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Dear Helen,

Thank you so much for the information on the Horton Local History Group.

I have already obtained a copy of the History you mention and found it fascinating reading. Please pass on my congratulations to the participants in the project. If only more villages and towns would embark upon similar projects!

As I mentioned in my letter to Margaret Holmes, I have been a member of Sedbergh History Society for many years. Unfortunately I live too far away to have a regular involvement with them, but never the less I do keep abreast of what is going on in the area and there is always someone I can contact if I have a query about a local place of event. The local societies do play an important role, not only for the local residents, but also for people such as myself who have a distant contact with an area.

My biggest problem is a lack of time for research. The current high profile was due to a chance visit to a web site on the internet!

I had researched my line quite extensively in the mid 1980's. The way everything came together could have been straight from a work of fiction.

My father knew very little about his family. He had around 10 brothers and sisters, knew his father has one brother and one sister, and had been told by his grandmother that his grandfather had been the captain of a sailing ship who had died of yellow fever and been buried in Charleston USA. Quite a promising beginning for a family history. But as ever, things aren't quite what they appear to be. Well aware of this I consulted the IGI for Sedgwicks in Liverpool. A handful of 19th century references came to hand. Two names stuck in my mind, simply because they were unusual, they were Mary Ash Sedgwick and John Woods Sedgwick.

I was actually researching another family at the time, so did nothing more. Then by chance we took our three (then young) children to Dent for a weeks camping holiday. That was the summer of Adam Sedgwick's bi-centenery celebrations and Sedgwicks were in fashion!

Again a chance conversation with a Sedgwick mentioned some of the family at Howgill. Off we went to Howgill and there on a gravestone in the churchyard was Mary Ash Sedgwick! Too much of a coincidence, there had to be a connection. A few months of research gave me the family who were descendants of the Revd John Sedgwick Perpetual Curate of Howgill from 1774 to 1836.

Until my chance surf on the net, that was where my family ended. I had had many suggestions that Revd John was the son of Revd James Sedgwick of Horton, who was uncle to Adam Sedgwick. Everyone wanted to be related to Adam Sedgwick except me. I could not accept the connection – I can't even explain why, except that I knew it was not correct.

On the internet, I discovered a one name society for Sedgwick. There had been one years ago which had been very helpful to me, but this was a different study and was worth another letter.

From Jane Pinder I got in contact with Joan and Charles Coombes and discovered we were related. Not only were we related, but they had the Wills which would prove I had been correct all the time and I was not directly related to Adam Sedgwick!

I have since met Joan and Charles when they were staying in St. Annes recently and we write regularly. Hopefully between us we may get back a little further.

Having analysed the Will of Matthew Sedgwick of Ingman Lodge (1720) I am now looking for the birth of Matthew and his two sisters Margaret and Jane and the marriage of Matthew to Agnes. None of these events appear on the IGI and therefore it is unlikely that they are in the original Horton Registers. The only conclusion I can reach is that either the events took place in another area – i.e. not Yorkshire or they took place in a parish not on the IGI. The other missing person is Eleanor Sedgwick who is married to Leonard Howson (mentioned in the Will) I can't definitely identify her birth either!

I am enclosing my own family descended from Matthew of Ingman Lodge which you may like to add to your files. Please do not hesitate to refer anyone to me which I may be able to help and if you ever come across Matthew and his sisters Margaret and Jane born probably before 1680,or the marriage of Matthew and Agnes around 1700, would you let me know?

Once again, many thanks for replying to my letter.

Best wishes

Descendants of Mathew Sedgwick

Generation No. 1

1. MATHEW[1] SEDGWICK was born Abt. 1676, and died Abt. 1720 in Ingman Lodge, Horton in Ribblesdale (Source: Will.). He married (1) AGNES. He married (2) JANE GREEN March 1715/16 in Ingleton (Source: Joan Coombes Chart).

Notes for MATHEW SEDGWICK:
Mention in his Will of his cousin Leonard Howson's 3 sons. Leonard Howson married Eleanor Sidgwick in Ingleton 2nd April 1714.

More About AGNES:
Fact 1: 1710, Burried with stillborn child at Horton in Ribblesdale

Children of MATHEW SEDGWICK and AGNES are:

i. MARGARET[2] SEDGWICK, b. 1701.

