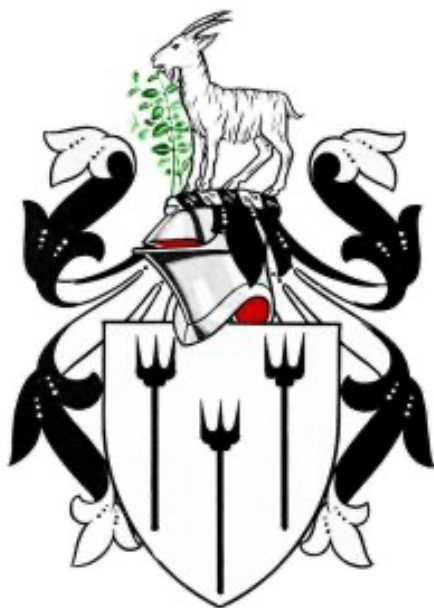


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Worthington Family History Society Newsletter: Edition 5

Welcome to the fifth edition of the WFHS Newsletter. Since the publication of our last edition in June, the Society has held its Annual General Meeting through “Zoom” in July. Eleven members from across the world attended the meeting including the United States, Europe and Australia, quite an achievement given the challenges of dealing with different time zones across the globe. A further six members sent their apologies. Minutes of this meeting can be found in the Members’ Area on the website.

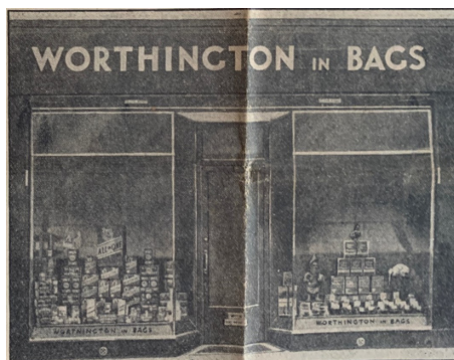
It's good to see that a number of pedigrees relating to Volume 2 of the Worthington Families of the 17th Century have now been placed on the WFHS website. Eleven pedigree charts, with accompanying narratives, have been released describing Worthington families settled in Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire, Staffordshire and Surrey. Other counties are currently being worked on and will be placed on the website as soon as they are completed.

In this edition, Jan has continued with her reporting from the Society’s archives and describes what was going on during 2008. The template for the presentation of evidence from the research into the Worthingtons from the 17th Century was established and at the Annual General Meeting and



Gathering held in Dover, UK, that year, early discussions were held about the establishment of a Society to replace the 17th Century Project when that project came to an end. Jan’s article describes in some detail the visits members made around Dover at the Gathering, including a number of places with historical links to Worthingtons from Dover; there’s even a street named Worthington Street!

Jan had also come across an old newspaper cutting from the *Leicester Evening Mail* dating back to 1935 in the archives and a fascinating article by her is included in this edition, describing the interests of an enterprising businessman at the time, whose business was called “*Worthington in Bags*”.



This issue is pleased to introduce Sue Worthington to the readership, following on from previous editions when biographies of council members were presented. Sue, who is married to Council Member Bill Worthington, has been a member of the Society from the outset when the 17th Century Project was formed and since those early days has undertaken the role of Membership Secretary, a vital task keeping in touch with Worthingtons around the globe.

The last edition of the Newsletter contained a reminder for members to pay their subscription and since then final notices have gone out to those whose subs are still outstanding. For those who have yet to renew their Society membership we hope you will do so shortly; your continuing support is important to us. In the meantime Council have been pleased to welcome a new member from the UK, Gillian Kellett.

As we have been preparing material for this issue, we received news from Stephen Read's wife, Ruth, that he had passed away on the 19th September following a period of poor health. Stephen, as many members may recall, had been actively involved with the Society from its inception, when the 17th Century Project was formed in 2005. He'd been an enthusiastic genealogical researcher for a number of years, researching his family's Worthington links, and made this material available for the 17th Century Project. From 2005 onwards he continued to undertake valuable research into Worthington references. For many years he was Treasurer of the Society and was responsible for compiling the *Register of Worthington References*, a truly formidable task. He will be sadly missed.

Finally if you have links to a Worthington family in Ireland, could the photograph of a headstone that Jan found in her archives relate to them? An article in this edition about the headstone gives some intriguing leads into the family.

