

Birth, parentage, marriage and death of Dorothy Maycock

This brief evidences the details of the birth, parentage, marriage and death of Dorothy Maycock.

Those details are –

Dorothy Maycock was baptised on 5th July 1778 at Southam, Warwickshire.

Her parents were James and Judith Maycock.

Dorothy married Joseph Walker in Marton, Warwickshire on 12th October 1807.

She was buried in Marton, Warwickshire on 5th July 1840.

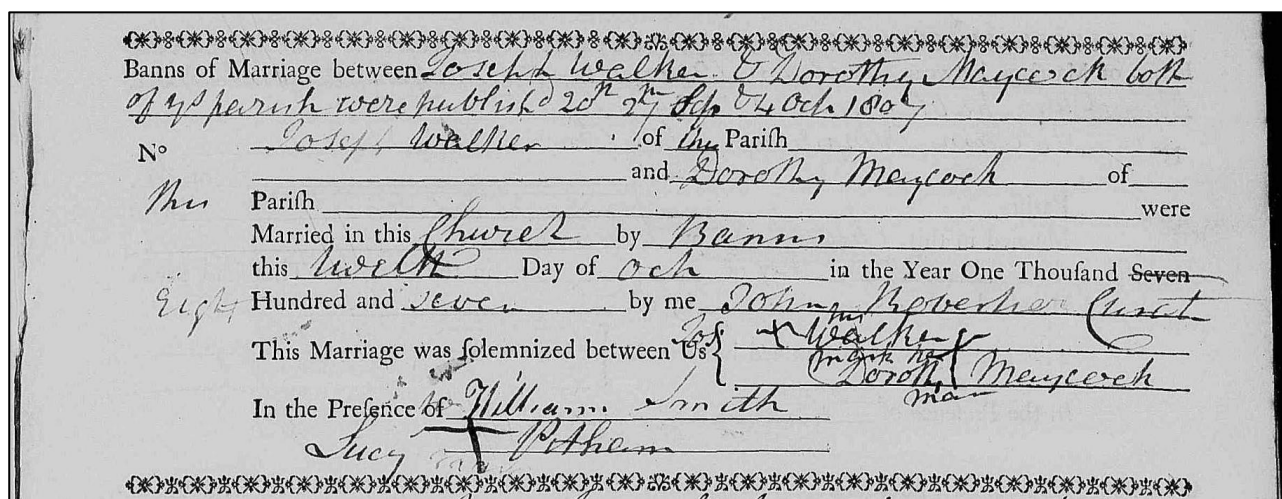
(The research for this brief was conducted in early 2023 and mid-to-late 2025).

Dorothy's marriage

Dorothy married Joseph Walker in Marton, Warwickshire on 12th October 1807.

See the brief relating to Joseph Walker junior for verification of that fact.

The marriage record is at <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record/browse?id=S2/GBPRS/WARWICKSHIRE/PR-NONEXC/MARTON/DR0053-03-00023>,¹ and this is a close up:



¹ Previously accessible at <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-DZP7-VXK?i=291&cc=1462403>, image 292 of 510 (or 22 of 24). URLs of Family Search records linked herein include "61903", presumably a specific member number, and likely need adapting to function. Note that many Warwickshire record images accessed on Family Search in 2023 have since become inaccessible on that platform.

Dorothy's death

There was only one Joseph Walker in Marton in 1841, according to a search of the Family Search England and Wales Census 1841 database.² As noted in the brief relating to Joseph Walker junior, this fact was verified upon a manual search of all of Marton's 1841 census records. It is also concluded in that brief that this person was the Joseph Walker who married Dorothy Maycock in Marton in 1807.

This is the Family Search extract of Joseph's 1841 census record, see

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MQB1-774?lang=en>:

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"England and Wales Census, 1841," database with images, FamilySearch (https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:MQB1-774 : 24 May 2019), Joseph Walker, Marton, Warwickshire, England, United Kingdom; from "1841 England,

Joseph Walker
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Name **Joseph Walker**

Sex **Male**

Age **50**

Event Date **1841**

Event Place **Marton, Warwickshire, England, United Kingdom**

Event Place (Original) **Marton, Warwickshire, England**

Registration District **Rugby**

Residence Note **Marton**

Birth Year (Estimated) **1787-1791**

Birthplace **Warwickshire**

Event Type **Census**

Page Number **13**

Piece/Folio **1138/9**

Registration Number **HO107**

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This is the relevant page from the actual 1841 census records, available through FindMyPast at

<https://search.findmypast.com.au/record/browse?id=GBC/1841/1138/0172>:

PLACE	RESIDENCE	NAME	AGE	PROFESSION, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT, and INDEPENDENT MEANS	Notes
Marton	1	John Maycock	44	Farmer	
		Mary	31		
		Charles	12		
		William	10		
		Richard	7		
		Anna	5		
		Mary	2		
		Anna	1		
	1	Richard	41	By Night	
		Richard	11		
		Richard	3		
		Elizabeth	2		
		Elizabeth	1		
	1	Thomas	15	By Night	
		Richard	10		
	1	Richard	6		
		Elizabeth	3		
	1	Richard	2		
		Anna	1		
		Mary	1		
	1	Henry	10	George	
		Anna	7		
	1	Anna	1		
		Mary	1		
	1	John	3		
TOTAL in 1			13		

² See

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/record/results?count=20&q.anyPlace=Marton%2C%20Warwickshire%2C%20England%2C%20United%20Kingdom&q.givenName=Joseph&q.givenName.exact=on&q.surname=Walker&q.surname.exact=on&f.collectionId=1493745>.

