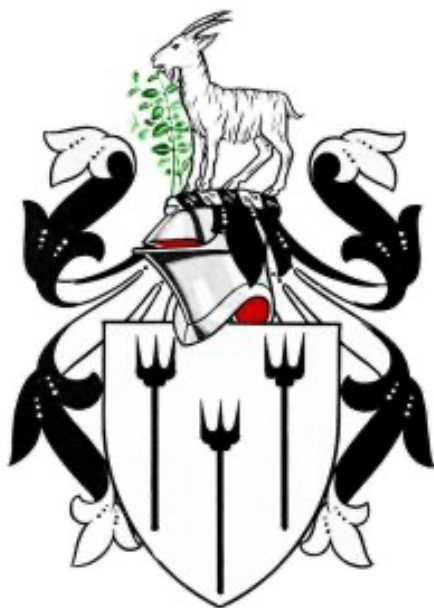


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July 2021

Worthington Family History Society

E-AGM

Join us for our Annual General Meeting online

Saturday 31st July 2021

1.45pm Pacific Time (California)

9.45pm United Kingdom

10.45pm Central Europe

Sunday 1st August 2021

6.45am (next day) Eastern Australia

8.45am New Zealand

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Worthington Family History Society Newsletter – Edition 2

Welcome to the second edition of the WFHS Newsletter. I'm writing from a café in my small village of Kent, UK. The sun is out and there is a feeling of optimism around. The vaccine rollout has been picking up pace, the pubs are open and the roses are out.

Given current travel restrictions in place around the world, the Council have made a decision to hold the Annual General Meeting 2021 virtually. The AGM will take place on 31st July and 1st August on Zoom/MS Teams. Look out for a separate email for more information. If you would like to put forward an item for the agenda or are interested in becoming more involved, please contact myself, Ian Worthington (President) or another member of the Council to discuss.

Longstanding member and a key contributor to our recently published book *The Worthington Families of the 17th Century*, Philip M Worthington sadly passed away in January. Council members, Jan Worthington and Sidney Worthington have written tributes to Philip and these can be viewed on pages 6 and 7.

Sidney Worthington (Council Member) has provided an update on the Worthington DNA Project on page 8.

For those still puzzled by the Worthington Crossword in the last edition of the newsletter. You can find the solutions on page 18.

Christine Worthington has kindly shared her research on her ancestor, John Worthington, born in Lancaster in the late 18th Century. Her research is going to be shared over several editions of the newsletter, with the Part I focusing on John's life in England before he was transported to Australia after being found guilty of a felony.

Speaking of felonies, Council Member Sidney Worthington, shares his research on crime & punishment in 1802 which makes for a very interesting read.

If you haven't yet had the chance to visit our website in recent weeks, I'd like to encourage you to do so. We regularly update the content and have now uploaded 11 volumes of the Register of Worthington References which can be viewed in the Members Area. An update on the website (kindly written by Paul Lawrence) can be found on page 11. If you are a member of the WFHS and have forgotten the username and password, please send an email to wfhs.contact@gmail.com.

Finally, just a friendly reminder to renew your membership if you haven't done so already. More details can be found opposite.

We're currently looking for contributions for the next edition of the newsletter, if you would like to make a submission, please send me an email at wfhs.contact@gmail.com.

Hannah Murphy
WFHS Secretary

Reminder Notice for Annual Subscriptions 2021-22



Thank you to everyone who has already renewed their membership for another year. Your ongoing support of the Society is much appreciated.

We hope that those who have yet to send payment will do so very shortly; Society Membership renewal fell due on 1st April and the subscription rates for the current year are:

Sterling:	£32.00
US dollar:	\$42.00
Australian dollar:	Aus\$55.00
New Zealand dollar:	NZ\$60.00

£ sterling cheques should be made payable to Worthington Family History Society and sent to Paul Lawrence, 1, Bayfield Place, Orpington, Kent, BR6 7FA, United Kingdom.

Alternatively an electronic payment can be made direct to The Co-operative Bank:

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Members who pay in Australian or New Zealand dollars are kindly requested to make payment in £sterling equivalent by arranging a sterling transfer to the Society's UK Co-operative Bank account, details of which are set out above.

