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RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

OBJECTIVES

- Continue to extend the ancestry of Emma Oldfield.

RESULTS

- Emma's father, John Oldfield, was the son of Benjamin Oldfield and Ann Norbury.
- Extended the Oldfield line several generations.
- Found the parentage of Ann Norbury.
- Found siblings for Hannah Duffield.
- Hannah Duffield's parents, Joseph and Hannah, were married 1772 in Prestbury.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Search St. Michael, Macclesfield burials from November 1744 to 1756 to ensure Francis Oldfield was not buried as a child.
2. Verify the parentage of Francis Oldfield's father, Benjamin.
3. Through additional research, find or verify the parentage of Mary Clark, Jonathan Norbury, and Ann Davenport.
4. Follow up with the Cheshire Record Office to request a search of Rainow parish chest records for Mary/Hannah Duffield.
5. Search the 1806 will of James Duffield of Rainow.

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RESEARCH REPORT

The objective of this research session was to continue to extend the ancestry of Emma Oldfield, daughter of John Oldfield and Mary Duffield.

Oldfield

Research began with the knowledge that Emma's parents married in Prestbury, Cheshire, England on 2 January 1820. They had nine children between 1820 and 1843 and Mary died in 1847. John likely lived until after 1864 but we have not succeeded in finding his death or burial or locating him in census records, so no year of birth has yet been found for John. Research during our last session left us with two possibilities for John's christening:

Chr 27 Aug 1797 St. Michael, Macclesfield: John son of Francis and Elin Oldfeild, Hursdfeild [Hurdfield]
Chr 7 Oct 1800 St. Michael, Macclesfield: John son of Benjn and Ann Oldfeild, Macclesfield

John named no known children Francis or Benjamin, so an appeal to naming patterns was not helpful (although his first daughter was named Ann). Since John and Mary lived at Hurdfield, it appeared the first christening was more likely to be ancestral. However, we looked up the original christenings of the children of both couples and found the following (document #1):

Children of Francis and Ellen Oldfield, christened St. Michael, Macclesfield

Chr 5 Sep 1792: Samuel son of Francis and Ellin Oldfeild, Hurdfeild
Chr 22 Oct 1794: Abram son of Francis and Ellen Oldfeild, Hurdfeild
Chr 27 Aug 1797: John son of Francis and Elin Oldfeild, Hurdfeild
Chr 26 Jan 1800: James son of Francis and Elin Oldfeild, Hurdfeild
Chr 6 Jul 1806: Solomon son of Francis and Ellen Oldfield, Macclesfd.
Chr 12 Aug 1810: Fanny daughter of Francis and Ellen Oldfield, Hurdfield

Children of Benjamin and Ann Oldfield, christened St. Michael, Macclesfield

Chr 7 Oct 1789: George son of Benjamin and Ann Oldfield

Chr 6 Oct 1790: Betty daughter of Benjamin and Ann Oldfield

Chr 31 Oct 1792: Mary daughter of Benjamin and Ann Oldfield, Broken Cross

Chr 10 Apr 1798: Francis son of Benjamin and Ann Oldfield, Broken Cross

Chr 7 Oct 1800: John son of Benjamin and Ann Oldfield, Macclesfield

Chr 20 Jan 1805: David son of Benjamin and Ann Oldfield, Hursfield

Chr 10 Mar 1811: Lucy daughter of Benjamin and Ann Oldfield, Hursfield.

It was interesting to find that the family of Benjamin Oldfield also ended up in Hursfield. The ancestral John signed his own name when he married (document #2). Since siblings were sometimes witnesses at marriages, we looked up the marriages of children of Francis and Ellen and of Benjamin and Ann in order to determine whether the ancestral John witnessed any of his siblings' marriages, as this would allow us to decide which family is ancestral (document #3-5). Unfortunately, John did not witness any of these marriages.

Searching census records, we next found a John Oldfield in the area who was likely one of the persons christened above (document #6-7b):

Locality	1841, Bollington, Prestbury, Cheshire, England				
Name	Age & Sex		Occupation	Born in County	Foreign Birth
John Oldfield	39		Silk Weaver	Y	
Hannah Oldfield		38		Y	
Ann Oldfield		16	Cotton Weaver	Y	
Lucas Oldfield	14		Cotton Weaver	Y	
Francis Oldfield	10			Y	
John Oldfield	8			Y	
Solomon Oldfield	5			Y	
Rachel Oldfield		2		Y	

Locality	1851, Bollington, Prestbury, Cheshire, England					
Name	Rel	Age & Sex		Status	Occupation	Birthplace
John Oldfield	Head	50		Mar	Silk Weaver	Cheshire, Hursfield
Hannah Oldfield	Wife		48	Mar		Cheshire, Pot Shrigley
Francis Oldfield	Son	21		U	Cotton Weaver	Cheshire, Bollington
John Oldfield	Son	18		U	Cotton Weaver	Cheshire, Bollington