Heather and Paul Lawrence

Council member Sue Worthington shares her biography



I lived in a small town outside of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, until I married and moved to Providence, Rhode Island -- married Bill Worthington, who is now one of the WFHS Councillors. With Bill and through his job with IBM, we also lived briefly in Poughkeepsie, New York, and then on to Mountain View, California, which has been home for the past 40-some years.

My volunteer and work experience has been teaching reading to adults and teaching English to non-English speakers, both adult and children. My school children, grades 6 to 8, were mostly from Asia, Mexico, and Central

America. They were all in one classroom where the only language spoken was English. I'm not a speaker of any other language, although through adult classes I learned bits and pieces of Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese. My biggest lesson from that was how difficult it is to learn another language, especially when it has no similarities to your own. I enjoyed learning the differences, and I developed a great appreciation for what my students were going through, coming to a new country, a new school, and in many cases, being the sole English speaker in their family. I enjoyed it very much, and every now and then I hear about a former student who is now a teacher, or another who didn't speak for several months when he first arrived, and has now graduated from the University of California Berkeley with a degree in engineering. Just the other day I met a young woman who works in a local medical lab. She recognized my name and introduced herself. It's always a thrill to hear news of them!

I look forward to attending the Society's next Gathering, whenever and wherever it may be, and renewing connections and making new ones with Worthingtons, descendants of Worthingtons, and spouses of Worthingtons!

From the archives...

WORTHINGTON 17TH CENTURY PROJECT

**Now part of the Worthington Family History
Society founded in 2008**

Janet R Worthington



The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the 17th Century Project held in Annapolis, Maryland, USA in 2007 read: 'It was resolved that the 2008 AGM be held in Dover, Kent UK in September or October 2008. Dover was selected because a Worthington line lived there from the 16th century until recent times; and because of the interesting sites to be seen there concerned with national and family history.' A questionnaire was attached regarding attendance and timing of the event.



Dover Town Badge or Crest

The website needed updating and suggestions were posted to USA member Donald Gradeless, as he had no fax, and was our website manager. Work continued on Phase 1, involving research for Worthington references for the Project by Stephen Read, William Worthington (of Penwortham), Stuart Worthington, Sidney Worthington, Heather Lawrence, William C Worthington, Addison Worthington, Philip M Worthington, Frank Brimelow and myself. Two volumes of the *Register of Worthington References* were printed and bound. They were the '18th Century, Volume 1, Definitive edition 21 March 2008' and '17th Century, Volume 3, Definitive edition 10 October 2008'. The latter contained a huge 113 page collection of transcripts of Cheshire wills found by William Worthington of Penwortham who was congratulated 'on this major achievement

which takes a huge step forward in the Project's research programme.¹ Both editions of *References* were produced by members of the Worthington 17th Century Project, edited by Stuart G Worthington and indexed by William C Worthington.

Following his return to Spain from Annapolis Stuart Worthington was very keen to 'get to grips with the Blainscough Project!' which was part of Phase 2 – developing pedigrees. This involved decisions on the form of presentation such as the 'Scope of the Pedigree, Notes section, Evidence entries, Details of Sources' and the 'salient points' for his 'Summary of Life details.'²

By the end of June 2008 Stuart had been working very hard to compile the Worthingtons of Blainscough Evidence from various *Registers of References* and Wills accompanied by a very large, well designed and informative seven generation Pedigree Chart. Philip supported Stuart by sending him regular quantities of summarised wills for Evidence. It was a very good model and easy to follow. Addison and I agreed to act as examiners and Stuart provided us with '16th and 17th century Items which were as yet unpublished, but which you will need to perform your task! When you have accomplished this task (a labour of love?), you will have some idea of how the heralds at the College of Arms feel on a near day to day basis ... and why their fees for proving pedigrees are so high!'³

Meanwhile, Philip M Worthington had drafted a six page document on 'Compiling and Proving Pedigrees' which he wanted to circulate to each member of the Project for comments as part of Phase 2. An update of the paper was to be put to the AGM in Dover later in the year. The Annapolis AGM called for an example Pedigree and Evidence to be distributed to members for use as a template for subsequent work on other pedigrees. The Pedigree of the *Worthingtons of Blainscough* together with its *Evidence*, both compiled by Stuart Worthington were submitted and it was proposed that they be adopted as the template.

