

The following notes are part of research into 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](http://www.bhsproject.co.uk/x_jarvis.shtml)

## Wills and administration, Jervis of Drayton

This report covers probates where the testator was of Market Drayton. Other research takes account of parish register entries, the tithe records and hearth tax but wills may allow three or more generations to be derived, for example the will of Henry Jervis in 1838 (page 38) mentions cousins, enabling his grandparents to be identified.

Inventories, wills and administrations may provide information about status and occupation that are not found in parish registers.

The aim: to identify family structures and seek any links between different testators for all Jervis of Drayton who left either a will or for whom an administration was prepared when they died.

There is one early will for a Jervis of **Mucklestone**, proved in 1535: not included here; otherwise there no other wills on the Staffordshire Archives list for any Jervis from Maer or Mucklestone.

**Drayton** is the nearest market town to Mucklestone and the place where George Jervis, gtx4 grandfather of Louise, was baptised in 1728.

## Jurisdictions

There are two main ecclesiastical jurisdictions that cover the Staffs/Salop border area: the Archdeaconry of Salop, which covers the northern half of Shropshire; and the Archdeaconry of Staffordshire, which covers much of the county including Maer and Mucklestone. Both are in the Diocese of Lichfield. There is also one peculiar in this area that fell outside the bishop's jurisdiction: the Prebend of Eccleshall.<sup>1</sup> This includes Eccleshall, Sugnall, Chorlton and other parishes. A document setting out details of all of the peculiars within the Diocese of Lichfield is available online.<sup>2</sup> The bishop of Lichfield and Coventry had general jurisdiction over probate within this area, which was exercised through the Lichfield Consistory Court.<sup>3</sup> The original wills are held at Lichfield Record Office.

The Prerogative Court of Canterbury (PCC) is a higher court used by individuals with property in more than one jurisdiction or as a mark of status: just one PCC will for a Drayton Jervis has been found in the period up to 1858.

## Probates online

Lists of probates for the Diocese of Lichfield are available on *Findmypast* and can be viewed and downloaded from here too; lists are also available on the Staffordshire Archives website. The latter

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<sup>1</sup> Parish Maps of the Counties of England and Wales published 1977

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.staffsnameindexes.org.uk/Documents/INDEXES%20-%20Lichfield%20Wills%20Index%20peculiar%20jurisdictions.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.findmypast.co.uk/articles/england-and-wales-published-wills-and-probate-indexes-1300-1858-volumes-available/lichfield-and-coventry>

includes more information about the location of the testator and sometimes their occupation (but covers just 1620-1780).

PCC wills are indexed on The National Archives website and can be viewed and purchased from there; they are also available on the *Ancestry* website.

Some of the Drayton wills are recorded as Shropshire, others as Staffordshire, reflecting the townships in the two counties:

*... the townships of Drayton-Magna, Drayton-Parva, Betton, Longslow, Sutton, and Woodseaves, within Salop; and the townships of Almington and Bloore-with-Tyrley and Hales, within Stafford.*<sup>4</sup>

### Jervis of Drayton probates

Those considered here span 1607-1841:

|     | Name   | occupation                  | place                          | date              | page |
|-----|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|------|
| 1.  | Jervis, Thomas   |                             | Drayton in Hales Shropshire    | 1607              | 3    |
| 2.  | Gervis, Robert   | husbandman of Coulishurst   | Drayton in Hales Shropshire    | 1630              | 5    |
| 3.  | Jervis, Robert   | occupation/status not given | Market Drayton Shropshire      | 1661              | 12   |
| 4.  | Jarvis, Eleanor  | widow                       | Drayton, county not recorded   | 1729              | 13   |
| 5.  | Gervis, Edward   | musician                    | Drayton in Hales Shropshire    | 1734              | 15   |
| 6.  | Jervis, Andrew   | occupation/status not given | Squob, Drayton in Hales, Staff | 1750 <sup>5</sup> | 18   |
| 7.  | Jervis, Sarah  | widow                       | Drayton in Hales Shropshire    | 1753              | 20   |
| 8.  | Garvis, John   |                             | Drayton in Hales               | 1783              | 23   |
| 9.  | Jervis, Thomas   |                             | Drayton in Hales               | 1806              | 27   |
| 10. | Jervis, John   |                             | Drayton in Hales               | 1808              | 31   |
| 11. | Jervis, Henry  | (PCC will)                  | Drayton in Hales               | 1839              | 38   |
| 12. | Jervis, Elizabeth  |                             | Drayton in Hales               | 1841              | 54   |
| 13. | Jervis, John Creswell                                      |                             | Drayton in Hales               | 1841              | 55   |
|     | <b>Appendix</b> – clues as to beliefs from probate wording |                             |                                |                   | 63   |

A brief **abstract** has been made of each document picking out the family members, the date when the will was written (usually shortly before death), the date of proof, the names of the executor(s) and witnesses and any other detail that caught the eye.

**Other material** follows – parish registers, perhaps wills of those named in the document, to help piece together a family structure. The marriage of the testator and any relatives may help point to the most likely baptismal date of the testator and thus identify parentage. A will can also confirm survival of male descendants at that time.

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.visionofbritain.org.uk/descriptions/807530> (gazetteer 1870/2)

<sup>5</sup> Squob is a delightful name but I have not spotted it on a map

Where searches of parish register entries fail to find known events such as baptisms and burials it may be because the registers no longer survive; or that the family were non-conformists; or that the register is not indexed online (eg entries from the Mucklestone register 1702-1747 are rendered invisible on *Findmypast* as they have not been indexed).

The wording at the start of the will may also provide clues as to the beliefs of the testator – see appendix at the end.

Often **notes** follow: an interpretation of what has been found; there may be a sketch tree. The wills are noted in date order and each heading includes the family group, used elsewhere in this research, eg (S50) for the earliest will.

### 1. Thomas Jervis of Drayton 1607 (S50)

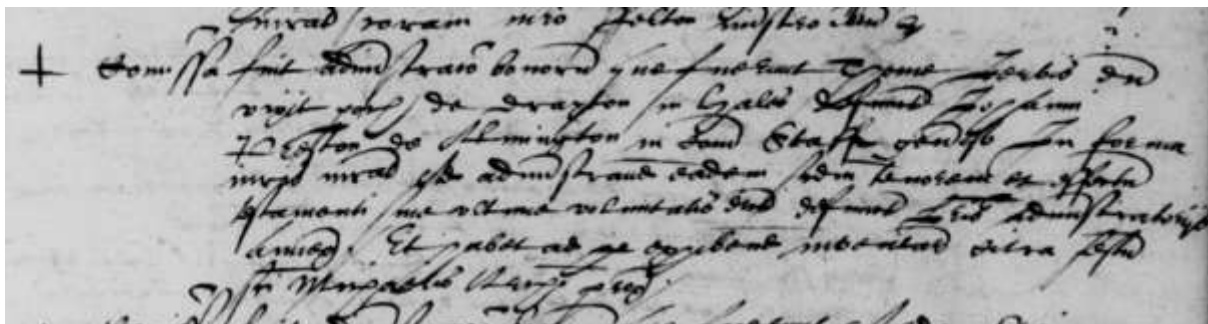
Dated 6 Apr 1607, Husbandman ... 'beinge sicke in bodye'.

Asked to be buried in the churchyard of Drayton in Hales.

All worldly goods bequeathed to John Preston my master and his wife and their children; reference to 'old master John Preston deceased'.

Witnesses: John Wright, Thomas Preston, Thomas Poole

The following is the grant of probate dated 21 Aug 1607; it refers to Johannis Preston, gentleman of Almington in Staffordshire.



### Other material

Thomas Gervis was buried at Drayton 17 Jul 1607.

There is a burial of 'Mr John Preston senior' at Drayton 8 March 1602. The Recusant Roll for 1592/3 includes reference to a John Preston, gentleman, recusant of Almington: he was Roman Catholic.

## firmarius

Tenentes duarum parc' lete cur' visus franc' plegii et regali-  
tatum manerii de Betton subtus Luna et al' terrarum et ten'  
cum pertin' in Tunstall et Drayton in com' Salop' et cujusdam  
firme vocate Allington farme in Alnington [Almington] in  
com' Staff' debent vj.l. per annum de firma dict' terrarum et  
ten' De terris et ten' Johannis Preston gener' Recusantis Qui  
indebit' existit domine Regine nunc in cciiij<sup>xx</sup>.l. virtute act'  
pred' ibid' Et ix.l. de annis preteritis Summa xv.l. §Sed non  
debent inde sum' Nec de eadem firma de cetero onerari Eo  
quod Griffinus Price respondet de eadem firma A xxv<sup>to</sup> die  
Junii anno xxxiiij<sup>o</sup> et deinceps debet domine Regine resp'  
per al' commission' Sicut cont' immediate infra Et quieti sunt

There is a will of John Preston of Chipnall in the parish of Cheswardine written in 1607/8 which mentions his wife Elizabeth and son John. (*Findmypast*).

The Drayton parish registers start in 1558 and the first Jervis baptism was in 1570; the first Thomas Jervis baptism in 1620: there is no evidence Thomas was born in Drayton.

Baptisms of Thomas: Staffordshire (none in Shropshire)

8 results Sort By Relevance

| Last Name | First Name | Born | Died | Event | Record set                          | Location   |
|-----------|------------|------|------|-------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Gervis    | Thomas     | —    | —    | 1577  | England Births & Baptisms 1538-1975 | Eccleshall, Staffordshire, England               |
| Gervis    | Thomas     | —    | —    | 1577  | Staffordshire Baptisms              | Eccleshall, Holy Trinity, Staffordshire, England |
| Gervis    | Thomas     | —    | —    | 1577  | Staffordshire Baptisms              | Eccleshall, Holy Trinity, Staffordshire, England |
| Gervis    | Tho.       | —    | —    | 1577  | England Births & Baptisms 1538-1975 | Rocester, Staffordshire, England                 |
| Gerves    | Thomas     | —    | —    | 1583  | England Births & Baptisms 1538-1975 | Eccleshall, Staffordshire, England               |
| Gervis    | Thomas     | —    | —    | 1583  | Staffordshire Baptisms              | Eccleshall, Holy Trinity, Staffordshire, England |
| Gervis    | Thomas     | —    | —    | 1585  | Staffordshire Baptisms              | Eccleshall, Holy Trinity, Staffordshire, England |
| Gervis    | Thomas     | —    | —    | 1586  | England Births & Baptisms 1538-1975 | Eccleshall, Staffordshire, England               |

2 results

| Last Name | First Name | Born | Died | Event | Record set                          | Location                                    |
|-----------|------------|------|------|-------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Jarvisse  | Thomas     | —    | —    | 1589  | England Births & Baptisms 1538-1975 | Tamworth, Staffordshire, England            |
| Jarvisse  | Thomas     | —    | —    | 1589  | Staffordshire Baptisms              | Tamworth, St Editha, Staffordshire, England |

There are around five baptisms (some above are repeated), one of the 1577, 1583 and 1585 baptisms at Eccleshall may be relevant.

The OPRs for Eccleshall have been checked, then burials for the period 1577-1597, seeking just Thomas Gervis entries.

1577 Sep 21    Baptism Thomas Gervis; burial 3 Nov 1578 may be the same individual

1583 Sep 28    Baptism Thomas Gervis

1585/6 Mar 12    Baptism Thomas Gervis bastard

The register entries are sparse, no parent names recorded for baptisms, little information at burial. It is difficult to draw firm conclusions from them.

## Notes

Thomas's request to be buried in the Drayton churchyard suggests either this was his birth parish (but no evidence of his baptism here has been found); or he had settled here and had few ties to his original birthplace; or his home parish was too far away for burial there to be practical..

The reference to his old master (who was buried 1602) suggests Thomas Gervis was working for him prior to that date. Thomas knew he was ill and prepared his will around 3 months before he died.

Thomas Gervis may have been born at any point between around 1540 and 1585, the earliest dates pre-date the start of Drayton registers. There are baptisms at Eccleshall which may be relevant,

Being a husbandman, he may have had some land of his own but the wording in his will suggests he also worked on land held by John Preston. There is no evidence from his will of Thomas having any descendants or a wife.

## 2. Gervis, Robert, Drayton in Hales, 1630 (D24)

Dated 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 1629, ie 1629/30, 'sicke in bodie' and 'hoping to be saved by the merittes of Jesus Christ'.

My frend Anne Iken my fellow servant £20 being in the hands of John Jackson the elder of Sutton.

Brother Thomas Gervis £10. Brother John Jervis £10 all which £20 is in the hands of my brother John Father and mother to be supported.

Bequests to William Massy, Gilbert Vaughan, Rowland Robins, John Axen, Henry Podmore, Thomas Yomans – all fellow servants 10s each.

To Anne Iken & Margaret Hill, Margaret Thomas, Anne Faire, Johanne Haselhurst 10s

To John Iken of Marchamley £4 to be divided amongst him, wife and children

To my master Mr John Barker my gray colt and £10 to be divided between him and his seven children.

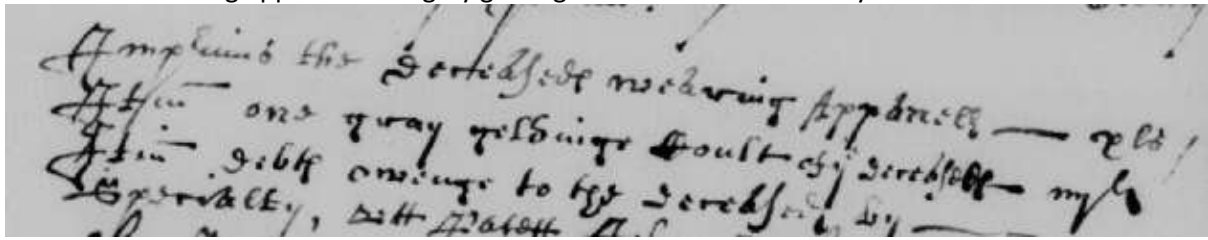
Residue shared between Mr John Barker and brother John Gervis who were appointed executors. Witnesses William Massye, Gilbert Vaughan, John Axen (all signed); Robt x Gervis

Inventory dated 12 March 1629/30, describes him as of Coulishurst Shropshire 'husbandman being servant to Mr John Barker'. The appraisers were William Bulkeley of Haughton In Cheshire<sup>6</sup> gent and Tho: Jervis of Allerton, Salop, yeoman.

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<sup>6</sup> Haughton is a township of Bunbury around 5m WNW of Nantwich (<https://www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng/CHS/haughton>)

Two items: wearing apparel and a 'gray geldinge colt' were followed by debts:



'debts owenge to the deceased by sperialty, ...tt ...a...ett, John Jacson the elder of Sutton' £21 12s  
Rowland Hatchett of Sutton £5 4s.

Followed by 'debts owenge without spe...rality by the deceased relacon' – no hope of paying them –

|                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Imprimis Thomas Wolsey | £4        |
| John Iken              | £4        |
| William Hatchett       | £3 5s     |
| John Gervis            | £20       |
| John Barker            | £7 13s 3d |
| John Rydway            | 20s       |
| John Jacson Thyonger   | 10s       |
| Sum totalis ...        | £20 13s   |

It is not clear what the above means – were these due from or to relatives of the deceased – but the sums of money are substantial, over £40 in total. In 1630 this was equivalent to 570 days wages for a skilled tradesman.<sup>7</sup>

The probate calendar indicates probate was granted 16 April 1630.

### Other material

Robert Gervis of Coulshurst was buried at Drayton on 10 March 1629/30:



<sup>7</sup> <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/currency-converter/#currency-result>



Bartholomew 1/2 inch to the mile map published 1902 shows Colehurst Manor SSW of Market Drayton (right of centre). Nearby is Sutton and Marchamley (home of John Iken) is WSW of Colehurst, under 5 miles as the crow flies.

The following confirms the Barker family owned Colehurst Manor.

**COLEHURST MANOR, MARKET DRAYTON.**

*Opened in 1580 by the Barker Family for the Benedictine Monks of Colehurst.*

*The Barker Family eventually moved into the Manor in 1600 and three generations of the family resided in the manor until 1704 when they sold to the Cotton Family. Over the next two centuries the property changed hands through the Stilltoe family, and later to Isabella Spencer, Great Great Aunt to Princess Diana. Colehurst Manor is one of the most important Elizabethan manor houses in Shropshire. Grade II listed being of great historic interest, one of most notable [visitors] is King James II who stayed in the property during a Royal Visit in 1700.*

*The Manor was privately sold by the Spencer Family in 1956 to private owners...<sup>9</sup>*

<sup>8</sup> National Library of Scotland maps

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[https://www.facebook.com/TheDerelictExplorer/photos/ms.c.eJw9z8sNAzAIA9CNkJA~;s~;9iVSj0~\\_GQHqCS7SQM6vmJcaqzSZFxqdhzBs~;UyDBcbkKYdvq5Xo7WtevkYWefnNf3~;Bnr0HHVumZ~;8PYTM0~\\_v37~\\_~\\_bR~;y7IEy1z7~;Y~\\_w~\\_BGae9Lkm~;7~;Pern39Slj6hdA7z0s.bps.a.522069381565490/522069488232146/?type=3&theater](https://www.facebook.com/TheDerelictExplorer/photos/ms.c.eJw9z8sNAzAIA9CNkJA~;s~;9iVSj0~_GQHqCS7SQM6vmJcaqzSZFxqdhzBs~;UyDBcbkKYdvq5Xo7WtevkYWefnNf3~;Bnr0HHVumZ~;8PYTM0~_v37~_~_bR~;y7IEy1z7~;Y~_w~_BGae9Lkm~;7~;Pern39Slj6hdA7z0s.bps.a.522069381565490/522069488232146/?type=3&theater)





*Permission was granted this week to convert historic Old Colehurst Manor, near Market Drayton, back into a family home. (Shropshire Star Aug 21, 2018)*

**Robert's inventory** was taken by William Bulkeley of Haughton Cheshire gent; was it normal for a gentleman to take this role for someone else's servant; Haughton is around 17 miles from Colehurst manor?

A William Bulkeley of Haughton, gent, left a will dated 4 Nov 1645 that refers to his three children Elizabeth Bulkeley, Randle Bulkeley and George Bulkeley. He appointed his father-in-law Richard Huxley, Thomas Huxley, John Moores & Thomas Noden my brotherinlawes executors. The inventory is lengthy and was taken 9 May 1650, total value over £170. It is unusual in including the names of his cows.

Another place mentioned, Sutton, home of the Jac(k)sons, is around a mile from Colehurst.

Robert made a bequest to several fellow servants, including **Gilbert Vaughan**. There is a will of a Gilbert Vaughan of Great Soudley (parish of Cheswardine) made in 1679; he was a yeoman 'being aged & weak in body'. He mentions his beloved friend 'George Baker of Coulshurst in the said county gent...':

May. 29. 1679.  
In the Name of God Amen: I Gilbert Vaughan of Great Soudley in the County of Salop  
yeoman, being aged & weak in body, but of good memory (blessed be God) do ordaine

Said my daughter Margaret...  
said sonnets & bequests with the appurtenances to the same belong to my beloved  
friend George Baker of Coulshurst in the County of Salop. John Ellerton Fletcher

He mentions a son John and daughter Margaret; he bequeathed a sheep to each of his three grandchildren named Ward. Probate was granted 30 Mar 1683.

This seems likely to be the Gilbert Vaughan named in Robert Jervis's will: he had a link to the Baker family of Colehurst, as did Robert. He was a grandfather, presumably aged 60 to 80 in 1679, probably a contemporary of Robert.

**Rowland Hatchett** of Sutton owed Robert £5 4s when he died and a will of a Roland Hatchett of Sutton, Drayton in Hales, Shropshire, could be him; dated 10 Dec 1634, he mentions children and grandchildren, surnames include Poole, Burrows. His goods were valued the following January at £45 17s 6d and included two swarms of bees and probate was granted to his widow Elizabeth.

## Notes



It seems Robert made his will as a young man; both his parents were alive; he had no wife. He made a number of generous bequests: although working for the Barker family he was relatively well-off.

The reference to Allerton, Shropshire suggests the will that follows shortly may of the same family as the testator Thomas Jervis was also of Allerton. First – clarification of where Allerton was.

Allerton/Ollerton?

