

The following notes are part of research into the Jarvis (or Jervis) family of Cheshire, Shropshire and Staffordshire. To see other documents about the family, go to [http://www.bhsproject.co.uk/x\\_jarvis.shtml](http://www.bhsproject.co.uk/x_jarvis.shtml)

## Jarvis of Audlem

Obadiah Seddon of Audlem parish was a trusted friend of Elizabeth Jarvice, widow of John of Nantwich, in 1680. Audlem lies between Nantwich to the north and Market Drayton to the south, two places where Jarvis families were settled by the end of the 17<sup>th</sup> century.

The map below shows the area in 1902. A road runs southwards from Audlem, via Adderley, Shropshire to Market Drayton, around 6 miles from Audlem. The two roads running north from Audlem – to the west of the centre and from the centre – go to Nantwich. The road to the east goes through Woore.



The ancient parish of Audlem lies at the southern tip of the ancient county of Cheshire, bordering Shropshire. In Cheshire the contiguous ancient parishes were Acton and Wybunbury. The ancient parish comprised the townships of Audlem, Buerton, Hankelow, and Tittenley, part of the township of Dodcott cum Wilkesley (the other part being in the ancient parish of Acton), and part of the township of Newhall (the other part being in Wrenbury chapelry in Acton ancient parish). At the reconstitution in 1869 of the ecclesiastical parish of Burleydam, a part of Audlem ancient parish was transferred to the new parish.

The population of Audlem ancient parish can be estimated by the number of households in ecclesiastical 'censuses' of 1563 (127 households or families), c.1720 (253), and in 1778 (500 houses). (The following figures are complicated by the divided townships noted above). The sum of the households in the townships of the parish in the hearth tax of 1664 was 221. The population of the ancient parish in 1801 was 2,375 people, and 2,666 in 1871.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <http://cprdb.csc.liv.ac.uk/Notes/Parish/AUDL.html>

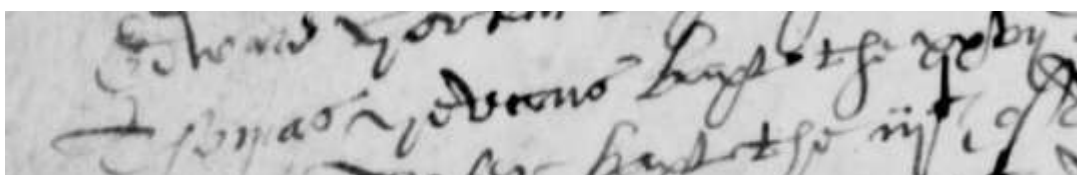
Searches of Cheshire records for early Jarvis citations found a few pre-1640 here.<sup>2</sup> This document sets out citations drawn from FamilySearch baptisms, Land Tax Assessments, Probates and Census, OPRs and BTs (contemporary annual lists of baptisms, marriages and burials) for Audlem. The aim is to chart the families who lived here and to assess if there is evidence that Mark's Nantwich family may have originated here or that individuals from the Drayton area (Louise's line) settled here. This research also offers an opportunity to assess whether it is feasible to link earlier citations to later ones and to determine whether later citations are for families that have moved into Audlem or older-established families.

### Earliest Jarvis citations at Audlem (pre-1700)

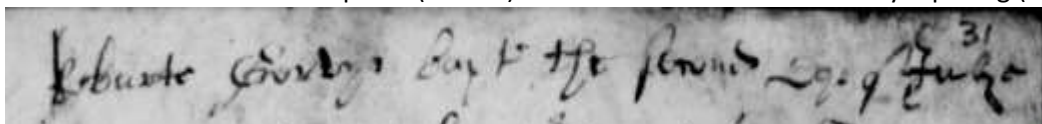
Audlem parish registers date from 1557. The Audlem BTs are also held on FMP but only two early ones survive, for 1579 and 1600. BT coverage from 1600 is better, although there is a gap from 1642-1657 inclusive.

The PRs also suffer a gap in baptisms (and presumably marriages and burials) from 1641-1645 and 1651-1652 inclusive. Indexes to both OPRs and BTs have been checked (Findmypast). Citations are considered in date order.

The following baptismal entry from 1595 has been transcribed as Yervens; there area later entries for a similar name so it is assumed this is not a Jarvis

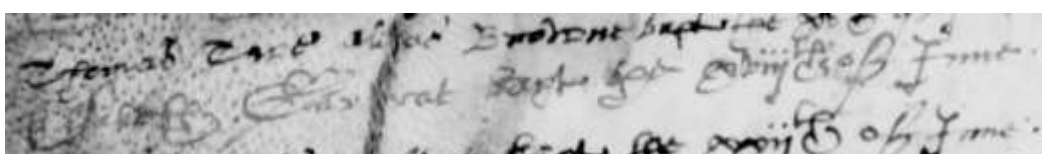
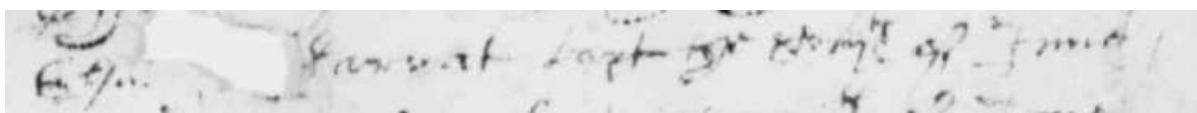


The earliest certain Jarvis baptism (Robert) was in 1598 and used the Gervys spelling (OPR).



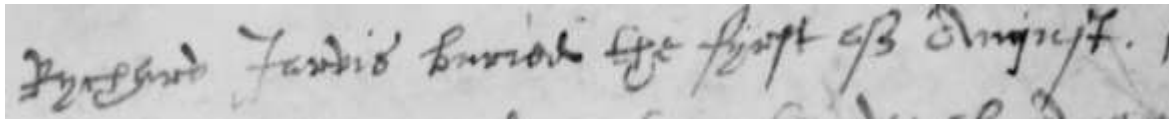
No other Gervys baptisms were recorded ten years either side of 1598 – this baptism is the only evidence of a family here at this point.

The next entry is over 20 years later and may be a Jarvis baptism – it has been transcribed as Elisabeth ...arvat 24 Jun 1621 (BT) and Elizabeth Garrat 18 Jun 1621 (OPR). The latter looks more likely.

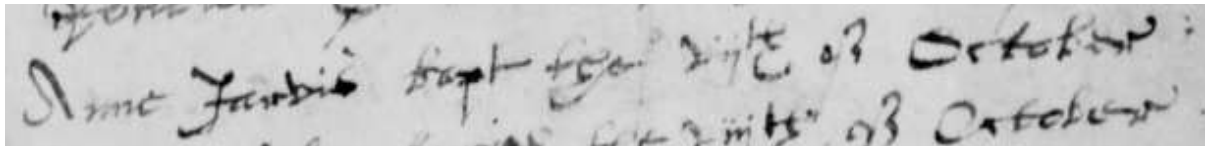


<sup>2</sup> Early Jarvis in Cheshire.docx

The next entry is a burial, Richard Jarvis, 1 Aug 1625. Other burials at this time were worded 'a man child of' or 'a woman child of', so Richard was probably an adult.

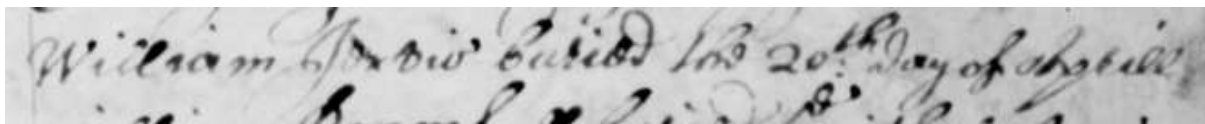


Two years later a baptism 7 Oct 1627:

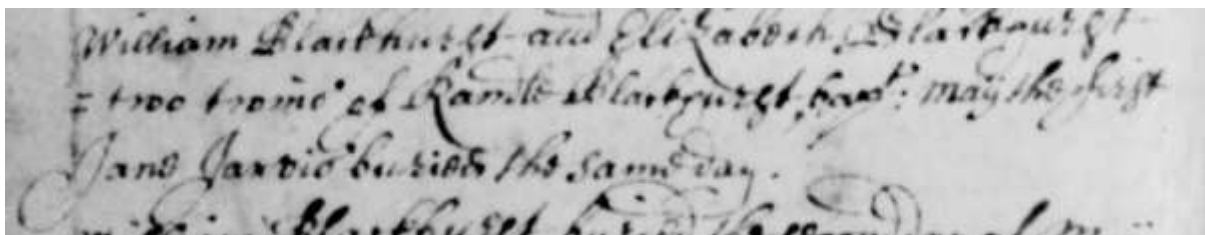


Elizabeth, possibly Anne's sister, was baptised 20 Apr 1628, as with Anne her parents were not named.

