

The following notes describe research into a family linked by marriage to the Jarvis (or Jervis) family of Shropshire and Staffordshire. To see other documents about the family, go to http://www.bhsproject.co.uk/x_jarvis.shtml

Millington

Starting Point

Ann Millington married Henry Jervis in 1843, and their children include a son, Henry, who is in Louise's direct line. After Henry Jervis died in 1859 Ann married a second time, in 1871, to Enoch Hendley; on both marriage certificates she named her father as Samuel Millington, labourer.

Research to date (April 2020) has focused on her husband's family, but perhaps Ann's family offers evidence that is useful in tracing back the line further?

Baptism searches

Ann's birthplace was consistently recorded in censuses as Audlem, Cheshire, and her recorded age varied over time: 28, 37, 43, 51, 64 from 1851 to 1891. At death in November 1892: 66. She stated she was of full age at marriage in October 1843 but may have been a couple of years younger. It seems likely she was born between 1820 and 1825.

There are three Ann Millington baptisms within a 5-mile radius of Audlem, 1817-1827:

1817	Dec	25	James and Elizabeth	Audlem labourer
1819	Oct	3	John and Ann	Audlem labourer
1822	Oct	27	William & Mary	Audlem labourer

None of the fathers was named Samuel; although these baptisms are in the right place at the right time they have not been considered further.

Looking instead at any baptisms to a Samuel Millington within a 5-mile radius of Audlem, 1817-1827, two were recorded, both at Audlem:

Date			Details	Residence	Occupation
1819	Oct	5	Bessy d/o Samuel & Mary	Audlem	labourer
1827	Oct	28	Eliza s/o Samuel & Catharine	Audlem	labourer

There were several Millington burials 1817-1837; noting those at Audlem only

1818	Nov	10	Elizabeth, age 33	Audlem
1823	Jul	22	Mary, age 24	Audlem
1824	Jan	21	Mary, age 28	Audlem
1826	Jul	8	Martha, age 35	Audlem
1826	Oct	19	Samuel, age 1	Buerton (at Audlem)
1827	Feb	25	Eliza, age 6 days	Audlem

Questions arise:

- Were Samuel, buried 1826, and Eliza, buried 1827, unbaptised children of Samuel senior?
 - If so it suggests he may have had other children that were not baptised in a CoE parish church
- Or was Samuel of another family? (his parents were from Buerton, not Audlem town)
- Could Bessy be Ann? She was born at around the right time; but usually Bessy is a pet form of Elizabeth, not Ann
- Was there more than one Samuel Millington in Audlem?

Samuel Millington buried 1826

In answer to the first two questions, a search for any Samuel Millington baptisms between 1824 and 1826 within 10 miles of Audlem found one:

- 1826 Apr 16 Son of Samuel & Elizabeth, cottager of Prees, at Prees, Shropshire (in 1851 a SM age 24, ag lab, born Tilstock – chapelry of Prees, in Audlem)

Extending to a 20-mile radius found one more:

- 1825 Apr 24 Son of Thomas & Sarah, joiner, of Harmer Hill, at Myddle, Shropshire (in 1851 a Samuel Millington, age 27, born and living in Middle, ag lab, is a good match)

It seems the two births nearest to Audlem were of individuals who survived until 1851. It remains possible that Samuel was an unbaptised son of Samuel.

Eliza Millington buried 1827

Samuel baptised a daughter Eliza 28 Oct 1827; she may have been a replacement for the loss of another child. Earlier the same year an Eliza Millington was buried, 25 Feb 1827, age 6 days. The burial and baptism dates are around 8 months apart; it is not impossible she was a child of Samuel and Catherine but it seems unlikely. Searches for a baptism find an Eliza, d/o Frances Millington, servant, at Audlem, 15 Feb 1827. This is likely to be the child buried on the 25th: the date is consistent with a burial three or four days after her death, providing she was baptised very soon after birth.

Bessy Millington: is she Ann?

Bessy was baptised in 1819. There are no later records of a Bessy Millington born around this date, suggesting she married or died under a different given name (or perhaps the records are not online).

