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1. INTRODUCTION

The Presbyterians, Unitarians, Independents and Baptists

Among the ejected of 1662 was the Rev. John REYNOLDS, then rector of St. Peter's collegiate church, Wolverhampton. To him, and to those of like mind, must be attributed the gathering together for religious fellowship of the nonconforming and Puritan groups of the town. Representing at that time the general Puritan body of dissent, they undoubtedly comprised of people of Independent, Baptist and Presbyterian leanings.

Initially the group met together for worship in their own houses, but in 1701, they were strong enough to build a chapel in John Street. The chapel was registered for dissenting worship in 1702 by the Rev. John STUBBS, minister of the chapel. The first Trustees were Joseph TURTON, Thomas SUTTON, John SCOTT, Abraham PEARSON and the Rev. Stubbs. This was not the only meeting house for Presbyterians at this time, for we find George BOWELL, an ironmonger, also registered his house for worship by the Presbyterians in 1704.

The John Street chapel suffered, like so many others, from the riots of 1715. The chapel itself was destroyed, the damage being estimated to be £254:16:2d. Mr. Joseph TURTON, gentleman, one of the original Trustees, registered the Old Hall, Wolverhampton, in which he 'doth inhabit and dwell' for worship in 1715. Presumably this was to allow the congregation to continue to meet until the chapel could be rebuilt.

In 1739 the dwelling house of Anne MANSELL in John's Lane was registered for worship by the Presbyterians and this was probably connected in some way with the John Street Chapel.

The John Street Chapel was undoubtedly the mother of all the dissenting causes in Wolverhampton. However, it saw much controversy during its life. In the early part of the 18th century, but certainly under Nathaniel LAWSON and John STUBBS, the first two ministers, the congregation held orthodox Trinitarian views. When John STUBBS died in 1740, his successor was said to be 'orthodox in principle, but not in practice'. During his ministry, the chapel remained closed for some years although he retained possession of the Meeting House and its associated dwelling house. In the end, he was turned out by the intervention of the Dissenting Deputies and the filing of a bill in chancery.

The next pastor, Phillip HOLLAND, was considered more liberal during his period of ministry from 1748 to 1754. However, the Rev. John COLE who was pastor from around 1760 to 1781 was again suspected of being unsound in faith. His successor, a Mr. JAMESON, then of Warminster and a committed Trinitarian, was elected by the Trustees and the congregation. However, this result did not represent the wishes of the majority of the ten Trustees, of which there were six Unitarians, three Trinitarians and one neutral. When Mr. JAMESON arrived with his family, he found both the chapel and house locked, and one of the Trustees, Peter PEARSON, confronted him and refused admission. Thus the Unitarians took control of the chapel and appointed a minister of their own choosing, a Mr. GRIFFITHS. This chapel then remained Unitarian until 1815.

The Rev. JAMESON, with his congregation of Presbyterians, were therefore forced out and fitted up a barn in Pountney's Fold, off Dudley Street, as a meeting house. We find amongst the registrations for dissenting worship, in 1781, 'a certain building situate in a certain street called Princes Street, the property of the heirs of the late Richard PRUE, ironmonger, lately occupied as a barn by Richard GREEN, victualler.' The other petitioners were given as Benjamin MANDER, John MANDER, William JENKINS, Charles HUNTER and Joseph LANE. Other names recorded in the Church Book include John SMITH, William FOSTER, William COOK, Henry PARKES, Thomas SMITH, John MACHIN, Joseph PRICE, James WRIGHT, James WRIGHT, Charles FOSTER, Thomas FOXHALL, James ROOPER, Samuel LONES and George TALBOTT.

In 1782, a new chapel was built in Temple Street, then known as Grey Pea Walk, and the majority of the congregation from Pountney's Fold moved there. The land had been bought by Charles HUNTER, step-father to Benjamin MANDER, and these two registered the building for dissenting worship in 1783. The witnesses to the registration were: John HANBURY, John CHALLENGER, John MANDER, William JENKINS, John SMITH, James PARROTT, Charles HUNTER and John VERNON. Whilst this group were originally Presbyterian, the church declined under the rather eccentric Rev. John GODWIN until he left in 1829. From 1832 to 1843 the pastorate was held by the Rev. Henry ROGERS, a minister from the Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion. The congregation moved to a new chapel in Snow Hill in 1849 (registered by John BAKER, an ironmaster of Wolverhampton) and eventually joined the Independents.