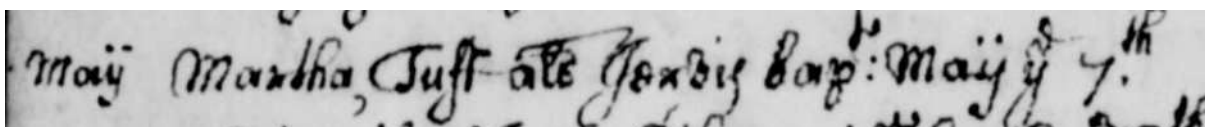
A burial of William Jarvis followed 30 years later in 1658:



Five years later Jane Jarvis was buried 1 May 1663:



There is then a gap until a baptism in 1675 of Martha Tuft alias Jarvis:



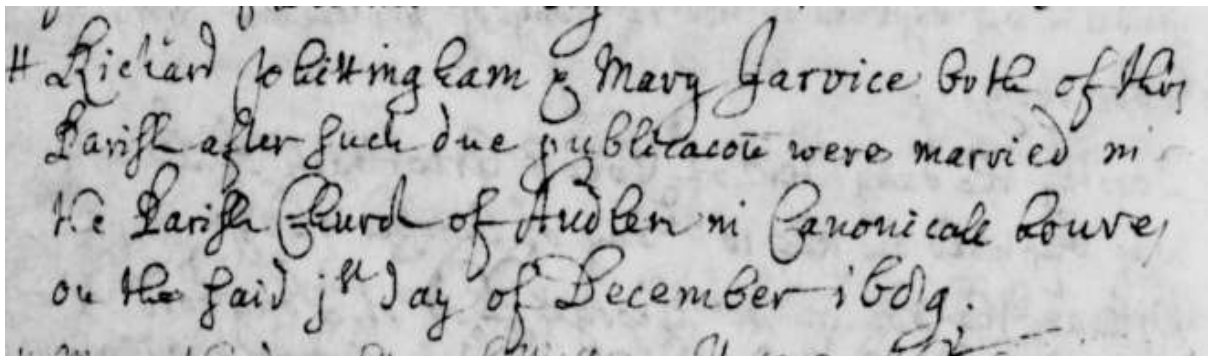
There are citations for Tefft, Toft and Taft at Audlem from ca 1680 into the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

- P 113 - Audlem St James Parish
  - 4 - Civil Affairs
    - 2 - Overseers
      - 4 - Bastardy bonds

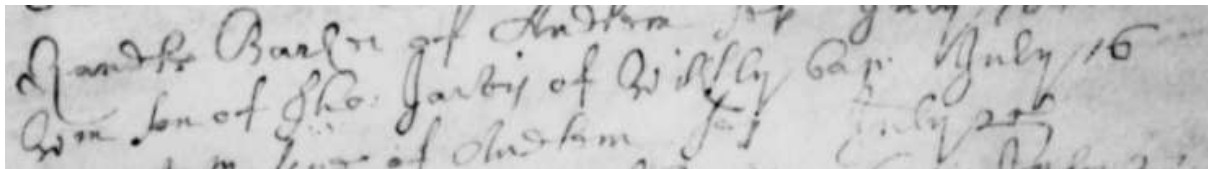
Repository	Cheshire Record Office
Level	Item
Reference	P 113/29/9
Title	Bastardy Bond
Date	23 Apr 1678
Description	Edward Jarvice of Drayton in Hales, Shropshire, musician, and Robert Browning, mason, Galfridus Meredith blacksmith and Ambrose Stone maltster, all of Drayton. Edward Jarvice is the reputed father of a bastard child of Jane Suft [Pugh?] born in the parish of Audlem

The bastardy bond explains the 'als Jervis'; Edward Jervis, musician of Drayton, left a will in 1734 (DraytonProbates2.docx).

The earliest Jarvis marriage at Audlem was in 1689 between Richard Whittingham and Mary Jarvice:



Ten years later a baptism 24 Jul 1699, William son of Thomas Jarvis of Wilksly (Wilkesley is SW of Audlem, see map, first page); Dodcot cum Wilkesley is a township of Audlem.



The next Jarvis entry is a baptism in 1730; from then to 1800 Jarvis entries are more frequent.

The citations found do not readily form family groupings, they are too sporadic. Next later records are considered in the hope these may help knit together some of the earlier citations too.

### Later Jarvis of Audlem

Here later records have been used as a starting point, working back to earlier generations. The starting point is burials, some of which are after the earlier censuses. Census leads have been followed up, and baptisms and marriages sought for the families found there and wills consulted.

Online indexes cover the period to 1900. The Jarvis baptisms at Audlem end in 1800 and burials in 1868, suggesting any male descendants moved away by this date. The last four adult burials follow (third column = calculated year of birth):

Mary	Jervis	1775	1839
John	Jervis	1776	1844
Matthias	Jervies	1788	1860
Amelia	Jervis	1781	1868

John, Matthias and Amelia should be recorded in the 1841 census.

### **1841 census**

Four Jervis were recorded in Audlem or its townships, including Amelia (but not Matthias or John):

1. Amelia Jervis, 52, FS to Joseph Hayward, Land Agent age 50, near the Toll Gate, Audlem.
2. Anne Jervis, 14, FS to Morgan Thomas, Ind, 75; next page to the above, near Crown Inn Audlem.
3. Ann Jervis, 20 or 24, Ind, in household of Joseph Heath, 46, publican and Sarah Heath 40, at Hankelow (a township of Audlem).
4. Mary Jervis, 15, FS to Jesse Whitmore, farmer, age 30, Buerton (a township)

Amelia and Anne (14) were born outside Cheshire; as they were also living near to each other in 1841 it is possible they were related: mother and daughter?

There are notes later about the two individuals not found in Audlem in 1841, Matthias and John.

Moving on to the next census:

### **1851 census**

- Amelia Jerves (transcribed as Jones) 65, widow, bn High Ercall, Salop, housekeeper to Joseph Hayward, Land Agent, in Audlem; matches 1. above
- Mary Jervies, 26, servant bn Audlem, to John Kemp, farmer of 239 acres, Adderley Salop (could be 4. From 1841 census)

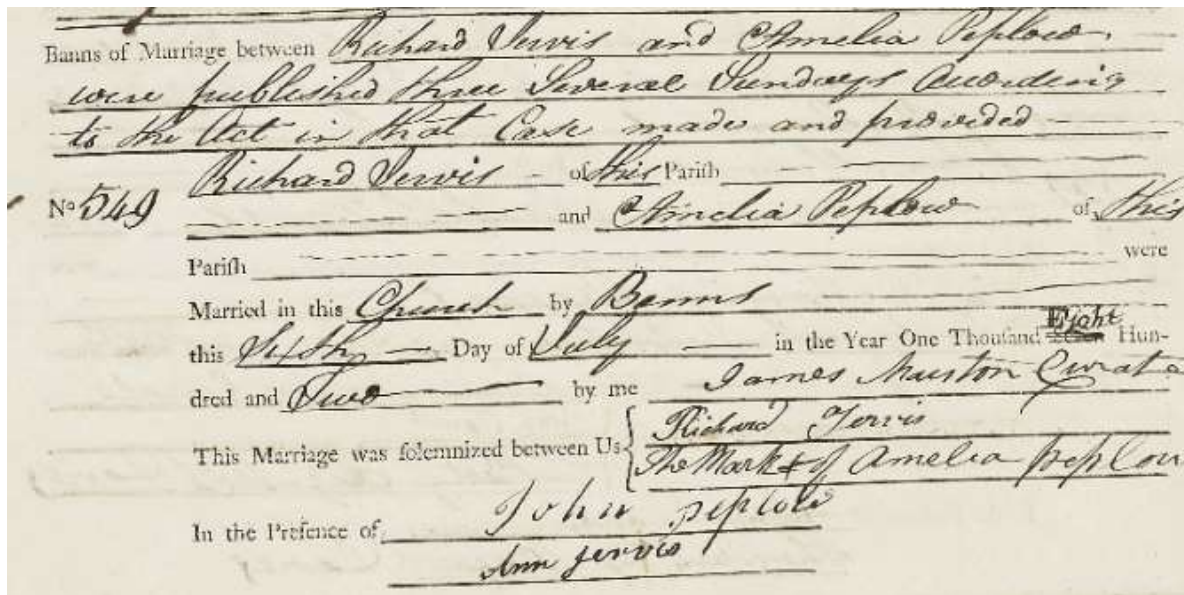
These were the only two J\*rv\* in Audlem.

Matthias has not been found in the 1851 census in England.

Starting with census entries and augmenting with other sources a first family group can be defined.

### **Richard & Amelia Jervis (AU5)**

The birthplace of Amelia, High Ercall, Salop from the 1851 census, fits a marriage here 6 Jul 1802:



The marriage was followed by three baptisms at Hodnet in Shropshire:

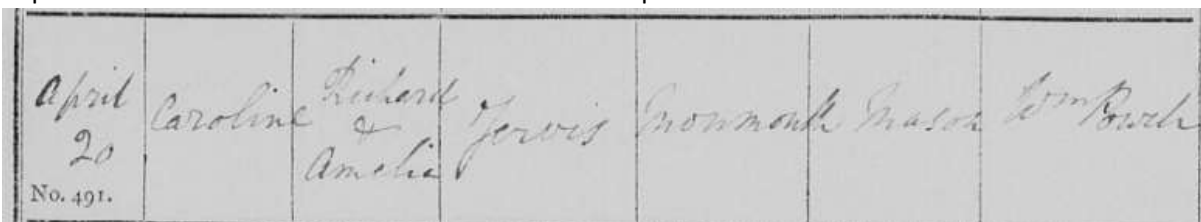
Last name	First name(s)	Year Of Birth	Year Of Death	Year	Record set	Location
Jervis	Richard	—	—	1806	England Births & Baptisms 1538-1975	Hodnet, Shropshire, England
Jervies	William	—	—	1809	England Births & Baptisms 1538-1975	Hodnet, Shropshire, England
Jervies	Thomas	—	—	1812	England Births & Baptisms 1538-1975	Hodnet, Shropshire, England

The baptism of William in 1809 took place on the same day as the baptism of Hannah Jervies to William and Hannah and both Jervies were of Peplow, a township of Hodnet on its southern side:

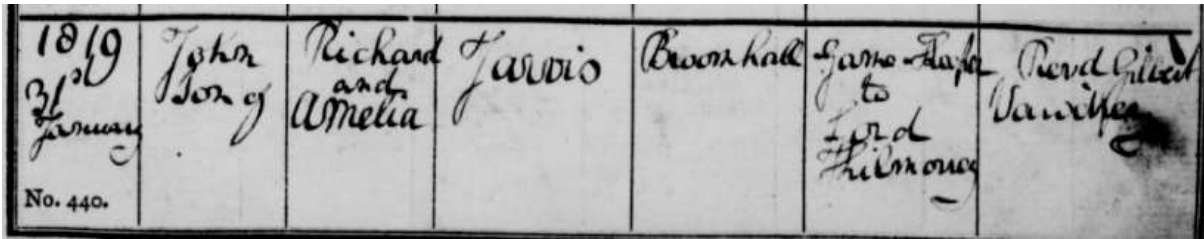
" Apr. 9. Hannah, d. of Willm. & Hannah Jervies, Peplow.  
 " Apr. 9. William, s. of Richd. & Amelia Jervies, Peplow.  
 " A. 15. A. 1. 1809. B. P. 1. 1. W. H. 1. 1.

