 1710 and 1811, stamp duty was payable on indentures of apprenticeship. The entries in the registers provide:

name of master;
address;
trade;
name of apprentice; and
name of the apprentice's father (until 1752).

Land Tax Redemption Office Quotas and Assessments** These registers list all owners of property liable to the Tax in 1798, and Roman Catholics appealing against double charge after 1828. They are arranged topographically.

* These records can be seen only at PRO Chancery Lane.

** These records can be seen only at PRO Kew.

ADDITIONAL ADDRESSES

Society of Genealogists
14 Charterhouse Buildings
Goswell Road
LONDON EC1M 7BA

Tel: 071-251-8799

Membership of the Society is by annual subscription. It maintains a library which is open to non-members on payment of a fee. Amongst other material, the Society publishes a quarterly journal THE GENEALOGIST'S MAGAZINE.

Federation of Family History Societies
Administrator: Mrs P Saul
c/o Benson Room
Birmingham & Midland Institute
Margaret Street
BIRMINGHAM B3 3BS

The Federation is able to provide information about local family history societies, but does not keep files of names being researched or copies of specific pedigrees. Most regional Family History Societies have on sale a directory of members' interests or will consult their index of members' interests in return for a donation to society funds. It also publishes pamphlets, among them BEGINNING YOUR FAMILY TREE.

Scottish Record Office
HM General Register House
EDINBURGH EH1 3YY

Tel: 031-556-6585

The Office has a wide range of official and private collections, including wills.

Registrar General of Scotland
New Register House
EDINBURGH EH1 3YT

Tel: 031-556-3952

The Registrar General holds the records of civil registration of births, deaths and marriages from 1855 onwards, together with many parish registers and the records of Scottish censuses of population 1841-1891.

National Library of Wales
ABERYSTWYTH
Dyfed SY23 3BU

Tel: 0970-3816

The Library contains, in addition to private collections, the originals, or copies, of many parish registers.

Public Record Office of Northern Ireland
66 Balmoral Avenue
BELFAST BT9 6NY

Tel: 0232-66121

The Office has copies of many Ulster wills amongst its collections. The Ulster Historical Foundation at the same address will undertake genealogical research in return for a fee.

Registrar General of Northern Ireland
Fermanagh House
Ormeau Avenue
BELFAST BT1 6DU

Tel: 0232 235211

The Registrar General holds the registers of births, deaths and marriages in Ulster from 1921 onwards.

Public Record Office of Ireland
Four Courts
DUBLIN 7
Eire

The Office has among its collections the Irish censuses of 1901 and 1911, which are open to public inspection, and some transcripts of Irish Wills: the majority of wills have been destroyed.

Register General of Ireland
Joyce House
8-11 Lombard Street
DUBLIN L2
Eire

The Registrar General holds the surviving records of births, deaths and marriages for the whole of Ireland from 1864 to 1921 and for Eire only from 1921 onwards, together with those of Church of Ireland marriages from 1845.

General Registry
Finch Road
DOUGLAS
Isle of Man

The registry has the civil registers of marriages from 1849 onwards and those of births and deaths from 1878.

Manx Museum Library
Kingswood Road
DOUGLAS
Isle of Man

The Library is able to advise on aspects of Manx genealogy.

The Superintendent Registrar
States Offices
Royal Square
ST HELIER
Jersey C.I.

Holds registers of births, deaths and marriages from 1 August 1842.

The Judicial Greffe
10 Hill Street
ST HELIER
Jersey C.I.

Holds copies of wills.

The Registrar General
The Greffe
Royal Court House
ST PETER PORT
Guernsey C.I.

The Greffe holds registers of births and deaths from 1840 and of marriages from 1919, together with copies of wills. Although the Islands of Sark and Alderney keep their own records, enquiries should in the first instance be made to the Registrar General at Guernsey.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION - BURY LANCASHIRE TAKEN FROM A HISTORY OF LANCASHIRE.

The church plate is all modern and consists of two chalices of 1860-1 two patens of the same date. One of the patens is inscribed:

'The gift of Elizabeth Plant relict of Thomas Plant to
the church of Bury'.

