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***RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS***

**OBJECTIVES**

- Extend the Hall and Pridgeon lines.

**RESULTS**

- Found the ancestral Thomas Hall in 1841 and 1851 census records.
- It appears Thomas Hall was the illegitimate son of Mary Hall and was christened 23 April 1826 in Weston, Lincolnshire, England.
- Found William Pridgeon in the 1841 census, which listed him as a shoemaker.
- William Pridgeon was christened 5 February 1798 in Friskney, Lincolnshire and was buried 15 June 1851 in Boston, Lincolnshire.
- William Pridgeon and Anne Dodd were married 7 November 1820 in Boston, Lincolnshire.
- William's father, Thomas Pridgeon, was christened 9 January 1766 in Friskney, Lincolnshire.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Through correspondence, search overseer's accounts, bastardy bonds, and settlement certificates for Weston and Spalding in case any of these records mention the identity of Thomas Hall's father.
2. Continue to extend the Hall, Pridgeon, and Dodd lines.

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***RESEARCH REPORT***

The objectives of this research session were to extend the ancestry of Thomas Hall and of Matilda Pridgeon, both of Lincolnshire, England.

***HALL***

Research began by continuing research on Thomas Hall. In our previous session, we followed the family of Lucy Hall, who was living next to Thomas in 1871 (see Wainwright/Hall project of 12 January 2006, document #44), for any clues about Thomas' parentage. We continued to seek Lucy in census records for additional clues about her family and parentage. She was first found in 1851 (document #1):

1851 census: Lucy Hall household, Bond St., Spalding, Lincolnshire, England

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rel</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
55	Lucy Hall	Head	Unmarried	31	Charwoman	Lincolnsh, Weston Hills
	Matthew Hall	Son	U	11	Labourer	Lincolnsh, Spalding
	John Hall	Son	U	9	Labourer	Lincolnsh, Spalding
	Emily Hall	Daur	U	7	Scholar	Lincolnsh, Spalding
	Joseph Hall	Son	U	5	At home	Lincolnsh, Spalding
	George Hall	Son	U	5	At home	Lincolnsh, Spalding
	Charles Hall	Son	U	1 mo	At home	Lincolnsh, Spalding
	Betsey Hall	Sister	U	29	Needlewoman	Lincolnsh, Weston Hills

The information in this census fits very well with what we know of Lucy's family from the 1861 census.

We next found Lucy with her oldest son, Matthew, when she was still living with her mother (document #2):

1841 census: Ann Hall household, Spalding, Lincolnshire, England

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Born in County</u>
Ann Hall	60	Widow	Y
Cornelius Hall	25	Shoemaker	Y
Lucy Hall	20		Y
Matthew Hall	1		Y
Thomas Thorp	20	Shoemaker	Y

The ancestral Thomas would have been about fifteen years old at this time but he was not enumerated with his proposed mother. As discussed in our previous report, the only christening we had found for Lucy was to George and Ann Hall, but the ancestral Thomas said his father's name was Thomas, not George, on his marriage certificate. Like Lucy, Cornelius was born to George, not Thomas (document #3). We learned that George was buried in Spalding in 1827, which fits with Ann's widowhood by 1841 (document #4). Since these children were born to George Hall, we decided the ancestral Thomas could not have been part of this family, although there may have been some relation since they were from the same part of Lincolnshire as Thomas. We continued to search for Thomas in 1841 and found the following (document #5):

1841 census: John Hare household, Vine Street, Spalding, Lincolnshire, England

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Born in County</u>
John Hare	40	Bricklayer	Y
Mary Hare	35		Y
Thomas Hall	14	Labourer	Y

This Thomas' age fits perfectly with the ancestral Thomas. We also found the family in 1851 (document #6):

1851 census: Mary Hare household, Abby Yard, Spalding, Lincolnshire, England

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rel</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
5	Mary Hare	Head	W	45		Lincoln, Weston Hills
	Thomas Hall	Son	Un	25	Journeyman Butcher	Lincoln, Weston Hills
	John Hare	Son		9	Scholar	Lincoln, Spalding
	Sarah Hare	Daur		5	Scholar	Lincoln, Spalding

Of great importance are the facts that this Thomas was born about 1826 in Weston Hills, Lincolnshire and that he was a butcher, just like the ancestral Thomas. We believe we have found our Thomas. Mary Hare was still in Spalding in 1861 but was not found in 1871 (document #7). Thomas, who was married in 1852, was not with Mary in 1861.

We found the christening of a Thomas, son of Thomas and Mary Hall, in October 1832 in Weston, which we believed fit the ancestral Thomas somewhat well, although the christening was several years after the ancestral Thomas' birth (document #8-9). With further research, however, we learned this christening was not correct (document #10-11). Mary Hall married John Hare in July 1832 and was listed as a spinster, so she was not the widow of Thomas Hall when she married John Hare (document #12-13):

Marr 15 July 1832 Spalding, Lincolnshire: John Hare of this parish, bachelor, and Mary Hall of this parish, spinster, were married in this Church by Banns. Both signed names. Witnesses: Thomas Davey, Sarah Green, --- Squires, Thos. Simpson

We next searched Weston parish registers and found the following (document #14-15):

Chr 23 April 1826 Weston, Lincolnshire: Thomas son of Mary Hall of Weston

We searched Spalding parish registers but found no christening for Thomas. The Weston christening definitely fits the Thomas of the 1841 and 1851 censuses, and since this Thomas was a butcher and fit the birth information of the ancestral Thomas perfectly, we believe we have found the correct Thomas. The only piece that does not fit is that the ancestral Thomas named Thomas Hall, a labourer, as his father when he married in 1852. Since we don't know the identity of the father of the Thomas christened 1826, perhaps his name was Thomas Hall, or

perhaps the ancestral Thomas was ashamed to put “unknown” on his marriage certificate and so he made up a father’s name.

