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RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

OBJECTIVES

- Extend the Wainwright, Latham, Woodcock, and/or Heptonstall lines.

RESULTS

- Located Benjamin Wainwright in the 1841 census and learned more about his year and place of birth.
- Verified that Sarah Latham was christened 25 April 1785 in Darfield, Yorkshire, daughter of John Latham.
- John Latham was christened 30 October 1758 in Darfield, son of Joseph Latham and Anne Harrup, who were married 4 July 1748 in Hickleton.
- Benjamin Woodcock was likely the son of Joseph and Ann Woodcock, but his christening has not yet been found.
- John Heptonstall married Ann Thicket 8 February 1784 at St. Peter's Cathedral in Sheffield, Yorkshire.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Search christenings 1783-1792 in Monk Bretton, Yorkshire for the christening of Benjamin Wainwright. Also search wills proved in the Prerogative and Exchequer Courts of York for Wainwrights who died after 1790.
2. Search burials 1726-1740 in Barnbrough, Yorkshire to ensure the Ann Harrup christened there in 1726 was not buried as a child.
3. Continue to search for the parentage of Joseph Latham, Joseph Woodcock, Anne Kaye, John Gledhill, John Heptonstall, and Ann Thicket.



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RESEARCH REPORT

The objective of this research session was to extend the Wainwright, Latham, Woodcock, and/or Heptonstall lines. Attention was given to each of these lines during the session.

Wainwright

The 1841 census has recently been indexed so we were able to locate Benjamin Wainwright and his family in this record. They were living in Wath upon Dearne at the time [document #1]:

1841 census: Benn. Wainwright household, Common Side, Wath upon Dearne, Yorkshire, England

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Born in County</u>
Benn. Wainwright	50	Farmer	Y
Sarah Wainwright	55		Y
William Wainwright	20	Lab.	Y
Sarah Wainwright	20		Y
Mary Wainwright	15		Y
Ann Wainwright	14		Y
Elizabeth Wainwright	12		Y
George Cawthorn	15		Y

In the 1841 census, the ages of persons 15-years-old and above were rounded down to the nearest five. Thus, Benjamin was born between 1787 and 1791 in the county of Yorkshire. We have not yet found Benjamin's christening record. During this session, we searched christenings, 1783-1792, in Wath upon Dearne, Tankersley, Darfield, Barnsley (1783-1790), and Nether Hoyland but found no Benjamin Wainwright [document #2]. The only parish in which Wainwrights were found was in Barnsley, which may indicate Benjamin was from an area

northwest of his marriage place in Wath upon Dearne. It is strange that we are not finding Benjamin's christening, since so many of the christening records for parishes in this area have been extracted by the LDS Church and are found in the *International Genealogical Index* [document #3]. This indicates that Benjamin's parents may have been non-conformist and not christened him in the Church of England. However, there is one parish, Monk Bretton, which is near Barnsley and should be searched in the future. In addition, we could search Wainwright wills proved in the Prerogative and Exchequer Courts of York for any clues concerning Benjamin's parentage.

Latham

Our search next turned to the parentage of Sarah Latham. According to census records, Sarah was born 1784 in Darfield, Yorkshire. The only possibility found which matches this information is the following [document #4]:

chr 25 April 1785 Darfield: Sarah Daur of John Latham of Quarry Hill

This christening fits well with the ancestral Sarah; however, we found that, according to the *International Genealogical Index*, a Sarah Latham was married in Darfield [document #5]:

marr 26 April 1812 Darfield: William Hargitt and Sarah Latham

Since we found only one christening for a Sarah Latham in Darfield, we feared the christening found may have referred to the 1812 marriage and was not ancestral. Since the ancestral Sarah married Benjamin Wainwright by license, we obtained the bond and allegation which accompany such marriages in order to determine if Sarah was possibly a widow when she married Benjamin in 1813 [document #6a-7b]:

Bond 12 February 1813: Benjamin Wainwright of Hoyland in the parish of Wath and Diocese of York, Tradesman and William Swallow of Wath, Butcher are bound

Allegation 12 February 1813: Benjamin Wainwright of Hoyland in the parish of Wath upon Dearne, Tradesman, age of twenty three years, and upwards, bachelor; Sarah Latham of Darfield in the Diocese of

York, age twenty eight years, and upwards, spinster; marriage in the parish Church of Wath, in which said parish Benjamin Wainwright made oath that he hath had his usual abode for the space of four weeks [or more]

These documents show that Benjamin was probably born in 1790 and that this was the first marriage of both parties. Thus the marriage of Sarah Latham and William Hargitt was not a previous marriage of the ancestral Sarah.