Locality	1851, Bollington, Prestbury, Cheshire, England					
Name	Rel	Age & Sex		Status	Occupation	Birthplace
Solomon Oldfield	Son	15		U	Cotton Weaver	Cheshire, Bollington
Rachel Oldfield	Daur		11		Cotton Weaver	Cheshire, Bollington
Hannah Oldfield	Daur		9		at Home	Cheshire, Bollington
Samuel Oldfield	Son	7			at Home	Cheshire, Bollington

By 1861, Hannah was enumerated as a widow, so John died between 1851 and 1861 (document #8). Through a search of burial and death records we found he died 14 November 1860 in Bollington (document #17). His son, Solomon, stated he was 68 years old on his death certificate and this age was also given on his burial entry (document #17-18). This means the John above was born between 1792 and 1801. John's year of birth in census records matches better with the son of Benjamin, but this John named sons Francis, Solomon, and Samuel, which were all names in the family of Francis Oldfield. Also, since he said he was born in Hurdsfield, not Macclesfield, this would also match the son of Francis, not Benjamin. We thus believe that the non-ancestral John was the son of Francis, leaving the son of Benjamin as our ancestral John.

Benjamin Oldfield married Ann Norbury in 1789 in Prestbury (document #19):

Marriage 28 Apr 1789 Prestbury: Benjamin Oldfield [mark] of Hurdsfield, collier and Ann Norbury [mark] of Macclesfield, spinster, banns. Witnesses: John Arnold, Isaac Powell

We searched the *International Genealogical Index* for Benjamin's christening but found only one possibility (document #20). Searching St. Michael, Macclesfield christenings from 1758 to 1777 we found the following (document #21a-b):

1 Mar 1759: Benjamin son of George Oldfield of Hurdsfd.
13 Oct 1766: Benjamin son of Francis and Mary Oldfield of Hurdsfield
4 Sep 1768: Benjamin son of Benjamin and Mary Oldfield of Macclesfield [buried 1 Aug 1771]
18 Apr 1773: Benjamin son of Benj and Mary Oldfield of Macclesfield
6 May 1777: Benjamin son of Geo: and Mary Oldfield of Macclesfield [buried 12 May 1777]

A search of St. Michael, Macclesfield burials from 1758 to 1778 eliminated two of the christening entries above (document #22a-b). The ancestral Benjamin named his first son George

but also named a son Francis. Knowing the ancestral Benjamin christened children until 1811 but has not been found in the 1841 census, we sought his burial entry in order to get his age at burial. After searching burial indexes, memorial inscriptions, and parish registers, the burials of Benjamin and Ann were both located in St. Michael, Macclesfield (document #26-27):

Bur 8 April 1818: Benjamin Oldfield, Collier, Hurdsfield, age 52
Bur 5 May 1833: Ann Oldfield, Hurdsfield, age 66

Benjamin's age at burial places his year of birth at 1765/1766, which fits perfectly with the christening which took place in October of 1766. We thus believe Benjamin was the son of Francis and Mary.

We have found the following children for Francis and Mary Oldfield, all christened at St. Michael, Macclesfield (document #21a-b, 28):

Chr 13 Oct 1766: Benjamin son of Francis and Mary Oldfield of Hurdsfield
Chr 9 Apr 1769: Martha daughter of Francis and Mary Oldfield of Macclesfield
Chr 22 Sep 1771: George son of Francis and Mary Oldfield of Hurdsfield
Chr 28 Sep 1777: Francis son of Fran. and Mary Oldfield

Francis Oldfield married Mary Clark in 1765 (document #29):

Marriage 10 Dec 1765 Prestbury: Francis Oldfield of Hurdsfield, collier, and Mary Clarke [mark] of Macclesfield, spinster, banns. Witnesses: Joshua Clark, Henry Holland

We searched St. Michael, Macclesfield christenings from 1737 to 1756 and found the following christening for Francis (document #30a-c):

Chr 27 Nov 1744: Francis son of Benjamin Oldfield of Hurdsfield

We have not yet searched burials for this time period but this should be done in a later research session. A Francis Oldfield, age 77, was buried 19 March 1826 at St. Michael, Macclesfield (document #25b). This may have been the ancestral Francis.

Francis' father, Benjamin, likely married Mary Broadhurst 22 August 1742 in Prestbury (document #31). The original record should be searched in the future. A search of St. Michael, Macclesfield monumental inscriptions (cemetery records) revealed the following entry, which may pertain to Benjamin (document #24):

no. 106: Here lies the body of Mary wife of George Oldfield of Hurdsfield who was interred 30 March 1763 age 82. Also the above said George Oldfield interred 18? April 1767 age 76. Also Benjamin son of the above interred 3 July 1779 age 59. Also Sarah wife of George Oldfield of Macclesfield 30 March 1812 age 58; above named George Oldfield 8 January 1824 age 84.