A search of the 1841 census found a possible candidate in Elizabeth Millington, born outside Shropshire and living with the Wade family on Queen Street, Drayton:

May Wade	50	Chawson	4
John do	23	Ag Labour	4
Maria do	13		4
Elizabeth Millington	20		4

In 1851 Elizabeth was living with John Wade as his housekeeper, at Cheshire Street, Drayton; her birthplace, Audlem:

John Wade	Head	36	34	Labourer	Salop Drayton
Elizabeth Millington		16	30	House Keeper	Cheshire Audlem
William Wade	Son		3	Scholar	Salop Drayton

William Wade was a child of John and Elizabeth:

Name:	Mother's Maiden Surname:
WADE, WILLIAM	MILLINGTON
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In 1861 John Wade was relegated to being the lodger, address Tinkers Lane, Drayton:

Elizabeth Millington	Head	38	42	Char woman	Cheshire Audlem
William	Son	14			Salop Drayton
John	Son	8			de do
Samuel	Son	12			de do
Henry	Son	5 months			de do
John Wade	Lodger	38		General Labourer	de do

John Wade married Elizabeth Millington in the month before the 1871 census, at Drayton:

1871. Marriage solemnized at <i>the parish Church</i> in the <i>parish</i> of <i>Drayton in Salop</i> in the County of <i>Salop</i>								
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
133	March 6	John Wade	full	Bachelor	Labourer	Drayton	Samuel Wade	Labourer
		Elizabeth Millington	full	Spinster		Drayton	Samuel Millington	Labourer
Married in the <i>parish Church</i> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by <i>George Chute</i> or after <i>Banns</i> by me,								
This Marriage was solemnized between us, <i>John Wade</i> & <i>Elizabeth Millington</i> in the presence of <i>Witnesses: Matthew Shore & her mark</i>								

The entry confirms Elizabeth was the daughter of Samuel Millington, labourer.

Summing up: the census records confirm Elizabeth was not Ann, but like her she was born in Audlem, a daughter of Samuel Millington, labourer. It seems most likely that she was the child baptised as Bessy in 1819.

Later censuses were checked in case any family members were visiting.

In 1871 Bell Lane, Drayton:

John Wade	Head	Mar	34	Labourer	Salop Drayton
Elizabeth	Wife	Wife	44		Cheshire Audlem
Samuel Wade	Son	Mar	14	Labourer Scholar	Salop: Market Drayton
Henry	Son	Mar	10	Labourer (2 nd)	Salop: Market Drayton

The son William Wade was no longer at home in 1871, but was boarding nearby with Ann Moore (nee Millington):

Joseph Moore	Head	Man	20	Buck maker	Salts: Edgmond
Ann J.	Wife	Woman	23		Salts: Market Drayton
Sarah E. J.	Daughter		2		Salts: "
Mary S. J.	Daughter		3 months		Salts: "
William Wade	Son	Man	23	Blacksmith	Salts: "

Ann Moore is thought to be the daughter of Henry and Ann Jervis.

1881, Town Well, Little Drayton shows William a widower, age 32 a blacksmith

Eliza Wade	Head	Woman	65		Cheshire Audlem
Harry "	Son	Man	29	Buck makers Partner	Market Drayton
William "	Grandson	Man	32	Blacksmith	"
Sarah "	Daughter	Woman	7	Scholar	"
John "	Grandson	Man	5		"

This death registration is a good match to Elizabeth (she does not feature in the 1891 census); no corresponding burial has been found.

Surname	First name(s)	Age	District	Vol	Page
Deaths Dec 1881 (>99%)					
WADE	Elizabeth	64	Mt. Drayton	6a	471

Conclusions: The life of Bessy, baptised at Audlem in 1819, has been traced through five censuses until her death in 1881. There are parallels in their lives that suggest Ann and Bessy were sisters:

- both born in Audlem and within a few years of each other;
- both daughters of Samuel, a labourer;
- both moved to Drayton;
- Elizabeth's son, William Wade, was boarding with Ann's daughter, Ann Moore, in 1871;
- both lived in Little Drayton by 1881.

The working assumption is that Ann is an unbaptised daughter of Samuel Millington of Audlem.

Was there more than one Samuel Millington in Audlem in the first decades of the 1800s?

