

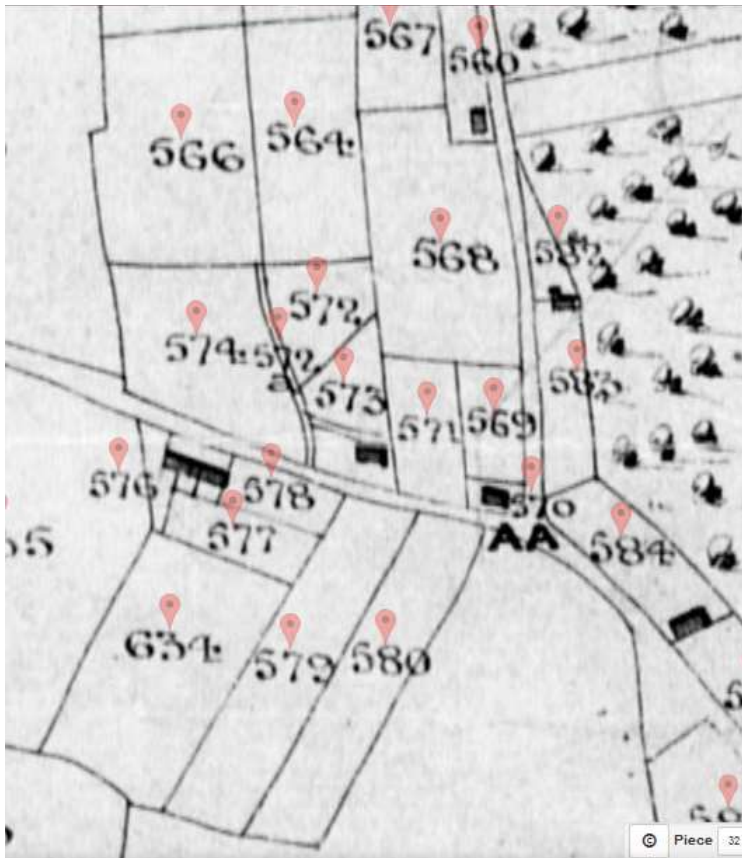
The following notes describe part of the Jarvis (or Jervis) family of Shropshire and Staffordshire. To see other documents about the family, go to http://www.bhsproject.co.uk/x_jarvis.shtml .

Tithe map of Maer, Staffordshire, 1838

Documents for the tithe apportionment of Maer, 24 May 1838, include two references to Jervis:

John Jervis occupied 6 plots of land and a house and garden which were owned Thomas Kinnersley. The land amounted to a little over 7 acres, all pasture excepting one field which was arable.

The tithe map shows his house and garden (573) was on the north side of Maerway Lane and he held plots 564, 566, 572, 574 and, across Maerway Lane, 579 and 580.



The second tenant, **William Jervis**, held a house and garden on a plot of a little over half an acre. He was a tenant of the Bishop of Lichfield, Samuel Butler (there is more about him on Wikipedia).¹

William's home was on plot 585, backing on to woodland and a short distance around the corner from John Jervis, whose plots 579 and 580 are visible below.



How John and William fit into the family tree

Of the two tenants, John and William Jervis, **John** is the father who baptised children at Maer from 1829 onwards: the baptism entries name his wife as Hannah, occupation as labourer and his address as Maerway Lane throughout the period 1829 to 1845, family group (M6).

In the 1851 census he was described as a farmer of 6 acres. In 1855 the land he tenanted was put up for sale by auction: 'a very compact tenement in a high state of cultivation, situated at Maerway-lane in the holding of John Jervis, and containing 7 ac. 2 r, 9 p.'; this is a good match to the acreage described 17 years earlier in the tithe record.

More details of John are at John&HannahJ.docx.

Evidence from PRs and the census point to John being the elder brother to Henry Jervis, the gt gt grandfather of Louise.

Turning to **William**, baptisms at Maer to William and Anne took place between 1834 and 1845, the address being Maer Heath in the four earlier entries to 1843. William was recorded as a labourer in all five baptisms. This is consistent with the tithe record – he had a large garden and may have grown some produce, but his main employment was as a farm labourer.

¹ [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Samuel_Butler_\(schoolmaster\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Samuel_Butler_(schoolmaster))

Nearby was a property owned by Thomas Kinnersley (586 on the map): this was occupied by Samuel Simpson, who may be related to the Simpson family whose shop William and his wife raided in late 1840. William&Ann.docx has more details.

William's proximity to John suggests they might be related and he is thought to have been a younger brother to John and elder brother to Henry Jervis, Louise's gt gt grandfather.

