

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

William and Ann Jervis (Family group M5)

Citations

Source	Birth place	Birth date	Age	Location
1834-9 Baps				Maer Heath
1838 Tithe				Eastern side of Maerway Lane, backing on to woodland; near to elder brother John Jervis
1840 News				Maer Heath
1841 Census	Staffordshire	1806/11	30	Stafford Prison; Ann at Maerway Lane
1851 Census	Maer	1809/10	41	Aston
1861 Census	Maer	1806/7	54	Maer Heath
1871 Census	Maer	1809/10	61	Aston

Baptisms at Maer

The baptisms were by Revd Wedgwood.

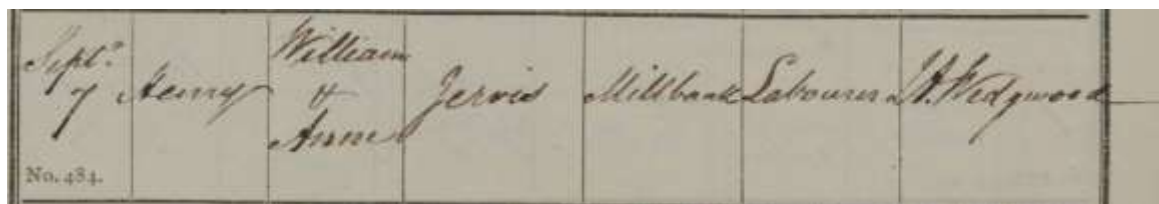
August 3 1834 Elizabeth d/o William & Anne Jervis, Maer Heath, Labourer

Feb 19 1837 Sarah d/o William & Anne Jervis, Maerheath, Labourer

Oct 27 1839 Jane d/o William & Anne Jervis, Maerheath, Labourer

BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of <u>Maer</u> in the County of <u>Stafford</u> in the Year 18 <u>43</u>						
When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
1843. Jan ^{ry} 22 No. 449.	George	William	Jervis	Maer Heath	Labourer	Wedgwood

In 1845:



The GRO Births Index includes the mother's maiden name for Jane and Henry:

JERVIS, JANE

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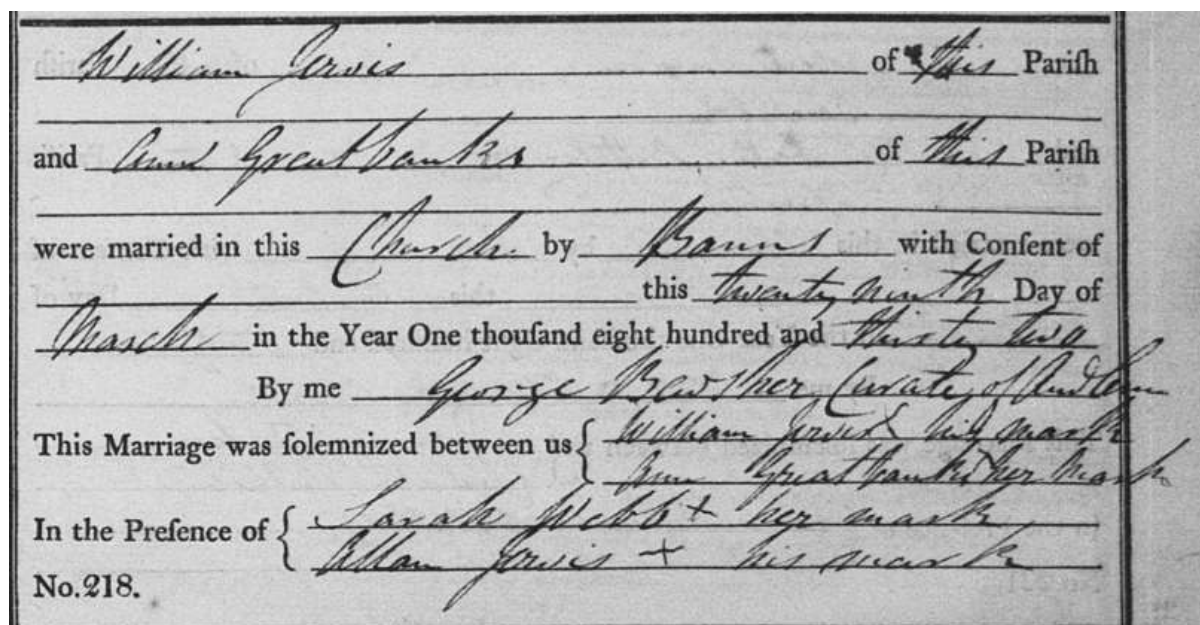
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Marriage

William and Ann married at Mucklestone in 1832, Ann's name is here recorded as Greatbanks:



Note that one of the witnesses was Allan Jervis. This could be the brother of William; his baptism has not been found.