It is assumed that 'Allerton' is actually Ollerton, a township of Stoke on Tern around 6 miles south of Drayton. Geographical and Historical information from the year 1824 has an entry: 'ALLERTON. See Ollerton.' There is similarly-named Wollerton between Marchamley and Coleshurst, see map on previous page, but this is in Hodnet parish and the wills that follow link Allerton to Stoke-on-Tern. Also:

HUMPHREY LEECH, or LECHUS as he is sometimes written, was born at Allerton commonly called Ollerton in Shropshire, was entered a student in Brasen-nose coll. before the month of

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**a. Will of Thomas Jervis of Allerton, Stoke upon Tern (written 20 Jan 1637/8) (DP)**

Of Allerton, yeoman.

To Francis Ayres my son in law 5s.

To Dorcas Ayres his wife and unto their three children 40 shillings to be equally divided

To Thomas Marryott and Elizabeth his wife 30 shillings

Son John Jarvis my silver salt and my gold ring.

Son Thomas Jarvis my son £20 at age of 21.

To the poor of the parish of St Stevens Walbrooke in London 40 shillings

To Henry Snelston 40s

To executors of John Howle late of High Offley deceased 40s

To every one of my servants 5s apiece

To every one of my godchildren 1s apiece.

To Anna Helm my servant 20s

To every poor man and woman in Allerton 1s apiece

Joan my wife to pay unto William Wood £20, to parish of Stoke £19 and £20 of the £80 that Francis Ayres hath secured to pay unto my son Marriott

Residue to wife Joan, appointed executrix

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<https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=pjI6AQAAMAAJ&pg=PA461&lpg=PA461&dq=was+ollerton+in+shropshire+referred+to+as+allerton&source=bl&ots=mBzGDPagew&sig=ACfU3U3X3RliRXKCowrJC0aqV4FH8nQv1w&hl=en&sa=X&ved=2ahUKewiDr-6MgsjiAhUx0uAKHdZtA9EQ6AEwAnoECAgQAQ#v=onepage&q=was%20ollerton%20in%20shropshire%20referred%20to%20as%20allerton&f=false>

Signed Thomas Jervis

Witnesses: Thomas Woodcocke, Peter Hinstock, Thomas Ha(nd/rris?)

Probate granted according to a later calendar, 16 Feb 1637/8

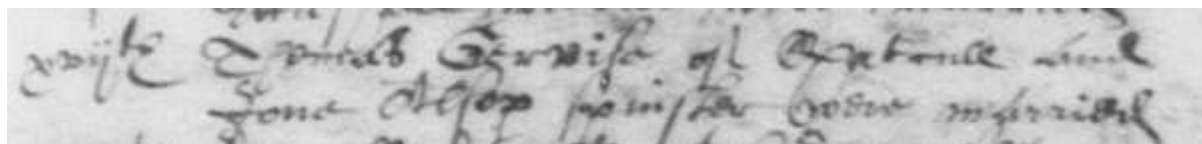
### Other material

The will of Thomas names two married daughters Dorcas Ayres and Elizabeth Marriott. I could find no local marriage of a Thomas Marriott to Elizabeth Jervis; the marriage at Northampton 3 Dec 1636 of a Thomas Marriott to Elizabeth Jarvis may be relevant.

The Ayres/Jervis marriage has not been found.

The burial register of Stoke upon Tern, in which Ollerton was a township, starts in 1654 and it is likely that some of the individuals mentioned in the will died before then.

A marriage at Eccleshall of Thomas Gervise of Chatcull to Jone Alsop spinster 17 April 1621 could be a later marriage of the testator<sup>11</sup>



Thomas's will mentions four children but they are likely to have been baptised at Stoke-on-Tern, prior to the commencement of any surviving baptismal register.

There are burials of TJ at Drayton in 1645 and 1653; and at Cheswardine in 1650 and 1651. However, burial at Stoke-on-Tern is probable and the burial registers survive from 1654.

### Notes

His will suggests Thomas was a well-off individual with a connection to the church or parish of St Stephen Walbrook in the City of London. He was a yeoman and had servants. As to his birth date, two of his daughters were married and he had three grandchildren – this suggests he was aged over 55 and most likely over 60 at death: a birth around 1577 or earlier.

The family appears to have had its base in Ollerton and Thomas left a shilling to each poor man and woman there, as well as 40 shillings to the poor of St Stephen Walbrook.

Ollerton is a township in Stoke on Tern. The Stoke on Tern registers date from 1654 (BTs 1668), too late to help in this research.<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>11</sup> Transcripts show the marriage year as 1620 but the original register page heading indicates 1621

<sup>12</sup> There are three baptisms at Drayton to Thomas Gervis, Jarvis, Gervis: Thomas 1620, Joan 1623 and Ann 1627 but these names are common and it could easily be another family (D15).

The following inventory was checked as the deceased was of Allerton.

**b. Inventory of John Jervies taken 16 Jan 1637/8**

Late of Allerton in the parish of Stoke upon Tearne deceased.

Appraisers: Tho: Hand and Rowland Browne 16 January 1637/8

Items include two saddles and bridle, a sword and dagger, a little silver pann and four silver spoones, about twenty measure of oats

Total value £30 10s 6d

Administration granted to his widow Ellena Jervies

**Notes**

John Jervies at first glance could be the son of Thomas, but the dates do not work; the inventory for John was appraised a few days before Thomas wrote his will leaving a bequest to his son John.

The administration and inventory for John Jervies do not provide enough information to link him to Robert who died in 1630 or Thomas, 1637/8; John was of the same place, Allerton and could be a cousin or nephew of Thomas.

John Jervies left a wife Eleanor. No marriage has been found but if it was at Stoke on Tern it would pre-date surviving registers.

**Sketch tree**

It is concluded that Thomas was probably Robert's father: his will mentions sons John and Thomas, a match to the names of Robert's brothers. If Robert, a son left a will, it suggests his father was likely to have sufficient an estate to also do so.

Assuming Thomas is the father of Robert, a sketch family tree:

Thomas Gervis (d. 1637/8) 'yeoman of Allerton' in 1637/8; m. Joan (alive 1637/8); and it is likely she was buried in the period 1638-1653, prior to the first burial register for Stoke on Tern; five children, four of whom survived to 1637/8, probably baptised at Stoke-on-Tern (registers not extant):

Robert, born ca 1600/1610; bur. 1629/30 at Drayton, husbandman and servant working on land held by the Barker family, Colehurst Manor

John, joint executor for his brother Robert in 1629/30, suggesting a birth date of 1610 or earlier; alive 1637/8; he may have been buried at Stoke-upon-Tern prior to 1654 (start of burial register)

Thomas, yeoman of Allerton, Salop; born after 1617; alive 1637/8;

Dorcas, m. Francis Ayres pre 1637/8 and alive 1637/8; no record of a burial found 1637-1677

Three children surviving as at 1637/8; baptisms not found using *FamilySearch*, Staffs or Salop;

Elizabeth, m. Thomas Marriott pre 1637/8

### Conclusions about the Ollerton family

The documents noted above name only two male Jervis that may have carried on the Jervis line: John and Thomas were alive in 1637/8. Thomas was in Ollerton and his brother as also somewhere in the Stoke on Tern area.

This branch of the family farmed land and seem relatively well-to-do. The non-survival of the earliest parish registers for Stoke on Tern limits what can be established about this line.

A generation later, the will of Robert Jervis.

#### 3. Jervis, Robert, Drayton in Hales, 1661 (D25)

Inventory Value £12 12s.

Pewter, tinware, brass, iron wares, tables, bedding. No references to livestock or crops.

Wife: Joanna Browneinge alias Jervis was his administratrix.

Calendar book date: 20 Sep 1661 (originally entered as 1660 but altered).

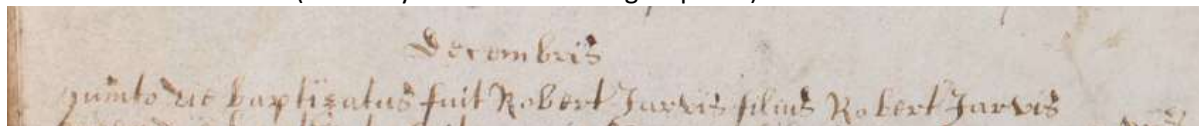
The Calendar entry confirms this was an administration rather than a will.

### Other material

A burial at Drayton 7 March 1661 of Robert Jarvis is a little early but probably was him.

There are several blocks of baptisms at Drayton to Robert Jervis and they group as follows:

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| 1570-1573 | (too early to be Robert who d. 1661) (D13) <sup>13</sup>                     |
| 1602      | (assumed links to the next group; too early to be to the Robert d. 1661) D14 |
| 1604-1611 | (at <u>Mucklestone</u> ) D14   |
| 1613-1623 | (rather early to be the Robert who d. 1661) D14                              |
| 1632      | (currently linked to the last group D14)                                     |



|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| 1651-1664 | (the last entry post-dates the death) D5 |
|-----------|--|

The burial of Robert's wife Joan (nee Browning) has not been found, nor her remarriage.

<sup>13</sup> EarlyMucklestone.docx has more details of families D13 and D14

There is a series of seven baptisms at Maer to Thomas and Margaret Browning between 1620 and 1635 but these do not include a Joan. There are several Browning probates in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, both of Maer and Drayton.

Robert may have been born at any point between around 1590 and 1635<sup>14</sup>. There are three baptisms in this period at Drayton of Robert:

- 1616 s/o Johnis (Joan/Joanna?) – illegitimate and buried the following year
- 1632 s/o Robert
- 1635 s/o George & Margaret.

## Notes

As this is an administration rather than a will it tells us little about Robert Jervis; there is no indication of his trade (trade rather than agriculture seems likely), or whether he left any sons. There are local baptisms that may be of him and to him. His marriage to Joan has not been found.

The next will comes two generations later:

### 4. Will of Eleanor Jervis, 1729 (D7)

Widow of Drayton. 'hoping that through the meritorious death & passion of Jesus Christ my only saviour and redeemer to receive free pardon and forgiveness of all my sins'.

Son Edward Jarvis one shilling

Daughter Ann Winnington little screen and 3 pewter dishes

Daughter Sarah Jarvis a little house & garden bought from Mr Beard ... provided she let her aunt Judeth and niece Elizabeth continue with her in the said house

Daughter Sarah executrix.

Dated 4 Jun 1728.

Wit: Josiah Bayley, Sarah Thomas, Edmund Stone. Eleanor x Jarvis

Calendar; probate granted 11 Oct 1729, goods valued under £5

### Other material

There is a burial at Drayton 9 Oct 1729 of 'Eleanora Jarvis de Drayton'.

Of the three children mentioned in the will, Edward has the most distinctive name and there are baptisms of Edward Jervis at Drayton, in 1684 (to Edward) and 1705 (to William). Both Edward and William had daughters named Sarah and Ann and there is no evidence that any of the children died in infancy. Edward's Sarah was baptised in 1695, William's Sarah in 1711 – the 1695 Sarah was of an age more likely to be called upon to be executrix.

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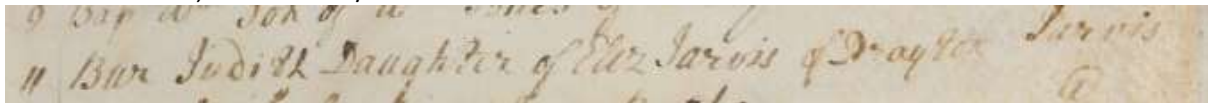
<sup>14</sup> A baptism at Drayton in 1570 is assumed to be too early; this Robert headed family D14

Eleanor was a widow and searches at Drayton for male Jervis burials 1680 to 1728 found just two thought to be adults: Edward in 1717 and John the following year. As Edward was also potentially the father to Sarah and Ann for now it is assumed Eleanor is his widow.

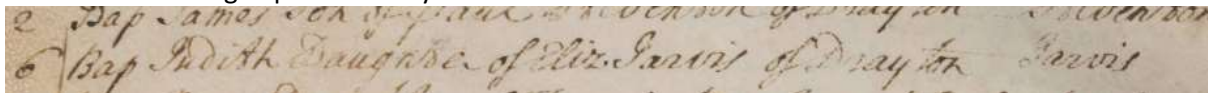
The detail of Eleanor's daughter Sarah having an **aunt Judith** and **niece Elizabeth** sounds as if it should be useful. The wording suggests that Judith may have been a sister or sister-in-law to Eleanor's husband; presumably she was not simply a sister to Eleanor (otherwise would she not have been described as such?). In either case she may have been unmarried and a Jervis; or married and formerly a Jervis.

Assuming she lived in Drayton, at some point after 1728 Judith should be buried there.

Searches found just four burials of women named Judith in Drayton between 1728 and 1768 and just one was a Jarvis, 11 Feb 1734/5:



There is a matching baptism at Drayton 6 Jun 1733:

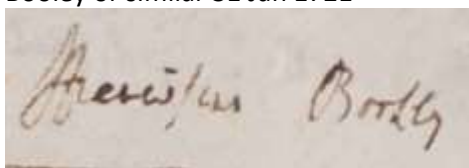


This Judith was not born when Eleanor prepared her will, but it is interesting that there was a baptism in this name when there was an older Judith present in Drayton; perhaps the niece Elizabeth referred to in the will was the mother of this younger Judith, naming her illegitimate daughter after her mother.

The other three Judith burials at Drayton were:

- Judith Walker of Drayton 19 May 1729
- Judith Groome of Brockly Moore 14 Sep 1729
- Judith wife of John Parker of Little Drayton 4 Jun 1756 [marriage of John Parker to Judith Laurence at Eccleshall Staffs in 1722]

The only marriage of a Judith in Drayton in the period 1709-1729 was Judith Groome to Francis Booley or similar 31 Jan 1721

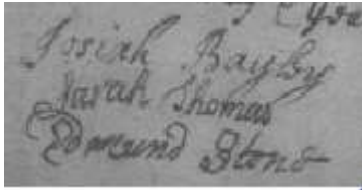


**Daughter Ann** had married (-) **Winnington** prior to 1728; there is no mention of any grandchildren in the will. There is no burial of an Ann Winnington in Shropshire but there is a burial in Staffordshire, at nearby Mucklestone: Ann Winnington of Winnington, 27 Jan 1741/2. This may be the daughter of Eleanor.

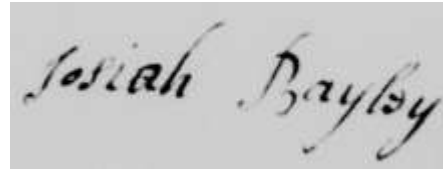
As to **daughter Sarah**, she was unmarried in 1728 and either died or married following grant of probate in 1729 (record not found).

Turning to the three witnesses to the will, who may be relatives or neighbours:





Witness signatures 1728



Marriage licence 1730

The signatures of **Josiah Bayley** look similar.

Josiah Bayley, yeoman of Drayton, married Margaret Beetenson, age around 26, by licence in 1730 at either Drayton or the chapel at Broughton (east side of Drayton, now in the Loggerheads Benefice).

**Sarah Thomas** may be the individual of Drayton Parva, buried at Drayton 15 Jan 1728/9, months after Eleanor prepared her will.

**Edmund Stone** was buried at Drayton 10 Oct 1736. He died intestate and his widow Margery was granted administration shortly after. Edmund was a yeoman, his goods were valued at £6 4s 6d on 23 Oct 1736 by Wright, Maulkin and Birchall. The paperwork relating to the grant of administration mentions Peter Stone, schoolmaster.

Peter son of Edmund Stone, was baptised at Drayton 2 Dec 1694; he (or another PS) was a master wig maker of Drayton taking on an apprentice in 1719; similarly, in 1729, when he was a barber. Peter was buried at Drayton 12 Apr 1746.

Edward Stone married Margery Case at Drayton 16 Apr 1691.

## Notes

The research has looked into various leads suggested by the will, but none have proved fruitful in identifying with certainty who Sarah or her husband were. No evidence has been found that any of the three witnesses were related to Eleanor. They were of Drayton and may have been neighbours or friends.

## Derived family tree

This includes dates from Drayton parish registers.

Eleanor married (probably) Edward Jarvis ca 1676; he died 1717; Eleanor d. 1729.

Edward Jarvis (bap 1684, alive 1729)

Ann Jarvis bap 1690 m. () Winnington pre-1729; possible burial Mucklestone 1742

Sarah Jarvis bap 1695 unmarried in 1729

The Winnington/Jervis marriage has not been found on *Findmypast* or *FamilySearch*.

## 5. Will of Edward Jarvis, 1734 (D31)

Late of Drayton in Hales musician.

Inventory: lists items in three areas: the parlour, chamber over the house, 'in the house'.

Items are furnishings and fittings plus a bass viol and a violin – value 3 shillings

Appraised 3 July 1734 by Wm London and Ralph Hamersley value £6 7s 4d

Will: dated 6 May 1734

To loving wife Sarah Gervis the house I now dwell in ... orchards, gardens ... after her decease to granddaughter Jane Featherson the younger daughter of my son-in-law John Featherson and Jane his wife ... if Jane dies with no issue then to other granddaughter Sarah Featherson .., and if both die leaving no issue to their mother Jane Featherson the elder (also referred to as my daughter-in-law JF the elder) ... after her decease to son-in-law Ralph Hamersley

Wife Sarah executrix

Wit: Walter Bayley, Richard x Slatten, Jos: Plumley

Edward x Gervis

Probate granted 29 Oct 1734

### Other material

There is a burial of Edward Jarvis at Drayton 28 June 1734.

His widow Sarah also left a will see 7. Below.

The following bastardy bond is in Cheshire Archives and as the father was named Edward Jarvice and he was a musician of Drayton it seems likely to be the same person.

- ▢ P 113 - Audlem St James Parish
- ▢ 4 - Civil Affairs
- ▢ 2 - Overseers
- ▢ 4 - Bastardy bonds

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| Repository  | Cheshire Record Office  |
| Level       | Item  |
| Reference   | P 113/29/9  |
| Title       | Bastardy Bond   |
| Date        | 23 Apr 1678   |
| Description | Edward Jarvice of Drayton in Hales, Shropshire, musician, and Robert Browning, mason, Galfridus Meredith blacksmith and Ambrose Stone maltster, all of Drayton. Edward Jarvice is the reputed father of a bastard child of Jane Suft [Pugh?] born in the parish of Audlem |

This is the baptism at Audlem of Martha, daughter of Sarah Tuft als Jervis, 7 May 1675:

This is helpful in estimating Edward's age: if he was a father in 1675, he must have been born prior to 1660 and most likely nearer 1650. At the time he prepared his will in 1734 he would have been 74 at the youngest, more likely in his 80s. At present there are no baptisms of an Edward in this period in DataPublished; his birth was during a period of unrest and any record of his baptism or birth may not survive.

Witnesses 1734

Mar. Lic. 1746

The witnesses to Edward's will include **Walter Bayley**. The last will reviewed was witnessed by Josiah Bayley and involved Edward Jervis, as a son (certainly) and husband (possibly) of the testatrix. Allowing for an interval of 12 years, the Walter Bayley signatures are probably by the same individual.

Walter Bayley married at Drayton in 1746 as a widower age around 40, his wife **Jane Whittingham**, also a widow. Walter was a dyer. His bondsman was William Birchall, writing master of Drayton.

A marriage of **George Whittingham**, yeoman of Drayton, to Jane Benbow, spinster, both around 30, took place by licence in 1728. A witness to the licence was **Frances Jervis**:

The marriage took place at Stoke on Tern, 20 Oct 1728.

Frances Jervis, witness, may be the person buried at Drayton, 23 Feb 1740. She may be part of family group (D11).

#### Notes

Some details of Edward's life have been found, and the working assumption is that he was born around 1650 but his baptism does not survive.

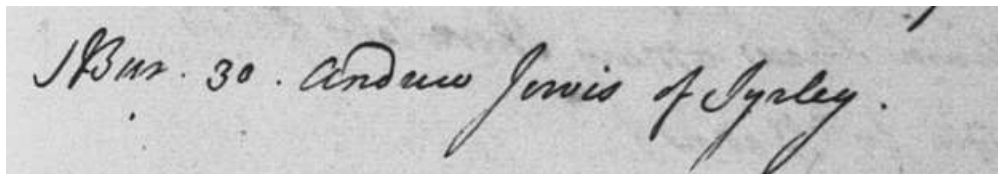
There are common data that link Edward to Eleanor Jervis, testatrix, whose will was prepared in 1728: she also had links to the name Edward; both she and Edward had their wills witnessed by a Bayley.

A tenuous connection has been found between Walter Bayley, witness to Edward's will in 1734, and Frances Jervis: the latter was a witness to the marriage of Walter's second wife to her first husband. This is rather remote a link and could be a coincidence; it is noted, just in case.

