



This chart prepared by Nigel Harding, 18  
 October 2007



At the time of Leah's death, an inventory lists her assets which include "20 milking cows with foals, 4 horses with gears and hay, 2 muck carts, 2 wheelbarrows, 1 corn cart & corn chest, 1 slead, 2 plough harrows, 2 marle carts and tumbrells and drite; young swine" - and various pieces of household goods and furniture.

Great-great-grandmother Ellen Lucas formerly Gantliff (middle row, 2nd from left) with many members of her family.

**Ralph WALLEY**  
 Marriage: 2 Sep 1788 in Biddulph, Staffs

**Sarah MOUNTFORD**

**Thomas HOLLAND**  
 Marriage: 27 Apr 1813 in Biddulph, Staffs

**Nancy WALLEY**  
 Chr: 27 Aug 1798 in Biddulph, Staffs

**James HARDING**  
 Birth: abt 1813 in Mow Cop, Staffs; Marriage: 23 Jun 1834 in Astbury, Cheshire

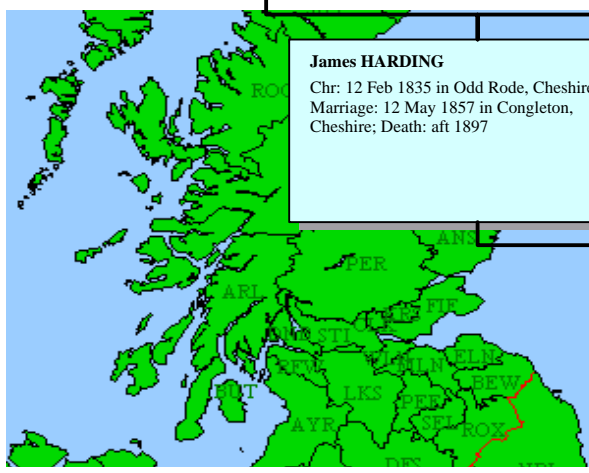
**Maria HOLLAND**  
 Chr: 22 May 1814 in Bradley Green, Biddulph, Staffs

**Richard JONES**

**William IKIN**  
 Chr: 22 Jan 1809 in Cheshire; Marriage: Mary, Nantwich in HARRISEHEAD.

**James HARDING**  
 Chr: 12 Feb 1835 in Odd Rode, Cheshire; Marriage: 12 May 1857 in Congleton, Cheshire; Death: aft 1897

**Elizabeth JONES**  
 Birth: 1836 in Odd Rode, Cheshire



**Levi HARDING**  
 Birth: 2 Jun 1871 in Mow Cop, Odd Rode, Cheshire; Marriage: 13 Jan 1897 in St Thomas, Mow Cop, Staffs; Death: 13 May 1918 in Henshall's Bank, Mow Cop, Biddulph, Staffs





**Richard FODEN**

**Leah FODEN**  
Birth: abt 1678; Marriage: 9 Jul 1705 in Prestbury, Cheshire; Bur: 30 Jul 1734, Astbury, Cheshire

**Mary HARRISON**

**Nathan SLATER**  
Birth: abt 1680; Marriage: Nov 1703 in Astbury, Cheshire; Death: 26 Jun 1762

**Elizabeth**  
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**John FODEN**  
Birth: 13 Nov 1718 in Hulme Walfield, Cheshire; Marriage: 18 Apr 1737 in Astbury, Cheshire; Death: 11 Jan 1775 in Hulme Walfield, Cheshire

**Martha SLATER**  
Birth: 7 Sep 1717; Death: 30 Apr 1750

**James FODEN**  
Chr: 26 Aug 1750 in Hulmewalfield, Cheshire; Marriage: 10 Oct 1793 in Gawsworth, Cheshire; Death: 29 Nov 1819 in Hulmewalfield, Cheshire

9 in Acton, Nantwich,  
age: 4 Jan 1830 in Acton St  
, Cheshire; Death: 4 Jun 1886  
Mow Cop, Staffs

**Mary GILLET**  
Chr: 22 Jul 1810 in Wrenbury, Nantwich, Cheshire

**William HENSHALL**  
Death: bef 1851

**Sarah HOLLAND**  
Birth: 1806 in Odd Rode, Cheshire

**John IKIN**  
Birth: abt 1833 in Faddiley, Nantwich, Cheshire; Marriage: 29 Apr 1865 in St Margaret, Wolstanton, Staffs; Death: 25 Aug 1898