On my return to Australia from Annapolis planning for the Dover AGM and Gathering began in earnest. As I had been back and forth to Dover since 1983, carrying out research on my ancestral paternal Worthington family line I was fortunate to know a number of local people who were able to advise and assist me. My long time researcher Kathleen Hollingsbee, who lived in nearby Tilmanstone, was one of them. She had been sending me envelopes of paper snippings with references she had extracted to Worthingtons and related families for 28 years. Her husband Bob Hollingsbee, who worked for the local *Dover Express* newspaper office was a keen historian and sent me copies of any newspaper references to the family as well.

1. Letter to William Worthington, Penwortham, Preston from Philip M Worthington 2 July 2008.
2. Email from Stuart Worthington to Philip Worthington and Jan Worthington 30 November 2007.
3. See *Worthington Families of the Seventeenth Century, Volume 1, Origins in Lancashire*, Worthington Family History Society, Fonthill, 2020, pp. 199-241.

WORTHINGTON Edward
Freeman of Dover
Signed Petition to House of Commons
from Dover: signed "by gentre,
ministers, freeholders & subsideyners
of Kent" date c Sep - Nov 1641
(Proceedings in Kent 1640' book
p. 62
Dover Ref. Library)

My annual Christmas letter to members in 2007 advised there had been 21 positive responses so far to the Dover Gathering and AGM to be held from Friday 3 October to Sunday 5 October 2008. The early birds were Addison and Frances Worthington, Bill and Sue Worthington, Stuart and Geraldine Worthington, Philip G Worthington and his wife, Heather and Paul Lawrence, Philip M and Judy Worthington, Miranda Worthington and friend, my brother Garth Worthington and friend Patricia Crummer. *The Churchill Hotel* on Dover waterfront was able to accommodate us, as well as provide business facilities and a private room where we could hold social events and the AGM. Various other optional venues were on offer as well.

Correspondence began with Derek Leach in February 2008 on the recommendation of Kathleen and Bob Hollingsbee. Derek is the author and co author of many books on Dover published primarily by Riverdale Publications between 1993 and 2017. Derek helped me find a suitable venue for the AGM and agreed to act as our local guide when we toured places of interest during the three day Gathering.

Garth Worthington, Patsy Crummer and I arrived a few days prior to the Gathering so we could check on the venues and people involved in the three day programme. Michael Webb, the Town Clerk, invited Garth and me to attend the monthly Dover Town Council Meeting where we were formally welcomed to Dover. We were invited into his office and given the large gold mace to hold and shown memorial wall plaques listing previous Mayors, some of whom were our ancestors.



Dover Town Clerk Michael Webb & William C Worthington at the Meet & Greet Reception

On Friday 3 October at 10.00 am a large group of members met Derek Leach and me outside the Dover Museum on Market Square. We were taken into the Museum's Research Library where we crowded into the small space to have a look at Lieutenant Benjamin Worthington's magnificent wooden model of the Lightship and Beacon he designed in the late 1830s. It was a huge surprise to be shown the Lightship as it was last known to exist in the Dover Museum in 1928!⁴ Two paintings in the Museum, dated 1843, depict the Lightship or Life-Boat Beacon, one in a storm the other in a calm sea.

In 2013, I purchased the large oil painting of Lieutenant Benjamin Worthington and his wife Mary and when last seen it hangs in an alcove in the Dover Museum on loan. The painting depicts Benjamin holding a telescope. This reminds me that my brother Garth Worthington brought the old Worthington telescope he inherited with him to Dover from New Zealand. It is inscribed, 'Presented to Captain Benjamin Jelly Worthington', Lieutenant Benjamin's father, 'by their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York in appreciation of his assistance at their landing at Dover 18th November 1791' after their rough and unpleasant journey from Calais to Dover, which had taken over seven hours.⁵ It was 150 years since the telescope had left Dover. When Garth and I were children, on special occasions, the telescope was taken carefully out of its wooden box so that we could look closely at the full moon. There were also many other things to see in the Dover Museum including the Dover Bronze Age Boat – the world's oldest known remains of a seagoing boat which is on display in the Dover Bronze Age Boat Gallery.