Census

In the 1841 census Ann Jervis was recorded (as Jarves or Jarvis) with her three daughters – names as per baptisms above – at Maerway Lane. Her husband William was not at home.

no	1	Ann Jervis	25	X	3
		Elizabeth do	7		2
		Sarah do	4		1
		James do	2		1

Ann's age of 25 (ie up to 29) suggests Elizabeth most probably was her first child.

As to missing William, newspaper pieces give the reason for his absence:

Staffordshire Gazette and County Standard 5 December 1840¹:

William Jervis was charged by *Elizabeth Simpson*, of *Maer Heath*, with stealing from her shop some sugar, raisins, tobacco, and a stone of flour. The complainant suspecting that the prisoner had often plundered her, adopted the stratagem of leaving the house, to which, unseen by the prisoner, she returned and concealed herself. From her hiding place she saw *Jervis* and his wife enter, and steal the goods mentioned in the charge; the wife advising her husband to take the precaution of seeing whether the flour was marked. *Mrs. Simpson* at once came upon the thieves, who took to flight, carrying with them their booty, which they secreted in an adjoining plantation, but no part of it had been found. He was taken into custody by *Eardley* the same day. The Bench committed the prisoner to the assizes for trial.

The wife was afterwards brought up by the *Maer* constable, but was discharged on the legal presumption that she had acted under the control of her husband.

The same paper, 18 March 1841, carried a report of the trial:

SINGULAR CASE OF HOUSEBREAKING.—*William Jervis* was indicted for breaking into the dwelling house of *Edward Simpson*, on the 1st Dec., at *Maer*, and stealing therefrom a quantity of grocery, his property.—*Mr. LEE* conducted the prosecution, and *Mr. Gosson* the defence.—*Elizabeth Simpson*, the wife of the prosecutor, stated that she and her husband lived at *Maer*, in this county, and kept a hucksters' shop there. On the first of December last she left her house, for the alleged purpose of going a journey. She set out at half-past ten o'clock in the morning, having first locked her door, and on passing the house of the prisoner, who was her neighbour, and whom she had long suspected of robbing her, she called, and seeing the prisoner's wife, she said she was going out for a few days. On leaving the house she went a few hundred yards, as though pursuing her intended journey, and then returned by a private way through a plantation to her house, and having entered it, she took out the key, and concealed herself in such a situation as to command a full view of anything that might be going on within, without being observed. She had not remained long in her concealment before the prisoner and his wife entered her house by a false key, and having helped themselves to a considerable quantity of groceries, such as sugar, tea, currants, tobacco, &c., they went to a flour tub, and having taken out a quantity and put it into a bag, the prisoner's wife said to him, "did you notice whether it was marked; for the last time I was here it was marked." On saying this, the witness rushed from her concealment, and said, "you two rogues, I have caught you at last." They then both ran away into the plantation, and she (witness) gave information to a constable. She had seen none of the things since.—She was cross-examined at some length, with a view to shew that the present proceeding arose out of an old grudge. This, however, she most distinctly denied.—*Mr. Gosson* addressed the jury, and said he should be able to shew that the prisoner was elsewhere at the time the robbery was alleged to have been committed. He called *John Moreton*, gamekeeper to *T. Kinnersly, Esq.*, who had known the prisoner thirteen or fourteen years, and who during that time had borne a good character. On the day of the robbery he (witness) was at a public house, kept by a man named *Salt*, which was about a mile from the house of the prosecutor. About ten o'clock that morning the prisoner came to *Salt's* with two bottles. The landlord gave him a pint of ale, and he (witness) continued in his company for two hours. Between eleven and twelve o'clock *Mrs. Simpson* came and charged him with having robbed her shop. She was in a violent passion, and fell upon her knees several times, and wished the earth might open and swallow her up if the charge was not true.—On cross-examination, he said that three persons took the prisoner into custody about eight o'clock in the evening.—*Mr. LEE* addressed the Jury, and contended that so far from the case for the prosecution having been weakened by the evidence of *Moreton*, it had been most materially strengthened by it.—The Jury found the prisoner guilty, and his lordship sentenced him to be imprisoned and kept to hard labour for twelve calendar months, the first and last week in solitary confinement.