The following close up of the Joseph Walker entry confirms that he was living alone (the “1” is in a column headed “HOUSES Inhabited”, signifying a separate house, and Joseph is noted as the only person therein):

	Elizabeth D ^o	25			6
	Catherine D ^o	15			2
1	Joseph Walker	50	Ag Lab ^r		3
1	Richard King	60	D ^o		2
	Elizabeth D ^o	75			3

Accordingly, it appears from this 1841 census record that Dorothy Walker had died by then. That is further verified in that Joseph re-married in 1843, see the brief relating to him.

A Dorothy Walker was buried in Marton on 5th July 1840, at which time she was said to be aged 58, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XX56-23J>:

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Name	Dorothy Walker
Age	58y
Death or Burial Date	05 Jul 1840
Death or Burial Place	Marton, Warwickshire, England

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Similar Records

No similar records were found.

The original parish record of the burial was located in FindMyPast, see <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FMARTON%2FDR0233-03-00017>:

Page 96.						Page 97.					
BURIALS in the Parish of <u>Baginbun</u>						BURIALS in the Parish of <u>Newton</u>					
in the County of <u>Shelwich</u>						in the County of <u>Shelwich</u>					
Name	Death	Where buried	Age	By what the Curate was performed		Name	Death	Where buried	Age	By what the Curate was performed	
<u>Mrs. Ann Brightley</u>	<u>Marston</u>	<u>Feb 24 1839</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>John Rice</u>		<u>Elizabeth Warren</u>	<u>Marston</u>	<u>Dec 29</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>Thomas Curate</u>	
No. 100.						No. 102.					
<u>Mrs. Ann Castelle</u>	<u>Marston</u>	<u>Jan 27 1839</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>Isaac Wood</u>		<u>Mrs. Ann Jenkins</u>	<u>Newton</u>	<u>Aug 7</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>Isaac Wood</u>	
No. 101.						No. 103.					
<u>Robert William</u>	<u>Marston</u>	<u>Jan 21 1839</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>John Rice</u>		<u>Dorothy Walker</u>	<u>Marston</u>	<u>Feb 8</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>Thomas Curate</u>	
No. 102.						No. 104.					
<u>Mary Catell</u>	<u>Salterys</u>	<u>July 23 1839</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>John Rice</u>		<u>William Walker</u>	<u>Marston</u>	<u>Aug 19</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>Thomas Curate</u>	
No. 103.						No. 105.					
<u>Mary Archibald</u>	<u>Marston</u>	<u>Sept 8 1839</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>Thomas Curate</u>		<u>William Corbitt</u>	<u>Marston</u>	<u>Aug 29</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>John Rice</u>	
No. 104.						No. 106.					
<u>Harriet Wells</u>	<u>Marston</u>	<u>June 12 1839</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>Thomas Curate</u>		<u>Emmie Marston</u>	<u>Marston</u>	<u>Oct 2 1839</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>John Rice</u>	
No. 105.						No. 107.					
<u>James Jones</u>	<u>Marston</u>	<u>Feb 2 1839</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>Thomas Curate</u>		<u>John Branks</u>	<u>Marston</u>	<u>Nov 1 1839</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>Thomas Curate</u>	
No. 106.						No. 108.					
<u>John Jones</u>	<u>Marston</u>	<u>Oct 4 1839</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>Thomas Curate</u>		<u>Ann Long</u>	<u>Marston</u>	<u>Nov 24 1839</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>Isaac Wood</u>	
No. 107.						No. 109.					

This is a close up:

No. 210.					<i>Official Minister</i>
<i>Dorothy Walker</i>	<i>Marton</i>	<i>July 5</i>	<i>58</i>	<i>J Harris</i>	<i>Curate</i>
No. 211.					
<i>1st 11th 11th</i>	<i>11th</i>	<i>11th</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>J Harris</i>	

According to FreeBMD, this was the only Dorothy Walker who died between 1st July 1837 (when compulsory death registration began) and 1890 in the Rugby sub-district of Warwickshire, which includes Marton:³

Search for

Type: Deaths

Surname: Walker

First name(s): Dorothy

Start date: Sep 1837

End date: Dec 1890

County: Warwickshire

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First name(s)

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Deaths Sep 1840 (>99%)

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Walker

Dorothy

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Deaths Sep 1867 (>99%)

Walker

Dorothy Deborah

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Birmingham

6d

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Info

Get

Deaths Sep 1872 (>99%)

Walker

Dorothy

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Bromsgrove

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Deaths Mar 1879 (>99%)

Walker

Dorothy

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Birmingham

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Likewise, a Family Search search for the death in Warwickshire of a Dorothy Walker between 1815 (her son John was baptised in 1816) and 1841 only returned the same Rugby record (at GRO Volume 16 Page 299) of a death in the September 1840 quarter.⁴

Similarly, a FindMyPast search for a death or burial of a Dorothy Walker anywhere in Warwickshire between 1810 and 1850 also only returned the above 1840 Marton and Rugby district records.⁵

³ See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marton,_Warwickshire. The year of death of the last three named in the above FreeBMD search tend to rule them out in any event – if they had married in 1807, they would be at least about 80, 85, and 92 at death respectively, an unusual age to reach at the time.