**Emma HENSHALL**  
Birth: 4 May 1839 in Biddulph, Staffs



**Agnes IKIN**  
Birth: 5 Jan 1870 in Mow Cop, Biddulph, Staffs; Death: 24 Aug 1922 in Congleton Road, Mow Cop, Biddulph, Staffs



Thomas Vernon is allegedly a 21 generation direct descendant of Hugh de Reviere, Monk of St Wandrille, Brother to Billeheldis who is acknowledged by William, Duke of Normandy (later William I of England) as his aunt (acknowledged in his confirmation charter to the Abbey of Caen in 1035)

**Thomas VERNON**  
Chr: 14 Aug 1675; Marriage: 30 Dec 1704 in Goostrey St Luke, Goostrey, Cheshire

**Hannah WINKLE**

**Thomas CHADDOCK**  
Chr: abt 1682; Death: 5 Mar 1764

**Richard VERNON**  
Birth: abt 1717; Marriage: 20 Jan 1736 in Sandbach, Cheshire; Death: 16 Jan 1790 in Mutlow, Gawsworth, Cheshire

**Ann WOOD**  
Birth: abt 1712



**Thomas VERNON**  
Birth: abt 1737; Marriage: 30 Jan 1761 in St Chad, Over, Cheshire

**Hannah PAYNE**

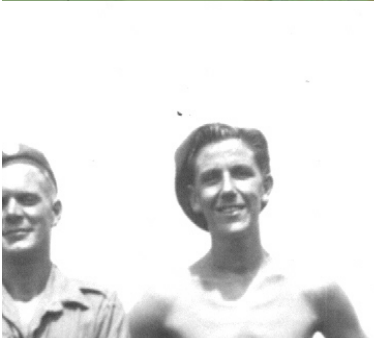
**Sarah VERNON**  
Chr: 31 May 1761 in Gawsworth, Cheshire; Death: 9 Jun 1822

**Isaac FORD**  
Marriage: bef 1800

**James FODEN**  
Chr: 9 Nov 1794 in Astbury, Cheshire; Marriage: 22 Jan 1826 in Astbury, Cheshire; Death: 19 Dec 1865

**Mary FORD**  
Birth: 1800; E

**Nathan FODEN**  
Chr: 11 Nov 1838 in Eaton, Cheshire; Marriage: 25 Dec 1866 in Macclesfield, Cheshire; Death: 24 Nov 1927 in 95 Street, Congleton, Cheshire



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# 10 Generations



Ralph Wood jr. was quite famous in his own right, he invented the Toby Jug. Pictured left in 1840 is the factory that he set up with his cousin Enoch.

**Ralph WOOD**  
 Birth: 1677; Marriage: Cheddleton, Staffs

**Mary WEDGWOOD**  
 Chr: 25 May 1715 in St Peter, Stoke, Staffs;  
 Bur: 1 Dec 1756 in Burslem, Staffs

**Ralph WOOD**  
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Mary Wedgwood is 3rd cousin of the famous Josiah Wedgwood. She is allegedly a direct descendant of Henry I and William the Conqueror



**Jane**

**Samuel BLACKSHAW**  
 Birth: abt 1787 in Marton, Cheshire;  
 Marriage: bef 1829; Death: 1 Jun 1863 in Marton, Cheshire