Holy Trinity 'Free Chapel' at Shaw

There was no endowment, but after the Reformation it appears to have remained in occasional use, a 'resident minister' being supplied and a lecturer being added, probably by the contributions of the people.

William Plant was there in 1636.

Chapter 7

by John S Plant (member 52)

Sheffield Plants (circa 1850)

AN INFLUX OF PLANTS FROM THE ENVIRONS

Sheffield, by 1850, was the main centre in the region for Plants. Its Plant population appears to have been growing apace with Sheffield. By 1850, local transport systems were such that only a few Plants had travelled from further afield than the adjacent countryside but Sheffield was growing fast and attracting to it, for example, Plant families from the nearby parishes of Clowne and Sutton-Cum-Duckmanton in Derbyshire.

7.1 Growing number of Plants

Table 7.1 shows the variation of the number of Plants in Sheffield, giving values counted from the 1841, 1851 and 1871 Censuses, and an estimate derived from the 1989 Telephone Directory. The data show generally that the proportion of the Sheffield population called Plant, at these times, remained at about twice the National Average, at about 2 Plants to every 3400 people in Sheffield.

Other information (*Roots and Branches*, Issue N^o 1, page 6) indicates that modern Sheffield is the fifth largest centre for Plants in Great Britain, after Stoke on Trent, Wolverhampton, Birmingham and Manchester.

7.2 Hunter's Sheffield

In his book *Hallamshire: The History and Topography of the parish of Sheffield in the County of York with historical and descriptive notices of the parishes of Ecclesfield, Hansworth, Treeton, and Whiston, and of the chapelry of Bradfield*, Joseph Hunter ascribes the origin of Sheffield's name to the Saxon word *ea* meaning water. Hence, he points out the Shear-bridge on the stream called the Shea(f) which flows into the River

year ·	1841	1851	1871	1990
number :	69	84	128	425
				+200 living in outskirts and Rotherham

Table 7.1. Number of Plants in Sheffield

period	1561- 1570	1601- 1610	1651- 1660	1701- 1710	1751- 1760	1801- 1810
marriages	234	417	475	942	1833	5031
baptisms	1085	1475	1698	3033	7036	17760
burials	712	1049	1888	2613	6270	13384

Table 7.2: Growth at Sheffield's parish church and the chapels under it

	Baptisms		Burials	
	Males	Females	Males	Females
Parish church	1047	1006	566	500
St. Paul's		3	140	119
St. James's			17	20
Attercliffe	31	31	61	37
Ecclesall	29	20	56	50

Table 7.3: Imbalance of baptisms at Sheffield over outlying parishes, in 1817

Don near the early settlement called She(a)(f)field; an early spelling was in fact Sceathfeld meaning clearing near the stream then spelled Sceath.

The tumbling waters down the ring of hills that surround Sheffield nurtured its early eminence in harnessing water power for industrial purposes. Ecclesfield (meaning Church-clearing) is 4 miles north of Sheffield's centre. We do not know who first edged tools using the water wheel, which was used more traditionally for grinding corn, but the Vicar of Ecclesfield, who edited an early dictionary called *Catholicum Anglicum*, seems to have been familiar with the idea, and he died in 1478. The same ring of hills was a barrier to trade but Sheffield's widely famous cutlery, tools, metal buttons and other small items were transported by pack horse.

The Sheffield that is described in Hunter's standard text, published in 1819, predates the known arrival of many Plants in Sheffield. Ecclesall (meaning Church-hill) was only 4 miles SW from Sheffield's centre but was still much more rural and quite separate; after 1835 it became a separate Union of townships from the newly formed Sheffield Union. Table 7.2 shows a constant ratio of about 4.3 for baptisms to burials in the general population of Sheffield, from 1560 to 1810, implying already steady growth. Table 7.3 shows conversely a ratio of about 1:2 at Ecclesall and Attercliffe in 1817, implying that it was not uncommon for those remaining to be buried in those more rural surroundings. The fit and the young, however, more frequently had their children baptised at the more central parish church, as indicated in Table 7.3 by the baptism to burial ratio of about 2:1. A century later, in 1913, this erstwhile modest parish church of St Peter and St Paul became a Cathedral when the much enlarged Sheffield, at last, attained diocesan status.

