

The JARRETT family of Warmington

The JARRETT family lived in Warmington for some five generations, but there are no gravestones and they didn't make wills. Unfortunately, there is some shortage of useful records for this family during the mid-eighteenth century when the parish register is rather unreliable. It seems that the JARRETTs were a family who, prior to Inclosure of the open field in 1777, had a trade and a bit of land but who were 'losers' under the new system.

John JARRETT, blacksmith, married Katherine ADAMS in or around 1697. Her mother, also Katherine ADAMS, nee SMITH, was a widow of Pillerton (10 miles from Warmington). Thomas SMITH, uncle of the bride, provided her marriage portion. Thomas SMITH was a yeoman and maltster in Warmington. He died in 1718 without children, but leaving bequests in his will to several great nephews and nieces, and their children, including Thomas and Mary JARRETT, the two children of John and Katherine.

John JARRETT, shortly before his marriage, had bought Drapers' house. He then bought Pullers' house, which adjoined his first purchase, but kept it only long enough to annex part of its barn to his own home. In 1703 he bought for £57 a two acre close, called Custom Close, owned by John JUDD, cordwainer of Claydon and occupied by Thomas SMITH, maltster. Of the purchase price, £50 went to Rebecca LITTLE of Neithrop, widow, who held a mortgage on it.

After Thomas SMITH's death, his executors sold his half yardland in the open field, which John JARRETT bought. John JARRETT paid chief rent to the lord of the manor on his house and land until 1739, when the records fall silent. In that year his son Thomas has a single mention as paying chief rent for land he held. It seems likely that John the blacksmith died around this time.

Thomas JARRETT was born in 1701 and died in 1773 (burial recorded in Bishops' Transcript), without making a will. His first wives, mothers of his children, had died in 1736 and 1745. He had married Elizabeth PLATT or PLANT, in 1752. Elizabeth, his widow, had to administer the intestate's affairs.

Thomas and Mary had several children, though few of their baptisms are recorded. Their eldest son was John JARRETT, baptised 1731. He died 1810.

The Land Tax records start just before Inclosure. This John JARRETT paid tax on his own land AND tax on four other significant parcels of land belonging to other folk. At Inclosure he lost these four tenancies, although for a time he was able to tenant a field belonging to an absentee, John GAUTHORN, a Quaker. This field was on the east side of the Turnpike, conveniently close to the field allotted to John on the west side of the turnpike. However John's liability for land tax peters out, finishing in 1791.

However this is around the time the deeds for The Plough start. How long John had been in occupation or landlord before 1784 is unknown. John mortgaged The Plough to a Banbury solicitor. His property included a messuage, barn, stable and malthouse. In 1802 John JARRETT transferred ownership of the mortgaged property to his youngest son, William, (born 1778), formerly of Broughton, but by then of Warmington, a miller. After his father's death in 1810, William sold the pub in 1814 to William GOUGH, a tailor. Mary JARRETT, William's mother, and four other Warmingtonians continued to live either in the pub or in cottages belonging to it.

Although Thomas JARRETT had thirty or so grandchildren baptised here between 1768

and 1818, many died prematurely and the rest left the village. There were no JARRETTs in Warmington at the time of the 1841 census, although descent could be traced through the female line. *Because of deficiencies in the parish register, the following tree will have omissions. In the earlier years the surname is sometimes spelt GARRETT:-*

John JARRETT, blacksmith, m. about 1697 Katherine ADAMS. She died 1759.

1. Mary JARRETT 1697 - , married 1720 John PADBURY
2. Thomas, yeoman, died 1773. m. (1) 1730 Mary JUDD, d.1736. m. (2) Mary, d. 1745. m. (3) Elizabeth PLANT d 1783.
 1. John, 1731-1810, innkeeper, m. 1768 Mary LOCK, died 1820
 1. Mary 1768-70
 2. Thomas 1769 -
 3. John 1771 -
 4. Alice 1773 -
 5. Mary 1774 -
 6. Ann 1776 -
 7. William 1778 - , miller
 8. Nelly 1782 -
 2. Alice 1733-34
 3. Alice 1735 -
 4. Mary 1736 - , m. 1775 Richard TAYLOR
 5. Elizabeth m. William SHAKEL
 6. Joseph (d. 1780) m. Mary HUNT of Cropredy (d. 1784)
 1. Sarah 1770 - (baptised Cropredy)
 2. Hannah 1771 -
 3. Stephen 1772-74
 4. William 1773 - 91
 5. Joseph 1775 - 97
 6. Stephen 1777 - 81
 7. Mary 1778 - 1803
 7. Elizabeth m. 1775 Thomas PETTIPHER
 8. Thomas c.1742 - 1823, m. 1775 Sarah ARCHER
 1. Thomas 1777 - 88
 2. Sarah 1778 - , m. 1805 John PADBURY of Avon Dassett
 3. Joseph 1781 - 1818,labourer, m. 1805 Hester MATTHEWS of Horley (she m. (2) Thomas WALDIN, widower, in 1837)
 1. Thomas 1806 - 06
 2. Thomas 1807 - 09
 3. Joseph 1810 - 23
 4. Sarah 1818 -
 4. William 1784 - 88
 5. Elizabeth 1786 - , m. 1815 Richard TAYLOR, farmer
 6. Thomas 1789 - 91
 7. Mary 1791 - , m. 1816 Thomas WELCH
 8. William Howkins, labourer, 1793 - 1829, m (1) Elizabeth, m. (2) Sarah
 1. Martha 1814 -
 2. Mathilda 1821 - 27
 3. Mary Anne 1824 -
 4. Sarah 1828 -