

## WEB PAGE LAUNCHED

As I write this article in early August, we have managed to launch a web page, it is fairly basic and gives details of how to contact the Society, and lists out those members who have sent research details. We thought that it would be unfair on those you who specified that they did not want personal information on the web so we decided that we would include everyone's research details, but not identify anyone unless they had an electronic address. For those of you who would like your address published, I need a letter of authority, stating you are willing to have your name published electronically. I hope you all feel this is fair. People are asked to contact Paul, if they find a link which they would like to follow up, we will pass them on to you by letter, unless you want us to just give them your address, You will find a letter of authority with this mailing, if we do not get it back We will assume you are happy with the present arrangements.

**100 UP** We have now gone past the 100 members, twelve of which have arrived while I have been trying to put the newsletter together, so as not to ruin the tree layout, I have added the latest editions, further into the newsletter. Please keep those articles coming in, this is your newsletter, so try to fill it with your research. As you will see from the other column we now have a U.S. representative. On the application form mentioned above, we have also arranged contacts, for returning it in Canada, Australia & New Zealand, to try and keep postage down. We hope to continue this when membership renewal is necessary.

WELCOME TO THE THIRD EDITION OF OUR FAMILY NEWSLETTER. WE STILL WANT ARTICLES ABOUT FEATHERSTONES, AND THEIR FAMILIES, SO PUT PEN TO PAPER NOW. BERYL IS VERY BUSY



*New members are listed inside this issue*

HELPING MEMBERS AND LINKING THOSE WITH WITH SIMILAR INTERESTS BUT WOULD STILL LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU IF YOU THINK SHE COULD HELP YOU. DON'T EXPECT AN IMMEDIATE REPLY. PLEASE ALSO INCLUDE EITHER A STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE OR IRC'S. PLEASE REMEMBER ARTICLES ARE NOT VETTED FOR ACCURACY BY OUR EDITORS

## NOW INCLUDING FEATHERSTON FINDINGS

I am pleased to announce that with this issue of The Featherstone family News. I am joining the work of the Featherstone Society as the U.S. representative.

I will be submitting U.S. research material for the quarterly publication of this newsletter. I will also be representing The Featherstone Society by taking U.S. applications for membership, as well as copying and mailing the newsletters to our U.S. subscribers. I will continue to answer inquiries (to the best of my ability) of those seeking help with their U.S. Featherstone ancestry.

Featherston Findings, volume 20 has recently been published and will be the final issue. It has been a joy to be of service to our U.S. Featherston(e) researchers. We have joined together and shared our research efforts with others in the pages of this series of surname

booklets. Although Featherston Findings has come to a close, our work is not ending, but beginning anew. I am looking forward to working with others to help further worldwide Featherstone genealogy. Joyce Featherston Hawkins 227 Maryhill Road #10 Pineville, LA 71360-4168 U.S.A.

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68- Elaine Whatmore 25 Adele Crescent Bahrs Scrub Queensland 4207 Australia	nwhat@gil.com.au	Lydia Featherstonhaugh married John Perkins in 1793 of Ballybrooney Mayo IRE
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70-Kenneth Featherston 288 Mill Road, Etobicoke, Ontario M9C 4X7 Canada	none	John Featherstone b. cir 1790, S Johns Chapel, Co. Durham
71- Dixie Ann Featherstone Parker P.O. Box 172 Bell Buckle Tennessee 37020 U.S.A.	none	William Featherstone Jr. b. abt 1720 VA, m. Susannah Grigg
72- Len & Jean Gibson 22 Collete Crescent Barrie Ontario W4M 2Z4 Canada	lrgjfg@bconnex.net	John Featherston b. 1st May 1822, M. Emma Rutherford 10Apr 1841
73- Paul R Featherstone c/o Wayfoone Property Ltd. Hong Kong	porky@netvigator.com	not sent
74 Alan Willis 12 Upleatham Street Saltburn Cleveland TS12 1LQ England	none	William F. b. 1701, m. Ann Bolton 1730 Father Thomas F. and mother Ann,place Cawood YKS
75-Lorna Wall 1697Cannon Crescent Ottawa, Ontario K2C OZ3 Canada	none	William Featherstone bap. 28/1/.1827 Alston, Cumberland Father John, mother Isabella
76- Sandra Horn P.O. Box 1745 Truckee C.A. 96160 U.S.A.	shorn@sierra.net	Burwell Featherston 1785-1875 m. Rebecca Adams 1789-1852
77- Sarah Tapp 10 Garden Court Sutton Surrey SM2 6SP England	none	Thomas F b. cir. 1787 m. Martha Sprosta.
78 - Elaine Wright Benjamin 5029 Rosway Drive Flint MI 48506 U.S.A.	none	John Featherston b. 1st May 1822, M. Emma Rutherford 10Apr 1841

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80 - Diane Hellar 1121 11th Street Wyandotte MI 48192 U.S.A.	hdhellar@driveninc.com	John Featherston b. 1st May 1822, M. Emma Rutherford 10Apr 1841
81- Beryl Hellar 649 4th Street Wyanddotte MI 48192 U.S.A.	none	John Featherston b. 1st May 1822, M. Emma Rutherford 10Apr 1841
82 - Albert Featherston 14066 Jackson, Act1 Taylor Michigan 48180 U.S.A.	none	John Featherston b. 1st May 1822, M. Emma Rutherford 10 Apr 1841
83 - Craig Featherston 30 Forest Rise Liss Forest Hampshire GU33 7AU England	none	Thomas Featherston of Burnhope DUR b.cir 1700
84 - Dennis Featherstone 1906 Overcup Drive Round Rock Texas 78681 U.S.A	dcfeatherstone@mmm.com	Charles Walter F Buried St Martins Cem. Carphilly Wales, d 18th Jan 1926, wife Esther
85 - Susan Anthony 360 Colwin Court Blue Bell PA 19422 U.S.A.	Santhy@aol.com	William Featherston m. Susanna Grigg in 1737 Amelia County VA
86 - Richard Featherstone 1922 EA. HickoryPt. Circle Sandy Utah 84092 U.S.A.	feather@utah-inter.net	William F b. 1710 m. Elizabeth Slater
87 - William Perkinson 4222 East McLellan #1 Mesa AZ 85205 U.S.A.	none	Non Supplied
88 - Judith Rogers 181 Cubbington Road Leamington Spa Warwickshire, CV 7AU,England.	JudithR@ClearSystem.co.uk	Deborah F. b, cir 1790 m. John Phillipson 4th Jun 1814 in Stanhope, Co. Durham.

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## THE OLD SCHOOL

*Facts sent by E mail:*

### Rossall School

I did not know where the school was either until I picked up the book at a junk shop for a few pence. It is just north of Blackpool. Sir Thomas Beecham was one of its more well known pupils. It opened in 1844 with 70 boys.

The period covered by my publication is 1844 - 1923.

There is only one brief listing for your surname of Featherstonehaugh.....

**Geoffrey Featherstonehaugh.**

Born 16th. June 1889.

School house - Maltese Cross.

He was a school monitor.

In the Hockey Eleven for 2 years and Fives.

Left school Midsummer 1907.

Priv. dispatch rider.

Murphy's Law of Family History with apologies to our Irish ancestors:

The keeper of the vital records you need will just have been insulted by another genealogist.

Your great-grandfather's obituary states that he died, leaving no issue of record.

The town clerk you wrote in to in desperation, and finally convinced to give you the information you need, can't write legibly, and doesn't have a copying machine.

The ancient photograph of four relatives, one of whom is your progenitor, carries the names of only the other three.

Copies of old newspapers have holes which occur only on maiden names.

No one in your family tree ever did anything noteworthy, always rented property, was never sued, and was never named in wills.

You learned that great aunt Matilda's executor just sold her life's collection of family genealogy materials to a flea market dealer somewhere in New York City."

Yours is the ONLY last name not found among the three billion in the world famous Mormon archives in Salt Lake City.

Ink fades and paper deteriorates at a rate inversely proportional to the value of the data record.