Place	No.	Place	No.	Place	No.	Place	No.
(a) all those called Plant							
Sheffield	39	Gleadless	13	Clowne	3	Oth Yorks.	1
Brightside	5	Beighton	2	Sutton-C-D	3	Notts.	4
Wadsley	1	Birley	1	Calver	2	Manchester	1
Ecclesall	1	Mosborough	1	Oth.Derbys	4	Elsewhere	3
(b) males over 30							
Sheffield	3	Gleadless	3	Clowne	3	Oth.Yorks.	1
		Beighton	1	Sutton-C-D	1	Notts	1
				Oth.Derbys.	3	Elsewhere	1

Table 7.4. Places of birth of Plants living in Sheffield in 1851

7.3 Origins of local Plant name

The Index of the 1851 Census for Sheffield indicates that only about half of those therein called Plant were born in Sheffield, which accords with the consideration that the population of Sheffield was at that time trebling every 50 years and many had travelled to Sheffield from the surrounding region, as is detailed for Plants in Table 7.4. In this table, the first column contains places close to Sheffield's centre, the second around 5 miles to the SE, and the third 10 miles and further into Derbyshire. In the fourth column the item 'Elsewhere' refers to Plants who came from as far as Northamptonshire, Staffordshire, or Warwick.

When only males over 30 are considered (part (b) of the table) it is seen that 14 out of the 17 were from outside Sheffield. The Sheffield Plant name before 1820 seems to have come mostly from around Gleadless (Handsworth) and NE Derbyshire, as indicated in the second and third columns of Table 7.4(b).

The descendants of the Sutton-Cum-Duckmanton Plants may account for a significant number of the Plants that are found, around 1850, in Sheffield. One of those who is recorded as 'from Sheffield' (in column 1 of Table 7.4(b)) was in fact almost certainly from the large Clowne Plant family (*cf.* column 3 of Table 7.4(b)) which had descended from the youngest son Thomas (1745-1827) of the first Sutton-Cum-Duckmanton Plant generation, this Thomas took up a farm in nearby Clowne, where he had 18 children by 2 wives between 1772 and 1819. The remaining 2 of those 3 who are recorded as 'from Sheffield' were descended from the Handsworth Plant family; Handsworth is only 3 miles to the east and it bordered, in 1851, on Sheffield. *One possibility*, though as yet unsubstantiated, is that the Handsworth (Gleadless) Plants were descended from the eldest son Robert (1727-91) of the original Sutton-Cum-Duckmanton Plant generation, Robert apparently moved to Beighton, which is near Gleadless (column 2 of Table 7.4(b)), and which is where he had children around 1750.

7.4 Transport and Growth

The exploits of Plants from Handsworth and NE Derbyshire will be described later, they arrived in a nineteenth century Sheffield, in which the new population was much more

mixed than before. It was also divided within itself; class distinctions, hardly known in the old Sheffield, had sharpened as the wealth of a few increased and a slightly higher level of education became noticeable in some circles. In 1736 there had been 9696 people in Sheffield and, by 1801, this had become 31314. The growth of Sheffield and its new heavy industry were made possible by developments in its transport systems, which were now beginning to overcome the local geographical barriers to trade, as detailed for example by Mary Walton (1948) in her book *'Sheffield: Its Story and Its Achievements'*

As soon as the turnpike era had started (Chapter 4) Sheffield became indebted to enterprising landlords of the Angel Inn. In 1760 Samuel Glanville started the first regular stage-coaches to London, Leeds, Wakefield, Chesterfield, Mansfield and Nottingham. The journey to London took 3 days but, by 1787, this had been reduced to 26 hours. The reputation of the Angel later passed to the Tontine Inn and, by 1838, thirteen coaches left the Tontine (near Dixon Lane) daily with the ring of hooves on the cobbles aptly symbolising the quickening pace of Sheffield life; until one day in 1840 all this bustle ceased overnight and the horses stood idle; the train to London drew out of the North Midland Railway Station at Masborough (Rotherham)¹ and close behind its flying wheels came the great age of steel.