**Sarah**  
 Birth: abt 1795; Death: 4 Oct 1829 in Marton, Cheshire

**James PORTER**  
 Death: aft 1842

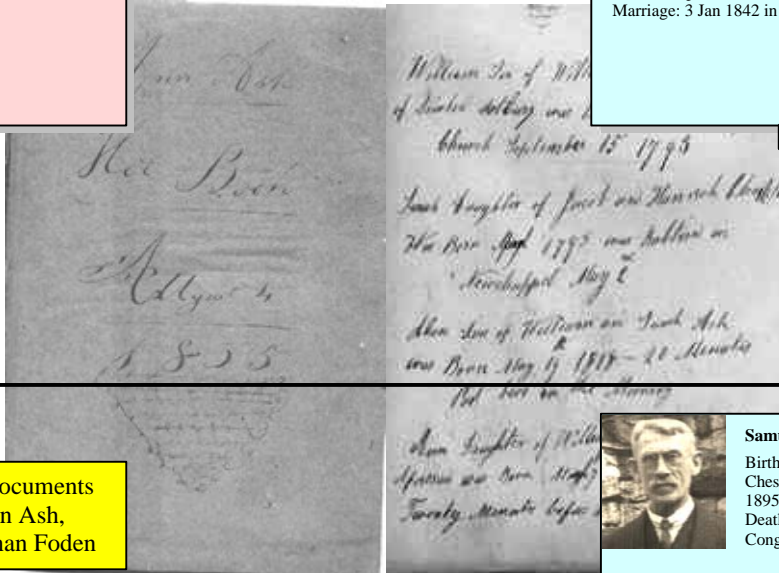
Death: 13 Feb 1874

**John BLACKSHAW**  
 Chr: 19 Sep 1819 in Marton, Cheshire;  
 Marriage: 3 Jan 1842 in Prestbury, Cheshire

**Ann PORTER**

old, Astbury

**Sarah Allman BLACKSHAW**  
 Birth: 23 Nov 1842 in Congleton, Cheshire;  
 Death: 27 Feb 1873 in Marton, Cheshire



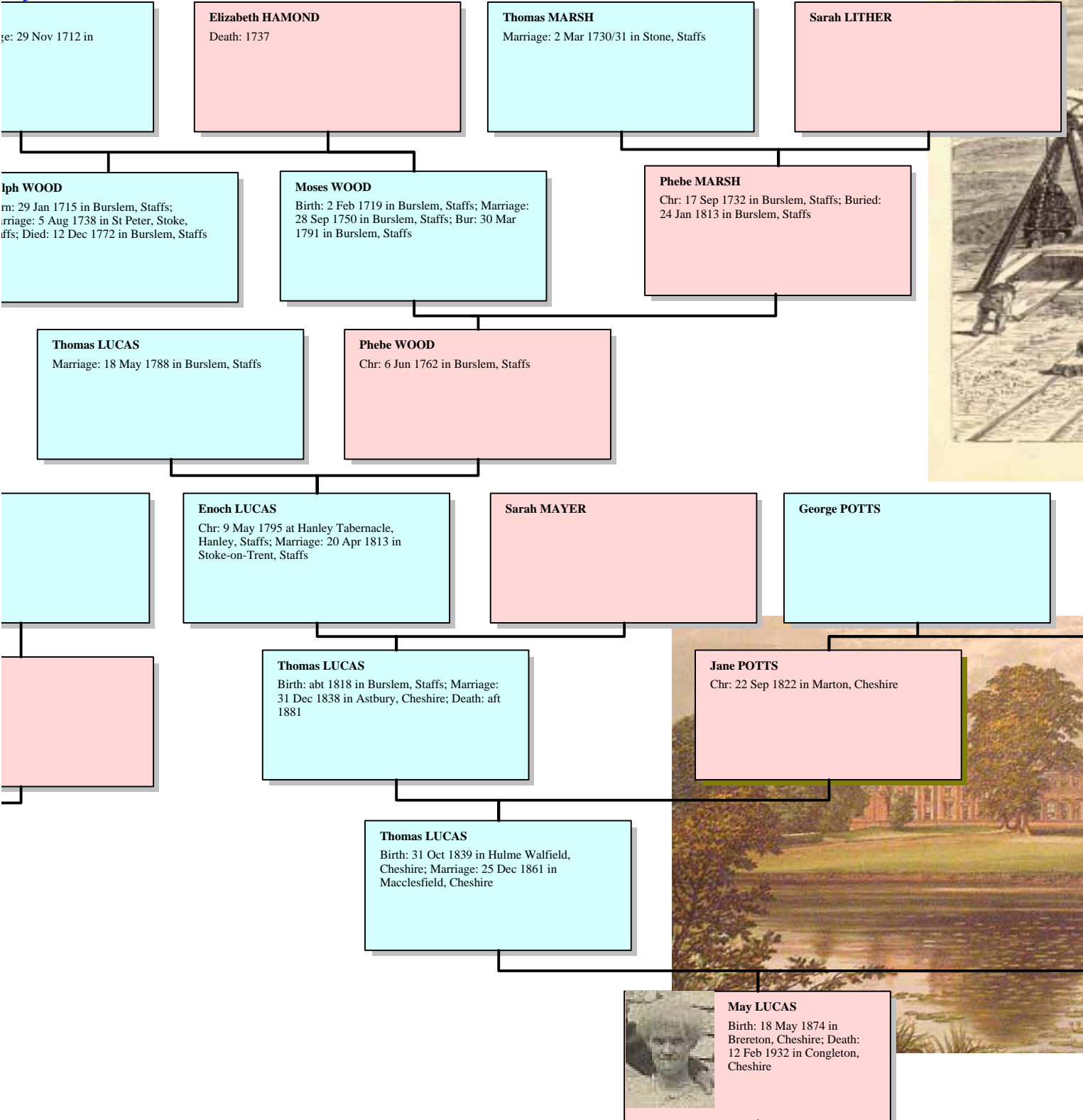
family bible documents family of Ann Ash, wife of Nathan Foden



