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RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

OBJECTIVES

- The objective of this research session was to extend the Wainwright line. Some time was also spent researching the Harrup and Latham families.

RESULTS

- Searched several Wainwright wills proved in the Prerogative and Exchequer Courts of York, finding no apparent connection to the ancestral Benjamin Wainwright.
- Determined Benjamin Wainwright was not likely part of a non-conformist group in the area of Wath-Upon-Dearne at the time of his birth.
- Identified two possible christenings for Benjamin Wainwright in parishes about ten miles from Wath-Upon-Dearne which warrant further investigation.
- Found the Ann Harrup christened in Barnbrough, Yorkshire in 1726 was not buried there as a child and is therefore likely ancestral. Her paternal grandmother, wife of George Harrup, was likely named Sarah (we have identified their probable burials in Barnbrough parish registers). Also, George and Sarah appear to have had a daughter named Ann, christened 18 August 1700, also in Barnbrough.
- Searched the *British Vital Records Index* for the marriage of John Latham in Yorkshire, with negative results.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. See if Benjamin Wainwright himself left a will, which may provide valuable information about his origins.
2. Investigate the Benjamin Wainwright christenings found in the *International Genealogical Index* in Penistone and Sheffield.
3. Expand the search for Benjamin's christening in area parishes, especially focusing on those, if any, which have not been extracted (Royston parish should especially be included).

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RESEARCH REPORT

The objective of this research session was to extend the Wainwright, Latham, and/or Harrup lines.

WAINWRIGHT

During the previous research session we had trouble locating the christening record of Benjamin Wainwright. Census records indicate he was born between 1787 and 1791 in Yorkshire. He was married in Wath-Upon-Dearne and likely born in the same general area. Several nearby parishes were searched previously with the exception of Monk Bretton, a chapelry in Royston parish. We found, however, during this research session that parish registers for Monk Bretton begin in 1839 and Bishop's Transcripts are only available for 1842, though the chapelry was apparently founded in 1750. Monk Bretton's records were probably combined with Royston's before 1839, therefore Royston parish registers should be searched in the future for Benjamin Wainwright's christening.

Our main focus during this session was searching Wainwright wills proved in the Prerogative and Exchequer Courts of York for clues about Benjamin Wainwright's origins. We found many Wainwright wills proved between 1790 and 1840, a majority of them located in the central and southern parts of Yorkshire's West Riding, the area where Wath-Upon-Dearne is located [document # 1]. However, there were no Wainwright wills proved during this time for residents of Wath-Upon-Dearne or its chapelries. There was one Wainwright will proved in 1837 in Thurnscoe, that of John Wainwright, and one proved for another John Wainwright in 1829 in Rawmarsh [documents # 2-3]. Both of these parishes are very near Wath-Upon-Dearne. Unfortunately, neither of these testators

appears to be closely related to Benjamin. John Wainwright of Thurnscoe names only his wife and children in his will, while the John of Rawmarsh appears to have had no children and names his sisters and nephew.

We also found a will for a James Wainwright, proved in 1825, in the parish of Tankersley, which borders the chapelry of Nether Hoyland [document # 4]. He also did not appear to have any children and names his siblings and some of their children, though Benjamin was not among them.

One will, that of Benjamin Wainwright, proved in 1807 in the parish of Penistone, did mention his son Benjamin [document # 5]. Furthermore, it was implied this son was under 21 when the will was written in 1806, matching the age of the ancestral Benjamin. However, upon searching the extracted Penistone christening records in the *International Genealogical Index* we found this Benjamin was likely born 15 December 1804 and christened 17 March 1805, the son of Benjamin Wainwright and Elizabeth Billcliff [document # 6]. The name Elizabeth matches with the name of Benjamin's wife in the will. The Benjamin born in 1804 is too young to be ancestral.

Yet another Benjamin Wainwright, a bag maker of Thurlstone, Penistone was mentioned in the same will, though no relationship was specified. We located Benjamin the bag maker's will, proved in 1832, and found no connection to the ancestral family [document # 7].