2. ii. STEPHEN SEDGWICK, b. September 9, 1702, Ingleton; d. July 4, 1779, Ingleton.

iii. ELIZABETH SEDGWICK, b. March 5, 1703/04, Ingleton (Source: Joan Coombes Chart).

iv. ISABEL SEDGWICK, b. March 5, 1703/04, Ingleton (Source: Joan Coombes Chart).

v. ELIZABETH SEDGWICK, b. November 2, 1706 (Source: igi - ingleton Parish Registers.).

vi. ROSAMOND SEDGWICK, b. January 7, 1707/08 (Source: igi - ingleton Parish Registers.).

vii. JANE SEDGWICK, b. July 6, 1710, Ingleton (Source: Joan Coombes Chart.).

Notes for JANE SEDGWICK:
Her mother died in childbirth in March 1710 i.e. when she was 9 months old

More About JANE SEDGWICK:
Baptised: August 1710

viii. JOHN SEDGWICK, b. 1719.

Generation No. 2

2. STEPHEN[2] SEDGWICK *(MATHEW[1])* was born September 9, 1702 in Ingleton (Source: igi - ingleton Parish Registers.), and died July 4, 1779 in Ingleton (Source: Will proved at York). He married JANE BATESON November 1, 1724 in Ingleton (Source: Joan Coombes Chart).

Children of STEPHEN SEDGWICK and JANE BATESON are:

3. i. MATHEW[3] SEDGWICK, b. 1727, Ingleton; d. May 28, 1790, Mossley - Newton Heath Nr. Manchester.

4. ii. AGNES SEDGWICK, b. 1729, Ingleton.

5. iii. JANE SEDGWICK, b. 1731, Horton in Ribblesdale.

iv. CHRISTOPHER SEDGWICK, b. 1733, Ingleton.

v. WILLIAM SEDGWICK, b. 1735, Ingleton.

Notes for WILLIAM SEDGWICK:
Ordained at Chester 1766 as Priest
21/9/1766 License of Revd William of Mansergh to Hutton Roof Chapel

Also held the license to preach at the chapel of Stallingbusk Yorkshire (this Chapel was a considerable distance from those of Hutton Roof and Mansergh and was on the opposite side of Dent. He eventually resigned from preaching at this chapel)

More About WILLIAM SEDGWICK:
Fact 1: Clerk in Holy Orders

vi. STEPHEN SEDGWICK, b. 1738, Horton in Ribblesdale (Source: Joan Coombes Chart).

6. vii. STEPHEN SEDGWICK, b. 1743, Horton in Ribblesdale.
viii. ALICE SEDGWICK, b. 1747, Horton in Ribblesdale; m. JAMES REDMAYNE, October 10, 1767, Ingleton (Source: igi - ingleton Parish Registers.).
7. ix. JOHN SEDGWICK, b. 1749, Horton in Ribblesdale; d. March 26, 1836, Howgill.
x. ELLIN SEDGWICK, b. 1753, Horton in Ribblesdale; d. 1753, Horton in Ribblesdale.
xi. CATHERINE SEDGWICK (Source: Joan Coombes Chart) (Source: Joan Coombes Chart), m. WILLIAM HIRD, May 5, 1758, Bentham (Source: IGI - Bentham Parish Registers.).

Generation No. 3

3. MATHEW[3] SEDGWICK *(STEPHEN[2], MATHEW[1])* was born 1727 in Ingleton, and died May 28, 1790 in Mossley - Newton Heath Nr. Manchester (Source: From Gravestone Inscription, Details in Cheatham Society Vol 52, page 69.). He married (1) JANE MIDDLETON 1749. He married (2) ALICE EASTHAM September 20, 1772 in Clitheroe (Source: Joan Coombes Chart).

Notes for MATHEW SEDGWICK:
Marriage Bond dated 5/7/1749 published in Lancaster Marriage Bonds 1739-1745.
Details as Mathew (22) of Ashes, Horton Schoolmaster and Jane Middleton (23) of Kendal.

7/9/1764 License to Mathew Sedgwick Clerk, Schoolmaster of Clitheroe, as assistant in the Chapel of Downham in the Parish of Whalley at the nomination of James King, Clerk, the curate at the salary of 20 guineas per year and the surplice fee.

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Revd Matthew Sedgwick curate of Newton Church in 1773 and also in 1786
Moved to Mosley near Ashton under Lyne
Died in 1790 as Curate of St. George's Chapel, Mosley

Gravestone: Sacred to the memory of the Revd Matthew Sedgwick died 28th May 1790 aged 63 also Alice his wife who died 3rd June 1820 aged 64 also Kitty their daughter who died November 6th 1799 aged 13 years.