Two baptisms to Samuel have been found at Audlem: Bessy in 1819 and Eliza in 1827. The 1819 baptism was to Samuel and Mary, that in 1827 to Samuel and Catherine.

Searches found a marriage in 1818 at Audlem, to Mary Wrench. This was witnessed by William Wrench and Elizabeth Millington; none of the parties signed the register.

Samuel Millington of this Parish
 and Mary Wrench of this Parish
 were married in this Church by *Warrus* with Consent of
 this *fourth* Day of
February in the Year One thousand eight hundred and *eighteen*
 By me *W Breakspear Curate*
 This Marriage was solemnized between us { *Samuel Millington his mark*
Mary Wrench her mark
 In the Prefence of { *William Wrench his mark*
Elsabeth Millington her mark
 No. 102.

Aside: the name **Wrench** is of interest: Henry's elder sister, Jane, married Thomas Wrench in 1827 at Muckleston; they had two daughters, Ann 1828 and Sarah 1831; Thomas was a labourer of Onneley and his daughters were baptised at Madeley, Staffordshire.

After Bessy there are no further baptisms to Samuel and Mary. Two Mary Millington were buried at Audlem; the first 22 Jul 1823; the second 21 Jan 1824.

Mary Millington Audlem July 22nd 1823 *W Breakspear*
 No. 457.

Mary Millington Audlem Jan 21st 1824 *W Breakspear*
 No. 470.

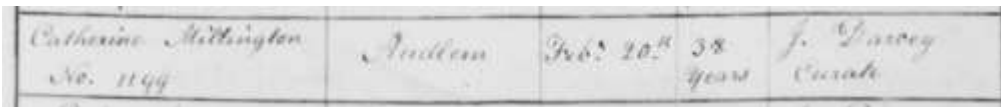
The marriage of Samuel to Catherine Worrall took place 9 Dec 1824 at Audlem and shows Samuel was a widower:

Samuel Millington of this Parish
Widower
 and Catherine Worrall of this Parish
Spinster
 were married in this Church by *Warrus* with Consent of
 this *ninth* Day of
December in the Year One thousand eight hundred and *twenty four*
 By me *W Breakspear Curate*
 This Marriage was solemnized between us { *Samuel Millington his mark*
Catherine Worrall her mark
 In the Prefence of { *Joseph Millington*
Thomas Worrall her mark
 No. 230.

Joseph Millington and Hannah Worrall witnessed the marriage, the former signing. Returning to the two Mary Millington burials, the later one was two weeks before the marriage by banns and seems less likely to be Samuel's first wife. This leaves Mary, buried in 1823, age 24, as his first wife; she was born around 1799.

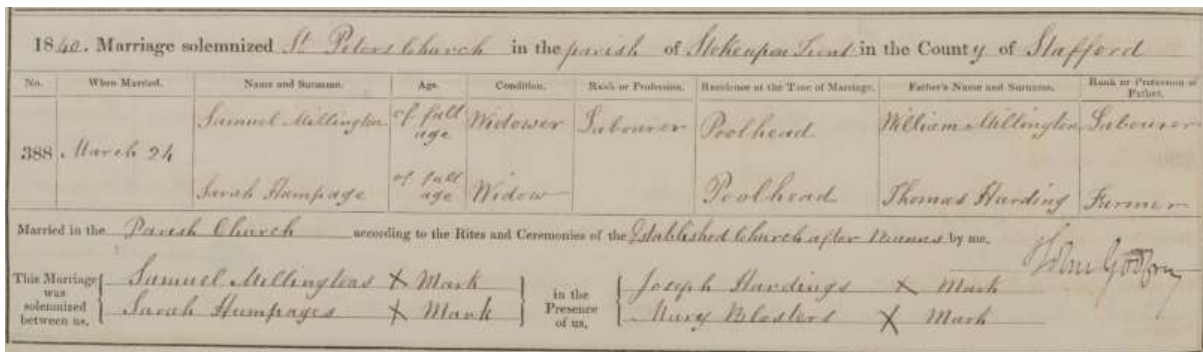
Following Samuel's marriage to Catherine one baptism, Eliza, 1827, was recorded at Audlem.