The shared location and baptism date suggest William and Richard may have been brothers; the marriage of Richard was witnessed by Ann, possibly a sister or mother.

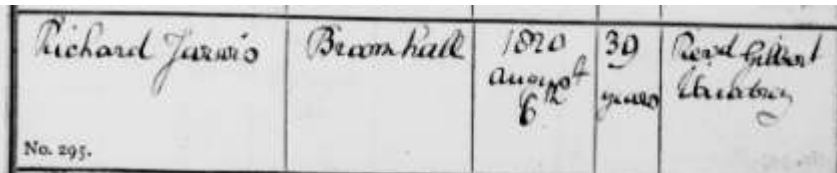
Returning to Amelia, the combination of Richard & Amelia as parent names is rare and the following baptism in 1817 at Monmouth could be the same couple:



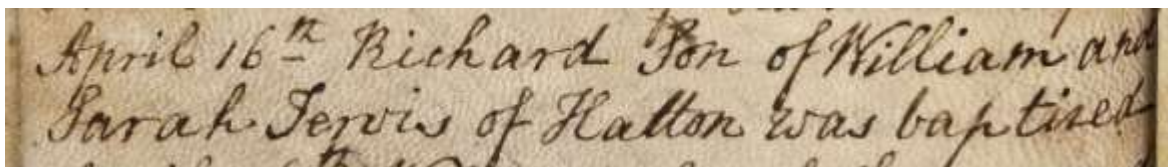
The next baptism was two years later at Wrenbury in Cheshire, around five miles north of Audlem; although Richard's occupation was no longer 'mason' it is assumed this is the same couple. Broomhall was a township of Wrenbury.



Richard was buried at Wrenbury 18 months later; his age at death indicates a birth year around 1780/1. There is no Richard baptism in DataPublished; 1767 and 1794 are the nearest two.



Searching for a baptism of Richard further afield, one to William and Sarah Jarvis of Hatton, parish of Stanton upon Hine Heath 16 Apr 1781 fits timing and place, Stanton parish adjoins Hodnet parish; High Hatton is in Stanton on Hine Heath parish and is shown in the map below. Richard had a younger sister named Ann, who could be the witness to his marriage, and an elder brother William, who could be the father of Hannah, baptised on the same day in 1809 as Richard and Amelia's William. See Jarvis of Stanton upon Hine.docx for more detail.



Summing up, this branch of the Jarvis family originated in Stanton upon Hine Heath in Shropshire. Richard married in the area and remained here until 1812, then moved to Monmouth by 1817, then Wrenbury in Cheshire where he died in 1820. Richard's widow moved to Audlem to work as a housekeeper. She was with the same employer at least ten years.

**William son of Richard (P1)**

Searches for Amelia in 1861 failed, but located what must be her son William, he was 52, born Hodnet, a retired Superintendent of Police; he had a daughter named Amelia, age 26, born Audlem. They were living at 11, Bridge Street, Windle, Prescott, Lancashire.

In 1851 he was in Wardleworth, Borough of Rochdale, Lancs, at 128 Yorkshire Street:

Mary	Widow	40			
William Lewis	Head	Widow	40	Superintendent of Police	Shropshire Hodnet
Richard do	Son	20	20	Police Constable	do Ightfield
Amelia do	Daughter	20	17	Domestic Servant	do do
Joseph do	Son	20	12	Scholar	Lancashire Liverpool
John do	Son	20	10	do	do North Meols
James do	Son	20	7	do	do West Derby
Mary Ann do	Daughter	20	4	do	do do

Mary Ann's birth registration may be this one:

**JERVIS, MARY ANN** **HINTON**  
 GRO Reference: 1847 S Quarter in WEST DERBY Volume 20 Page 1026

Joseph's may be this one:

**JERVIS, JOSEPH** **HINTON**  
 GRO Reference: 1840 M Quarter in WEST DERBY Volume 20 Page 893

The 1841 census shows four children with their parents and two police officers at the Police Station, North Meols, Lancashire.

1	William Lewis	30	Police Officer	W
	Ann	30		W
	Martha	8		W

	Amelia Lewis	6		W
	William do	4		W
	Joseph do	1		W
	Robert M. Elze	20	Police Officer	W
	Richard Gadder	20	do	W

It seems the family moved from Shropshire to Lancashire, possibly via Audlem, Cheshire as this was recorded as the birthplace of their daughter Amelia in 1861.

Their son Richard was baptised at Ightfield, Salop 1831, father a carpenter. Martha was also baptised here in 1833:

1833.	Martha	William	Jervis	do	Carpenter	John Lewis
24		do				of Minister
No. 249.		Carre				

Their son William, age 4 in 1841, was baptised at Audlem in 1837:



May 21. No. 382.	William son of	William 2 Ann	Jervis	Audlem Carpenter	J. Darcey curate
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The baptismal entries show the father William initially worked as a carpenter and must have joined the police between 1837 and 1841. In 1830 he was of Adderley when he married Ann Hinton. The marriage was at Whitchurch and was by licence; William's occupation: wheelwright. Both parties were over 21.

AT Whitchurch  
of Salop  
Henry Mornall  
Surrogate, &c.

the twenty fourth day  
1830 before the Reverend  
Clerk

Appeared Personally William Jervis  
of the parish of Adderley  
in the County of Salop  
& County of Shropshire, a Bachelor aged about  
21 years  
and Diocese of Lichfield

County of Salop  
& County of Shropshire  
of the parish of Adderley  
County of Salop  
& County of Shropshire, Minister, aged about 21 years

and Diocese of Lichfield  
between him and Ann Hinton  
in the  
and Diocese of Lichfield

### Matthias Jervis m. 1 Hannah Evanson, m. 2 Sarah Simcock (AU7)

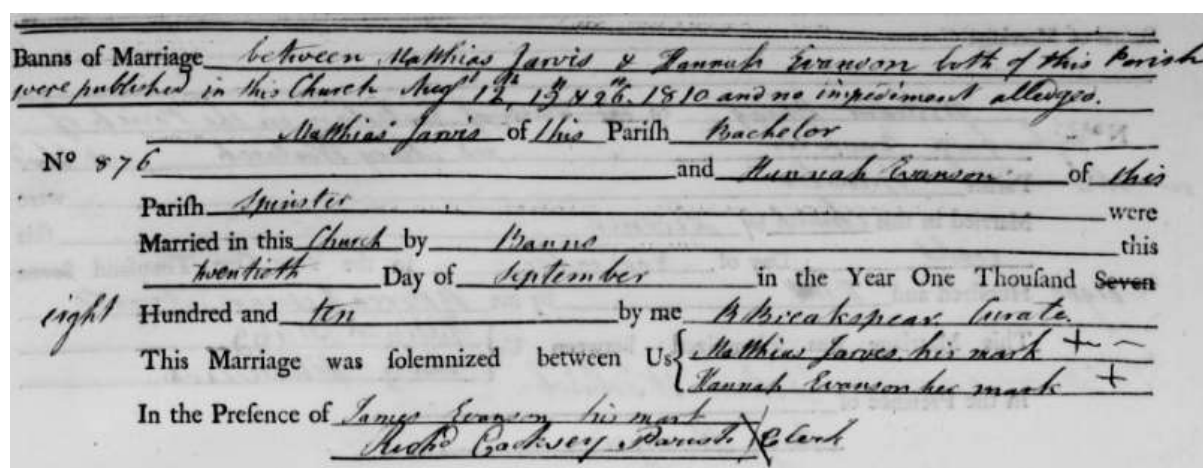
The starting point is Matthias's burial in 1860 at Audlem when he was of Buerton township; he was not found in Cheshire in the 1841 census.

He should be born around 1787/8 from his age at burial and there is a good match in the 1841 census at Ashley Heath, parish of Ashley, Staffs around 8 miles south east of Audlem in 1841. He married Sarah Simcox (or Simcock) in Ashley in 1832, both were widowed. The 1841 census shows neither was Cheshire-born:

Matthias Jervis	55	Surgeon	Wid.
Sarah do	35		Wid.
Francis Simcock	15	Wid.	Wid.
Charles do	15	Wid.	Wid.

FamilyTree, January 2021, pages 75-76, has a piece by Ann Simcock which describes her Simcock family history. Francis and Charles Simcock, the male servants recorded in 1841, were sons of Sarah from marriage to Richard Simcock, who died in 1827.

Matthias's first marriage took place in 1810 at Audlem:



This marriage is included in Ancestry family tree submitted by 'lisajewsbury' and notes Hannah was buried at Audlem in 1829 but gives no new information about Matthias. Checks of the BTs for Audlem show there were six Jervis baptisms at Audlem between 1810 and 1830, two family groups and an illegitimate birth:

- Four were to John and Mary
- One to Josiah and Anne
- One to Mary.

There is no evidence Matthias and Sarah had any children.

His unusual name helps identify a likely baptism at Audlem in 1788 to Thomas and Mary Jervis (AU1).

As an aside, a marriage at Drayton (Matthias Jervis to Esther Holbrooke, 1776) is too early to be the same man but is interesting in placing another MJ in the local area.

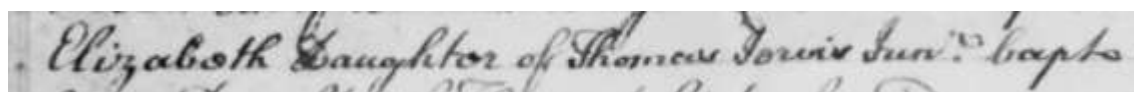
Summing up – Matthias was Audlem-born and married here in 1810, then, after his wife Hannah's death moved to Staffordshire where he married again and lived for a further nine years or more before returning to Audlem.

The next family group considered is his parents, Thomas and Mary Jervis.