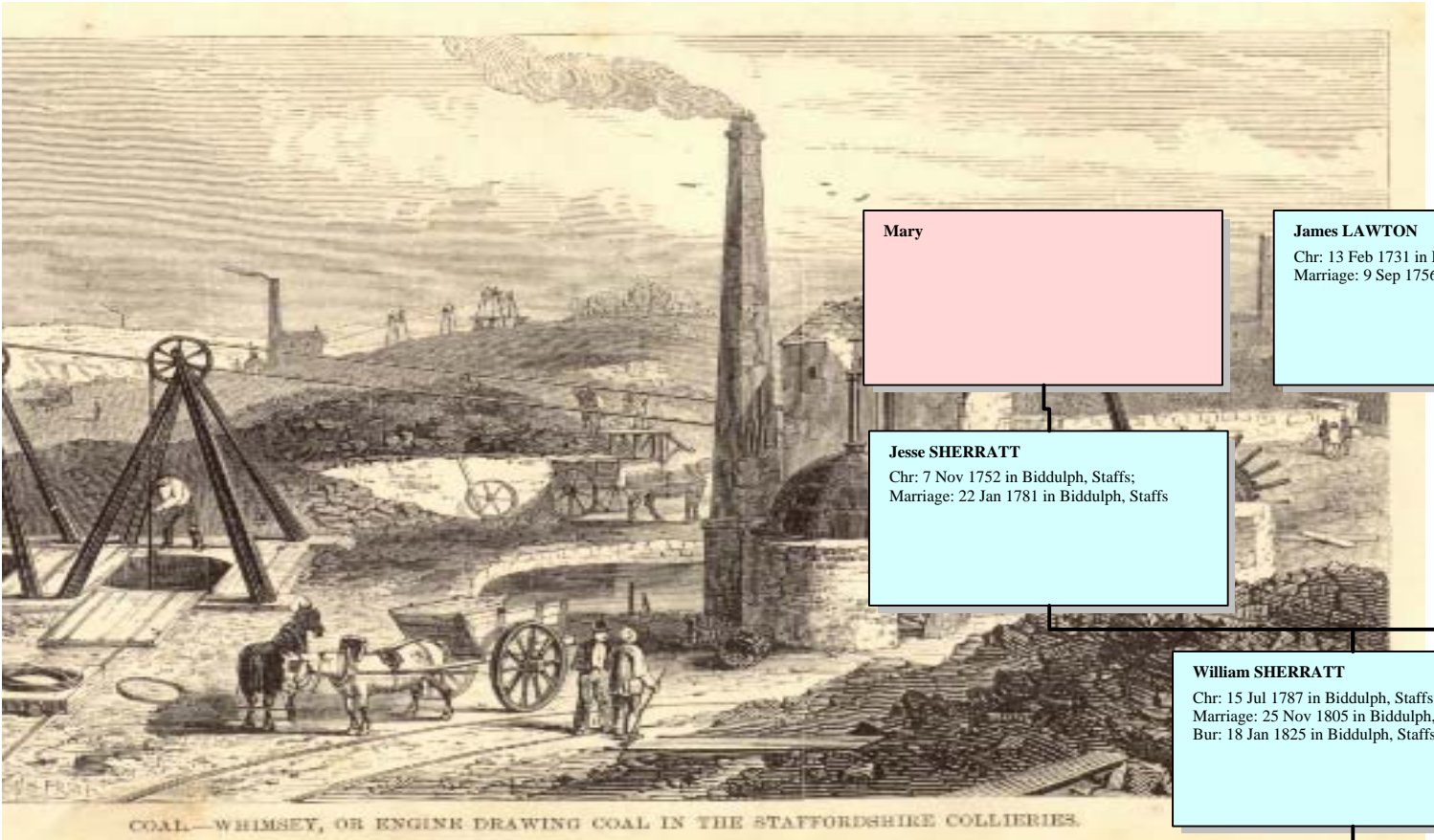
**Samuel Blackshaw FODEN**  
 Birth: 1 Sep 1869 in Marton, Cheshire; Marriage: 18 Feb 1895 in Sandbach, Cheshire;  
 Death: 2 Jun 1941 in Congleton, Cheshire