Neighbouring landowners and occupiers

Does knowing the location of John and William in 1838 help identify where earlier generations of the family lived? Those with neighbouring land or houses to John and William in 1838 are noted below:

Owner	Occupier	Notes
Thomas Kinnersley	John Jervis	House at 573 and plots of land – 7 acres
Near to John Jervis:		
Joseph Birks	James Clough [2]	House (576), 32 acres
Francis Eld	Thomas Warner	House (657), 54 acres inc 577, 578
John Simpson	John Simpson	House (445), 8 acres inc 564, 565
John Fitzgerald	Thomas Barratt	House (570), 4 acres
Francis Eld	Robert Tilsley	House (628), 188 acres inc 581
Lord Bishop of Lichfield	William Jervis [3]	House and garden at 585
Near to William Jervis:		
Lord Bishop of Lichfield	John Peake [1]	House (584)
Ditto	Lord Bishop of Lichfield	Woodland behind William's home (508)
Thomas Kinnersley	Samuel Simpson	House (588) and 1½ acres
Francis Eld	Robert Tilsley	As per John Jervis

House location is noted above and can be useful as occupants in 1838 may be in the same house in the 1841 census. This is the case with John Peake, James Clough and Ann Jarvis (wife of William) whose homes were near to each other in 1838 and were recorded in sequence [1], [2], [3] in 1841. (This assumes the census enumerator recorded information in a sequence reflecting a walk around the lanes; usually the case)

Returning to a quest for any original Jervis home, the following extract is from the 1798 Land Tax Redemption Records (Ancestry) for Maerway Lane township and shows George Jervis.

The first person recorded in Maerway Lane was Francis Eld esquire who had three tenants: John Smallwood, Thomas Warner and Robert Simpson. The sum assessed for the three was over £15, around a third of the overall total for the township £44 6s 2d, and of the three John Smallwood had the lion's share at over £12, the largest single amount recorded for the township. Thomas Warner's holding was valued at around a fifth that of Smallwood.

In 1838 Thomas Warner, possibly a son of the 1798 TW, remained a tenant of Francis Eld (or his descendant) and held 54 acres. It is possible that Tilsley succeeded Smallwood.

The next item was property held by Miss Kendricks, let to Jas Plant (£5 10s 7d) and Thomas Kirkum (Kirkham) (£6 19s 6d): two more substantial farms. The rest of the first page is mainly smaller farms and properties, part is shown below:

104410	W ^r . Fearnough hylls -	W ^r . Fearnough	2-6-9
	Jno Birks	W ^m Kitchen	- 7-1
	Geo Jarvis	Geo Jarvis	.. 12-1
	Rob ^t Simpson	Rob ^t Simpson	.. 6 "
	Jas Birks -	W ^m Kitchen	.. 11 "
	Jno Lloyd -	W ^m Edwards	.. 16 "
	Fitch Garard Esq ^r	Mrs. Barrett	.. 6 "

George Jarvis (here Jarvis), grandfather to John and William, was recorded as owning and occupying land in Maerway Lane; the entry was recorded between Jno Birks and Robert Simpson, both surnames of landowners who held land adjacent to that tenanted by John Jarvis in 1838.