**6. Jervis, Andrew, Squob, Drayton in Hales, Staffordshire 1750** (will not found on *Findmypast* but recorded on the Staffs Archives website) (XX2)

Josias Erpe of Blore, yeoman. A 26 Apr 1737  
Andrew Jervis of the Squab. P 16 Apr 1750  
George Preston of the Hoyde. P 16 Apr 1750

The calendar entry lists Andrew of Drayton (Shropshire) but living in Staffordshire; a burial at Mucklestone of Andrew Jervis 30 Jan 1749/50 corresponds to the probate; he was of Tyrley. The Staffs Archives entry indicates the will was proved in the court of the manor of Tyrley.



Of Squob in the parish of Drayton and county of Stafford

Brother William Jervis of Winington £10 within 12 months of my decease but if he 'Dye before mee' then said £10 to nephew Andrew Jervis of Winington.

Also if bro William does not make use of the same to support himself in his old age then money to go to his said son Andrew Jervis.

To Mary and Ann daus of my bro William £10 each

To Mary Glover late of Oakley widdow £10

To nephew William Jervis of the Squob £25

To four daughters [of nephew William] Mary, Jemima, Jane and Anne £40 share and share alike

To John Jervis son of my nephew William Jervis £25 and appoint nephew William and John his son executors

Dated 19 Oct 1747

Andrew x Jervise

Witnesses all signed: Jane Acton, John Hill, Thomas Acton

Probate granted 3 May 1750 at the court of the Manor of Tyrley

An inventory accompanying the will notes clothing and household goods but no livestock or tools of a trade; it makes reference to £130 owed to Andrew Jervis:

£80 by Mr Thomas Hatrell of Newcastle

£40 by Edward Peake of Knutton heath

£10 by said Edward Peake

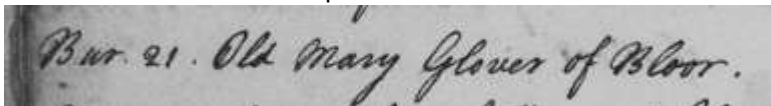
### **Other material**

The will provides a good family tree structure; Andrew makes no mention of a wife, children or grandchildren and he may not have married. The inventory items give no indication he was a farmer; he may have been retired.

Andrew's brother William of Winnington had a son Andrew. This tallies with a baptism in 1714 at Drayton of Andrew son of William of Bloor (D10) and more details of this family are in EarlyMucklestone.docx .

The only non-Jervis bequest is to **Mary Glover** 'late of Oakley' a widow. Could she be a sister? She received a bequest of £10, the same amount as family members. There are many Mary Glover burials in Staffordshire but the following one looks promising:

Burial at Mucklestone 21 Apr 1749:



**Glover** aside:

Thomas Glover of Mucklestone left a will dated 5 Feb 1735/6, proved 21 Oct 1736. He described himself as 'Thomas Glover the elder of Oakley' which ties in with the location for Mary Glover - 'late of Oakley' - in Andrew Jervis's will.

TG's will mentions four sons and three daughters (John, William, Daniel, Samuel, Isabella wife of William Yates, Ann, Elizabeth) also granddaughter Ann Hewett dau of Thomas and finally son Thomas; several payments were deferred until a decade or more after Thomas's death

The witnesses to the will were Joseph Ridgway, William Cooper and John Kenrick.

Probate was granted to his widow Mary.

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Baptisms of Daniel and Samuel were in 1713 and 1718 respectively. Daughter Isabell Glover married William Yates by licence 6 Feb 1731 (presumably 1731/2); he was around 42, a widower of Mucklestone and she was 23, single. Marriage not found at Mucklestone.

Thomas was of 'Okely' when buried at Mucklestone 24 Feb 1735/6

**Joseph Ridgway** is also mentioned in the will of John Gervis, proved 1783, see no. 8 below (DJ).

Thomas Glover was a grandfather and likely a contemporary of Andrew Jervis but no marriage has been found that links him to the Jervis family.

As to Andrew's origins, his address 'The Squob' is a name very similar to that recorded in a burial at Drayton 17 Mar 1724/5: Elinor Gervais wife of William of 'The Scobb'.

This could be the mother of Andrew and William: William's wife's forename was Ann(a) nee Hampton and there is a likely burial for her at Ashley in 1748.

## Notes

It is concluded that the parents of Andrew are likely to be William and Elinor Jervis. The wording of his mother Elinor's burial suggests her husband William was still alive in 1724/5.

## 7. Sarah Jervis of Drayton 1753 (D31)

Widow. All estate to granddaughter Jane Featherstone who was appointed sole executrix.

Date 8 November 1752.

Witnesses Eliz Grinsell or Grinsett; Will Grosvenor

Sarah x Jervis

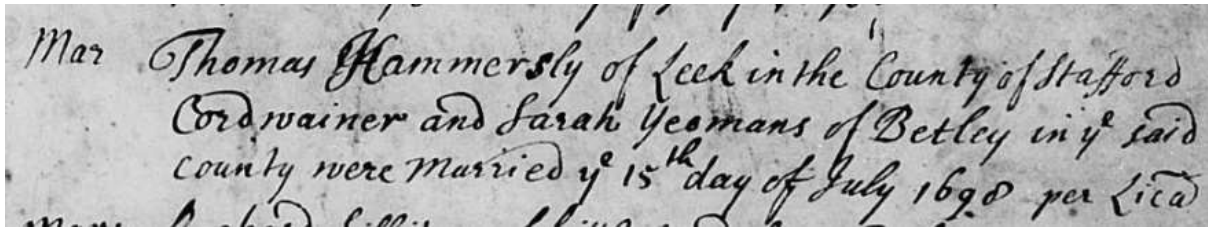
Probated granted 3 May 1753

## Other material

The following sequence of entries partly clarifies the Featherstone descendants and confirms a link between the Featherstone and Ham(m)ersley families.

The marriage was at Madeley, Staffordshire 15 July 1698; Madeley is around 3 miles south of Betley, Sarah's home:



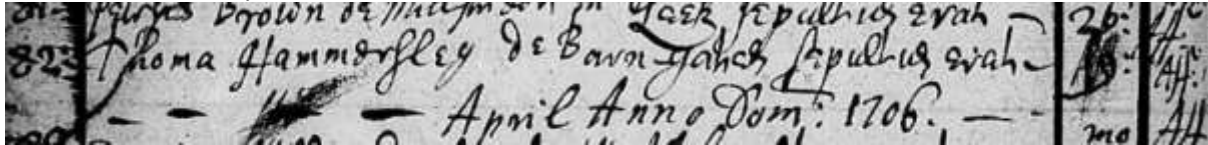


The licence does not add any additional detail, it was witnessed by John Edwards and Ellen Hawkins.

Jane d/o Thomas Hamersley baptised at Drayton 23 Aug 1700

Ralph s/o Thomas Hammersley baptised at Drayton 21 Mar 1705

Thomas Hammersley buried at Leek Staffs 29 Mar 1706



Leek is around 24 miles NE of Drayton.

John Featherstone married Jane Hamersley at Drayton 31 Jan 1729

Jane d/o John Featherston of Eccleshall was baptised at Drayton 10 May 1731

Sarah d/o John Featherston of Drayton was baptised 30 Sep 1733

Jane wife of John Featherson of Drayton was buried 13 Oct 1735

Sarah d/o John Featherson of Drayton was buried 19 Oct 1735

John Featherson married Jane Slater at Drayton 12 Feb 1736

### **Hammersley probate**

There is a will of Ralph Hammersley of Drayton in Hales, peruke maker dated 5 March 1748. He left two pieces of land in Little Drayton to his mother and also three houses in Staffordshire Street Drayton occupied by his mother, Edward Bate and Elizabeth Eaton.

After his mother's death the property went to his 'loving niece Jane Featherson' on condition that she marry a man worth £150 in land or money. Jane was to pay Ralph's brother Thomas 50 shillings a year on condition he appeared before her twice a year and obtained a receipt.

If Jane married a less-valuable man she lost her entitlement under this will and the land houses etc went to a cousin 'John Murrall now living in Staffordshire (and was born in the parish of Mucklestone)'.

He left to 'my love Mary' one shilling to be paid 12 months after his decease. His mother was nominated sole executrix.

The will was witnessed by Seth Pickstock (does not look like Pitchford, the surname of Thomas gtx5 wife), John Wallton and William Birchall and was signed by the testator.

Probate was granted to Sarah Jervis otherwise Hamersley 20 April 1749.

### **John Murrall, cousin of Ralph Hammesely, born in Mucklestone**

A baptism of John Morrall son of John and Katherine at Mucklestone 31 Mar 1673 'his wife of Winnington'.

Marriage: John Moral and Katherine Thorpe, both of this parish, at Mucklestone 1 Jun 1761.

### **Sketch tree**

Derived from the wills of Edward and Sarah Jervis and Ralph Hammersley:

Sarah Yeomans married

(1) **Thomas Hamersley** a cordwainer of Leek at Madeley Staffs in 1698; two baptisms at Drayton suggest they lived there but when Thomas died he was buried at Leek 29 Mar 1706 – presumably a family grave

Jane Hamersley baptised at Drayton 1700; m **John Featherstone** at Drayton 1729; Jane died in 1735 and John remarried

Jane Featherstone baptised 1731 at Drayton

Sarah Featherstone baptised 1733, at Drayton; buried 1735

Ralph Hamersley baptised at Drayton 1705, d. 1749; peruke maker of Drayton and appraiser of Edward Jervis will 1734

Sarah Hamersely (nee Yeomans) m.

(2) **Edward Jervis** at Drayton 21 Sep 1709; he most probably was over 60 at this point; no children found from this second marriage; Edward was a musician and was buried at Drayton 28 Jun 1734

### **Notes**

Edward refers to Ralph as son-in-law in his will of 1734 but at the time this could also mean stepson.

Sarah Yeomans bore children in 1700 and 1705 suggesting she was born ca 1660-1680 and most probably 1665-1678.

Edward Jervis may also have married previously. The bastardy bond following the birth of his daughter at Audlem in 1675 points to him being born around 1650.

The series of baptisms to Edward at Drayton between 1678 and 1695 (D7) could be linked to the man who later married Sarah in 1709 (D31). But there are contra-indicators:

- Edward's will makes no reference to his children; this may not be an issue; they were in middle age by 1734 and it is possible their relationship with their father changed after he remarried
- Eleanor Jarvis, who left a will in 1729, has been tentatively linked to Edward (D7); she was a widow in 1729 so the Edward who died in 1734 cannot have been her husband; a burial of an Edward at Drayton in 1717 fits better; this means there were two Edward Jarvis possibly of similar ages in Drayton – this is feasible.

The next probate is from 30 years later, written in 1777 and proved in 1783.

### 8. Will of John Gervis of Drayton, 1783 (DJ)

Yeoman of Drayton

To four sisters Mary Jarvis, Jemima Ridgway, Jane Bruckshaw, Ann Read one shilling each

To all their children one shilling each.

Dearly beloved wife Mary Jarvis rest of goods and appointed executrix

Dated 11 November 1777

Wit: Richard Harrison, John Smallwood

Signed John Garvis



Probated granted to his widow Mary Garvis 11 Sep 1783;<sup>15</sup> value of estate under £60

#### Other material

Burial at Mucklestone of John Jarvis of Drayton, 28 Jul 1783:

|        |      |               |  |         |
|--------|------|---------------|--|---------|
| 20     | Bur. | M. Jarvis     |  | Drayton |
| 29     | Bur. | Robert Walker |  | Worce   |
| August |      |               |  |         |

The best fit burial for Mary, his widow, is that of Mary Jarvis of Hales at Mucklestone 23 Apr 1800 – the same place as her husband was buried.

The will names four sisters to John:

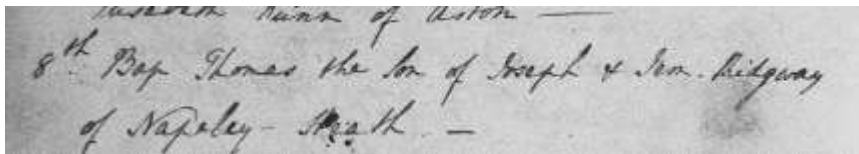
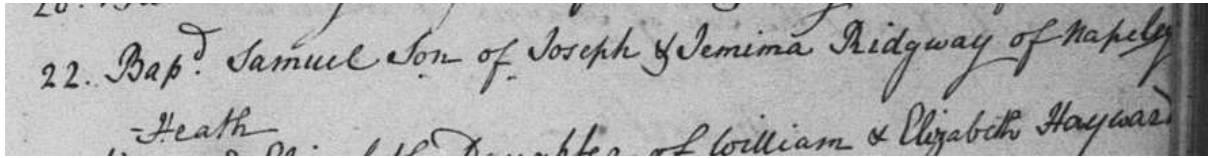
#### Mary Jarvis

<sup>15</sup> It looks more like 1788 than 1783; the calendar states 1783

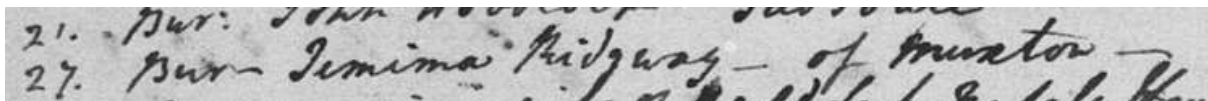
This is probably a married sister: Mary Jervis married Richard Jervis (M1) in 1750 at Hinstock.

### Jemima Ridgway

There were two baptisms to Joseph and Jemima Ridgway at Mucklestone: Samuel 22 Nov 1767 and Thomas 8 Jul 1770.

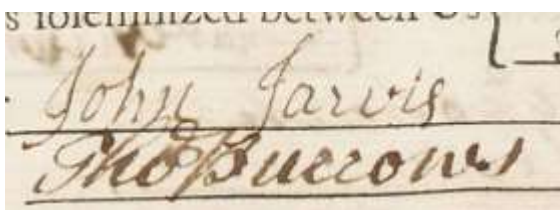
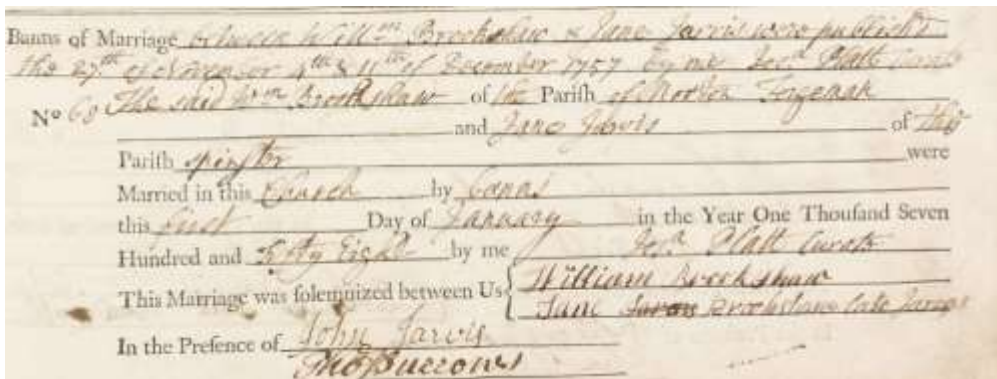


The Ridgway marriage is not evident on *Findmypast* or *Familysearch*. Jemima Ridgway of Muxton was buried at Mucklestone 27 Dec 1806:



### Jane Bruckshaw

Jane Jarvis married William Brookshaw at Drayton 1 Jan 1758 by Banns; he was of Norton and a forgerman; she was of Drayton and both signed, as did their witness John Jarvis.



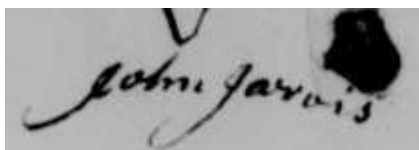
### Brookshaw (or Bruckshaw) aside:

William and Jane's son William Brookshaw was baptised at Mucklestone in 1772 and like his father was a blacksmith.

In the next generation William Brookshaw's daughter Caroline was baptised at Drayton in 1808 and married here in 1831. Following the death of her first husband, Benjamin Barnett, Caroline lived with John Jervis in Drayton until her death in 1847. His father John Creswell Jervis left a will in 1841 (#13 below).

### Ann Read

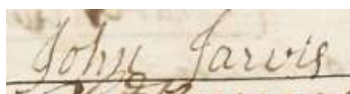
Ann Jarvis married William Read at Drayton 24 October 1765 by licence; he was a labourer of Drayton, Ann was of Mucklestone; John Jarvis was a witness and Ann signed, William made a mark.



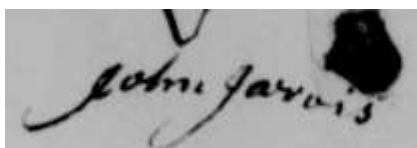
The licence shows John Jarvis of Ashley Staffs was surety; groom and bride are described as being age 21 years and upwards, but on the standard printed form Ann is age 25 and upwards indicating a birth around 1739/40. John Jarvis may have been Ann's elder brother; or her father; or another relative.

Considering three signatures of John, the first and third from 1758 and 1777 are similar enough in form to suggest they were by the same person, although he has changed the surname form from 'J' to 'G'.

The 1765 form looks rather different to the other two; here the John Jarvis was of Ashley – perhaps this was a different John Jarvis; not the brother of Ann.



1758 marriage witness



1765 marriage witness



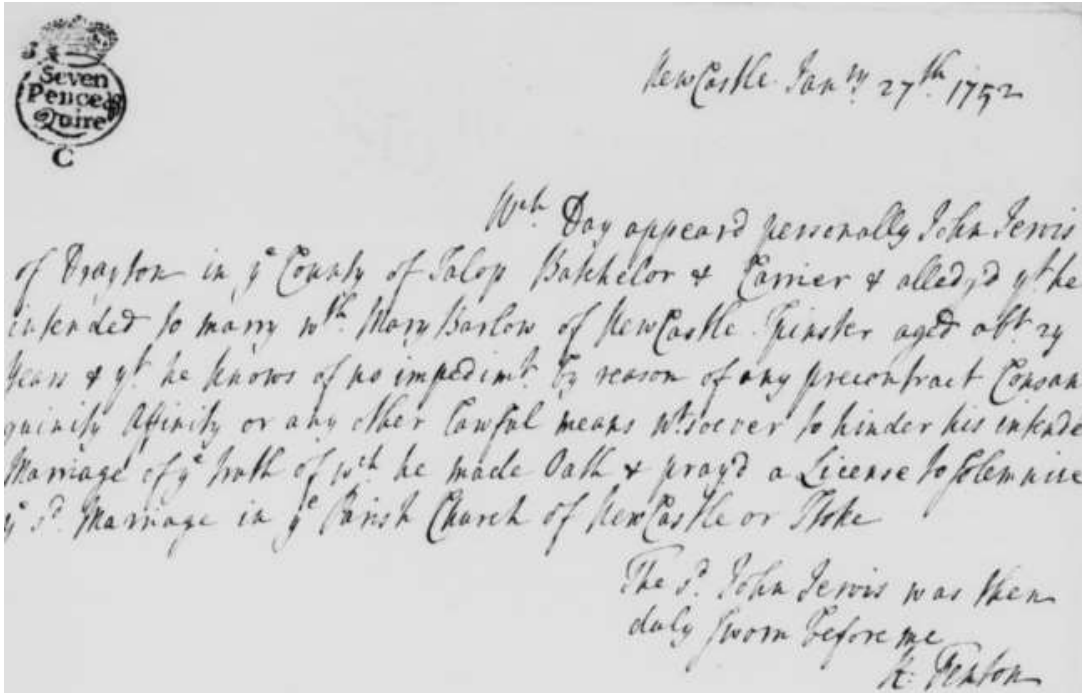
1777 will

### John's wife Mary

A marriage by licence of John Jervis and Mary Barlow took place in January 1751 or 1752 – the licence document suggests 1752 but the OPR entry for St Peter ad Vincula is dated 27 Jan 1750(/1). John was a bachelor of Drayton and a carrier; she was of Newcastle and a spinster age 24 or 29.