# Generations - The Ancestors

Ralph Wood's father (not shown on this chart, also named Ralph) was a colonel in King James' army and fought at the Battle of the Boyne in 1690. He was known as 'Cherry Ripe'.



# of Nigel Harding



**Mary**

**James LAWTON**  
Chr: 13 Feb 1731 in Biddulph, Staffs;  
Marriage: 9 Sep 1756 in Biddulph, Staffs

**Jesse SHERRATT**  
Chr: 7 Nov 1752 in Biddulph, Staffs;  
Marriage: 22 Jan 1781 in Biddulph, Staffs

**William SHERRATT**  
Chr: 15 Jul 1787 in Biddulph, Staffs;  
Marriage: 25 Nov 1805 in Biddulph, Staffs;  
Bur: 18 Jan 1825 in Biddulph, Staffs

**Ann**

**David THORLEY**  
Birth: abt 1777 in Marton, Cheshire;  
Marriage: 4 Dec 1797 in Prestbury, Cheshire;  
Death: aft 1861


**Elizabeth BROADHURST**

**James MOUNTFORD**  
Birth: 1791 in Bollington, Cheshire;  
Marriage: 7 Nov 1829 in Astbury, Cheshire;  
Death: bet 1851 and 1861

**Thomas GANTLIFF**  
Birth: 1802 in Sandbach, Cheshire; Death: bet 1871 and 1881

**Ellen THORLEY**  
Chr: 3 Dec 1809 in Marton, Cheshire; Death: aft 1881

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**Ellen GANTLIFF**  
Chr: 4 Nov 1838 in Marton, Cheshire; Death: 24 Dec 1925; Bur: 29 Dec 1925 at St Oswald, Brereton, Cheshire