We next sought to view the original marriage record for William Hargitt and Sarah Latham, but strangely it was not found in Darfield records [document #8]. We searched the same source from which the LDS extraction in the *International Genealogical Index* was taken as well as one additional source. It appears the marriage was incorrectly transcribed and actually did not take place in 1812. This means the 1785 christening of Sarah Latham in Darfield is very probably ancestral.

For extra insurance that we had found the ancestral Sarah's christening, we searched Yorkshire probate records from June 1785 to 1830 for Latham, but found only one John [document #9]:

Sep 1823: Leatham, John of Pontefract [10.8 miles from Darfield]

It is unlikely this probate record pertains to Sarah's father. Through research to this point, we believe the April 1785 christening of Sarah Latham is ancestral and the pedigree should be extended from this point.

We searched the *International Genealogical Index* for the marriage of John Latham but found no good matches. This search should continue in the future by searching the *British Vital Records Index* as well as parish registers near Darfield.

Searching Yorkshire parish registers, we found the following christening for John Latham in Darfield [document #10-11]:

chr 30 October 1758 Darfield: John son of Joseph Latham of Billingley

We searched Darfield burials to ensure this John was not buried as a child [document #12]. John's siblings were christened 1749-1767 in Darfield, but none of these christening records listed the children's mother. However, we believe we found their father's marriage just 4.4 miles from Darfield [document #13-14b]:

marr 4 July 1748 Hickleton: Joseph Lathem and Anne Harrup

This couple did not christen children in Hickleton, which gives further evidence that the marriage is ancestral. No good matches for Joseph Latham's christening have been found, but we do believe we found Anne Harrup's christening record [document #15-16]:

chr 8 May 1726 Barnbrough: Ann daughter of George Harrup

In the future, we need to check Barnbrough burials to ensure this Ann was not buried as a child. It is very likely this christening is ancestral because no Anne Harrup married in Barnbrough around 1750 and because the ancestral Anne named a son George. In our next session we can find all of Anne's siblings as well as her parents' marriage. Anne's father was likely christened 1696 in Barnbrough [document #17].

Woodcock

Next focusing on the Woodcock family, we found Joseph and Rhoda Woodcock in the 1841 census [document #18]:

1841 census: Joseph Woodcock household, Roystone, Yorkshire, England

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Born in County</u>
Joseph Woodcock	55	Linen Weaver	Y
Rhoda Woodcock	50		Y
Timothy Woodcock	15		Y
Benjamin Woodcock	14		Y

There was a William Woodcock, age 35-39, living nearby. We do not know his relation to the family.

The Woodcock pedigree currently ends with Joseph Woodcock's father, Benjamin, who married Hannah Gledhill 1781 in Royston, Yorkshire. Benjamin and Rhoda probably died before 1841 because they were not found in the census. We searched Royston christenings and found many Woodcocks in the parish, but no christening for Benjamin [document #19a-c]. A Joseph Woodcock family, however, caught our attention:

marr	17 Nov 1746	Joseph Woodcock and Anne Kaye both of Cudworth
chr	23 Sep 1747	John son of Joseph Woodcock of Cudworth
chr	11 Dec 1749	Richard son of Joseph Woodcock of Cudworth
chr	6 Oct 1758	Joseph son of Joseph Woodcock of Cudworth [buried December 1758]
chr	28 May 1764	Joshua son of Joseph Woodcock of Cudworth

Since he was married in 1781, it is likely the ancestral Benjamin was born about 1756, during which time it appears Joseph Woodcock did not christen children in Royston. We learned that this gap did not occur because Joseph's wife died in Royston between 1749 and 1758, so the most obvious reason for the gap is because Joseph christened children in a nearby parish for several years in a row. In the future, we should search christenings from 1750 to 1757 in parishes adjacent to Royston. It is likely Benjamin belongs in this family because he named his first son Joseph and a daughter Ann.