Though we have not yet found any clues about the origins and identity of the ancestral Benjamin Wainwright in Yorkshire wills, there are still many which can be searched in the future. Though it is somewhat time consuming, we feel this approach will probably eventually be fruitful. The search of wills should continue if Benjamin's christening record remains elusive.

During this session, we also investigated the possibility that Benjamin was part of a non-conformist family, and for this reason not found christened in the Church of

England parish registers. We made a list of non-conformist churches in the general area of Wath-Upon-Deerne around the time of Benjamin's birth [document # 8]. We found that all of their records have been extracted and are included in the *International Genealogical Index* by at least 1790, with the exception of the Congregationalist church of Loxley, Wadsley in Ecclesfield parish which was erected in 1787, but whose extracted records don't begin until 1831. Unfortunately, the original parish records begin in 1799, so they cannot be searched for Benjamin's christening.

We searched all of the extracted records of these non-conformist groups in the *International Genealogical Index* with negative results for the christening of Benjamin Wainwright. In fact, only three of these churches recorded Wainwright christenings. Netherfield Chapel, housing an Independent/Congregationalist sect, in the town of Thurlstone, Penistone parish listed four Wainwright christenings between 1800 and 1836 [document # 9]. The Wesleyan church in the same town also had four Wainwright christenings between 1808 and 1821 [document # 10]. The New Street Methodist congregation in Barnsley recorded fifteen Wainwright christenings between 1797 (when their records begin) and 1832 [document # 11].

We also checked an index of births between 1776 and 1792 recorded by the Pontefract Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends, which appears to cover the central and south parts of the West Riding, and found no Wainwrights. All in all, it does not seem likely Benjamin Wainwright was christened as a non-conformist, as the few Wainwright non-conformist families in the area did not christen children around the time of Benjamin's birth.

A final general search of the *International Genealogical Index* revealed two Benjamin Wainwright christenings that can be considered in the future, though each took place about ten miles from Wath-Upon-Deerne [documents # 12-13]:

1786 Aug 20 Benjn s/o Richd. Wainwright at Penistone, Yorkshire
1790 Apr 23 Benjamin s/o Francis Wainwright & Mary at Cathedral St. Peter, Sheffield,
Yorkshire

HARRUP

With the remaining time we searched Barnborough, Yorkshire burials between 1726 and 1740 to ensure the Ann Harrup christened there in 1726 was not buried as a child [document # 14]. Indeed, we found no burial record for an Ann Harrup in this time period.

We found through the *International Genealogical Index* that the father of Ann Harrup, George Harrup (christened 15 February 1696 at Barnbrough), was the son of George Harrup and Sarah [document # 15]. It appears we have found the burials of both George and Sarah in Barnborough [document # 14]:

1739 Apr 8 Sarah Harrap
1739/40 Jan 7 George Harrap Senior

The *International Genealogical Index* also yielded record of a probable daughter of George and Sarah, Ann who was christened 18 August 1700, also in Barnbrough [document # 16].

LATHAM

We also had time to search the *British Vital Records Index* for the marriage of John Latham. Results were negative for Yorkshire.

In summary, we have searched several Wainwright wills proved in the Prerogative and Exchequer Courts of York but have been unable to find evidence of Benjamin Wainwright's origins or parentage. However, we have determined that Benjamin and his parents were not likely part of a non-conformist congregation in the area of Wath-Upon-Deerne. We have identified two Benjamin Wainwright christenings, both about ten miles from Wath-Upon-Deerne, that should be investigated in the future. In addition, we recommend expanding the search for Benjamin's christening in area

parishes, especially focusing on those, if any, which have not been extracted. Royston parish should be included in this search. If necessary, we also recommend reading additional Wainwright wills, working outward in distance from Wath-Upon-Dearne. It is also highly recommended that we find out if Benjamin Wainwright himself left a will, which could prove very valuable.

We have also briefly researched the Harrup family of Barnbrough, finding the Ann Harrup christened there in 1726 is likely ancestral. Future research on this family in Barnbrough appears very promising. We look forward to continuing according to your instruction.

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