Please notify Paul if you make a direct payment. You can contact him by e-mail at LPaulVLawrence@aol.com

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Longstanding member and a key contributor to our recently published book *The Worthington Families of the 17th Century*, Philip M Worthington sadly passed away in January. Council members, Jan Worthington and Sidney Worthington have written tributes to Philip

My introduction to Philip was fortuitous. When he began, with others, to form the 17th Century Project he was looking for a Worthington in Ireland to join and do some research there. He wrote to my son who was living in Dublin at the time who forwarded the letter to me and so I joined the Project and attended the first AGM in 2006. Philip's genealogical knowledge, drive and enthusiasm inspired me to help with the research. Many years of collaboration followed and Philip was always happy to provide constructive criticism (his ability to read the 16th and 17th century writing in photocopied microfiche documents being much better than mine!) and then to suggest some other record depository for me to explore.

Philip was also highly adept at getting people to "volunteer" to take on positions in the Project and Family History Society so I became Administrator of the DNA Project and the main source of illustrations for Volume 1 of *The Worthington Families of the 17th Century*. Many hours were spent with Philip and often Juliet Martin formatting the final editing of the book and it was obvious that he was a perfectionist in his approach to the smallest detail.

It has been a privilege and pleasure to work with Philip for nearly 15 years and I believe his legacy lives on in the Worthington Family History Society and its commitment to further research and future publications.

Sidney Worthington

It was at Philimore & Co., based at Shopwyke Manor Barn in Chichester, West Sussex in 1995 that I first learnt of Philip Worthington and his book, *The Worthingtons of Medieval England*, during discussions pre the publication in 1997 of my book *Coopers and Customs Cutters, Worthington of Dover and Related Families 1560-1906*. I can't remember who contacted who first but Philip was very surprised to learn that there had been Worthington's living in Kent as early as the 1560's.

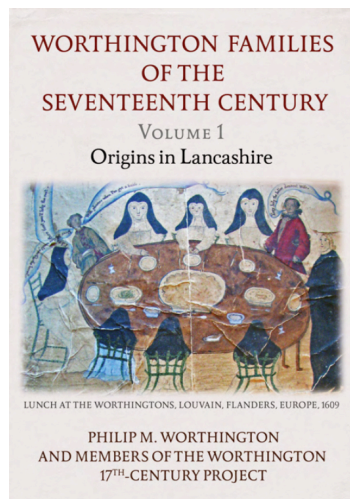
Our early correspondence resulted in a meeting of like minds during my visits from Australia to Knossington in Rutlandshire where I met Judy and Miranda. Their very kind and generous hospitality over many years was a welcome break from my research trips around different parts of England and later gave us a chance to review the progress of our activities and responsibilities in connection with the newly formed 17th Century Project in 2005 and later the Worthington Family History Society (WFHS) in 2009.

The inaugural meeting of the 17th Century Project in Wigan, Lancashire comprised a group of Worthington history enthusiasts. Philip was elected Secretary, a position he held until his retirement in 2017 and I was elected President. Over the years Annual General Meetings were held in various countries and at very different locations; all with an early historical connection to a member of the Worthington family.

Until recently Philip was supported by a secretary, who was employed by the WFHS; and the joint effort by a team of members, who researched, collated,

edited, indexed the recently published *Worthington Families of the Seventeenth Century, Volume 1, Origins in Lancashire*. We thank him for his contribution as work continues on *Worthington Families of the Seventeenth Century, Volume 2*.

Jan Worthington, Past President 2005-2019





Worthington DNA Project

Sidney Worthington

Membership

This year has been quite encouraging with six new male Worthington members of the Project. They are:

<i>Kit no.</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Most distant claimed ancestor</i>
BP12266	Geoffrey F Worthington	Thomas Worthington b1772, Plungar, Leics
BP12267	David K Worthington	Robert Worthington b1574/5 of Styall, Ches.
BP12269	Stuart J Worthington	John Henry Worthington bc1850, Bolton
937457	Steven Worthington	John Worthington b1827, Rusholme, Lancs
940902	John Worthington	James F Worthington bc1792, Massachusetts
IN103855	Aaron Worthington	Samuel Worthington b1827, Antrim, Ireland

Results and Predictions for New Members

With the increasing numbers of members and at the suggestion of Susan Meates who advises the Guild of One Name Studies on DNA matters, the results on Family Tree DNA (FTDNA) are now shown as Genetic Groups rather than by Haplogroup. Haplogroups are related thousands of years ago whereas Genetic Groups are within a genealogical time frame. Genetic Groups J, E and G are of Roman origin and I is Viking or Anglo-Saxon. The remainder are from Haplogroup R1b1a2.

