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RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

OBJECTIVE

- Extend the Harrison and Oldfield lines.

DISCOVERIES

- Obtained the marriage certificate of William Harrison and Emma Oldfield, which gives their father's names.
- Learned William Harrison was married to Sarah Clayton in 1860, who died 1861/1862.
- Obtained the birth certificate of William Harrison, which stated his parents were William Harrison and Mary Wheeldon.
- Found a likely marriage for William Harrison and Mary Wheeldon at the Manchester Cathedral in Lancashire.
- Discovered Emma Oldfield had a sister, Ann, who was born 1820 and married William Johnson in 1843. She may also have had siblings John (born 1835) and Sarah (born 1838).

FUTURE RESEARCH

1. Search the registers of Macclesfield, Rainow, and Prestbury for the christenings of William Harrison and Mary Wheeldon (born about 1817).
2. Obtain the marriage record of John Coakley 20 September 1840 and of Joseph Wheeldon September 1840 in Cathedral, Manchester, Lancashire.
3. Search Rainow, Cheshire, christenings 1815–1830 for Oldfield. Search Rainow in the *1841 British Census* for Ann Oldfield (born 1820) and John Oldfield (born 1835).
4. Search Prestbury, Cheshire marriages from October to December 1858 for the marriage of Sarah Oldfield (registered in Macclesfield District).



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RESEARCH REPORT

The objective of this research session was to extend the ancestry of William Harrison and his wife, Emma Oldfield, in Cheshire, England.

Harrison

Research began on the Harrison line. We first obtained the marriage certificate of William Harrison and Emma Oldfield, which reads as follows [document #1]:

9 March 1862, Parish Church of Prestbury, Cheshire

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Condition</u>	<u>Occ</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Father</u>	<u>Father's Occ</u>
William Harrison	21	Widower	Millman	Macclesfield	William Harrison	Weaver
Emma Oldfield	19	Spinster		Macclesfield	John Oldfield	Shoemaker

This document verified the name of William's father as well as his birth date. We had not previously known William was a widower when he married Emma. More on Emma will be discussed later in this report.

Searching the *1861 British Census*, we found a good possibility for William in Macclesfield with his first wife [document #2]:

1861 census: William Harrison household, 5 Calamine St., East Macclesfield, Macclesfield, Cheshire, England

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rel</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occ</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
5	William Harrison	Head	Mar	20	Silk Mill Man	Cheshire Macclesfield

	Sarah Harrison	Wife	Mar	19	Silk Winder	Cheshire Macclesfield
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We found a likely marriage for William in 1860 and ordered this certificate, which proved to be ancestral [document #4]:

6 May 1860, Parish Church of Prestbury, Cheshire

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Condition</u>	<u>Occup.</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Father</u>	<u>Father's Occ.</u>
William Harrison	21	Bachelor	Mill piecer	Macclesfield	William Harrison	Weaver
Sarah Clayton	20	Spinster		Macclesfield	William Clayton	Weaver

We searched burials of St. Peter, Macclesfield for Sarah's burial but did not find it. Returning to the *1861 British Census*, we found that William and Sarah were living with her father at that time [document #2]:

1861 census: William Clayton household, 5 Calamine St., East Macclesfield, Macclesfield, Cheshire, England

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rel</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occ</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
6	William Clayton	Head	Wid	45	Silk Weaver	Cheshire Macclesfield
	Charlotte Clayton	Daur		7	Scholar	Cheshire Macclesfield
	Sarah Clayton	Aunt	Un	67	Silk Winder	Cheshire Macclesfield

Searching the *1851 British Census*, we found Sarah (wife of William) with her parents [document #5]:

1851 census: William Clayton household, Bank St., Rainow, Macclesfield, Cheshire, England

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rel</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occ</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
44	William Clayton	Head	M	36	Silk Weaver	Macclesfield Cheshire
	Sarah Clayton	Wife	M	37	Silk Weaver	Macclesfield Cheshire
	Sarah Clayton	Daur		9	Silk Piecer	Macclesfield Cheshire

We found the Clayton family still in Macclesfield in the *1871 British Census* [document

#6]. This family can now be submitted for temple work.