The critical link in your family tree is named "Smith."

Anon. or me

## Extracts from the Wellington Newspaper, "Evening Post" New Zealand

### Births

CARGILL 11 June 1870 at Edinburgh, the lady of Lieutenant-Colonel Cargill (Miss Kate Featherston), a son.

### Deaths

FEATHERSTON 24 February 1877, Bettie Jane eldest daughter of the late Dr Featherston, age 33.

FEATHERSTON at Maidstone, Kent, William Robert Earl, youngest son of the late Dr Featherston, 22 years (paper August 1879)

### Marriages

MENZIES-FEATHERSTON 3 October 1865 at St Paul's Church, Thorndon by Right Rev. Bishop of Wellington, Hon James R. Menzies, M.L.C. of Southland to Lo(e)titia Anne 2<sup>nd</sup> Daughter of his Honor I.E. Featherston, Superintendent of the Province of Wellington.

JOHNSTON-FEATHERSTON 12 January 1871 at St. Mary's Cathedral by the Very Revd Father Petit Jean, Vicar General assisted by Rev Father Seon and afterwards at St Paul's Cathedral by his Lordship the Bishop of Wellington assisted by the Rev Mr Ewald, Charles John 3<sup>rd</sup> son of the Hon. John-Johnston, M.L.C. to Alice Margaret 5<sup>th</sup> daughter of Hon I.E. Featherston.

NEWMAN-FEATHERSTON Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 1879 at St Paul's Cathedral, by Ven. Archdeacon Thorpe, Alfred Kingcome eldest son of Captain Newman of Arlington, Hawkes Bay to Octavia (Ava) youngest daughter of the late Issac Earl Featherston, M.D.

*Sent in by a non member who's G. Grandfather was a batman to Issac.*

*The Newspaper in question is Wellington, New Zealand.*

## THE BLENKINSOPP CONNECTION

Now, about the "Blenkinsopp/Featherstone connection":

My source is a collection of information gathered in the early 1900s and published as the *Blankinship Family History* (this being the most common form of the name over here). It's somewhat lacking in documentation I'm afraid. It reproduces two pages from the "Visitation of Pedigrees of Northumberland" containing the following:

"Thomas Blenkensop married Dorothy, dau. of Albany Fetherstone of Fetherstonehalgh".

The only date on the page is attached to another Thomas who was "living" in 1615, and appears to be the 3rd generation after Thomas & Dorothy. (Would that put them in the neighborhood of 1525-50?

In a different branch of the family:

"George Blenkensop married Jane, dau. of Awbeny Fetherstone".

Again, the only date mentioned is 1615, attached to a William, who was 12 at the time. He appears to be the grandson of

George & Jane, so they probably would be a generation later than Thomas & Dorothy

The presumed founder of the family, Rodolphus de Blenkinsopp, was one of those (multitudes!) who are said to have come with William the Conqueror and were later sent up north to build pele towers and keep an eye on the border. I always assumed that Helias F. arrived under the same circumstances. The following is quoted from the *Family History*, unfortunately without dates. (Italics are mine.):

"Almost a thousand years after the wall (*i.e.*, *Hadrian's*) was built and at a time when much of it had all but sunken into complete decay, the Normans, after their invasion and conquest of England in 1066 found it necessary to repair and rebuild the and fortify the areas behind and adjacent

to it. To be sure it was a natural first line of defense but the Norman conquerors felt it necessary to build a line of small so called Pele Towers behind the wall. These towers were not built in a straight line but varied in distance from the wall from a few hundred yards to two or three miles. They were built about one mile from each other so that little or no territory would be unobserved and unprotected. From "Grose's Antiquities of England and Wales" we learn of the order of watchers. 'From Blenkensop Castle to Therlway (*Thirlwall?*) Castle... to be watched nightly with two men from the inhabitants, dwelling between the said two castles. From Blenkensop Castle to the Redpethe to be watched nightly with two men of the inhabitants, dwelling within the same. The day watch of the Lordship of Blenkynsop to be kept with one man every day at Donghamage with the inhabitants of said lordship. Setters and searchers of the watch John Noble and Arche Story; overseers of the same, Albany Fetherstonehals and Harry Walles."

I'm sure there must be many more connections, but I'm afraid I'll have to go back to Haltwhistle to find them.

Article by Virginia Correa member no. 56

### Beryl Featherstone writes:-

I have found a Blenkinsopp family tree from RANULF (alive in 1240) through to the beginning of this century published in 'The Dictionary of Heraldry- Feudal Coats of Arms & Pedigrees' by Joseph Foster. This claims that THOMAS Blenkinsopp married DOROTHY d/o Alexander Fetherstonhaugh in the early 1500's. GEORGE Blenkinsopp married JANE Fetherstonhaugh d/o Albany Fetherstonhaugh in the same half century. These fathers of the brides appear to be ALEXANDER (V) and his son ALBANY who are recorded in the 'Castle' Featherstones (FFN issue 3).

William Blenkinsopp (born 1603) is recorded on the Blenkinsopp tree as the Great Grandson of GEORGE and JANE. He married Isabella Nicolson and owned Bellister Castle. JOHN Blenkinsopp, the G.G. Grandson of THOMAS & DOROTHY, is shown as having married (1) JANE d/o (another) ALBANY Fetherstonhaugh, (2) Elizabeth Fetherstonhaugh (a widow) & (3) MARGERY ???, but there is something odd here because JOHN is shown to have died in 1691- eleven years before the death of his first wife JANE.

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# Focus on Derbyshire

(In our last issue we said that Beryl had managed to link together four members researching Derbyshire)

From Carolyn Pearce (66)

Dear Newsletter,

The Featherstones are my husband's ancestors, and my interest in them stems from the fact that they are almost 'on the doorstep', so I've been able to research them fairly easily (if you can ever describe Family History research as easy!).

I had got back to **William Featherstone**, who was baptised in 1782, when I heard from a lady named Barbara Ratcliffe, who had managed to trace the same family back to the late 1600's, so a lot of the credit must go to her. The information I present to you is, therefore, an amalgam of both our researches.

## THE FEATHERSTONES OF THE HARTINGTON AREA OF DERBYSHIRE

The first Featherstone to appear in the Hartington records is a **John Fetherstone**, who was buried on 14 December 1669, but who he was, or his age when he died I cannot tell. **Charles Fetherstone** is mentioned twice in 1670 - first in the Hearth Tax Returns as having one hearth in Hartington, secondly as baptising a daughter, Elizabeth. There is no burial for **Charles** at Hartington, so I assume he was taken back to his parish of origin for burial, wherever that may be. There may be a clue in the fact that in 1670 a **Peter Fetherstone** was recorded as having one hearth in **Alfreton** (only 20 miles or so from Hartington), and **Charles** had a grandson named **Peter**.

**Charles'** son, **Francis**, was a blacksmith in Hartington, and married twice. He was paid 1s 9d in 1711 for work on the church door, and in 1726/7 was paid 2s 7d for nails and gateposts.

**Francis'** son, **Peter (Senior)**, was baptised

in Hartington in 1747. When he died in 1788 he left his son, **Peter (Jnr)** only 1s, as apparently **Peter jnr** had acquired land in **Heathcote** from some other source (maybe his mother's or wife's family) and actually **Peter jnr** had more land than his father. So **Peter snr** left the family farm and land at **Dale End** to his son, **William**.

**Peter jnr** had 4 children by his wife, **Margaret**, but also had 3 illegitimate children baptised at Hartington between 1791 and 1797. He did jury service between 1775 and 1792, and also paid Land Tax, Poor Rate, Highway Duty, Window Tax, and Dog Tax!

**Peter's** son, **William**, was baptised in 1782 at Hartington, and inherited the family farm at Heathcote. Although on the face of it a respectable farmer, he too had a rather unorthodox private life. After his wife, **Martha**, died in 1812 he began a second family with **Mary Bosley**, and they had 5 sons baptised between 1814 and 1822, all with the surname **Bosley**. (This made it extremely difficult to track down those sons, as I did not find out until later that they were given the surname **Bosley**, looking for ages for them under the name **Featherstone**). **William** and **Mary** finally married in 1822 (for what reason I cannot tell, as they seemed to have rubbed along quite well until then without benefit of matrimony) and had 9 more children - these baptised as **Featherstone**. But the 5 illegitimate sons all had to use the name **Bosley** until after their father's death in 1860, when they were finally able to adopt the name **Featherstone**.