Joseph Woodcock's wife, Ann, was likely buried in Royston [document #19b]:

bur	30 Jan 1797	Ann Woodcock widow of Cudworth, of a Decline, aged 75
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Thus Ann (Kaye) Woodcock was born about 1724. Her christening was not found in the *International Genealogical Index*, but pre-1720 Royston christenings have not been extracted by the LDS Church are not included in the *International Genealogical Index*. Royston parish registers should be searched in the future.

We found several other possibilities for Benjamin's christening, although it is more likely he was part of the Woodcock family of Royston [document #20-23]:

chr	8 June 1760	Silkston: Benjamin son of Jonan. Woodcock [5.7 miles from Royston]
chr	19 September 1762	Penistone: Benjamin son of Jonathan Woodcock & Martha Fretwell [8.4 miles]

chr 23 October 1763 Birstall: Benjamin son of Benjamin Woodcock [12.3 miles]

We briefly searched Yorkshire probate records for Woodcocks, but more time could be spent on this search in the future, since we searched only June 1784 – 1787 [document #24]. Finding a will for Joseph Woodcock would serve to prove or disprove his parental link to Benjamin.

As discussed in our previous report, we found a likely christening record for Benjamin Woodcock's wife, Hannah Gledhill [document #25]:

chr 28 December 1762 Royston: Hannah daughter of John Gledhill of Royston

During this session, we searched Royston burials to ensure Hannah was not buried as a child. Since she was not buried young and was later married in this same parish, we believe this christening to be ancestral. Hannah's siblings were also located in Royston records [document #26]. We searched for John's marriage as well as for additional children in the *International Genealogical Index* and in the parish of Woolley but found no good matches at this time [document #27].

We searched the parish of High Hoyland for John Gledhill's christening but found no Gledhills there from 1720 to 1731.

Heptonstall

Turning to the line of Rhoda Heptonstall, we first sought the marriage of her parents, John and Ann, who we know married sometime before 1786. We searched marriage records of Rotherham (the parish in which their first known child was christened), 1760-1786, but found no Heptonstalls [document #28]. We did find several John Heptonstall marriages in Cathedral St. Peter, Sheffield, which is just under six miles from Rotherham [document #29-33]:

marr 8 February 1784 Sheffield: John Hepenstall and Anne Thicket

marr 21 October 1781 Sheffield: John Hepenstal and Betty Baldwin

marr 1 February 1779 Sheffield: Jonathan Hepenstall and Mary Nail

We found that the first couple, John and Anne, christened no children in this parish, which indicates they likely left and christened children elsewhere. We believe the marriage of John “Hepenstall” and Anne Thicket to be ancestral. It is possible John’s first wife was Betty Baldwin. In the future, we should search Sheffield burials 1782-1784 to determine whether this was the case.

We have not found any great possibilities for John Heptonstall’s christening. There was a John Heptonstall christened 5 July 1761 in Kirkburton, Yorkshire (son of Jonas), but this is almost twenty miles from Sheffield and Rotherham [document #35]. The search for christenings for Rhoda’s parents will have to continue in the future.

We may have found some additional cousins for the ancestral Rhoda Heptonstall in census records. It appears that Samuel and Luke Heptonstall, sons of Robert Heptonstall and Hannah Norburn, were both born and lived in and near Kimberworth, Rotherham, Yorkshire [document #36-39]. Robert may have been a brother to John and a clue to extending the Heptonstall line.

In summary, this session has been successful in extending and/or verifying the Latham, Harrup, Woodcock, Gledhill, and Heptonstall lines. Finding the parentage of Benjamin Wainwright has been a challenge and area and probate searches for this information will have to continue in the future.

It is a pleasure to assist you in researching your family history and we look forward to continuing research in the future.

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