

The following notes describe part of the Jarvis (or Jervis) family of Shropshire and Staffordshire. To see other documents about the family, go to http://www.bhsproject.co.uk/x_jarvis.shtml .

George and Mary Jervis, mar. 1840 (family group M61) and their descendants

Citations

Source	Birth place (B) /Lived in (L)	Birth date	Notes
1819	Maerway Lane, Maer parish (B)	1819	Son of Thomas & Anne, cordwainer
1840	Mucclstone (L)	1816/7	Tried at Staffs County Assizes for manslaughter
1840 Mg Cert	Stoke Lane Stoke upon Trent (L)	Full age – so 1819 or earlier	Father: Thomas Jervis, labourer; George was a labourer
1851 Census	Aston (L), Maer (B)	1815/6	Age 35, ag lab
1861 Census	Aston (L), Maer (B)	1815/6	Age 45, ag lab
1871 Census	Aston (L), Maer (B)	1815/6	Age 55, ag lab
1881 Census	Aston (L), Maer (B)	1815/6	Age 65, farm labourer
1891 Census	Aston (L), Maer (B)	1815/6	Age 75, ag lab

Biography

George was baptised at Maer in 1819 along with his brother Henry. Other citations above indicate he was most likely born around 1816.

George was tried at the Stafford County Assizes on 10 March 1840 for manslaughter. He was 23 and his 'Degree of Instruction' was 'N' – presumably none.¹



He was sentenced to three months imprisonment.

¹ Findmypast HO27 series England & Wales, Crime, Prisons & Punishment, 1770-1935

MANSLAUGHTER.—DEATH BY FIGHTING.
GEORGE JERVIS was indicted for the manslaughter of Jas. Everill, at the parish of Mucclstone. The prisoner pleaded not guilty.
 Mr. Godson stated the case to the jury, observing that manslaughter was an offence embracing a great variety of shades—from a crime closely allied to murder, and meriting the severest punishment, to an offence adequately punished by a short imprisonment. The present was a case of the latter class. The prisoner had had a fight with the deceased, and the unfortunate deceased had given him considerable provocation. It was a fair fight, and he (Mr. Godson) thought it far better that men should settle their quarrels with the weapons nature had given them than resort to what he was sorry to say had lately prevailed to a great extent, the use of the knife.
 Mr. ALLEN who appeared for the prisoner, took advantage of a pause, to suggest to the prisoner to withdraw his plea, and to plead guilty. The prisoner did so.
 Mr. ALLEN then called two or three witnesses, to prove that the deceased was killed in a fair fight, and that the prisoner manifested great regret for the untimely fate of the deceased.
 The learned JUDGE, before passing sentence, ordered the witnesses to stand up again, and said it was fit all persons should know that every person present at a fight, where death ensued, was liable to be indicted for manslaughter. When they saw men engage in a fight from a foolish quarrel, or engage in a fight at all, it was the duty of the spectator to stop them, or they became liable to the law. He hoped they would tell this to their companions, and that the law would become well known.
 The learned JUDGE then addressed the prisoner, and said, that although he had received provocation, yet a life had been lost, and the law must be vindicated. A fellow creature had, without the slightest notice, been prematurely sent to meet his Maker, and it was necessary to put a check upon the passionate feelings which led to such calamitous results. The sentence of the Court was that the prisoner should be imprisoned for three months, be kept to hard labour, and enter into recognizance in £100, to keep the peace towards all her Majesty's subjects for five years.

George married a few months after completing his prison sentence at St Peter ad Vincula in Stoke upon Trent:

1840. Marriage solemnized at *St. Peter's Church* in the parish of *Stoke-upon-Trent* in the County of *Stafford*

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
12	12 November	<i>George Jervis</i>	<i>of full age</i>	<i>Bachelor</i>	<i>Labourer</i>	<i>Stoke Lane</i>	<i>Thomas Jervis</i>	<i>Labourer</i>
		<i>Mary Meller</i>	<i>of full age</i>	<i>Spinder</i>		<i>Stoke Lane</i>	<i>Ralph Meller</i>	<i>Farmer</i>

Married in the *Parish Church* according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the *Established Church* after *Read* by me, *Wm. Godson*

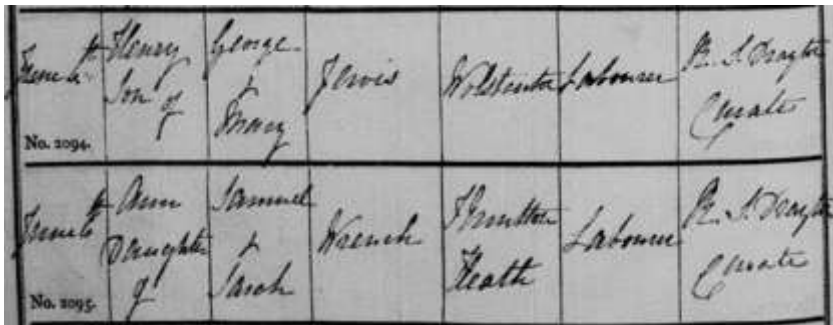
This Marriage was solemnized between us, *George Jervis's* & *Mary Meller's* *Mark* in the Presence of us, *Thomas Wrench's* & *Ellen Wrench's* *Mark* *Wrench*.