**Michael (Bosley) Featherstone**, born in 1816, was a shoemaker, and was buried in

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**Biggin** churchyard, with these words on his headstone:

"Long Affliction did my life attend  
But Patience brought it to an end.  
Death from this world hath set me free

Prepare, my Friends, to  
follow me."

*as they seemed to  
have rubbed  
along quite well  
until then without  
benefit of  
matrimony*

**Michael** was the grand-  
father of my husband's  
grandmother, **Ada Annie  
Oldfield**. Oral tradi-  
tion, passed down to  
each succeeding genera-  
tion, reached her via her  
mother, born **Elizabeth**

**Featherstone**, and related how their ancestor,  
**Peter Featherstone**, remembers seeing Bonnie  
Prince Charlie and his men marching through  
Hartington during the unsuccessful Jacobite  
Rising of 1745. It was subsequently told to  
each succeeding generation as though it was an  
eye-witness account by the story-teller.

**Ada Annie's** oldest son, and my husband's un-  
cle, was **Sir Maurice Oldfield**, later to become  
the Head of MI6, and Margaret Thatcher's Di-  
rector of Security in Northern Ireland. He was  
involved in the Intelligence World from World  
War II, and during his career adopted many  
aliases. His favourite was **Maurice Feather-  
stone**, which he used many times, and he was  
once in the USA when an American Colonel in  
the military informed him that he, too, was  
named **Featherstone**, and that perhaps they  
were related. How he got out of that one, I  
don't know, but he obviously gave a convincing  
reply as his cover was never blown.

There are still **Featherstones** in the Hartington  
area today, though not as many as there were in  
their heyday in the late 18th and 19th century.

**WOULD THEY DO  
THIS NOW  
WE WONDER!!**

*From: Southend Library August 1997*

**CALENDAR OF ESSEX ASSIZE  
RECORDS ELIZABETH 1ST.**

Chelmsford Assizes 26 July 1566

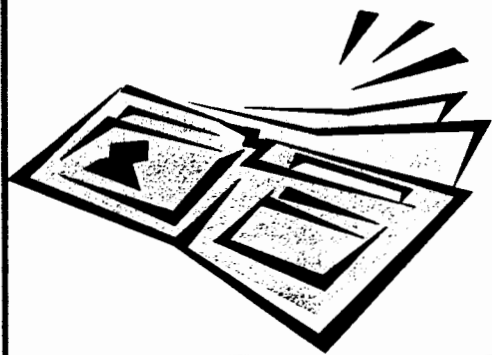
Gaol Prisoners includes

**JOHN FEVERSTON**

For Trial by Jury. **JOHN FEVERSTON**

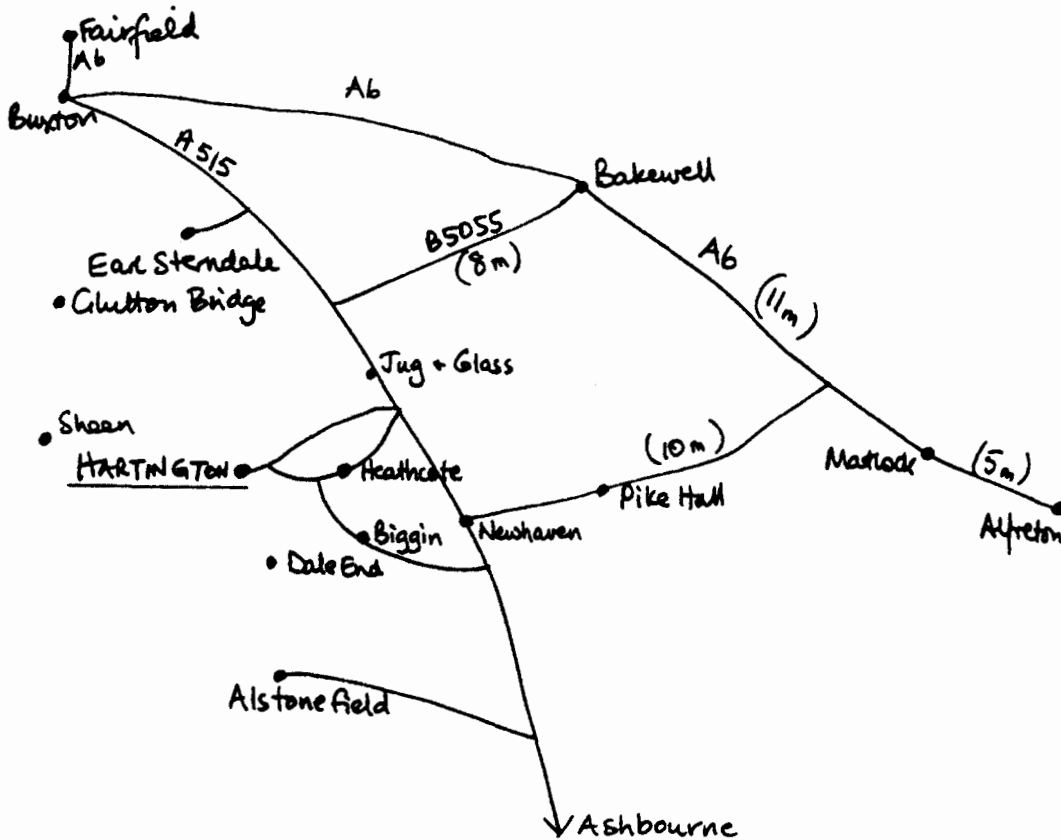
Case; Robert Bottomesell of Chelmsford  
Yeoman, indicted for Grand Larceny on  
April 2 1566 at Moulsham. he stole a  
purse containing 3 shillings in money from  
John Harrington servant of Edmund  
Chyekyn.

**JOHN FEVERSTONE** Chelmsford  
Hostler was indicted as an accessory.  
Both found not guilty.



I have managed to arrange a message board on the web just for  
Featherstone research, which can be found at:-  
<http://www.INSIDETheWeb.com/messageboard/mbs.cgi/mb20389>

# A Sketch Map of the Derbyshire Area



## HARTINGTON C of E Baptisms (1813-1900)

1813	Feb	20	<b>William</b> illeg s Mary Bosley & William Featherstone, Heathcote, farmer
1814	Jan	23	<b>Martha</b> d Francis/Elizabeth F of Dale Head, farmer
1816	Sep	15	<b>Michael</b> illeg s Mary Bosley & William F, Heathcote, farmer
1818	May	17	<b>Peter</b> illeg s Mary Bosley, spinster & William F, reputed father, of Heathcote
1821	Jan	17	<b>William</b> s Francis/Elizabeth F of Biggin, Innkeeper
1822	Feb	19	<b>James</b> illeg s Mary Bosley & William F, Heathcote
1823	Mar	9	<b>Mary</b> d William/Mary F of Heathcote, farmer
1824	Feb	22	<b>Peter</b> , s Francis/Ann F of Pike Hall, farmer
1825	Apr	29	<b>Ann</b> d Francis/Ann F of Heathcote, farmer
1826	Sep	17	<b>George</b> s William/Mary F of Heathcote, farmer
1827	Mar	22	<b>William</b> s Susannah Fearn of Heathcote & William F of Biggin, farmer
1828	Sep	21	<b>Francis</b> s Francis/Ann F of Biggin Dale End, farmer
	Oct	25	<b>Margaret</b> d William/Mary F of Heathcote, farmer
1830	Oct	3	<b>Hannah</b> d William/Mary F of Heathcote, Lab
1831	Apr	5	<b>Hannah</b> d Francis/Ann F of Dale End, farmer
1832	Aug	19	<b>Ellen</b> d Francis/Ann F do
1833	Mar	31	<b>Sarah</b> d William/Mary F of Heathcote, farmer