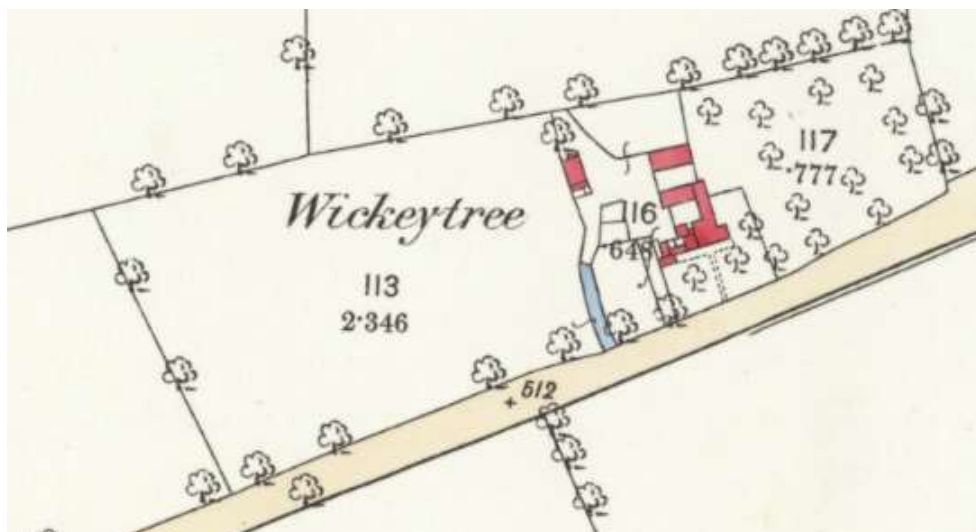
No signature of John was recorded on the bond but it is the best-fit marriage in Shropshire/Staffordshire in the period prior to 1777 - and the groom was of Drayton.

**There is one inconsistency: John was a carrier in 1752 whereas 25 years later he was a yeoman.**



John's sister being named Jemima helps locate the parents: a baptism at Drayton of Jemina to William Jarvis in 1730 is at around the time expected; other baptisms to William are shown below and include four of the known siblings, the only missing one being Ann.

Note how the recording in the register of where William lived varies. This seems to be due to differing levels of detail being noted, depending upon individual who complete the register. Wickeytree is a farm in the Bloor Heath area and Bloor with Tyrley is the township name. The OS map from a survey of 1878 shows the layout of the farm.

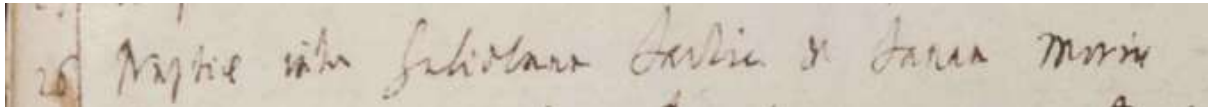


In his will John mentioned his sisters starting with Mary, the eldest, and then the other three ending with Ann. The entries below show the baptism of the father, William (son of William), and four of his children:



| Surname | Forename | Year | Mo  | Da | Event | Father or other M | Mother or other F | Place (township) | Parish  |
|---------|----------|------|-----|----|-------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------|
| Jarvis  | William  | 1696 | Sep | 30 | Bap   |                   |                   | Wicke tree       | Drayton |
| Jarvis  | John     | 1723 | Oct | 27 | Bap   | William           |                   | Dray(ton)        | Drayton |
| Jarvis  | Mary     | 1726 | Sep | 4  | Bap   | William           |                   | Bloor Heath      | Drayton |
| Jarvis  | Jemina   | 1730 | Apr | 19 | Bap   | William           |                   | Wicky tree       | Drayton |
| Jarvis  | Jane     | 1733 | Oct | 21 | Bap   | William           |                   | Tirly            | Drayton |

Searches for the marriage of the father, William, initially failed, but the *Ancestry* family tree for whitefish172 includes a marriage at Drayton 26 Dec 1722 and this appears in Latin in the OPR:



His wife's name is rather sketchily written and has been transcribed as Morris.

### The derived sketch family tree:

William Jarvis (baptism 1696 – see EarlyMucklestone.docx D26) m. Jane Morris 1722 (D10)

John, baptised at Drayton 1723; a yeoman; he m. Mary Barlow 1751 or 1752 at St Peter ad Vincula, Stoke; he d. 1783; he left no bequests to any children in his will (DJ)

Mary, baptised at Drayton 1726, married Richard Jarvis in 1750 (M1); alive 1777

Jemima baptised at Drayton 1730 m Joseph Ridgway; bur. 1806 Mucklestone; burial of Joseph Redgeway of Napely Heath at Mucklestone 8 Feb 1782

Samuel Ridgway baptised at Mucklestone in 1767; buried in 1773, son of Joseph of Napeley Heath

Thomas Ridgway baptised at Mucklestone in 1770; burial 7 May 1805 of TR of Napeley Heath may be him

Jane baptised 1733 at Drayton, m William Brookshaw 1758; alive 1777; burial at Drayton of Jane Bruckshaw of Drayton 27 March 1817 age 86 fits well enough

Ann, born 1740 or earlier, baptism not found; m William Read 1765; alive 1777

### 9. Thomas Jarvis of Drayton 1806 (D28)

Butcher. Dated 3 May 1805.

Bequeathed to loving wife Ann all estate except butchering tools and wearing apparel.

After Ann's death son Thomas to have 'one shilling of my property' and the remainder shared amongst children: Mary a third, son James a third plus butchering tools and wearing apparel, one third equally divided between other son Joseph and daughter Jane.

Be it remembered that one half of my son John's property when he dies is to be equally divided among my said five children namely Thomas, Mary, Joseph, Jane and James.

Son Thomas and wife Ann appointed executors.

Wit: Jane Grosvenor, Thos (M?)orley

Probated granted to Ann Jervis executrix and Thomas Jervis executor 30 Jul 1806.

### Other material

Thomas was buried at Drayton 6 Jan 1806, age 56 indicating a birth year around 1749.

The best match found so far is a baptism at Mucklestone in 1747 – a couple of years earlier than expected.

|        |        |      |     |   |     |        |       |  |  |            |           |
|--------|--------|------|-----|---|-----|--------|-------|--|--|------------|-----------|
| Jervis | Thomas | 1747 | Jun | 9 | Bap | Andrew | Ellen |  |  | Winnington | Muck'tone |
|--------|--------|------|-----|---|-----|--------|-------|--|--|------------|-----------|

There are also Thomas baptisms (1747-1753):

Childs Ercall Salop in 1751 to Edward and Mary Jervis (under 6m south of Drayton)

Whittington Staffs in 1748/9 to James (34 miles SE of Drayton)

Leigh Staffs in 1749 to Thomas & Mary (21 miles E of Drayton)

Hodnet Salop in 1753 to Richard & Mary (6 miles SE of Drayton)

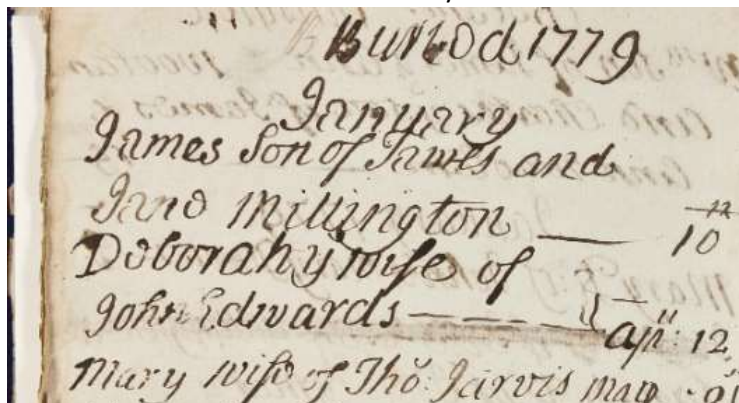
Thomas did not name any of his children Andrew, Ellen, Edward or Richard so there is nothing positive to link him to any of the three most local baptisms.

He had five children according to the will, but also mentions a sixth, John – perhaps from an earlier marriage? Thomas junior was joint executor with his mother suggesting he was 21 or older, and born prior to 1785 – presumably the eldest of the group of five children named apart from John.

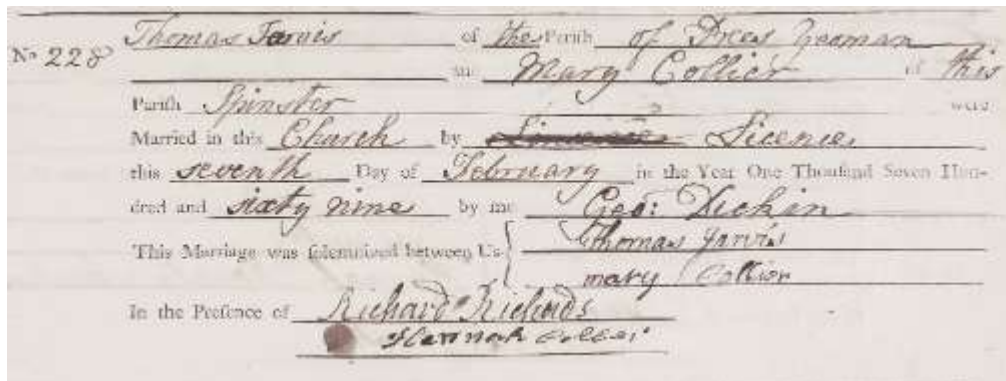
Of children named, Joseph is a distinctive name. The best match (ie in Shropshire, father = Thomas, born prior to 1806) was baptised at Whixall, 10 miles west of Drayton in 1777, but the mother was named Mary (not Ann. The full set of baptisms to Thomas and Mary were Mary 3 Jan 1775, Joseph 19 Feb 1777 and Jane 10 Apr 1779: the same sequence as the children named in the will. In the same month as Joseph was baptised a James and Catherine Jarvis baptised a child at Whixall so this may have been another hotspot for the surname.

If this is the right family it requires the death of Mary and for Thomas to remarry Ann and settle in Drayton.

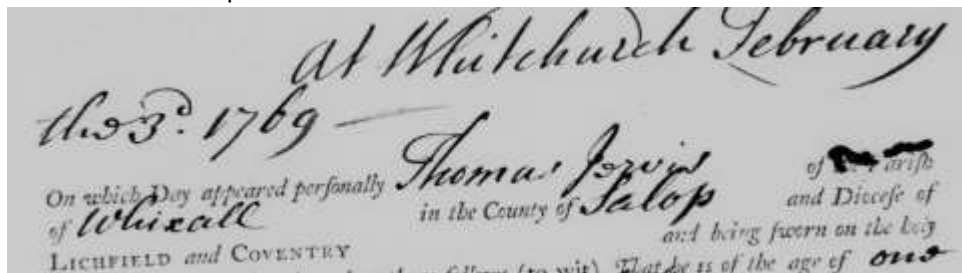
Further checks found a burial of Mary at Whixall a few weeks after her daughter Jane was baptised:



The marriage of Thomas Jarvis to Ann Collier 7 Feb 1769 was at Wem, around 3.5 miles south of Whixall. As there were no baptisms at Wem following the marriage this could be the couple who lived in Whixall:



Thomas was a yeoman of Prees, Salop according to the parish register entry, but the marriage bond and allegation record him as being a farmer of Whixall. The marriage bond notes Mary Collier was of Northwood in the parish of Wem.

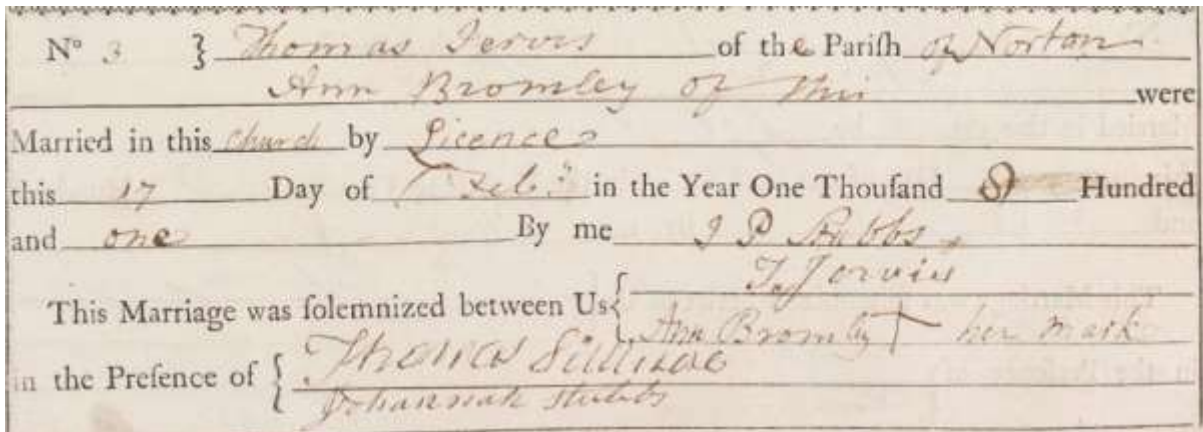


Both parties were single and age 21 upwards.

The 1/2" to a mile Bartholomew map shows Whixall, Prees to its east and Wem on the southern edge – all are within around 4 miles of each other.

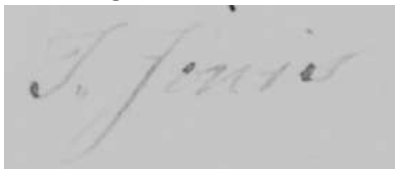


In 1801 Thomas Jarvis, widower and a butcher of Norton married Ann Bromley by licence at Drayton; the licence is date 16 Feb 1801.

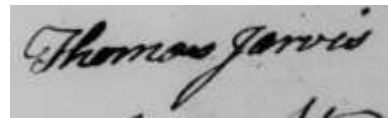


Note the second witness was Johannah Stubbs – a surname found in the family of John Jarvis who d. 1808 leaving a will – see below.

Thomas signed the bond and his bondsman was John Jones.



1801 marriage



1769 marriage bond

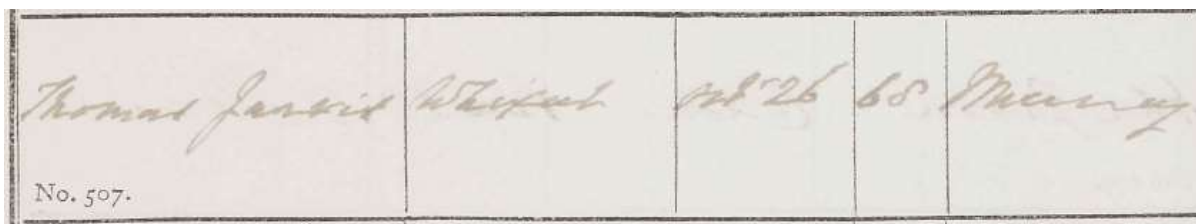
There are similarities between the signatures, allowing for the passage of 32 years.

Thomas's will mentions his wife Ann. A burial at Drayton in 1843 of Ann Jarvis, 96, is assumed to be her. Her age at death suggests a birth year around 1746/7, so she was a contemporary of Thomas (and no other burial of Ann at Drayton fits). She was living on Cheshire Street, Drayton in the 1841 census and was also recorded in the tithe record at this address (Drayton Tithe.docx has more detail).

In the 1831 poll Thomas Jarvis, farmer, was a freeholder of Whixall:

| FREEHOLDERS WHO VOTED, 1831.          |   | Sir | J. C. | W.   | J.   |
|---------------------------------------|---|-----|-------|------|------|
|                                       |   | R.  | P.    | L.   | M.   |
|                                       |   | H.  | Esq.  | Esq. | Esq. |
| James Thomas, Cheswall Grange, farmer | - | 1   |       |      |      |
| James Thomas, Bishop's Castle, farmer | - | 1   | 1     |      |      |
| James William, Malinslee, gentleman   | - | 1   | 1     |      |      |
| Jarvis James, Whitchurch, bricklayer  | - |     |       | 1    | 1    |
| Jarvis Thomas, Whixall, farmer        | - | 1   | 1     |      |      |
| James John, Stapleford, farmer        | - | 1   |       |      |      |

There is a burial of Thomas Jarvis at Whixall 26 Oct 1839 age 68:



This could be the elder son, whose baptism has not been found; the age at death suggests Thomas was born around 1770/71. Perhaps he took over the farm from his father.

## Notes

The baptisms at Whixall match the naming of children in the will of Thomas. The death of his first wife, Mary, at Whixall and the marriage at Wem in 1769 is of the same couple.

The marriage at Drayton in 1801 is consistent with Thomas's death here in 1806 and his occupation, butcher, is too. The death of his wife Ann has also been located, in Drayton.

There is firm evidence to link the 1801 marriage to the testator.

The marriage entry at Wem in 1769 is linked to the baptisms and burial of wife Mary at Whixall appears to be the same Thomas – there are similarities in the 1769 and 1801 signatures.

His change in occupation from farmer to butcher is possible; by the time he married in 1801 he was in his early 50s, and he died five years later. One of his elder sons, Thomas, may have taken over the Whixall farm.

One factor to consider is how Thomas of Whixall managed following the death of his wife Mary in 1779 leaving him with four young children. Surely he would have married sooner than 1801? Or perhaps he was helped by local relatives: there were other Jarvis in Whixall, some of whom remained until the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century.

It is not clear what prompted Thomas's move from Whixall to Norton (in Hales) prior to his marriage in 1801.

The failure to locate his baptism may be due to his being born elsewhere and moving to Whixall to work.

### 10. Jarvis, John Drayton in Hales 1804/1808 (D20)

The elder, yeoman.

To John Stubbs of Shropshire Street in Drayton whole estate upon trust to apply rents dividends to the use and benefit of Elizabeth Jarvis my wife



Property on Frog Lane otherwise Queens Street now in the holding of Richard Slaytor hairdresser or his undertenants commonly known by the name of the Bell publick house unto my son John Jervis his heirs and assigns ... John to pay unto my daughters

Ann wife of Thomas Meynell of Drayton, gardener

Margaret wife of Hezekiah Stubbs miller

Susannah Jervis

Fanny Jervis

Grandson William Mullineux under 21

Daughter Elizabeth wife of David Martin

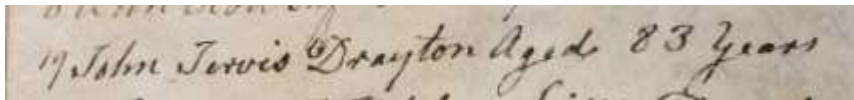
Dated 8 Apr 1804, John x Jervis

Witnesses: Hannah Taylor, Samuel Gibbs, Reads ...

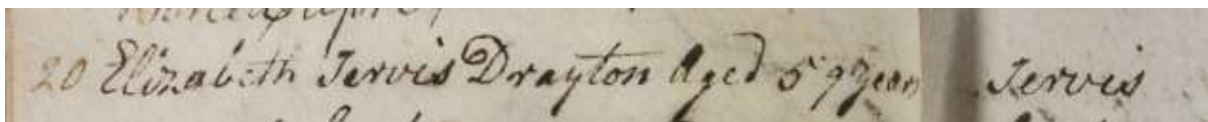
He died July 1807; probate granted to son and daughter John & Fanny Jervis 2 Feb 1808

### Other material

John was buried at Drayton on 19 Jul 1807:



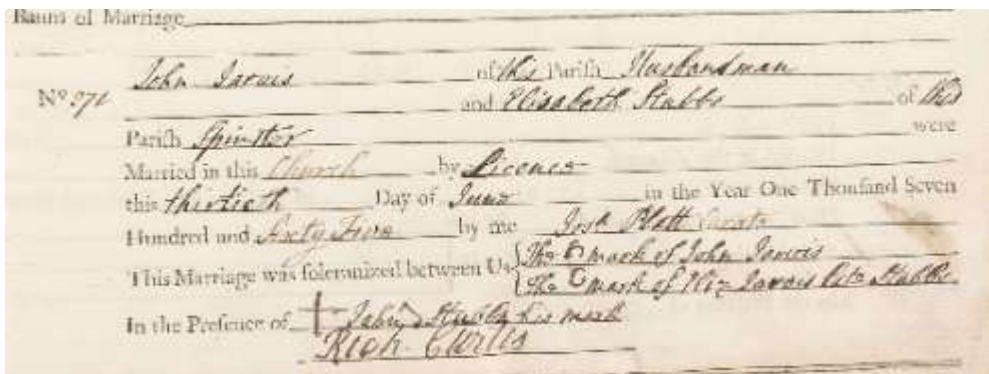
His wife predeceased him – burial at Drayton 20 Apr 1804, just 12 days after her husband wrote his will. Her age at death suggests a birth year of 1744/5 and this is about right for her age at marriage in 1765: 19.



The set of baptisms at Drayton is a good match to the children named in the will, Margaret, Susanna and Fanny being in the sequence named therein.