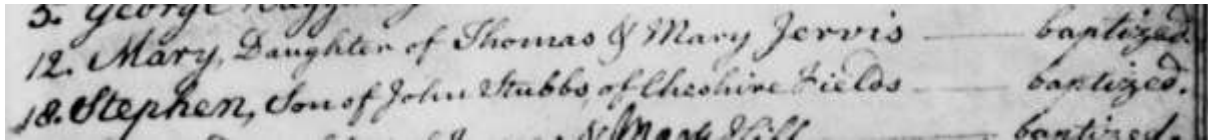
### Thomas & Mary Jervis of Audlem (AU1)

Their son Matthias (AU7) was baptised in 1788 and FamilySearch has further baptisms to Thomas and Mary Jervis at Audlem between 1767 and 1793:

The first baptism was 1 Mar 1767 and was to 'Thomas Jervis junr';<sup>3</sup> this suggests Thomas's father was also named Thomas and both may have been baptising children at this time.



<sup>3</sup> Found in BT, not OPR



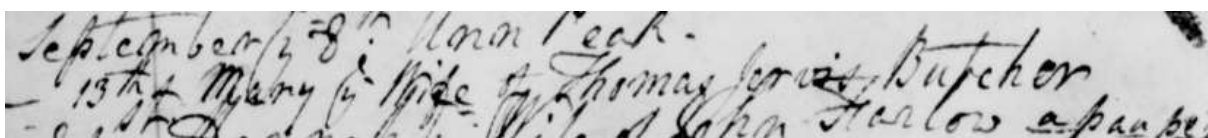
9 results

First name(s)	Last name	Baptism year	Birth year	Mother's first name(s)	Father's first name(s)	Place
Mary	Jervis	1772	1772	Mary	Thomas	Audlem
John	Jervis	1775	1775	Mary	Thomas	Audlem
Josiah	Jarvis	1781	1781	Mary	Thomas	Audlem
Ann	Jervis	1783	1783	Mary	Thos.	Audlem
James	Jervis	1784	1784	Mary	Thomas	Audlem
Hester	Jervis	1786	1786	Mary	Thomas	Audlem
Francis	Jervis	1788	1788	Mary	Thomas	Audlem
Mathias	Jervis	1788	1788	Mary	Thomas	Audlem
Elizabeth	Jervis	1793	1793	Mary	Thos.	Audlem

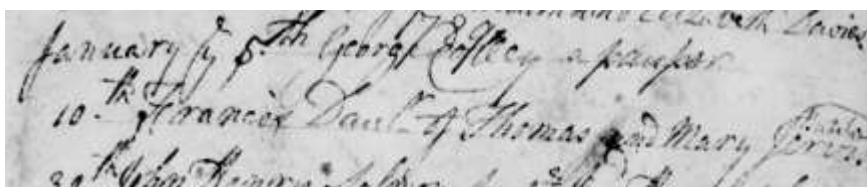
Citations for 13 children have been found (three are from burials with no matching baptism):

Elizabeth 1767, Mary 1772, John 1775, Josiah 1781, (Ann buried 1782, bap not found), (Mathias bur 1782, bap not found), Ann 1783, James 1784, Hesther 1786, (William bur 1786, bap not found), Frances 1788 (bur 1789), Matthias 1788, Elizabeth 1793

Frances and Matthias were both baptised in 1788, Frances early in the year, Matthias later. This is not impossible but unlikely. The majority of entries include no additional detail but two burials note the father's trade: Mary the wife of Thomas Jervis, Butcher, in 1788:



The burial of their daughter Frances the following January also notes 'Butcher':



The occupation was not recorded in all entries and it is possible the clerk noted Thomas's occupation to distinguish between two couples named Thomas and Mary Jervis.

The baptism of Elizabeth in 1793, daughter of Thomas & Mary supports the theory there were two couples (it is also possible the widower Thomas married another Mary).

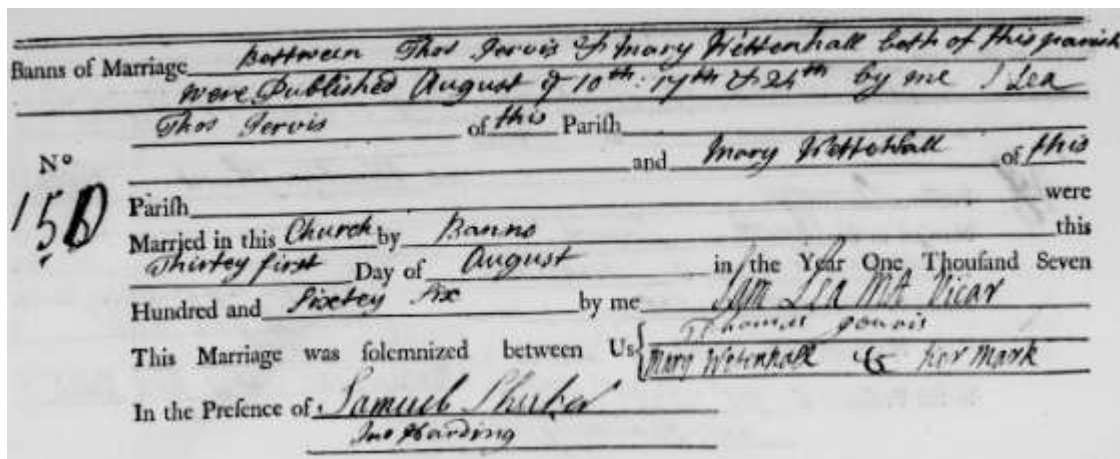
There is a marriage in 1796 – but this is three years after the baptism of Elizabeth – to Mary Colley. This citation is currently linked as a second marriage of his father, Thomas senior. More of whom follows.

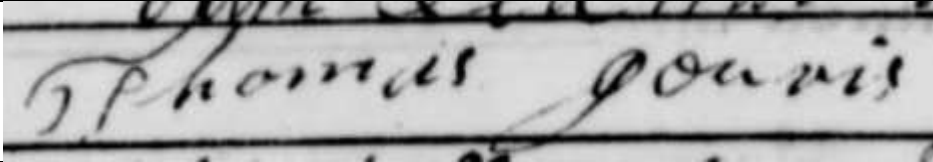
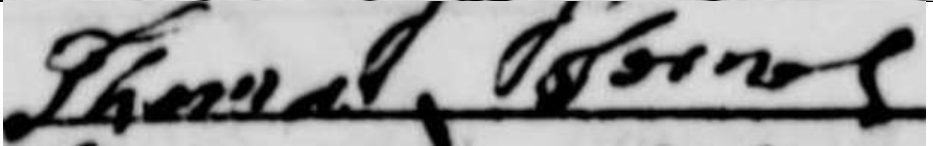
A comparison of the signatures from the marriages in 1766 and 1796 follows – the signatures look a little different, the spelling too. No Ancestry trees include the marriage of Thomas in 1796.

Would Thomas junior need to remarry if left with a large family of children? Perhaps his eldest daughters, Elizabeth who was 21 and Mary who was 16 at the time of his wife’s death, took on the management of the household.

The first (perhaps only) marriage of Thomas is more clearcut:

Thomas Jervis (he signed Gervis) and Mary Wettenhall married at Audlem in 1766, the year before their first child was baptised; Jno Harding was a frequent marriage witness; the other witness was Samuel Shuker, a surname encountered in previous research:



1766	
1796	

A search of burials to 1801 shows most of the children survived and found three burials with no corresponding baptism. If there were two Thomas & Mary Jarvis then the burials might relate to either family of course.

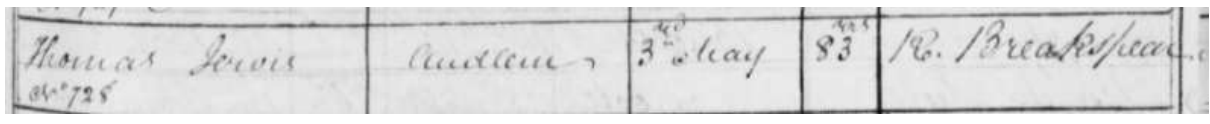
Ancestry has a few family trees with Thomas & Mary Wettenhall’s marriage. They note the parents were buried at Audlem: Thomas 1829 (age 83 – see below) and Mary 1818 (age 73). Gswaring’s tree has the most sources; Thomas junior’s profile from this tree follows.

**Graham Stanley Waring's family tree** **Mary Wettenhall**

Public Member Tree  
3 attached records, 12 sources

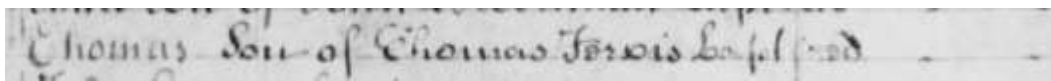
Birth: 1745 - Audlem, Cheshire, England  
 Death: 1818 - Audlem, Cheshire, England  
 Marriage: 31 AUG 1766 - Audlem, Cheshire, England  
 Spouse: Thomas Jervis

F: (Name Unknown)  
 M: (Name Unknown)



The burial of Thomas points to a birth around 1745/6 and this fits an un-named Jervis child's baptism 17 Jun 1745.

The BT confirms the baptismal name Thomas (surname has been indexed 'Ferrois'):



The gswaring tree may not give the full picture: seven children of Thomas junior are recorded (there appear to be more) and in the previous generation Thomas junior is the only child of Thomas and Ann.