Thomas and Ellen Wrench, marriage witnesses, were probably George's brother-in-law and second wife Ellen, Thomas previously having married George's elder sister Jane Jervis in 1827. See Wrench of Madeley.docx for more detail.

² Findmypast, from the British Newspaper Archive

The baptism record for their first child at Wolstanton also shows a possible Jarvis/Wrench link (this is investigated further in Wrench of Madeley.docx).

The two baptisms took place on the same day at Wolstanton parish church:



The baptisms were on census day 1841 and George and Mary were living in Dunkirk, Chesterton, Staffordshire. Chesterton is a township of Wolstanton and in 1846 was formed as a parish from parts of Wolstanton and Audlem.³ Wikipedia describes it as ‘small, former mining village’.⁴ Dunkirk is an area on the south side of Chesterton shown on the 1:25,000 map below:



³ <https://forebears.io/england/staffordshire/chesterton>

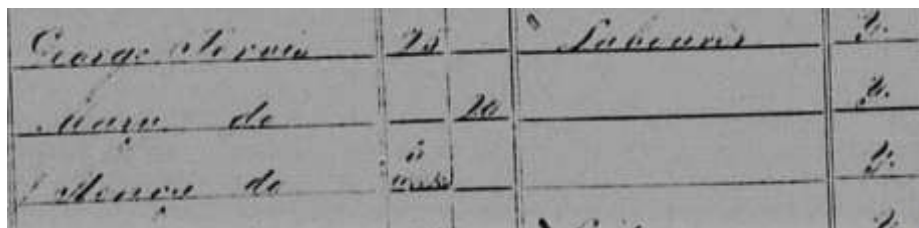
⁴ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chesterton,_Staffordshire

⁵ National Library of Scotland Ordnance Survey maps

Knutton Heath, the home of Samuel Wrench, is near Knutton, marked above on the ½" to mile Bartholomew map.⁶

Although the census and baptism addresses are a little different, they are in the same area: Knutton and Dunkirk are under a mile apart.

George and Mary's son Henry was age 5 weeks in the 1841 census.



Within a couple of years George Jervis moved back to Aston near Mucklestone and his second son, George, was baptised at Woore 9 Apr 1843. He witnessed his brother Henry's marriage in October 1843 at Mucklestone.

The GRO has several Jervis/Mellor births:

JERVIS, ANN

MELLOR

GRO Reference: 1841 J Quarter in WOLSTANTON AND BURSLEM UNION Volume 17 Page 301⁷

JERVIS, ALAN

MELLOR

GRO Reference: 1848 S Quarter in MARKET DRAYTON UNION Volume 18 Page 125

JERVIS, WILLIAM

MELLOR

GRO Reference: 1846 S Quarter in MARKET DRAYTON UNION Volume 18 Page 123

JERVIS, SAMUEL

MELLOR

GRO Reference: 1850 D Quarter in MARKET DRAYTON UNION Volume 18 Page 123

JERVIS, ELIZABETH

MELLOR

GRO Reference: 1853 S Quarter in MARKET DRAYTON UNION Volume 06A Page 615

JERVIS, ANN

MELLOR

GRO Reference: 1858 M Quarter in DRAYTON UNION Volume 06A Page 715

JERVIS, MARY

MELLOR

GRO Reference: 1856 M Quarter in MARKET DRAYTON UNION Volume 06A Page 698

Also Thomas 1860 J Quarter and John 1862 S Quarter

The name Alan was a Jervis family name, possibly from the surname Allen of an ancestor: it was given to the twin of Thomas Jervis, son of Henry, in 1843 and an Allen Jervis who died in 1837 was probably an elder brother to George & Henry. The name was also given to two of George's grandsons.

In 1851 George and Mary were living at Aston in Staffordshire and the census shows their eldest son Henry age 9. This corresponds to the baptism in June 1841 and therefore it seems the central

⁶ National Library of Scotland, Bartholomew maps

⁷ This entry appears to be an error, as Henry, not Ann, was their child in 1841 (census and baptism).

registration records rather than baptismal records are awry; or there is an interesting story underlying this (see Wrench of Gravenhunger.docx for more detail). Son Henry may have been named after George's younger brother.

The GRO birth registrations above have corresponding baptisms at Woore (below).