A minority of the original society in Pountney's Fold continued to worship

25 Feb 1779 Mary ², d of Nathan and Eliz ORME, born 6 Feb
 6 Apr Lucy, 4th ch of Jos: and Ann STANLY, born 3 Mar
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 19 Apr John, s of William and Elizh BLAKEMAN, born 31 Mar
 23 Apr Susanna ², d of Isaac and Ann HADLEY, born 6 Apr
 17 May Benjamin ², 1st ch of Benjamin and Elizh MANDER, born 2 May
 13 Jun William, 1st ch of John and Elizabeth MANSELL ¹, at Shrewsbury,
 of Pulley Common in Parish of Meolbraces Shropshire,
 born 15 May
 16 Jul Jane ², June 80, d of Cornelius and Jane CAULDWELL, born 27 Jun
 15 Aug Mary d of Willm and Mary CLARKE ¹, Publickly live in
 Pipers row, born 15 Jul
 28 Oct Sarah, 1st ch of Joseph and Sarah WELLINGS, born 21 Oct
 7 Nov Isaac, s of Wm and Mary WHITEHOUSE ¹, at W. Bromwich, born
 17 Oct
 11 Nov John, s of John and Rebecca HANBURY, born 20 Oct
 22 Nov William Nov 80, s of Willm and Sarah JENKINS, born 8 Nov
 2 Jan 1780 Joseph, s of Wm and Mary WHITE ¹, W Bromwich, born
 16 Nov 1779
 21 Jan Mary, 2nd child of Thos and Hannah ELWALL, born 9 Jan
 8 Feb John, s of Willm and Elizabeth JONES, born 26 Jan
 10 Feb Peter, s of Patrick and Sarah PATERSON ¹, from Edinburgh,
 born 4 Feb
 20 Feb Betty, d of Jos: and Betty STONE ¹, at Walsall in Publick,
 born 20 Jan
 20 Feb John, s of John and Ann DUNTERSON ¹, at Walsall with the
 former, born 4 Jan
 17 Mar Charlotte, 1st ch of Stephen by his wife Hannah STANLY,
 born 28 Jan
 27 Mar Charles, 2d ch of Benjamin and Elisabeth MANDERS, born 21 Mar
 17 May William COLE, Bapt by Mr LUCAS born 7 Apr
 7 Jun William, 5 ch of Abel and Mary STANLY, from Dundee, N Britain,
 a collier, born 18 May
 19 Jun Betty Duke, d of James and Margaret WHITE ¹, born 16 Jun
 11 Aug Thomas, 3d ch of John and Sarah SMITH, born 28 Jul
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 18 Aug (illeg) ², 6th ch of John and Phoeby JENKINS, born 2 Jul
 11 Oct Joseph, s of Josh and Mary BAKER, Bennetsfol, born 22 Sep
 26 Nov Henny, d of John and Jane UNIT at Walsall, born 17 Sep
 27 Nov Isaac, s of Josh and Hester SPITTLE ¹, All at same time at
 Walsall, born 23 Oct
 27 Nov Hannah, d of Samuel and Ann COOPER ¹, All at the same
 time at Walsall, born 9 Sep
 27 Nov John, s of Thomas and Ann DAVIS, All at same time at Walsall,
 born 12 Oct
 7 Jan 1781 William, s of Jos: and Ann BROOKES at W. Brom. at Penn,
 born 21 Sep 1780
 15 Jan Elisabeth, 1st ch of John and Elisabeth SHAW, born 31 Dec
 23 Jan Elisabeth, 2nd ch of John and Esther MANDER
 24 Jan Sarah, d of Patriok Peter and Sarah PATERSON ¹, born 13 Jan
 23 Feb Dinah, 9 child of John and Hannah PARKES or PERSHOUSE,
 born 18 Jan
 26 Feb Abraham, s of Abram and Sarah HARPER
 10 Mar James, s of James and Martha HIGGINS
 7 May Sarah, d of John and Sarah HICKCOX, by the Rev Mr WOODS of
 Dudley, born 29 Mar
 Daniel, of Joseph and Mary BAKER ¹

8 Sep 1788 Sarah, of Willm and Rachel HODGKINS, born 12 Aug
 24 Nov dead Joseph, of Joshua and Eleanor SKELDING, born 23 Nov
 11 Feb 1789 Noah, of John and Hannah ELWALL, born 24 Jan 1789
 9 Mar Adam, of Stephen and Hannah STANLEY, born 30 Dec
 15 Jun Elizabeth, of Saml and Martha JENNINGS, born 11 Jun
 31 Aug William, of Willm and Jane BUXTON, born 20 Jul
 4 Sep Mary, of John and Elizh SHAW, born 8 Aug
 4 Oct Thomas, of Thomas and Sarah CARTWRIGHT, born 22 Aug
 19 Oct William, of John and Elizh BEACH, born 1 Oct
 19 Oct William, of Joseph and Dinah SAPWELL, born 20 Sep
 1 Jan 1790 Abel, of Abel and Molly STANLEY, born 6 Dec
 4 Jan 1790 Ann, of Joseph and Sarah STANLEY, born 12 Nov 1789
 19 Mar Ann, of Benjamin and Sarah STANLEY, born 15 Feb Page 14
 6 Apr Thomas, of Daniel and Eleanor HILL, born 25 Jan
 24 Apr Margaret, of Thomas and Jane EVANS, born 12 Apr
 25 Apr Benjamin, of Joseph and Nanny WOODHOUSE, born 12 Mar
 1 Jan 1791 Maryann, of William and Jane BUXTON, born 22 Nov 1790
 4 Apr Mary, of Willm and Rachel HODGKINS, born 16 Feb 1791
 1 Aug James, of Joseph and Phebe JEVON, born 11 Jun
 1 Nov Josiah, of Joseph and Sarah STANLEY, born 5 Sep
 27 Dec John, of Joseph and Mary WALKER, born 6 Nov
 2 Feb 1792 James, of Thomas and Sarah HILL, born 11 Dec 1791
 15 Mar Mary, of Daniel and Eleanor HILL, born 9 Feb
 9 Apr William, of Thomas and Jane EVANS, born 15 Mar
 19 Jul Benjamin, of Benjn and Sarah STANLEY, born 19 Apr
 14 May Mary, of Thomas and Sarah CARTWRIGHT, born 7 Aug
 30 Aug John, of Joseph and Dinah SAPWELL, born 23 Jul
 5 Sep Maria, of Saml and Rebecca STANLEY, born 3 Sep
 8 Oct James, of Stephen and Hannah STANLEY, born 7 Jun
 16 Oct Samuel, of James and Catherine EDWARDS, born 2 Oct
 28 Nov Rachel, of John and Hannah ELWALL, born 21 Nov
 30 Dec Sarah Campbell, of James and Sarah STANLEY, Scotch Greys, born 17 Dec
 1 Jan 1793 Charles, of Willm and Jane BUXTON, born 2 Sep
 1 Jan Josiah, of Ezer and Eliza STANLEY, born 2 Oct 1792
 4 Feb Mary, of Charles and Isabella WHITLY, Sc. Greys, born 3 Feb
 19 Apr James, of Joseph and Nanny WOODHOUSE, born 15 Mar
 9 May Rachel, of Joseph and Sarah STANLEY, born 3 Feb
 15 Jul John, of Joseph and Hannah BAKER, born 31 May
 26 Sep Mary, of Titus and Sarah STANLEY, born 23 Sep
 1 Jan 1794 Henry, of Henry and Zillah POWELL, born 29 Nov
 3 Jan 1794 Joseph, of Joseph and Molly WALKER, born 2 Nov
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 9 Feb Daniel, of Daniel and Eleanor HILL, born 8 Feb 1794
 29 Mar Sarah, of Benjn and Sarah STANLEY, born 27 Dec 1793
 10 Apr Jane, of Willm and Jane WATTS, born 8 Feb
 21 Apr Thomas, of Thomas and Jane EVANS, born 26 Mar
 30 Jun John, of Thomas and Sarah HILL, born 10 May
 30 Jun Sarah, of John and Elizh SIMMONS, born 19 May
 30 Jun William, of Joseph and Dinah SAPWELL, born 21 May
 18 Sep Lee, of Joseph and Sarah STANLEY, born 25 Jun
 26 Oct 1794 Sophia, of Abel and Thankful WHITEHOUSE, born 15 Oct
 26 Dec Sophia, of John and Sarah STANLEY, born 4 Oct
 27 Jan 1795 James, of James and Catherina EDWARDS, born 27 Dec 1794
 22 Mar 1795 Thomas, of Adam and Elizh STANLEY, born 1 Nov 1794
 14 Jul Mary, of Joseph and Mary WALKER, born 15 Apr
 19 Oct George, of Abel and Thankful WHITEHOUSE, born 28 Sep
 1 Nov George, of Henry and Zilleah POWELL, born 8 Aug
 3 Nov Elizabeth, of David and Elizh EVANS, born 11 Oct