After the first railway line had come into Sheffield from Rotherham in 1838, the south Yorkshire coalfield was rapidly developed to feed the greedy engines and the multiplying furnaces for steel. The opening near central Sheffield, in 1851, of the Victoria Station near the street (built in 1795) called The Wicker, made possible better communication both with eastern England and with London and, in 1870, the Midland Railway's branch to Chesterfield was opened, with a station built near central Sheffield at the Ponds, providing a quicker and easier way to the manufacturing centres of the Midlands and London.

7.5 Further developments in Sheffield

During the fifty years after 1843 the population of Sheffield trebled, becoming an estimated 333922 in 1893, whereupon the Council decided to celebrate their jubilee by asking the Crown to bestow the title of City upon the Borough, and the request was granted. In 1875 the first bold street-making scheme ever attempted had driven Leopold Street, Pinstone Street and Surrey Street through the jumble of buildings and narrow alleys, the crowded little shops, stables and works; and most of their tall new buildings were completed by 1893, and in 1897 Queen Victoria herself came in "royal weather" to open the new Town Hall, which bears on the tip of its two-hundred feet tower the figure of Sheffield's adopted deity from earlier times, Vulcan the Smith

At these times, Plants from Clowne were living in the centre of Sheffield, such as near Pinstone Street, and indeed, in 1841, on the site of the yet to built new Town Hall. Plants from several branches of this family, including ones that had hitherto remained in Sutton-Cum-Duckmanton, arrived in Sheffield as will be described in some detail later and they thence underwent a change of emphasis in their activities from rural to commercial and industrial.

¹Masborough or Masbrough, at Rotherham, is 5 miles NE from the centre of Sheffield and should not be confused with the village of Mosborough or Mosbrough, which 5 miles SE of Sheffield

Place	No.	Place	No.	Place	No.
Sheffield	28	Doncaster	3	Ashbourne	8
Ecclesall	4	Rotherham	1	Hayfield	3
Chesterfield	9	East Retford	1	Derby	6
Bakewell	12	Worksop	5	Nottingham	4
Chapel l F	4	Mansfield	2	Gt Boughton	5

Table 7.5. Distribution of Plant deaths (1837-51) around Sheffield and to the south

Place	No.	Place	No.	Place	No.
Sheffield	24	Barnsley	1	Ashbourne	6
Ecclesall	5	Doncaster	7	Belper	2
Chesterfield	21	Rotherham	1	Derby	2
Bakewell	3	East Retford	8	Nottingham	3
Chapel l F	13	Worksop	4	Others	4

Table 7.6. Distribution of Plant births (1851-8) around Sheffield and to the south

7.6 The name Plant near Sheffield

The distribution of Plant deaths *around* Sheffield, for the years 1837-51, is shown in Table 7.5 and indicates that Sheffield *itself*, which had become the largest centre overall in the region, now had a significant proportion of the Plants. The region considered in Tables 7.5 and 7.6 spreads some 20 to 50 miles around Sheffield and extends furthest to the south; these 2 tables show the total number of registered Plant deaths and births, in the Civil Registration Index, for parishes throughout South Yorkshire, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire and indicate, for example, rates of 2 deaths and 3 births per year in Sheffield which accords with expectation based on the known Plant population there of about 85 and growing in 1850. The distribution of Plant births *around* Sheffield, for the years 1851-58, is shown in Table 7.6 and shows that a high incidence of Plant activity occurred also (by then) in Chesterfield (10 miles south of Sheffield) which, though only a ninth the size of Sheffield in 1851, was beginning to grow almost as fast. Further investigation indicates however that there were few Plants in central Chesterfield and that the designation 'Chesterfield' in the Civil Registration Index included births at such outlying places as New Whittington, which is over 2 miles north of Chesterfield's centre. Plants were now no longer found in other nearby traditional centres such as rural Clowne.

THOMAS PLANT OF COVENTRY 1483

Extract from Close Roll Edward V m 2

Source - Public Record Office

Date - 26 May 1483

Memorandum of acknowledgment of:

John Hony of Coventry purser to Thomas Maydford of London, Thomas Ryggeley of Lichefield, county Stafford, and Thomas Plant of Coventry, gentilmen, their executors and assigns: gift of all his goods and chattels: and he has put them in possession thereof by delivery of 3d sterling. Dated 25 May 1 Edward V [1483].