George	Jervis	—	1843	Anglican	George	Woore
William	Jervis	—	1846	Anglican	George	Woore
Allen	Jervis	—	1848	Anglican	George	Woore
Elizabeth	Jervis	—	1853	Anglican	George	Woore
John	Jervis	—	1862	Anglican	George	Woore

The full set of children, 7 sons and 3 daughters, born between 1841 and 1862:

Henry, George, William, Allen, Samuel, Elizabeth, Mary, Ann, Thomas & John

1851 census:

Parish or Township of	Parish or Township of	Names of Street, Place, or Road, and No. of House	Name and Surname of each Person who abode in the house, in the Night of the 29th March, 1851	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of each Person	Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether blind, deaf, or dumb
Aston	Aston		George Jervis	Head	Mar	35	Bye Labourer	Staffordshire	
			Mary Jervis	Wife	Mar	33		Cheshire	
			Mary Jervis	Daughter	Unm	4		Staffordshire	
			George Jervis	Son	Unm	3		Staffordshire	
			William Jervis	Son	Unm	14		Staffordshire	
			Allen Jervis	Son	Unm	2		Staffordshire	
			Samuel Jervis	Son	Unm	1		Staffordshire	

The family remained in Aston in 1861, the address simply 'Cottage'. The four eldest sons, Henry, George, William and Allen, were no longer living at home. There are some notes about their lives later.

On the following page, also in Aston township, John and Margaret Jervis were living (M70). John was George's nephew: the son of George's brother John.

Parish or Township of	Parish or Township of	Names of Street, Place, or Road, and No. of House	Name and Surname of each Person who abode in the house, in the Night of the 29th March, 1861	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of each Person	Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether blind, deaf, or dumb
Aston	Aston		George Jervis	Head	Mar	45	Bye Lab	Staffordshire	
			Mary Jervis	Wife	Mar	43		Cheshire	
			Samuel Jervis	Son	Unm	14	At Home	Staffordshire	
			Elizabeth Jervis	Daughter	Unm	5		Staffordshire	
			Mary Jervis	Daughter	Unm	3		Staffordshire	
			Anne Jervis	Daughter	Unm	1		Staffordshire	
			Thomas Jervis	Son	Unm	1		Staffordshire	



The 1/2" map shows Newcastle-under-Lyme top right, Muckleston near the southern edge and Woore due north – this is the chapelry where several of George’s children were baptised. Aston is under 2 miles SE of Woore and was a township of Muckleston, along with Oakley, Knighton and Winnington – all in Staffordshire; Woore, the final township, was in Shropshire. Audlem in Cheshire, where George’s wife Mary Mellor was born, is left margin.

The family remained at Aston in 1871 and the entry is interesting as there are other family names living nearby; these are considered later:

William Jervis	Head	48	41	Agri. Lab	Staffordshire	
Jean Jervis	Head	44	44	Farmer of 12 acres	Staffordshire	
John Jervis	Wife	42	47	Farmer Wif	Staffordshire	
George Jervis	Head	38	38	Agri. Lab	Staffordshire	
Mary Jervis	Wife	35	35	Lab Wif	Staffordshire	
Allen Jervis	Head	11	11	Scholar	Staffordshire	Blind
Jean Jervis	Son	7	7		Staffordshire	
John Jervis	Grandson	6	6		Staffordshire	
William Jervis	Grandson	4	4		Staffordshire	
Mary Jervis	Grandson	1	1		Staffordshire	
Thomas Bennion	Head	40	40	Wagonmaker employ'd by Gov	Staffordshire	

The entry reveals that George and Mary’s son Allen was blind and that three grandchildren were living with them, all children of George Jervis junior, who is considered next.

George (junior), second son, baptised 1843 (WR)

In 1861 George junior was 18 and working as a carter on a farm at Bearstone, for Thomas Bennion and Ellen (nee Read):

Name	Relationship	Age	Sex	Occupation	Birthplace
Thomas Benjamin	Head	42	M	Mariner	Wrexham, Denbighshire
Ellen Benjamin	Wife	39	F	Wife	Wrexham, Denbighshire
George Benjamin	Son	11	M	Son	Wrexham, Denbighshire
Richard East Benjamin	Son	11	M	Son	Wrexham, Denbighshire
Ann Eliza Benjamin	Daughter	10	F	Daughter	Wrexham, Denbighshire
Ellen East Benjamin	Daughter	9	F	Scholar	Wrexham, Denbighshire
Mary Benjamin	Daughter	7	F	Scholar	Wrexham, Denbighshire
George Benjamin	Son	3	M	Son	Wrexham, Denbighshire
Robert Benjamin	Son	2	M	Son	Wrexham, Denbighshire
George Jarvis	Servant	18	M	Barber	Wrexham, Denbighshire

Ten years later, living with his parents were three Jervis grandchildren, Jane (born Wales), Allen (born Maer) and Mary (born Stoke, Staffs); Allen's birth was registered in the Jun-Sep quarter of 1867 in Newcastle-under-Lyme registration district, mother formerly Bellis.

Name:

Mother's Maiden Surname:

JERVIS, ALAN

BELLIS

GRO Reference: 1867 J Quarter in NEWCASTLE UNDER LYME Volume 06B Page 47

Mary's birth was registered in Stoke-on-Trent RD in the first quarter of 1870, the mother again was formerly Bellis.