16 Nov 1795 Hannah, of Matthias and Elizh GREEN, born 30 Oct, of Walsall
 7 Dec Mary, of John and Ann PARKER, Gornell, born 17 Nov
 19 Jan 1796 Margaret, of Samuel and Rebekah STANLEY, born 20 Aug 1794
 19 Jan John, of John and Elizh SIMONS, born 17 Jan
 28 Mar Joseph, of Willm and Sarah BAKER, born 10 Mar
 29 Mar George, of Benjn and Sarah STANLEY, born 17 Dec 1795
 4 Mar Phebe, of Joseph and Hannah BAKER, born 4 May
 19 May Jane, of Thomas and Jane EVANS, born 15 May
 11 Jun Sarah, of Titus and Sarah STANLEY, born 4 Jun
 15 Jul Benjn, of Joseph and Sarah STANLEY, born 24 Apr
 22 Aug James, of Joseph and Dinah SAPWELL, born 6 Aug

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4 Sep 1796 William, of ----- BICKFORD, born 1 May 1783
 4 Sep 1796 John, of ----- BICKFORD, born 10 Jun 1784
 4 Sep 1796 Maria, of ----- BICKFORD, born 2 May 1788
 4 Sep 1796 Mary, of ----- BICKFORD, born 3 Mar 1791
 4 Sep 1796 Sarah, of ----- BICKFORD, born 21 Dec 1792
 4 Sep 1796 Daniel, of ----- STANEY, born Oct 94
 17 Sep Mary, of Thomas and Mary BACHE, Walsall, born 20 Jul
 17 Sep Samuel, of Samuel and Jane BACHE, born 13 Aug
 17 Sep Charles, of Joseph and Sarah HARDMAN, born 6 May
 25 Oct Thomas, of Thomas and Sarah HILL, born 1 Aug
 25 Oct Elizh, of Daniel and Eleanor HILL, born 18 Aug
 28 Nov Edward, of Edward and Jeaney TOLLEY, born 29 Sep
 1 Jan 1797 Moses, of Moses and Dolly BRANT, born 21 Aug 96
 5 Feb John, of Willm and Mary BLAKEMAN, born 8 Jan
 15 Feb Caroline, of Joseph and Phebe PEARSON, born 25 Nov '96
 13 Jul Mary, of James and Esther JEVONS, born 5 Nov '96
 31 Jul Edward, of Joseph and Mary WALKER, born 4 Mar
 27 Aug Elizh, of Matthias and Elizh GREEN, Walsall, born 25 May
 17 Oct James Edward, of James and Catherine EDWARD, born 7 Sep
 29 Oct Enos, of Enos and Mary STANLEY, born 29 Sep
 2 Jan 1798 Joseph, of Joseph and Sarah STANLEY, born 21 Oct
 15 Mar Jane, of John and Ann GREEN, born 1 Jan
 18 Mar Sarah, of Henry and Zillah POWELL, born 1 Feb
 18 Mar Zillah, of John and Sarah STANLEY, born 11 Jun 97
 24 Feb Phebe, of Joseph and Phebe PEARSON, born 21 Feb 1798
 6 May Elizabeth, of John and Elizh SIMONS
 20 Apr Charles, of John and Mary EDMUNDS, 18 Apr
 23 Jul Ann, of Thomas and Jane EVANS, born 17 May