We next obtained William Harrison's birth certificate in order to get information about his mother [document #11]:

8 Feb 1841, Macclesfield, Cheshire, England

<u>Name</u>	<u>Father</u>	<u>Mother</u>	<u>Father's Occ</u>	<u>Informant, Res</u>
William	William Harrison	Mary Harrison formerly Wheeldon	Weaver	Mary Harrison, Sunderland St., Macclesfield

Knowing the name of William's mother was Mary, we were able to correctly identify the family in census records. They were living in Rainow, Macclesfield in 1851 [document #12]:

1851 census: William Harrison household, Winde Mill Lane, Rainow, Macclesfield, Cheshire, England

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rel</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
49	William Harrison	Head	M	34	Silk Weaver	Macclesfield Cheshire
	Mary Harrison	Wife	M	34	Housekeeper	Yolgrevae Derby
	William Harrison	Son	Sing	8	Scholar	Macclesfield Cheshire
	Charlotte Harrison	Daur	Sing	6	Scholar	Macclesfield Cheshire
	Elizabeth Harrison	Daur	Sing	4	At Home	Macclesfield Cheshire
	Emma Harrison	Daur	Sing	2	At Home	Macclesfield Cheshire
	Abraham Harrison	Relative	Sing	22	Silk Weaver	Macclesfield Cheshire

William Sr. was not with Mary in 1861 [document #13]:

1861 census: Mary Harrison household, 23 Wind Mill St., East Macclesfield, Cheshire, England

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rel</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
83	Mary Harrison	Head	Mar	45	Formerly Laundress	Derbyshire Youlegreave
	Charlotte Harrison	Daur	Un	16	Silk Winder	Cheshire Macclesfield
	Elizabeth Harrison	Daur	Un	14	Silk Winder	Cheshire Macclesfield
	Emma Harrison	Daur		12	Silk Winder	Cheshire Macclesfield
	Mary Price	Visitor	Un	15	Silk Winder	Cheshire Macclesfield

Mary was also alone and living next to her daughter in 1871 [document #14]:

1871 census: Emma Harrison household, Sutton, Sutton, Cheshire, England

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rel</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
179	Emma Harrison	Head	Unm	22	Silk Knotter	Macclesfield Cheshire
	Harriett Mulinda Harrison	Daur	Unm	18 mo		Macclesfield Cheshire
180	Mary Harrison	Head	Mar	57	Nurse	Youlgrave Derbyshire
	Elizabeth Pimblott	Boarder	Unm	4	Scholar	Macclesfield Cheshire

Although Mary stated she was married in 1861 and 1871, we have not found her husband, William, in census records for these years.

A likely marriage for William and Mary took place in 1840 in Manchester, which is about 16 miles north of Macclesfield [document #15-16]. Although a bit far away, this was a very popular place in which to marry. The marriage record reads as follows:

20 September 1840, Cathedral, Manchester, Lancashire

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Condition</u>	<u>Occ</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Father</u>	<u>Father Occ</u>
William Harrison	full	Bachelor	Warehouseman	Newton	Robert Harrison	Stone cutter
Mary Wheeldon	full	Spinster		Broughton St., Salford	Samuel Wheeldon	Stone cutter

The fact that we know William Jr.'s mother was Mary Wheeldon makes it very likely the above marriage is ancestral. Also, this was the only marriage of a William Harrison to a Mary Wheeldon from June 1837 to 1843. However, we have found difficulty in finding christening records which match the above information. For example, through census records we know Mary Wheeldon was born 1816/1817 in Youlgrave, Derbyshire. This parish (and those surrounding it) has been extracted by the LDS Church and its christening records are found in the *International Genealogical Index* for this time period. However, the only christening for a Mary Wheeldon found is the following [document #17]:

29 October 1815 Youlgrave, Derby, England: Mary Wheeldon, daughter of Thomas and Esther

We found that an Elizabeth Wheeldon, also married in Manchester Cathedral on 20 September 1840 [document #18]. This could be a sister to Mary and the original marriage record should be obtained in the future (available on microfilm at the Family History Library). Searching census records, we found that this Elizabeth may have been born in Ashton under Lyne, Lancashire [document #19]. If this is the case and she really is a sister to the Mary married in Manchester, we may not have found the ancestral marriage. However, a Joseph Wheeldon also married in the Manchester Cathedral 28 September 1840 and he was likely born in Belper, Derbyshire, which is about 14 miles southeast of Youlgreave [document #20-21].