4. Worthington, Janet Robyn, *Coopers & Customs Cutters, Worthingtons of Dover*, Phillimore & Co Ltd, 1997, pp. 89-90.

5. *Kentish Gazette* newspaper, under the subtitle *London News*.

An hour and a half later we met at Bluebirds Restaurant, 137 Snargate Street, to see Henry Worthington's Wine Caves in the White Cliffs, a specially arranged tour of the caves through the rear of the restaurant, as they are not usually open to the public. Henry and his brother, Lieutenant Benjamin Worthington, owned the *Ship Hotel* in the 1830's and imported costly wines for their frequently noble, fashionable and stylish clientele. This was followed by a special opening of the ingenious Grand Shaft triple staircase built in 1805 from Snargate Street to the barracks on the clifftop. Afterwards we had a brief visit to Custom House Quay to stand where *Worthington's Ship Hotel* once stood looking out towards the Granville Docks; its location is now part of the boatyard by the marina. Both of these visits were arranged by Derek Leach.

After lunch it was time to visit the 400 Square Roman Painted House on New Street. Built about AD 200 it is the finest Roman House on show in Britain and although the season to visit had ended it was opened especially for us. The visit was followed by afternoon tea and talks, held in the Lounge Room at the Churchill Hotel, on the Dover Worthingtons by Kathleen, Bob Hollingsbee and me and other matters by Philip M and Stuart Worthington. This was followed by a catered *Meet and Greet Reception* in the same location.



Churchill Hotel Lounge room meeting

On day two we met Derek Leach in the morning for a leisurely stroll around Dover to view sights in connection with the Worthington family. These included the Maison Dieu or Town Hall (which was built in 1203 to accommodate visiting pilgrims from overseas), the adjacent Maison Dieu House (a red brick Jacobean building once the home of the Master Victualler and now the



home of the Dover Library), Effingham Crescent and Eastbrook Place (where the Worthingtons once lived), Worthington Street (named after family) and the remains of old St James Church which was built about 1070 at the foot of Castle Hill and is mentioned in the Domesday Book. It is now described as 'Dover's Tidy Ruin' after being bombed during World War II. St James' Church has many Worthingtons, Collins and other related families interred in the crypt.

Prior to the Annual General Meeting, scheduled to be held in St Mary's Church Parish Centre from 2.30 pm until 5.00 pm, we had lunch followed by a guided tour by Derek of St Mary's Church next door. This old Saxon church is also mentioned in the Domesday Book and was opened especially for us by the vicar. Worthingtons and related families were baptised, married and buried here; and the Worthington, Rouse and Jelly crumbling altar tomb, on the eastern corner of the chancel of St Mary's Church, could still be identified.

The members present at the third AGM of the Worthington 17th Century Project, held in Dover on Saturday, 4 October 2008, were myself as chairman, Heather A Lawrence, Stephen Read (treasurer UK) Patricia G Ward (treasurer USA), Garth J Worthington, Judith S M Worthington, Miranda E Worthington, Philip G Worthington, Robert P Worthington, Dr Sidney Worthington, Stuart G Worthington (editor Phase 1), Suzanne M Worthington, William Worthington, William C Worthington (indexer) and Philip M Worthington (secretary and archivist). Also in attendance were Rosalie F Courage, Michael Lawrence, Paul Lawrence and Derek Leach. I am not sure whether other member's guests, who were also at the Gathering in Dover, attended the AGM, i.e. Ulrich and Carol Lietz, Frank and Rita Worthington, Ruth Read, Patricia Crummer, Tracy Pickering and Hannah Ince. Apologies were received from S Rosemary Douglass, Dr Donald Gradeless, Amanda J Mackevicius, Muriel Rutherford, Addison Worthington, Ian A Worthington and Brigadier-General M Hall Worthington.⁶

Several items were on the Agenda and they included the proposal to form an ongoing society which would continue after the 17th Century Project came to an end. This Society would mainly undertake research into the wider scope of Worthington history, without being confined to the 17th century. It was resolved 'that an ongoing society be formed to stand alongside the existing Project, being members of the Society; and all subsequent members being free to join either the Society alone for a simple subscription, or join the Society and the Project by paying subscriptions for past years. It was also resolved that a constitution of the new Society be drafted and sent to members for comment and for final consideration at the 2009 AGM. Possible names were discussed for this new Society. The founding of the new ongoing Society presented an ideal situation for the recruitment of new members; and it was agreed that the literature for new

6. *Minutes of Annual General Meeting 4 October 2008.*

members be rewritten as there was 'now substance and actual achievement to portray.' The website needed to be re-designed under the name of the new Society and a sub-committee be constituted to prepare plans for the recruitment campaign.