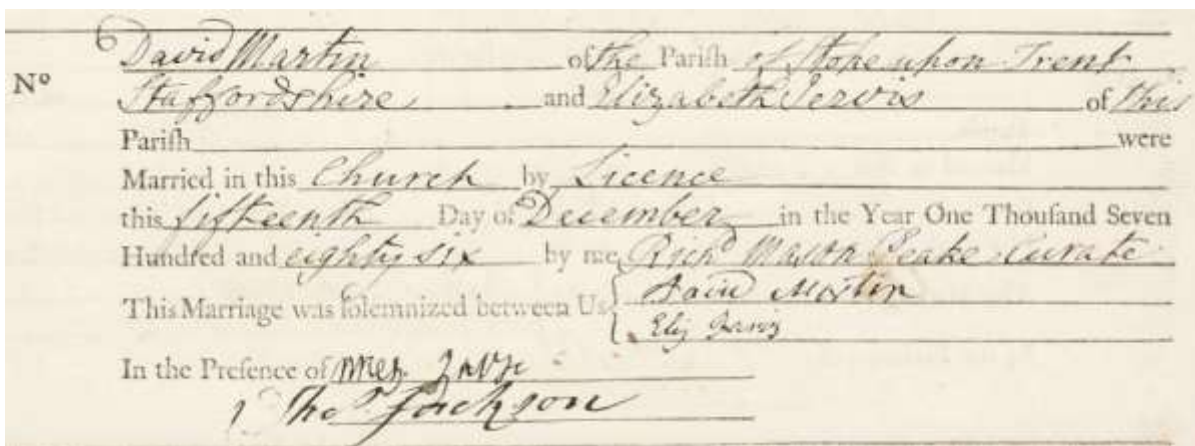
| Surname | Forename | Ye   | Mo  | Da | Eve | Father, husband<br>forename or<br>other M | Mother, wife<br>forename or<br>other F | Place (township) |
|---------|----------|------|-----|----|-----|---|--|------------------|
| Jervis  | Mary     | 1766 | May | 19 | Bap | John                                      |  | Drayton          |
| Jervis  | Margaret | 1771 | Aug | 19 | Bap | John                                      |  | Drayton          |
| Jervis  | Susanna  | 1774 | Jun | 24 | Bap | John                                      |  | Drayton          |
| Jervis  | Fanny    | 1777 | Jun | 4  | Bap | John                                      |  | Drayton          |
| Jervis  | John     | 1780 | May | 21 | Bap | John                                      |  | Drayton          |
| Jervis  | William  | 1792 | Mar | 4  | Bap | John                                      |  | Drayton          |
| Jervis  | Ann      | 1793 | Aug | 22 | Bur | John                                      |  | Drayton          |

The timing of a marriage of John Jarvis at Drayton - 30 Jun 1765 – fits and John's wife was a **Stubbs**, which explains the appointing of John Stubbs as trustee.



The will provides names of **married daughters** and marriage entries were sought.

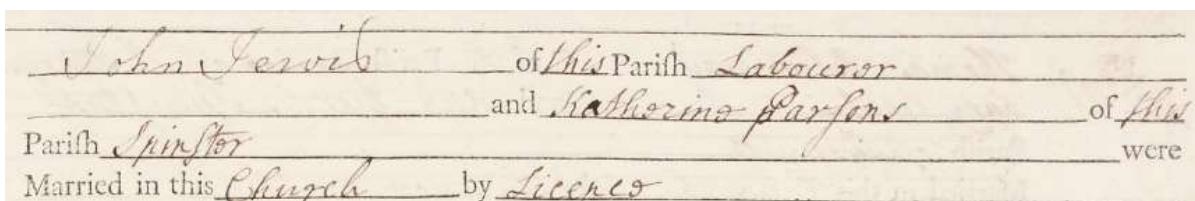
The marriage of the **daughter Elizabeth** took place at Drayton in 1786:



The marriage licence states both parties were age 21 and upwards, so Elizabeth was born in 1765 or earlier, and before Mary in 1766. She may have been from an earlier marriage of John. This could explain her being mentioned at the end of the will after his other children. Further searches found possible baptisms at Drayton and (perhaps less likely) Mucklestone:

| Surname | Forename  | Ye   | Mo  | Da | Eve | Father, husband forename or other M | Mother, wife forename or other F | Place (township) | Parish    |
|---------|-----------|------|-----|----|-----|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Jervis  | Elizabeth | 1758 | May | 23 | Bap | John                                |                                  | Little Drayton   | Drayton   |
| Jervis  | Elizabeth | 1764 | Jun | 10 | Bap | John                                |                                  | Ireland's Cross  | Muck'tone |

Also a marriage:



The licence describes John Jarvis as a husbandman (not labourer as above) of Drayton, aged 21 and upwards; his surety was John Creswel; John J did not sign the licence which was dated 2 April 1758.

**David Martin** may have moved to Newcastle under Lyne: a burial of a David Martin 3 Jan 1828 age 72 suggests a birth around 1755/6:

|         |              |           |           |                |
|---------|--------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| No. 86. | David Martin | Newcastle | 3 Jan. 72 | Rev. W. Wales. |
|---------|--------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|

He died intestate and his widow Elizabeth applied for administration; the paperwork describes David as a painter.

Elizabeth Martin was buried at Newcastle 2 Aug 1840; this puts her birth date at around 1757/8, a good match to the baptism at Little Drayton in 1758.

|        |                  |           |           |                          |
|--------|------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|
| No. 17 | Elizabeth Martin | Newcastle | 2 Aug. 82 | Rev. John Poston Curate. |
|--------|------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|

Returning to the children of John by his second wife Elizabeth Stubbs, **Mary** married Richard Slaytor 4 Oct 1790 at Drayton, John Stubbs a witness:

N<sup>o</sup> 12 } Richard Slaytor of this Parish & Mary Jervis  
of this parish } were  
Married in this church by Banns  
this fourth Day of October in the Year One Thousand seven Hundred  
and ninety By me R. M. Peake  
This Marriage was solemnized between Us { Richard Slaytor  
Mary Jervis Mark  
in the Presence of { John Stubbs  
John Groves

The 1798 Land Tax Redemption shows John Jervis was the owner of property in Queen Street, Drayton, occupied by himself, Richard Slaytor and Thomas Jervis:

| No. of Register. | Names of Proprietors. | Names of Occupiers. | Sums Assessed. |                                |    | Date of Contract.           |
|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|----|-----------------------------|
|                  |                       |                     | £.             | s.                             | d. |                             |
| 703/16           | John Jervis           | self                | 5              | 14                             |    | 17 <sup>th</sup> April 1798 |
|                  | 9 <sup>th</sup>       | Rich. Slaytor       | 1              | 11 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> |    |                             |
|                  | 9 <sup>th</sup>       | Thos. Jervis        | 2              | 11 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> |    |                             |
|                  | Carbot Carbot         | John Claybrook      | 1              |                                |    |                             |

A burial of Mary Slater at Drayton fits her baptism in 1766; Richard apparently pre-deceased her – burial at Drayton of Richard Slaytor 27 Jan 1812 age 42.



|             |         |               |          |      |
|-------------|---------|---------------|----------|------|
| Mary Slater | Drayton | March 28 1844 | 78 years | Free |
| No.         |         |               |          |      |

The will also names a **grandson** named **William Mullineux** aged under 21. This can be linked to daughter Ann: there is a baptism at Drayton 26 Jan 1794 of William s/o William Mulleneux and a timely marriage Christmas 1792:

N<sup>o</sup> 13 } William Mullineux of this Parish  
& Ann Jervis were

Married in this Church by Banns  
this twentieth Day of December in the Year One Thousand seven Hundred  
and ninety two By me R M Crake

This Marriage was solemnized between Us { Wm Mullineux  
Ann Jervis's Mark

in the Prefence of { John Gascoigne Thomas Wylkialy

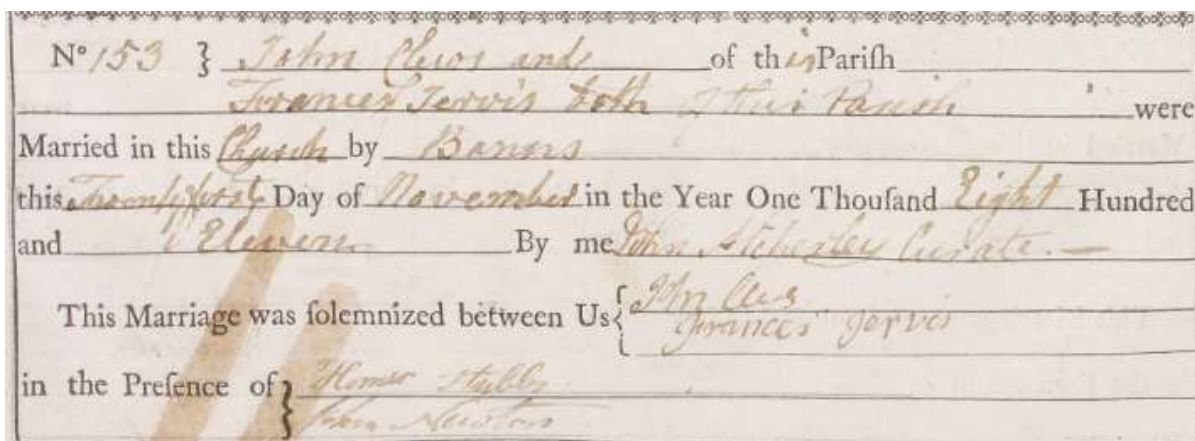
The **two daughters Susanna and Fanny** who were unmarried when John prepared his will are probably found in marriages in 1809 and 1811:

N<sup>o</sup> 120 } Thomas Plowman of the Parish of Newport  
& Susanna Jervis of this Parish were

Married in this Church by Licence  
this seventeenth Day of September in the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred  
and nine By me John Atchester Curate

This Marriage was solemnized between Us { Thomas + Plowmans Mark  
Susanna + Jervis's Mark

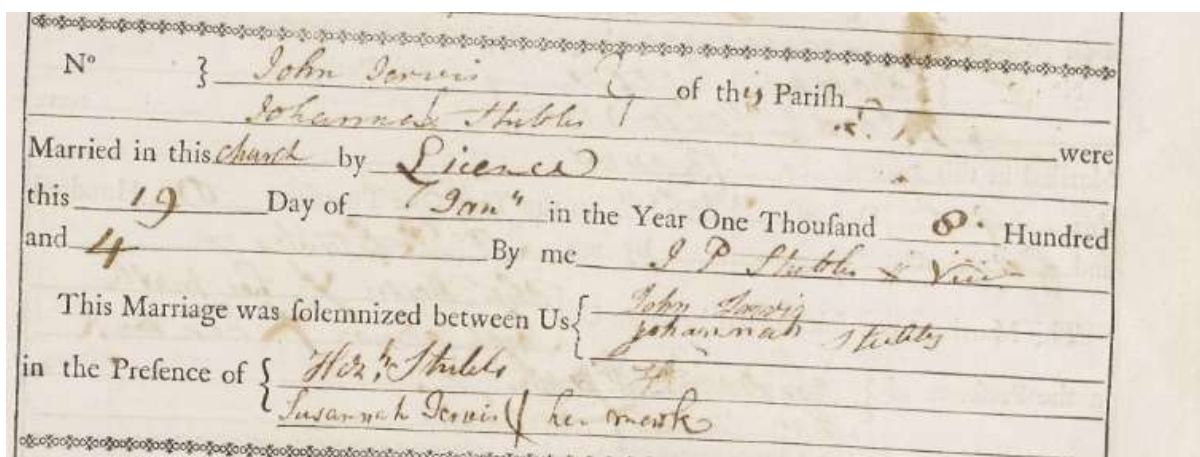
in the Prefence of { Janey Jervis  
John Gascoigne



The witness in the first of the two looks like Janey Jervis, but may be Faney, ie Fanny her sister: the signatures are similar. A Homer Stubbs was a witness to the second marriage.

### John, son baptised 1780

Married at Drayton by licence in 1804 to Johanna Stubbs (both parties age 21+ and of Drayton); Hezekiah Stubbs & Susannah x Jervis (elder sister of John?) were witnesses (D88): Jarvis and Jervis of Drayton.docx has more details of this family.



### Origins of John

John's birth year is around 1723/4 if his age at death is correct. There are five baptisms locally at around this time. The two at Drayton are possibles, the 1723 one is thought to be (DJ).

| Sou | Surna  | Forenar | Year | Mo  | Da | Event | Father or other f | Mother or other | Place (township) | Parish        |
|-----|--------|---------|------|-----|----|-------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|
| OPR | Jervis | John    | 1722 | Aug | 10 | Bap   | Robert            | Mary            | Ollerton         | Stoke on Tern |
| OPR | Jervis | John    | 1723 | Oct | 8  | Bap   | Henry             | Sarah           | Eaton            | Stoke on Tern |
| OPR | Jarvis | John    | 1723 | Oct | 27 | Bap   | William           |                 | Dray(ton)        | Drayton       |
| OPR | Jarvis | John    | 1725 | Feb | 7  | Bap   | Richard           |                 | Wicky tree       | Drayton       |
| OPR | Jervis | John    | 1727 | Feb |    | Bap   | William           | Mary            | Eaton            | Stoke on Tern |

The working assumption is that John is the son of Richard Jarvis baptised in 1725.

## Citations

| Sou | Surna  | Forenar   | Year | Mo  | Da | Event | Father or other f | Mother or other | Spouse or app/master | Spouse or app/maste | Place (township) | Parish  | Status / occu         | Birth Year | Notes 2  |
|-----|--------|-----------|------|-----|----|-------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------|-----------------------|------------|--|
| OPR | Jarvis | John      | 1758 | Apr | 2  | Mar   |                   |                 | Catherine            | Parsons             | Drayton          | Drayton | labourer / husbandman |            | she a spinster 28; Lic                             |
| OPR | Jervis | Elizabeth | 1758 | May | 23 | Bap   | John              |                 |                      |                     | Little Drayton   | Drayton |                       |            |  |
| OPR | Jarvis | Catharine | 1763 | Oct | 12 | Bur   | John              |                 |                      |                     | Drayton          | Drayton | wife                  |            | wife of John                                       |
| OPR | Jarvis | John      | 1765 | Jun | 30 | Mar   |                   |                 | Elizabeth            | Stubbs              | Drayton          | Drayton | husbandman            |            | JxJ; spinster age 19 d/o John Stubbs, miller; Lic  |
| OPR | Jervis | Mary      | 1766 | May | 19 | Bap   | John              |                 |                      |                     | Drayton          | Drayton |                       |            |  |
| OPR | Jervis | Margaret  | 1771 | Aug | 19 | Bap   | John              |                 |                      |                     | Drayton          | Drayton |                       |            |  |
| OPR | Jervis | Susanna   | 1774 | Jun | 24 | Bap   | John              |                 |                      |                     | Drayton          | Drayton |                       |            |  |
| OPR | Jervis | Fanny     | 1777 | Jun | 4  | Bap   | John              |                 |                      |                     | Drayton          | Drayton |                       |            |  |
| OPR | Jervis | John      | 1780 | May | 21 | Bap   | John              |                 |                      |                     | Drayton          | Drayton |                       |            |  |
| OPR | Jervis | Elizabeth | 1786 | Dec | 15 | Mar   |                   |                 | David                | Martin              | Drayton          | Drayton |                       |            | Lic; signed ExJ                                    |
| OPR | Jervis | Mary      | 1790 | Oct | 4  | Mar   |                   |                 | Richard              | Slaytor             | Drayton          | Drayton |                       |            | Banns; MxJ; wit John Stubbs                        |
| OPR | Jervis | Ann       | 1792 | Dec | 25 | Mar   |                   |                 | William              | Mullinex            | Drayton          | Drayton |                       |            | Banns; AxJ   |
| WLi | Jervis | John      | 1804 | Apr | 8  | prob  |                   |                 |                      |                     |                  | Drayton | the elder, yeoman     |            | Probate granted 2 Feb 1808                         |
| OPR | Jervis | Elizabeth | 1804 | Apr | 20 | Bur   |                   |                 |                      |                     | Drayton          | Drayton |                       | 1744/5     | age 59   |
| OPR | Jervis | John      | 1807 | Jul | 19 | Bur   |                   |                 |                      |                     | Drayton          | Drayton |                       | 1723/4     | age 83   |
| OPR | Jervis | Susannah  | 1809 | Sep | 17 | Mar   |                   |                 | Thomas               | Plowman             | Drayton          | Drayton |                       |            | Lic; he of Norton; SxJ; wit: Janey (Faney?) Jervis |
| OPR | Jervis | Frances   | 1811 | Nov | 21 | Mar   |                   |                 | John                 | Clews               | Drayton          | Drayton |                       |            | Banns; sgn FJ; wit inc Stubbs                      |

## Notes and Sketch tree:

It has been possible to amass much information about John Jervis and his descendants from his will and other sources.

John Jervis (born ca 1723/4); labourer (PR) or husbandman (Licence) in 1758, husbandman 1765 and yeoman 1807; lived in Drayton area from 1758 until his death in 1808; married twice:

1. **Catherine Parsons** 2 Apr 1758 at Drayton; the marriage was by licence (indexed incorrectly as 'Mary Catherine') and she may have been 28 (image is blurred); they may have married in haste as their child was due:

Elizabeth d/o John of Little Drayton baptised at Drayton 23 May 1758; m. David Martin at Drayton 1786; he d. 1828 at Newcastle-u-Lyme; she d. 1840, Newcastle

Ann, baptism not found, m. William Mullineux at Drayton in 1792 (so Ann was born around 1760-1763 assuming she was also from the first marriage); there is a burial of William

Mollineux 17 March 1798 at Sutton Maddock around 18 miles south of Drayton; the 1804 will describes her as the wife of Thomas Meynell so she should have remarried TM at some point between 1794 and 1804 but the marriage has not been found; there is a burial of Ann MURRALL at Drayton 29 May 1820, age 61<sup>16</sup>

William Mullineux baptised at Drayton 1794; mentioned in will

Catherine wife of John Jervis was buried at Drayton 12 Oct 1763

2. **Elizabeth Stubbs** at Drayton 1765; he was a husbandman and widower at marriage; his wife Elizabeth Stubbs was 19 and her father, John Stubbs, a miller of Drayton, consented; John died in 1807 at the age of 83; he was buried at Drayton; five children:

Mary baptised 1766 Drayton; Mary Jervis married Richard Slaytor at Drayton in 1790 (witness John Stubbs); RS mentioned in will;

Margaret baptised 1771 Drayton; m. Hezekiah Stubbs by licence at Drayton in 1802; Richard Slaytor (he signed Slater) was named on the licence and is mentioned in the will

Mary Jervis d/o Margaret bap. Drayton 1798 (mentioned in the will of her father Hezekiah Stubbs, 1816 – see Stubbs.docx for details)

Maria Stubbs d/o Hezekiah & Margaret bap. Drayton 1802

Elizabeth Stubbs, as above, 1807

Susanna baptised 1774 Drayton; married Thomas Plowman at Drayton in 1809

Fanny baptised 1777 Drayton; married John Clews at Drayton in 1811

John baptised 1780 Drayton; Johannah Stubbs at Drayton by licence in 1804, both parties age 21+ and of Drayton.

## **11. Jervis, Henry of Drayton in Hales 1838 (PCC Will) (DH)**

Builder, written 13 Dec 1838.

Bequests to John Williams of Weston under Redcastle, Salop, shoemaker and John Sayers Key of Drayton in Hales innkeeper

Shares in a bank.