Samuel's wife, Catherine, was buried at Audlem in 1837; she was 38, therefore born around 1798/9:



At this point the register entries place Samuel in Audlem between 1818 and 1837. His wife between 1818 and 1823 was Mary, nee Wrench. This is most likely the period for Ann Millington's birth: her mother was probably Mary Millington nee Wrench.

Following the death of his second wife in 1837 Samuel was left with daughters Elizabeth (Bessy) age 18, Ann (estimated age 15-16) and Eliza age 10 (and possibly other children whose baptisms have not been found). A search for any later marriage of Samuel found one in 1840, at Stoke on Trent, St Peter ad Vincula; this church is where more than one Jervis married in the 1840s:



Sarah was a widow and her previous married name was Humpage, her birth name Harding.

Aside: the surname Harding is of interest. Henry Jervis's youngest sister, Elizabeth, married Joseph Harding, a farmer of Maer, in 1847 at Newcastle under Lyme.

Samuel was recorded as a widower and labourer of Poolhead, son of William Millington, a labourer.

Poolhead is around 20 miles as the crow flies ESE of Audlem, see map below. The reason for Samuel's move away from Audlem is presumably to do with his work. He may have worked on contract for 12 months at a time. Later evidence confirms the marriage at Stoke is of the same individual.



The following year the 1841 census entry shows Samuel and Sarah at Meer Cottage, Norton in Hales, Market Drayton Registration District, Shropshire. The previous household was at Norton Wood Farm and he had moved back to an area closer to his home town, Audlem.

1	Saml. Pillington	44		Labr	h
	Sarah	43			h
	Joseph	10			h
	Ann	7			h
	Mrs. Huntbach	16		Wife of	h
	Mary	11			h



Nortonwood (Farm) is marked, centre-bottom above; the border with Cheshire to the north marks the site of Meer Cottage, west of Bellaport Hall and near the spot height '420' (Meer is a name associated with boundaries).

The census of 1841 shows the family had moved into Shropshire from elsewhere as all were born in other counties. Samuel was a labourer, 44, his wife Sarah 43 and children Joseph 10, Ann 7 plus two Huntbachs age 16 and 11, Sarah's children (Huntbach is an approximation to Sarah's name at marriage, Humpage Sarah).

The census shows two Millington children, Joseph born around 1831 and Ann around 1834: presumably the children of Samuel. The timing of their births suggest they were children of Catherine. The 1851 census was checked to establish their birthplaces.

In 1851 the family was at Norton Wood, Norton, in the Market Drayton Registration District. Samuel was 52, a farm labourer, born Audlem, Cheshire; his wife was Sarah, age 50, born Mear (Maer), Staffordshire and there were two sons, Joseph, 18, born Audlem and Samuel, 9, born Norton, Shropshire.

Samuel Millington	52	Male	52	Farm Labourer	Cheshire Audlem	✓
Sarah do	50	Female	50		Stafford Mear	✓
Joseph do	18	Male	18		Cheshire Audlem	✓
Samuel do	9	Male	9		Stafford Norton	✓

Their home in or near Norton Wood is most probably the same as in 1841.

Their son Samuel was born just after the 1841 census; his birth registration was in the name Mullington, which may reflect local pronunciation:

MULLINGTON, SAMUEL **HARDING**
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1841.	English	Samuel	Samuel	William	Mear	Labourer	Staffordshire
No. 241.		son	to	do	do		
		Sarah					

Summing up: it is concluded Samuel Millington married three times, in 1818, 1824 and 1840. From baptisms and a birth registration there is evidence of three children: Bessy (Elizabeth) 1819, Eliza 1827 and, following a move into Staffordshire, Samuel 1841. There is also circumstantial evidence that Samuel was the father of Ann who married Henry Jervis.

The 1841 census has two other children Joseph 10 and Ann 7 who may be Samuel's children. These are considered next.

Baptisms of Joseph and Ann Millington

Joseph, age 10 in 1841, was born around 1830/31 and was described as 'son' in the 1851 census. He would be a child of Catherine. No baptism has been found for him (Findmypast, Familysearch).