⁴ See

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/record/results?count=20&q.deathLikeDate.from=1815&q.deathLikeDate.to=1841&q.deathLikePlace=Warwickshire%2C%20England%2C%20United%20Kingdom&q.givenName=Dorothy&q.givenName.exact=on&q.surname=Walker&q.surname.exact=on>.

⁵ See

https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?firstname=dorothy&firstname_variants=true&lastname=walker&yearofdeath=1830&yearofdeath_offset=20&keywordsplace=warwickshire&keywordsplace_proximity=5&sid=999.

The fact that the burial was in Marton, as well as the lack of any alternative candidate, is compelling and, accordingly, Dorothy Walker was buried in Marton on 5th July 1840.

Dorothy's birth

Since Dorothy was married in 1807, and was having children until 1825 (see the brief relating to Joseph Walker junior and also below), it is highly likely she was born after 1775 and before about 1790. Also, if she was truly aged 58 on 5th July 1840 as stated in her burial record, she would have been born in the period between 6th July 1781 and 5th July 1782.⁶

Dorothy married in Marton, baptised her son John and eight other children there (see the brief relating to Joseph Walker junior and also below), and was buried there in 1840, all of which suggests she was born in Marton. Accordingly, the Marton baptism images on FindMyPast were manually examined from 1771 to 1797, but no Dorothy Maycock was baptised there in that period,⁷ indeed, no Maycocks are recorded in those images at all (the images are for both baptisms and burials), nor any Walkers for that matter.

A FindMyPast search for a Dorothy Maycock birth in Warwickshire from 1772 to 1792 also returned no Marton baptisms in that period,⁸ further indicating that she was not born in Marton. Indeed, the only possible candidate on that search was a Dorothy Maycock baptised to John and Rebecca Maycock in Fenny Compton, 10 miles south of Marton, on 12th November 1773.⁹ Although a possible candidate, she is nevertheless a most unlikely candidate, as she would have been aged 66½ if buried on 5th July 1840, not 58. She also would have been almost 34 at marriage on 12th October 1807, and 52 when she baptised her last child Charlotte in December 1825 (see the brief relating to Joseph Walker junior and also below), as well as over 9 years senior to her husband Joseph Walker junior, who was baptised on 12th January 1783, see the brief relating to him.¹⁰

A Family Search search for a Dorothy Maycock birth/baptism in Warwickshire from 1772 to 1792 returned no record of any such event in that period.¹¹

The absence of Joseph's or Dorothy's parents in Joseph's household in the 1841 census means that that census record also does not assist in identifying Dorothy's parents, and, through them, her birth date and place.

The Family Search person record for the Dorothy Maycock married in Marton on 12th October 1807 is at <https://www.familysearch.org/en/tree/person/details/MNTZ-K88>. It claims she was born in Marton "about 1787", but no source record is provided for that information, which appears to be a guess by a contributor.

The source records provided include christenings in Marton to Dorothy and Joseph Walker of a William on 8th January 1809, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VH6B-FB4?lang=en>, an Ann on 10th March 1811, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:JMFH-KJP?lang=en>, a Mary on 20th February 1814,¹² see

⁶ The parish register records the date of burial, but it may be expected that the age it specifies in the next column is the age at death, so in truth the period given here should both start and end a few days earlier to allow that a burial would take place a few days after death.

⁷ See images at pages 8-16 commencing at <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record/browse?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FMARTON%2FDR0053-02-00010>.

⁸ See

https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?firstname=dorothy&firstname_variants=true&lastname=maycock&keywordsplace=warwickshire&keywordsplace_proximity=5&yearofbirth=1782&yearofbirth_offset=10&sid=999.

⁹ See <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FFENNYCOMPTON%2FDR0103-02-00017>.

¹⁰ Other information also counted against this candidate in that the same search noted burials of Dorothy Maycocks in Fenny Compton in 1774 and 1777, one of whom may well have been this Dorothy born in Fenny Compton in 1773, although neither the burial records, nor any records linked to them, noted the parents' names (which information would either confirm or disprove that she was the daughter of John and Rebecca Maycock). The same search also returned the marriage of a Dorothy Maycock in December 1801 in Newbold Pacey, see <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FNEWBOLDPACEY%2FDR0107-01-00022>. At 8 miles north-west of Fenny Compton, Newbold Pacey is just as likely as Marton to be the marriage place of the 1773 Dorothy, and in fact more likely given she would then have been of a more marriageable age of 28. Dorothy is said in the Newbold Pacey record to be "of this Parish", but so is the Dorothy in the 1807 Marton marriage record above, although she was not baptised there as this brief concludes.

