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RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

OBJECTIVES

- Determine correct parentage for Rebecca Woodcock, extend the Hall, Pridgeon, and Oldfield lines, and obtain names for temple work.

RESULTS

- Determined Rebecca Woodcock was the daughter of Joseph Woodcock and Rhoda Heptonstall and extended both lines.
- Found other children of Joseph and Rhoda Woodcock in census records and prepared the names of their families for temple work.
- Found additional information on the Hall line.
- Searched Church of England and non-conformist records for Matilda Pridgeon.
- Ordered the marriage certificate of William Harrison and Emma Oldfield.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Continue to extend the Woodcock and Heptonstall lines.
2. Search the christening records of Matilda Pridgeon's possible siblings (children of William and Ann Pridgeon) for additional information.
3. Extend the Harrison and Oldfield lines after receiving the marriage certificate discussed above.



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RESEARCH REPORT

The objective of this research session was to identify the correct parents of Rebecca Woodcock, extend the Hall, Pridgeon, and Oldfield pedigrees, and obtain names for temple work.

Woodcock

As discussed in our previous report, Rebecca Woodcock was christened twice: in Barnsley, Yorkshire, England 21 April 1815 and in Royston, Yorkshire 4 May 1815 [see report of 21 January 2006, document #34-41]. At her first christening, Rebecca's mother was recorded as Rhoda; at her second, she was recorded as Diana. We know Rebecca's father, Joseph Woodcock, married a Rhoda Heptonstall in 1806 and that the mother of Joseph's children was listed as Rhoda in all christenings but those of Rebecca and her twin brother, Isaac, in 1815. We also know Rebecca had an aunt, Rebecca Heptonstall, staying with her when the *1851 British Census* was taken, so we know Rebecca was related to the Heptonstalls [see report of 21 January 2006, document #10]. We have no explanation for the recording of Rebecca's mother as Diana except to surmise that since the records are from *Bishop's Transcripts* rather than *Parish Registers*, the name in the second record was copied incorrectly (*Bishop's Transcripts* were copies made once a year from the parish's register).

Research during this session was continued on the pedigrees of Joseph Woodcock and Rhoda Heptonstall. Joseph Woodcock resided in Royston, Yorkshire at the time of his marriage in 1806. The following christening was found in this parish [document #1-3]:

4 October 1784 Royston, Yorkshire: Joseph of Benjamin & Hannah Woodcock of Roystone

This christening is likely ancestral because Joseph named a son Benjamin, probably after his father. Benjamin and Hannah christened many children in Royston and these have been added to your family group records. The couple was married in Royston [document #4-5]:

8 October 1781 Royston, Yorkshire: Benjn. Woodcock & Hannah Gledhill both of this Parish, Banns

We have not yet found Benjamin Woodcock's christening record. There are several possibilities in the *International Genealogical Index*, and the *British Vital Records Index* should be searched as well in the future.

The most likely christening record for Hannah Gledhill is as follows [document #6]:

28 December 1762 Royston, Yorkshire: Hannah Gledhill daughter of John

In the future, Royston burials should be searched from December 1762 to about 1775 to ensure this Hannah was not buried as a child.

Research next focused on the ancestry of Rhoda Heptonstall. She was found in Royston in the *1861 British Census* [document #7]:

1861 Census: Rhoda Woodcock, Roystone, Yorkshire, England

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rel</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
72	Rhoda Woodcock	Head	Widow	73	Receiving Parish Relief	Yorkshire Kimberworth

From this record we know Rhoda was born 1787/1788 in Kimberworth, which was part of the parish of Rotherham. We did find a christening record in Rotherham which fits this criteria very well [document #8-9]:

Birth 22 October 1786, christened 19 November 1786 Rotherham, Yorkshire: Rhoda Daur. of John & Ann Heppenstall of Kimbwth.

It is very likely this christening is correct, as the Heptonstall/Heppenstall name was interchangeable. Rotherham burials were searched from November 1786 to 1790 and this Rhoda

was not buried as a child, which further proves this is the ancestral christening [document #10].