Nephew Thomas Jervis, age under 21, son of late brother Thomas Jervis inherits and after his death his children do – but if he has none then estate goes to testator's cousins:

Elizabeth wife of John Williams

Jane the widow of the late William Dod of Marchamley farmer

Mary the wife of (blank) Davies of the Brand labourer

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<sup>16</sup> The name Meynell is not common in Shropshire: just five burial entries on FamilySearch and all mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, only one with the spelling Meynell, others Monale, Mineall, Menhall

Mary the wife of Richard Beech of Hemp Mill Brook, tailor

Elizabeth the wife of (blank) Hudson late of Woodcote

and the children of Sarah Dooley late of Marchamley deceased

£500 to John Williams and John Sayers Key to pay dividends to my sister Elizabeth Hall of Sandy Lane, widow and after her decease to her children

£350 – trustees to pay dividends to ‘Ann Anderson who is now living with me’ with proviso that she remain unmarried

**Codicil** dated 18 Jan 1839, to the effect that where the will refers to ‘John Williams’ it should be ‘Edward Williams’

Reference to nephew Thomas Jervis at age of 30 and whether he will be under the control of the Trustees or his mother

Nephew James Hall son of my sister Elizabeth Hall my canal boat, chest of tools etc

Probate granted 6 Aug 1839

### Other material

There is a death registration that fits:

**JERVIS, HENRY**

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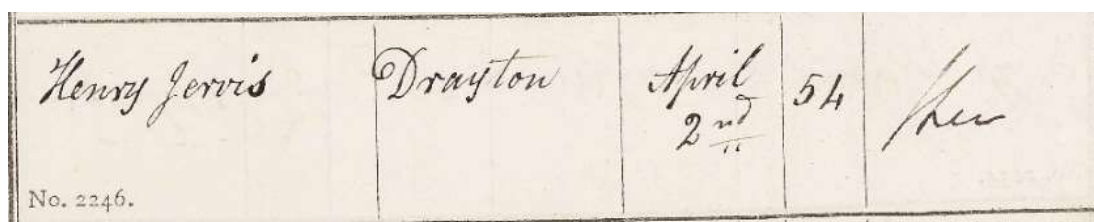
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And a burial at Drayton:



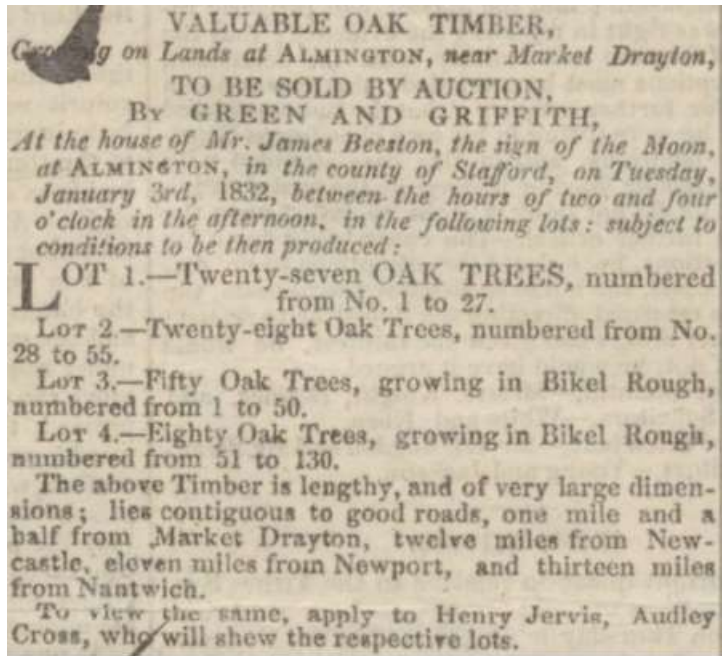
The age at death suggests Henry was born ca 1784/5 and there is a baptism at Drayton which is a good match (he would have been 53 at death: in his 54<sup>th</sup> year). Henry was the seventh child of William Jervis and had elder siblings named Thomas and Elizabeth, both mentioned in the will; in each baptism the parent location was recorded as Tyrley. This is family group (D16), more details in William&Mary.docx. His father William had been a joiner/builder:

| Surname | Forename  | Ye   | Mo  | Da | Eve | Father, husband<br>forename or<br>other M | Mother, wife<br>forename or<br>other F | Place (township) | Parish  |
|---------|-----------|------|-----|----|-----|---|--|------------------|---------|
| Jervis  | Anne      | 1773 | Sep | 5  | Bap | William                                   |  | Tyrly            | Drayton |
| Jervis  | Elizabeth | 1777 | Jan | 5  | Bap | William                                   |  | Tyrly            | Drayton |
| Jervis  | George    | 1779 | Jan | 10 | Bap | William                                   |  | Tirly            | Drayton |
| Jervis  | Mary      | 1780 | Jul | 5  | Bap | William                                   |  | Tyrly            | Drayton |
| Jervis  | William   | 1780 | Dec | 17 | Bap | William                                   |  | Tyrly            | Drayton |
| Jervis  | Thomas    | 1782 | Mar | 27 | Bap | William                                   |  | Tyrley           | Drayton |
| Jervis  | Henry     | 1785 | Sep | 28 | Bap | William                                   |  | Tyrly            | Drayton |



There is no indication that Henry was married or had any children – in fact the bequests suggest he had no close relative apart from his nephew. The cousins are named and may be useful in confirming details of the tree structure.

Henry lived at Audley Cross, his parents' home, in 1831:



He is probably the Henry Jervis recorded in William White's trade directory of 1834, a joiner and cabinet maker of Bloor Heath.

The will was written the year after the tithe records were prepared and the tithe shows Henry at Stafford Street, Market Drayton, 12 Oct 1837. It is presumed this is the same individual and that he moved into Drayton between 1834 and 1837. The tithe records show he also occupied some land – see Drayton Tithe.docx for details.

His near neighbour was John Sayers Key. A family tree submitted to *Ancestry* by perrydmarksjr includes JSK: according to this he was from Sussex and married Maria Benbow of Newport Salop in 1833; Maria was baptised in 1803, daughter of Thomas Benbow and Maria nee Arkinstall; her parents married at Cheswardine in 1796.





**Brother Thomas Jervis deceased & his son Thomas (D36)**

The 1841 census of Staffordshire Street, Market Drayton shows Henry's nephew Thomas age 14 living with John Key – he was born outside Shropshire around 1826/7.

|               |    |          |    |
|---------------|----|----------|----|
| John Key      | 49 | Publican | 22 |
| Maria Do      | 35 |          | 24 |
| John Do       | 6  |          | 14 |
| Maria Do      | 3  |          | 4  |
| Wm Do         | 1  |          | 4  |
| Thos. Jervis  | 14 |          | 22 |
| Jane Preston  | 30 | F. S.    | 24 |
| Elinor Davies | 20 | F. S.    | 24 |
| Thos. Joseph  | 68 | Lay M.   | 22 |
| Sarah Brough  | 53 | F. S.    | 24 |

The following baptism on 8 Apr 1827 took place at Wolstanton Staffs on the northern outskirts of Newcastle:

|          |        |        |        |           |            |            |
|----------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|------------|------------|
| April    | Thomas | Thomas | Jervis | Newcastle | Wolstanton | Wolstanton |
| 8        | Son of | Ann    |        |           |            | Vicar      |
| No. 214. |        |        |        |           |            |            |

This is the same church as where Henry Jarvis and Ann (nee Millington) baptised their daughter Ann in 1846.



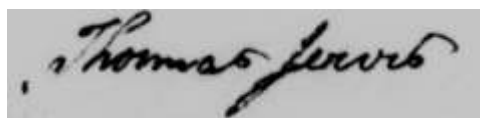
It was preceded by the following advertisement: *Staffordshire Advertiser 13 August 1825*

**THOMAS JERVIS,**  
*(Butler to the late Sir J. Heathcote)*  
**R**ESPECTFULLY informs his friends and the public in general, that he has entered upon that old-established Market-House, called the **RED LION INN, NEWCASTLE**, which has undergone considerable alteration and repairs to insure comfortable accommodation. T. J. has laid in a stock of Wines, Spirits, home-brewed Ale, Porter, &c. fitted up good beds, and extensive and excellent Stables, and will use every exertion to merit patronage and support.  
 Aug. 1825.

The following burial at Drayton is likely to be him:

| Surname | Forename | Year | Mo  | Da | Eve | Place (township)     | Parish  | Status / Occupation | Birth Year | Notes 2 |
|---------|----------|------|-----|----|-----|----------------------|---------|---------------------|------------|---------|
| Jervis  | Thomas   | 1827 | Sep | 27 | Bur | Newcastle under Lyme | Drayton |                     | 1782/3     | Age 44  |

The marriage of Thomas Jervis of Newcastle to Anne Dodd by licence took place at Newcastle under Lyme in 1825; she was of St Chad's Shrewsbury; he was a bachelor – no occupation noted. He signed the licence:



The name of his wife Anne – **Dodd** – is also that of Henry's cousin Jane although research into the cousins (below) does not establish a link between Anne Dodd and the Dodd family of Marchamley/Hodnet.

Wording in the will suggests Anne Jervis (nee Dodd) was alive in 1839 and that Henry wished his nephew to be under the 'care control and management of my said trustees'. The outcomes for Anne have not been established.

#### **Sister Elizabeth Hall of Sandy Lane, widow and her son James.**

Elizabeth Jervis was baptised at Drayton 5 Jan 1777.

The marriage of James Hall to Elizabeth Jervis 8 March 1809 fits. Her husband was a servant and his bondsman was John Grosvenor, a carpenter: the latter pops up frequently as a marriage witness, but whether he was a parish official or a relative is not known.

**Know all MEN** by these Presents that We *James Hall*  
of the Parish of *Drayton in Shropshire* the County of  
*Shropshire*, Servant and *John Grosvenor* of  
the Parish of *Drayton aforesaid*, Carpenter

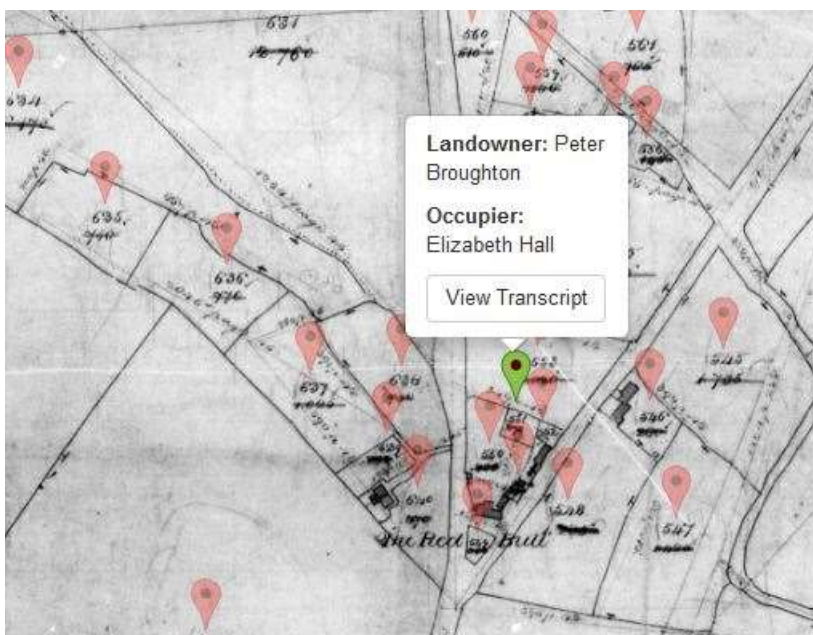
N<sup>o</sup> 106 } James Hall of this Parish  
Elizabeth Jarvis both \_\_\_\_\_ were  
 Married in this Church by Licence  
 this Eighth Day of March in the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred  
 and Nine. By me, John Sturges Curate  
James Hall  
 This Marriage was solemnized between Us, E. Jarvis  
 in the Presence of { Thomas Jebbitt  
Esther Hammond

Elizabeth was of Little Drayton when she was buried at Drayton on 10 May 1847 age 71. Her husband was of Sandy Lane when he was buried 29 Sep 1834 also at Drayton; perhaps she moved to one of her children's homes in Little Drayton in later life.

The tithe records show an Elizabeth Hall living near the Red Bull 23 Jun 1838

|                |      |                 |        |    |
|----------------|------|-----------------|--------|----|
| Hall Elizabeth | 551  | Garden          | Garden | 11 |
|                | 551a | Mews and Garden | do     | 11 |
|                |      |                 |        | 11 |

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*I spent my childhood at Sandy Lane, Red Bull, a couple of country miles from Market Drayton, Shropshire, with schooling at Hales a mile and a half away.<sup>18</sup>*

The note above refers to Red Bull, shown on the tithe map above and confirms Elizabeth was at the Sandy Lane address in 1838. This is near to Almington, home of Jervis families.

In 1841 an Elizabeth Hall, widow (crossed out) at Mucklestone Wood, township of Mucklestone is a good fit to what is known of Henry's sister although this is not where she was living at the time of the tithe three years previously. Assuming this is the correct family, her son James, nephew of Henry, was a joiner and had inherited his chest of tools:

|                |    |        |    |
|----------------|----|--------|----|
| Elizabeth Hall | 60 | —      | 9  |
| James Do       | 20 | Joiner | 24 |
| Joseph Do      | 7  |        | 24 |

#### Ann Anderson who is now living with me

|                 |               |    |        |    |
|-----------------|---------------|----|--------|----|
| Cheshire Street | Ann Anderson  | 45 | Y. S.  | 24 |
| Do              | Thos. Preston | 60 | Walter | 24 |

The 1841 census shows one Ann Anderson in Drayton; she is at a Cheshire Street address, the female servant of Josh Bettely 55 bricklayer.

#### Cousins

The will refers to several 'cousins': these may be first cousins, sharing the same grandparents as the testator, and in theory could confirm the lineage back two generations. It can be tricky establishing the relationship to the testator.

<sup>17</sup> 1" to mile OS map, National Library of Scotland; revised 1898.

<sup>18</sup> <https://www.bbc.co.uk/history/ww2peopleswar/stories/52/a5231152.shtml>

Henry was the son of William Jervis and Mary Bailey so two of his grandparents' surnames are known, **Jervis** and **Bailey**. Any daughters would take on a different name at marriage, and the next generation – the cousins referred to in the will - are all females and as most are married or widowed will have a different surname to their birth name.

The list includes two Elizabeths and two Marys suggesting at least two family lines.

A few forays highlight the challenge:

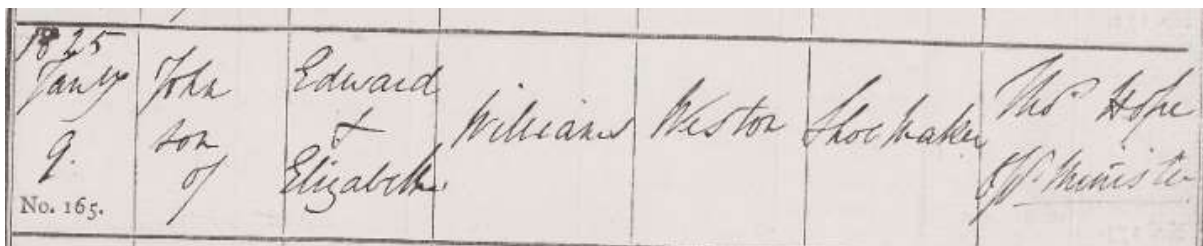
**Cousin Elizabeth, wife of John or Edward Williams of Weston under Redcastle, shoemaker.**

In the 1841 census, under three years after the wills was written, John & Elizabeth Williams were recorded in Marchamley, Drayton Union, he 55 an ag lab, she 40; also Elizabeth age 7.

In 1851 the same couple, he a road labourer 64 born Prees, she 52, were in Marchamley; Elizabeth's birthplace was recorded as Weston which is a good match to the residence noted in the will.

Marchamley is a township of Hodnet, Weston under Redcastle a chapelry of Hodnet, so it would be expected that Elizabeth was baptised and may have married in Hodnet.

Searches of the 1861 census provided more information: the couple were alive (74, 62) and living with them was a son, John Williams age 39, born Hodnet – he was a cordwainer and his wife Martha a boot binder, born in Cheshire. The best match for the baptism of John in the Shropshire Baptisms dataset, *Findmypast*, was at the chapelry of Weston under Redcastle in early 1825:



Here the date is rather later than expected and the father has used his forename Edward, but the occupation is shoemaker, as expected: it seems likely this is the couple referred to in 1838.

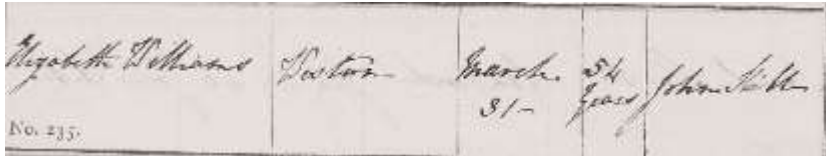
Searches for other baptisms to Edward and Elizabeth found seven at Weston under Redcastle:

|           |          |   |      |          |        |                        |
|-----------|----------|---|------|----------|--------|------------------------|
| Anne      | Williams | — | 1812 | Anglican | Edward | Weston under Redcastle |
| Elizabeth | Williams | — | 1814 | Anglican | Edward | Weston under Redcastle |
| Mary      | Williams | — | 1816 | Anglican | Edward | Weston under Redcastle |
| Martha    | Williams | — | 1819 | Anglican | Edward | Weston under Redcastle |
| Richard   | Williams | — | 1822 | Anglican | Edward | Weston under Redcastle |
| John      | Williams | — | 1825 | Anglican | Edward | Weston under Redcastle |
| Robert    | Williams | — | 1828 | Anglican | Edward | Weston under Redcastle |



The baptisms span 16 years, 1812-1828 and the only infant burial was that of the last child Robert, aged 4 months, 8 Jan 1829. As the Elizabeth Williams found in the census was born around 1798/9 (age 52 in 1851, 40 in 1841) she was too young to be a mother in 1812, but there are no substantial gaps in the baptisms suggesting a death of Elizabeth and remarriage of Edward.

A search of burials found that of an Elizabeth Williams 31 March 1841 age 54 at the same church, a couple of months before the 1841 census. This Elizabeth could bear children 1812-1828.



In this case, Elizabeth recorded in 1841 could be a second wife or sister of Edward/John. She was in place only months after the burial of Elizabeth Williams#1, mother to the seven children.

Assuming the burial in 1841 is that Edward's first wife, then we know Henry's cousin was born around 1786/7. As the first baptism at Weston was in 1812 on Dec 21 a marriage in the period 1809 to 1812 seems likely.

This is a convincing entry:

1810 Apr 23 – Elizabeth Dodd to Edward Williams at Hodnet (England Marriages 1538-1973)

Apr. 23. John Hill & Sarah Ashley, by sp: lic. Wit: Margaret Hill, James Massey.

Apr. 23. Edward Williams & Elizabeth Dodd. Wit: Jane Dodd, Richard Williams. <sup>19</sup>

A check for any family trees that include this Elizabeth found one compiled by [rhianjordan1989](#), with a baptism of Elizabeth on 29 Jul 1786 at Hodnet, daughter of John Dodd and **Mary (nee Jervis)**. It includes a baptism for John Dodd at Hodnet on 15 Sep 1754.

John Dodd married Mary Jervis by licence on 24 Dec 1775 at Hodnet. The licence dated 23 Dec 1775 states she was a spinster age 21 and upwards, of Hodnet parish and John Dodd a husbandman of Marchamley, parish of Hodnet.

The marriage gives a strong clue as to the link between Henry Jervis and Elizabeth Williams: he was the son of William Jervis, she the daughter of Mary (nee) Jervis. If William and Mary Jervis were siblings then Henry and Elizabeth were first cousins.

First the baptisms at Hodnet to John and Mary Dod(d) are considered to establish more about this family. There were baptisms at Hodnet between 1777 and 1790, in each case the parents were of Marchamley: Sarah 1777, John 1779; Mary in 1782; Elizabeth 1786; Jane 1790 (the name of a witness to the Williams/Dodd marriage in 1810); and (possibly) John at Moreton Say in 1792.

The ½ inch map shows Hodnet with Marchamley to the northwest and Weston (the 'under Redcastle' was not recorded on the map) to the west.

<sup>19</sup> <http://www.melocki.org.uk/salop/Hodnet.html>



**Cousin: Jane, widow of William Dod of Marchamley**

In Henry's will he described Jane Dod as his cousin and it is assumed she was a blood relative.

A marriage between William Dod and Jane Dod took place at Hodnet on 26 Oct 1823.

This could be the Jane Dod, daughter of John Dod and Mary (nee Jervis) baptised at Hodnet in 1790 as 'Dad':

**Jan. 24. Jane, d. of John & Mary Dad, Marchamley.**

This does make Jane rather old at marriage: 33. The marriage was followed by two baptisms at Hodnet: Elizabeth in 1824 and John in 1831; when John was born Jane would have been 41, which is feasible, and also explains why the couple had no children after John.

There is an earlier series of baptisms to William and Jane Dodd at Bolas Magna, 1809-1823 (Richard, Mary, Elizabeth, William, Ann, Thomas, Jane and Ruth) preceded by a marriage by banns at Kynnersley; William was of Edgmond and Jane of Kynnersley; John Dodd and Mary Dodd were witnesses, all signed with a 'x'.



Edgmond, Kynnersley and Bolas Magna or Great Bolas are all in Shropshire and within a few miles of each other. They are to the south of Hodnet.

The 10" to mile population map of 1944 shows Market Drayton, Hodnet to its SW, Great Bolas and Edgmond further south, both west of Newport.

It is possible this is the same William, but no evidence has been found of the burial of Jane, which should have been in the narrow window of 1823 and 1824; nor has the family been found in 1841: by this date the youngest daughter, Ruth, was already in service.