Genetic Group 008

Kit 12267 (David Keith Worthington) claims decent from Robert “The Quaker” Worthington and thus from Robert Worthington b1574 of Styall, Cheshire as do the two other members of this Genetic Group, Kit 248518 (Stephen Gregory Worthington) at one step difference and Kit 276662 (Donald James Worthington) at two. In addition he matches Kit 300517 (Gregory Michael Worthington), Kit 857226 (Francis Xavier Worthington) and Kit 877587 (Manavaroa Kamaki Worthington), who are in Genetic Group 009, at three steps difference and Kit 30447 (Lloyd Worthington), who is in Genetic Group 007, at four steps difference. Given that he has no known common ancestor within the past six generations, FTDNA, the testing company, predict the probability of a common ancestor between Kit BP12267 (David Keith Worthington) and Kit 248518 (Stephen Gregory Worthington) at 8 generations as 74.1%, 95.7% at 12 and 99.3% at 16
Kit 276662 (Donald James Worthington) at 8 generations as 74.1%, 95.7% at 12 and 99.3% at 16

Kit 300517 (Gregory Michael Worthington) at 8 generations as 63.5%, 91.5% at 12 and 98.2% at 16

Kit 857226 (Francis Xavier Worthington) at 8 generations as 63.5%, 91.5% at 12 and 98.2% at 16

Kit 877547 (Manavaroa Kamaki Worthington) at 8 generations as 63.5%, 91.5% at 12 and 98.2% at 16

Kit 30447 (Lloyd Worthington) at 8 generations as 63.2%, 91.4% at 12 and 98.1% at 16

These results would appear to indicate a close relationship between the three Genetic Groups but it must be noted that in the case of Kit 30447 (Lloyd Worthington) there is a two step difference in the first 12 markers which is significant. An attempt will be made to find a relative of Lloyd to be tested to try to discover when the mutations occurred. However, 16 generations, at an average of 30 years per generation, works out at nearly 500 years, so finding the paper records may not be possible.

Genetic Group 112

Kit BP12269 (Stuart John Worthington) claims descent with certainty from John Henry Worthington b1859 in Bolton, Lancashire and probably from James Worthington bc1800 of Wigan, Lancashire and has six matches at two steps difference in the FTDNA database, one of whom is Kit 196517 (Edward Worthington) who claims descent from Anthony Worthington bc1538 of Coppull near Standish, Lancashire and is also in Genetic Group 112. Given that he has no common ancestor in the past six generations, FTDNA predict the probability of a common ancestor between Kit BP12269 (Stuart John Worthington) and Kit 196517 (Edward Worthington) at 8 generations as 63.7%, 91.7% at 12 and 98.2 at 16

These results may indicate a link between the Standish line and that of Bolton.

Genetic Group 113

Kit 937457 (Steven Worthington) claims descent from John Worthington b1827 in Rusholme, Lancashire which lies two miles south of the centre of Manchester. He matches Kit 262773 (Roger Worthington) of Genetic Group 104 at four steps difference but no one else in the FTDNA database. Given that he has no common ancestor in the past four generations FTDNA predict the probability of a common ancestor between Kit 937457 (Steven Worthington) and Kit 262773 (Roger Worthington) at 8 generations as 64.9%, 88.8% at 12 and 96.9 % at 16

It would be helpful if Steven Worthington could find a distant cousin to be tested to confirm this result.

Genetic Group 114

Kit BP12266 (Geoffrey Frank Worthington) claims descent from Thomas Worthington b1772 in Plungar, Leicestershire and unfortunately has no Worthington matches and only one other in the entire FTDNA database at 37 markers. It would appear that his line is either a completely new one or that there has been a Non-Paternal Event (NPE) somewhere in his lineage. Plungar lies close to the border with Nottinghamshire and it had been hoped that he might match Genetic Group 106 which contains seven members whose lines all originate in that county and may possibly be descended from the Leicestershire village of Worthington.