In the future, we need to search parish chest records (overseer’s accounts, bastardy bonds, and settlement certificates) for Weston and Spalding in case any of these records mention the identity of Thomas’ father. These are not available at the Family History Library and will have to be searched through correspondence.

We searched the Consistory of Lincolnshire for Hall probate records 1825-1857 but found no records from Weston (document #16). We also found no Hare probates from Spalding or Weston.

We found that Thomas’ mother, Mary, was the daughter of George and Ann Hall (document #14):

Chr 3 September 1805 Weston: Mary daughter of George and Ann Hall

This means that Lucy Hall was actually Thomas’ aunt. We have not yet found marriage information for George Hall and Ann, but this search should continue in the future.

We found a few of Mary Hall’s siblings and their children in census records (document #17-20). These have been submitted for temple work.

We found a probate record for George Hall of Spalding, 1827, proved in the Consistory Court of Lincolnshire (document #16, 21a-d). This will includes the following:

Will of Mr. George Hall, Spalding, Carpenter

Wife Mary Hall

Son Cornelius Hall

Gilbert Young of Spalding, Schoolmaster

Octavius Jennings of Spalding, Ironmonger

Minor children (under age 21)

Dated 16 December 1826

Proved 10 March 1827

It is strange that George named his wife “Mary” in his will, when all other references to her have named her “Ann.” Perhaps her full name was Mary Ann. Since the will names a son Cornelius and was proved soon after George’s burial, we are confident the will does concern the correct family.

In summary, we have learned that Thomas Hall was the son of Mary Hall and was christened in 1826 in Weston, Lincolnshire. Mary was the daughter of George Hall and Ann. We need to search parish chest records for Mary and Thomas Hall for any additional verification that we have found the ancestral christening.

### ***PRIDGEON***

Our search next turned to Matilda Pridgeon. We know through previous research that Matilda was born 1832/1834 in Boston, Lincolnshire and was the daughter of William Pridgeon, a shoemaker. As discussed previously we found that a Matilda Pridgeon was christened 7 December 1834 in Boston, the daughter of William and Mary Anne Pridgeon. We were unsure if this christening was ancestral because Matilda was married in a Baptist meeting house, so it is possible she was not christened in the Church of England. However, since William was listed as a cordwainer in this record and a cordwainer is a type of shoemaker, it appears likely we have found the correct christening. We searched the christening records of this William’s other children and found William was listed as a cordwainer in each record (document #22). We found the family in the 1841 census and William was listed as a shoemaker (document #23):

1841 census: William Pridgeon household, Joiners Row, Boston, Lincolnshire, England

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Born in County</u>
William Pridgeon	40	Shoemaker	Y
Ann Pridgeon	40		Y
William Pridgeon	10		Y
Mary Pridgeon	7		Y

It appears the “Mary” in this census was likely the ancestral Matilda, since her age fits perfectly. William was found alone in 1851 (document #24):

1851 census: William Pridgeon, Browns Yard, Boston, Lincolnshire, England

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rel</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
139	William Pridgeon	Head	Widr	55	Cordwainer	Lincoln, Wrangle

We searched available non-conformist (those not of the Church of England) records and found no Pridgeons. Since this was an uncommon surname and we found no other marriage for the Matilda Pridgeon christened in 1834, we believe we have found the correct christening.

William Pridgeon died just after the 1851 census was taken and was buried 15 June 1851 in Boston at the age of 56 (document #26). We did not find death or burial information for William's wife, Anne/Mary Anne. The couple's marriage record was found, however (document #27-28):

Marr 7 November 1820 Boston: William Pridgeon, bachelor, of this parish, and Anne Dodd, spinster, of this parish, were married in this Church by Banns. Witnesses: William Libsey, Anne Slater

Through census and burial records, we know William was born about 1795/1796 in Wrangle, Lincolnshire. We found no christening for a William Pridgeon in Wrangle, but we did find the following in the adjacent parish of Friskney (document #29):

Chr 5 February 1798 Friskney: William son of Thomas and Sarah Pridgen

This William was not buried as a child or married in Friskney. We believe we have found the ancestral William. We found that William's father was also christened in Friskney (document #32-33):

Chr 9 January 1766 Friskney: Thos Pridgen son of Thos and Mary

We searched for Thomas' burial but found no good matches (document #34). We identified his siblings in the *International Genealogical Index* (document #35).

We next sought information about William Pridgeon's wife, Anne/Mary Anne Dodd. We know she was born between 1796 and 1801 in Lincolnshire and died between 1841 and 1851,

probably in Boston. We found a possible burial record in the parish of Friskney (document #37-38):

Bur 5 November 1843 Friskney: Mary Pridgeon of East Ville, age 46

East Ville is northwest of Friskney, even further from the parish of Boston. We do not know if this record is ancestral. If it is ancestral, this record puts Mary's birth at about 1797. We found two possible christenings in the *International Genealogical Index* (document #39-40):

Chr 20 May 1798 Friskney: Hannah Dodds daughter of Thomas and Jane [3.5 miles from Boston]  
Chr 13 September 1800 Gosberton: Mary Dodd daughter of Wm and Ann [9.8 miles from Boston]

We have not yet determined which christening (if any) is ancestral. Additional research on the parentage of Anne/Mary Anne Dodd is required.

In summary, we have extended the Pridgeon line several generations and have found the maiden name of Matilda Pridgeon's mother. Research on both the Hall and Pridgeon lines has been very successful and we look forward to continuing research in the future.

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