1745 (AGE)	<b>Birth</b> 17 Jun 1745 - Audlem, Cheshire, England 1 Source	Ancestry Family Trees	<b>Thomas Jerviss</b> 1745-1818
1766 21	<b>Marriage</b> 31 AUG 1766 - St James the Great, Audlem, Cheshire, England <b>Mary Wettenhall</b> (1745-1818) 1 Source	Cheshire, England, Select Bishop's Transcripts, 1578-1933	<b>Ann Pixley/Picksley</b> 1717-1795
1776 30	<b>Birth of Son John Jervis</b> (1776-1844) 1776 - Audlem, Cheshire, England	Cheshire, England, Select Bishop's Transcripts, 1578-1933	Spouse & Children <b>Mary Wettenhall</b> 1745-1818
1782 37	<b>Death of Daughter Ann Jervis</b> (-1782) abt 1782	Cheshire, England, Select Bishop's Transcripts, 1578-1933	<b>John Jervis</b> 1776-1844
1783 37	<b>Birth of Daughter Ann Jervis</b> (1783-1838) 1783 - Audlem, Cheshire, England	England & Wales, Christening Index, 1530-1980	<b>Ann Jervis</b> 1783-1838
1786 40	<b>Birth of Daughter Hester Jervis</b> (1786-) 1786 - Audlem, Cheshire, England	England, Select Deaths and Burials, 1538-1991	<b>Hester Jervis</b> 1786-
1787 41	<b>Birth of Daughter Frances Jervis</b> (1787-) 1787 - Audlem, Cheshire, England	Essex, England, Select Church of England Parish Registers, 1518-1980	<b>Frances Jervis</b> 1787-
1793 47	<b>Birth of Daughter Elizabeth Wettenhall Jervis</b> (1793-1870) ABT FEB 1793 - Audlem, Cheshire, England	Oxfordshire, England, Church of England Baptism, Marriages, and Burials, 1538-1812	<b>Elizabeth Wettenhall Jervis</b> 1793-1870
1795 50	<b>Death of Mother Ann Pixley/Picksley</b> (1717-1795) 17 Jun 1795 - Audlem, England, United Kingdom	Search on Ancestry	<b>Ann Jervis</b> -1782
1818 73	<b>Death of Wife Mary Wettenhall</b> (1745-1818) 1818 - Audlem, Cheshire, England		
1829 83	<b>Death</b> April 1829 - Audlem, Cheshire, England 2 Sources		
1829	<b>Burial</b> 03 May 1829 - Audlem, Cheshire, England 2 Sources		

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To sum up, records point to one, possibly two Thomas Jervis. Thomas was born in Audlem, the son of another Thomas, married here, had several children and died here. Assuming the citations all refer to one individual he was a butcher.

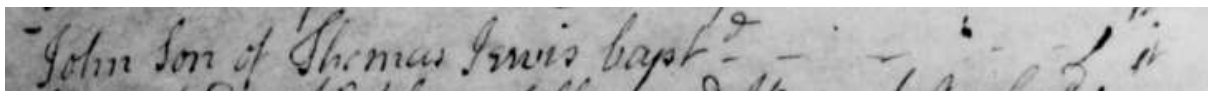
Whilst confirming the burials of Thomas and Mary at Audlem, two other couples were identified; Matthias & Margaret; and Thomas & Ann. The latter couple, already identified as the parents of Thomas junior, is considered next. The burials at Audlem are in an Appendix.

**Thomas & Ann Jervis of Audlem (AU4)**

Known of from the gswaring tree. Burial searches found that of their daughter Ann in 1774 and of Thomas's wife Ann in 1795. The baptism of the son Thomas junior in 1745 is noted above.

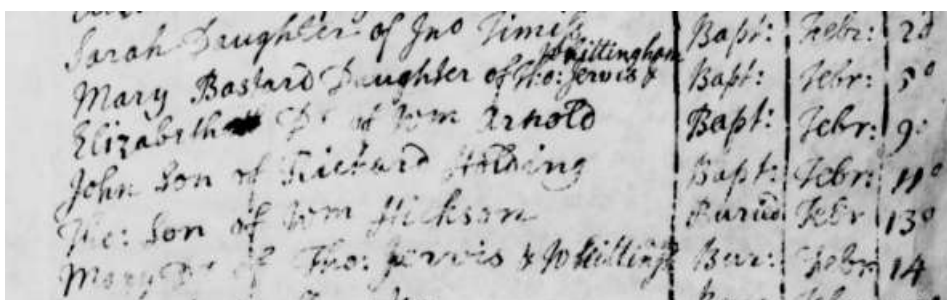
FamilySearch includes a set of baptisms to Thomas (and Ann) between 1739 and 1762:

(Mary 1739), blank in OPR Thomas in the BT 1745, Matthias 1747, Matthias 1749, John 1751, Elizabeth 1752, William (bap/bur 1754), Margaret 1755 (bur 1757), Ann 1758 (buried 1774), (Esther 1760 bur, no bap), Jane 1762

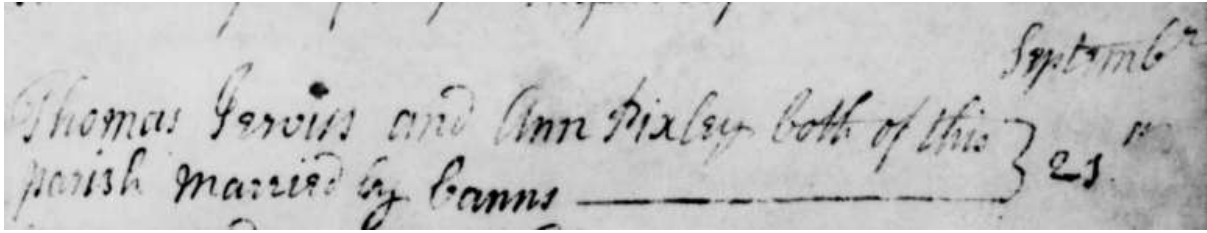


Early entries add no detail, for example that of John baptised 1 Sep 1751 (above).


The first baptism linked to Thomas was a daughter Mary, 5 Feb 1739/40; she was illegitimate, her mother was named Whittingham; she was buried within ten days. This is the second event linking Jarvis and Whittingham: the marriage of Richard Whittingham to Mary Jarvice took place at Audlem in 1689.



Thomas married Ann Pixley four years later at Audlem, 21 Sep 1744



This marriage is included on the three public family trees on Ancestry but none give the parentage of Thomas senior or record all of his children or his burial date: (eg gswaring tree).

Name and gender	
1744	<b>Marriage</b> 21 Sept 1744 • Audlem, England, United Kingdom  <b>Ann Pixley/Picksley</b> (1717–1795)
1745	<b>Birth of Son Thomas Jervis (1745–1829)</b> 17 Jun 1745 • Audlem, Cheshire, England
1795	<b>Death of Wife Ann Pixley/Picksley (1717–1795)</b> 17 Jun 1795 • Audlem, England, United Kingdom
1829	<b>Death of Son Thomas Jervis (1745–1829)</b> April 1829 • Audlem, Cheshire, England

The citations confirm Thomas (AU4) was the father of Thomas junior (AU1). Naming patterns are evident – both named sons Matthias and they also named children William, Jane, John, Elizabeth and Ann.

Thomas senior left a will which gives his occupation and indicates he remarried after the death of his wife Ann:

#### Will of Thomas Jervis of Audlem (AU4)

Gardener. Dated 8 Apr 1798.

Confirms 'marriage settlement made on the marriage with Mary my present wife'

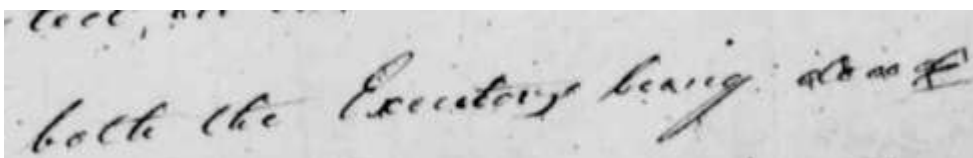
On decease of said wife estate goes to two daughters, Elizabeth wife of William Shufflebotham of Barthomley Cheshire sawyer, and Jane the wife (or reputed wife) of William Statham (formerly Jane Jervis) and their respective heirs etc.

Appoint Samuel Harding of Audlem, gent, and Richard Twemlow of the same, grocer, executors.

Signed, sealed Thomas J...

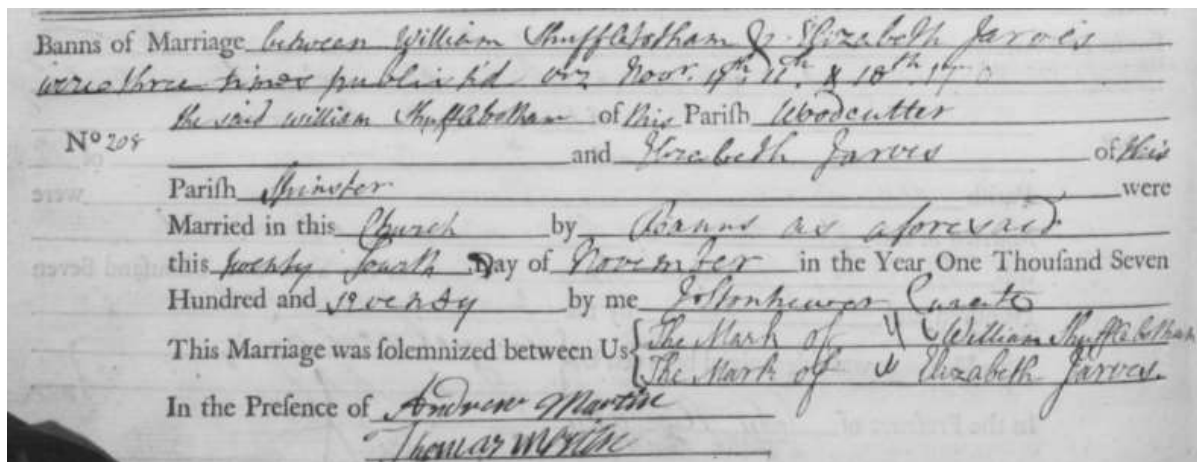
Wit: John Knight, Thomas Harding, Thos Dicas?

Annotated 18 May 1801: Deposited in the .... Court for safe custody both the Executors being...(dead/decd?)



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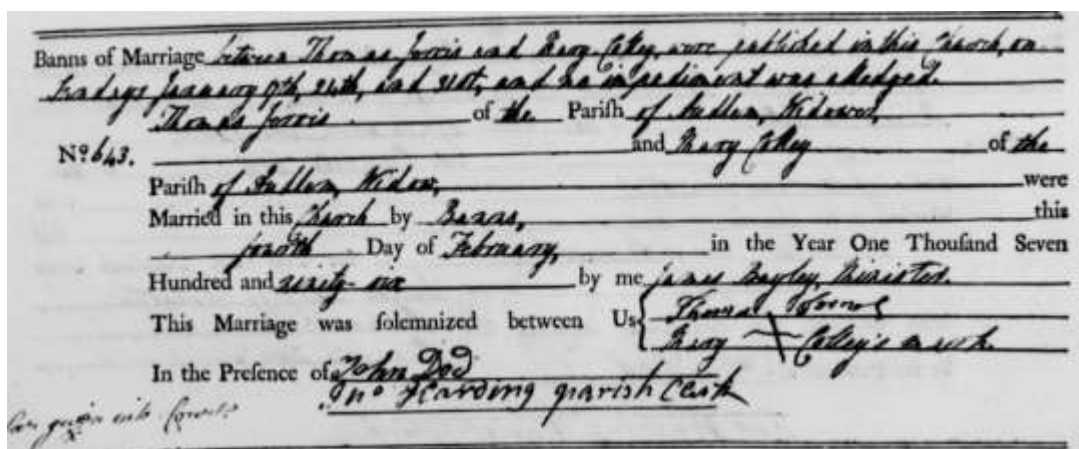
The daughter Elizabeth married William Shufflebotham at Barthomley, Cheshire in 1770:



This fits the baptism of Elizabeth in 1752; she was 18 at marriage. NB Elizabeth' husband was a woodcutter, the same occupation as Matthias Jervis (d. 1780) and also members of the Shropshire/Staffs clan.