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1835	Oct	15	<b>Thomas</b> s	do
1837	Feb	27	<b>Elizabeth</b> d	do
	Apr	5	<b>George</b> s	Francis/Ann F of Dale End, farmer
1840	Aug	22	<b>Jane</b> d	William/Mary F of Heathcote, farmer
1842	Apr	21	<b>Ellen</b>	Elizabeth d Francis/Sarah F of near Newhaven, Lab
1845	May	29	<b>Francis</b> s	do
1872	Feb	14	<b>William</b> s	William/Ann F of Hartington, Lab
1876	Sep	24	<b>Tom</b> S	to do

**FEATHERSTONE****Hartington Marriages 1758-1866**

1764			<b>William</b> Butler of Bonsall, husbandman	m <b>Elizabeth Featherstone</b> of Hartington, spinster
1764			<b>William</b> Mellor of Westside in Alstonefield, husbandman	m. <b>Ann Fetherstone</b> of Hartington, spinster (witnesses - <b>Peter Ffeatherstone</b> , snr; <b>Thomas</b> Bonsal)
1774			<b>Peter</b> Fetherstone of this parish, husbandman	m. <b>Margaret</b> Lomas, otp spinster by licence (witnesses - <b>Joseph</b> Goodwin; <b>Ralph</b> Ratcliffe)
1805			<b>Thomas</b> Fegg of Hartington, bach	<b>Millicent</b> Featherstone otp spinster (Witnesses - <b>Hannah</b> Featherstone; <b>William</b> Sutton)
1810	Sep		<b>Joseph</b> Warrington, ba, of Fenny Bentley	m. <b>Hannah</b> Featherstone, spinster of Hartington (witnesses - <b>Frances</b> Newsham; <b>William</b> Sutton)
1810	Dec		<b>Francis</b> Newsham, ba, of Duffield	m. <b>Ellen</b> Featherstone, spinster of Hartington (witness - <b>Hannah</b> [Featherstone Warrington])
1835			<b>Francis</b> Featherstone, ba, farmer	m <b>Sarah</b> Lees, spinster by licence (witnesses - <b>John</b> Kerkham; <b>Ann</b> Lees)
1846			<b>Thomas</b> H(W)ilton, fa, ba, Servant of Heathcote; father <b>Joseph</b> H(W)ilton, farmer	m. <b>Martha</b> Featherstone, fa, sp, servant of Heathcote; father - <b>William</b> Featherstone, farmer
1846			<b>John</b> Webster, fa, ba, farmer of Heathcote; father <b>Thomas</b> Webster, farmer	m <b>Margaret</b> Featherstone, fa, sp, servant of Heathcote; father - <b>William</b> Featherstone, farmer
1866			<b>James</b> Bonsall, fa, ba, labourer of Stearndale; father <b>William</b> Bonsall, lab	m <b>Mary Ann</b> Featherstone, fa, sp of Stearndale; father <b>Michael</b> Featherstone, shoemaker (witnesses - <b>James</b> Featherstone, <b>Alice</b> Pickford)

**Derbyshire stray**

**William** Featherstone of Hartington m **Ellin** Ball on 9 July 1773 by Licence at Alstonefield, Staffs

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FEATHERSTONE1841 CensusPike Hall

Francis Featherstone	55	Farmer	y
Ann	40		y
Peter	16		y
Ann	15		y
William	13		y
Francis	12		y
Hannah	7		y
Thomas	6		y
George	4		y
Mary	6m		y
Millicent ?Brammer	20	Family servant	y

Heathcote

William Featherstone	59	Farmer	y
Mary	47		y
Peter	23		y
James	19		y
George	14		y
Thomas	5		y
Margaret	13		y
Hannah	10		y
Sarah	7		y
Elizabeth	3		y
Michael Featherstone	24	Cordwainer	y
Elizabeth	23		n
John	1		y
James Shipley	20	Stone mason	y

?Blue Killson? House

Francis Featherstone	33	Ag Lab	y
Sarah	33		y
Peter	3		y
Ann	3		y
Martha	1		y

Lean Low

William Featherstone	27	Farmer	y
Sarah	26		y
Eliza	3		y
Esther	1		y
?Maria	4m		y
?Amanda ?Sims	15		y

FEATHERSTONE 1851 CensusHeathcote

William Featherstone	H	M	68	Lab	Heathcote
Mary	W		57		do
Peter	S	U	32	Lab	do
Thomas	S	U	15	Scholar	do
Elizabeth	D	U	13		do

Michael Featherstone	H	M	34	Shoemaker	Heathcote
Elizabeth	W		33		Staffs Sheen
John	S	U	11	Scholar	Heathcote
William	S		9	do	do
Mary Ann	D		6	do	do
James	S		3		do
Hannah	D		8M		do

Dale End

Ann Featherstone	H	M	55	Farmer of upwards of 40 acres	Pikehall
William	S	U	22	Farmer's son	Biggin
Ellen	D	U	18	do dau	do
George	S		11	at home	do
Mary	D		9	Scholar	do

Jug & Glass

Francis Featherstone	H	M	42	Lab	Lean Low
Sarah	W		42		Heathcote
Peter	S		14		do
Ellen	D		8		Jug & Glass
Francis	S		5		do
Emma	D		3		do
Mary Alsop	at Nurse			a nurse child	Parwich

?Porter's Folly

William Featherstone	H	M	37	Brewer's agent & farmer of 8 acres	Hartington
Sarah	W		36		
Eliza	D		12	Scholar	
Esther	D		11		
Maria	D		10		
John	S		8		
Helen	D		4	at home	

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FEATHERSTONE 1861 Census

## Barncliff Farm

Peter Featherstone	Serv U	25	Cowman	Hartington Old House Farm
Francis Featherstone	Serv U	15	Cowman	Derbys Newhaven
Hannah Pett	Serv U		House Servant	Harpurhey Lancs
Jug & Glass				
Francis Featherstone	H M	52	Farmer & Innkeeper	Leanlow
Sarah	W	52		Heathcote
Ann	D	23	Dressmaker	Whestone Derbys

## Hand Dale

Mary Featherstone	H wid	66	House dweller	Heathcote
Peter	S U	42	Ironstone getter	
George	S U	34		

## Heathcote

Thomas Wetton	H M	35	Family. Farmer of 112 acres	
Emma Featherstone	Serv 14		House servant	Heathcote

Mary Alsop	H Wid	60	House dweller	
Louisa Featherstone	boarder	4	Scholar	Heathcote

Michael Featherstone	H M	44	Shoemaker	Heathcote
Elizabeth	W	43		Sheen
John	S U	21	Shoemaker	Heathcote
William	S U	19	Ag Lab	
James	S	13	Scholar	
Hannah	D	10	do	
Elizabeth	D	7	do	
Sarah Margaret	D	4		
Michael	S	1		

Thomas Featherstone	H M	25	Ironstone miner	Heathcote
Mary	W	20		Sheen
William	S	1		Heathcote

William Featherstone	H M	47	Farmer of 90 acres	Heathcote
Sarah	W	46		
Eliza	D U	23		
John	S U	18		
Helen	D	14		
Elizabeth	D	9	Farmer's dau Scholar	
Richard	S	6	do son do	

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Dale End

Francis Featherstone	H M	72	Farmer	Dale End
Ann	W	62		Pike Hall
William	S U	32		Dale End
Mary	D U	19		
Martha Newham	g-d	7	Scholar	Biggin
Mary Ann Featherstone	Serv U	16	House servant	Heathcote

**FEATHERSTONE 1871 Census**Hartington Middle Quarter

Thomas Wilson,			Farmer & Family	
George Featherstone	U	44	Servant Indoor	Heathcote
Peter Featherstone	H U	53	Lead miner	Heathcote
Mary Hoop	H wid	70		
Francis Featherstone		4	Boarder	Biggin

Old Hall Farm

Emma Featherstone	U	24	Servant	Heathcote
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Heathcote