Finding the marriage of Rhoda's parents may be difficult. In 1786, John and Ann christened Rhoda, but in 1788 and 1792, a John and Mary Heptonstall christened children in Rotherham [document #11]. The only marriage found in the *International Genealogical Index* for John and Ann/Mary took place in Bolton upon Dearne in 1777 [document #12]; if this marriage pertains to the John and Mary of Rotherham, Mary could not be the second wife of the same John who christened Rhoda. Although Rotherham marriages have been extracted and are found in the *International Genealogical Index*, a complicated name such as Heptonstall could have been extracted incorrectly and would thus be difficult to find in the database. Rotherham *Parish Registers* should be searched in the future.

The fact that Rhoda was likely the daughter of John and Ann raises a question about Rebecca Heptonstall, aunt to Rebecca (Woodcock) Wainwright, who was with the Wainwrights in the *1851 British Census*. Rebecca Heptonstall was likely Rhoda's sister; however, the most likely christening for her took place 1797 in Felkirk, Yorkshire, and she was the daughter of Richard and Hannah Heptonstall [see report of 21 January 2006, document #42]. Since Rebecca Heptonstall was also born in Kimberworth and Felkirk is over twelve miles from this place, we may not have found the correct christening record. This will require more work in the future.

Searching for additional clues as well as ancestors in need of temple work, we found families of the children of Joseph and Rhoda (Heptonstall) Woodcock in census records [document #13-35]. This information has been added to your family group records.

Hall

As discussed in our previous reports, a probable sister to Thomas Hall (husband of Matilda Pridgeon), was found through the *1851 British Census*. After searching additional census records during this session we found Lucy in 1861 as well [document #36]:

1861 Census: Lucy Hall household, Spalding, Lincolnshire, England

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rel</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
207	Lucy Hall	Head	Un	43	Laundress	Lincolnsh, Weston Hills
	Ann Hall	Mother	W	83	Carpenters W	Lincolnsh, Weston Hills
	Betsy Hall	Sister	Un	46	Tailoress	Lincolnsh, Weston Hills
	Joseph Hall	Son		15	Bricklayer's Boy	Lincolnsh, Spalding
	George Hall	Son (twins)		15	Bricklayer's Boy	Lincolnsh, Spalding
	Charles Hall	Son		10	Scholar	Lincolnsh, Spalding

This census was a goldmine of information. We now know the name of Thomas Hall's probable mother as well as of an additional sister, Betsy. Weston Hills is just a few miles southeast of Spalding. The three boys were illegitimate children of Lucy Hall [document #37-38].

Searching the *International Genealogical Index*, we found a possible christening for Lucy Hall [document #39]:

28 March 1817 St. Mary, Weston, Lincolnshire: Lucy Hall daughter of George and Ann

Although this christening fits well, among the other children christened by George and Ann were no Betsy or Thomas [document #40a-b]. Also, of upmost importance is the fact that if the above christening does indeed pertain to the Lucy Hall we have discussed, she could not be the ancestral Thomas' sister, because we know from his marriage record that his father was named Thomas, not George. Lucy may actually be Thomas' cousin rather than his sister. Additional work on this family is required.

Pridgeon

Research next turned to verifying the parentage of Matilda Pridgeon, wife of Thomas Hall. Through her marriage record, we know Matilda's father was William Pridgeon, a shoemaker [see report of 21 January 2006, document #51]. Through census records, we know Matilda was born between 1832 and 1834 in Boston, Lincolnshire. During our previous session we found a possible christening record for her in the *International Genealogical Index* which took place in Boston, Lincolnshire 7 December 1834. This Matilda was the daughter of William

and Mary Anne Pridgeon. During this session we obtained this original christening record and found that this William was listed as a cordwainer by occupation, which is a type of shoemaker [document #41]. However, since Matilda was married in a Baptist meeting house, it is possible her parents were non-conformist and did not christen their children in the Church of England. We searched the birth records of one Baptist church in Boston, but unfortunately no Pridgeons were found, and there were several other Baptist churches in this area whose records are either not extant or not at the Family History Library [document #42]. Through the *International Genealogical Index* we located the other children of William and Mary Anne/Anne Pridgeon [document #43]. We should search the original records of these christenings to see whether any gave William's occupation as a shoemaker rather than a cordwainer. Also, since Matilda Pridgeon has not yet been found in the *1851 British Census*, this search should continue as it may lead to important information concerning her family.