Thomas left no bequests to his three sons Thomas, Matthias and John. They were in their late 40s – early 50s by 1798 when Thomas prepared his will.

Thomas's second marriage, to Mary, was on 4 Feb 1796 at Audlem:



Thomas first married in 1744 (and also fathered a child in 1739) so his birth year is anticipated to be around 1710-1724, assuming he was no older than 90 when he died. No baptism found in Cheshire (FMP).

The DataPublished baptisms for this period are already linked to local family groups.

A second FMP search for the baptism of a TJ (or TG) in Audlem, allowing a 10-mile radius, 1715 (+/- 10) found four possibilities in addition to the already-allocated Drayton one; assuming he was baptised as a young infant, they make him around 24 to 37 at marriage. In both of the Whitchurch baptisms the father was named George. Checks of infant burials and later marriages/burials may eliminate one or more but it will be difficult to prove any is the right Thomas.



7 results Sort By Relevance

Last name	First name(s)	Year Of Birth	Year Of Death	Year	Record set	Location
Jervice	Thomas	—	—	1707	Shropshire Baptisms	Longford, Shropshire, England
Jervis	Thomas	—	—	1710	England Births & Baptisms 1538-1975	Cheswardine, Shropshire, England
Jarvis	Thoms	—	—	1715	Shropshire Baptisms	Whitchurch, Shropshire, England
Jervis	Thos.	—	—	1715	England Births & Baptisms 1538-1975	Whitchurch, Shropshire, England
Jarvis	Thoms	—	—	1720	Shropshire Baptisms	Whitchurch, Shropshire, England
Jarvis	Thos.	—	—	1720	England Births & Baptisms 1538-1975	Whitchurch, Shropshire, England
Jarvis	Thomas	—	—	1724	Shropshire Baptisms	Drayton in Hales, Shropshire, England

His burial at Audlem 11 Mar 1800 ties in with the date of Thomas's will but does not include his age at death



Summing up, Thomas was a gardener living in Audlem by 1739 when he fathered a child but no evidence has been found for his birth here. There are baptisms in Shropshire and Staffordshire within a ten-mile radius of Audlem that could be him. Thomas married in 1744 and remained in Audlem throughout his life. After his wife Ann died he married again and made his will two years later. He died and was buried in Audlem in 1800. He left his estate to his two daughters.

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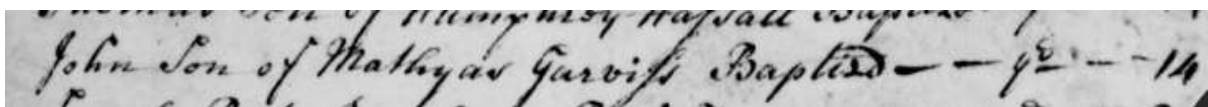
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The second couple found from burial entries is Matthias & Margaret. Another Matthias was born in 1788 in Audlem (AU7) and this Matthias is likely to be part of the same ancestral group.

### Matthias & Margaret (AU2)

Three burial citations found at Audlem have been linked together: John son of Matthias in 1750; Matthias in 1780; Margaret widow of Matthias in 1785.

The baptism of their son John was at Audlem 14 Mar 1730/1 (OPR) and is the first Jarvis baptism at Audlem for around 30 years:



Timing of John's baptism indicates Matthias was born around 1690-1712, he could be a brother to Thomas (AU4) who d. 1800 and is thought to have been born 1710-1725; Thomas named two sons Matthias in 1747 and 1749 – it was a name Thomas was keen to perpetuate. Alternatively, perhaps Matthias was the father of Thomas.

Matthias left a will:

### **Will of Matthias Jervis of Audlem 1780 (AU2)**

Gardener. Dated 6 Jan 1780.

To son Thomas Jervis one shilling.

Residue to John Boughey of Audlem, gentleman, who is to dispose of dwelling house and lands etc. to support loving wife Margaret.

After decease of wife estate split between children of son Thomas

Matthias x Jervis

Wit: Ed Hughes, Robert Harding, Sam Harding junr

Probate granted to John Boughey Gent, Executor, 4 Apr 1780. Value of Effects £56.

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Burial entry 12 Jan 1780 at Audlem:



The baptism of his son Thomas has not been found locally, nor the marriage of Matthias, but the will wording suggests Thomas had children. This supports the theory that Matthias was the father of AU4: both were gardeners who left wills and Thomas named his second son Matthias. Alternatively, they may have been brothers.

Interestingly, The National Archives Discovery Online Catalogue has record that a copy of Matthias Jervis will is held in Shropshire Archives suggesting some link between Matthias and Shropshire.

Reference: [741/68](#)

Description: [Probate copy will of Matthias Jervis of Audlem.](#) (TNA entry)

The executor of Matthias's will, John Boughey gent, is probably the John Boughey, gent of Audlem, who left a will, probate granted in 1791. In his will he requests a tomb be built over the remains of his parents, James and Elizabeth Boughey in Audlem churchyard. Also:

'I give ... unto my said sister Sarah Young All that my Leasehold Messuage or Tenement with the Lands Hereditaments and Premises thereto belonging situate lying and being in Dodcott cum Wilksley ... in the possession or occupation of Joseph Vaughan'

No reference spotted to a Jervis however.

Returning to Matthias, the following news item is probably about him:

[Leeds Intelligencer 13 October 1772](#)

There was lately growing in the garden of Mr. Matthias Jervis, gardener, at Audlem, near Nantwich, in Cheshire, a single bean, which produced 105 pods, in which were contained 243 effective beans.—Tho' the above may seem extraordinary, the public may be assured it is a certain fact.

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Summing up, Matthias appears in Audlem in 1730 but there is no evidence to link him to the rather thin set of citations prior to then. He was a gardener and seems to have remained in Audlem during his married life. His will mentions the Boughey family. Searches of the 1851 census found a John Jervis, age 12, born Audlem, who was a farm servant to William Boffey, farmer of 266 acres, at Royals Gr... (probably Green), Dodcot cum Wilkesley. This is where Obadiah Seddon was living in 1680.

### John Jervis of Audlem (AU3)

Previous searches had found baptisms to John and Mary at Audlem from 1800 to 1821 and the burial of John in 1844 age 68 (born ca 1775/6).

There are Land Tax records of a John Jervis from 1804 to 1816, Audlem (FMP) and as this was when John was baptising children it is assumed it is the same individual. He was a tenant of Massie Taylor Esq paying 5s 2d tax. The 1804 excerpt follows.

A snippet of a handwritten land tax record from 1804. It lists 'John Jervis' as a tenant of 'Massie Taylor Esq' with a tax of '5s 2d'.

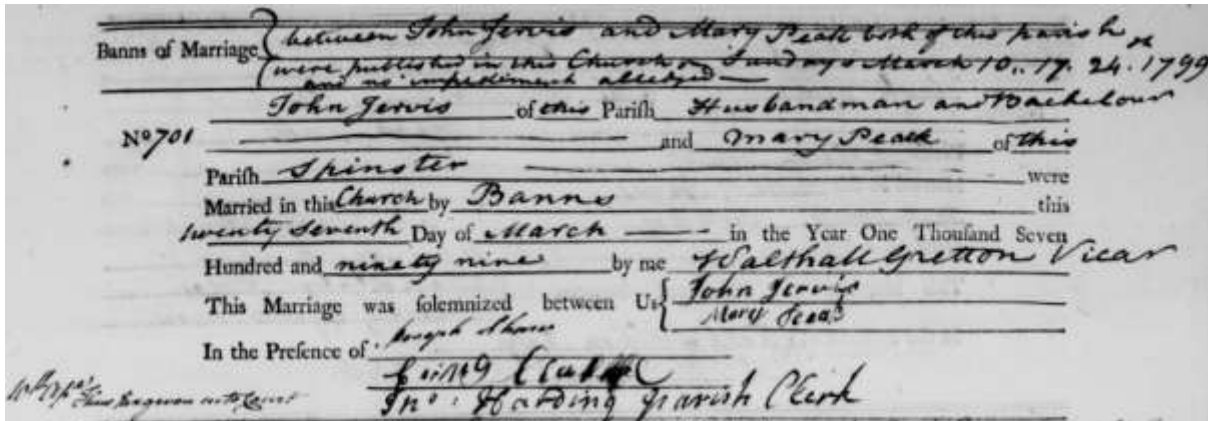
The entry for 1817 does not include him, George Timmis is recorded in a similar format and appears to have taken over the tenancy.

The earliest land tax record for Audlem dates from 1781 and shows Thomas Jervis was also a tenant of Massie Taylor, tax 5s 4d:

A snippet of a handwritten land tax record from 1781. It lists 'Thomas Jervis' as a tenant of 'Massie Taylor' with a tax of '5s 4d'.

Tax records to 1794 show TJ or 'Jarves' paying 5s 4d on house and land and he was the only Jarvis recorded in Audlem at the time. It seems likely that John is a descendant of Thomas and John son of Thomas (AU1) baptised in 1775 is a good fit.

The following marriage in 1799 to Mary Peak at Audlem was the year before the first baptism to John and Mary and John would have been around 25. He was a husbandman and bachelor at marriage.