¹¹ See

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/record/results?count=20&q.birthLikeDate.from=1772&q.birthLikeDate.to=1792&q.birthLikePlace=Warwickshire%2C%20England&q.givenName=Dorothy&q.givenName.exact=on&q.surname=Maycock&q.surname.exact=on>.

¹² Mary was buried in Marton on 8th March 1841, aged 27, see https://www.findmypast.com.au/transcript?id=R_20857164600&tab=this and <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FMARTON%2FDR0233-03-00018>.

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NGB2-G25?lang=en>, John on 29th September 1816, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NGB2-LWT?lang=en>, a Charles on 2nd April 1820, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J3WN-WLH?lang=en>, and a Richard, Robert and Thomas¹³ on 6th October 1822, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NGB2-KQQ?lang=en>, <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:J3WN-7FD?lang=en> and <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NGB2-LBR?lang=en>.

Manual examination of Marton's baptism records also located a Charlotte,¹⁴ baptised in Marton to Dorothy and Joseph Walker on 25th December 1825, see <https://www.findmypast.com.au/transcript?id=GBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FBAP%2F001704986&tab=this>.

(See Appendix 1 to the brief relating to Joseph Walker junior for the baptism records of all these children).

As may be expected, none of the above Family Search record extracts provided any information as to Dorothy's parents, or her birth date or place.

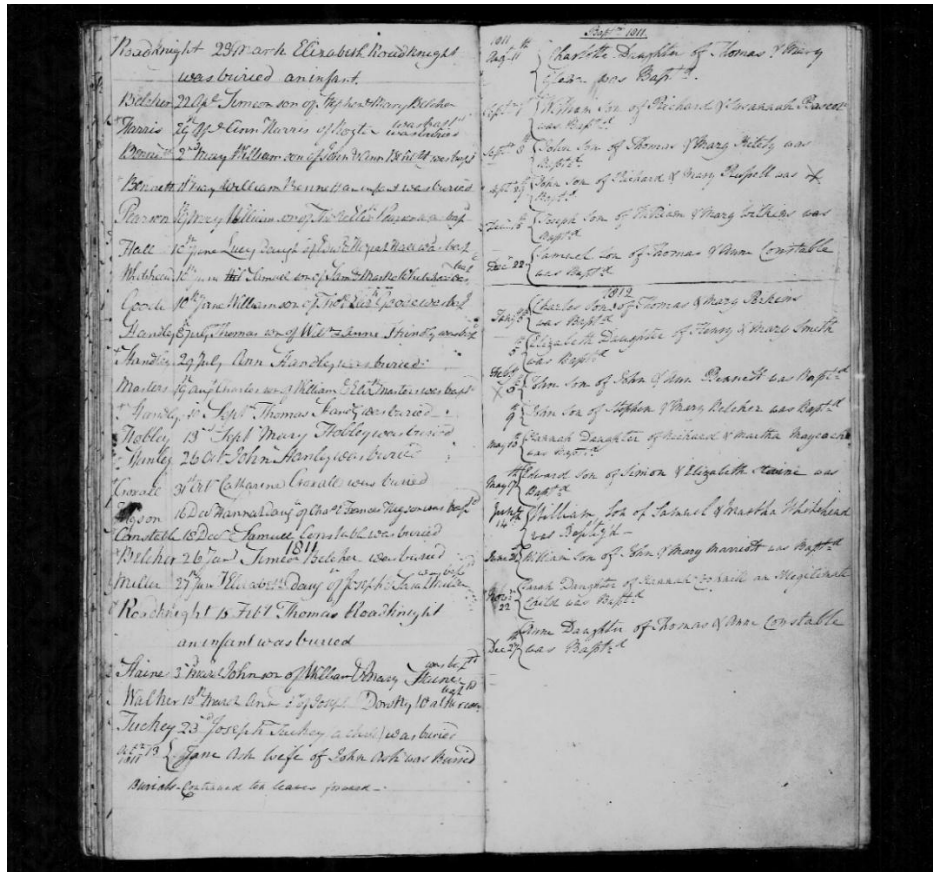
The Meacock lead

As noted above, there are no Walkers or Maycocks recorded in Marton's baptism and burial records from 1771 to 1797. Also, on a manual review of Marton's baptism records from 1805 to 1829, no other Walkers were baptised in Marton in that period except to Joseph and Dorothy, and also no Maycocks were baptised in Marton in that period except a Hannah Maycock, who was baptised to a Richard and Martha Maycock on 10th May 1812, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VH6B-8ZF?lang=en>.