¹ Findmypast

In 1851 William was lodging in Aston, a township of Muckleston with John Symcap or Symcup and his wife Sarah. William's elder brother, John, had married Hannah Simcock in 1823 and it is possible Hannah was related to John; more about this family at

http://www.bhsproject.co.uk/x_downloads/John&HannahJ.pdf . John Symc*'s birthplace was Muckleston. Pitchford is a surname that features in one of the earliest generations traced and it seems unlikely that Peter Pitchford was a relative...

John Symcap	Head	Mar 52	Bricklayer's Lab	St. D.
Sarah Do	Wife			St. D.
William Jervis	Lodger	Widow 41	Age Labourer	St. D.
Peter Pitchford	Visitor			St. D.

The next house recorded in 1851 was occupied by Thomas and Elizabeth Shelmadine: Elizabeth was a witness at the wedding of Henry Jervis in 1843. The next house was occupied by George and Mary Jervis, George being the younger brother to William and elder brother to Henry, Louise's gt gt grandfather.

The 1861 census shows William in two households:

- Age 50, ag ab, bn Muxton, with dau Jane Howse at Aston (see later)
- Age 54, ag lab, bn Maer, with sister Jane Harding in Maer Heath (see below)

Jane Harding	Head	Mar 39	Ag Lab	St. D.
Elizabeth	Wife			St. D.
Rebecca	Daughter	12		St. D.
William	Son	10		St. D.
John	Son	5		St. D.
Thomas	Daughter	5		St. D.
Elizabeth	Daughter	2		St. D.
William Jervis	Visitor	54	Ag Lab	St. D.

It is assumed this is one individual who was recorded twice and if there were two individuals it would complicate things. Only two local baptisms took place 1800-1812, one at Drayton in 1804 (JB) who is accounted for; and the son of Thomas, baptised at Muckleston in 1807, of Maerway Lane.

The following entry from 1871 may be William: his birthplace and occupation match those from earlier censuses although his age is a few years younger than expected:

William Jervis	Head	Mar 47	Ag Lab	Staffordshire Maer
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He was living in Aston, the same township as he was living in 1851. Nearby in 1871 was George Jervis, also born Maer – his brother. No convincing matches in the 1881 census.

The following death is a good match to the 1807 baptism:

Deaths Sep 1880 (-99%)			
Jervis	William	73	Mt. Drayton 6a 474

To sum up, William and Anne Jarvis married in Maer in 1832 and lived at Maerway Lane (in the area known as Maerheath) throughout their marriage until Anne's death in 1847.

They had five children. William worked as a labourer throughout his life and spent 12 months in prison after being convicted of theft in 1840. He remained in the area after his wife's death. The address of Aston recorded in the 1851 and 1871 censuses (cf Maerheath in 1861) does not necessarily mean William moved; it seems more likely that he remained at the same place but the description of the location varied over time. Aston was at the end of Maerway Lane – the arrow points to Maerway Lane:



Other branches of the family lived nearby in the censuses.

There are parallels to the life of Henry Jervis which lends support to the theory that they were brothers.

Some notes follow about four of his children, Elizabeth, Jane, George and Henry. (Sarah was in Hackney in 1851 but has not been found in later censuses).

William's daughter Elizabeth

William's eldest daughter Elizabeth may have moved to Newcastle-under-Lyme – this marriage in 1854 matches her birth year and details of her father:

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1872. Marriage solemnized at *St. Giles's Church* in the Parish of *Newcastle-under-Lyme* in the County of *Stafford*

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
63	December 25	George House	26	Widower	Labourer	Highland	William House	Labourer
		Elizabeth Jervis	21	Spinster		Bankhill Street Newcastle	William Jervis	Labourer

Married in the *Church* according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by *Reverend Frederick Toller* by me, *John Hancock*

This Marriage was solemnized between us, *George House & his wife* in the Presence of us, *John Hancock* *Elizabeth Calhoun & her mother*

The 1871 census of 14 May Street Newcastle-under-Lyme shows the couple; Maer matches Elizabeth's birthplace :

George House	Head	Mar	42	Lab. at Iron works	Staffordsh. Newcastle
Elizabeth D ^o	Wife	Mar	32		D ^o Maer
Pendence E.C D ^o	Daughter		5		D ^o Norton Street

William's daughter Jane

Jane married John Dunn in 1860 at Woore; at that point both were living in Gravenhunger, a township of Mucklestone.