Name:

Mother's Maiden Surname:

JERVIS, MARY

BELLIS

GRO Reference: 1870 M Quarter in STOKE UPON TRENT Volume 06B Page 217

The marriage of George Jarvis to Mary Bellis took place in Wrexham RD, Wales in the first quarter of 1865 and they registered the birth of their first child Jane Bellis Jervis in the same district and same quarter. The three births match the 1871 census entry and confirm that George, son of George, was the father of Jane, Alan and Mary. Searches for later birth registrations, to 1884, found no additional citations.

First name(s)	MARY
Last name	BELLIS
Marriage quarter	I
Marriage year	1865
Registration month	-
Marriagefinder™	MARY BELLIS married one of these people John Jones, George Jarvis
District	Wrexham
District number	-
County	Denbighshire

The 1881 census shows the grandparents had three grandchildren with them in Aston, including Allen and Mary as before (birthplaces now Woore and Hartshill), and a locally-born younger grandson, William, 4.

sarah	to	Head	65	6	to	to	to
George Jervis	to	Head	65	6	Farm Labourer	to	to
Mary	to	Wife	62	62		to	to
John	to	Son	26	18	Joiner	Cheshire, Audlem	Stafford, Moor
Allen	to	to	18	11	Farmers Servant	to	to
Mary	to	to	11	11	Scholar	to	Hartshill
William	to	to	14	14		to	to

Why were the grandchildren being cared for by their grandparents for over ten years? A death of one or both parents is a possible reason.

Searches of the 1871 census found a Geo Jervis widower lodging at 24 Dispensary Street, Shelton, Stoke. His birthplace starts with 'A' and may be Aston:

Geo Jervis	Head	24	to	to
Mary	Wife	22	to	to
John	Son	1	to	to
Mary	to	1	to	to

If this was him it suggests his wife Mary (nee Bellis) must have died shortly after her daughter Mary's birth in 1870. There is a burial in 1870 at Hartshill, Staffs; this is the birthplace of daughter Mary in the 1881 census:



Hartshill is marked below on the eastern side of Newcastle:



This explains why the three children of George junior were sent to live with their paternal grandparents: George would need to work.

The 1891 census includes a Mucklestone-born George of an age consistent with the 1843 baptism:

George Jarvis	Hand	28	Widower	Godfather	Stoke	X	28	Hanley
Elizabeth	do	18	Spinster	do	do	X	28	Musketown
William Marsh	do	28	do	do	do	X	28	Stoke
William Marsh	do	28	do	do	do	X	28	Stoke

If this was George junior, he had a new wife; his new father-in-law was William Marsh, retired sexton. George Jarvis married in 1886 in Stoke RD and Samuel Jarvis, presumably his younger brother, was a witness:

18 86. Marriage solemnized at *Peter's Church* in the Parish of *Stoke on Trent* in the County of *Stafford*

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
233	November 4 th 18 86	George Jarvis	42	Widower	Gas Stoker	Granville Street	George Jarvis	Labourer
		Elizabeth Marsh	40	Spinster	—	do do	William Marsh	Sexton

Married in the *Peter's Church* according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by *Wm. B. Jones* by me.

This Marriage was solemnized between us: *George Jarvis* and *Elizabeth Marsh* In the Presence of us: *Samuel Jarvis* and *George Wm. Williams Marsh*

His occupation, gas stoker, helped locate him in the 1881 census at 30 Cornwallis Street, Stoke, with wife named Ellen, mother-in-law Sarah Jackson and a visitor, also named Sarah Jackson (his sister-in-law?).

Elizabeth Johnson	Wife	Married	28	do	do	do	do	do
George Jarvis	Hand	Married	28	do	do	do	do	do
William	do	Wife	26	do	do	do	do	do
Elizabeth	do	Married	26	do	do	do	do	do
William	do	Widower	26	do	do	do	do	do
Richard	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do

The name of his wife – Ellen – suggests George married three times, Ellen being his second wife. This marriage took place in 1873 at Hanley; the signature has similarities to that from the marriage in 1886 and the details of his father match; George junior's occupation is different however: a miner:

18 73. Marriage solemnized at *Hanley* in the Parish of *Stoke on Trent* in the County of *Stafford*

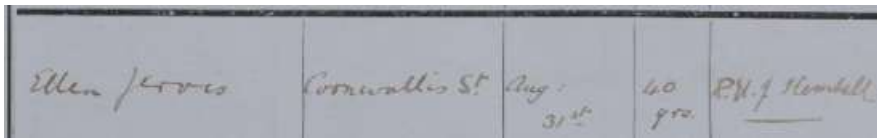
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
26	December 28 th 18 73	George Jarvis	30	Widower	Miner	Market Lane	George Jarvis	Labourer
		Ellen Jackson	27	Spinster	—	Market Lane	John Jackson	Bricklayer

Married in the *Old Church* according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by *Chas. W. Bond* by me.