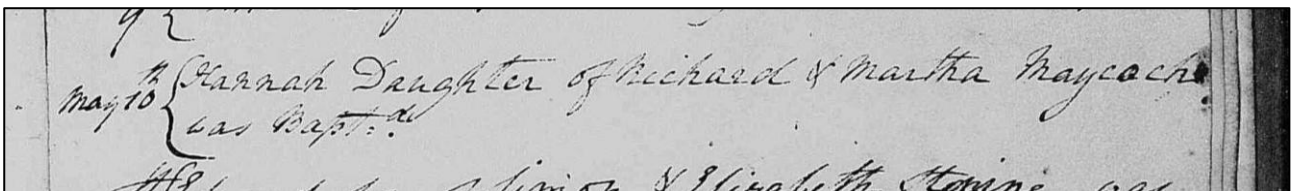
This is the relevant page of the Marton parish register showing Hannah Maycock's baptism, see <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FMARTON%2FDR0053-02-00025>:

¹³ Who are noted as "3 sons of one birth" in the original parish register record, see <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record/browse?id=S2/GBPRS/WARWICKSHIRE/PR-NONEXC/MARTON/DR0233-01-00012>.

¹⁴ Charlotte was buried in Marton on 29th October 1842, aged 16, see <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record/browse?id=S2/GBPRS/WARWICKSHIRE/PR-NONEXC/MARTON/DR0233-03-00019>.



This is a close up of Hannah's baptism record:



Lest Richard could be shown to be Dorothy's brother, a search for more information as to him was conducted, and the marriage of a "Richard Meacock" to a Martha Seal in Marton on 14th October 1811 was located, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VH6B-4F1?lang=en>:

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Name	Richard Meacock
Sex	Male
Residence Place	Marton, Warwickshire, England
Spouse's Name	Martha Seal
Spouse's Sex	Female
Spouse's Residence Place	Marton, Warwickshire, England
Event Type	Marriage
Event Date	14 Oct 1811
Event Place	Marton, Warwickshire, England
Event Place (Original)	Marton, Warwickshire, England

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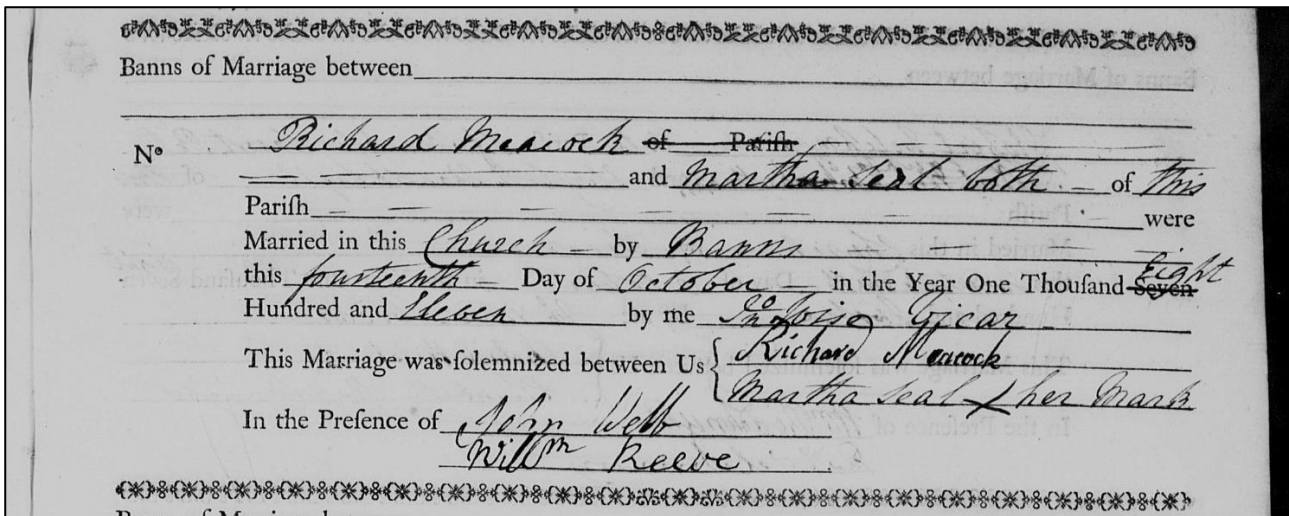
Richard Maycock
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Richard Maycock
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The FindMyPast image of the original marriage record clearly spells the groom's surname as "Meacock", see <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FMARTON%2FDR0053-03-00024>:



This must be the marriage record of Richard Maycock, the father of Hannah, given the same Marton location, the obvious interchangeability of "Meacock" and "Maycock", the coincidence of first names, the arrival of Hannah seven months after the marriage, and the dearth of Maycocks in Marton at the time (as verified by their absence from the Marton records of the time as referred to above).¹⁵

It was also noted that "Meacock" records were often returned on Family Search searches for a "Maycock".¹⁶ No doubt in spoken English the names sound very alike.¹⁷

Accordingly, a Family Search search was made for any record of a Dorothy Meacock event in Warwickshire between 1775 and 1790,¹⁸ and the search returned the baptism of a "Dorothy Meacock" to James and Judith Meacock on 5th July 1778 in Southam, 4½ miles south of Marton, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VHXX-KNY?lang=en>:

¹⁵ Note that a Richard Maycock was buried in Marton on 31st May 1812, see <https://www.findmypast.com.au/transcript?id=GBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FBUR%2F000768544&tab=this>. The linked original record lacks further information, only stating "Richard Maycock was buried". The parents are not named, which may indicate that he was not an infant, and thus perhaps the Richard who married in 1811. Although it is also noted that a Richard Maycock, of an age unstated, was buried in Southam in 1851, see <https://www.findmypast.com.au/transcript?id=BMD%2FD%2F1851%2F2%2FJV%2F000333%2F022&tab=this>.