**Samuel Martin COX**

**Sarah Ann TRINER**  
Death: 26 Dec 1939/40

**William Edward COX**  
Birth: abt 1884; Marriage: 5 Dec 1904 in Biddulph, Staffs

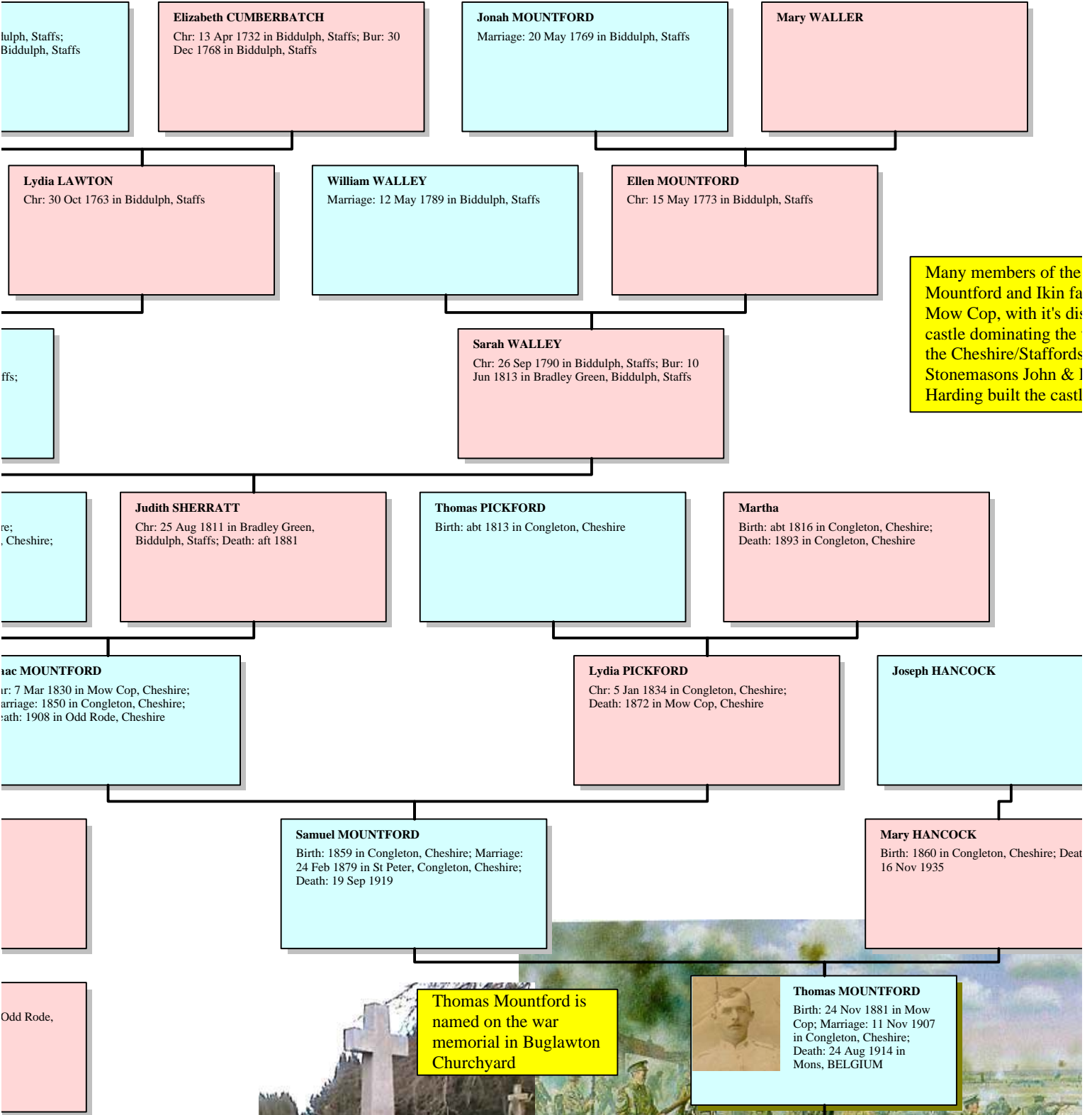
**Lucy Ann TRINER**  
Birth: 18 Apr 1886 in Mow Cop, Cheshire; Death: Mar 1952

Members of the Gantliff, Blackshaw and Thorley families were farming tenants of the Capesthorpe Hall estate (pictured)





William The Conqueror (left) and Henry I (right)



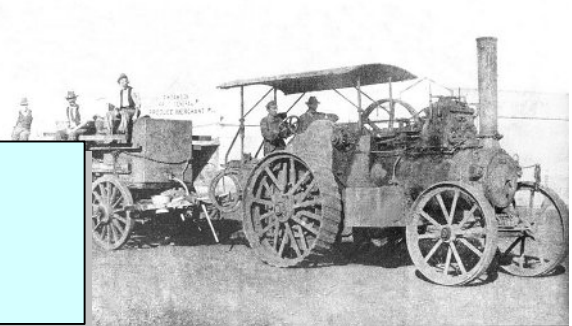
Many members of the Mountford and Ikin families lived in Mow Cop, with its distinctive castle dominating the landscape. The castle was built by the Cheshire/Staffordshire Stonemasons John & James Harding.

Thomas Mountford is named on the war memorial in Buglawton Churchyard





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**Richard PHILIPS**  
Birth: Abt 1781 in Cheshire

**Samuel CHARLESWORTH**

**Thomas PHILIPS**  
Birth: abt 1823 in Elton, Cheshire; Marriage: 7 May 1849 in Congleton, Cheshire; Death: 1869 in Sandbach, Cheshire

**Mary CHARLESWORTH**  
Birth: abt 1828 in Nantwich, Cheshire

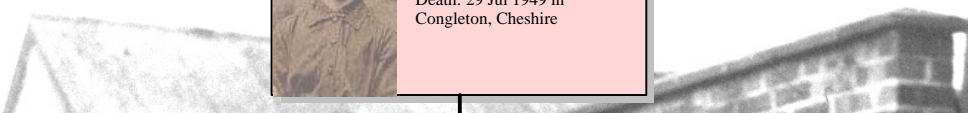
Richard Phillips was killed in a tragic accident, he was crushed between a traction engine and a threshing machine whilst working on a farm.