This Marriage was solemnized between us: *George Jarvis* and *Ellen Jackson* In the Presence of us: *John T. Richards* and *Frederick Wainwright*

Assuming the citations all relate to one George Jarvis, his second wife, Ellen, must have died between 1881 and 1886. A death registered in Stoke is a good fit on age/location. Ellen Jarvis was buried in the church of St Peter ad Vincula, Stoke on Trent, 31 Aug 1885. Her age is about right and the Cornwallis Street address matches the 1881 census:

Deaths Sep 1885 (>99%)					
Jervis	Ellen	40	Stoke T.	6b	119



George's third wife, Elizabeth, was his longest marriage partner; George and Elizabeth were recorded in the 1901 census at a different address: 1 Granville Street, Fenton, Staffs, on the south-eastern side of Stoke on Trent:

George Jervis	Head	M	57	Road/Station	Widow	to Aston
Elizabeth	Wife	F	15	Granville St	Widow	to Aston

George and Elizabeth were at 5 Sutherland Street, Fenton in 1911:

Write below the Number of Rooms in this Dwelling (House, Tenement, or Apartment). Count the kitchen as a room but do not count scullery, landing, lobby, closet, bathroom; nor warehouse, office, shop.

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: *George Jervis*

Postal Address: *5 Sutherland St Fenton Staffs*

* 5 Rooms

George Jervis	Head	67	Married 21y	Station Road	Widow	to Aston
Elizabeth Jervis	Wife	62	Married	Granville St	Widow	to Aston
Elizabeth Weston	Boarder	16	Single	Granville St	Widow	to Aston
John Cook	Boarder	52	Widower	Furnace Works	Widow	to Aston

Living with them was granddaughter Elizabeth Weston, age 16, born Aston.

For more about the Weston links see Weston.docx.

The following death registration could be George:

Deaths Dec 1915 (>99%)					
Jervis	George	73	Stoke T.	6b	294

And this could be his wife:

Deaths Jun 1922 (>99%)					
Jervis	Elizabeth	76	Stoke T.	6b	187

No evidence has been found that either left a will.

Draft tree:

George Jervis bap 1843 at Woore/Mucklestone, second son of George Jervis and Mary (nee Mellor); married

- 1 Mary Bellis (3 children 1865-1870); she d. Hartshill 1870
- 2 Ellen Jackson 1873; she d. 1885 Stoke on Trent (no known issue)
- 3 Elizabeth Marsh 1886 (no issue)

Eldest son of George, Henry baptised 6 Jun 1841 Wolstanton (WQ)

George Jervis junior had a daughter born in Hartshill, and in the course of seeking details of her a string of Jervis baptisms to Henry and Ann Jervis was found, some with distinctive names – Allen, Gertrude for example - at Hartshill, then Penkhull. The mother was formerly an Owen.

First name(s) ▾	Last name ▾	Birth year ▾	Baptism year ▾	Father's first name(s) ▾	Mother's first name(s) ▾	Baptism place ▾
Henry	Jervis	—	1866	Henry	Ann	Hartshill, Holy Trinity
Allen	Jervis	—	1868	Henry	Ann	Hartshill, Holy Trinity
Elizabeth	Jervis	—	1868	Henry	Ann	Hartshill, Holy Trinity
Henry	Jervis	—	1868	Henry	Ann	Hartshill, Holy Trinity
John	Jervis	—	1870	Henry	Ann	Hartshill, Holy Trinity
Annie	Jervis	—	1873	Henry	Ann	Hartshill, Holy Trinity
Elizabeth	Jervis	—	1874	Henry	Mary	Hartshill, Holy Trinity
Elizabeth	Jervis	—	1874	Henry	Mary	Hartshill, Holy Trinity
Eleanor	Jervis	—	1878	Henry	Ann	Penkhull, St Thomas
Marion	Jervis	—	1878	Henry	Ann	Penkhull, St Thomas
Clara Jane	Jervis	—	1882	Henry	Anne	Penkhull, St Thomas
Gertrude	Jervis	—	1882	Henry	Anne	Penkhull, St Thomas
George James	Jervis	—	1885	Henry	Ann	Penkhull, St Thomas

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In 1871 at Pump Street, Hartshill:

Mary Jervis	Head	Mar 29	1	Patience (Wolstanton)	Staffordshire
Ann Jervis	Wife	Mar 29	25		Creative (Wolstanton)
Thomas O. do	Son	Mar 8	8	Scholar	Staffordshire
Allen do	Son	12	6	do	Staffordshire
Ann do	Son	12	4	do	Staffordshire
Elizabeth do	Daughter	12	2		Staffordshire
John do	Son	12	1		Staffordshire

⁸ The baptism of Elizabeth to Henry & Mary in 1874 may be a clerical error; they were of Hartshill and Henry was a labourer, as in the 1873 baptism of Annie. There is a sufficient gap between the 1873 and 1874 baptisms for it to be the same couple.

