
Generation No. 1

1. Mathew¹ REDFERN, b. about 1640. Married Maria.

At the same time that Mathew and Maria were having their family in Wetton, there was also a John and Maria Redfern having children. There is no proved connection but it is possible that John and Mathew were brothers. John and Maria had Maria, baptised 10 Jan 1669 and Millecent, 16 Jun 1672.

There is also a Frances and Grace Redfern, who had a son John on 27 Jun 1706 in Wetton. The birth of Frances has not been found but there is a possibility that he may be a child of Mathew and Maria.

Children of Mathew REDFERN and Maria:

- 2 i. **Mathew REDFERN**, b. about 1664.
- ii. **Thomas REDFERN**, b. 29 Jul 1666, at Wetton, Staffs.
- iii. **Maria REDFERN**, b. 28 Feb 1668, at Wetton, Staffs.
- iv. **Elizabeth REDFERN**, b. 18 Feb 1671, at Wetton, Staffs.
- v. **Millecent REDFERN**, b. 16 Jan 1672, at Wetton, Staffs.
- vi. **Ann REDFERN**, b. 11 Jul 1675, at Wetton, Staffs.

Generation No. 2

2. Mathew² REDFERN (*Mathew¹*), b. about 1664. Married Ann COLLIER ? 2 May 1700, at Ellastone, Staffs.

The only Ann Collier we have found was bap 30 May 1681 in Uttoxeter, daughter of Thomas Collier

Children of Mathew REDFERN and Ann COLLIER ?:

- 3 i. **Maria REDFERN**, b. 28 Feb 1669, at Wetton, Staffs.
- ii. **Mathewe REDFERN**, b. 28 Sep 1703, at Wetton, Staffs.¹
- iii. **Ann REDFERN**, b. at (not found in Wetton), d. 1 Feb 1706, at Wetton, Staffs.

Generation No. 3

3. Mathewe³ REDFERN (*Mathew²*, *Mathew¹*), b. 28 Sep 1703, at Wetton, Staffs.¹ Married Elizabeth



BIRCH 11 Jun 1730, at Wetton, Staffs. She was the daughter of William BIRCH and Hannah\susannah? MILLARD\MILLWARD?. Elizabeth BIRCH was b. 27 Mar 1700/1, at Wetton, Staffs.

Children of Mattheve REDFERN and Elizabeth BIRCH:

- i. **Anne REDFERN**, b. 3 Dec 1731, at Wetton, Staffs, d. 6 Dec 1731, at Wetton, Staffs.
- ii. **Matthew REDFERN**, b. 23 Jun 1732, at Wetton, Staffs.
- iii. **Elizabeth REDFERN**, b. 3 Jun 1732, at Wetton, Staffs.
- 4 iv. **John REDFERN**, b. 4 Jan 1734, at Wetton, Staffs.
- 5 v. **Francis REDFERN**, b. 4 Aug 1738, at Wetton, Staffs, d. 19 Feb 1793, at Wetton, Staffs.
- 6 vi. **William REDFERN**, b. 23 Mar 1743, at Wetton, Staffs.



Generation No. 4

4. John⁴ REDFERN (*Mattheve³, Mathew², Mathew¹*), b. 4 Jan 1734, at Wetton, Staffs. Married Mary. Mary d. 15 Nov 1776, at Wetton, Staffs.

Children of John REDFERN and Mary:

- 7 i. **Jo. REDFERN**, b. 5 Oct 1760, at Wetton, Staffs.
- ii. **Anne REDFERN**, b. 15 Jul 1763, at Wetton, Staffs. Married William ALLCOCK 8 Feb 1785, at Wetton, Staffs.
- iii. **Francis REDFERN**, b. 16 Nov 1766, at Wetton, Staffs, d. 9 Feb 1770, at Wetton, Staffs.
- iv. **Francis REDFERN**, b. 25 Mar 1770, at Wetton, Staffs, d. 25 Jan 1776, at Wetton, Staffs.

5. Francis⁴ REDFERN (*Mattheve³, Mathew², Mathew¹*), b. 4 Aug 1738, at Wetton, Staffs, d. 19 Feb 1793, at Wetton, Staffs. Married Mary MELLOR 5 Apr 1770.² Mary MELLOR d. 2 May 1799, at Wetton, Staffs.