**Richard PHILLIPS**  
Birth: 4 Apr 1858 in Booth Lane, Elton, Cheshire; Marriage: 1 Sep 1880 in Congleton, Cheshire; Death: 3 Nov 1896 in Cloud House Farm, Rushton Spencer, Staffs

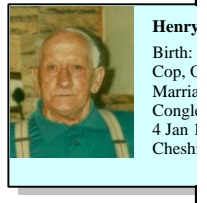
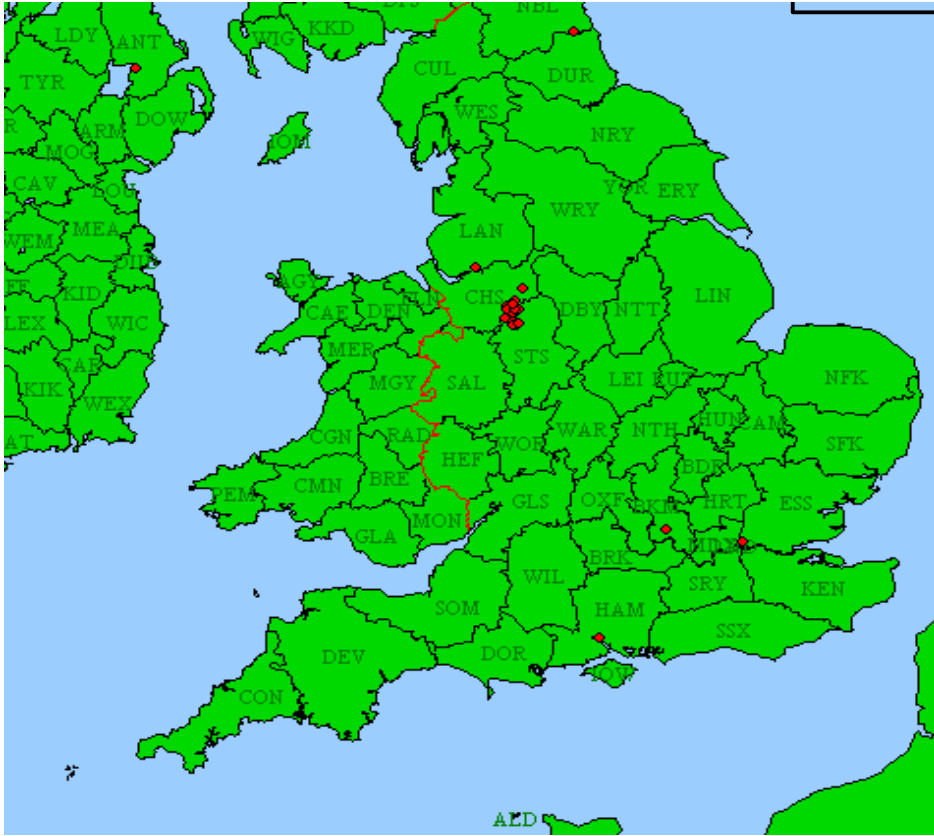
**Annie MITCHELL**  
Birth: 1862 in Rushton, Staffs; Death: 1916 in Buglawton, Cheshire