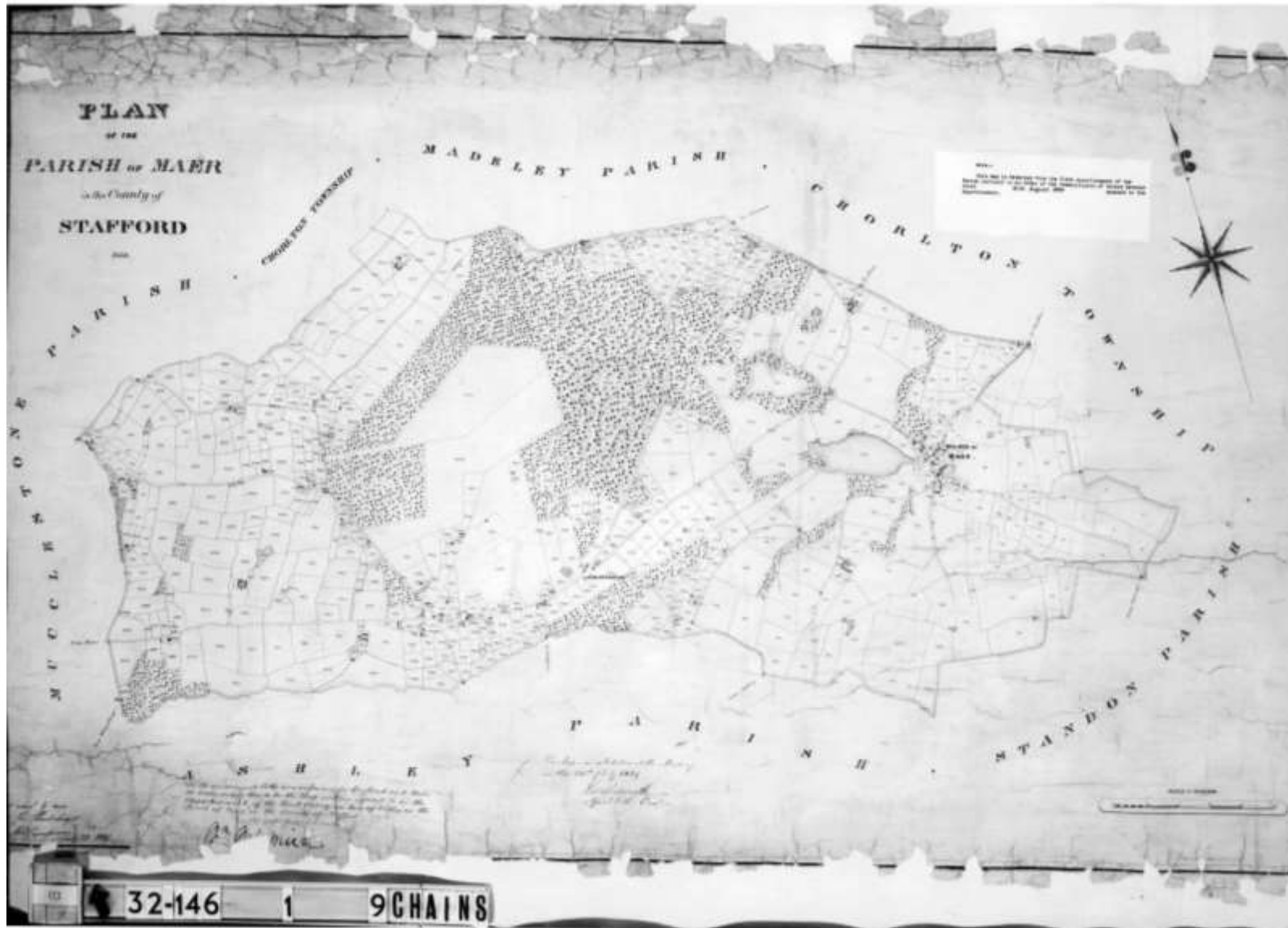
It is possible that Thomas Kinnersley, who in 1838 owned the land tenanted by John, bought it from the Jarvis family at some point between 1798 and 1838.

To sum up: John may have remained in the family home as a tenant following the death of his grandfather George in 1798 and father Thomas in 1828 (John was the eldest son of Thomas). No deeds for the sale of the land have been found, so this remains a theory.

Tithe Extracts

On the following pages are extracts from the tithe map and apportionment. The tithe map of Maer (over) shows the shape of the parish. The village centre is towards the eastern end of the parish near the lake. John and William lived near the western edge of the woodland on the road towards Aston, near the narrow gap in the woodland: the location is clearer on the map on page 1.

Tithe map:



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Jervis entries:

OCCUPIERS.	Numbers referring to the Plan.	NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF LANDS AND PREMISES.	STATE OF CULTIVATION.	QUANTITIES IN STATUTE MEASURE.	Amount of Rent-Charge apportioned upon the several Lands, and to whom payable.					
					PAYABLE to the PERPETUAL CURATE.			PAYABLE to the LAY RECTOR.		
					£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
John Jervis	564	Croft	Pasture	1	0	28	}	SEC 31	Rector	F 167
	566	ditto	Stable	1	1	33				
	572	ditto	Pasture	0	1	26				
	573	House and garden		0	1	32				
	574	Croft	ditto	1	1	2				
	x 574	ditto	ditto	1	0	31				
	x 580	ditto	ditto	1	0	32				
				7	0	24				
William Stophwood	594	House and garden		0	2	10			4	P
John Peake	584	ditto		0	2	4			4	P
William Jervis	585	ditto		0	2	12			4	P

Google StreetView of the area (June 2011)

View 1: the point where Maerway Lane veers west – see the tithe image on page 1; the modern house nearest us may be built on the site of plot 570.



View 2: taken further along Maerway Lane; the house on the right must be near to or be the one where John was living in 1838.



View 3: shows the same property as above, now on the left as we are looking back along Maerway Lane towards the junction shown in View 1.



View 4: a little further along Maerway Lane, this shows the property that was in the distance, on the left, in View 2; this appears to be on the site of 576/578 from the tithe map, page1.



As to where William lived, the OS map published in 1901 shows the property survived, end on to Maerway Lane (see next page) but StreetView from 2011 shows no sign of a house in this area – just trees.

View 5: Satellite view 2019 showing Maerway Lane and the junction from View 1. William's home was to the right of the stem of the 'Y' in the area which is now wholly woodland. I think the ghostly outline of the two fields 579 and 580 is visible.





1838 Tithe Map (TheGenealogist.com)



OS Map 25" to the mile, published 1901 (National Library of Scotland)

More about John's family life is at [John&HannahJ.docx](#) ; William's life: [William&Ann.docx](#).