Genetic Group 115

Kit 940902 (John Worthington) claims descent from James F Worthington bc1793 in Massachusetts, USA but has not yet provided his line of descent. Unfortunately he has no Worthington matches at any level of testing and only one at 25 markers. It is not possible to make any predictions at this stage.

Ungrouped

Kit IN103855 (Aaron Worthington) claims descent from Samuel Worthington b1827 in County Antrim, Ireland. He only joined the Project last month and his results will not be available for a few weeks. He is already aware of the possibility of a NPE in his line.

Overall Results

It is good to have another descendant of Robert "The Quaker" Worthington tested and showing close matches and also a possible link between Kit BP12269 (Stuart John Worthington) and Kit 196517 (Edward Worthington). The remainder of the results are somewhat disappointing with either no or few Worthington matches.

Recruiting new members

It would be immensely helpful if those male Worthington members of the FHS who have not been tested would consider doing so and for all members to try to recruit a male Worthington relative to undergo testing. It is only by having large numbers of people tested that we can get further information. I can still obtain the testing kits for 37 markers for £88.00 which is currently about the same as the \$119 charged by FTDNA.



What's Happening on the Website?

During the last year the website has been used to make much more information about the Society available to the membership. A Resource area has been introduced where articles of interest can be loaded for all to read; in the Member's Area the Constitution is posted as well as the list of current members. Minutes of Council meetings and most importantly the 11 volumes of the Register of Worthington References have been placed on the website too, where Society members can download the information and, if desired, print it. The Publications page now describes how the first Volume of the Worthington Families of the 17th Century book can be purchased.

The popularity of the site continues to grow with the number of views and visitors increasing year on year. Over the last 12 months there were some 3000 views from around 600 visitors to the site, a thirty percent increase from last year.

Over 700 downloads of material have been recorded, the majority of those being by members, although a good number of visitors it would seem have downloaded membership application forms, which, for the most part, have not yet generated actual new members!

Material	Number of downloads
Membership application (Word and pdf versions)	246
Constitution	88
Membership List	203
Register of Worthington References (various volumes)	147
Council Meeting minutes (two meetings)	69
Resource area article	27

Future development of the website will be the inclusion of this Newsletter so that it will be available for a worldwide audience to see and not just the membership. Have you any interesting material to post in the Resource area, stories of your ancestors?

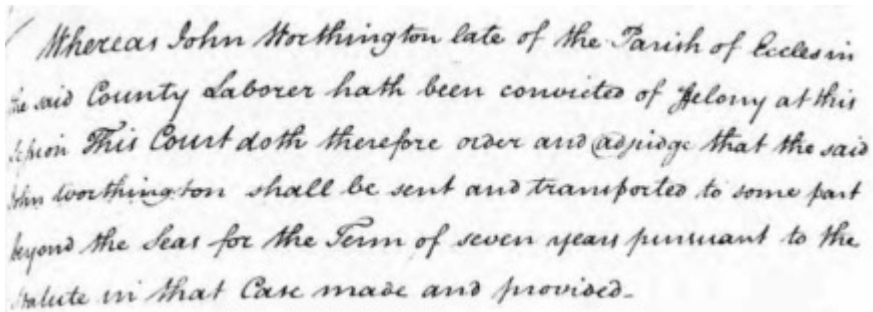
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John Worthington Part I:

Life in England

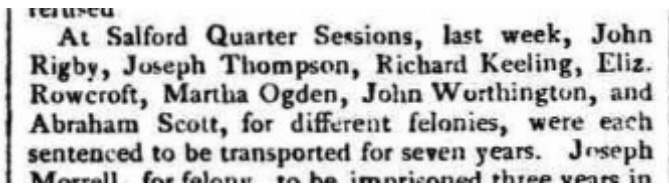
Christine Worthington

Little of John Worthington's life in England can be found in the official records (so far). We know from the transportation and muster records in Australia that he was tried at the New Bailey, Salford, on 1 May 1805, and transported to Australia aboard the ship *Fortune* the following year.