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30 Sep George, of Willm and Mary BLAKEMAN, born 25 Aug 1798
 16 Oct Hannah, of John and Ann PARKER, born 4 Jul
 26 Oct Dinah, of Joseph and Dinah SAPWELL, born 16 Sep
 8 Nov Sarah, of Willm and Sarah BAKER, born 24 Oct
 4 Mar 1799 John, of Daniel and Eleanor HILL, born 28 Dec 1798
 10 Mar Elizh, of David and Elizh EVANS, born 11 Feb
 1 Apr Hannah, of Joseph and Mary WALKER, born 18 Dec '98
 26 May John, of Titus and Sarah STANLEY, born 19 May
 11 Aug Mary, of Thomas and Mary DUNCOM, born -
 13 Oct John, of Willm and Elizh MEITHVEN, born 30 Sep
 3 Nov Harriet Seager, of George and Nancy GOOD, born 20 Oct
 1 Dec Sarah, of Thomas and Sarah HILL, born 20 Oct
 28 Nov Charles, of Abel and Thankful WHITEHOUSE, born 5 Nov
 30 Dec Sarah, of Joseph and Sarah STANLEY, born 31 Oct
 23 Feb 1800 Hannah, of Henry and Zillah POWELL, born 15 Nov 99
 9 Mar Willm, of John and Elizh SIMONS, born 5 Mar
 18 Mar 1800 Mary, of Charles and Mary NOYES, born 11 Nov 1797

7 May 1810 Sarah, of Willm and Elizh METHVEN, born 8 Jun 1810 (sic)
 19 Oct 1810 John, of Willm and Sarah SPINK, born 7 May 10
 9 Sep Sarah, of Thos and Hannah HUNT, of Oldbury, born 17 Aug
 14 Oct Richard, of John and Elizh SIMMONS, born 27 May 10
 24 Mar 1811 Elizh, of Henry and Zillah POWEL, born 9? Mar 1811
 "By John EVANS Mister"
 11 Jan 1813 James, of James and Sarah BRADSHAW, born 28 Dec 1812
 11 Jan 1813 Sarah, of James and Sarah BRADSHAW, born 30 Aug 1811
 17 Jan 1813 Anna, of John and Elizh SIMMONS, born 23 Aug 1812

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Cornelius, s of Willm and Elizh METHVEN, born 6 Sep 1811
 Susanna, d of Willm and Eliza METHVEN, born 2 Jul 1813
 Hannah, d of Timothy and Hannah JEAVONS, born 14 Aug 1813
 Joseph, s of James and Sarah BRADSHAW, born 13 Sep 1814
 Jane, d of Evan and Jane JONES, born 11 Jan 1815
 William, s of John and Eliza STEWARD, born 5 Jun
 Deborah, d of James and Esther JEAVONS, born 4 Aug
 Sarah, d of Timothy and Hannah JEAVONS, born 18 Sep
 Frances, d of Willm and Eliza METHVEN, born 8 Sep
 Hannah, do of Willm and Deborah MUNN, born 10 Dec

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(Miscellaneous journals at rear of Register)

Revd STUBBS 1701 - died Feb 1 1766

Revd Mr HOLLAND came 1749 latter end of the year, left in
 spring 1754

Revd Mr COLE left Wolverhampton 1781 having been
 Pastor of the Protestant Dissenting church 21
 Years or thereabouts

- Register Mr COLE settled at W.M. August 1755

Revd Samuel GRIFFITHS succeeded Mar 1782

The Sunday school for 50 boys and 50 girls was instituted
 in 1786

The Chapel Library in 1799

5. THE REGISTERS OF THE SNOW HILL CHAPEL, UNITARIAN, 1830 - 1836

PRO Reference RG4 1426

This register is described in the PRO listings as being Presbyterian. However, the register itself clearly states that it is for the Unitarian Congregation, Wolverhampton. Also the entries are by Stephenson HUNTER who was the Unitarian minister at that time. The error probably comes about because the listing of the Registrar General gives as the heading to a column "Denomination and Date of Foundation". No doubt the Unitarian congregation would claim their foundation back to the start of the John Street Chapel and hence answered "Presbyterian 1700".

There are only a few pages of entries in the register: the remainder are blank.

7. THE REGISTERS OF DARLINGTON STREET CHAPEL, WESLEYAN METHODIST,

1793 - 1837

PRO Reference RG4 3311

This register starts in 1793 and therefore probably dates to the start of worship in the Noah's Ark Chapel. Many of the early entries are for people living outside Wolverhampton, such as at Dudley, Tipton, etc.. Thus it is likely that this was at that stage used as a circuit register.

Whilst the dates on the left hand side of this transcript were taken from the column in the register headed Date of Baptism, in many cases it would appear to be the date of birth. Also the next following register is also for Darlington Street Wesleyan Methodist Chapel for the period 1793 to 1820 and would appear to be a duplicate of this register. However, there are differences in the detail given for the same entry in each register, so both should be checked. Also, comparison between the two registers can help in deciding whether a date is for the birth or the baptism.

Page 1

- 5 Nov 1793 Fanny, of Francis and Ann SWIFT of W'Hampton, Taylor,
bapt by Thos LESSEY
- 3 Nov John, of Francis and Ann SWIFT, Taylor of W'Hampton, bapt
by Thos LESSEY
- 21 Jan 1794 Rebecca, of Willm and Ann SHORTER, of Worley Bank, bapt
by Thos LESSEY
- 15 Mar Ann, of Willm and Sarah TURNER, of W'H, bapt by Thos LESSEY
- 25 Mar 94 John, of James and Susanna JOHNSON, Miner of Ettingsall Rd,
bapt by Thos LESSEY
- 8 Mar 95 George, of Francis and Ann SWIFT, Taylor of W'H, bapt by
Thos LESSEY
- 6 Dec Hannah, of William and Jane PARTRIDGE, Publican of Darlington,
bapt by Richd ELLIOTT
- 6 Dec Amelia, of William and Jane PARTRIDGE, Publican of Darleston,
bapt by Richd ELLIOTT