Will dated 17th May 1790

More About MATHEW SEDGWICK:
Fact 1: Clerk in Holy Orders

Children of MATHEW SEDGWICK and JANE MIDDLETON are:
i. THOMAS MIDDLETON[4] SEDGWICK, b. 1750, Clitheroe; d. Bef. 1790.
ii. JANE SEDGWICK, b. 1754, Clitheroe; m. JOHN HYDE, 1775, Clitheroe (Source: igi - Clitheroe Registers.).

Notes for JANE SEDGWICK:
Had 2 sons under 21 years of age in 1790 - mentioned in her father's will

iii. ISABELLA SEDGWICK, b. 1756, Clitheroe; m. CORNELIUS PICKFORD.

Notes for ISABELLA SEDGWICK:
Had 3 children under 21 years of age in 1790 - mentioned in her father's will

Notes for CORNELIUS PICKFORD:
Probably the husband of Isabell. Certainly a son in law, married to a daughter of Revd Matthew Sedgwick - see his Will

Children of MATHEW SEDGWICK and ALICE EASTHAM are:
8. iv. ANN[4] SEDGWICK, b. April 18, 1774.
v. MATHEW SEDGWICK, b. Aft. 1772 (Source: will of mathew dated 1790.); d. January 10, 1844 (Source: Joan Coombes Chart).
vi. CATHERINE SEDGWICK, b. Abt. 1786 (Source: From Gravestone Inscription, Page 69, Cheatham Society Volume 52.); d. November 6, 1799, Mosely?.
vii. ALICE SEDGWICK (Source: will of Mathewdated 1790.).

4. AGNES[3] SEDGWICK *(STEPHEN[2], MATHEW[1])* was born 1729 in Ingleton. She married (1) JOHN MOOR. She married (2) THOMAS SEDGWICK 1755.

Notes for AGNES SEDGWICK:
Marriage Bond in Lancaster Marriage Bonds - 1739 - 1745

Details: 19/12/1755 Thomas (28) of Scales Ingleton Yorkshire and Agnes Sedgwick (26) Ashes Horton.

Children of AGNES SEDGWICK and THOMAS SEDGWICK are:

i. ELIZABETH[4] SEDGWICK, b. 1763, Ingleton (Source: igi - ingleton Parish Registers.); m. HENRY ELLERSHAW, 1786, Ingleton (Source: igi - ingleton Parish Registers.).
ii. STEPHEN SEDGWICK, b. 1761 (Source: igi - ingleton Parish Registers.).
iii. JOHN FAWCETT SEDGWICK, b. 1759, Ingleton (Source: igi - ingleton Parish Registers.); d. 1775, Ingleton.

5. JANE[3] SEDGWICK *(STEPHEN[2], MATHEW[1])* was born 1731 in Horton in Ribblesdale, and died (Source: Joan Coombes Chart). She married EDMUND WILSON 1756 in Horton in Ribblesdale.

Children of JANE SEDGWICK and EDMUND WILSON are:

i. JANE[4] WILSON.
ii. JOHN WILSON.

6. STEPHEN[3] SEDGWICK *(STEPHEN[2], MATHEW[1])* was born 1743 in Horton in Ribblesdale. He married MARGARET METCALFE May 5, 1765 in Horton in Ribblesdale (Source: IGI - Horton in Ribblesdale Parish Registers.).

Child of STEPHEN SEDGWICK and MARGARET METCALFE is:

i. STEPHEN[4] SEDGWICK, b. 1766.

7. JOHN[3] SEDGWICK *(STEPHEN[2], MATHEW[1])* was born 1749 in Horton in Ribblesdale, and died March 26, 1836 in Howgill (Source: Sedbergh P.RGravestone - St. Andrews Sedbergh). He married MARY MOORE August 18, 1773 in Firbank, by license (Source: Firbank P.R), daughter of JOHN MOORE.

More About JOHN SEDGWICK:
Fact 1: Of Thwaite House
Fact 2: Curate of Howgill
Fact 3: Will - copy obtained

Marriage Notes for JOHN SEDGWICK and MARY MOORE:
Extract from PR - Firbank

John Sedgwick clerk curate of Howgill in the Parish of Sedbergh and Mary Moore of Firbank in the Parish of Kirkby Lonsdale were married in this chapel by license with consent of parents this 28th day of August 1773 by me J. Waistell curate.

This marriage was solemnised between us John Sedgwick and Mary Moore in the presence of John Thornburrow and Agnes Moore.

Next entry is the marriage of John and Agnes on 24th October 1773 witnessed by John and Mary.