Oldfield

According to family information, census records, the *International Genealogical Index*, and/or Emma's marriage record, Emma Oldfield was born 10 June 1843 in Macclesfield, Cheshire, the daughter of John Oldfield (a shoemaker in 1862) [document #22]. It appears Emma's daughter, Louisa, who did temple work for Emma in 1921, did not know the names of Emma's parents, because she likely did not do temple work for them [document #22]. Interestingly, we found no good matches for Emma Oldfield in Civil Registration indexes. It is possible her birth was not registered, as registering births was not mandatory during this time period.

As discussed in our previous report, we found Emma in the *1861 British Census* with her sister, Ann Johnson [document #23]. We found proof that Emma and Ann were indeed sisters through the following marriage record [document #25]:

18 September 1843, St. Peter's Church, Prestbury, Cheshire, England

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Condition</u>	<u>Occ</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Father</u>	<u>Father Occ</u>
William Johnson	Full	Widower	Weaver	Macclesfield	Charles Johnson	Cordwainer
Ann Oldfield	Full	Spinster		Macclesfield	John Oldfield	Weaver

Additional evidence that Emma and Ann were sisters is found in the fact that a Sarah Ann Johnson witnessed Emma's marriage [document #1]. Sarah Ann was likely Emma's niece [document #23].

Through the above marriage record we find that John Oldfield was a silk weaver in 1843 and a shoemaker in 1862.

William and Ann Johnson were in Nether Knutsford, Cheshire, in 1851 [document #26]:

1851 census: William Johnson household, Cross Town, Nether Knutsford, Cheshire, England

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rel</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
39	William Johnson	Head	Mar	32	Hand Loom Weaver	Cheshire Stapley
	Ann Johnson	Wife	Mar	31		Cheshire Widdnbury
	Sarah Ann Johnson	Daur		3		Cheshire Macclesfield
	Emma Johnson	Daur		6		Cheshire Macclesfield
	Elizabeth Johnson	Daur		1		Cheshire Knutsford
	Ann Johnson	?	Unma	28		Cheshire Hurdsfield
	Joseph Galley	Lodger	Unma	14	Hand Loom Weaver	Cheshire Sutton
	John Oldfield	Lodger	Unma	16	Hand Loom Weaver	Cheshire Hurdsfield

This census brings up several questions. First of all, there is not a Widdnbury in Cheshire. There is a Wybunbury which is twenty miles southwest of Macclesfield. Was Ann born in this parish? Also, notice that a John Oldfield is with the family. He was listed as a lodger rather than a relative, but it is possible he was Ann's brother (and thus Emma's brother). Hurdsfield is a township in the parish of Prestbury.

We also found the family in the *1871 British Census* [document #27]:

1871 census: Bank St., East Macclesfield, Macclesfield, Cheshire, England

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rel</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
21	William Johnson	Head	Mar	51	Silk Weaver	Cheshire Stapley
	Ann Johnson	Wife	Mar	50	Silk Piecer	Cheshire Rainow
	Elizabeth Johnson	Daur	Unm	32	Silk Piecer	Cheshire Knutsford
	Mary Johnson	Daur	Unm	19	Silk Piecer	Cheshire Knutsford
	Hannah Johnson	Daur	Unm	12	Silk Piecer	Cheshire Macclesfield

Through census records, we know Emma's sister, Ann, was born in Widdnbury

(Wybunbury), Rainow, or Macclesfield about 1820. Her birth information was not found in the *International Genealogical Index* [document #28]. We searched christenings in the *Bishop's Transcripts* of Rainow 1820–1821 but found no Oldfields [document #29]. We also searched Christ Church and St. Michael, Macclesfield, 1819–1821, and Wybunbury, 1818–1825, but found no Oldfields. There is an alphabetical list of baptisms for Rainow at the Family History Library (microfiche 6395274) but it is lost. We could check back in the future in case it is found. In the future, we should extend this search to any other parishes or chapelries in this area, from 1815–1830.

We also searched christenings 1835–1840 in Rainow, 1839–1845 in Hurdsfield, 1835–1845 in Prestbury, 1834–1837 and 1842–1844 in Christ Church, Macclesfield, and 1834–1837 and 1842–1844 in St. Michael, Macclesfield for the christening of John Oldfield (born 1835) but it was not found [document #29].