Whereas John Worthington late of the Parish of Eccles in the said County laborer hath been convicted of felony at this session This Court doth therefore order and adjudge that the said John Worthington shall be sent and transported to some part beyond the seas for the Term of seven years pursuant to the Statute in that Case made and provided.

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At Salford Quarter Sessions, last week, John Rigby, Joseph Thompson, Richard Keeling, Eliz. Rowcroft, Martha Ogden, John Worthington, and Abraham Scott, for different felonies, were each sentenced to be transported for seven years. Joseph Marshall, for felony, to be imprisoned three years in

(Source: Lancaster Gazette, 11 May 1805)

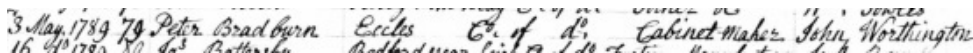
The indictment rolls indicate that on 15 January 1805 Worthington stole a load of wood from John Greaves of Pendlebury. There is also a record of an earlier larceny offence which took place on 31 August 1801 – the theft by Worthington and a cohort (John Wych) of scythes owned by a William Brown at Stretford. In both instances, Worthington is described as a labourer and resident of Barton Upon Irwell.



Other possible records

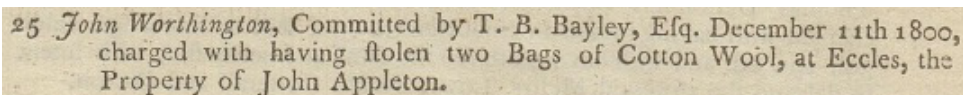
The following entries may refer to this John Worthington, but there is insufficient evidence at this stage to confirm:

- a) Register of Duties Paid for Apprentices' Indentures, 1710-1811 (TNA), a John Worthington apprentice to Peter Bradburn, cabinet maker at Eccles 3 May 1789. If this is the same person he would have been about 13 years of age.

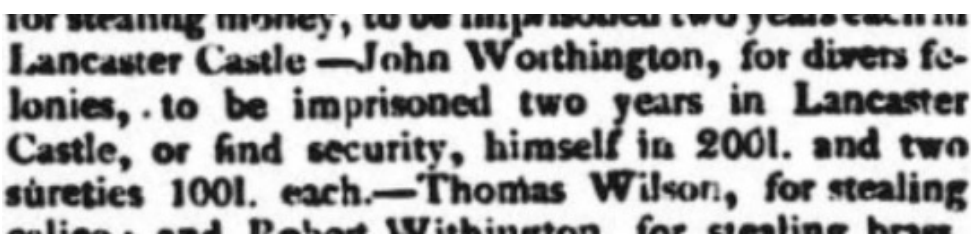


- b) A Land Tax record for 1798 shows a John Worthington as one of 12 occupants of a property owned by a Mr Norris situated in Back Acton Street, Manchester. This seems unlikely to be the same John, but it's not completely out of the realm of possibility.

- c) Calendar of Prisoners 11 Dec 1800 (held by Lancashire Archives):



- d) Notice in the Lancaster Gazette dated 15 May 1802:



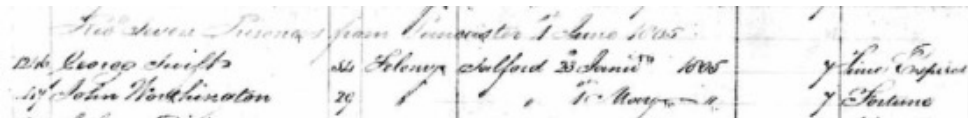
John Worthington appearing in Court in
Custody of the Governor of the New Bailey Prison
in Lalford aforesaid and Articles of the peace
having been exhibited against him by Thomas
Butterworth Bayley Esquire and he having
neglected and refused to enter into a Recognizance
with two sufficient Sureties to keep the peace
especially towards the said Thomas Butterworth
Bayley this Court doth therefore remand him the
said John Worthington back to the said prison the
Governor wherof is hereby required to receive and
keep him in safe Custody for the Space of two Years
unless in the mean Time he enter into a
Recognizance to keep the peace during the said
Term himself on two hundred pounds with two
sufficient Sureties on one hundred pounds each
one Week Notice of such Sureties to be given to
Mr Nathaniel Milne of Manchester for doing which
this shall be the said Governor's Warrant

Likely birth record?