Children of JOHN SEDGWICK and MARY MOORE are:

i. JOHN[4] SEDGWICK, b. September 3, 1774, Firbank (Source: Firbank P.R).
ii. STEPHEN SEDGWICK, b. January 1, 1777, Firbank (Source: Firbank P.R); d. January 1, 1838, Howgill- Will (Source: Sedbergh P.RGravestone - St. Andrews Sedbergh).
9. iii. WILLIAM SEDGWICK, b. April 1, 1779, Firbank; d. October 17, 1860, Birkenhead.
iv. MATHEW SEDGWICK, b. July 9, 1782, Firbank (Source: Firbank P.R); d. 1817, Liverpool.

Notes for MATHEW SEDGWICK:
A Bachelor and 'Collector for the Pilots'
Administration by John Sedgwick of Howgill, Clerk, William Sedgwick of Liverpool and John Evans of Chester, gentleman. John Sedgwick is stated as being the father of Mathew. (From Nicky Cunningham)

10. v. JANE SEDGWICK, b. March 21, 1785, Firbank.

11. vi. THOMAS SEDGWICK, b. March 10, 1793, Thwaite; d. July 14, 1879, Thwaite, Howgill.

Generation No. 4

8. ANN[4] SEDGWICK *(MATHEW[3], STEPHEN[2], MATHEW[1])* was born April 18, 1774. She married WILLIAM TATTERSALL April 30, 1797 (Source: Joan Coombes Chart).

Notes for ANN SEDGWICK:
Referred to as Nanny in her fathers will ???

Children of ANN SEDGWICK and WILLIAM TATTERSALL are:

i. MATHEW SEDGWICK[5] TATTERSALL, b. March 25, 1808 (Source: joan Coombes Chart); d. January 10, 1844 (Source: Joan Coombes Chart); m. ELIZA JACKSON, February 21, 1830 (Source: Joan Coombes Chart).
ii. CATHERINE TATTERSALL (Source: Joan Coombes Chart).
iii. ABRAHAM SEDGWICK TATTERSALL (Source: Joan Coombes Chart).

9. WILLIAM[4] SEDGWICK *(JOHN[3], STEPHEN[2], MATHEW[1])* was born April 1, 1779 in Firbank (Source: Firbank P.R), and died October 17, 1860 in Birkenhead (Source: Necropolis RecordsGravestone - note of inscription). He married SARAH WOODS 1800, daughter of JOHN WOODS and MARGARET MILLER.

More About WILLIAM SEDGWICK:
Cause of Death: Natural Decay

More About SARAH WOODS:
Fact 1: 1869, Lived at 3 Elgin Street, Birkenhead

Children of WILLIAM SEDGWICK and SARAH WOODS are:

i. MARY ASH[5] SEDGWICK, b. February 26, 1806, Liverpool - St. Nicholas' (Source: St. Nicholas's P.R); d. May 10, 1891, Howgill - No Will (Source: Howgill PRGravestone in Churchyard).
ii. JOHN WOODS SEDGWICK, b. November 23, 1808, Liverpool, St Nicholas' (Source: St. Nicholas's P.R); d. June 3, 1831, Kirkdale, Liverpool (Source: Necropolis RecordsGravestone - note of inscription).

More About JOHN WOODS SEDGWICK:
Cause of Death: Consumption

iii. STEPHEN FAWCETT SEDGWICK, b. February 6, 1811, Liverpool, St Nicholas' (Source: St. Nicholas's P.R); d. October 28, 1828, Kirkdale, Liverpool (Source: Necropolis RecordsGravestone - note of inscription).

More About STEPHEN FAWCETT SEDGWICK:
Cause of Death: Consumption

iv. MARGARET WOODS SEDGWICK, b. June 9, 1813, Liverpool, St Nicholas' (Source: St. Nicholas's P.R); d. August 16, 1896, Howgill (Source: Howgill PRGravestone in Churchyard).
v. ELIZABETH SEDGWICK, b. May 22, 1816, Liverpool, St Nicholas' (Source: St. Nicholas's P.R); d. April 6, 1884, Howgill (Source: Howgill PRGravestone in Churchyard).
vi. SARAH JANE SEDGWICK, b. May 22, 1816, Liverpool, St Nicholas' (Source: St. Nicholas's P.R); d. December 22, 1871, Howgill (Source: Howgill PRGravestone in Churchyard).
vii. WILLIAM SEDGWICK, b. August 25, 1819, Liverpool, St Nicholas' (Source: St. Nicholas's P.R); d. August 13, 1861, Australia; m. ALICE ROWSON, February 14, 1847, St. Nicholas, Liverpool (Source: St Nicholas's PR).