¹⁶ See, for example, <https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/record/results?count=20&q.anyDate.from=1800&q.anyDate.to=1850&q.anyPlace=Marton%2C%20Warwickshire%2C%20England%2C%20United%20Kingdom&q.givenName=Richard&q.surname=Maycock>. According to the *Oxford Dictionary of Family Names in Britain and Ireland*, Oxford University Press, 1st Edition, 2016, page 1728, "Meacock" is a variant of "Maycock".

¹⁷ See https://one-name.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/journal/vol11-3_full_Mycock.pdf: "Variations in pronunciation of vowels seem to be particularly relevant to MYCOCK, MAYCOCK and MEACOCK."

¹⁸ See <https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/record/results?count=20&q.anyDate.from=1775&q.anyDate.to=1790&q.anyPlace=Warwickshire%2C%20England&q.givenName=Dorothy&q.surname=Meacock&q.surname.exact=on>.

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Name	Dorothy Meacock
Sex	Female
Father's Name	James Meacock
Father's Sex	Male
Mother's Name	Judith Meacock
Mother's Sex	Female
Event Type	Christening
Event Date	05 Jul 1778
Event Place	Southam, Warwickshire, England
Event Place (Original)	Southam, Warwickshire, England

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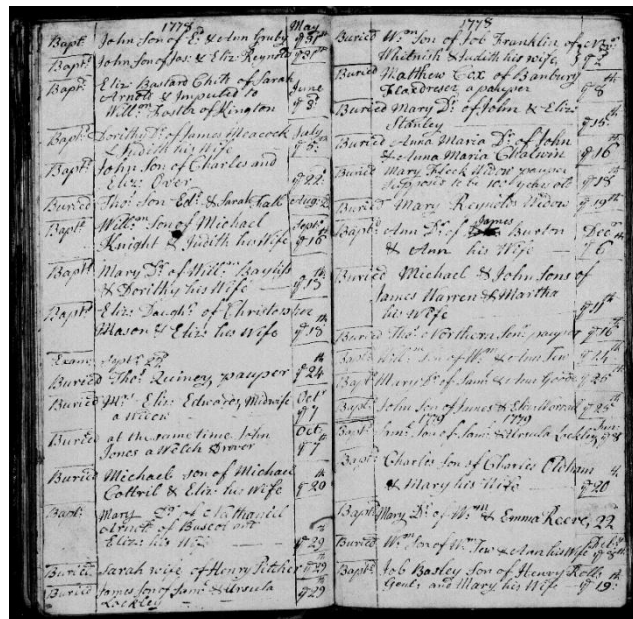
Dorothy Meacock's Parents and Siblings

[James Meacock](#)

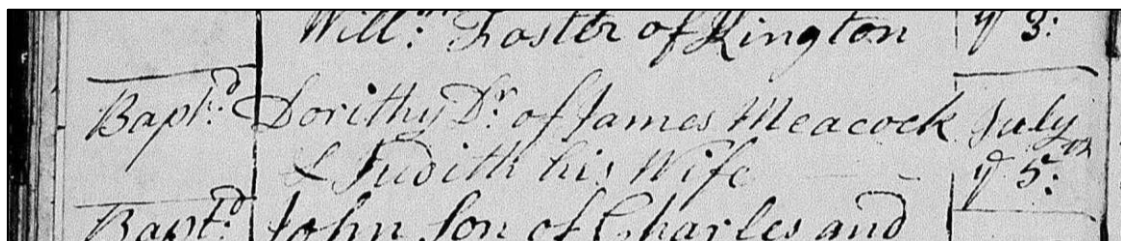
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Father	M	
Mother	F	