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- 6 Dec Jane, of William and Jane PARTRIDGE, Publican of Darleston,
bapt by Richd ELLIOTT
- 13 Dec Fanny, of John and Mary BAGNALL, of Darleston, bapt by
Richd ELLIOTT
- 24 Mar 1796 Marv, of Sam and Betsey BILLS, of Darleston, bapt by Richd
ELLIOTT
- 12 May John, of John and Easter BELLISTON, of Darleston, bapt
by Richd ELLIOTT
- 3 Jun William Lane, of Willm and Elizh ROBINSON, of Darleston,
bapt by Richd ELLIOTT
- 3 Jun Mary, of Daniel and Elizh BAGNALL, of Darleston, bapt by
Richd ELLIOTT
- 9 Sep Ann, of Thomas and Sarah TURNER, Locksmith of W'hampton,
bapt by Joseph TAYLOR
- 25 Nov Jeremiah, of Willm and Sarah PARRIS, of W'hampton, bapt by
Joseph TAYLOR

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- 31 Oct James, of Francis and Ann SWIFT, Taylor of W'hampton,
bapt by Joseph TAYLOR
- 24 Jan 1797 James, of Willm and Ann WOOLRIDGE, of Sedgley, bapt by
Joseph TAYLOR
- 16 Mar Ann, of Thomas and Mary PARTRIDGE, Publican of Darleston,
bapt by Richd ELLIOTT
- 27 Feb Elizh, of John and Ann ALLENTON, of Bilston, bapt by
Joseph TAYLOR
- 12 Feb Aaron Lindon, of Willm and Ann GRIFFITHS, of Wednesbury,
bapt by Richd ELLIOTT
- 25 May Samuel, of Willm and Jane PARTRIDGE, of Darleston, bapt by
Richd ELLIOTT
- 2 Aug Jerimiah, of John and Jane SHADWICK, of W'hampton, bapt by
TAYLOR
- 1 Dec Ann, of John and Elizh JACKSON, Brassfounder of W'hampton,
bapt by TAYLOR

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- 14 Jan 98 James, of John and Sarah GRINSELL, Locksmith of W'hampton,
bapt by TAYLOR
- 29 Sep 97 Mary, of Willm and Sarah BATE, of Sedgley, bapt by TAYLOR
- 31 Jul Maryann, of John and Ann BARNETT, Chandler of W'hampton,
bapt by TAYLOR
- 23 Feb 98 James, of Benjn. Lowe and Mary BAKER, of W'hampton, bapt by
TAYLOR
- 12 Apr Ann, of Francis and Ann SWIFT, Taylor of W'hampton, bapt by
TAYLOR

- 17 Jun John, of Willm and Hannah SMITH, Japanner of Monmore Grn,
bap by Thos ASHTON
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- 29 Jun Eusebius, of Edwd and Jane COWLY, Mortice Locksmith of
Tettenhall, bap by Thos ASHTON
- 11 Jun 1826 Mary Ann, of Richd and Dorothy TYRER, Painter of W'hampton,
bap by Titus CLOSE
- 11 Jun James, of John and Ann MARRIAN, Cordwainer of W'hampton,
bap by Titus CLOSE
- 17 Jun John, of Thomas and Sarah LING, Locksmith of W'hampton,
bap by Thos ASHTON
- 25 Jul John, of John and Elizh SMITH, Locksmith of Coven, Brewood,
bap by Thos ASHTON
- 27 Jul Mary Ann, of Isaiah and Sarah BAKER, Screwmaker of Sedgely,
bap by Thos ASHTON
- 20 Aug Sarah, of Joseph and Mary TRANTOR, Miner of Ettingshall,
bap by Thos ASHTON
- 20 Aug Ellen, of Ephraim and Cathrine SLINN, Locksmith of W'hampton,
bap by Thos ASHTON
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- 17 Jul 1826 Mary, of Joseph and Mary SOUTHAN, of Ettingshall Rd,
bap by Titus CLOSE
- 17 Jul Martha, of Joseph and Mary SOUTHAN of Ettingshall Rd,
bap by Titus CLOSE
- 29 Jul James, of Edwd and Eliza MADLEY, of Monmore Grn,
bap by Thos ASHTON
- 31 Jul Thomas, of Willm and Hannah JONES of Rough Hills, bap
by Titus CLOSE
- 31 Jul Thomas, of Richd and Elizh HODEN, Collier of Monmore Grn,
bap by Titus CLOSE
- 11 Dec 1826 Richard, of Willm and Elizh BRATT, Boatman of Ettingshall
Rd, bap by Thos ASHTON
- 23 Dec Willm, of John and Ann MOUTH of Ettingshall Rd, bap by Titus CLOSE
- 11 Aug 1826 Eliza, of John and Ellen GABBETT of Ettingshall Rd,
bap by Thos ASHTON
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- 18 Aug Sarah, of John and Sarah WARD of Monmore Grn, bap by Titus CLOSE
- 10 Sep Anne Maria, of Samuel and Mary STOKES, Wood Sore Maker
of W'hampton, bap by Titus CLOSE, was born 26 Aug
- 15 Oct 1826 Maria Anne, of Thomas and Elizh THRUSTANS, Tailor of
W'hampton, bap by R TYRER
- 15 Oct Rebecca, of Richard and Ann COLEY, Locksmith of Tettenhall,
bap by Titus CLOSE, aged 3 Weeks
- 24 Dec Thomas, of Thomas and Lucy ELLIS, Shoemaker of Strawhall
nr W'hampton, bap by A G JEWITT, born 29 Nov
- 11 Jan Jane, of Augustine and Sarah DEVENPORT, Gardener of
Tettenhall Wood, born 6 Dec, bap by A G JEWITT
- 21 Jan John, of Abraham and Anne PRIEST, Miner of Oxford St,
W'hampton, born 5 Jan, bap by A G JEWITT
- 21 Jan 1827 Jane, of James and Jane BLAKEMORE, Stock Locksmith of Middle
Row, W'hampton, born 28 Dec, bap by A G JEWITT
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- 4 Feb 1827 Mary Jane, of William and Maria CHEADLE, Locksmith of
Pountney Fold, W'hampton, born 12 Jan, bap
by A G JEWITT
- 22 Apr 1827 Theodore, of John and Sarah HILL, Paper Tray Maker of
W'hampton, bap by R TYRER
- 1 Jul 1827 Caroline, of Thos and Elizh GIDDINGS, Engineer of Dudley Rd,
W'hampton, bap by A G JEWITT, born 9 Apr