Notes for WILLIAM SEDGWICK:
Living in Shaws Brow when married - described as a Porter - he signed the register.

Died of fever in Australia - possibly in the Melbourne area

Was prospecting for gold. Two letters regarding his death from Joseph W. to Mr. Lucas and Miles Ashmore regarding wages owed and gold nuggets.

Mentions two children.

Notes for ALICE ROWSON:
Living in lodgings at time of 1851 census. Apparently some conflict with the rest of the family - William married beneath himself?

viii. JOSEPH WILLIAMSON SEDGWICK, b. May 18, 1825, St Nicholas's, Liverpool - born Kirkdale (Source: St. Nicholas's P.R); m. JULIA ANN WHITEHEAD.

Notes for JOSEPH WILLIAMSON SEDGWICK:
Named after Joseph Williamson 'The Mole of Edge Hill'.

Joseph Williamson was a wealthy Liverpool businessman who owned a large house (no longer standing) in the Edge Hill district of Liverpool. This area of the city is built on sandstone.
He employed gangs of men newly returned from the war to tunnel in the sandstone and build tunnels and caverns. He extended his house into these caverns and held very eccentric dinner parties in the vaults. Apparently he took guests down into a cavern and sat them down with bread and water. Several of them obviously took offence and left. Those that stayed would then be taken into a sumptuous dinning room and served with an exquisite banquet!

The caverns are still there but have fallen into disrepair - a video exists showing a visit into these caverns.

Lucy, daughter of John Williamson Sedgwick donated a portrait of John Williamson to (I think) Edge Hill Library. I gather it was a portrait which had been in the Sedgwick family's possession.

More About JOSEPH WILLIAMSON SEDGWICK:
Fact 1: 1881, Occupation - Provisions Merchant

10. JANE[4] SEDGWICK *(JOHN[3], STEPHEN[2], MATHEW[1])* was born March 21, 1785 in Firbank (Source: Firbank P.R). She married ANTHONY WILKINSON.

Children of JANE SEDGWICK and ANTHONY WILKINSON are:

i. WILLIAM[5] WILKINSON, b. May 19, 1810 (Source: Howgill PR).
ii. ANTHONY WILKINSON, b. February 2, 1812 (Source: Howgill PR).
iii. MARY WILKINSON, b. May 24, 1814 (Source: Howgill PR).
iv. JANE WILKINSON, b. January 23, 1816 (Source: Howgill PR).
v. JOHN WILKINSON, b. October 12, 1817 (Source: Howgill PR); m. SARAH THORNBURROW.
vi. ELIZABETH WILKINSON, b. February 19, 1819 (Source: Howgill PR).
vii. MARGARET WILKINSON, b. December 9, 1820 (Source: Howgill PR).
viii. ANN WILKINSON, b. May 29, 1822 (Source: Howgill PR).
ix. ALICE WILKINSON, b. September 16, 1825 (Source: Howgill PR); m. LOUIS NIXON.
x. AGNES WILKINSON, b. March 22, 1827 (Source: Howgill PR); d. September 1848, Hole House, Howgill (Source: Howgill PR).

11. THOMAS[4] SEDGWICK *(JOHN[3], STEPHEN[2], MATHEW[1])* was born March 10, 1793 in Thwaite (Source: Howgill PR), and died July 14, 1879 in Thwaite, Howgill (Source: Stone in Howgill Churchyard). He married ELIZABETH STAINTON 1840.

Children of THOMAS SEDGWICK and ELIZABETH STAINTON are:

i. EMMA[5] SEDGWICK, b. 1841; d. 1920.
ii. JOHN SEDGWICK, b. 1847, of Holehouse, Howgill; d. April 19, 1928, Hole House, Howgill (Source: Stone in Howgill Churchyard); m. JANE.
iii. WILLIAM SEDGWICK, b. 1851, Howgill; d. October 11, 1940, Thwaite; m. MARY MASON, 1893.
iv. THOMAS MOORE SEDGWICK, b. 1853, Howgill - Of Old Hutton; d. February 4, 1935, Kendal (Source: Will proved at Lancaster); m. ELIZABETH STUBBS.
v. MATHEW SEDGWICK, b. 1856, Howgill - Of The Mount, Sedbergh; d. September 27, 1929.
vi. STEPHEN GEORGE SEDGWICK, b. 1858, Howgill - of Kirkby Lonsdale; m. EUGENIA, April 2, 1878, Orton.
vii. MARY JANE SEDGWICK, b. 1860; d. 1952.