His age at the times of these offences is not given in the indictment, but there are at least two records that do show his age. According to the jailhouse register of the New Bailey on the day of his court appearance, John Worthington was 28 years old on 1 May 1805,

33	John Worthington.....	28	J. Leaf, Esq.....	17	Charged upon the oath of John Greaves & others, with stealing, from the premises of the said John Greaves, at Peasebury, a quantity of deal timber, his property, which was found in the dwelling-house of the prisoner, at Eccles.
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and then when he was transferred from Lancaster Castle to the Prison Hulk Perseus his age is recorded as 29 years on 1 June 1805.



I believe these two pieces of information hold significance because John Worthington was present on both occasions to give his information, and I believe that he was therefore born some time in May 1776.



The only John Worthington I can find likely to have been born in May 1776 in the Manchester area is:

Baptism: 26 May 1776 St Mary the Virgin, Eccles, Lancashire, England

John Worthington – Son of James Worthington & Martha

Abode: Pendleton

Occupation: Weaver

Source: Manchester Central Library

Another piece of evidence relates to the information contained on the headstone of James Worthington and Martha Aldred in the churchyard of St Mary the Virgin, Eccles. The churchyard was unfortunately cleared of headstones in the 1960s. No photographs were taken but inscriptions were recorded.

The inscription appears on the Find a Grave website and lists James Worthington, along with Martha (and two subsequent wives of James – Jane

and Rachael) and then John Worthington is listed last without a year of death.

2096

James Worthington

died Decr 27th 1821 aged 68 years

Martha his Wife died

Augst 4th 1786 agd 34

Jane Worthington 1788

Rachael Worthington 1811

John Worthington

This information could be interpreted in three ways:

Scenario 1:

John Worthington is buried with his father and stepmothers, but his date of death was left off the transcription – either because of transcription error, or because the date wasn't readable.

Scenario 2:

John Worthington, the son of James and Martha, was listed here and without dates because he was lost to the family. This sometimes occurs to memorialise family members who are absent, abroad, missing or killed in action. His name could have been added to the headstone by his father, or one of his siblings, and would explain why he is the only child of James and Martha to be memorialised on this stone with his parents.

It is not uncommon to have more people buried in a grave than listed on a headstone and also to have people memorialised on a stone but who are not buried in the grave.

or ...

Scenario 3:

John Worthington, the son of James and Martha, was listed at the bottom of the headstone, perhaps on a flagstone, as the person responsible for placing the headstone.

Scenario 1 seems unlikely because John is the only one of the five not to appear in the burial register.

Scenario 3 seems unlikely because it implies that John has placed the headstone for his mother, his two stepmothers and his father after they have all died, remembering all their dates and placing them in order. When his mother Martha died, John was only 10 years of age and it is very difficult to believe that there was no stone at all

on this grave until John was old enough to commission it. I think that the person most likely to have erected the memorial would be the father, James.

Without a photograph of the headstone, it is impossible to draw a 100% solid conclusion about either scenario and impossible to know whether there was a flagstone. Either way, it seems that John Worthington is not buried at St Mary's, only mentioned on the headstone for some reason.

The contributor of the transcript on the Find A Grave website has assumed the Scenario 3 to be true and made a connection with another John Worthington who is buried at Swinton Unitarian Cemetery. It is noted as a "calculated relationship", i.e. it is speculative. I think it is worth taking a look at a closer look at this.

Just to Confuse Things: Swinton John Worthington

The John Worthington buried at Swinton Unitarian Cemetery (whom I will call Swinton JW) was born in the same year as John Worthington (Convict JW) and died in 1869 aged 93. He was buried in Plot 1 at Swinton Unitarian Cemetery.

He married Sarah Longworth in 1798 and from then until 1815 they had nine children: Martha, James, Samuel, Ann, Margaret, Lee, Anne, Sarah and John. Buried in the same plot are Lee and his wife Sarah (nee Porter), Lee's

son John Worthington plus his wife Mary (nee Ford) and their two children, Annie and Henry.

The fact that the youngest four children were born after 1806 means that he is not Convict JW. The family shows as residents of Pendleton in the christening records of the first two children and in the records of all subsequent children, the family were residing at Swinton. This John Worthington was a weaver by trade, but there were many weavers in the region and, especially since the christening records do not give the mothers' maiden names, it's impossible to confirm that the children are all of the same couple.