1860. Marriage solemnized *By Banns* in the Church of *St. Leonard's* in the County of *Stafford*

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
76	October 9	John Dunn	full age	Bachelor	Labourer	Gravenhunger	John Dunn	Labourer
		Jane Jervis	full age	Spinster		Gravenhunger	William Jervis	Labourer

Married in the *Parish Church* according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the *Established Church* by me, *John Hancock*

This Marriage was solemnized between us, *John Dunn's mouth* in the Presence of us, *Jane Jervis's mouth* *John Hancock* *Edward Mackintosh*

John Dunn aside: in the 1851 census John Dunn, age 11, was living with his parents John & Hannah Dunn, at Gravenhunger Moss. The previous property was occupied by William and Ann Banks, aged 29 and 23 and in their household were Ellen and Elizabeth Latham, age 7 & 5 'nursery'; along with a third 'nursery' child; assume Ann Banks took in other people's children (overnight though?). Ellen Latham remained in the area in 1861.

Returning to John and Jane Dunn (nee Jervis): in the 1861 census the young couple had Jane's father living with them (or perhaps they had moved in with him); their address 'The Cottage', Aston:

John Dunn	Head	Mar	21	Ag Lab	D ^o D ^o
Jane D ^o	Wife	Mar	20		D ^o Maer
William Jervis	Partner	Mar	50	Ag Lab	D ^o Maer

In 1871 the couple and their family were in Bearstone, a township of Mucklestone:

John Jervis	Head	Men	31	Ag Lab.	Widow Gerrington
Sarah Jervis	Wife	Men			Staffordshire Maer
George Jervis	Son		9	Schooler	Do Aston
Mary Ann Jervis	Daughter		7	Schooler	Do Birmingham
Sarah Jervis	Daughter		7		Do Aston
John Jervis	Son		2		Widow Bearstone

William's son George

May be the 18-year-old carter born in Aston working in Bearstone, Mucklestone in 1861.

William's son Henry

In 1861 William's son Henry was working in Knighton township, tything of Mucklestone, for Eliza Beeston, farmer. He was 15, a carter's boy, born Maer.

Eliza Beeston	Head	Men	24	Farmer	Do Do
Charles Jervis	Brother	Men	23	Malster	Do Muckleston
Ellen Latham	Serv	Men	18	General Serv	Do Muckleston
William Beckett	Serv	Men	19	Cowman	Stafford Lichfield
Henry Jervis	Serv	Men	15	Carter's Boy	Staffordshire Maer
Edward Machin	Head	Men	26	Ag Lab	Staffordshire Ashley
Jane Machin	Wife	Men	25		Staffordshire Muckleston
William Machin	Son	Men	2		Do Do

Note Ellen Latham was a servant in the same household.

Note that Edward and Jane Machin lived nearby; this could be the couple who witnessed Jane Jervis's marriage to John Dunn the previous year.

Summary of citations:

Sou	Surne	Forenar	Year	Mo	Da	Eve	Father or other M	Mother or other	Spouse or app/n	Spouse or app/maste	Place (township)	Parish	Status / occupa	Notes 2	Fam
OPR	Jervis	William	1807	May	22	Bap	Thomas				Marrow Lane	Mucklestone			L3/M5
OPR	Jervis	William	1832	Mar	29	Mar			Ann	Greatbanks	Mucklestone	Mucklestone		Banns; WxJ; wit Sarah x Webb, Allan x Jervis	M5
OPR	Jervis	Elizabeth	1834	Aug	3	Bap	William	Anne			Maer Heath	Maer	Labourer		M5
OPR	Jervis	Sarah	1837	Feb	19	Bap	William	Anne			Maerheath	Maer	Labourer		M5
OPR	Jervis	Jane	1839	Oct	27	Bap	William	Anne			Maerheath	Maer	Labourer		M5
Cen	Jervis	William	1841			Cen					County Prison	Stafford	ag lab	Age 30 bn Staffs	M5
OPR	Jervis	George	1843	Jan	22	Bap	William	Anne			Maer Heath	Maer	labourer		M5
OPR	Jervis	Henry	1845	Sep	7	Bap	William	Anne			Millbank	Maer	labourer		M5
OPR	Jervis	Ann	1847	Jul	8	Bur					Maer Heath	Maer		Age 37	M5
Cen	Jervis	William	1851			Cen					Aston	Mucklestone	ag lag, widower	Age 41 bn Maer	M5
Cen	Jervis	Henry	1861			Cen			Eliza	Beeston	Knighton	Mucklestone	carter's boy	Age 15, bn Maer	M5
Cen	Jervis	George	1861			Cen					Bearstone	Mucklestone	carter	Age 18 bn Aston	M5
Cen	Jervis	William	1861			Cen			Joseph	Harding	Maer Heath	Maer	Ag Lab, widower, bro-in-law	Age 54 bn Maer	M5
Cen	Jervis	William	1871			Cen					Aston	Aston	widower ag lab	Age 61 bn Maer	M5