

John "Owd Bummy" Doodson

Previously made up of two separate trees
("Bolton 1911" and "Ashton 1911")

Family trees prepared by Mike Doodson

Sources of information: Census returns for 1841-1911 plus Births Marriages and Deaths records
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Entries in **bold** type - given (Christian) names
Entries in *italic* type - spouse surnames



"Owd Bummy" Dootson (John b1777) Extracts from piece written by Simeon Dyson and contributed by Marjorie Pollard

There are many yet who remember John Dootson, better known as "Owd Bummy", who up to 1863 resided at High Stile Fold. He was born at Dover Castle on the 23rd August, 1777. His father was a soldier in the 18th Foot, and took part in the American War, being present at the battle of Bunker's Hill.

He obtained his discharge from the Army, retiring with a pension, and came to reside at High Stile when John was six years of age. Though the house underwent many alterations, he continued to reside in it until its dilapidated condition excited the fears of those about him, and after living in "the fowl" for more than eighty years, John went to a grand-daughter's in Old Hall Street.

Considering his age he being in his 90th year, his health was very good and his memory remarkably fresh. The tales of his boyhood days and his personal recollections of the state of Farnworth and Kearsley 70 or 80 years ago were full of interest. He used to say he could stand in the fold and see all over the moor at once. The whole of this locality he said, was one vast piece of waste land, mostly covered with rushes, with here and there a hut built of clay and straw and "radling".

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John's grandfather erected the original Blackhorse Inn, or rather a building which stood on the same site, or a little further back. It was called the Sun Public House, and the lower end served as a kitchen to the present Black Horse premises for many years.

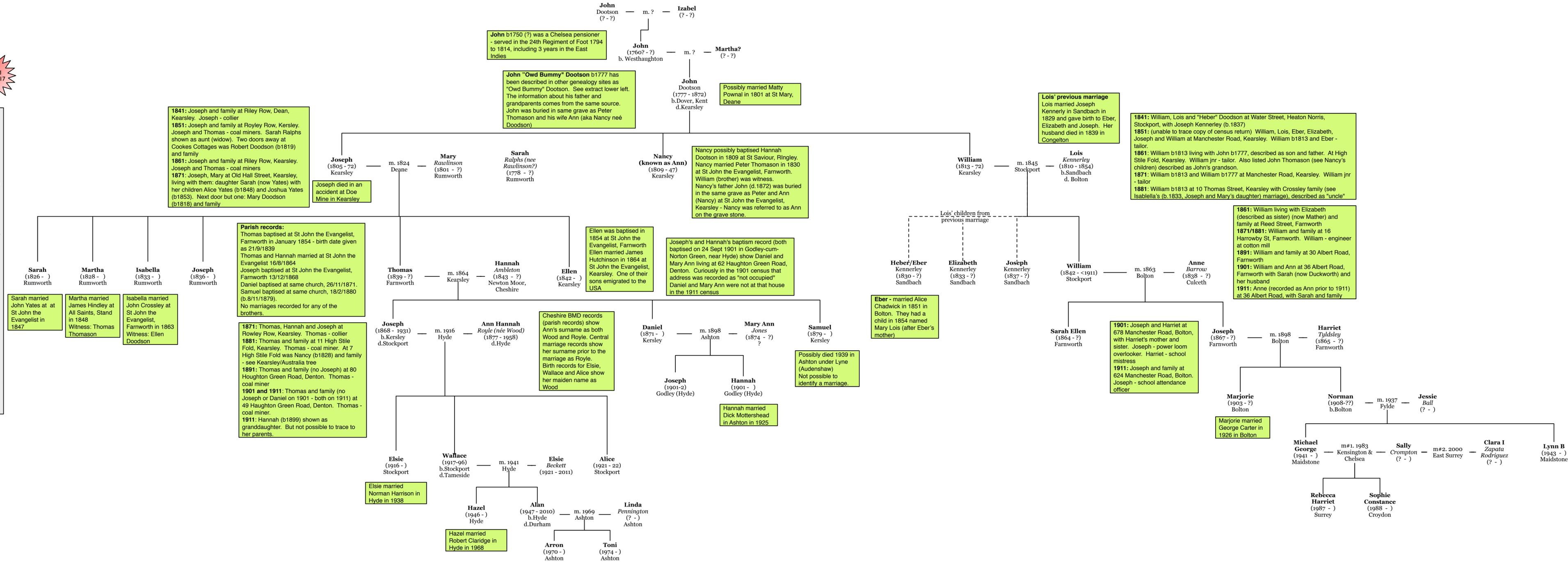
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Dootson's father once received a letter from his brother, a soldier in Egypt, which cost him several shillings to release.