Stuart Worthington presented his agenda paper on *Phase 1 – Research of the Project* which was discussed and approved. William Worthington of Penwortham distributed to all members his compact discs containing his transcripts of wills at the Lancashire Record Office dated 1562-1858, Cheshire Record Office 1602-1731 and at the Lichfield Record Office between 1566-1729.

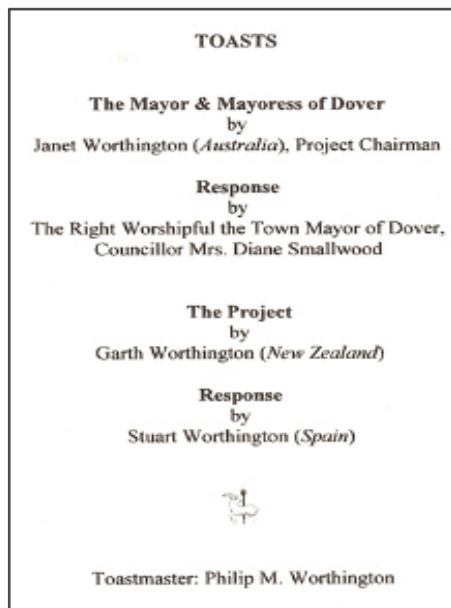
Several other matters were discussed and approved including *Compiling and Proving Pedigrees* by Philip M Worthington as a guide to future work on the subject; and the three generation *Pedigree of the Worthingtons of Blainscough, Co Lancaster*; and the corresponding *Evidence for the Pedigree of Blainscough*, both by Stuart G Worthington, be adopted as templates for the development of other pedigrees ready for proving.

William Worthington of Penwortham presented his paper on *The use of DNA to Aid Our Research* and it was agreed that DNA testing of Y chromosomes of male Worthington volunteers be commenced as soon as possible and continue in the long term after the Project is complete. It was also resolved that a DNA manager or co-ordinator be appointed as an officer of the Project. Communication by email was discussed to save on postage expenditure except for permanent information, e.g. *Register of Worthington References*. An offer by Robert Worthington to investigate systems for electronic archiving was accepted. The present officers were re-elected. Suggestions for the location of the 2009 AGM were welcomed and it was agreed that Massachusetts or Connecticut, New England, USA, where Worthingtons settled during the first half of the 17th century be chosen.

Members gathered after the AGM for the Annual Dinner at the Sea Breeze Restaurant, across the road from the Churchill Hotel. Our guests were The Right Worshipful the Town Mayor of Dover, Councillor Mrs Diane Smallwood (afterwards called 'Mr Mayor'); the Lady Mayoress, Mrs Jean Farrell; the Dover Town Clerk, Mr Michael Webb and Mrs Carole Webb and Derek Leach OBE Councillor, Chairman of the River Parish Council and Chairman of the Dover Society; Mrs Kathleen Hollingsbee and Mr Bob Hollingsbee, local historians.



Dover Dinner L – R: Lady Mayoress Jean Farrell, Philip M Worthington (holding the Worthington telescope), Mayor of Dover Diane Smallwood, Jan Worthington



Back page of the 17th Century Annual Dinner Menu & Order of Proceedings

It was a very pleasant evening and gifts were exchanged. A couple of books on the Worthingtons were given to the guests and the Mayor Diane Smallwood gave me a wooden wall plaque in the shape of a shield bearing the Dover Town Crest or Badge.

The next morning several of us went to Sunday service at St Andrew's Church at Buckland by Dover. After the sung eucharist we stood in the Worthington Chapel and had our photos taken beside Worthington plaques on the walls.



Worthington Chapel with Worthington wall plaque in St Andrew's Church at Buckland by Dover

In the pouring rain we trudged through the church cemetery to view tombstones and the Worthington family marble headstones protecting the cave like vaults set in a high bank. This was followed by a farewell lunch at the Churchhill Hotel. For those remaining there was the option of visiting Dover Castle which dates back to 1180 and some of the tunnels which were dug during the Napleonic Wars and used in World War II for Churchill's Command Centre from where the evacuation of Dunkirk was co-ordinated.