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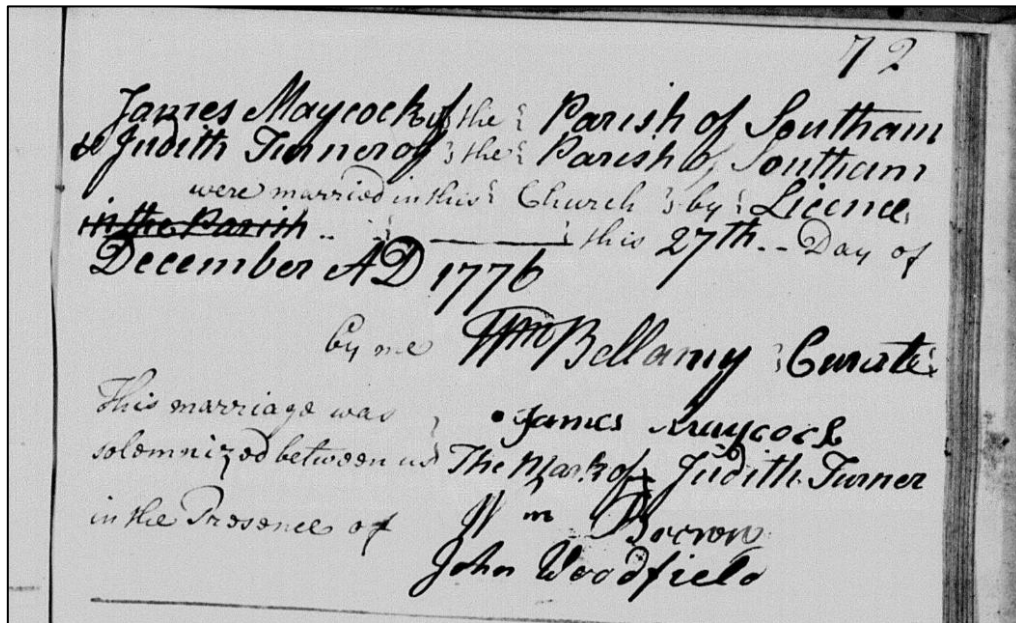


This is a close up of the relevant entry:¹⁹

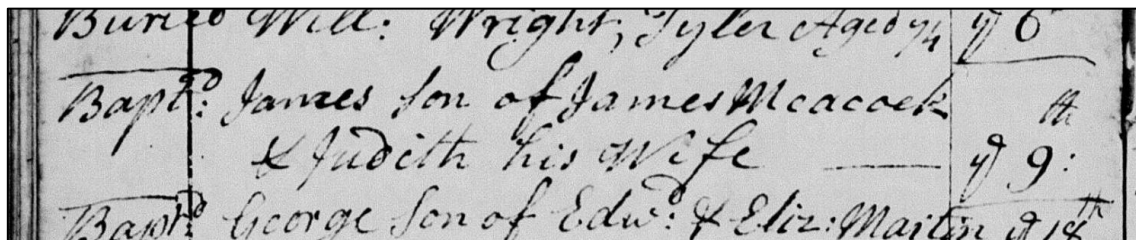


¹⁹ Note that notwithstanding the name is clearly spelled “Dorothy” in the register, the FindMyPast software corrected it to “Dorothy”, see <https://www.findmypast.com.au/transcript?id=GBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FBAP%2F002043789&tab=this>. Which makes it surprising that a number of Dorothy Maycock searches in FindMyPast, as referred to above, did not return the record.

A FindMyPast search for records relating to James Meacock in Southam²⁰ returned the wedding in Southam of James, this time with his surname spelled “Maycock”, to Judith Turner²¹ on 27th December 1776, see <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FSOUTHAM%2FDR0050-07-00073>:



The same FindMyPast search for records relating to James Meacock in Southam returned a baptism of a James to a “James Meacock & Judith his Wife” in Southam on 9th February 1780, <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FSOUTHAM%2FDR0050-06-00043>:



The same FindMyPast search for records relating to James Meacock in Southam returned no other relevant record except for that of the burial of James Maycock (as to which, see the brief relating to him).

A Family Search search for Southam records relating to Judith Maycock²² returned records of several children christened to James and Judith Maycock in Southam, namely the Dorothy referred to above, baptised on 5th July 1778, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VHXC-KNT?lang=en> (and in which the parents' name is recorded as “Meacock”), the James referred to above, baptised on 9th February 1780, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VHXC-XJP?lang=en> (and in which the parents' name is recorded

²⁰ See

https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?firstname=james&firstname_variants=true&lastname=meacock&lastname_variants=true&keywords=james&keywordsplace=southam%2c%20warwickshire&keywordsplace_proximity=5&sid=999.

²¹ Note that the FindMyPast transcript records her surname as “Tinner”. The descender of the “y” in the word “Maycock” in the marriage record above leaves the surname looking like “Tinner”, but the words “The Mark of Judith Turner” make plain the correct surname. Likewise, the couple's marriage licence obtained the preceding day, which is reproduced in the brief relating to Judith Turner, makes plain that Judith's correct surname is “Turner”.

²² See

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/record/results?count=20&q.anyDate.from=1750&q.anyPlace=Southam%2C%20Warwickshire%2C%20England%2C%20United%20Kingdom&q.givenName=Judith&q.surname=Maycock>.

as “Meacock”), a William baptised on 1st June 1783, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VHGX-X1Q?lang=en> (and in which the parents’ name is recorded as “Meacock”), a Mary baptised 15th June 1788, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VHGX-R3B?lang=en> (and in which the parents’ name is recorded as “Macock”), a Judith baptised on 19th September 1791, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VHGX-G6M?lang=en> (and in which the parents’ name is recorded as “Macock”), an Elizabeth baptised on 3rd July 1793, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VHGX-NL2?lang=en> (and in which the parents’ name is recorded as “Meacock”), and an “Eliz” baptised on 24th January 1796, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VHGX-BJZ?lang=en> (and in which the parents’ name is recorded as “Meacock”).