- 22 Jul 1827 Samuel, of Samuel and Anne SMITH, Locksmith of Briekiln St, W'hampton, was born 1 Jul 1827, and bap by A G JEWITT
- 22 Jul James, of Thomas and Mary WALTON, Tin plate worker of Briekiln St, W'hampton, was born 30 Jun, and bap by A G JEWITT
- 13 Aug Solomon, of John and Jane MURCOTT, Cabt Lockmaker of Darlington St, W'hampton, was born the same day, and bap by A G JEWITT
- 2 Sep Rosanna, of John and Sarah ALLEN, File Cutter of Temple St, W'hampton, was born 17 Aug, and bap by A G JEWITT
- 23 Sep Mary, of Joseph and Mary BATE, Locksmith of Union St, W'hampton, born 26 Aug, and bap by R MELSON
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- 21 Oct Noah, of Samuel and Anne BUCKLEY, Keymaker of Charles St, W'hampton, born 27 Sep, and bap by R MELSON
- 28 Oct Timothy, of Edward and Celia SWINDLEY, Hawker of Horseley Flds, W'hampton, was born 10 Oct, and bap by A G JEWITT
- 28 Oct Elizabeth, of Thomas and Mary HANCHER, Cordwainer of Salop St, W'hampton, was born 3 Oct, and bap by A G JEWITT
- 25 Dec 1825 Ruth, of Samuel and Anne BUCKLEY, Keymaker of Charles St, W'hampton, was born 30 Nov 1825, bap by T. ASHTON
- 11 Nov 1827 Elizh Cottrell, of Richd Walker and Catherine SLACK, Draper of High Green, W'hampton, was born 11 Sep 1827, and bap by A G JEWITT
- 12 Nov Thomas, of Zaocheys and Mary GREEN, Locksmith of Snow Hill, W'hampton, was born same day, bap by A G JEWITT
- 16 Mar William, of Thos and Elizh MARTIN, Shoemaker of Salop St, W'hampton, was born 6 Mar, and bap by A G JEWITT
- 28 Mar 1828 Enoch, of John and Jane HAYLEY, Schoolmaster of North St, W'hampton, was born 28 Mar 1828, and bap by A G JEWITT
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- 30 Mar Mary, of Abraham and Anne PRILEY, Miner of Oxford St, W'hampton, was born 14 Mar and bap by A G JEWITT
- 24 Apr 1828 Harriet Esther, of Joseph and Amelia FLETCHER, Baker of Can Lane, Sedgely, was born 13 Jul 1827, bap by A G JEWITT
- 11 May Edward, of Edwd Hayling and Mary COLEMAN, Surgeon etc of Salop St, W'hampton, was born 29 Feb 1828, and bap by A G JEWITT
- 11 May Samuel, of John and Caroline BENNETT, Cabt Locksmith of Darlington St, W'hampton, born 22 Apr 1828, bap by A G JEWITT
- 13 May Harriet, of Joseph and Elizh McDONALD, Shoemaker of Coven, was born 19 Apr 1828, and bap by A G JEWITT
- 29 May Mary, of Thomas and Mary HEMINGSLEY, Nailcutter of Horseley Fields, W'hampton, born 20 May 1828, bap by A G JEWITT
- 2 Jun Elizh, of Willm and Maria SOUTHALL, Miner of Green Lane, W'hampton, was born 15 May, and bap by R NELSON
- 3 Nov 1828 Isaiah, of Henry and Rosannah BENNETT, Miner of Pultney St, W'hampton, was bap by HODGSON
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- 2 spaces, then
- 16 Jan 1829 John, of Eli and Ann BRADNEY of Eittingshall Rd, was born 31 Dec, and bap by John HODGSON
- 25 Jan 1829 John, of William and Ann HOLT, of Bilbrook, was bap by Thos THRUSTANS
- 29 Mar Titus, of George and Elizh SPRUSE, Miner of W'hampton, bap by Wm HOMER
- 31 May 1829 Sarah, of Edward and Celia SWINDLEY, Tradesman of W'hampton, was born 19 May, and bap by M RUSSELL
- 5 Jul 1829 Ellen, of Joseph and Ann DAINTY, Miner of Goldthorn Hill, bap by John HODGSON

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- 6 Sep 1809 Thomas and Sophia, of John and Sarah WILLIAMS of Coven were
bap by John SCHOFIELD
Sarah, of - - - - CHEADLE of Coven, Brewood, was born 2 Oct 09,
and bap by John SCHOFIELD
Matilda, of Edwd and Mary Ann COOKSEY, was born 8 Oct 09,
and bap by John SCHOFIELD
- 29 Apr 1810 Elisabeth, of Willm and Sarah COLLEY of Sedgely, was born
7 Apr 10, and bap by John SCHOFIELD