The following week the *East Kent Mercury* newspaper published an article, *Why town is ideal for this family convention*; and the *Dover Express* published *Worldwide family trace Roots*. Copies of both articles were sent to me by the Town Clerk Michael Webb. Derek Leach later published an article titled *Worthingtons Return to Dover* which was published in *The Dover Society Newsletter*.⁷

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Why town is ideal for this family convention

DESCENDANTS of the Worthington family, who Worthington Street was named after, have travelled from all over the world to meet in Dover for a family convention.

Twenty-six of the 32 members of the Worthington 17th Century Project visited the town for their annual meeting on Saturday, headed by genealogist Janet Worthington.

Mrs Worthington, who is married, but uses her maiden name, began retracing her family tree 25 years ago.

Fourteen years later, in 1997, she finished her research and published her findings in *Coopers and Customs Cutters: The Worthingtons of Dover*, a book detailing the lives of her ancestors who settled in the port town from as early as the mid 1500s.

She said it was in 1554 when John Worthington, referred to by native Doverians as a "foreigner", first came to the town.

"I would say Worthington Street was named after some of those early Worthingtons – perhaps those from the 17th century, but we do know that John Worthington owned land in that area," said Janet, who lives in Sydney Australia.

Her direct ascendants can be traced back to 1790 when Ann Jelly, sister of the 19th Dover Mayor Henry Jelly, became the wife of Lieutenant Benjamin Worthington.

Their son, Benjamin Jelly Worthington, a commander of the customs cutter *Tartar*, also became a Mayor of Dover in 1774, and in 1791 was presented with a telescope, which in the 1850s was taken to Australia when seven of her ancestors left England for pastures new.

Janet's brother, Garth, who lives in Stratford, New Zealand, has inherited the telescope and has brought it to Dover for the occasion.

Jan spoke of her love for Dover and said she has been a number of times since she first started researching her lineage 25 years ago.

"The town has changed and a lot of old buildings have gone, but it's still exciting to go down there and see Worthington Street is still there.

"It's a tangible piece of evidence of the connections of the family," she said.

During their stay, they followed a busy programme of events including a trip to Dover Museum where they viewed items owned by past generations as well as a private visit to the former wine cellars of Henry Worthington within the White Cliffs at Snargate Street.

Janet and Garth Worthington in Worthington Street

Picture Terry Scott p049289

The Dover Gathering closed on Sunday, 5 October 2008 with the resolution to reconvene in the USA in 2009.

7. *The Dover Society Newsletter*, No 63, December 2008, pp. 12-15.

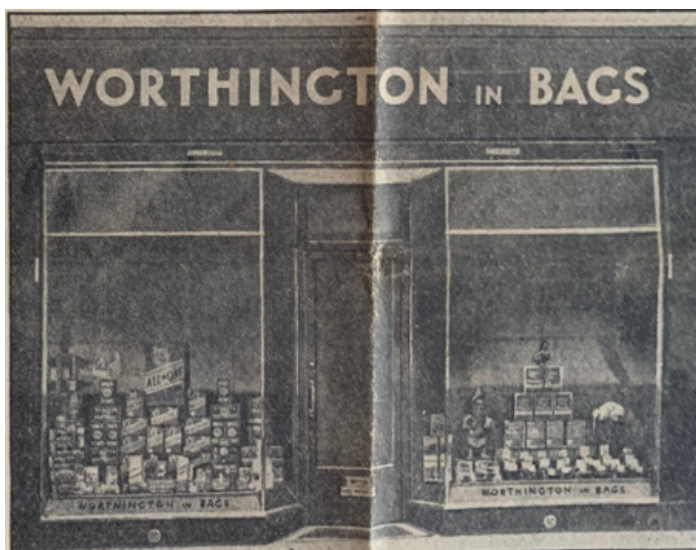
WORTHINGTON IN BAGS

By Jan Worthington

You just never know what you may find when you go through old archives after forty years. How I came to have it and why I kept this old Leicester Evening Mail article headed WORTHINGTON in BAGS is a mystery!