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In a prayer book which old John possessed was written all the names of his family for more than a hundred years back and the dates on which they were born. On a blank page of the book was the following inscription "book was sent by Izabel Dootson as a present to John Dootson in the year 1762". John was a soldier laying in Dublin, Ireland, and father to the John referred to in this article, and Izabel was his grandmother.

Through most of his long life John was a hand loom weaver, but the latter portion of his life was spent as a weaver on power looms.



John b1750 (?) was a Chelsea pensioner - served in the 24th Regiment of Foot 1794 to 1814, including 3 years in the East Indies

John "Owd Bummy" Dootson b1777 has been described in other genealogy sites as "Owd Bummy" Dootson. See extract lower left. The information about his father and grandparents comes from the same source. John was buried in same grave as Peter Thomason and his wife Ann (aka Nancy nee Doodson)

Possibly married **Matty Pownal** in 1801 at St Mary, Deane

Lois' previous marriage
Lois married Joseph Kennerly in Sandbach in 1829 and gave birth to Eber, Elizabeth and Joseph. Her husband died in 1839 in Congelton

1841: William, Lois and "Heber" Doodson at Water Street, Heaton Norris, Stockport, with Joseph Kennerly (b.1837)
1851: (unable to trace copy of census return) William, Lois, Eber, Elizabeth, Joseph and William at Manchester Road, Kearsley. William b1813 and Eber - tailor.
1861: William b1813 living with John b1777, described as son and father. At High Stile Fold, Kearsley. William jnr - tailor. Also listed John Thomason (see Nancy's children) described as John's grandson.
1871: William b1813 and William b1777 at Manchester Road, Kearsley. William jnr - tailor
1881: William b1813 at 10 Thomas Street, Kearsley with Crossley family (see Isabella's (b.1833, Joseph and Mary's daughter) marriage), described as "uncle"

1861: William living with Elizabeth (described as sister) (now Mather) and family at Reed Street, Farnworth
1871/1881: William and family at 16 Harrowby St, Farnworth. William - engineer at cotton mill
1891: William and family at 30 Albert Road, Farnworth
1901: William and Ann at 36 Albert Road, Farnworth with Sarah (now Duckworth) and her husband
1911: Anne (recorded as Ann prior to 1911) at 36 Albert Road, with Sarah and family

1841: Joseph and family at Riley Row, Dean, Kearsley. Joseph - collier
1851: Joseph and family at Royley Row, Kersley. Joseph and Thomas - coal miners. Sarah Ralphs shown as aunt (widow). Two doors away at Cookes Cottages was Robert Doodson (b1819) and family
1861: Joseph and family at Riley Row, Kearsley. Joseph and Thomas - coal miners
1871: Joseph, Mary at Old Hall Street, Kearsley, living with them: daughter Sarah (now Yates) with her children Alice Yates (b1848) and Joshua Yates (b1853). Next door but one: Mary Doodson (b1818) and family

Joseph (1805 - 72) Kearsley
Joseph died in an accident at Doe Mine in Kearsley

Mary Rawlinson (1801 - ?) Rumworth
Sarah Ralphs (nee Rawlinson?) (1778 - ?) Rumworth

Nancy (known as Ann) (1809 - 47) Kearsley
Nancy possibly baptised Hannah Dootson in 1809 at St Saviour, Ringley. Nancy married Peter Thomason in 1830 at St John the Evangelist, Farnworth. William (brother) was witness. Nancy's father John (d.1872) was buried in the same grave as Peter and Ann (Nancy) at St John the Evangelist, Kearsley - Nancy was referred to as Ann on the grave stone.