**Mary Jane PHILLIPS**  
Birth: 24 Nov 1884 in Wall Hill, Astbury, Cheshire; Death: 29 Jul 1949 in Congleton, Cheshire

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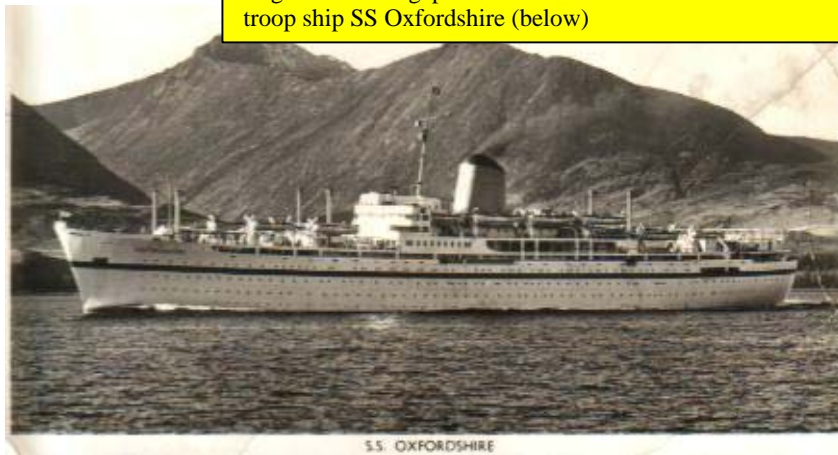
**Henry**  
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Map showing the distribution of descendants of James Harding (the earliest known Harding). Concentrations of descendants are shown in red.

**HARDING**

24 Dec 1898 in Mow  
Dd Rode, Cheshire;  
Age: 29 Dec 1924 in  
eton, Cheshire; Death:  
1979 in Congleton,  
ire

Many members of the family served in the 2 World Wars. Nigel's father is pictured here (middle row, far right) with the Royal Engineers in Singapore at the end of WW II. He travelled on the troop ship SS Oxfordshire (below)









Nigel was born at the Congleton War Memorial hospital



Nigel in his fort



**Lily FODEN**

Birth: 27 Jul 1904 in Congleton, Cheshire; Death: 3 Aug 1987 in Macclesfield, Cheshire



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**Nigel HARDING**

Nigel's military record extends as far as the cub scouts!



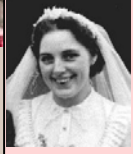
**William Stanley COX**

Birth: 2 May 1907 in Bradley Green,  
Biddulph, Staffs; Marriage: 19 Apr 1930 in St  
John, Buglawton, Cheshire; Death: Apr 1984  
in Macclesfield, Cheshire



The next generation!  
Wife Rosemary and  
daughter Grace.

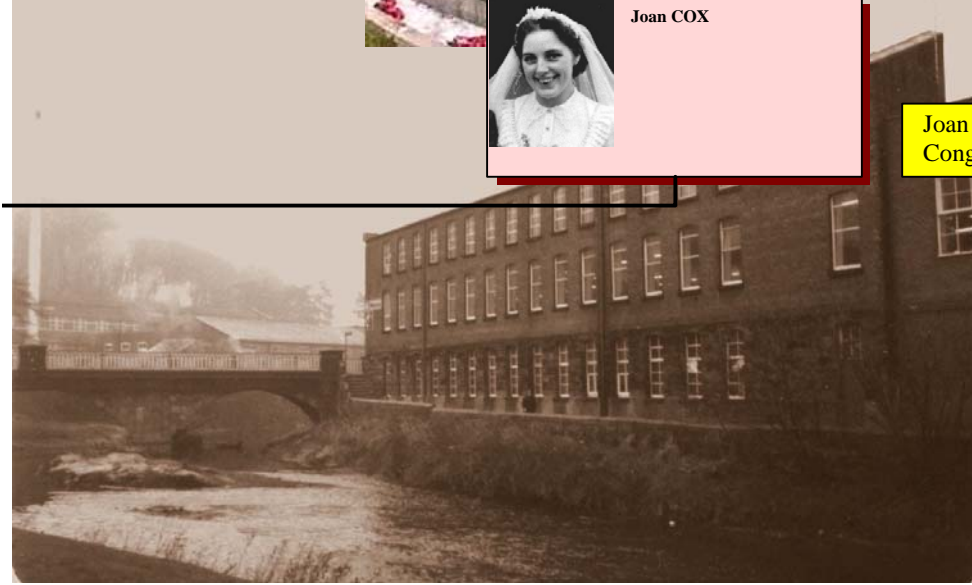




Joan COX

Joan worked as a cutter in many of Congleton's textile factories

Three generations on me  
Nigel's mother, grandmo  
great-grandmother in the



**Alice May MOUNTFORD**

Birth: 21 Feb 1909 in  
Congleton, Cheshire; Death:  
11 Nov 1995 in Congleton,  
Cheshire



Motorbikes!  
Mother and  
me late 1940s.