Sarah Longworth appears to have died in Nov 1835 at the age of 62 and was buried at St Mary's, Eccles. I have no idea why she would be buried in a different cemetery to her husband and son's family. In her burial record John Worthington is listed as her husband, and their residence as Swinton, but her maiden name doesn't appear on the burial record, so it's impossible to say with complete certainty that this was Swinton JW's wife. There are no parents listed for either Sarah Longworth or Swinton JW on the marriage banns document, nor do parent names appear on the death records for them.

The fact that Swinton JW's first two children were called Martha and James could lend some weight to the idea that Swinton JW was the son of James Worthington and Martha

Aldred of Pendleton. However, Convict JW's firstborn was also called James, and he had no female offspring so we have no way of knowing whether a female child would have been called Martha. Also, the fact that Swinton JW was a weaver, the same profession as James the father, lends weight to his being of that family, though this fact is not in itself conclusive evidence either.

So who were Swinton JW's parents? There is a possible clue in his burial place – he was of the Unitarian congregation. There was a John Worthington christened at Cross Street Chapel, Central Manchester in April 1776. This couldn't have been Convict JW, who was born the following month. Additionally, Cross Street Chapel is a Unitarian church (a noted 'meeting place of Unitarians since 1761'). The parents of this child were John Worthington (calendar man) and his wife Betty.

The only UK census record I could find that might have been Swinton JW is:

1861 – aged 85 – widower – 16 Whit Lane, Pendleton – domestic gardener – birthplace Eccles – residing with daughter Matha (aged 63 – widow – domestic general servant – birthplace Pendleton).

Naturally, there is more digging to do, and if anyone has further information that can shed more light on this, I'd love to hear from you.

Crime and Punishment in 1802

Sidney Worthington

Some years ago whilst researching Samuel Worthington 1748-1802, a younger brother of my great great grandfather William Worthington 1745-1821, I came across a record in the "Date Book of Recountable and Memorable Events Connected with Nottingham and its Neighbourhood 1750-1850". Samuel was a merchant in Nottingham and sometime sheriff and mayor, some of whose descendants emigrated to Australia. The following is an extract from the book.

"March 11-15 1802. Sir Richard Graham, Knt, presided over the assizes, which were of unusual interest and importance, no less than eleven persons being capitally convicted.

The first of these was a young woman named Mary Voce. She was born in Sneinton, in 1778, and her maiden name was Hallam. Her husband was a bricklayer, and brother of the Voce who was hung in 1775, for participating in the murder of Widow Dufty; but on account of her improper attachments with other men, he had left her with two small children. She resided in Fisher-gate, and finding her younger child an obstacle in the way of her improper connections, she poisoned it. She was tried on Friday, and the judge, in passing sentence, directed that she be executed on the following Monday. She received the sentence with remarkable composure. Owing to his Lordship being detained

beyond the usual time, she obtained a respite till Tuesday, on which day she was conveyed to the place of execution, amidst the greatest concourse of spectators ever witnessed in this town; above one hundred voices singing penitentiary hymns on the way and at the gallows, and three or four persons attending voluntarily in the cart, administered comfort and consolation.

Another of the convicts was a youth, 14 years of age, named John Attenburrow. He was sentenced to be hung for picking the pocket of Mr John Wilcockson, druggist, and stealing therefrom several banknotes, during the funeral ceremony of the late Mr Alderman Worthington, in St Peter's churchyard. On account of his age he was subsequently reprieved.

There were also sentenced to be hanged, William Shipley and John Savage, for extorting money from William Savidge, at Carlton, under pretence of charging him with the crime of sodomy; Ferdinando Davis and Henry Palmer, for a robbery on the highway: Robert Smith and George Pye, for sheep stealing: William Callis and John Foreman, for stealing two heifers; and Jabez Dry for grand larceny. Of these all but Davis and Palmer were reprieved ere the Judge left the town."

One wonders how the young criminals of today might behave if they were to face similar sentences.