Henry Jervis married Ann Owen in 1864 at St Luke's, Silverdale, Wolstanton:

1864 Marriage solemnized at <i>St Luke's Silverdale</i> in the Parish of <i>Wolstanton</i> in the County of <i>Stafford</i>								
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank, or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
66	<i>Novbr. 14th</i>	<i>Henry Jervis</i> <i>Ann Owen</i>	<i>full age</i> <i>20</i>	<i>Bachelor</i> <i>Spinster</i>	<i>Labourer</i> <i>—</i>	<i>High Street</i> <i>Silverdale</i> <i>High Street</i> <i>Silverdale</i>	<i>George Jervis</i> <i>James Owen</i>	<i>Labourer</i> <i>Joiner</i>
Married in the <i>Church</i> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by <i>S. Hulcote</i> or after <i>Banns</i> by me.								
This Marriage was solemnized between us,		<i>Henry Jervis & his wife</i> <i>Ann Owen</i>		In the Presence of us,		<i>Thomas Spanghergh</i> <i>Elizabeth Branch</i>		

The marriage gives Henry's father's name as George Jervis, occupation labourer. The birthplace given by Henry in 1871, Wolstanton, is where George (M61) baptised his son Henry in 1841: it seems highly likely that the Henry found in the census is the individual baptised in 1841 although his age in 1871, 29, is a year out.

The 1871 census shows Henry's eldest child was Thomas O Jervis, age 8, born Market Drayton. His age suggests Thomas was born before the marriage in 1864 and he may be the son of Ann Owen baptised in 1862 in a Methodist chapel at Market Drayton:

1862			
<i>Sept 14th</i>	<i>Thomas</i>	<i>Ann Owen</i>	<i>In the Parish of</i> <i>St. Andrew's</i> <i>Market Drayton</i>
No. 121.			<i>Servant of</i> <i>James Bennett</i>

Going back ten years to 1861, Henry was working as a carter at Sidway Hall, Maerway Lane:

<i>Elizabeth Smith</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>230 acres</i>	<i>Staff. Highgate</i>
<i>Charles, Mch</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>30 7/2</i>		<i>Staff. Highgate</i>
<i>Robert</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>12 1/2</i>			<i>Staff. Highgate</i>
<i>John</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>11</i>			<i>Staff. Highgate</i>
<i>Elizabeth A.</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>9 1/2</i>			<i>Staff. Highgate</i>
<i>Charles</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>7 1/2</i>			<i>Staff. Highgate</i>
<i>Isaac</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>5</i>			<i>Staff. Highgate</i>
<i>Mary</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>4 1/2</i>			<i>Staff. Highgate</i>
<i>Mrs. Elizabeth (née) Bennett</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>Governess</i>		<i>Staff. Highgate</i>
<i>Thomas & Leighton</i>	<i>Servant</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>Farmer</i>		<i>Staff. Highgate</i>
<i>Elizabeth Bennett</i>	<i>Servant</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>Farmer</i>		<i>Staff. Highgate</i>
<i>George Thomas</i>	<i>Servant</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>Farmer</i>		<i>Staff. Highgate</i>
<i>Thomas Jervis</i>	<i>Servant</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>Labourer</i>		<i>Staff. Highgate</i>
<i>John Bennett</i>	<i>Servant</i>	<i>12</i>			<i>Staff. Highgate</i>

The current-day map shows this was close to the family home at Aston:



In 1881 Henry's family was at Commercial Road, Stoke on Trent:

Henry Jervis	Local	Male	46		Gas Fitter	Charlton
Ann	do	Wife	36			
Tom	do	Son	18		Laborer	Charlton
Allen	do	"	16			
Eliza	do	Daughter	17			
John	do	Son	10			
Ann	do	Daughter	8			
Frederic	do	"	4			
Margaret	do	"	3			
Elizabeth	do	"	1			

The son William, 18, was not present in 1871 and the son Henry O(wen?) who was 8 in 1871 is not at home in 1881. Could William and Henry O be the same individual? This has not been investigated further.

In 1901, 21 Oxford Street, Stoke on Trent:

Henry Jervis	Local	Male	55		Gas Fitter	Charlton
Ann	do	Wife	45			
William	do	Son	18			
George	do	Son	16			
Elizabeth	do	Daughter	14			
Frederic	do	Son	12			
Margaret	do	Daughter	10			
Elizabeth	do	Daughter	8			
Henry	do	Son	6			

Henry has not been found in the 1911 census; there is no death registration in Stoke on Trent and the best match is at Wolstanton:

Deaths Dec 1904 (>99%)			
JERVIS	Henry	65	Wolstanton 6b 102

There is no Henry Jervis in Wolstanton in the 1901 census born around 1841, supporting the theory that Henry moved from Stoke to Wolstanton between 1901 and when he died.

Ancestry has a couple of trees which include this family: Bates Family Tree by saz19621 has reached the same conclusions about Henry's parentage.

Third son of George, William Jervis (WS), baptised at Woore in 1846

At home age 4 in 1851, not at home in 1861.

