

ODFHS Boatfamilies - 2021 Updates

(Canal Family 1 except where indicated)

Update V136 – December 22.12.2021

New total: 55,558

No New Names

Main Increases: Stead +42; Andrews +17; Seddon +9; Robinson +6

Our main increase is among the sons and grandsons of Yorkshireman Joseph Stead, most of whom were watermen and mariners of Brotherton and Knottingley. And we have linked our first Finnish sailor, John Henry Erickson, whose daughter Rose Alice married Joseph's great-grandson Richard Stead in Hull in 1911.

Unexpected Lancashire links occur in four generations of ship's riggers descended from Joseph Andrews of Selby, whose son William b1817 married Elizabeth Constantine of Liverpool, and whose grandson William married Elizabeth Eccles of Fleetwood. The elder William's daughter, Ann Andrews, married Christopher Rowbottom, mariner and shipowner of Knottingley, who ran a fleet of coastal steamships out of London.

Small increases in Robinson families now make this our most frequently occurring name.

21.10.2021

We have launched a new tree - **Canal Family 10** - based on the Clapham family of boatbuilders based in Gargrave and Bingley, descended from Samuel Clapham b1786 Bank Newton, who so far seem unconnected to other local Claphams already in our main tree.

It contains a Mary Jane Clapham, b1850 to Samuel and Ellen, who married Thomas Moss of Wigan and died there in 1896. We are aware of another girl of the same name, born about the same time, for whom no birth or marriage record has been found. She is living with a widowed James Myers in Skipton in 1881 and 1891 and had several children by him, dying there in 1935. We feel sure these girls were related and hope that someone can provide the link that would enable us to add her and her canal family relations to this new tree.

Update V135 – October 21 2021

New total: 55,405

New Names: Dinsdale 27; Norfolk 46

Main increases: Cliffe +22; Linsley +14; Pulford +13, Bridge, Cawthorn +10, Hughes +9, Wilkinson +7

Our new names and some increases are among Yorkshire boatbuilders and carpenters, including the Norfolk, Cliffe and Cawthorn families who feature in Ron Gosney and Rosemary Bowyer's book *The Sailing Ships and Mariners of Knottingley*, also Thomas and James Dinsdale, father and son of Wakefield, and the Linsley marine engineers of Goole.

Other increases are among watermen connected to the Pulford families of Ellesmere Port.

Update V134 - Sept 16 2021

New Total: 55,142

New Names: Cowburn 11; Rockett 4

Main Increases: Cawthorn/Cawthron +202; Waterhouse +11; Spruce +10; Boardman +6; Barrass, Clarke, Gill +5

The biggest increase since we launched this site is in the Cawthorn family of watermen, mariners and shipwrights based in Knottingley and Goole. The family name is spelt in several ways in the various records, and to assist in searches we have opted for Cawthorn throughout, indicating differences in notes. Most were seamen in the coastal trade, some sailing as far as Cornwall, but others worked inland - and in the 1939 census Sam Kay Cawthorn of Goole was recorded as lock-keeper at Knostrop Flood Lock, Hunslet, on the 'continuation' of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal as the Aire heads east out of Leeds.

One of our new names belongs to Tom Rockett, who married Sarah Elizabeth Cawthorn in 1903 and whose family we hope to develop in future updates. Both families feature in Ron Gosney's book *The Sailing Ships and Mariners of Knottingley*.

Thanks go to Graeme Waterhouse for help with the Waterhouse, Butterfield and Cowburn families of Bingley, and to Anne Hill for alerting us to the 1914 marriage of Wigan boatman Thomas Boardman to Elizabeth Ann Martland, who was already on our site, daughter of Hugh Martland of Burscough.

Update V133 - 12.8.2012

New Total: 54,730

New Name: Linsley 9

Main Increases: Bunn +55; Hind +42; Baker, Green +15; Fereday +10; Franks +9; Bailey +8; Stelfox +7

Two Cheshire families provide the main increases in this update: the descendants of James and Mary Ann Bunn of Middlewich, and of three brothers, Samuel, John and Thomas Hind of Northwich.