CALENDOR TO PLEADINGS WILTS 1558-9

Extract from Calendor to Pleadings

Source - Public Record Office

Date - 1558-9

John Drake, John Jervys and Simon his son v. Osmund Plant, tenant to Thomas Thornhull, re land and appurtenances called Rofeles Bargain.
Uphavyn Manor
Russall Common Fields
county Wilts
1 Elizabeth

PLANTS EXTRACTED FROM THE P.O. COMMERCIAL DIRECTORY 1860 FOR
STAFFORDSHIRE AND BIRMINGHAM

Aston

Emma Plant (Mrs)	Schoolmistress	
Joseph Plant	School master	

Biddulph

Enoch Plant	New inn	Biddulph Moor
James Plant	miller	Mill Bank
John Plant	farmer	Firnwood House
Wm Plant	farmer	Gole

Bilston

Henry Plant	wine and spirit vaults	Hight Street
Joseph Plant Street		Brown Lion Oxford

Blurton and Cocknage

Ann Plant (Miss)	hosier	Dresden
Thomas Plant	shopkeeper	"

Bryewood

Mary Ann and Frances Plant (Misses)	Grocer etc	
Wm Plant and Caroline (Miss)	Lion inn	
Richard Plant	farmer	Bath farm
Thos Plant	farmer	White Ho Chillington

Brierley Hill

Daniel Plant	butcher	Round oak
Peter Plant	builder	Brettell Lane

Croxton

Thomas Plant	farmer	
William Plant	farmer	

Burslem

Ralph Plant & Sons	earthenware manufacturers	Sneyd Green Cobridge
Thomas Plant & Co	colliery owners & iron masters	Jack field, Hamil Road
James Plant	draper	23 Wellington Street

Cannock

Walter Plant	grocer etc	
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Cauldon

William Plant grocer and lime burner

Cheadle

Mrs Plant	Private resident	Tope Street
James & Robert Plant	coal masters	Back Street
James Plant	carpenter	Back Street
Joseph Plant	seedsman & florist	Monkhouse Grds Back St
Thomas Plant	carpenter	Chapel St
Thomas Plant		Cross Keys High Street

Cheddleton - Basford

James Plant farmer Ferny Hill

Cotes - Mill Meece

Matthew Plant farmer & miller

Darlaston

John Plant beer retailer Pinfold Street

Eccleshall

William Plant farmer Croxton

Endon

Thomas Plant jnr	farmer	Park lane
Thomas Plant snr	farmer	Park lane

Faw field Head

Robert Plant farmer Hays

Grindon

Joseph Plant	farmer	Summer Hill
Smith Plant	farmer	Well Farm

WKP note - In 1802 Thomas Plant of Elworth Hall, Sandbach bought land in Grindon. It is therefore reasonable to assume that the Plants listed above were of the same family.

Hanley

James Plant	general dealer	High Street
John Plant	greengrocer	Northwood

Hilderstone

John Plant boot & shoemaker

Horton, Horton Way, Blackwood and Crowborough

Enoch Plant	bear retailer	Horton Hay
William Plant	farmer	

Ipstones

Ann Plant (Mrs)	shopkeeper	
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King Swinford

John Plant	beer retailer	Tansey Green
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Leek

Charles Plant	tailor	West Street
Mary Plant (Mrs)		Kings Arms, Mill St
Thomas Plant	bricklayer	Clark's Bank
William Plant	silk manufacturer	London Street

Lowe

Smith Plant	farmer & wheelwright	
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Longnor

Mary Plant (Mrs)	farmer	Nab end
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Longton

Plant + Williams	colliery owners	Wilfield colliery
Wm & George Plant	plumbers	Edenson Road
Charles Plant	shopkeeper	Heathcote Road
Jane Plant (Miss)	milliner	Trentham Road

Newcastle-under-Lyme

John Plant	commercial agent	London Road
John James Plant	saddler & harness maker	75 Iron Market

Norbury - Weston Jones

William Plant	wheelwright	
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Normacot

George Plant	miller	Furnace Mill
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Onneley

Thomas Plant	blacksmith etc	
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Rowley Regis

Mary Plant	beer retailer	Spring Field
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Rudyard

Richard Plant	tailor	Pool end
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Seighford - Coton Chanford