We searched the *1841 British Census* for Hurdsfield (partial) and found one possibility for the ancestral family [document #29]:

1841 census: Mary Oldfield household, E.D. 13, p. 1, Pleasant St., Hurdsfield, Cheshire, England

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Born in County</u>
Mary Oldfield	40		Y
Ann Oldfield	20	Silk Piecer	Y
Lucy Oldfield	15	Silk Piecer	Y
Joseph Oldfield	15	Stone Mason	Y
Mary Oldfield	10	Silk Piecer	Y
John Oldfield	5		Y
Sarah Oldfield	3		Y

Ages over fifteen were rounded down to the nearest five in the *1841 British Census*. We sought to find this family in the *1851 British Census* but were unsuccessful. If this Mary was widowed she may have remarried between 1841 and 1851 and her children may have been listed under the new surname in the census. The ages of Ann and John Oldfield in the family above fit well as possibilities for Emma's siblings, but we currently don't have enough information to

know if this is the case. In the future, we should search census records for Rainow in 1841. We could also search Macclesfield, but this will be very time-consuming.

We may have found Emma in the *1851 British Census*, and she was with a Sarah Oldfield, age 13, who may have been the Sarah listed above [document #30]:

1851 census: Martha Tunnicliff household, King Edward St., West Macclesfield, Macclesfield, England

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rel</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
108	Martha Tunnicliff	Head	U	29	Silk Winder	Staffordshire Longwood
	Hannah Smith	Lodger	U	24	Silk Winder	Cheshire Macclesfield
	Sarah Oldfield	Lodger		13	Silk Winder	Cheshire Macclesfield
	Emma Olfield[?]	Lodger		8	Scholar	Cheshire Macclesfield

Sarah Oldfield may have been married during December Quarter (October, November December) 1858 in Macclesfield District [document #31]. We suggest searching *Prestbury Parish Registers* for this marriage since other members of the family married in this parish. If not found, it may be worthwhile to order her marriage certificate, since it may give additional information about Emma's father.

We searched census records for John Oldfield, Emma's father, but found nothing definite [document #32-33]. There was a John Oldfield, born about 1806 in Hurdsfield, found in Sutton in 1851 and in Hurdsfield in 1861. He was the husband of Maria and had a son, David, born 1833 in Sutton. We do not yet know if this John is ancestral.

We searched the *Cheshire Marriage Index* for John Oldfield marriages but found no good possibilities [document #34]. There was a marriage of John Oldfield to Hannah Walker at Prestbury, but this took place in 1808, which is a bit too early. A search of the *National Burial Index* revealed a burial of John Oldfield 3 February 1884 at Rainow, Cheshire [document #35]. He was born about 1805. This could be the ancestral John, although Macclesfield is not well-covered in this index, so the ancestral John may not have been included in the index.

We followed the younger John Oldfield (born 1835) through census records for any

additional information [document #36-40]. He often stated he was born in Macclesfield or Rainow rather than Hurdsfield. He was likely buried in Rainow in 1901 [document #35]. We followed other Oldfields in census records for any information as well [document #41-46].

Several Oldfields in or near the area of Macclesfield left wills, and many of these should be searched in the future, although none look particularly promising [document #47a-b]. Wills that could be searched are:

John Oldfield	Macclesfield	Whitesmith	1828
Thomas Oldfield	Hurdsfield	Collier	1831
Betty Oldfield	Bollington	Widow	1853
George Oldfield	Macclesfield		1855
George Oldfield	Macclesfield	Coal Proprietor	1855
Mary Oldfield	Macclesfield	Spinster	1881
Mary Ann Oldfield	Rainow		1884
Aaron Oldfield	Bollington	Yeoman	1885
Mary Oldfield	Knutsford	Spinster	1892
William Oldfield	Macclesfield	Silk Weaver	1893
Sarah Ann Collier Oldfield	Knutsford	Spinster	1902

Several persons are also researching Oldfields in or near Macclesfield [document #48a]. We attempted to contact these persons and received a reply from one person, although she did not see any relation between her Oldfields and ours [document #48b].

In summary, we have extended the Harrison and Oldfield lines one to two generations during this project and have obtained several names for temple work as well. We are having some difficulty extending the Oldfield line because it appears Emma's birth was not registered. However, we have learned she was the sister of Ann (born 1820) and possibly sister to John (born 1835) and Sarah (born 1838). These clues may help us identify her ancestry.

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

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