Their children were named:

Samuel 1800, John 1804, Elizabeth 1805, Mary 1806, Hannah 1808 (bur 1830), Charity 1811, Sarah 1813, William 1816, Ann 1821

The entries from 1813 and 1816 included John's occupation: sawyer. In 1813 a second Jarvis baptism took place within a fortnight of that to John and Mary, to Josiah and Anna, Josiah also a sawyer. Josiah is considered below.

January 3 <sup>d</sup> No. 4.	James.	Josiah Jarvis Anna Jarvis	Audlem	Sawyer	Waltham
January 5 <sup>d</sup> No. 5.	Mary	William Hayes Sarah Hayes	Audlem	Waltham	Waltham
January 16 <sup>d</sup>	Sarah.	John Jarvis Mary	Audlem	Sawyer.	Waltham

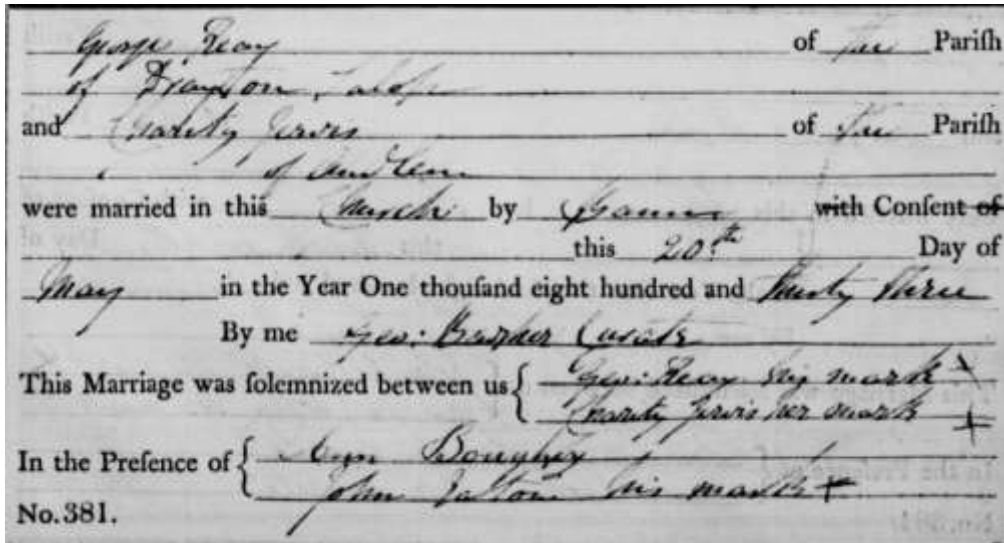
The final baptism was in 1821 at which point John apparently no longer tenanted land in Audlem, although he was resident here:

Oct 2 <sup>d</sup> No. 684.	Ann	John & Mary Jarvis	Audlem	Sawyer	Waltham
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Of his children, Hannah died at 21. The burial of baby Matthias in 1817 may be an unbaptised son of John and Mary named after John's younger brother.

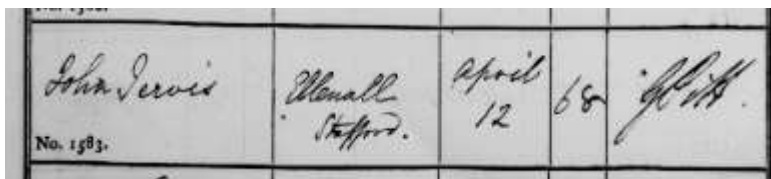
John's daughter Charity has a more distinctive name and married in Audlem in 1833:

The OPR shows her husband George Key was of Drayton.



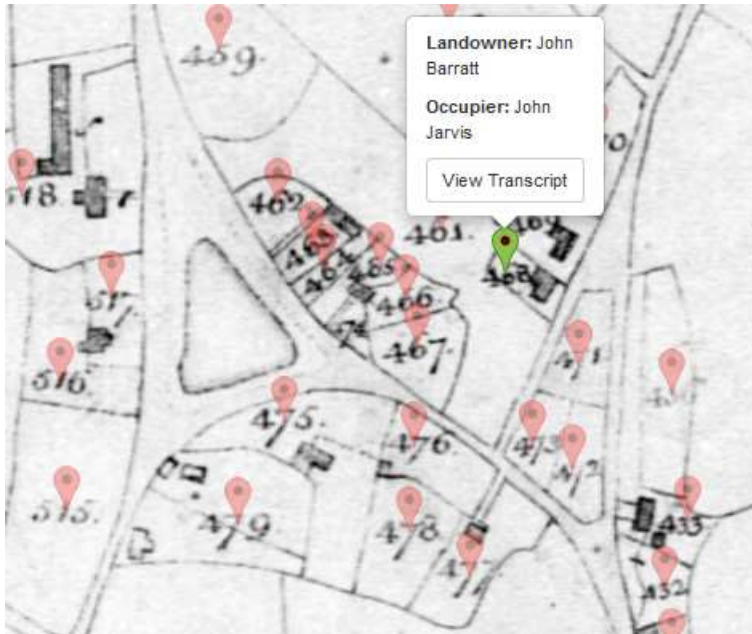
The 1841 census has a Charity Key, age 30, working as a female servant in Bunbury Nantwich.

**John** Jervis was of Ellenall (Ellenhall), Stafford when he was buried at Audlem 12 Apr 1844. Ellenhall is around 16 miles SW of Audlem.



No record of him living in Ellenhall in the 1841 census has been found.

The tithe for Audlem, 27 Jul 1839, includes a John Jervis, occupier of a cottage and garden owned by John Barratt on the north side of Audlem at Little Heath.



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Summing up, John Jarvis was born in Audlem in 1775 and was a sawyer. He married here and baptised nine children between 1800 and 1821. His daughter Charity married in Audlem in 1833 and his wife was buried here in 1839. After her death he may have moved to Ellenhall to live with one of his children; he was buried in Audlem in 1844.

### Odd baptisms

The above citations link into family groups. As always there are some 'spare' entries which do not fit into the family groups and these are considered next.

Elizabeth reputed daughter of John Jervis & Mary Dutton bap 29 Jul 1770

John so of Thomas & Ann (AU4) was baptised in 1751 and could be the father.

Mary reputed d/o James Jervis and Sarah Smith bap 4 Jan 1801

James s/o Thomas & Mary (AU1) was baptised in 1784, he was only 16 in 1800 but may be the father.

### James s/o Josiah & Anna Jervies, sawyer 3 Jan 1813 (AU6)

This baptism was a week before that of Sarah d/o John & Mary Jarvis, sawyer and, sharing occupation and location this could well be the Josiah who was the younger bro to John (AU3). If this is the case Josiah (bap 1781) and John (bap 1775) were the sons of Thomas & Mary (AU1).

Finding out more about Josiah's marriage or what happened to him after 1813 has proved tricky.

A marriage at Whitegate, Cheshire in 1799, initially looks promising. However, no baptisms to Josiah and Ann have been found in the 13 years after their marriage. The witness, Joseph Jervis, has not been found in Audlem records: it would be usual for him to be a brother of the groom, or possibly his father.

N<sup>o</sup> 330  
 Banns of Marriage between Josiah Jervis of this Parish and Ann Williamson of the Parish of Middlewich were published in this of Parish Church on Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> and on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1798 and of Parish the S. Spirit, Jervis of this Parish and the said Ann Williamson of the Parish of Middlewich were Married in this Church by Banns this First Day of January in the Year One Thousand Seven hundred & Ninety & Nine by me Patterson Off. Min<sup>st</sup>.

This Marriage was solemnized between Us Josiah Jervis & Ann Williamson  
 In the Prefence of William Hapley  
Joseph Jervis  
John Harvey

The following entry from the 1841 census of Acton nr Nantwich seems likely to be the man above who married in 1798; the location is feasible and he has a different occupation - miller:

1	Josiah Jervis	46		Miller	4
	Ann do		24	Domest. Miller	11
	Josiah do	8			4

Josiah and Ann are too old to the parents of Josiah; a baptism of Josiah at Over to a single woman Ann in 1832 is at the right time and presumably Ann was Josiah and Ann's daughter. She was a weaver and living in Middlewich when her son was baptised.

December 23.	Josiah Son of	Ann	Jervis	Weaver ? Middlewich	Single woman	John Jackson Vicar.
No. 1226.						

A baptism of Ann at Over, Cheshire, to a miller of Swanlow named Josiah Jervis, 1801 fits:

Ann d. of Josiah Jervis of Swanlow Miller was baptiz'd --- March 22.  
 1801

Josiah and Ann were in Worleston in the 1851 census, around 3 miles north of the centre of Nantwich. Josiah's birthplace was noted as Wistaston, Cheshire. The different occupation coupled with birthplace suggests this is a different individual to that who was baptised at Audlem and baptised James there in 1813. Wistaston is around 7 miles north of Audlem:

	Arthur 5 <sup>+</sup>	David Sen	26	1/27	Miller	Cheshire, Wistaston
11	Worleston	Josiah Jervis	26	2/26		Cheshire, Wistaston
	Ann 42 <sup>+</sup>			2/27	Sabour	Cheshire, Nantwich

This Josiah was buried in 1858 at Acton near Nantwich at the age of 83.

Josiah Jervis	Nantwich	Jan	28 <sup>th</sup>	83	Wm. Nolan
No. 1067.					

Whilst searching for his burial that of another Josiah was found at Hartshill Staffs in 1852. Could this be the Josiah of Audlem born in 1781? His age at death is about right.

Josiah Jervis	Hartshill	Jan	7	75	Wm. Jervis
No. 127					

The census from the previous year for Hartshill includes a Shropshire birthplace: Preece (Prees), also a different occupation: butcher and wife: Susannah. This seems likely to be a different individual.