Biggin Greenside				
Peter Featherstone	H m	34	Farm servant	Heathcote
Hannah	W	27		Biggin
Mary	D	6		ye
Elizabeth	D	1		ye

Dale End

Francis Featherstone	H M	80	Farmer of 30 acres	Dale End House
Ann	W	71		Pike Hall
Mary Ann Newham	U	21	Servant	Biggin

Michael Featherstone	H M	54	Boot & shoemaker Occupier of 8 acres	Heathcote
Elizabeth	m	53		Sheen
John	S U	31		Heathcote
Hannah	D U	20		do
Michael	S	11		do
James Wm Bonsall	g-s	3		do
Elizabeth Bonsall	g-d	1		do
William Featherstone	H M	42	Farm Lab	Biggin
Sarah	W	29		Heathcote
John William	S	2		Biggin
Hannah	D	1m		
Thomas Featherstone	H M	35	Railway Lab	Heathcote
Mary	W	30		Sheen
William	S	11		Heathcote

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**NEED AN ENGLISH OR WELSH FEATHERSTONE,  
BIRTH, DEATH OR MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE  
WRITE OR E MAIL PAUL £6.00 EACH+PP**

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John	S	9		do
Peter	S	7		do
Hannah	D	4		do
Harriet	D	8M		do
Jug & Glass Inn				
James Featherstone	H M	23	Innkeeper & Farmer of 9 acres	Heathcote
Easther Ann	W	30		Lean Low Farm
John Featherstone	H M	28	Lodger & farm lab	Leanlow Farm
Mary Elizabeth Staffs	W	28	Lodger's wife	Tatenhill
Maude Mary tage	D	4		Haven Cot-
Sarah Ellen	D	3		do
Maggie	D	2		do
Emily Jane	D	3m		Jug & Glass

**Michael  
Featherstone  
Boot &  
shoemaker  
Occupier of 8  
acres  
aged 53**

**FEATHERSTONE 1881 CENSUS**

**Heathcote**

Edwin Atkin	H M	44	Farmer of 84 acres employing 1 man	Burton on Trent
Mary	W	48	Hartington	
Michael Featherstone	Serv U	21	Farm Serv. Indoor	do
William Featherstone	H M	67	Farmer of 25 acres	Hartington
Sarah	W	66		
Richard	S U	26		
Elizabeth Irving	lod M	29	Dressmaker	
Ada	D	3		
Thomas Featherstone	H M	45	Farm Lab	Hartington
Mary	W	40		Brund Staffs
John	S U	19	Sand Lab	Hartington
Hanna	D	14		do
Harriet	D	10	Scholar	
Thomas	S	6m		do
Michael Featherstone	H M	64	Shoemaker & farmer of 20 acres	Hartington
Elizabeth	W	63		Sheen
John	S U	41	Railway Plate Layer	Hartington
Hannah	D U	30	Dressmaker	do
James W Bonsall	g-s	13	Scholar	
Elizabeth	g-d	11	do	
Joseph Featherstone	neph	4		

**A FEATHERSTONE GATHERING  
IN 1999?**

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Biggin

Mary Featherstone	H M	38	Ag Labls wife	Tatenhill Staffs
Maud M	D	14	do dau	Hartington
William	S	8	Scholar	Barrow-in-Furness
Annie M	D	5		Hartington
Rosa	D	4	do	
Elizabeth	D	1		Bakewell

## Woollaton

Peter Featherstone	H M	44	Ag Lab	Hartington
Hannah Alice	W	37		Harpurhey Lancs
Anne Elizabeth	D	11		Hartington
Francis William	S	3		do

Biggin Grange

George Featherstone	Serv Wid	54	Farm Serv Indoor	Hartington
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**CENSUS INFORMATION**

For those of you who are new, or do not understand England and Wales Census layout, a small clue.

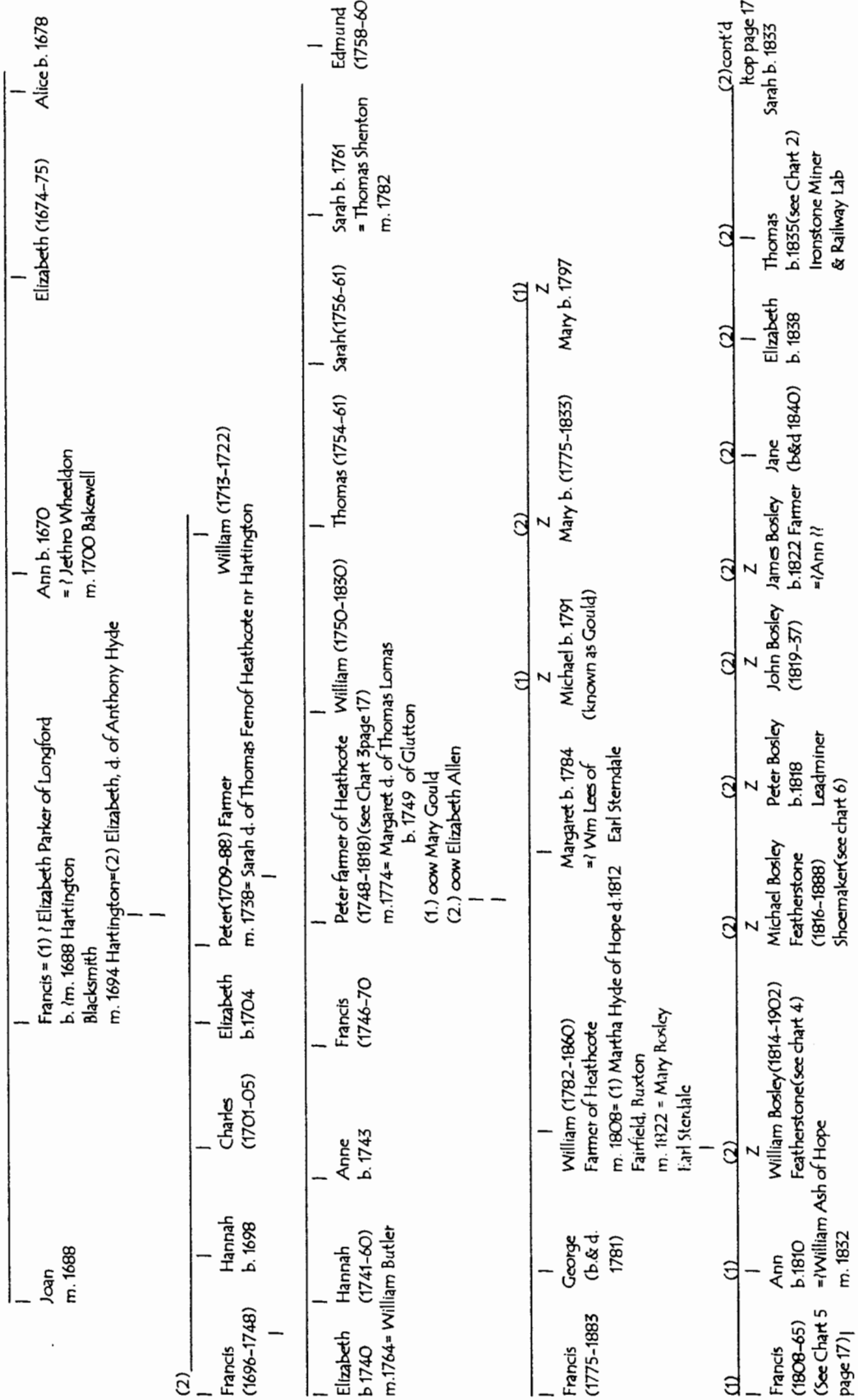
In the first national census of 1841, ages were rounded to the nearest 5 years, and the last column was a question asking if they were born in the county where the census was being taken..

So the Layout across the pages are as follows Name/ Relationship to Head of Household (H = Head)

Marital status/ age/ occupation/ where born.

If any member has a collection of Census information like this member for a given area, maybe they could forward it on for publication.