Not initially found in the 1861 census, but the following entry at Whitmore Road, New Building, recorded after Bloor village in Bloor with Tyrley and Hales is a pretty good match; he was a cowman working for Henry Simpson:

Henry Simpson	Head	Un	30	Owner of 175 Imp St	Mkt Drayton Staffed
Phoebe Simpson	Boarder	Widow	65	Housekeeper	Moston Dale
Sarah Heath	Serv	Mar	30	Handmaid	Mkt Drayton Staff
Robert Brown	do	Un	18	Carter	do do
William Jones	do	Un	28	Cowman	Moston Staffed

A search for any William J*rv* born 1847+/- 1 in found a likely candidate (right name, age, birthplace- Aston) at 15 Wharf Street, Shelton in 1871:

FAMILY		MARRIAGE		AGE		OCCUPATION		WHERE BORN
		Male	Female					
Matthew Frost	Head	Mar	74	Labourer at Linnings Works	Staff	Staff	Staff	Staff
Keannah do	Wife		46	Housewife				Staff
William Jones	Boarder	Mar	24	Labour on Gas Works				Staff
John Bosworth	do		28	Labourer				Staff
William Cardwell	do	Mar	28	Labourer				Staff

At this point he was unmarried, occupation 'labour on gas works': similar work to his elder brothers Henry and George.

1881, 81 Lonsdale Street, St Peter's Stoke on Trent:

Joseph Stokes	Head	Mar	46	Labourer at Gas Works	Staff	Staff
Sarah do	Wife	Mar	47			
William Jones	Boarder	Mar	34	Labourer	Staff	Staff

He remained unmarried, birthplace 'Nr Market Drayton'. In 1891 he was boarding at 80, Lonsdale Street, St Peter's Stoke on Trent with the same couple, Joseph and Sarah Stokes; William was now working as a carter and gave his birthplace as Aston:

Joseph Stokes	Head	Mar	56	Labourer at Gas Works	Staff	Staff
Sarah Stokes	Wife	Mar	57			
John Harsell	Head	Mar	32	Engineer at Gas Works	Staff	Staff
Emma do	Wife	Mar	30			
William Jones	Boarder	Un	41	Carter	Staff	Staff

In 1901 William was boarding with the Boulton family at 34 Vale Street, St Peter's, Stoke on Trent:

Thos Boulton	Head	Mar	32	Brushmaker	Staff	Staff
Mary do	Wife	Mar	34			
John do	Son	Un	4			
Tom Jarvis	Boarder	Un	53	Labourer	Staff	Staff

The following death registration is a good match; no evidence that William left a will:

Fourth son Allen Jervis, baptised at Woore in 1848

His birth was registered in the Jul-Sep quarter of 1848.

Allen's elder brother, William, worked for a farmer named Henry Simpson 1861. It is possible the two Simpson farmers were related (not looked into).

In 1870 Allen was awarded second prize in a ploughing match; at this point he was a servant to Mr Ward at Sidway Hall, where his elder brother Henry had been working in 1861.

Staffordshire Advertiser 29 October 1870

LOCAL CLASS.--For the best Ploughman with Single Furrow Plough: 1st, £3, Job Evanson, servant to Lord Combermere (Hornsby's Plough); 2nd, £2 10s., Allen Jervis, servant to Mr. Ward, Sidway Hall (Howard's); 3rd, £2, William Elson, servant to Mr. Burgess, Burleydam (Howard's); 4th, £1, 10s., Mr. Holland, Chapel Choriton; 5th, £1, Thos. Chesters, servant to Mr. Bourne, Burleydam (Hornsby's). To the Employer of the ploughman winning the first prize in local class: A champion plough presented by Mr. Thos. Corbett, Perseverance Iron-works, Shrewsbury—Lord Combermere.

In the 1871 census he was living with his parents and was recorded as blind. This seems at odds with doing well in a ploughing match the previous autumn – perhaps this was another family branch or he had suffered an illness. One possibility is Allen son of John and Hannah Jervis who was around 3 ½ years older.

This burial at St Leonard's, Woore in 1876 is most likely to be the son of George & Mary as he was of Aston, the family home, when he died. He would have been around 28 at death, in his 29th year:



Neighbours in Aston in 1871

The 1871 census entry for George (M61) showed neighbours named Jervis:

William Jervis	Head	Male	61	Agri Lab	Staffordshire Maer	
Jane Jervis	Head	Female	54	Farmer of 12 acres	Staffordshire Maer	
George Jervis	Head	Male	58	Farmer of 12 acres	Staffordshire Maer	
Mary Jervis	Wife	Female	55	Agri Lab	Staffordshire Maer	
Thomas Jervis	Son	Male	11	Lab Wife	Staffordshire Muckleton	Blind
Jane Jervis	Son	Female	4	Schooler	Staffordshire Maer	
John Jervis	Grandson	Male	6		Wales	
Mary Jervis	Grandson	Female	4		Staffordshire Maer	
Thomas Bruckshaw	Head	Male	65	Shoemaker	Staffordshire Maer	

Widower William

The entry two above that of George and Mary is William Jervis, age 61, a labourer born in Maer who was widowed and living on his own. He was six years older than George and the combination of age, same birthplace and current location suggests that William and George may have been brothers.