<del>Worleston</del>	<del>Josiah</del>	<del>Heav</del>	<del>Mar</del>	<del>44</del>	<del>Butcher</del>	<del>Salop</del>	<del>Prees</del>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<del>Susannah</del>	<del>do</del>	<del>Wife</del>	<del>Mar</del>	<del>68</del>	<del>Day Labourer</del>	<del>Salop</del>	<del>do</del>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<del>Sarah</del>	<del>Cart</del>	<del>Lodger</del>	<del>26</del>	<del>52</del>	<del>Day Labourer</del>	<del>Salop</del>	<del>do</del>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<del>Charles</del>	<del>Plant</del>	<del>Labourer</del>	<del>26</del>	<del>30</del>	<del>Day Labourer</del>	<del>Salop</del>	<del>do</del>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<del>Ed</del>	<del>Miller</del>	<del>Labourer</del>	<del>26</del>	<del>54</del>	<del>Day Labourer</del>	<del>Salop</del>	<del>do</del>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

There is a marriage at Stoke upon Tern, Susannah's birthplace, in 1815. She was also named Jervis:

Josiah Jervis of the Parish  
 and Susannah Jervis of the Parish  
 were married in this Church by Wm. Jervis with Consent of  
 this 20<sup>th</sup> Day of  
 December in the Year One thousand eight hundred and fifteen  
 By me Wm. Jervis Rector  
 This Marriage was solemnized between us { Josiah Jervis  
 John Jervis { Susannah Jervis  
 In the Presence of { Wm. Jervis  
 No. 17.



In theory this may be the same Josiah Jervis in 1841, a butcher journeyman at Water Lane Newport, Salop, born Salop.

Jane Jervis	60	Porter	y
James do	20	Post Boy	y
Josiah do	60	Butcher J.	y

James, age 20, may be a son of Jane, age 60, it is not clear that Josiah is the husband of Jane, the ordering suggests a brother or brother-in-law.

Returning to the baptism that sparked this trail, James in 1813, an attempt to locate James in the 1851 census – which may indicate where the family moved to – failed. The only James J\*rv\* born in Cheshire age around 38 in the 1851 census was working as a tailor in Northampton and his birth place was recorded as ‘Chester’; he was 37 and part of a non-Jarvis household.

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### Conclusions

The Audlem citations from 1730 onwards can be formed into family groups and followed through to the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century. Two wills have assisted.

The first family examined, Richard & Amelia [AU5], had origins in Shropshire. Other family groups were born in and settled in Audlem. Only the earliest generations, Matthias & Margaret and Thomas & Ann, may have moved into Audlem prior to 1740. Alternatively, it is possible the family was not CoE in the late 17<sup>th</sup>/early 18<sup>th</sup> century and simply not visible in the CoE sources used.

Forename patterns offer little evidence to link the Jarvis present in Audlem from 1730s/1740s to the earlier citations. The later forenames include Matthias, John and Thomas, of these only Matthias is distinctive. Matthias is a name also found in Drayton (marriage in 1776) and a baptism of Matthias at Audlem in 1749 is at the right time (and would explain his disappearance from Audlem).

The earlier citations include the names Robert (1598 baptism) and Richard (burial 1625), William (burial 1658) and a baptism of William s/o Thomas in 1699 (of Dodcot cum Wilkesley – the area where Obadiah Seddon was living in 1680).

The earliest Salop/Staffs citations from OPRs recorded in DP are the marriage of Richard in 1569 and the baptism of his son Robert at Drayton in 1570: the names were used in both Audlem and Drayton.

The research has turned up a couple of links between Audlem and Drayton: a bastardy bond from 1678 involved a child born in Audlem to a Jarvis from Drayton. In 1833 Charity Jarvis of Audlem

married George Keay of Drayton. This is not unexpected – Audlem was on a route into Drayton and they are only 6 miles or so apart.

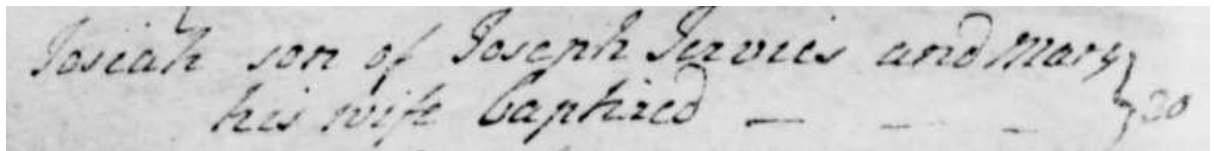
Occupations also overlap with those from the Drayton groups – sawyers feature in both.

It is not clear how much, if any, significance to attach to the parallels noted.

### Follow up and loose ends

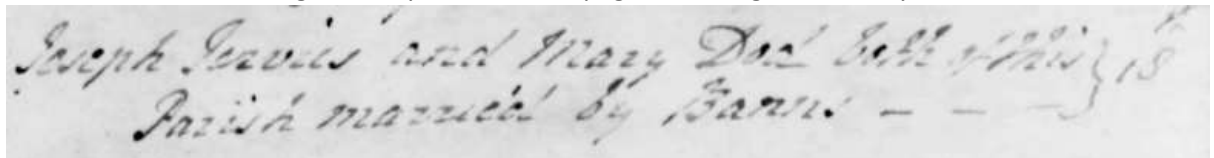
It is always helpful to revisit pieces of research after the event as different approaches and sources to try can often be found. A revisiting in 2021 found some loose ends concerning Josiah Jarvis:

1. Josiah Jarvis and Susannah Jarvis married at Stoke upon Tern in 1815. They match a couple found in Hartshill in 1851 and Josiah was a butcher, born around 1776 in Prees, Salop. His baptism has not been found, nor has Susannah been found in the 1841 census. Susannah's Jarvis origins are not known.
2. Josiah Jarvis the miller has been traced from his marriage at Whitegate, Cheshire in 1799, through to his death in Acton near Nantwich, Cheshire in 1858. He was born around 1774. This baptism at Wistaston on 30 Oct 1774 fits:



*Josiah son of Joseph Jarvis and Mary  
his wife Baptized - - - 730*

This could be the marriage of the parents, same page of the register, 18 July 1774



*Joseph Jarvis and Mary Dowd both of this parish  
Irish married by Barn. - - - 18*

*Chester Chronicle* 20 March 1829

Notice: Valuable Freehold Property to be sold by Auction:

At the house of Mr. Samuel Latham, the Swan Inn, in the Welch-row, Nantwich, in the county of Chester, on Monday the 23rd day of March, 1829, precisely at five o'clock in the afternoon, subject to such conditions as will be then produced,

**T**HE Inheritance in Fee-simple, of and in all that very valuable and well established WIND CORN MILL; comprising one pair of French, one pair of blue, and two pair of grey Stones, Dressing Machine, &c. Together with a Dwelling-house, Garden, and other Out-buildings and Appurtenances thereto belonging, situate in the township of Nantwich Willaston, near to the end of Hospital-street, Nantwich, and now in the holding of **Josiah Jervis**, as tenant at will.

The above named Corn Mill and Premises are in good repair, and well situated for carrying on an extensive trade; there is a spring of water near the Mill, and every convenience for erecting a steam engine. —The tenant will shew the property; and further particulars may be had, by applying to the Auctioneer; or at the office of Mr. BROADHURST, solicitor, Nantwich.

The origins of Joseph Jervies have not been researched. Searches found other news items for Josiah Jarvis/Jervis:

3. *Chester Courant* 04 October 1814 includes a notice of sale of land in Whixhall (Whixall), Salop. Mr Josiah Jervis held a total of 24 acres in four pieces:

Estates in Whixhall, in the county of Salop.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,  
IN LOTS,

At the White Lion Inn, in Whitchurch, in the said county, on Friday the 14th day of October next, at four o'clock in the afternoon, subject to conditions:

		A.	R.	P.
Lot 1.—J. Williams, . . . . .	Tenant, . . . . .	13	2	24
2.—Ditto	Ditto, . . . . .	4	3	23
3.—William Woollam, Ditto, . . . . .		44	2	33
4.—Ditto	Ditto, . . . . .	2	3	5
5.—Ditto	Ditto, . . . . .	5	2	8
6.—J. Williams, . . . . .	Ditto, . . . . .	10	1	13
7.—Ditto	Ditto, . . . . .	7	0	32
8.—Mr. <b>Josiah Jervis</b> , Ditto, . . . . .		10	2	17
9.—J. Williams, . . . . .	Ditto, . . . . .	10	2	4
10.—Mr. <b>Josiah Jervis</b> , Ditto, . . . . .		4	1	0
11.—Ditto	Ditto, . . . . .	8	1	10
12.—Ditto	Ditto, . . . . .	0	3	2

The above lots adjoin the estates of the Earl of Bridge-

4. *Staffordshire Advertiser* 12 February 1842

**FREEHOLD PROPERTY, AT STOKE-LANE, NEAR  
NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME.**

**TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,  
By Mr. WILSON,**

At the GLOBE INN, NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, in the county of Stafford, on Friday, the 18th day of February instant, at six o'clock in the evening, subject to conditions to be then produced,

**A**LL those four Freehold MESSUAGES or DWELLING-HOUSES, with the premises thereunto belonging, situate at Stoke-Lane, in the county of Stafford, and now or late in the several occupations of James Baggaley, Josiah Jervis, Samuel Shenton, and Joseph Baggaley.

For further particulars, apply to Mr. SAMUEL PRIME, Miller, Newcastle; to the AUCTIONEER, Furlong-place, Burslem; or at the Office of Mr. BAKER, Solicitor, Tunstall, Staffordshire Potteries.

5. *Chester Courant* 13 May 1846

**LOT IV.**  
**All that COTTAGE or DWELLING-HOUSE, together with two Gardens thereunto belonging, and immediately adjoining, situate, lying, and being in Worleston aforesaid, and containing by admeasurement in statute measure 17 perches or thereabouts, be the same more or less, and now in the tenure or occupation of Josiah Jervis, as tenant thereof.**

Lot 4 in the sale of a freehold estate at Worleston.

6. *Shrewsbury Chronicle* 23 November 1860

*Assault by a Publican.—Humphreys v. Jervis:* This was a jury case, and occupied the court for about five hours. The plaintiff, Mrs. Humphreys, is the wife of a farmer residing at Wems Northwood, and the defendant, Josiah Jervis, the landlord of the Lord Hill Inn, Whixall.—Mr. Craig appeared for plaintiff; and Mr. Smallwood and Mr. Burd for defendant.—Mr. Craig briefly opened the case, stating the nature of the assault, and observing that it occurred in the month of July, the approach of a busy time with farmers, and that Mrs. Humphreys was laid by for

Whixall is round 10 miles west of Market Drayton.