**IF YOU HAVE COLLECTED IT WHY NOT  
SHARE IT!  
SEE THE FORM THAT CAME  
WITH ISSUE TWO,  
AND FORWARD IT TO YOUR LOCAL REP.**





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Hannah b. 1830	(2)	George b. 1826	(2)	Martha b. 1825	(2)	Mary b. 1823
= John Webster		= Thomas Wilton				
m. 1846		m. 1846				

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Thomas b. 1835  
 Railway Lab. & Ironstone Miner = Mary Smith of Sheen

William b. 1859	John b. 1862	Peter b. 1864	Hannah b. 1867	Harriet b. 1870	Joseph b. 1877	Thomas b. 1880
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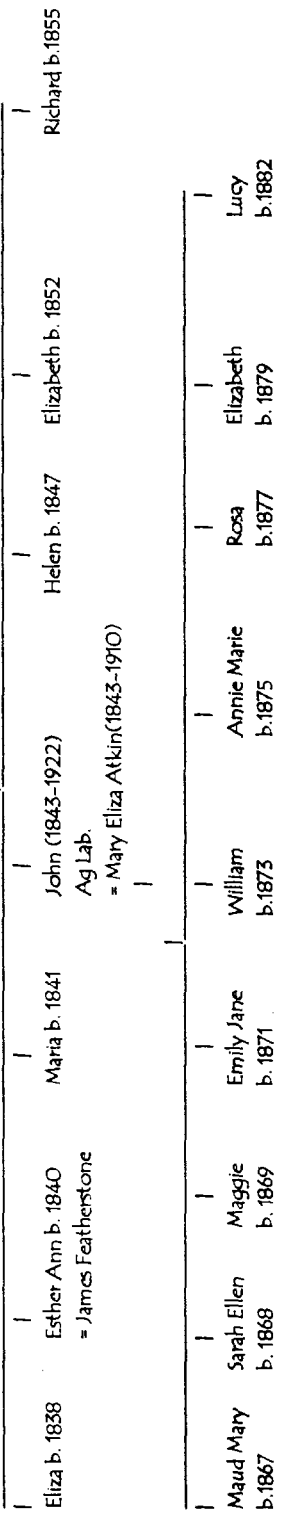
William Featherstone (1750-1830)  
 = Ellen Rall m. 1773 Alstonfield

Ann b. 1774	Sarah b. 1776	Elizabeth b. 1778	Hannah b. 1780	Millicent b. 1783	Peter b. 1785	Ellen b. 1788	Francis b. 1790 Farmer of Dale End
= Thomas Buxton m. 1801	= Thomas Buxton m. 1801	= William m. 1800	= William m. 1800	= Thomas Foggy m. 1805	= Francis Newsham m. 1810	= Francis Newsham m. 1810	= (1) Elizabeth ?
							= (2) Ann Marsden b. 1800
							m. 1822 Carl Sternhale

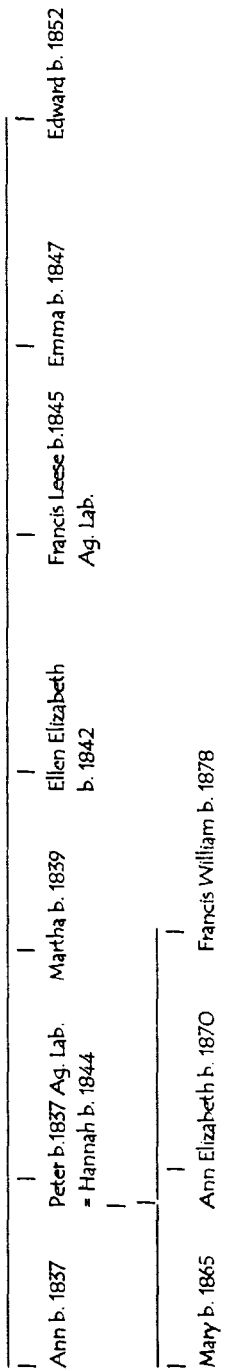
(1)	(1)	(1)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Martha b. 1814	William b. 1821	Peter b. 1824	Ann b. 1825	Francis b. 1828	Hannah b. 1831	Ellen b. 1832	George b. 1837

From page 16 Chart 4

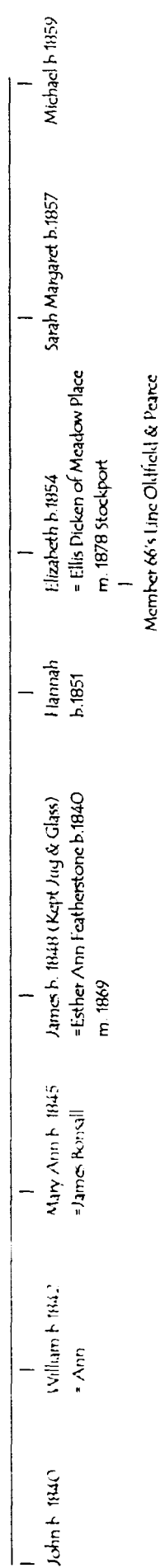
William Bosley Featherstone (1814-1902)  
m. 1837 = Sarah Alsop



From page 16 Chart 5  
 Francis Featherstone (1808-65) Landlord of the Jug & Glass nt Paisley Hay on the A515  
 = Sarah Leese  
 m. 1835



From Page 16 Chart 6  
 Michael Bosley Featherstone (1816-88) = Elizabeth Shipley of Sheen (1816-1904)



## Dorothy Featherstonehaugh Birch 1778-1872

Dorothy was a woman of her times. We hear a great deal about the aristocracy and elite of those days, but rarely do we hear about the ordinary woman--the woman who worked hard for her family yet gained no recognition of any kind.

Dorothy married at the age of 21 in Linton Falls Church and at the age of 42 became a widow with eight children. But, let me step back a little. She was born in the Thorpe area of Wharfedale, Yorkshire, daughter of Henry Featherstonehaugh, who was a cordwainer (shoe maker). This area of Yorkshire was noted for their shoe making and at one time there were over 25 shoemakers in this tiny hamlet which served gentry and even the monks of the Fountains Abbey, near Ripon, who walked across the moors to have their sandals and boots made and repaired. Her siblings were John (1780), Henry (1785), Alexander (1795), Elizabeth (1798) and Albany(?), and possibly others. She married Thomas Birch, born in Hartlington Moorside, who was a tailor and a man of some means, in that he owned a farm of about 14 acres. In 1821, when her children were 21, 16, 13, 11, 8, 6, 5, and 3, her husband died at the age of 49.

She must have had a really difficult time. Presumably being an owner of land gave her a little clout and she was able to produce a living of sorts for her family. Nearby was Grassington, the centre of lead-mining which was going full-swing in those days. It must have been difficult to keep her children out of the mines, but that she did, as there has been no miner in the family. She must have worked an extremely long day, doing the wash in cold water, cooking over the hearth and using candle-light, as well as running her small farm. The house was, of course, made of gray stone gathered from the fields, with very thick walls and earth floors. Her 'help' might have been a poor relative's daughter who worked for her sustenance.

She produced a son who was a general labourer, one who was a shoemaker, one who became the head gamekeeper on the Duke of Devonshire's Estate in Barden, and the youngest son who was sent off at the age of 14 to be apprenticed to a tailor in Bradford. Her oldest son I believe died at the age of 28. Other than one daughter we have not been able to trace, her other daughters married reasonably well.

Her son, Thomas, head gamekeeper on the Duke of Devonshire's Estate in Barden, lived until he was 90 and had been game keeper for 60 or more years, living at Broad Park House near the Barden Reservoir. He had nine children, and the youngest son, Stephen, my grandfather, took over as gamekeeper when his father died, and he remained at this post for another 26 years.

Her son Henry, the general labourer, lived in the Burnsall area, dying at 54, leaving seven children. Her son William, the shoemaker in Appletreewick, died at the age of 32 leaving three young children and a wife pregnant with twins.