Ann age 7 in 1841 was born in 1833/4 and it is assumed she is a daughter of Samuel; but she could be a niece. There is a baptism of Ann Millington to Samuel and Jane at Woore according to an entry on FamilySearch, although the original register does not have this record, nor is it in the Mucklestone register:

Ann Millington England, Shropshire Parish Registers,	christening: 28 February Woore, Shropshire, England, 1834 United Kingdom	father: Samuel Millington mother: Jane Millington
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It is unusual to name two daughters Ann but timing of the births suggest they had different mothers, Mary (nee Wrench) and Catherine (nee Worrall). At present this concern is noted and parked.

At this point Ann Millington has not been found in the 1841 census, which took place under 2½ years before she married Henry Jervis. At that point she was not living with her father and stepmother and may have been in service.

Henry and Ann married at Woore in 1843. This is around 5 miles east of Audlem, and Ann and Henry were of Aston (marked below). Samuel Millington was living in Norton in 1841, between Aston and Adderley.



A search of the 1841 census for M*I*ton born 1816-1836 within 5 miles of Woore covers Audlem and may pick up Ann / siblings. There are 20 results:

Township	County	Number
Adderley	Shropshire	2
Audlem	Cheshire	11
Keele	Staffordshire	2
Mucklestone	Shropshire	1
Norton in Hales	Shropshire	4

There are two Ann Millington:

First name(s)	Last name	Birth year	Birth county	Registration district	Parish / township	County
Ann	Millington	1828	Cheshire	Nantwich	Audlem	Cheshire
Ann	Millington	1834	—	Market Drayton	Norton in Hales	Shropshire

If the enumerator recorded their ages correctly neither is old enough to marry in 1843.

The younger Ann is already known of, recorded in Samuel Millington's household in Norton-in-Hales parish, as was Joseph. The remaining two were Harriet Millington, age 14, Female Servant, not born

in Shropshire; she was recorded in the household before Samuel Millington and family, at Norton Wood Farm. Her nearby location and birth outside Shropshire suggest she may also be related to Samuel; she was born around 1826/7.

The fourth individual is a Mary Millington, age 15, a F.S. at the rectory; she was born in Shropshire. A fifth, older Millington, noted in passing whilst checking Norton, was Joseph, at Bellaport Lodge, a M.S., age 26, born Shropshire. Bellaport Lodge was along the road from Norton Wood Farm.

Perhaps the multiple Millingtons may simply reflect it being a common name in the area.

Returning to the search for Ann Millington in 1841, extending the search to a 10-mile radius of Woore gives a wider pool; it is possible Ann worked further afield:

First name(s) -	Last name -	Birth year -	Birth county -	Registration district -	Parish / township -	County -	Notes
Ann	Millington	1816	-	Market Drayton	Drayton in Hales	Shropshire	Wife
Ann	Millington	1820	Staffordshire	Wolstanton & Burslem	Burslem	Staffordshire	Wife
Ann	Millington	1821	Staffordshire	Wolstanton & Burslem	Wolstanton	Staffordshire	d/o John
Ann	Millington	1821	Staffordshire	Stoke upon Trent	Stoke upon Trent	Staffordshire	d/o Hannah, bn Staffs
Ann	Millington	1821	Cheshire	Wolstanton & Burslem	Wolstanton	Staffordshire	see below
Ann	Millington	1823	Staffordshire	Newcastle under Lyme	Newcastle under Lyme	Staffordshire	d/o Edwd, bn Staffs

The first two were already married, three were at home and born in Staffordshire, leaving just one Ann. She was born Cheshire and working as a female servant for farmer Thomas Jackson at Stony Fields Farm, Wolstanton. Thomas was 30, bn Shropshire, his wife Mary born Cheshire, also 30.

Name	Age	Occupation
Thomas Jackson	30	Farmer
Mary do	30	Wife
Ann do	5	Child
Geor do	3	Child
James do	1	Child
James do	24	Edge Labr
Ann Millington	20	Ch. S.
Catharine Bostock	25	Child

The previous census page includes Fowl Hay (marked on the 1775 map below¹) and Basford Hall, marked on the map at the right, so points to the area where Stony Fields was:

¹ http://www.thepotteries.org/walks/7_fowlea_bank.htm



The 1775 map shows Stoke Lane; this is where Ann's brother-in-law, George Jervis, was living when he married in 1840 and also where Thomas Blagg and Ann Wrench were living at marriage in 1846. Knutton is marked on the second map above and is where Henry Jervis and Ann were living by 1849 (they were at Knutton Heath).

