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RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

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Objectives: Extend the ancestry of William Wainwright and prepare names for temple work.

Wainwright

The place of William Wainwright's marriage to Louisa Harrison has not yet been found, although the parish registers of St. Mary's and St. Paul's in Bury, Lancashire were searched. The couple was in Bury, Lancashire, England in the *1901 British Census* [document #2]. William's birth certificate states he was born in Hulme, Lancashire [document #4b]. Perhaps he was married in Hulme.

Verified the marriage of Henry Wainwright and Lucy Hall in Cathedral, Manchester, Lancashire, England, a very popular place to marry in this area [document #3]. Examined birth certificates of Henry and Lucy's children which were sent by the client [document #4].

Verified Henry's year of birth and parentage through his marriage record and early temple records [document #3, 5-6]. William Wainwright, Henry's son, had temple work performed for Benjamin Wainwright as his "gr[and]son."

Henry and Lucy were in St. George, Birmingham, Warwickshire in 1881 [document #7]. By 1891, Lucy was alone with her son, Frederick, in Chorlton on Medlock, Lancashire, which is very near Lucy's marriage place in Manchester [document #8]. Lucy and Fred were in Halifax, Yorkshire in 1901 [document #9]. Henry has not yet been found in census records after 1881. Thomas, the oldest son of Henry and Lucy, was staying with relatives in both the *1881* and *1891 British Censuses* [document #13, 18].

Henry's parents, Benjamin and Rebecca Wainwright, were in Nether Hoyland, Yorkshire in the *1851 British Census* [document #10]. Henry, seven months old at the time, was with them. By 1861, the family was in Chorlton on Medlock, Lancashire, and Henry was on his own in the same parish in 1871 [document #11-12]. Benjamin and Rebecca were in Aston, Warwickshire by 1881 [document #13]. It appears there was a **general family migration from Hoyland, Yorkshire to southern Lancashire and then to the area of Birmingham, Warwickshire.**

Examined birth certificates of the children of Benjamin and Rebecca Wainwright [document #14]. **These certificates verify Rebecca's maiden name of Woodcock.** The marriage of Benjamin and Rebecca has not yet been found. They were apparently married in West Melton, Wath upon Dearne, Yorkshire, and the Family History Library does not hold these records.

Lorenzo Onions, who was Rebecca Wainwright's son in law and was present at her death in 1891, married Eliza Wainwright 21 August 1878 in Aston, Warwickshire [document #15-16]. Found their children in census records [document #17-19]. Rebecca Wainwright was living with the Onions family in April of 1891, just a few months before her death [document #18].

Added information on the family of William and Martha (Flint) Wainwright [document #21-24]. William was a brother to Benjamin. William's mother, Sarah, was with him in 1851 [document #21]. William and Martha's marriage certificate states William's father was Benjamin Wainwright (Sr.), which further proves that Benjamin (brother of William) was the son of Benjamin [document #25].

Martha Flint was christened 27 April 1823 in Rawmarsh, Yorkshire, daughter of Thomas Flint and Dinah Robinson [document #27-29].

Benjamin Wainwright (Sr.) and Sarah Latham were married 22 February 1813 in Wath upon Dearne, Yorkshire **by license** [document #31]. Couples who married by license generally had more money than those who married by banns. **Sarah was "of Darfield," which matches her birthplace given in census records.**

Sarah (Latham) Wainwright was with her son, William, and his family in 1851 and with her daughters, Elizabeth and Mary, in 1861 [document #21, 32].

According to census records, Sarah Latham was born 1785 in Darfield, Yorkshire, England [document #21, 32]. **She was likely christened 25 April 1785 in Darfield, daughter of John Latham** [document #33].

According to census records, Rebecca (Woodcock) Wainwright was born about 1815 in Oil Mill, Yorkshire. Rebecca and Isaac Wainwright, children of Joseph Woodcock and **Diana** Heptonstall of Oil Mill, were christened 4 May 1815 in Royston, Yorkshire [document #34-35]. Rebecca and Isaac Wainwright, children of Joseph (or Joshua) and **Rhoda** Woodcock of Hole Mill, Darfield, were also christened 21 April 1815 in Barnsley, Yorkshire [document #36-37]. These children were likely christened twice and were children of Joseph and Rhoda, who married 1806 in Royston and christened many children in that parish [document #40-41].

Rebecca (Woodcock) Wainwright's aunt, Rebecca Hepenstall, was staying with her in 1851 [document #10]. Rebecca (Sr.) was likely christened in 1797, daughter of Richard and Hannah [document #42].

Hall

The family of Thomas and Matilda were in Spalding, Lincolnshire in the *1861, 1871, 1881, and 1891 British Censuses* [document #43-46]. Thomas, a widower, was also in Spalding in 1901 [document #47]. According to census records, **Thomas born 1826 in Weston Hills, Lincolnshire. Matilda was born about 1833 in Boston, Lincolnshire.**

Arthur Hall, grandson of Thomas and Matilda, was with them in 1881 [document #45]. Arthur was the son of Betsy Hall, who later married Herbert Lee and settled in Lockwood, Yorkshire [document #48-50].

Examined the marriage certificate of Thomas Hall and Matilda Pridgeon, married 28 October 1852 in Spalding, Lincolnshire and added their fathers' names to your family group records [document #51]. **The couple was married in a Baptist meeting house.**

Lucy Hall, who was living near Thomas Hall in 1851, may have been his sister; however, she may have been a cousin, as a Lucy Hall, daughter of George (not Thomas) and Ann, was christened 1817 in Weston, Lincolnshire [document #53].

Matilda Pridgeon was likely christened 7 December 1834 in Boston, Lincolnshire, daughter of William Pridgeon and Mary Anne [document #55].

Future Research

1. Continue to search for the marriage of Benjamin Wainwright and Rebecca Woodcock, if desired. Rebecca's maiden name has already been verified through the birth certificates of her children.
2. Find the bond and allegation records accompanying the marriage of Benjamin Wainwright and Sarah Latham.
3. Continue to research the family of Rebecca Woodcock, daughter of Joseph Woodcock and Rhoda/Diana Heptonstall. Both christenings for Rebecca in 1815 came from Bishop's

Transcripts. Searching the parish registers through an agent in England may solve this problem.

4. Prove Matilda Pridgeon was the daughter of William Pridgeon and Mary Anne.
5. Many additional families can still be found in census records and submitted for temple work.

I have enjoyed helping you to research your family history and learn more about the process and look forward to continuing research on this family!

Sincerely,

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