A baptism to Thomas of Marrow Lane (Maerway Lane), 22 May 1807, at Mucklestone is a reasonable fit: William would have been closer to 64 than the age recorded in 1871, 61. His father Thomas was living in Maer in 1819, possibly earlier, so this was where William grew up and he may have believed it was his birthplace.

The household enumerated after the Jervis family was headed by Thomas Bruckshaw, a shoemaker age 65 born Mucklestone and the next page shows he had a wife named Ann, a married son John aged 36 and a small clutch of grandchildren, presumably the children of John. Thomas's age suggests a birth around 1805/6 and is a close match in timing/place to the baptism at Mucklestone of Thomas, son of John and Ellen Bruckshaw of Winnington 27 Jan 1805.⁹ Ellen had previously been married to James Jervis, who died in 1799: was there a familial link between George Jervis and his Bruckshaw neighbours? Research into James and Ellen Jervis (family group M8) is in two documents: Mucklestone.docx and James&MaryJ.docx. No common ancestor to George and James has been found: it may be a coincidence the families lived near to each other in 1871; or perhaps there is a link that has been missed.

The 1881 census shows George Jervis's family remained in the area; the enumerator bracketed entries noting they were in Staffordshire. The headings in the census show some confusion about the administrative areas:



⁹ Thomas Bruckshaw married Ann Tew by licence in 1833, both parties being of Mucklestone, he a shoemaker. George Bruckshaw (younger brother) witnessed the marriage on 19 Feb 1833 at Mucklestone along with Harriet Tern (possibly Tew?)

George Jervis	Head	65	Farm Labourer	Stafford, Woore
Mary Jervis	Wife	62		Stafford, Woore
John Jervis	Son	28	Farmers Servant	Stafford, Woore
William Jervis	Son	18	Scholar	Stafford, Woore
Elizabeth Jervis	Daughter	14		Stafford, Woore

They had acquired a new grandchild by 1881. The 1891 census (surname indexed as Terris) shows them still in Aston with two Weston grandchildren and a third Weston who was a visitor:

George Terris	Head	65	Domestic Labourer	Stafford, Woore
Mary Terris	Wife	62		Stafford, Woore
William Weston	Grandson	18		Stafford, Woore
Henry Weston	Grandson	14		Stafford, Woore
Elizabeth Weston	Visitor	11		Stafford, Woore

Mary died in 1897 and George in 1899, both were buried at St Leonard's, Woore:



Citation summary

Source	Surname	Forename	Year	Month	Day	Event	Father or other M	Mother or other	Spouse or app/n	Spouse or app/n	Place (township)	Parish	Status / oc	Notes 2	Fam
OPR	Jervis	George	1819	Feb	28	Bap	Thomas	Anne			Maerway Lane	Maer	Cordwainer		L3/M61
OPR	Jervis	George	1840	Nov	1	Mar			Mary	Mellor	Stoke Lane	StokeonTrent	labourer	s/o Thomas J labourer; with Thomas Wrench,	M61
TS	Jervis	Henry	1841	Jun	6	Bap	George	Mary				Wolstanton	labourer		M61
TS	Jervis	George	1843	Apr	9	Bap	George	Mary			Woore	Mucklestone			M61/W
OPR	Jervis	William	1846	Aug	16	Bap	George	Mary			Woore	Mucklestone		Also in Woore P R - of Aston	M61
TS	Jervis	Allen	1848	Sep	3	Bap	George	Mary			Woore	Mucklestone	labourer	Also Woore PR - of Aston	M61
CR	Jervis	Samuel	1850	Dec		Birth	(George)	(Mary)		Mellor		Drayton			M61
TS	Jervis	Elizabeth	1853	Jul	31	Bap	George	Mary				Mucklestone			M61
TS	Jervis	Mary	1856	Feb	24	Bap	George	Mary			Woore	Mucklestone			M61
TS	Jervis	Ann	1858	Feb	7	Bap	George	Mary			Woore	Mucklestone			M61
CR	Jervis	Thomas	1860	Jun		Birth	(George)	(Mary)		Mellor		Drayton			M61
TS	Jervis	John	1862	Jul	27	Bap	George	Mary			Woore	Mucklestone			M61
OPR	Jervis	Mary	1897	Jul	7	Bur					Aston	Woore		Age 79	M61
OPR	Jervis	George	1899	Mar	23	Bur					Aston	Woore		Age 83 (note - see 1000 - which is burial of Mary 1797)	M61

Conclusions

The life of George Jervis or Jarvis has been traced from his birth to his death and some details found for his four eldest sons, Henry, George, William and Allen. George was a farm labourer throughout his life and his sons were initially, but two later worked in the gas industry.

Networks involving neighbours and family members are evident.