Children of Francis REDFERN and Mary MELLOR:

- i. **Matthew REDFERN**, b. 8 Sep 1771, at Wetton, Staffs.
- ii. **Jane REDFERN**, b. 10 Oct 1773, at Wetton, Staffs, d. 22 Nov 1778.
- iii. **Elizabeth REDFERN**, b. 11 Apr 1776, at Wetton, Staffs, d. 10 Feb 1777, at Wetton, Staffs.
- iv. **Frances REDFERN**, b. 4 Feb 1780, at Wetton, Staffs. Married Millicent



LOWNDS 1807.²

6. William⁴ REDFERN (*Mathewe³, Mathew², Mathew¹*), b. 23 Mar 1743, at Wetton, Staffs. Married Ann JOHNSON 29 Oct 1768, at Wetton, Staffs.

Children of William REDFERN and Ann JOHNSON:

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- i. **Thomas REDFERN**, b. 9 Apr 1769, at Wetton, Staffs, d. 23 May 1827, at Wetton, Staffs.
 - ii. **Elizabeth REDFERN**, b. 19 Feb 1771, at Wetton, Staffs.
 - iii. **William REDFERN**, b. 3 Nov 1772, at Wetton, Staffs. This could be the William in the 1841 Census(1007#9) aged 65-69 who was a spar (fluorspar) miner
 - iv. **John REDFERN**, b. 14 May 1775, at Wetton, Staffs.
 - v. **Bette REDFERN**, b. ? oct 1777, at Wetton, Staffs, d. 17 Jan 1778, at Wetton, Staffs.
 - vi. **Ann REDFERN**, b. 2 Apr 1782, at Wetton, Staffs.
 - vii. **Matthe REDFERN**, b. 20 Nov 1785, at Wetton, Staffs.
 - viii. **Sarah REDFERN**, b. 17 Oct 1787, at Wetton, Staffs.
 - ix. **Elizabeth REDFERN**, b. 6 Feb 1791, at Wetton, Staffs.

Generation No. 5

7. Jo.⁵ REDFERN (*John⁴, Mathewe³, Mathew², Mathew¹*), b. 5 Oct 1760, at Wetton, Staffs. Married Mary.

It is possible that John married Mary Cock on 9 Jan 1785 in Wetton

Children of Jo. REDFERN and Mary:

- i. **John REDFERN**, b. 23 Nov 1786, at Wetton, Staffs.³
- ii. **William REDFERN**, b. 3 Sep 1792, at Wetton, Staffs.³

8. Thomas⁵ REDFERN (*William⁴, Mathewe³, Mathew², Mathew¹*), b. 9 Apr 1769, at Wetton, Staffs, d. 23 May 1827, at Wetton, Staffs. Married Mary. Mary was b. 1870,⁴ bur. 21 Aug 1814, at Wetton, Staffs.

Thomas was a cordwainer, at least from 1807 to 1813

Children of Thomas REDFERN and Mary:

- i. **William REDFERN**, b. 14 Aug 1799, at Wetton, Staffs.
- ii. **Francis REDFERN**, b. 2 Aug 1801, at Wetton, Staffs.
- iii. **Ann REDFERN**, b. 24 Jun 1803, at Wetton, Staffs.
- 9 iv. **John REDFERN**, b. 23 Jun 1805, at Wetton, Staffs, d. before 1881.
- 10 v. **Matthew REDFERN**, b. 31 May 1807, at Wetton, Staffs.
- 11 vi. **Thomas REDFERN**, b. 25 Dec 1809, at Wetton, Staffs, d. 27 May 1877, at Wetton, Staffs.⁵
- vii. **Mary REDFERN**, b. 15 Mar 1812, at Wetton, Staffs.
- viii. **Sarah REDFERN**, b. 21 Aug 1814, at Wetton, Staffs, d. 2 Sep 1814, at Wetton, Staffs.



Generation No. 6

9. John⁶ REDFERN (*Thomas⁵, William⁴, Mathewe³, Mathew², Mathew¹*), b. 23 Jun 1805, at Wetton, Staffs, d. before 1881. Married Mary BIRCH.

John was given as a Farmer of Wetton in the parish register for all of his children, except for Mary and Ann, 1822 and 1823, when he was a miller at Wetton Hill.