Yellowed with age, page 6, Thursday, 24 October 1935, focuses in large bold letters on WORTHINGTON in BAGS *NEW PREMISES*, complete with a photograph of the new shop at 41 Humberstone Gate on the edge of Leicester's city centre. The reverse side of page 6 features a full spread picturing MINNEHAHA'S LAST JOURNEY TO THE ISLANDS OF THE BLESSED, an elaborate production at the De Montfort Hall produced by the Leicester Choral and Dramatic Society.



Entwistles ALL-in-ONE Kennel Meal is featured in the window of the new shop

Worthington in Bags was a productive business and according to the newspaper, 'it was not blind chance that was behind the recent taking over of new premises in Humberstone gate, Leicester, by Mr Thomas Worthington, the corn merchant and merchant of a variety of goods from dog food to garden tools.'

WORTHINGTON in BAGS

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Electricity House Belvoir Street LEICESTER

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M. THORNDYKE & SONS
Painters and General Decorators,
190, LOUGHBOROUGH ROAD
LEICESTER

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SUNLAC, THE SUPER MILK FOOD,
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ALL OTHER PRODUCTS

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Advertisements for dog food surrounded the photo of the new store, such as 'Do your pet a good turn and insist on **SPRATT'S**'; **WINALOT** meal and biscuits '*brimming with health and vigour! At His Best At All Times*'; and agent for '**BESTAC** the World's Best Dog Food, *As Pure as Human Food*'. The comprehensive stock left little to be desired whether it was food for the dog or a canary, or any other feathered pet that was 'not so perky as it might be, Worthington's have variety of foods from which something suitable may be found.'

Under the subheading, *Link 'With 50 Years Ago*, the article continued: 'Nearly 50 years ago Mr Worthington's father opened a similar business in Humberstone gate, a few yards nearer the Clock Tower than the present shop, gaining the confidence of the public and laying the foundation for a very successful concern. In those days there was a mill in addition to the shop; and as time passed the scope of its activities increased until the usefulness of Worthington's became fully recognised by those who had to make purchases from that kind of shop. Later Mr Worthington who now runs the business took over the reins and he too saw changes. One of the most momentous was the pulling down of the old mill and the shop to make way for a new building and the consequent necessity to find new premises.'

Worthington Thomas (exors.)
(wholesale & retail), 21½ & 23
Humberstone gate
1909 Wright's Directory of Leicester

In 1911, Thomas Worthington, office clerk, miller and corn merchant aged 22 years and single was living with his widowed mother, Beatrice Mary Worthington aged 50 and his older sister Mary at 100 New Walk, Leicester. Beatrice had 'private means' and their large 11 roomed house was attended by a domestic cook and housemaid.



Leicester Mercury photo of Worthington's shop on the corner of Oban Street and Beatrice Road Newfoundpool, an outer suburb two miles from Leicester city centre pictured in 1913

Also well known in the Leicester area at this time was Worthington's Cash Store, the local chain of grocery shops with the memorable slogan, 'Let Worthington's feed you'? By 1960 the company had 47 branches and the vast majority were within Leicester but also in the county and in Coventry, Northampton, Nuneaton and Rugby. The relationship between this grocery chain owned by Charles Thomas Worthington and corn merchant and miller Thomas Worthington of Humberstone Gate is not known.

1906 Wright's Directory of Leicester

Worthington Miss Beatrice Mary, 100 New walk
 Worthington Charles Thos. (Worthington's Cash
 Stores Limited); h. Inglewood, Holmfield rd
 Worthington's Cash Stores Lim. grocers & pro-
 vision mers.; office & warehouse, 12 Pike st.;
 branches, 116 & 118 Wharf st.; 53½ Upper
 Conduit st.; 33 Arundel st.; 25 Northgate st.;
 48 Catherine st.; 47 & 49 Burleys la.; 32
 Checketts rd. Blg.; 152 Cavendish rd. A.P.;
 99-101 New Bridge st.; 49 Wood hill; Devana
 rd.; 184 & 186 Charnwood st.; 60 Queen's rd.
 C.P.; 97 Narborough rd.; & Nuneaton;
 Hinckley; 7 Wood st. Earl Shilton; Market
 st. Bedworth & Market sq. Mount Sorrell
 Worthington Thomas (exors. of), corn & seed mer-
 chants & wholesale & retail millers, 21½ & 23
 Humberstone gate. T.A. "Worthington,
 Leicester;" T.N. 415

Thomas was born on 11 July
 1888 in Leicester the son of
 Thomas and Beatrice Mary
 Worthington. Thomas
 Worthington senior was
 born in 1845 in Peckleton,
 Leicestershire, the son of
 Richard and Mary
 Worthington.