The youngest son, Robert, once he trained as a tailor, wandered around England looking for work as in those days, there was a great deal of unemployment. In 1849, he returned to Bradford, married an Elizabeth Coates, and went to West Virginia, USA. Only recently we have found out that he did not stay there but moved to Brockville, and later to Westport and Delta, Ontario, Canada. I suspect there was little contact between him and his mother, for reasons unknown, as when my father emigrated to Canada in 1923, there was no contact then, either, as it was thought that Robert's family was still in the US. He became quite affluent owning buildings, a grocery store and still operating as a tailor. Those were the days when the Rideau Canal was being built and there was lots of money to be made by an enterprising soul. Robert left 7 children, only one of whom remained in Canada.

Of her daughters, we know little. Elizabeth, born in 1814/5, married a Roger Briarcliffe, and Ann married a Wallace and lived in Bradford. Of Martha we have no trace.

Dorothy, were she alive today, would have been proud of her family as they produced 31 grandchildren for her, and count-less offspring in succeeding generations, and all of whom have become successful in one way or another. Her determination to provide for her children kept her alive until she was 95, in an age where the average life-span was probably closer to 40.

Thank you Dorothy Featherstonehaugh Birch!

[Note: DFB was my great great grandmother, and I really wish I knew more about her. If anyone has any information about her or her siblings or offspring I would love to hear from you....Monica Taylor (#47)

*New members arriving during publication:*

89	William M. Hall Houston TX. 77070 5403 U.S.A.	none	William Featherston m. probably Frances Wm F. jnr. b. 1710-18
90	Gene Hyden P.O. Box 6575 New Orleans LA. 70175 6575 U.S.A.	none	John C Featherstone res. Richmond VA area, m. Catherine cir 1854
91	Delores Williams 7211 Lakewood Drive Austin, TX. 78750 8253 U.S.A.	deloresw@aol.com	William Featherston m. probably Frances Wm F. jnr. b. 1710-18
92	David & Ann Corbin Route 5, Box 339 Jacksonville, TX. 75766 U.S.A.	none	William Featherston m. probably Frances Wm F. jnr. b. 1710-18
93	Quenna Cox 3101 Woodside Drive Arlington TX. 76016 U.S.A.	none	Charles Featherston d. by 1790 m. Jean Wright VA.
94	Theresa Kowall 2566 Shakespeare Street Victoria British Columbia V8R 4G5 Canada	none	Frederick F. m. Betsy Elizabeth Keeley, London 28.3. 1826 at St Pancras, Old Church ,London
95	John Williams 102 Quincy Cove Jacksonville AR. 720076 U.S.A.	none	William Featherston b.cir 1791 SC or NC
96	Ralph Stien 121 North Street Rockton IL. 61072 U.S.A.	none	John C Featherstone res. Richmond VA area, m. Catherine cir 1854
97	Mrs Andrew Grantham P.O. Box 517 Congress AZ. 95332 0517 U.S.A.	none	non Supplied

**HAVE YOU MENTIONED THE SOCIETY  
TO YOUR FHS**

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| 98  | Becky Brewer<br>32971 Avenida Del Rosal<br>San Juan<br>CA. 92675 4407<br>U.S.A.            | none                           | William Featherston m.<br>probably Frances<br>Wm F. jnr. b. 1710-18                                 |
| 99  | Norman Caldwell<br>7879 Marilyn Lane<br>Tulsa<br>OK. 74131<br>U.S.A.                       | none                           | William Featherston m.<br>probably Frances<br>Wm F. jnr. b. 1710-18                                 |
| 100 | Sonia & Ben Fetherston<br>3444 Twelfth Street S.E.<br>Salem<br>OR. 97302<br>U.S.A.         | sonia@teleport.com             | Thomas Fetherston,<br>Emigrated from French<br>Park<br>Roscommon IRL                                |
| 101 | Ann Denise Featherstone<br>15 Inglefield Road<br>Ilkeston<br>Derbyshire DE7 5AP<br>England | 101352.3671<br>@compuserve.com | James Christopher F<br>b. 6.1.1890 Galway IRE<br>Father Robert Joseph F.<br>Mother Mary Anne Bolton |

## THE GENEALOGIST PSALM

Genealogy is my pastime, I shall not stray.

It maketh me to lie down and examine half-buried tombstones.

It leadeth me into still courthouses;

It restoreth my ancestral knowledge.

It leadeth me in the paths of census records and passenger lists for my surnames's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the shadow of research libraries and microfilm readers,

I shall fear no discouragement.

For a strong urge is within me; the curiosity and motivation they comfort me.

It demandeth preparation of storage space for the acquisition of countless documents.

It annointeth my head with burning midnight oil; my family group sheets runneth over.

Surely birth, marriage, and death dates shall follow me all the days of my life.

And I shall dwell in the house of a family-history seeker forever.

Sent in by Jean Gibson

**Could this be the downside of surfing the w.w.w.** An E mail Paul received recently

I realize that subscribing to genealogy sites can be fatal....last weekend there were 79 messages within 36 hrs. Only 2 were personal...and the rest were inquiries about names I've never seen or heard before. (not Featherstone I presume)

## A FEATHERSTONE SENT TO JAIL

William Featherstone (aged 19) well educated, was charged with stealing one gold watch, one gold guard chain, one diamond gold pin, one gold finger ring, value £23/10/00, the property of William Ovenden, at Ramsgate.

Mr Ballantine defended the prisoner.

William Ovenden deposed- "I met the prisoner at the Queen's Head, Ramsgate, on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September, and saw him again at The Oak public house, on the 10<sup>th</sup>. We went together to the Queen's Head to sleep, at a little before 1 o'clock. We both slept in the same room, but not in the same bed. Before getting into bed, I put my watch, chain and ring on the dressing table. We agreed to call each other in the morning and were going to sail for London. I awoke at 7 o'clock and called to the prisoner, but found that he was gone. I then missed the above property.

Cross examined: Had been in the company with the prisoner from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> September. Had received £5 from the prisoner's mother for money lent to him and expenses in looking after him. Had been promised another £5, but had not received it. Had in his pocket £4, which was not taken.

Edmund Wood deposed that he lived with Mr Radford who is a pawnbroker at Ramsgate. At about half past 7 o'clock in the morning of the 11<sup>th</sup> of September, the prisoner pledged a gold watch and chain for £8. He also bought a carpet bag, and took out a coat which had been previously pledged.

Marchant, Inspector of Police at Canterbury, deposed that when he apprehended the prisoner, he found on him £6/8/6d and a carpet bag. He had on his finger the ring of the prosecutor. Prisoner told him he was sorry for what he had done, and asked to speak to the prosecutor, but he (witness) refused to let him.

Cross examined- Had made some enquiries respecting the prisoner, who he believed had previously born(sic) a good character.

Mr Ballantine addressed the Jury, and called two witnesses to character.

His Lordship(Mr Baron Alderson) shortly summed up the case, and the jury found him guilty.

The learned judge said, that as he had been in prison since September, he should sentence him to fourteen days solitary confinement.