Children of John REDFERN and Mary BIRCH:

- i. **John REDFERN**, b. 19 Sep 1820, at Wetton, Staffs. John was illegitimate
- ii. **Mary REDFERN**, b. 27 Mar 1822, at Wetton, Staffs. Married CANTRELL about 1845.
- iii. **Ann REDFERN**, b. 27 Jul 1825, at Wetton, Staffs.
- iv. **John REDFERN**, b. 31 Jan 1826, at Wetton, Staffs. Married Mary A. The children of John and Mary Ann are obtained from the 1881 Census of Wetton. They were living at the Royal Oak at the time.
- v. **William REDFERN**, b. 1 Jun 1827, at Wetton, Staffs.
- vi. **Sarah REDFERN**, b. 4 May 1829, at Wetton, Staffs.
- vii. **Samuel REDFERN**, b. 20 Nov 1831, at Wetton, Staffs.
- viii. **Eliz. REDFERN**, b. 15 May 1833, at Wetton, Staffs.
- ix. **Edwin REDFERN**, b. 19 Jul 1835.
- x. **Selena REDFERN**, b. 20 Oct 1843, at Wetton, Staffs.


10. Matthew⁶ REDFERN (*Thomas⁵, William⁴, Mathewe³, Mathew², Mathew¹*), b. 31 May 1807, at Wetton, Staffs. Married Ellen LOWNDS 8 Jul 1828, at Wetton, Staffs.⁶ She was the daughter of Thomas

LOWNDS and Sarah BIRCH. Ellen LOWNDS was b. 1 Mar 1807, at Wetton, Staffs, d. 31 Mar 1870, at Wetton, Staffs.

Matthew was described as a cordwainer to about 1840, and then as a shoemaker

In 1851 Ellen was a pauper, living in Wetton with her daughter Lydia (9) and son John (2) Nearby were her parents, Thomas & Sarah Lowndes, also paupers, with the rest of Ellen's children - Mary Ann (14), Louisa (11) and Jane (5)

Children of Matthew REDFERN and Ellen LOWNDS:

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- i. **Mary REDFERN**, b. 26 Apr 1827, at Wetton, Staffs, d. 20 Mar 1831, at Wetton, Staffs.
 - ii. **Sarah REDFERN**, b. 8 May 1831, at Wetton, Staffs,⁴ d. 25 Feb 1833, at Wetton, Staffs.
 - iii. **Thomas REDFERN**, b. 3 Feb 1833, at Wetton, Staffs,⁴ d. 8 Apr 1833, at Wetton, Staffs.
 - iv. **Elizabeth REDFERN**, b. 2 Feb 1834, at Wetton, Staffs.⁴
 - v. **Mary Ann REDFERN**, b. 17 Jul 1836, at Wetton, Staffs,³ d. 16 Sep 1929, at Biddulph, Staffs. Married George HARRISON 28 Feb 1858, at Ilam, Staffs.⁷ John Dixon is descended from Mary Ann Redfern, his great-grandmother.
 - vi. **Louisa REDFERN**, b. 15 Sep 1839, at Wetton, Staffs.⁴
 - vii. **Lydia REDFERN**, b. 2 Jan 1842, at Wetton, Staffs.⁴
 - viii. **Jane REDFERN**, b. 19 Oct 1845, at Wetton, Staffs.⁴ Married Samuel ADAMS 21 Jan 1868, at Wetton, Staffs.⁴
 - ix. **John REDFERN**, b. 29 Sep 1848, at Wetton, Staffs.⁸ Married Martha Jane GRIFFITHS. Fellow researchers, Jane Williams and Frank Redfern, are descended from Louisa Jane Redfern (1881) and Frank Redfern (1897) respectively, daughter and son of John and Martha.

11. Thomas⁶ REDFERN (*Thomas⁵, William⁴, Matthew³, Mathew², Mathew¹*), b. 25 Dec 1809, at Wetton, Staffs, d. 27 May 1877, at Wetton, Staffs.⁵ Married Mary BAKER 5 Apr 1832, at Wetton, Staffs. She was the daughter of William BAKER and Elizabeth. Mary BAKER was b. 15 May 1808, at Wetton, Staffs.⁵

Thomas was a shoe maker in 1841 (1007#12), and living with Mary and children Thomas and William.

Children of Thomas REDFERN and Mary BAKER:

- i. **Thomas REDFERN**, b. 4 Apr 1833, at Wetton, Staffs, d. 29 Jul 1881, at Wetton, Staffs.
- ii. **William REDFERN**, b. 24 May 1835, at Wetton, Staffs. Married Edna

MILWARD 27 Dec 1860, at Wetton, Staffs.⁴

iii. **Mary REDFERN**, b. 2 Oct 1842, at Wetton, Staffs.



Sources and Endnotes

1. Baptismal, Marriage or Burial date from Parish Register, Wetton 1657-1783.
2. Information provided from another researcher
3. IGI
4. Wetton Parish Register
5. Baptismal, Marriage or Burial date from Parish Register
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7. Marriage Certificate
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