William Plant	farmer	
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Silverdale

George Plant	grocer	
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Stafford

James Plant	carrier & leather seller	Eastgate Street
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Stoke upon Trent

Plant & Co	Colliery owners	Ubberley
Plant & Gilbert	Saddlers + Harness makers	Wharf Street
Mary Plant (Mrs)	Seminary	Thomas Street

Stone

John Plant	grocer	High Street
William Plant	butcher	High Street

Yarnfield

Catherine Plant (Mrs)	farmer	
Matthen Plant	farmer	

Upper and Lower Tearn

George Plant	shoemaker	
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Thorncliff

Thomas Plant	farmer	Leek Moor Side
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Tipton with Tividale

Miss Plant	Private Resident	Dudley Port
Plant + Fisher	Iron masters & manufacturers of all descriptions of iron	Dudley Port ironworks
John Plant	greengrocer	Dudley Port Greatbridge

Walsall

Charles Plant	Buckle maker	Caldmore
Francis Plant (Mrs)		Anchor 4 bridgeman St
George Plant	shopkeeper	32 Dudley Street
Thomas Plant	Provision dealer	48 Wolverhampton St
William Plant	Shopkeeper	56 Portland Street

Warslow

George Plant Greyhound

Waterfall

James Plant Farmer Stoney Law

Winkhil

John Plant Royal Oak & Wheelright

West Bromwich

Richard Plant Esq Private Resident Highfield

WKP note: - owner of Plant & Fishers Iron Works Dudley Port

Weston on Trent

Ref Samuel Plant BA
(Vicar) Private Resident

WKP note: - son of John Plant of Elworth Hall, Sandbach
see Journals No. 3

Whitgreave

Edward Plant farmer

Wolverhampton

H Plant & Co	Wine + spirit merchants	3 King Street
W + J Plant	Steel toy manufactuers	Pool Street
John Plant	Builder	North Street
John Plant	Cutler	37 Queen Street
John Plant	Grocer	Worcester Street
Stephen Plant	Blacksmith	Pipers Row
William Plant	Beer retailer	Chapel Ash

Birmingham

Annie Plant (Mrs)	Grocer	193 Summer Lane
George Plant	Carpenter	119 Sand Pits
Henry Plant	Commercial Traveller	8 Summer Hill
Henry Plant	Store dealer	5 Claverdon Street
		Bloomsbury
Joseph Plant	Victoria Tavern	Guest Street
		Hockley Hill

MEMBERS INTERESTS

<u>Membership No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Interest</u>
1	Miss Linda Lowrey	e19c MacclesfieldCheshire/m19c - Hollingwood - Darwen Lancs/
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/
35	Arnold Plant	General/
37	Patrick Pearson	Any period Stockport Cheshire/
38	Mrs Sian Plant	e19c Denton Lancs/19c Leicester/ 20c Rounds Northants/
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 Joyce Westwood	Any period Cheadle Staffs/
59	Nigel Burroughs	L18c 19c Burslem + Longton Staffs/
65	Mr D J Plant	Any period Cheadle Staffs/
69	Andrew Plant	M18c + M19c Little Bowden and Market Harborough/19c London
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/
93	Cordelia R 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/
104	Mrs Liz Plant	17c + 18c + e19c Wolverhampton/
107	Mrs Joan Peebles	18c + 19c- Suffolk/

108	Mrs Stella Kornfein	L19c Wisbech Cambs/L19c Battersea London/
110	Mrs Myrtle Reid	L19c + e20c Darlaston + Walsall + West Bromwich, Staffs/
111	Malc John Plant	Any period Sibsey Lincs/
113	Mrs Heather Plant	L19c Hackney Middlesex/
114	John Russell Ingamellis	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 Plant	e19c Calais Maine USA/
119	Mrs Florence Plant	L19c Staffordshire/
120	Mr Lawrence Edwin Clements	Leicestershire/
121	Kathy Compagno	L18c + e19c Brierley Hill/e18c Old Swinford/ 17c + 18c Rowley Regis/
122	Elizabeth Messer	L19c Cheadle Staffs/
123	Dr Andrew Thomas Plant	L19c Bedfordshire/
124	Alan Plant	General Staffordshire/

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