Our new name is that of a Hull marine engineer, Thomas Linsley, who in 1872 married Sarah Jane Lattimore of March, Cambridgeshire, whose family was already on our site, and we are grateful to Kevin Linsley for helpful amendments.

Thanks also go to Kath Gerrard for details of the Stelfox, Deakin and Gerrard families of Northwich, and to Brian Smith for help in reworking the Stazicker family of Rufford and Burscough. Other increases are among Midlands and Cheshire boatfamilies.

Update V132 - 17.7.2012

New Total: 54,459 people

New Names: Glew 17; Tock 9

Main Increases: Atkins +44; Shaw +39; Southall +25; Smith +20; Grimes +19; Tonks +14; Goulding +12; Hulse +11; Drinkwater +10; Kay +8

Thanks go to Angela Weston for details of Nathan Shaw, a Cheshire boatman from Middlewich whose family moved to the Tunstall area around Stoke-on-Trent, and has links to many of our main increases.

His son Nathan's first wife Eliza was a daughter of Cheshire boatman George Drinkwater who was already on our site, and another son James married Emma Smith, daughter of a West Bromwich waterman, Isaac Smith. Their niece Selina Ann Shaw married William Atkins of Tunstall, grandson of boatman Joseph Atkins whose family provides the largest increase in this update.

The new names belong to John Glew of Scunthorpe, whose daughter Elizabeth married Aaron Barrass of Stainforth from a family already on our site, and to Vason Tock of Keadby, Lincolnshire, whose sister Sarah was mother of Abraham Oates, another Lincolnshire waterman. His wife Emma was daughter of John Goulding of Mexborough.

We have also developed the family of boatman William Grimes of Stafford, whose son William Henry (born in London) and daughter Lydia married into the known Easthope and Clowes families of Staffordshire.

Update V131 - May 27 2021**New total:** 54,112 people**New names:** Phillipson 47; Ackroyd 25**Main increases:** Barrass, Clowes +42; Dean, Raper +24; Woods +19; Taylor +17; Fradley +7; Latham, Wilkinson +6; Thompson +5

Our new names are in Yorkshire watermen descended from Thomas Phillipson of Doncaster and from Benjamin Ackroyd of Huddersfield, whose daughter Ellen married John Charles Raper of Hull. All these families are interconnected with the Deans and Barrasses of Doncaster.

Thanks go again to Donna Ashton, whose Fradley tree on Ancestry has enabled us to expand the Clowes family of Staffordshire and Ellesmere Port descended from William Charles Clowes of Ashbourne, Derbyshire. We are also grateful to Jan Polanowski for helping us add to the Latham family of boatmen from Tarleton, Lancashire, who link with the Cheshire watermen descended from William Woods of Ellesmere Port and with the Loughborough-born mariner Thomas Maben Taylor who ran cocoa rooms in Liverpool.

Update V130 – 6 May 2021**New total:** 53,720 people**New Names:** Newns, Vere 21; Brackenbury 20**Main Increases:** Wilson +30; Latham +29; Wright +20; Spencer +18; Wignall +12; Atherton, Harrison, Johnson +10; Walker +9; Lane+6; Lawson +5

The new name Vere comes from the marriage in 1878 of Alice Harrison, daughter of Burscough boatman Thomas Harrison and Margaret Woosey, to Enos Vere, a Runcorn waterman born in West Bromwich. Another new family is that of George Brackenbury, son of a Lincolnshire waterman, who plied the Yorkshire canals around Thorne, connected through the Wilsons of Stainforth.

Most of our main increases, and new name Newns, are among families connected to the Lathams of Tarleton. Thanks go to Jan Polanowski for help in developing the branch headed by Thomas Latham who married Alice Wignall in 1815. (The connected increase in Athertons means that they now resume their leading place in our surnames list.)

Update V129 – 19 April 2021**New Total:** 53,396 people**New Name:** Gillyon 89**Main Increases:** Martin +31; Batty +28; Shaw +16; Goodier +10; Fogg, Simpson, Sutton +9; Snape +6; Cawley, Hunt

Our new Gillyon family contains Yorkshire watermen from Beverley and is connected through the Martin and Barrass families of Hull and Stainforth.