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- (Repeat of Thomas + Sophia)
Dalina, of Francis and Mary NORTHALL of Ettenshall, was born
16 Jan 10, and bap by John SCHOFIELD
- 22 Apr 1810 John, of Gorge and Mary BROWN of Coven, was bap by John SCHOFIELD
- 25 Jul 1810 Isaac, of Richd and Ellen MATHEW, born 1 Jul 10,
and bap by John SCHOFIELD

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- 29 Aug 1809 Ann, of Joseph and Elizabeth McDONALD of Coven, Cordwainer, born
1 Aug 09, and bap by SYKES
- 12 Sep 1809 Mary, of Joseph and Elizabeth TOMKINSON, Locksmith of Brewood,
was born Aug 09, and bap by SYKES
- 10 Jul 1810 John, of Thomas and Ruth LANE, Locksmith of Brewood, was
born 10 Jun 10, and bap by SYKES
- 2 Mar 1810 Thomas, of Willm and Ann MANWARING, Miner of Bilston, was
born 22 Jan 10, and bap by SYKES

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- 11 Aug 1807 Ann, of Wm and Ann MANWARING, Miner of W'hampton, was born
8 Aug 07, and bap by SYKES
- 28 Aug 1810 Willm, of David and Mary TORRIL, Day labourer of Ettingshall,
was born "6 weeks before", and bap by SYKES
- 31 Dec 1809 Thomas, of Jeremiah and Mary CROWTHER, Carpenter of Ettingshall,
was born 26 Apr 09, and bap by SYKES
- 12 Feb 1811 William, of Willm and Ann HARPER, Whitesmith of Parkshall,
Sedgely, was born 30 Sep 10, and bap by SYKES
- Jonas, of John and Elish JACOBSON, of W'hampton, was born
24 Aug 09, and bap by SCHOFIELD

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- 18 Nov 1810 Susanna, of Thomas and Sarah BARTSHORN of Can-lane, was born
30 Aug 10, and bap by Wm HOLMES
- 19 Jan 1811 Geo and Jno Willm, of John and Sarah JONES of W'hampton,
were born 18 Jan 11, and bap by Wm HOLMES
- 5 Feb 1811 Margrett, of Benjn and Mary MAINWARING of W'hampton, was
born 23 Jan 11, and bap by Wm HOLMES
- 14 Apr 1811 Eliza, of Abraham and Sarah SAYES of Bilston, was born
1 Mar 11, and bap by Wm HOLMES
- 2 Jun 1811 Isaac, of Francis and Rebekah CARTER of Ettingshall Lane,
was born 25 May 11, and bap by Wm HOLMES

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- 23 Jun 1811 Rebekah, of Edwd and Mary Ann COOKSEY of W'hampton, was born
10 May 11, and bap by G. DEVERELL
- 31 Oct 1811 Mary Ann, of Edwd and Mary WOOLEY of W'hampton, was born
29 Oct 11, and bap by G. DEVERELL
- 3 Nov 1811 Benjamin, of Francis and Mary NORTHALL of Ettingshall Lane,
was born 17 Sep 11, and bap by G. DEVERELL
- 17 Nov 1811 Johannah, of Joseph and Mary SPENCER of Bilston, was born
2 Nov 11

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- 30 Dec 1811 Hanah, of Jeremiah and Mary CROWTHER, Carpenter of Etting'11
Lane, was born 21 Oct 11, and bap by G. DEVERELL

- 1 Jan 1812 Elizabeth, of Richd and Ellen MATHIS, of Bilston, was born 29 Nov 11, and bap by G. DEVERELL
- 15 Jan 1812 Thomas, of Thomas and Mary WARD of Bilston, was born 18 Dec 11, and Bap by G. DEVERELL
- 1 Dec 1811 Thomas, of John and Elinor KAY of Bilston, was born 9 May 10, and bap by David CLARK
- 19 Jan 1812 Willm, of Wm and Mary BRIERLAY of Bilston, was born 17 Dec 11, and bap by David CLARK

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- 1 Apr 1812 Josiah and Samuel, of John and Sarah WILLIAMS of Coven, were born 3 Apr 12, and bap by DEVERELL
- 12 Apr 1812 Martha, of Robt and Mary GROOM of Bilston, was born 17 Jan 12, and bap by DEVERELL
- 5 May 1812 Elizabeth, of Jas and Sarah BURTON of Etting'll Lane, was born 19 Feb 12, and bap by DEVERELL
- 22 May 1812 Samuel, of John and Mary WILLMS of Etting'll Lane, was born 6 May 12, and bap by DEVERELL

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- 22 May 1812 Mather, of Edwd and Catherine ONIONS of Etting'll Lane, was born 24 Apr 12, and bap by DEVERELL
- 9 Jun 1812 Elizabeth, of Thomas and Ruth LANE of Standiford, was born 18 May 12, and bap by DEVERELL
- 5 Jul 1812 Mary, of Joseph and Mary McDONALD of Brewood, was born 12 Jun 12, and bap by DEVERELL
- 13 Oct 1812 Sarah, of Thomas and Elizh WADE of Brewood, was born 17 Sep 12, and bap by DEVERELL

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- 12 Oct 1812 Isaac, of Thos and Hannev EVANS of Etting'll Lane, was born 27 Sep 12, and bap by DEVERELL
- 7 Jan 1813 Dinah, of John and Elizh JACKSON of W'hampton, was born 1 Sep 12, and bap by DEVERELL