The precise location of Stonyfields is shown on a larger scale map:



Summing up: it seems likely that Ann Millington was in service at Stony Fields Farm in 1841. Although some distance from her home, Ann was at least 18, possibly 20+ by this time: an adult. She was working near to where her future husband's brother, George Jervis, was living at the time he married in 1840.

Circumstantial evidence points to her being the daughter of Samuel Millington and Mary (nee Wrench), born at Audlem but not baptised.

The research has also found links to two family names that have been noted in other research:

Wrench

- Mary married Samuel Millington in 1818
- Jane Jervis, elder sister to Henry, married Thomas Wrench in 1827

Harding

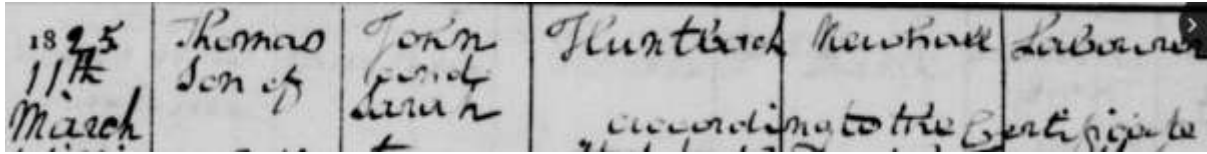
- Sarah married Samuel Millington in 1840 (his third, her second marriage)
- Elizabeth Jervis, younger sister to Henry, married Joseph Harding in 1847.

It has not been established if there is a familial link or just a shared surname.

Finally, two loose ends

Huntbach

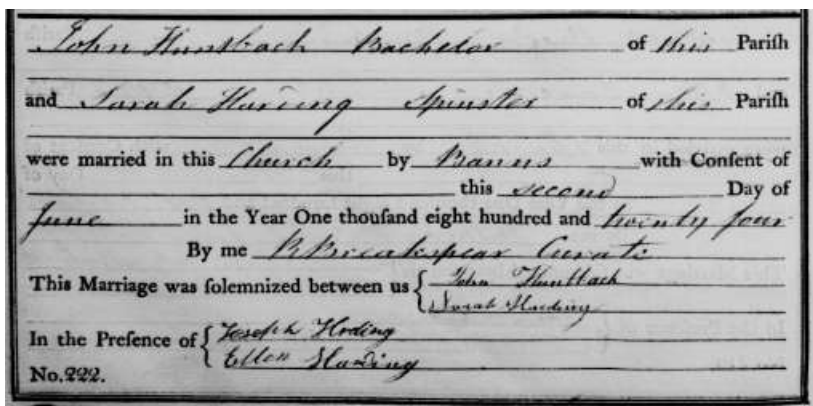
Thomas Huntbach, age 16 in the 1841 census, stepson of Samuel Millington and stepbrother to Ann Millington, was baptised at Wrenbury in Cheshire. The entry names his parents as John and Sarah.



The father, John Huntbach, was buried at Audlem in 1834 (Cheshire Burials (BTs), Findmypast):

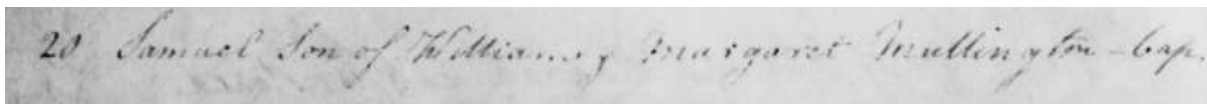
Name	Abode	When Buried	Age	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
John Huntbach	Audlem	Jan 29 1834	Year 36	R. T. Smith Episc. Church

John Huntbach married Sarah Harding at Audlem the year before Thomas was baptised, 1824:



Baptism of Samuel Millington, father of Ann

This baptism of Samuel Mullington in Audlem, 20 Jan 1799, is a good fit to his age and his father was named William, as expected from Samuel's marriage entry of 1840:



There is no evidence of non-conformity in the family although some baptisms have not been found.