As to Jane's husband William (who might just be the cousin): there were two baptisms at Hodnet of William Dodd in 1786, one to Sarah Dodd, the other to Thomas and Sarah Dodd: either could be Jane's husband.

Censuses were searched to find out more about Jane Dodd, the aim being to confirm the 1790 baptism is (most likely) her.

In 1841, Marchamley, Jane Dodd was in a household headed by Mary Dodd – potentially her mother, originally Mary Jervis.

|                     |    |        |   |
|---------------------|----|--------|---|
| Mary Dodd           | 90 | Farmer | 3 |
| Jane D <sup>o</sup> | 50 |        | 2 |
| Ann D <sup>o</sup>  | 22 |        | 2 |
| John D <sup>o</sup> | 9  |        | 2 |

John, 9, matches the son of Jane baptised in 1830. Ann age 22 was a daughter of Jane born before her marriage: the 1851 census (next page) shows Ann age 30, at home with her mother.

Mary Dodd was a farmer in 1841 and was also recorded in the title of 8 Jun 1840 as tenant of 8 acres of land at Marchamley held by Sir Rowland Hill, Baronet. Thomas Dod was also a tenant of a house and garden – just under ½ acre:

|            |     |                  |        |   |    |
|------------|-----|------------------|--------|---|----|
| Thomas Dod | 109 | Garden           | Arable | 1 | 3  |
|            | 139 | House and Garden |        |   | 27 |
|            |     |                  |        | 1 | 30 |
| Mary Dod   | 143 | The piece        | Arable | 2 | 15 |
|            | 144 | do               | Arable | 3 | 4  |
|            | 145 | Papers street    | Meadow | 5 | 20 |
|            | 181 | Croft            | Grass  | 1 | 38 |
|            | 182 | House & Garden   |        | 1 | 18 |
|            |     |                  |        | 8 | 15 |

In the 1841 census, Thomas Dodd, age 50, ag lab was at Marchamley with his family. Family trees on Ancestry show Thomas as a sibling of William Dodd, husband of Jane; Thomas and William were children of Thomas Dod and Sarah Fleet, baptised at Hodnet in 1788 and 1786.

Returning to the Jervis aspect, Mary Dod (nee Jervis) died in 1844, age 100:

**DOD, MARY** 100  
 GRO Reference: 1844 D Quarter in MARKET DRAYTON UNION Volume 18 Page 97

This is a bit of a jump in age from 90 in 1841. Dates suggest she was born around 1743/4 (from age at death) or 1746-1751 (age in 1841); the later works better: her last child was baptised in 1790.

Her daughter Jane Dod remained in Marchamley, working as a shopkeeper; the 1851 entry confirms she was a widow and gives her birthplace as Hodnet:

|             |          |    |    |    |               |  |  |
|-------------|----------|----|----|----|---------------|--|--|
| Elizabeth   |          |    |    |    |               |  |  |
| John Dodd   | Serv     | 9  | 19 |    | Ag Lab        |  |  |
| Martha Dodd | Serv     | 11 |    | 17 | House servant |  |  |
| Jane Dodd   | Head     | 41 |    | 60 | Shopkeeper    |  |  |
| Ann         | Daughter | 9  |    | 30 |               |  |  |
|             |          |    |    |    | Ag Lab        |  |  |

Note that John Dodd age 19 (who is a good match to John Dod, age 9 in 1841) was working as an ag lab at a farm recorded before Jane's in the census. The farm was run by the Graham family, parents born outside Shropshire.

In 1861 Jane Dodd was in Marchamley village, birthplace Hodnet, age a match to the 1790 baptism:

|           |      |    |  |    |                |  |  |
|-----------|------|----|--|----|----------------|--|--|
| John Dodd | Serv | 13 |  |    |                |  |  |
| Jane Dodd | Head | 41 |  | 71 | Shop Keeper    |  |  |
| John Dodd | Serv | 10 |  | 40 |                |  |  |
| John Dodd | Serv | 30 |  |    | House Labourer |  |  |

John Dodd son of Jane and Ann, her illegitimate daughter, were living with her in 1861.

Martha Dod, who was a servant in 1851 census at the same farm as where John worked, was baptised at Hodnet, 31 Aug 1834, to Jane Dod (no father named); presumably Jane's husband William died around 1833 (unfortunately Hodnet burials from 1813-1837 are not online). This is confirmed in an *Ancestry* tree named *adamlong* submitted by *pmvdodd* which has a burial date for William Dodd:

**1832** • **Burial**

48 6 Apr 1832 • Hodnet, Market Drayton, Shropshire

1 Source

Returning to his widow Jane: in 1871 she was living at Marchamley Cottage with another daughter, Edith. There is a baptism of Edith, daughter of Jane Dod, 27 Jul 1818 at Hodnet: another daughter born before Jane married. Where was Edith in previous censuses? A few searches failed to locate her.

|            |          |               |               |           |              |
|------------|----------|---------------|---------------|-----------|--------------|
| Jane Dodd  | Head     | <del>41</del> | <del>71</del> | Proven    | Salop Hodnet |
| Edith Dodd | Daughter | <del>11</del> | <del>51</del> | Shewmaker | Salop Hodnet |

The death of Jane Dodd was registered in 1876; there is no evidence of a will:

Name: Jane Dodd

District: Market Drayton... County: Shropshire... Year: 1876... Quarter: 4... Year of Birth: 1790... Age: 86... Volume: 6a... Page: 0519...

### Conclusions

The first two cousins mentioned by Henry in his will were Elizabeth Williams and Jane Dodd. Census, parish register and location evidence point to them being sisters, daughters of John Dodd and Mary nee Jervis, baptised in 1786 and 1790 at Hodnet.

Their mother Mary Dodd nee Jervis died in 1844 and from her age at census and age at death she was most likely born between 1743 and 1751.



It has already been concluded that Henry is a son of William Jervis and Mary Bailey, born 1785 (D16). William Jervis was 79 at burial in April 1829, pointing to birth around 1749/50.

(J1) family group includes baptisms of Mary in 1749 and William in 1749 that are a good match:

| Surname | Forename | Year | Month | Day | Event | Father or other M | Mother or other F | Spouse or app/master | Spouse or app/master | Place (township) | Parish  | Status / occupation |
|---------|----------|------|-------|-----|-------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------|---------|---------------------|
| Jervis  | Richard  | 1744 | Dec   | 6   | Mar   |                   |                   | Mary                 | Cartwright           | Drayton          |         | joiner              |
| Jarvis  | Mary     | 1747 | Apr   | 10  | Bap   | Richard           |                   |                      |                      | Tyrlly           | Drayton |                     |
| Jervis  | William  | 1749 | Jun   | 19  | Bap   | Richard           | Mary              |                      |                      |                  | Hodnet  |                     |

**The cousins Elizabeth Williams and Jane Dodd were sisters; they were first cousins to Henry.**

**Cousin: Mary** the wife of (blank) Davies of the Brand labourer: a marriage of Mary Dod to William Davies at Westbury, Salop, in 1817 is outside the Hodnet area and has not been followed up.

**Cousin: Mary the wife of Richard Beech of Hemp Mill Brook, tailor**

The Market Drayton tithe records include Richard Beech who occupied a house and garden but held no land:

|               |      |                  |        |   |    |
|---------------|------|------------------|--------|---|----|
| Richard Beech | 1134 | House and Garden |        |   | 15 |
| James Beake   | 1141 | House and Garden |        |   | 39 |
|               | 1140 | House Hays       | Meadow | 3 | 30 |
|               | 1136 | House Croft      | Meadow | 3 | 3  |
|               | 1142 | House Hays       | Meadow | 1 | 3  |
|               |      |                  |        | 2 | 33 |

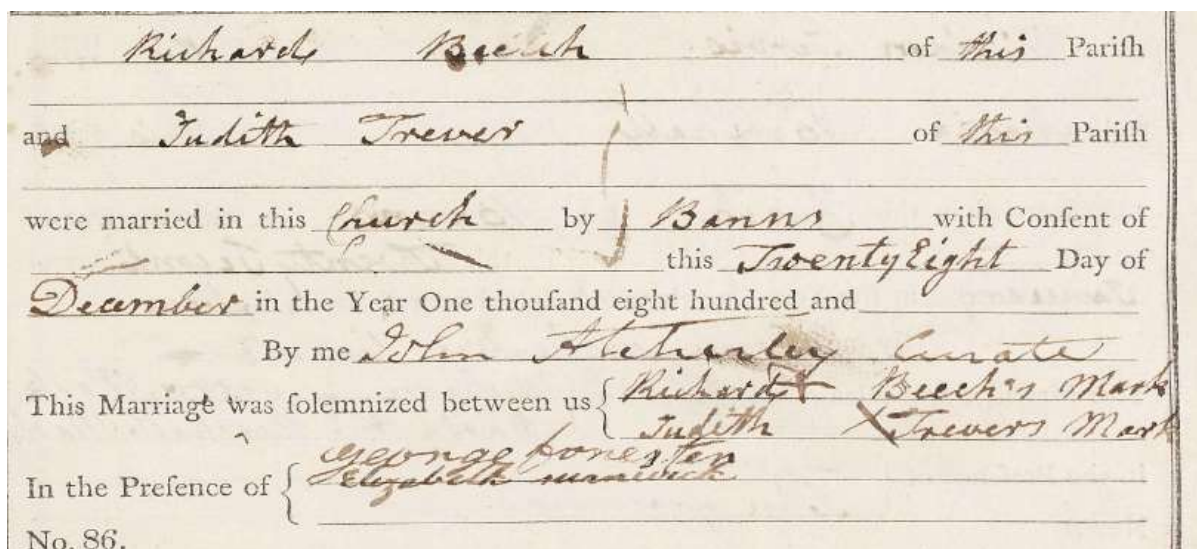
In the 1851 census Richard Beech and his wife Mary were living at Oakley, he a farmer of 10 acres, age 60, bn Trentham Staffs; she also 60 bn Market Drayton; they had three children at home: Susanna 25, Caroline, 22 and Enoch 20, all born in MD; also nephew Richard Beech, 11 bn Shrewsbury.

In the 1841 census Richard's occupation was 'Farmer & Tailor' and address 'Emp Mill Brook', as per the 1838 will. Here he was 51, Mary was 45 and an elder daughter Sarah 15 was recorded as well as the three from 1851 (Enoch age 8). Enoch was baptised at MD 21 Sep 1831, s/o Richard & Mary Beech, tailor of Bloor Heath.

The earliest baptism to Richard and Mary was in 1816:

Mary d/o Richard & Mary Beech, Tyrley, tailor, 21 Aug 1816

A marriage of Richard Beech to **Judith Trever** took place at MD the year before the first baptism, 28 Dec 1815' by Banns, both of this parish.



FamilySearch includes User Submitted Genealogies which show Richard Beech married to 'Mary-Judith Trever' and there is a baptism at MD in 1818 of Richard to Richard & Judith Beech of Tyrley, father a labourer. As the name Richard Beech is relatively uncommon it seems likely to be the same individual.

It is concluded the cousin was named Mary/Judith Trever or Trevor and she was born around 1791/1796 in Drayton. There is evidence of the surname Trevor or Trever in Drayton including a baptism of Mary Trevor in 1785, d/o John, but this is a little too early to be 'Mary/Judith'.

**Trevor aside: marriages of Trevor:**

1770 May 7 Elizabeth Peak to John Trevor at Drayton

Further afield:

1782 Jan 29 Joseph Trevor to Margaret Deakin at Wem, Salop

The second marriage fits better with the expected timing of the birth of Mary-Judith in the early-mid 1790s (but there is no evidence of the baptism in Salop).

Ancestry includes two public trees which include the Richard Beech marriage in 1815 - Dad5552001 and Adam Houldcroft. The former opts for the 1770 marriage as parents of Judith, the second suggests a marriage of John Trevor to Elizabeth Groome in 1803. Neither has a Mary/Judith baptism.

Turning to later censuses, 1861: Richard Beech 70, Mary 68 bn MD; 1871 – Richard 80, Mary 79 bn Bloor Heath, plus two grandchildren. Mary died in 1879 according to one of the trees and a burial at Norton in Hales (FamilySearch) on 6 Mar 1879 has a corresponding death registration:

| Name:   | Age at Death (in years): |
|---|--------------------------|
| BEECH, MARY   | 88                       |
| GRO Reference: 1879 M Quarter in MARKET DRAYTON Volume 06A Page 642 |                          |

Mary's age from censuses and at death consistently point to a birth in the early 1790s and the 1785 baptism remains the best option, but is rather early.

**No link between Mary Beech and Henry Jervis, testator of 1838, has been found.**

### Cousin: Elizabeth the widow of (blank) Hudson late of Woodcote

No place-name Woodcote found, it may be a farm name. The following entry from the 1841 census could be her living in Malinslee, around 15 miles south of Drayton. The address is Dark Lane, Dawley Magna, Madeley.

She remained at Dark Lane in 1851 and gave her age as 71, birthplace Tettenhall, Staffs; she was living with her married daughter Sarah Picken and family. Sarah was 37 and born in Stirchley.

|   |                  |    |              |   |
|---|------------------|----|--------------|---|
| 7 | Elizabeth Hudson | 60 | Widow        | 2 |
|   | William Do       | 23 | Household    | 2 |
|   | Mark Do          | 15 | Do           | 2 |
|   | Ann Do           | 25 | Do           | 2 |
| 7 | John Smallman    | 47 | Brick Tile M | 2 |

Mark is an unusual name and a baptism at Stirchley in 1823 (son of William and Elizabeth Hudson, father a bailiff) fits. The father, William Hudson, was buried at Stirchley 27 April 1834 age 55, he was of Dark Lane, the address from the 1841 and 1851 census.

William and Elizabeth's eldest known child, Sarah, was born around 1813/4 (she married in 1834 so may have been born a little earlier than the 1851 census age indicates). Her parents' marriage is expected in the period 1808 to 1814.

A marriage at Quatt in 1812 (Elizabeth Lewis or Lewin) is nearly 30 miles south of Drayton.

A marriage at Wombridge 15 Dec 1814 is a better location: William Hudson to Elizabeth Webster. A witness Mary x **Bailey** shares the surname of the mother of Henry Jervis (the testator) but she also witnessed the following marriage in the Wombridge register two weeks later – possibly a coincidence. Elizabeth was of this parish, William was of Dawley, part of the address from the 1841 census.

**Whilst this fits the census details there is nothing to connect them to Henry Jervis in terms of location – Woodcote has not emerged.**

**Alternatively**, in 1851 an Elizabeth Hudson, 61, widow was a servant to William Jones, a cooper age 84, a widower, address Cheshire Street, Drayton. Elizabeth was born in Drayton around 1789/90. There is no sign of her in Drayton in 1841 but there is an Elizabeth Hudson age 50, servant at Bicton Hall, some 18 miles SW of Drayton. She was born in Shropshire and it may be the same individual.

### The children of Sarah Dooley late of Marchamley deceased:

Marchamley is a township in the parish of Hodnet, Salop. A marriage in 1779 is too early but confirms the presence of a form of the surname at Hodnet a generation earlier:

Dec. 28. **William Do**oler & Sarah Johnson. Wit: William Watson, Tho. Cartwright

The following marriage at Hodnet in 1804 is more likely to be relevant:

**Apr. 2. John Dooler & Sarah Dod. Wit: Charles Prynold, Josh. Hughes.**

'Davis tree' family tree on *Ancestry*, compiled by satchel27a, includes this marriage and eight baptisms to John and Sarah Dooler between 1805 and 1820, all at Hodnet (some entries refer to the family being of Marchamley): Thomas, John, William, Mary, Jane, George, Richard, Edward. It does not include the burials of parents John and Sarah, and as to Sarah Dod's birth includes a year of 1780, father Jno Dod but no source details.

A baptism at Hodnet to John and Mary Dod in 1777 is a reasonable match (and there are no other Sarah Dod(d) baptisms at Hodnet 1775-1785).

1777: **Aug. 10. Sarah, d. of John & Mary Dod, Marchamley.**

**This makes Sarah Dooler a sister to Elizabeth William and Jane Dodd, another first cousin of Henry.**

### Notes and Sketch tree:

It has been possible to identify sufficient relatives named in Henry's will, including three of his first cousins, to be confident of the parentage of Henry and also his grandparents, Richard Jervis and Mary Cartwright (J1). Richard was a joiner, his son William and grandson Henry were also. Richard and Mary baptised several children at Hodnet, Mary Cartwright's home, including William.

Their first child Mary, was baptised at Drayton and married John Dodd at Hodnet in 1775; three of their daughters were mentioned in Henry's will. Looking at Henry's parents and siblings:

William Jervis m. Mary Bailey at Drayton 1772 (D16); he was a joiner/builder; children include:

Elizabeth Jervis bap 1777 Drayton; mar. James Hall 1809

Thomas Jervis bap 1782 Drayton; mar. Ann (-); he was a licensed victualler and died 1827; he was of Newcastle but buried at Drayton (D36)

Thomas Jervis; baptised at Wolstanton Apr 1827; living with a guardian John Key in Drayton in 1841

Henry Jervis bap 1785 Drayton; a builder of Drayton; died 1838 and buried in Drayton leaving a will; no known issue (DH)

The final two documents are considered together as they are of a man and his wife.

### **12. Jervis, Elizabeth Drayton in Hales 1841 (D29)**

Document dated 13 Oct 1841 certifies Elizabeth was late of Drayton in Hales and had died 'leaving John Cresswell Jervis her husband relict surviving who is also since dead having first duly made & executed his last will and testament' in which he appointed John Jervis and Charles Smith executors.

The Administration prepared for Elizabeth Jervis's estate follows, signed by John Jervis of Drayton, butcher. Dated 4 Nov 1841, value of goods under £20.

A second document signed by John Jervis states that his mother died around 1813. This explains the circumstances and names the executors as John Jervis and Charles Smith.

### 13. Jervis, John Cresswell Drayton in Hales 1841 (D29)

Of Drayton in Hales grocer, dated 7 May 1841.

All my messuages hereditaments and real estate in Drayton in Hales ... unto my only child John Jervis now residing with me

Appoint Charles Smith of Whitchurch Salop and said son John Jervis executor.

Wit: Ch Warren, and Hen Grimley. Signed J C Jervis



Probate was granted 13 Sep 1841, estate valued at under £100.

#### Other material

There is a corresponding death registration for John which suggests a birth year around 1775/6:

**JERVIS, JOHN CRESWELL**

65

Certificate

*GRO Reference:* 1841 J Quarter in MARKET DRAYTON UNION Volume 18 Page 100

PDF

John Cresswell Jervis was buried at Drayton, 15 May 1841, age 65 shortly before the 1841 census. The tithe records from 12 Oct 1837 includes John Jervis owner of five houses in Shropshire Street – see Drayton Tithe.docx for details. He is recorded in an 1828 trade directory as a grocer of Shropshire Street, Drayton.

**Charles Warren**, witness to the will, was a solicitor and (from tithe records) a landowner in Drayton.

1826 Clarke's New Law List  
553. Market Drayton, Salop. 100—JOHN BUTTERTON &  
John Wm. Butterton a) Thomas Dicken a) Creswell  
Pigot a) James Stanley d) Joseph Loxdale Warren and  
Chas. Warren b)

The tithe record of 1837 shows Charles Warren lived near to John Jervis on Shropshire Street. This was also the address of Charles Warren in 1841 and **Joseph Jervis**, butcher, 22, was a neighbour:

|                |    |          |   |
|----------------|----|----------|---|
| Joseph Jervis  | 22 | Butcher  | 4 |
| Charles Manner | 45 | Minister | 5 |
| Margaret do    | 35 |          | 4 |

John C J mentions just his child John in his will; could Joseph Jervis be a nephew or cousin? He does not mention a wife, suggesting she may have pre-deceased him.

His distinctive middle name helps locate two marriages:

John Creswell Jervis married Elizabeth Steel by Banns at Drayton in 1809, both were of Drayton. One of the witnesses was John Grosvenor, a surname that has cropped up in some previous wills, but as he witnessed three out of eight marriages on this double page he may have been a churchwarden.