William (1813 - 72) Kearsley
Lois Kennerley (1810 - 1854) b.Sandbach d. Bolton

Sarah (1826 -) Rumworth
Martha (1828 -) Rumworth
Isabella (1833 -) Rumworth
Joseph (1836 -) Rumworth

Sarah married John Yates at St John the Evangelist in 1847
Martha married James Hindley at All Saints, Stand in 1848. Witness: Thomas Thomason
Isabella married John Crossley at St John the Evangelist, Farnworth in 1863. Witness: Ellen Doodson

Parish records:
Thomas baptised at St John the Evangelist, Farnworth in January 1854 - birth date given as 21/9/1839
Thomas and Hannah married at St John the Evangelist 16/8/1864
Joseph baptised at St John the Evangelist, Farnworth 13/12/1868
Daniel baptised at same church, 26/11/1871.
Samuel baptised at same church, 18/2/1880 (b.8/11/1879).
No marriages recorded for any of the brothers.

Thomas (1839 - ?) Farnworth
Hannah Ambleton (1843 - ?) Newton Moor, Cheshire
Ellen (1842 -) Kearsley

Ellen was baptised in 1854 at St John the Evangelist, Farnworth
Ellen married James Hutchinson in 1864 at St John the Evangelist, Kearsley. One of their sons emigrated to the USA

Joseph's and Hannah's baptism record (both baptised on 24 Sept 1901 in Godley-cum-Norton Green, near Hyde) show Daniel and Mary Ann living at 62 Haughton Green Road, Denton. Curiously in the 1901 census that address was recorded as "not occupied" Daniel and Mary Ann were not at that house in the 1911 census

Eber - married Alice Chadwick in 1851 in Bolton. They had a child in 1854 named Mary Lois (after Eber's mother)

Heber/Eber Kennerley (1830 - ?) Sandbach
Elizabeth Kennerley (1833 - ?) Sandbach
Joseph Kennerley (1837 - ?) Sandbach
William (1842 - <1911) Stockport

1901: Joseph and Harriet at 678 Manchester Road, Bolton, with Harriet's mother and sister. Joseph - power loom overlooker. Harriet - school mistress
1911: Joseph and family at 624 Manchester Road, Bolton. Joseph - school attendance officer

Joseph (1867 - ?) Farnworth
Harriet Tyldsley (1865 - ?) Farnworth

Marjorie (1903 - ?) Bolton
Marjorie married George Carter in 1926 in Bolton
Norman (1908-??) b.Bolton
Jessie Ball (? -)

Michael George (1941 -) Maidstone
Sally Crompton (? -) Chelsea
Clara I Zapata Rodriguez (? -)
Lynn B (1943 -) Maidstone

Rebecca Harriet (1987 -) Surrey
Sophie Constance (1988 -) Croydon

Joseph (1868 - 1931) b.Kearsley d.Stockport
Ann Hannah Royle (nee Wood) (1877 - 1958) d.Hyde
Cheshire BMD records (parish records) show Ann's surname as both Wood and Royle. Central marriage records show her surname prior to the marriage as Royle. Birth records for Elsie, Wallace and Alice show her maiden name as Wood

1871: Thomas, Hannah and Joseph at Rowley Row, Kearsley. Thomas - collier
1881: Thomas and family at 11 High Stile Fold, Kearsley. Thomas - coal miner. At 7 High Stile Fold was Nancy (b1828) and family - see Kearsley/Australia tree
1891: Thomas and family (no Joseph) at 80 Houghton Green Road, Denton. Thomas - coal miner
1901 and 1911: Thomas and family (no Joseph or Daniel on 1901 - both on 1911) at 49 Haughton Green Road, Denton. Thomas - coal miner.
1911: Hannah (b1899) shown as granddaughter. But not possible to trace to her parents.

Elsie (1916 -) Stockport
Elsie married Norman Harrison in Hyde in 1938
Wallace (1917-96) b.Stockport d.Tameside
Elsie Beckett (1921 - 2011)
Alice (1921 - 22) Stockport

Hazel (1946 -) Hyde
Hazel married Robert Claridge in Hyde in 1968
Alan (1947 - 2010) b.Hyde d.Durham
Linda Pennington (? -) Ashton
Arron (1970 -) Ashton
Toni (1974 -) Ashton

Daniel (1871 -) Kersley
Mary Ann Jones (1874 - ?) ?
Samuel (1879 -) Kersley
Possibly died 1939 in Ashton under Lyne (Audenshaw) Not possible to identify a marriage.

Joseph (1901-2) Godley (Hyde)
Hannah (1901 -) Godley (Hyde)
Hannah married Dick Mottershead in Ashton in 1925