Oldfield

Research next turned to finding the parentage of Emma Oldfield. Family research had determined she married William Harrison about 9 March 1861. Searching an index to civil registration records, we found that Emma was actually married in March Quarter (between January and March) of 1862 [document #44a-b]. The marriage certificate was ordered from England and we now await its receipt [document #45]. This certificate should give the name of Emma's father, which will aid us considerably in extending her pedigree.

We next sought Emma in the *1861 British Census*. We believe she was found in Macclesfield [document #46]:

1861 Census: William Johnson household, East Macclesfield, Macclesfield, Cheshire, England

No.	Name	Rel	Status	Age	Occupation	Birthplace
25	William Johnson	Head	Mar	43	Silk Weaver	Cheshire
	Ann Johnson	Wife	Mar	41	Housekeeper	Macclesfield, Cheshire
	Sarah Ann Johnson	Dau	Un	16	Silk Winder	Macclesfield, Cheshire
	Emma Johnson	Dau		13	Silk Winder	Macclesfield, Cheshire
	Elizabeth Johnson	Dau		12	Silk Winder	Macclesfield, Cheshire

	Mary Johnson	Dau		9	Scholar	Knutsford, Cheshire
	Hannah Johnson	Dau		2	Infant	Knutsford, Cheshire
	Emma Oldfield	Sister in Law		18	Silk Winder	Macclesfield, Cheshire

William and Emma were in Sutton, Cheshire in 1871 [document #47]:

1871 Census: William Harrison, 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>
58	William Harrison	Head	Mar	30	Herbalist	Macclesfield, Cheshire
	Emma Harrison	Wife	Mar	29	Herbalist's Wife	Macclesfield, Cheshire
	William Harrison	Son		7	Scholar	Macclesfield, Cheshire
	Emma Harrison	Daur		5	Scholar	Macclesfield, Cheshire
	Mary Harrison	Daur		2		Macclesfield, Cheshire

The family was also in Sutton in 1881 [document #48]:

1881 Census: William Harrison, 45 Pitt Street, Sutton, Cheshire, England

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rel</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
105	William Harrison	Hd	Mar	40	Silk Steward	Macclesfield, Cheshire
	Emma Harrison	Wife	Mar	39	Silk Hand	Macclesfield, Cheshire
	William Harrison	Son	Unm	17	Silk Dyer	Macclesfield, Cheshire
	Emma Harrison	Daur		14	Silk Hand	Macclesfield, Cheshire
	John Harrison	Son		8	Scholar	Macclesfield, Cheshire
	Thomas Harrison	Son		6	Scholar	Macclesfield, Cheshire
	Louisa Harrison	Daur		3	Scholar	Macclesfield, Cheshire
	Jane Farish	Boarder	Widow	72	Past Work	Wales

By 1891, William was back in Macclesfield and Emma had passed away [document #49]:

1891 Census: William Harrison, 38 Commercial Rd, 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>
186	William Harrison	Head	Widr	48	Herbalist	Cheshire, Macclesfield
	Sarah A Allen	Housekeeper	M	32		Cheshire, Bollington

	Thomas Harrison	Son	S	16	Soap packer	Cheshire, Macclesfield
	Louisa Harrison	Daur		14	Silk winder	Cheshire, Macclesfield
	Gertrude Harrison	Daur		7	Scholar	Cheshire, Macclesfield
	Walter Allen	Son		3 wks		Cheshire, Macclesfield

Since Walter Allen was listed as William Harrison's son, it is likely he was the son of William Harrison and Sarah A Allen. Emma's death was recorded in the September Quarter (July to September) of 1890, which fits family information [document #50].

William was still in Macclesfield in 1901 [document #51]:

1901 Census: William Harrison household, 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>
219	William Harrison	Head	Widower	58	Herbalist Sub Med	Macclesfield, Cheshire
	Gertrude Harrison	Daur	S	17	Silk	Macclesfield, Cheshire

The *1901 British Census* is the most recent census available for England. Once the marriage certificate of William and Emma has been received we can continue to extend the pedigree.

This has been a very productive session and we have extended the Woodcock and Heptonstall pedigrees and made headway in extending the Hall, Pridgeon, and Oldfield lines as well. 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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