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- 19 Mar 1813 James, of Thomas and Mary WALTERS of Bilston, was born 19 Mar 13, and bap by DEVERELL
- 12 May 1813 Edward Edwin, of John and Sarah JONES of W'hampton, was born 11 Mar 13, and bap by Deverell
- 11 May 1813 Edward, of John and Susanna HOMER of Bilston, was born 28 Apr 13, and bap by Josh GOODWIN
- 11 May 1813 James Owen, of John and Ann SMITH, born 1 Mar 13, bap by Josh GOODWIN

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- 12 Sep 1813 Thomas, of Thomas and Mary DIMMOCK of Can Lane, was born 21 Aug 13, and bap by W HARRISON
- 19 Dec 1813 Enock, of Thomas and Ann NORMECUT of Bilston, bap by W HOMER
- 2 Jan 1814 William, of Thomas and Mary SWIFT of Can Lane, was born 25 Sep 13, and bap by HARRISON
- 2 Jan 1814 Samuel, of Joseph and Mary NICHOLS of Can Lane, was born 28 Dec 13, and bap by HARRISON

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- 13 Feb 1814 Joseph, of Benjn and Sarah FULLWOOD of W'hampton, was born 20 Jan 14, and bap by HARRISON
- 21 Aug 1814 John, of Richd and Ellen WATKINS of Bilston, was born 12 Jul 14, and bap by HARRISON
- 23 Aug 1814 George, of Thos and Elizh WADE of Coven, was born 24 Jul 14, and bap by HARRISON

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- 18 Sep 1814 Hannah, of Joseph and Elizh TOMKINSON, was born 4 Aug 14, and bap by HARRISON

9. MEMBERSHIP LIST FOR WOLVERHAMPTON PRIMITIVE METHODISTS. 1827

The Darlaston Primitive Methodist Circuit Minute Book has a membership list for the chapels within the circuit, as of the 26th March 1827. There is only one congregation listed for Wolverhampton and the names entered therein are given below:

Wolverhampton

Ann FLETCHER Leader
Wm FLETCHER
Wm EMERY
Jane HOWELL 600
Elish BOOT
Peter MARTIN
Thos EDWARDS
Louisa WARD
James COOPER
Rachael COOPER
Elish HOUGH
Mary CARTWRIGHT

10. OTHER REGISTRATIONS OF PLACES FOR DISSIDENTING WORSHIP IN WOLVERHAMPTON

The Toleration Act of 1689 allowed freedom of worship to Protestant Dissenters from the Church of England. Under the provisions of the Act, all such dissenting congregations were required to register their meeting house with the clerk of the county, city or borough in which the building was situated or with the appropriate Bishop or Archdeacon. Many of these registrations have already been quoted where they can be directly associated with a particular denomination or chapel. The following are the remaining registrations for the parish of Wolverhampton up to 1850

- The house of John ADAMS, joyner of John's Lane, Wolverhampton, was registered at the Epiphany Sessions, 1698/9 *
- A warehouse lately in the possession of Mr Benjamin STUBBS, but now of Paul PANNHIDE, situated near Cook Street, Wolverhampton, was registered by Paul PANNHIDE at the Epiphany Sessions, 1760
- Joseph CARTWRIGHT registered his house situated in Rotton Row, Wolverhampton, at the Easter Sessions 1762
- A Chapel called the Great House, Wolverhampton, was registered for Roman Catholics at the Translation Sessions 1791. Witnessed by John CARTER, Priest.
- A Meeting House lately erected at Wolverhampton was registered by Thomas SMITH at the Epiphany Sessions 1796. Witnesses were: Thomas SMITH, William SCARLETT, George OFFLEY and Isaac PUGH. Situated in Grey Pea Walk.
- The Mount Zion Chapel at Shooters Hill, Wolverhampton, was registered by William BAILEY on 28 October 1809. Witnesses were: William ASHMOLE, Jos BOOTH, John CHATFIELD, William BAILEY Junr, William BAILEY, Thomas GRAINGER and William BALKIN.
- A chapel at Cann Lane, Wolverhampton, registered by James ELDERSHIRE, tailor of Wolverhampton on 12 June 1813
- A School Room in Church Street, Wolverhampton, registered by Joseph PEARSON of Wolverhampton on 28 August 1817
- The house of Francis GENDERTON was registered by William LANE on 11 December 1820.
- A house at Wolverhampton was registered by James GRINGELL on 6 April 1821
- A room occupied by John LARGE in Wolverhampton was registered by Anthony WILD on 18 September 1822.
- Richard GREEN registered his house in St. James Square, Wolverhampton, on 22 February 1824. Richard GREEN was an upholster.
- The house occupied by William RILEY (or WILEY) was registered by him and Charles MANDER, japanner of Wolverhampton, on 24 Oct 1825
- John YORK registered his house in Green Lane, Wolverhampton, on 20 Nov 1828
- A chapel in Wolverhampton was registered by Henry WESTWOOD, steelyarn maker of Wolverhampton, on 24 September 1829.
- A room in Queen Street, Wolverhampton, was registered by William WARD, file maker, and Thomas SAVAGE, both of Wolverhampton, on 11 December 1829
- A room in Temple Street, Wolverhampton, registered by Farmer DAVIS, japanner of Wolverhampton, on 6 March 1835
- A room in Temple Street, Wolverhampton, registered by George Bradney GILFEN on 4 September 1846
- A room in Wolverhampton, St. James Square, registered by James Ferguson BELL on 21 June 1849, with Richard BRAMMER, Richard RAMSELL, James BELL, Edward CLARK and Henry PUTTEN
- * The house of Elizabeth PINSON, spinster of Wolverhampton, was registered Epiphany Sessions 1698/9

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