Worthington Families of 17th Century - Volume 2: 2020/21

Review of pedigrees-progress as of June 2021

Background

Many of the pedigrees, which were prepared for the second volume of *The Worthington Families of the 17th Century*, were compiled, and the evidence was presented, around a decade or more ago. Ian A Worthington and Stuart G Worthington agreed that it would not make sense to start drafting the second volume based on out of date information. Stuart undertook to review all 37 proposed pedigrees, presenting new or corrected evidence when he found it, principally using the last two published volumes (10 and 11) of the *Register of Worthington References*.

Current situation

As of 30 June 2021, Stuart has completed that first review of all proposed pedigrees. His work has needed examining and verifying and where challenged by an examiner, agreeing to a final updated version of the pedigree.

The role of examiner of these pedigrees has fallen mainly to Ian Worthington aided by Heather Lawrence. When it has been possible to involve the original compiler or examiner of a pedigree, that has been done. For example there are several pedigrees in which Sidney Worthington has played a role. The examiners have been able to take advantage of newly available on line parish registers (images and transcripts) and similar documents to update the pedigrees further when this has been appropriate.

The following pedigrees have been reviewed, examined and saved in preparation for the next task, which will be drafting the narrative to go with them.

1. Pedigree L - Lambley, Nottinghamshire
2. Pedigree R - Ropley, Hampshire
3. Pedigree RA - Ropley, Hampshire
4. Pedigree N - Connecticut
5. Pedigree J - Shelford and East Bridgford, Nottinghamshire
6. Pedigree SU - Sudborough, Northamptonshire
7. Pedigree NE - Newbold, Leicestershire
8. Pedigree LO - Lockington, Leicestershire
9. Pedigree V - Leicester, Leicestershire
10. Pedigree BR - Brixworth, Northamptonshire
11. Pedigree HF - Higham Ferrers and Irthlingborough, Northamptonshire
12. Pedigree HO - Horsell, Surrey

13. Pedigree D - Dover, Kent
14. Pedigree SE - Seighford and Cannock, Staffordshire
15. Pedigree WA - Walsall, Staffordshire
16. Pedigree G - Montgomeryshire
17. Pedigree GA - Montgomeryshire
18. Pedigree Z - Mobberley, Cheshire
19. Pedigree ZA - Mobberley, Cheshire
20. Pedigree ZB - Mobberley, Cheshire
21. Pedigree ZC - Mobberley, Cheshire
22. Pedigree HU - Hurdsfield, Cheshire
23. Pedigree MR - Rainow, Cheshire
24. Pedigree MS - Sutton, Cheshire
25. Pedigree MM - Macclesfield, Cheshire
26. Pedigree MB - Bollington, Cheshire
27. Pedigree Y - Hattersley, Cheshire

The remaining pedigrees have been reviewed by Stuart but not yet examined by Ian and Heather:

1. Pedigree CR - Crossacres, Cheshire
2. Pedigree CS - Sharston, Cheshire
3. Pedigree WD - Woodford, Cheshire
4. Pedigree Q - Quarry Bank, Cheshire*
5. Pedigree MP - Dean Row, Cheshire*
6. Pedigree WW - Wilmslow, Cheshire*
7. Pedigree MQ - Morley, Cheshire*
8. Pedigree MO - The Hough, Cheshire*
9. Pedigree BN - Bowden and Hale

*These are a very complex set of pedigrees with potential overlaps and inter connections and may need to be renamed and reworked before they are deemed ready for the next process of writing their narrative.

Pedigree NO - Norton-juxta-Twycross and Pedigree O - Orton on the Hill have strong connections to a potentially new pedigree TA - Hopwas, Tamworth, Staffordshire. Work is ongoing on how best to present this group - either as a single pedigree or three separate ones.

Thus there are currently a total of 39 potential pedigrees of which 27 are ready for the next stage of narrative writing. A dummy test copy of what the narrative and pedigree might look like when uploaded onto the website has been completed for pedigree NE - Newbold.

Volunteers to help Ian and Heather further this project more speedily, for instance with the narrative drafting process based on the Newbold template are always welcome!

Publication of Volume 2

The individual pedigrees comprising Volume 2 will first of all be published with their narratives on the WFHS website in the Members’ area. Once that task has been completed, Council will seek the views of the whole membership on whether these pedigrees should be turned into a hard back book like Volume 1, or whether they should just be published on line or in some other format.

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