We have reconfigured the (probably related) Cheshire families headed by Philip Goodier/Nancy Hickson and John Goodier/Hannah Carter, with thanks to Beverley Topping for alerting us to anomalies. Many of our other increases are in related families.

And we are grateful to Ian Snape for details of his ancestor Henry Snape, canal boatman b1869 Burscough.

Update V128 - 23 March 2021**New total:** 53,016 people**New Name:** Willey 25**Main Increases:** Wilson +45; Smith +25; Beckett +19; Edmondson, Richardson +10; Stead +9

Our new name and most increases among boat haulers and watermen from the Mexborough, Stainforth and Knottingley areas of Yorkshire, all interconnected by marriage.

The exception is in the family descended from Robert Edmondson and Betty Wignall of Tarleton who married in Croston in 1791. Thanks go to David Edmondson in Germany for help with his family.

Update V127 - 4.3.2021

New total: 52,830 people

No New Names

Main Increases: *Mason +53; Rowley +43; *Ainscough +29; Darlington, *Fairclough, Stones +23; Wood +8; *Crook +7

We have finally been able to link our Canal 5 tree to Canal 1, so they have been merged, leaving just Canal 9 as our only supplementary tree. (*Asterisks in the Main Increases list indicate merged families.)

Thanks for helping make the connection go to Barbara Mercer, a descendant of waterman Hambleton Mason (in Canal5), whose brother Richard John Mason's eldest daughter Ellen married a Widnes waterman, Peter Darlington. His father, also Peter, was baptised in Frodsham to the same parents and on the same day in 1804 as Nancy Darlington, who was already in Canal1 as wife of waterman William Kirkham - probable twins.

Other increases are in the families of two Knottingley boat haulers, Isaac Rowley b1845 and Horatio Wood Stones, b1819 son of a Lincolnshire innkeeper Samuel Stones and Martha Wood, some of whose descendants used Wood as their surname.

Update V126 - 17.2.2021

New total: 52,508 people

New Names: Lythgoe 27; Hollinshead 24; Goblen 12; Gowler, Trelfa 7; Hey 5

Main Increases: Minshall/Minshull +45; Millington +41; Wood +29; Coward +26; Addy +25; Littler +18; Higgins +14; Clutton +13; Johnson +12; Chambers, Lewis, Stevens +11

Our most recent updates among Cheshire and Yorkshire boatmen have provided links to many new or nearly-new names, including Goblen, Littler and Trelfa families which we have now been able to develop.

One new family includes Ellen Lythgoe, daughter of a Runcorn-based waterman, who married in 1908 a Manchester-born Royal Navy sailor, Augustus Lewis. He and his brothers worked on the Cheshire canals with their father Harry, who was born in the United States. The Lythgoes also link two so-far-unconnected Millington branches headed by Peter b1812 and Joseph b1805, both around Daresbury.

Several families are recorded in both Cheshire and the Midlands, and our main increase is in the Minshalls of Shropshire and Staffordshire, some branches of which changed their name to Minshull during the 19th century. They connect to Chambers, Clutton and Hollinshead boatmen, and thanks go to the various contributors from around the world for their help in this update.

Update V125 - 18.1.2021

New total: 52,019 people

New Names: Hobman 45; Sarvent 37; Seaton 19; Hailstone 17; Pulman 13

Main Increases: Rowbottom +70; Farmery +32; Raddings +31; Boulton +17; Dutton +13; Lee +12; Metcalf, Richardson +8

Almost all our new names and increases are among Yorkshire watermen and mariners based in in

Knottingley and Goole, many of whom traded down to East Coast to London and beyond. One couple, John Lee and Catherine Whiteley of Knottingley sailed up the Thames in 1852 and were married at St John, Southwark, while alongside the Bermondsey wharves.

Another new family contains George Sarvent, whose application for a Master's Certificate in 1859 cites periods of service including three as a boy, presumably with his father, the earliest being in 1826 when he was only five years old. The Rowbottoms are connected to his family, and Hobmans to them. The Hailstone, Raddings and Boulton families are interlinked, and the Farmerys were based around Thorne, near Doncaster.

Thanks go to Gerry Dutton for help with his family and Abram watermen based around Runcorn, work on which is ongoing.