Searching the *International Genealogical Index*, we found that a Benjamin Oldfield, son of George, was christened 10 January 1721 at St. Michael, Macclesfield (document #32-33). George married Mary Arnold in Prestbury 6 October 1713 (document #34). We should look up the original records in a future research session.

Through our search of St. Michael, Macclesfield christenings we have found several possible christenings for Mary Clarke, wife of Francis Oldfield (document #30a-c):

Chr 6 Jul 1742: Mary daughter of Edward Clark of Macclesfield
Chr 5 May 1745: Mary daughter of Henry Clark of Macclesfield
Chr 8 Sep 1747: Mary daughter of John Clark of Hurdsfield

We find no clues concerning Mary's parentage in naming patterns. We do know she was of Macclesfield when she married in 1765 and Francis was christened in 1744, so the 1745 christening may be the one which is ancestral. Additional work is required before her line can be extended.

We next turned to the family of Ann Norbury, who married Benjamin Oldfield in 1789. According to her age at burial in 1833, Ann was born 1766/1767. She was of Macclesfield when she married. Searching St. Michael, Macclesfield christenings, we found the following (document #21b):

Chr 16 Dec 1766: Ann daughter of Jonathan and Ann Norbury of Bishop's Cross, Macclesfield

This Ann was not buried as a child and we believe the entry to be ancestral. Ann's siblings were also found in St. Michael, Macclesfield records (document #21, 38a-b). Ann's parents were married in Prestbury (document #39):

Marriage 17 Sep 1760 Prestbury: Jonathan Norbury of Macclesfield, butcher, and Ann Davenport of the same parish, license. Witnesses: James Davenport, Robert Norbury

Since the couple was married by license we were able to obtain their bond and allegation papers (document #40a-b). These papers included more copies of Jonathan's signature and stated Jonathan was age twenty and Ann was age twenty-one when they married. Earlier that same year, a Robert Norbury, whose signatures roughly match the one of Jonathan's marriage record and who was also a butcher, was also married by license (document #41a-b). Robert and his bride, Betty Davenport, were both minors, so their fathers, Jonathan Norbury and Joseph Davenport, gave their permission for the couple to marry. It is possible Robert and Betty were related to Jonathan and Ann.

Searching St. Michael, Macclesfield christenings, we indeed found the christening of Robert, son of Jonathan Norbury of Broken Cross, in 1740 (document #30a, 42). Jonathan christened a daughter in 1737 but we found no entry for a son, Jonathan, in about 1739 (document #30a). Nonetheless, since we found no other Jonathan Norbury christenings around this time period, he may have been part of this family. A search of the Cheshire wills index revealed no matching wills between 1770 and 1830. We will need to spend additional time on this family in order to better establish Jonathan's parentage.

If Ann and Betty Davenport were sisters, then Ann's father was Joseph Davenport. We know from Ann's marriage that she was likely born 1738/1739, probably in Macclesfield. Searching St. Michael, Macclesfield christenings, we found that Betty Davenport, daughter of Joseph of Broken Cross, was christened there in November of 1740 (document #30a). Joseph also christened a child there in April of 1738 and in January of 1740/1741, so there is not much space for Ann to have been part of this family. The most likely christening found for Ann took place in June of 1740, daughter of John of Henbury (document #30a). In the future, we should look up Davenport wills for any information they may contain.

Duffield

Our search next turned to the ancestry of Mary Duffield, who through previous research was found to be the illegitimate daughter of Hannah Duffield. We have contacted the Cheshire Record Office to find out whether they hold overseer's accounts, bastardy bonds, or settlement certificates for Rainow, as these records may give more information about Mary's father (document #43). We have not yet heard back from them but will pursue this in a future session.

We have previously determined that Hannah was christened 25 August 1782 in Rainow, daughter of Joseph and Hannah Duffield. During this session we found Hannah's siblings and obtained her parents' marriage record (document #44-46):

Marriage 26 May 1772 Prestbury: Joseph Duffield [mark] of Rainow, carpenter, and Hannah Clark [mark] of the same place, spinster, banns. Witnesses: William Clark and James Duffield

We searched for christenings for Joseph and Hannah in St. Michael, Macclesfield but did not find them, although a Joseph Duffield christened a daughter there in 1755 (document #30c). A James Duffield, carpenter of Rainow, left a will in 1806 (document #47). This should be searched in the future for any information it may contain.

In summary, this has been a very successful research session. We have extended the Oldfield line many generations and also learned more about the Duffield family. We look forward to continuing research in the future according to your instructions.

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