Elizabeth Meacock was buried in Southam on 9th September 1793, see <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FSOUTHAM%2FDR0050-06-00063>, which explains the naming of a second Elizabeth in 1796.

The Southam combined baptism and burial register was manually searched from 1776 (page 38), see <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record/browse?id=S2/GBPRS/WARWICKSHIRE/PR-NONEXC/SOUTHAM/DR0050-06-00038>, to 1797 (page 53). The baptism records of the above children Dorithy, James, William, Mary, Judith, Elizabeth and Eliz. were observed. Additionally, an Ann, daughter of James and Judith Meacock, was buried on 29th May 1777 (at page 39), and also an Ann was baptised on 29th June 1785 to James and Judith Macock (at page 48). No record of the baptism of the Ann buried in May 1777 was located, but likely she was born shortly before burial, as the fact that James and Judith got a marriage licence before marrying the preceding December (see the brief relating to James Maycock) may indicate an expedited marriage was desirable as Judith was pregnant.

The spacing of the births verify that these children were all of the same family.

Also, these various records illustrate the spellings used interchangeably for the surname.

As noted above, Richard Maycock the father of Hannah, married Martha Seal in Marton on 14th October 1811, and was thus probably born 20 or so years earlier. A FindMyPast search of Warwickshire baptisms from 1775 to 1795 could not locate the birth/baptism of a Richard Maycock/Meacock/Macock in that county in that period.²³ The like Family Search search returned only one record,²⁴ for a baptism to John and Mary Maycok in Gaydon on 4th October 1786. Gaydon is 5½ miles south-east of Southam, and 9½ miles south-south-east of Marton, so it is possible that he is the Richard Maycock who married in Marton in 1811.

If the children of James and Judith Maycock/Meacock/Macock of Southam had included a Richard, that would have bolstered the case for their child Dorithy baptised 5th July 1778 being the Dorothy Maycock who married Joseph Walker junior, as it would mean she might have had a sibling also living in Marton at the same time as her.

Nevertheless, Dorithy is almost certainly the Dorothy Maycock who married Joseph Walker junior for the reasons that –

1. no baptism of a Dorothy Maycock was located on manually searching Marton’s baptism records for the period that would have covered her birth and, accordingly, Dorothy must have been baptised elsewhere
2. Dorithy Meacock was baptised in Southam, just 4½ miles from Marton
3. the above referred to Family Search and FindMyPast searches for a Dorothy Maycock birth/baptism in Warwickshire from 1772 to 1792, which searches also encompassed Meacock and Macock, returned no other credible candidates for the Dorothy Maycock who married Joseph Walker

²³ See

https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?datasetname=warwickshire%20baptisms&firstname=richard&firstname_variants=true&lastname=maycock&lastname_variants=true&yearofbirth=1785&yearofbirth_offset=10&sid=999.

²⁴ See

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/record/results?count=20&q.anyDate.exact=on&q.anyDate.from=1775&q.anyDate.to=1795&q.anyPlace=Warwickshire%2C%20England&q.anyPlace.exact=on&q.givenName=Richard&q.surname=Maycock>.

4. “Dorithy” is obviously an alternative spelling of “Dorothy” given they are phonetically the same, and “Meacock” and “Maycock” are spelling variants of the same surname
5. the fact that the chance that there is another candidate in a missing or obscured record, or otherwise not in (or not correctly recorded in) the FindMyPast and Family Search databases, is significantly reduced by reason that, on all of the above extensive searches, “Dorothy” was a considerably less common first name of the times²⁵
6. Dorothy married Joseph Walker in 1807, when “Dorithy” would have been 29, which is age appropriate
7. Dorothy Walker was buried on 5th July 1840, and was said to then be aged 58, which is a fair match to a baptism on 5th July 1778. Although “Dorithy” would have just turned 62 on that date, four years is not an unusual age discrepancy for the times. Even if she knew her true age, that she would have claimed a lower age is understandable given Joseph was 4½ years her junior, having been baptised on 12th January 1783.

Accordingly, it is concluded that Dorothy Maycock was baptised to James and Judith Maycock on 5th July 1778 in Southam, Warwickshire. (The spelling of “Maycock” rather than “Meacock” is used as that was the spelling in the baptism record of James Maycock, see the brief relating to him).

²⁵ A Family Search search for Dorothys in Warwickshire between 1750 and 1800 produced 1,705 results, see <https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/record/results?count=20&q.anyDate.exact=on&q.anyDate.from=1750&q.anyDate.to=1800&q.anyPlace=Warwickshire%2C%20England&q.anyPlace.exact=on&q.givenName=Dorothy&q.givenName.exact=on>, whilst the same search for Elizabeths produced 72,621 results, see <https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/record/results?count=20&q.anyDate.exact=on&q.anyDate.from=1750&q.anyDate.to=1800&q.anyPlace=Warwickshire%2C%20England&q.anyPlace.exact=on&q.givenName=Elizabeth&q.givenName.exact=on>. There were 66,039 Anns, 73,108 Sarahs, 25,163 Hannahs, 113,986 Marys etc.