### Reference

*Kent Lent Assizes*

*Maidstone Journal March 17<sup>th</sup> Page 2 Col. 'A' 1846*

*Transcribed by J.A. Hilton*

*Mr Hilton has promised me more of the same as he is indexing the Newspaper*

## EARLY U.S.A. WILLS

At a court held at Varina for ye county of Henrico ye second day of October by his Majesty's justices of ye peace for ye said County, in ye thirty fourth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord Charles ye second by ye grace of God Great Britain, France and Ireland. King, defender of ye faith, etc.; and in the year of our Lord God sixteen eighty two:

be true and perfect inventory of the estate of of Charles Featherstone deceased taken and appraised by John Stewart and Thomas Webster, appraisers there unto appointed and sworn before Mr Richard Kenyon of his Majesty's justices of this 22nd day of August 1682.

one feather bed, boulder, pillow, two blankets, one rugg, one a pair of sheets with Dinermister curtains, and vallance and bedstead, L 2 - 0 - 0. space one small feather bed, boulder, pillow, blanket, 7 pairs of sheets, L 1 - 0 - 0, 1 sheet, one wainscoat chair, one long table, a form, 2 joint stools, 2 iron pots, 1 x iron kettle, one pair of racks with pot hooks, one pair of tongs, a brass ladel, 5 guns un fixed, one fixed gun, a cutlass, to buck skins, one box iron, one crossed - cut saw, two hand saws, one broad - an (broad - axe?), two adese, four augers, 2 chissells, one drawing knife, 1 frow, one Hammer, 15 pounds of old pewter, one brass mortar, one iron pestle, pieces of gunns, one couch and two small chairs, one old trunk and case, one powdering tubb, and other lumber, one diaper tablecloth, 13 diaper napkins, to diaper towels, two pair of old sheets, 6 old pillow cases, eight course napkins, two small course table cloths, one blanket, one old Holland sheet, one very old bible, three books, tree little old pillows, one looking Glass, three orters of course broad cloth, two yards of flannel, two yards half of Norwich stuff about 60 head of hoggs running in the woods. Total; L 15 - 04 - 08. Eight coves, one three year old heifer, three 3 year old steers, two steers two years old, 1 Bull three years old, two yearling heifers, 3 yearling bulls and one young cow calf, to seven year old mares, two young horses, 1 mare two years old, 1 mare for one half a year old. Signed John Stewart and Thomas Webster.

Debts were due the estate by Abraham Womack, William Bevin, and Timothy Allen. Due out to the estate: John Baugh, John Davies, Mrs Lown, Edward Stratton junior., Robert Bolling, Peter Rowlett for Lewis.

Wills of Henrico County VA part 1, 1654 - 1737 by Benjamin b. Weisiger, p. 109 Rebecca Newman,

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wife of Samuel Newman age, 77 18 September 1725 deposed that she knew Charles Featherstone deceased and that he had at the time of his death four children lawfully begotten, a son, Henry Charles Featherstone and three daughters Anne, Sarah, and Susanna.

*Supplied by Joyce Featherston Hawkins*

Amelia County, Virginia will book 2X. Page 276

In the name of God amen I William Featherstone of the parish of Nottoway and County of Amelia being sick and weak but in my perfect senses and memory and calling to mind the uncertainty of his life do make and ordain my last will and testament as followeth:

Imprimis: I give and devise unto my son Charles Hoell Featherstone on to his heirs for ever fifty acres of land part of the tract I now live on including my dwelling house and orchard.

Item - I give and devise unto my son Jesse Featherstone and to his heirs for ever fifty acres of land part of the tract I now live on.

Item - I give and devise unto my son Richard Featherstone and to his heirs for ever fifty acres of land part of the tract of land I now live on.

Item - and give and devise until my son Burwell Featherstone and to his heirs other fifty acres of land being the remainder or residual of the tract I now live on

It is my will and desire that my executors here after named ( who are hereby Impowered and directed, as soon as my son Jesse shall arrived to the age of 21 years to live on and divide the above divides land as they shall think most justly equitable which said division shall be valid and binding on my said some Jesse and his brothers Charles Howell, Richard and Burwell to all intents and purposes).

Item - I give and devise unto my daughter Lucy Vaugan 20 pounds current money.

Item - I give and devise unto my daughter Frances Stell 20 pounds current money

Item - I give and devise unto my daughter Eliza Featherstone 20 pounds current money and a feather bed and furniture

Item - I give and devise unto my daughter Susanna Featherstone 20 pounds a feather bed and furniture.

Item - I give and devise unto my six sons to wit: William Grigg Featherstone, Lewis Featherstone, Jesse Featherstone, Richard Featherstone, Burwell Featherstone and Charles Howell Featherstone and to thier heirs for ever the remainder or residue of my estate of what ever kind of nature today equally divided amongst them - after paying my debts funeral expenses and the several legacies to my daughters - and lastly I do nominate and appoint my two sons William Craig Featherstone and Lewis Featherstone exors. of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In witness wereof I have here until set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty second day of August one thousand seven hundred and sixty seven. Signed sealed in presence of Frank Epes, William Stowe, George Cabiness

Signed William (X) Featherstone.

At a court held for Amelia County the 27th day of April 1769. This will was approved by the oaths of Frank Epes and George Cabiness two of the witnesses sworn to by the executors therein named and ordered to be recorded and on the motion of be said executors who entered into and acknowledged their bond with Henry Dennis their security as the law direct certificate was granted them containing a probate in due form.

William Featherstone estate inventory and appraisal. Returned and recorded April 26th 1770 Appr.. William Stowe, Henry Dennis, George Still. Value 391 pounds fifteen shillings 9 pence.

Slaves: negro

men Abraham Jack, Ben, Bob, boy Sam.

*Supplied by Joyce Featherston Hawkins*

Brunswick County, Virginia order book 2 1741 - 1783

I Robert Wright in Brunswick County do make this my last will and testament after all my just debts are paid as followeth - I give unto Mary wife(1) 1 negro man named George one woman's saddle 1 feather bed and furniture .

Item - I give unto my son Robert Wright one negro woman named Milley and her youngest child Silvia.

Item - I give unto my daughter Jane Featherston one negro girl named Fib to her and her heirs. I give unto my son Thomas Wright 1 negro man named Daniel to him and his heirs. I give unto

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my son Joshua one negro boy named Jacob to him and heirs. My will and desire is that where I have given negros they shall have - right keep them. And also my will and desire is - the remaining part of my estate be equally divided amongst my wife and children that are then surviving.

The negros that are not mentioned here I desire may not go out of the family. My desire is that my land should be sold my widow having a third part. My desire is that Uriah's children may have an equal part of my movable estate. I give unto son Reubin Wright my two work steers. I do appoint my sons Reubin and Joshua my executors of my last will and testament this eleventh day August 1781.

Robert Wright

(1) -The word Mary has been squeezed into space in front of wife. It may have originally said my wife.

2 Uriah's was definitely written by someone else. Rather than the person who copied the will.

26 May 1783

This writing was produced as the last will and testament of Robert Wright deceased and on examining sundry witnesses the court are of opinion the the same was wholly wrote by the testator and that same ought to be recorded as his true last will and testament. And the executors therein named having refused to act on the motion of Austen Wright and he having given bond with security and taking the of according to law is granted him for obtaining letters of administration of the said estate with this his will annexed.

Teste Ead Drury Stith tt C(?)

*Supplied by Joyce Featherston Hawkins*

## SIR HARRY AND THE DAIRY MAID

"Sir Harry FeatherstoneHaugh, master of the great house of Uppark, in Sussex took his supervisory duties even further. In 1824, exhausted from a colourful life and a series of amours that included Emma Hart, later Lady Hamilton, love of Admiral Nelson's life, he retired to his country house at the age of 70 and married his own 21-year-old dairy maid, the aptly named Mary Ann Bullock. The romance bloomed in Uppark's dairy—a cool, prettily tiled room shelved with marble, designed to showcase the clotted cream, junkets, and delicate cream cheeses made in the adjoining dairy scullery. As Sir Harry sat on a bench outside the dairy, he heard Mary Ann singing as she worked. After further discreet inspection, he presented himself at the door of the dairy and asked her to marry him. She was speechless. 'Don't answer me now,' Sir Harry reputedly said, but 'if you will have me, cut a slice out of the leg of mutton that is coming up for my dinner today.' She did, much to the fury of the cook. Sir Harry lived to be 92 and Mary Ann, with her sister Fanny, remained in charge of Uppark until the end of the century".

"British Heritage" published in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. article written by Christina Hardyment  
*Sent in by Dennis Featherstone, Member no. 84*

**Beryl says:-**

In her book 'Uppark and its People' Lady Meade Featherstonhaugh of Uppark said that the 'two old ladies' at Uppark were Mary Ann's sister Frances and Miss Sutherland. Frances changed her name to Featherstonhaugh and was granted the coat of arms when Mary Ann died in 1875. Miss Sutherland was an illegitimate daughter of Sir Harry and had lived in Uppark since before his marriage, as a batchelor, to Mary Ann. Miss Sutherland died in 1893 and Frances in 1895.

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