Page 126 [ The Year 1809 ]

N<sup>o</sup> 101 { John Creswell Jervis of this Parish  
and Elizabeth Steel both were

Married in this Church by Banns

this Ninth Day of February in the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred  
and Nine By me John Grosvenor

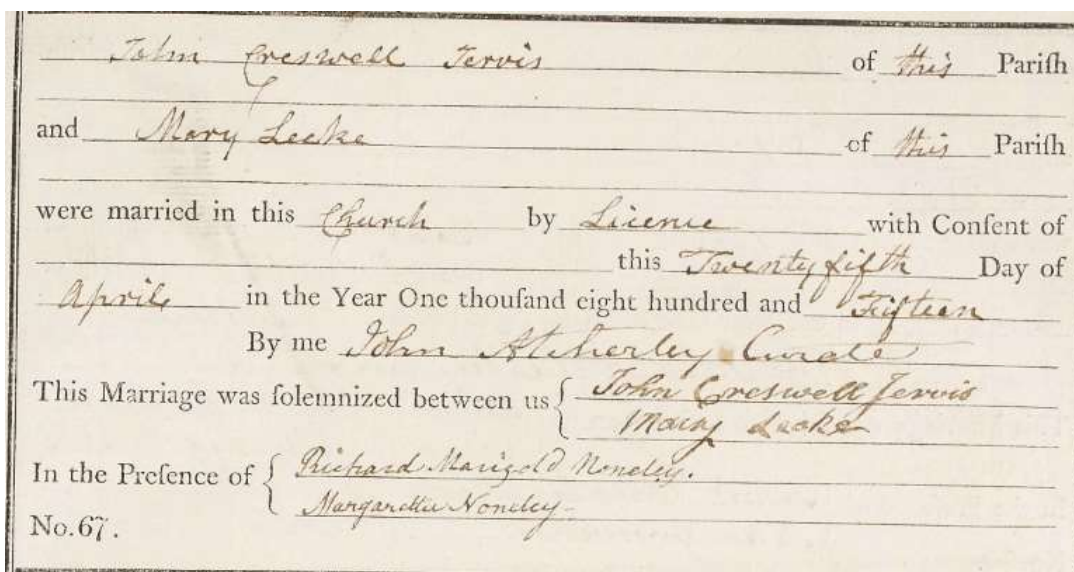
This Marriage was solemnized between Us { John Creswell Jervis  
Elizabeth Steel

in the Presence of { Margaretton Toulpy  
John Grosvenor

John Creswell Jervis

Following the death of Elizabeth (see probate details#12 above) JCJ married a second time, at Drayton in 1815

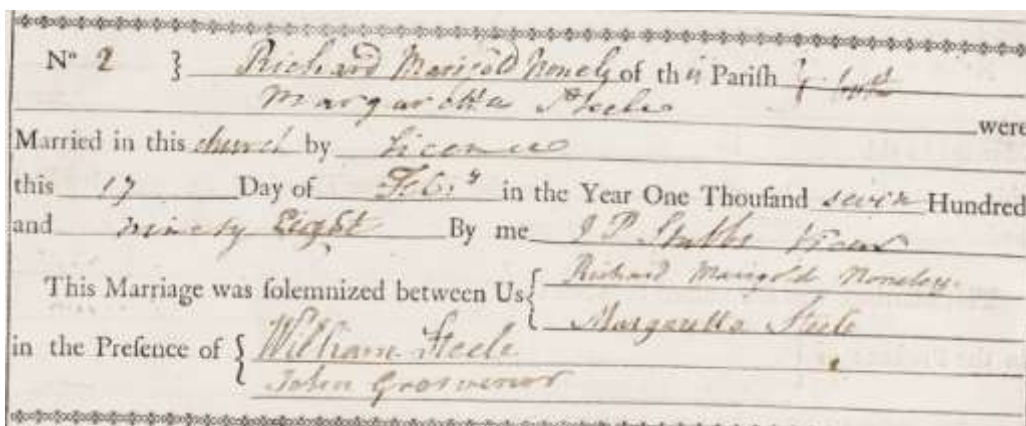




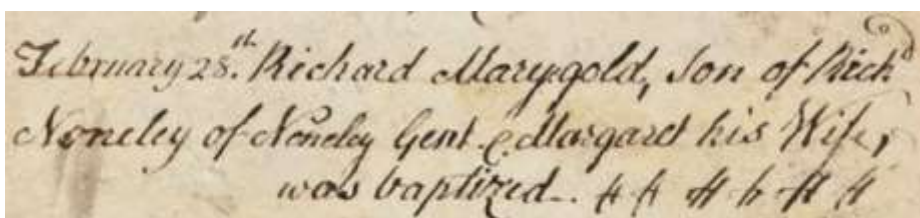
### Noneley aside

Margaretta Noneley was witness to both marriages.

She married 11 years previously, at Drayton, as Margaretta Steele; the sharing of her surname with John Creswell's first wife suggests they were related. Margaretta Steele was baptised at Moreton Say 2 Feb 1782, dau of William and Martha Steele but seems to be their only child – no other baptisms found in Shropshire to 1800.



Margaretta's husband had a distinctive name: Richard Marigold Noneley. He was baptised at Loppington 28 Feb 1771:



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Returning to JCJ, no children have been found from JCJ's first marriage to Elizabeth. From his second marriage he baptised a daughter Mary 14 Jun 1817 and then a son John 5 Sep 1818, both at Drayton:

|          |                           |                     |        |         |        |                        |
|----------|---------------------------|---------------------|--------|---------|--------|------------------------|
| 14       | Mary<br>D <sup>r</sup> of | John<br>& P<br>Mary | Jervis | Drayton | Grocer | R. P. Person<br>Curate |
| No. 636. |                           |                     |        |         |        |                        |

|          |                   |                   |         |        |               |  |
|----------|-------------------|-------------------|---------|--------|---------------|--|
| 5        | John<br>Son<br>of | John<br>C. Jervis | Drayton | Grocer | P. Hutchinson |  |
| No. 798. |                   |                   |         |        |               |  |

The following year a child George was baptised 25 Mar 1819:

|          |                     |                     |        |                 |                  |                         |
|----------|---------------------|---------------------|--------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| 25       | George<br>Son<br>of | John<br>and<br>Mary | Jervis | Bell<br>Drayton | Son<br>Innkeeper | P. Hutchinson<br>Curate |
| No. 906. |                     |                     |        |                 |                  |                         |

This is a little over six months after John and together with loss of middle name and change in occupation suggests different set of parents.

The next baptism to a John & Mary J\*rv\* at Drayton was in 1828 and is part of family group (AA).

John makes no mention of his wife Mary or daughter Mary in his will and two burials at Drayton account for this; first his wife 2 Aug 1828 (a couple of years younger than her husband):

|             |         |                           |    |              |
|-------------|---------|---------------------------|----|--------------|
| Mary Jervis | Drayton | August<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> | 50 | S. P. Stubbs |
| No. 1278.   |         |                           |    |              |

Then his daughter 21 Jul 1840; her age at death matches her baptism in 1823:

|             |         |                          |             |          |
|-------------|---------|--------------------------|-------------|----------|
| Mary Jervis | Drayton | July<br>21 <sup>st</sup> | 23<br>years | Shepherd |
| No. 2241.   |         |                          |             |          |

### His son, John Jervis (1818-?) (D85)

The tithe records his father living on Shropshire Street in 1837 and presumably John junior was living with him. He was a joint executor to his father's will in 1841.

A distinctively-named child baptised at Drayton 7 Sep 1846 must be his; the entry shows John's wife was named Caroline and that John was a butcher.





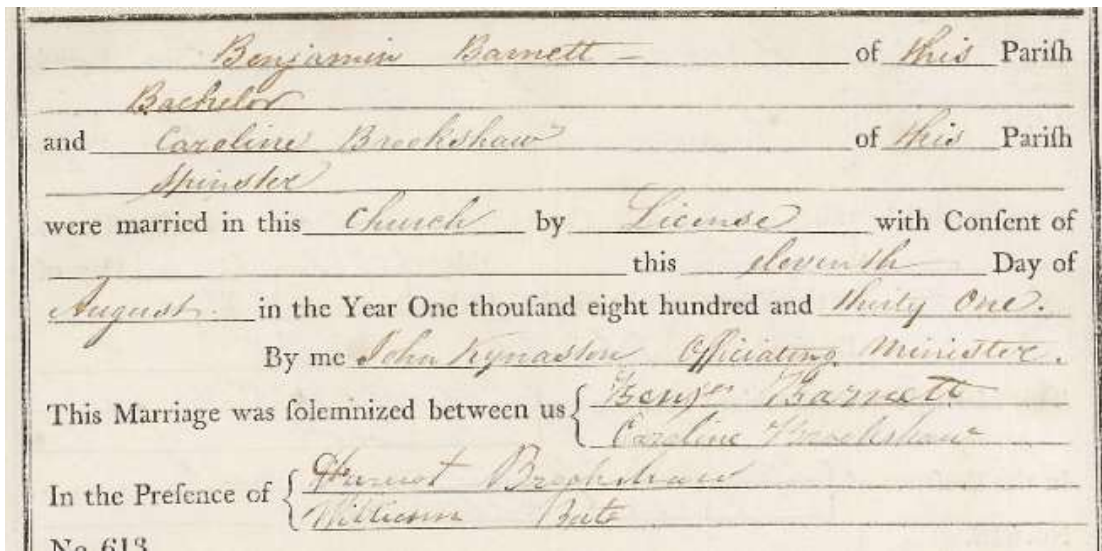
The corresponding GRO birth registration shows the mother was formerly named Brookshaw:

|  |                                 |
|--|---------------------------------|
| <b>Name:</b>   | <b>Mother's Maiden Surname:</b> |
| JERVIS, JOHN CRESWELL  | BROOKSHAW                       |
| <input type="radio"/> GRO Reference: 1846 S Quarter in MARKET DRAYTON UNION Volume 18 Page 122 |                                 |

However no Jervis/Brookshaw marriage has been found prior to 1846.

**Barnett aside**

Caroline Brookshaw is a distinctive name combination and a marriage at Drayton in 11 Aug 1831 to **Benjamin Barnett** is very likely to be her:



The marriage bond states they were both single, of Drayton and of the full age of 21 years. No baptisms have been found. In 1841 they were at Stafford Street, Drayton, he an innkeeper.

|                            |    |            |    |
|----------------------------|----|------------|----|
| Ben <sup>n</sup> . Barnett | 25 | Publican   | 24 |
| Caroline Do                | 25 |            | 22 |
| Thos. Peake                | 20 | W S        | 4  |
| Eliz <sup>th</sup> . Roden | 20 | F S        | 24 |
| Jos <sup>s</sup> . Platt   | 25 | Blacksmith | 22 |
| Thos. Forshaw              | 35 | Dealer     | 22 |

Benjamin Barnett was buried at Drayton 5 Jul 1841 age 32, the month after the census was taken.

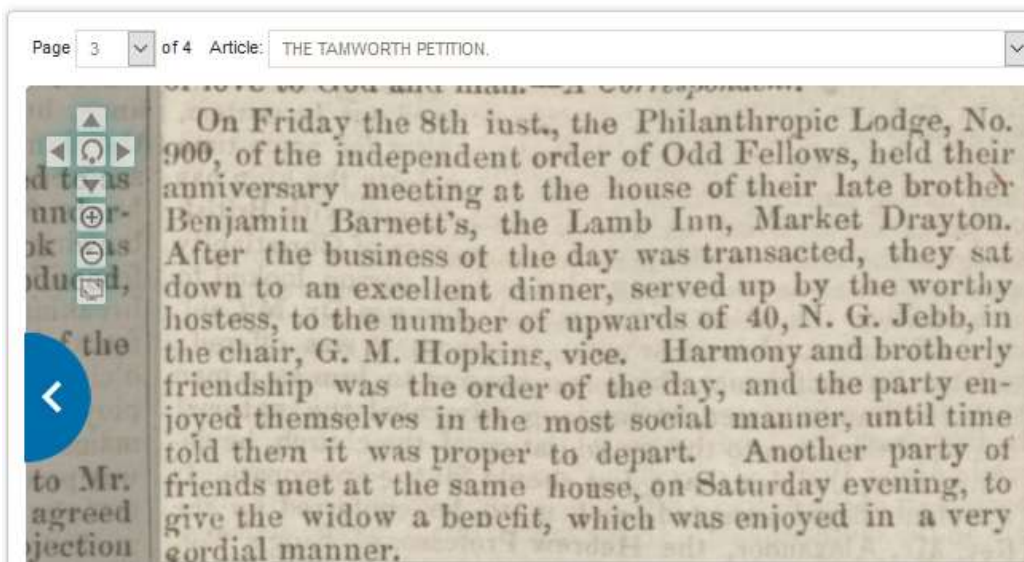


Benjamin Barnett of Market Drayton in Hales, victualler, prepared his will 27 Sep 1838 appointing his wife Caroline and Mr John Stringer of Drayton executors. He left all of his estate to his beloved wife Caroline Barnett. Probate was granted at Lichfield 12 Aug 1841 and the document states the testator died 30 Jun 1841 and his estate was valued under £200; John Stringer's occupation was gardener.

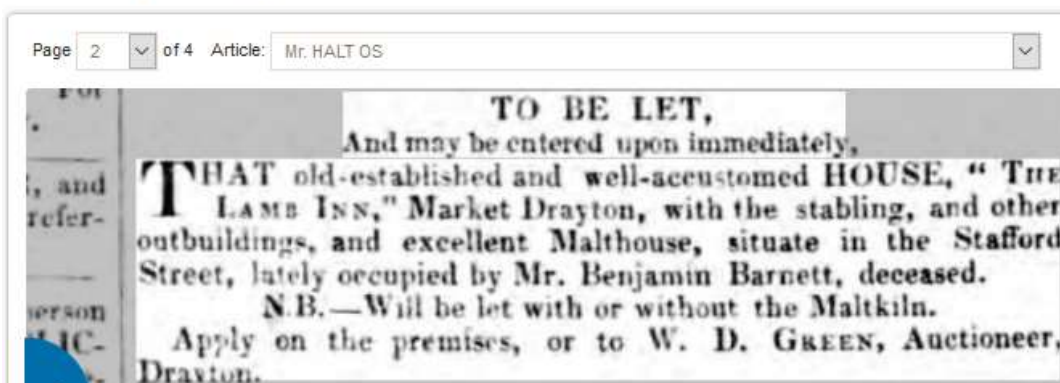
John Stringer, executor, was probably a brother-in-law of Caroline Brookshaw, having married her younger sister Harriet. The 1851 census shows he was born in Wrenbury Cheshire.

Following the death of Benjamin Barnett an Oddfellows meeting took place at his inn and was featured in the local press:

Staffordshire Gazette and County Standard 14 October 1841



Staffordshire Advertiser 11 March 1843



It seems likely that Caroline Barnett remarried JCJ at some point between 1841 and 1846 but no record has been found.

Caroline Bruckshaw was baptised at Drayton 10 Jan 1808 d/o William and Alice of Hales; there is a burial of Caroline Jervis at Drayton in 1847, age 39.

It seems John Jervis stayed in Drayton and he should be present in the 1841 census for certain and also that of 1851, assuming he survived until then. However he has not been found.

The 1841 census of Drayton includes an unaccounted for **Joseph** Jervis, a butcher, aged 22 on Shropshire Street.<sup>20</sup> He is exactly the same age as the missing John, lived in the same place as John Jervis's recently deceased father – Shropshire Street – and was also a butcher. He was recorded next to Charles Warren in 1841 and in the tithe record this is where JCJ, his father, owned five properties. It is concluded that the Joseph Jervis found in the 1841 census was actually John Jarvis: either an error in the recording of the 1841 census, or perhaps 'John' also went by the name 'Joseph'.

To support this theory after the 1841 census Joseph Jervis, born around 1818, vanishes.

Whilst it is certain John Jervis was in Drayton when his son John Creswell was baptised and buried in 1846, and probably when his wife was buried in 1847, he has not been found in the 1851 census.

## Creswell

John senior's middle name, which he passed on to this son, suggests there was a Creswell in the family; maybe his mother or a grandmother or the name of a godparent. Perhaps he was an illegitimate child, father a Creswell and mother a Jervis (or the other way round).

No baptism of John J\*rv\* has been found as yet in 1775/6; the nearest local ones are at Mucklestone, Stoke on Tern and Mucklestone. The first (too early) and third are currently accounted for in other family groups, KK and D86. The Stoke-on-Tern baptism is a little early too.

|     |        |      |      |     |    |     |         |           |                 |               |         |       |
|-----|--------|------|------|-----|----|-----|---------|-----------|-----------------|---------------|---------|-------|
| OPR | Jervis | John | 1766 | Nov | 9  | Bap | William | Elizabeth | Winnington Forg | Mucklestone   | KK      | Win   |
| TS  | Jervis | John | 1771 | Sep | 1  | Bap | John    | Mary      |                 | Stoke on Tern |         |       |
| OPR | Jarvis | John | 1778 | Mar | 22 | Bap | George  | Mary      | Blore Heath     | Mucklestone   | D17/D86 | Bloor |

Casting the net wider, there are baptisms in 1774 at Shifnal, Wombridge and Wellington All Saints, Salop; and in 1778 at Cheswardine, Salop. Also in Staffordshire: Longton 1773, Newcastle under Lyme in 1777 and 1778.

There are John Creswell baptisms at Penkridge Staffs, in 1775 (son of Thomas) and 1778 (son of John); there is a burial in 1779 of the latter. However Penkridge is around 20 miles, as the crow flies, south east of Drayton.

The following marriage at Drayton was witnessed by a John Creswell and took place around the time of John's birth:

| Surname | Forename | Year | Mo  | Da | Eve | Spouse or app/master | Spouse or app/master | Place (township) | Parish  | Notes 2                  |
|---------|----------|------|-----|----|-----|----------------------|----------------------|------------------|---------|--------------------------|
| Jarvis  | Matthias | 1776 | Sep | 17 | Mar | Hesther              | Holbrooke            | Drayton          | Drayton | banns; wit John Creswell |

<sup>20</sup> Coincidentally there is a second Joseph Jervis, butcher, age 25 on Cheshire Street; he is in family group (D81) – Jarvis and Jervis of Drayton.docx has details

**Sketch tree:**

John Creswell Jervis bn ca 1775/6; d. 1841 shortly before the census and was buried at Drayton; he was grocer and he lived on Shropshire Street Drayton in 1828 and 1837; he married twice:

(1) **Elizabeth Steele** at Drayton in 1809; Elizabeth died in Oct 1813 and was buried at Drayton (her age at death suggests a birth ca 1769/70); John remarried

(2) **Mary Leeke** by licence in 1815 at Drayton (d. 1828); they had two children:

Mary Jervis baptised at Drayton 1817, buried age 23 at Drayton

John Jervis bap at Drayton 1818, only son of JCI; he was a butcher of Drayton and settled with widow Caroline Barnett nee Brookshaw who was around ten years older than him (no marriage found); Caroline d. 1839

John Creswell Jervis baptised Sep 1846 at Drayton s/o John & Caroline; he died shortly after birth and was buried at Drayton; his mother died the following year

**Brookshaw aside – see Brookshaw.docx** for interactions between Jervis and Bruckshaw.

## Appendix

**Religious beliefs:** Many different forms of wording were used in respect of the bequest of the soul, although historians debate whether the form chosen reflects the religious beliefs of the testator or those of the person writing the testament. Yet although the writer may have had some influence, most villages would have contained several people capable of writing a document in English, and the testator could be expected to use someone with views similar to his/her own. Look out for preambles that conflict with the 'correct' orthodoxy of the period, i.e. Catholic preambles during the latter part of the reign of Henry VI (say, after 1538) or during the reigns of (Protestant) King Edward VI (1547–53) or after 1558, or the failure to use a Catholic preamble in the reign of (Catholic) Queen Mary (1553–58), and Puritan preambles in any period.

- i). **Catholic:** Mention of the Virgin Mary, saints, angels and the whole company of heaven.
- ii). **Puritan:** Puritan preambles stress that the deceased looks for salvation *only* through Christ's death and passion and not by any other means. They may sometimes also mention the company of the elect, assurance of salvation or some other phrase expressing confidence that the deceased was predestined for eternal life. They tend to be very Christ-centric. It is the 'only' that is important here, as mention of Christ's passion was not in conflict with the teaching of the Roman Catholic church, and can appear in some Catholic wills (see example below).
- iii). **Neutral:** Many preambles fall between these categories, bequeathing the soul, for example, simply 'to Almighty God my creator'. These provide no information about personal beliefs and can be classified as neutral. They will include the wills of moderate Protestants, those who felt that their last will and testament was not the place for a long and detailed statement of faith and perhaps some who had lived through the religious upheavals of the reigns of Edward VI, Mary and Elizabeth and thought that the deathbed was not a time to take a chance about which set of beliefs would lead to Heaven. Fashion also had a part to play, and the religious preamble fades away in the later seventeenth century.