In 1891 Thomas, Beatrice
 and their two young
 children, Mary and Thomas
 were living at 12 Upper

Tichborne Street, Leicester. Thomas Worthington was 46 years old and a corn
 merchant employer. Ten years previously he was 35 and a corn merchant living at
 home, 128 New Walk, Leicester, with his widowed mother and three unmarried
 siblings. In 1871 Thomas had the same occupation and was living in the Manor
 House at Peckleton with his parents and siblings. His father, Richard was the
 occupier, landowner and grazier of 340 acres employing seven labourers, two
 boys and one woman.

On 10 February 1915 Thomas married Barbara Helen Bosworth and in 1939 the
 couple lived at 19 Highway Road, Leicester just within the ring road around
 Leicester City. Thomas was still in business as a corn and seed merchant. It is not
 known whether they had any children.

His mother Beatrice Mary Worthington had a long widowhood after her husband
 Thomas Worthington died on 23 January 1851 in Leicester. She was 16 years
 younger than her husband who left her in comfortable circumstances. Thomas
 Worthington's estate, valued at £17190 17s 9d, was left to Beatrice and
 administered by Henry Wright Bosworth and William Bailey corn merchant and
 miller's manager. She did not remarry and was living alone with her
 companion in St James Road, Leicester in 1939. She died on 31 March 1951
 and left her estate worth £3150 17s 3d to her son, Thomas Worthington,
 corn merchant and Mary Denton, widow.

If anybody related to this family would like to have this newspaper cutting
 please give me your contact details and I will post it to you.

George Talbot Worthington

Paul Lawrence

Jan Worthington came across this photo in one of her files which a friend had taken knowing Jan was researching her ancestors several years ago. It didn't relate to Jan's family, but could it be of interest to a Society member?

The headstone can be found in Deans Grange Cemetery in Blackrock, County Dublin, in the old Church of Ireland section, close to the chapel in the cemetery and is in memory of George Talbot Worthington, a captain in the 33rd Duke of Wellington's Regiment. He died at the age of 39 on the 21st March 1876 in Dublin. The headstone also mentions Louisa Worthington and Samina Worthington the widow of William Latouche Worthington.



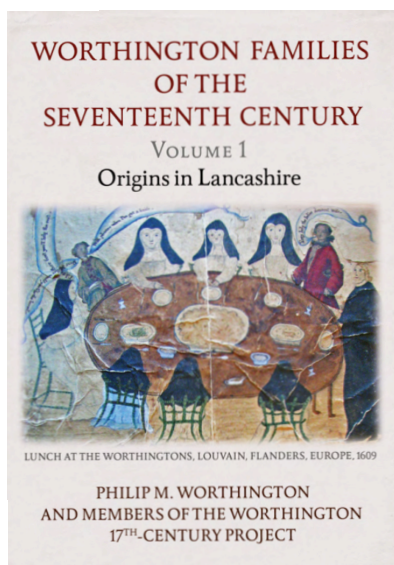
The writer's brief research of these names through *Ancestry* has uncovered a fascinating record of information on this family through marriage and obituary announcements in the *Belfast News-Letter* publication, as well as through other sources including wills and probate records, military sources and indexes recording births, deaths and marriage. It seems that the headstone is a memorial to not only Samina, who died in 1878 aged 67, and William Latouche Worthington, but also of two of their children. Samina and William had married in 1829 in Dublin and had probably lived there all their lives, although there is a birth record in Calvados, France, of a son, Samuel Yates Worthington. William had predeceased Samina in 1865, aged 63. Louisa, when she died in 1876, was the only surviving daughter; another daughter, Samina, who had married young in 1847, had died earlier and it seems may have married a cousin from her mother's side of the family, the Douglas Johnstones.

Jan has said that she would be happy to let anyone, who may be related to this family, have the photograph and any other information she has on these Worthingtons, so please get in touch with Jan if you think we may have found a link to your past.

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