

Birth, parentage, marriage and death of James Maycock

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

Those details are –

James was baptised on 23rd July 1749 in Fenny Compton, Warwickshire.

His parents were William and Ann Maycock.

He married Judith Turner on 27th December 1776 in Southam, Warwickshire.

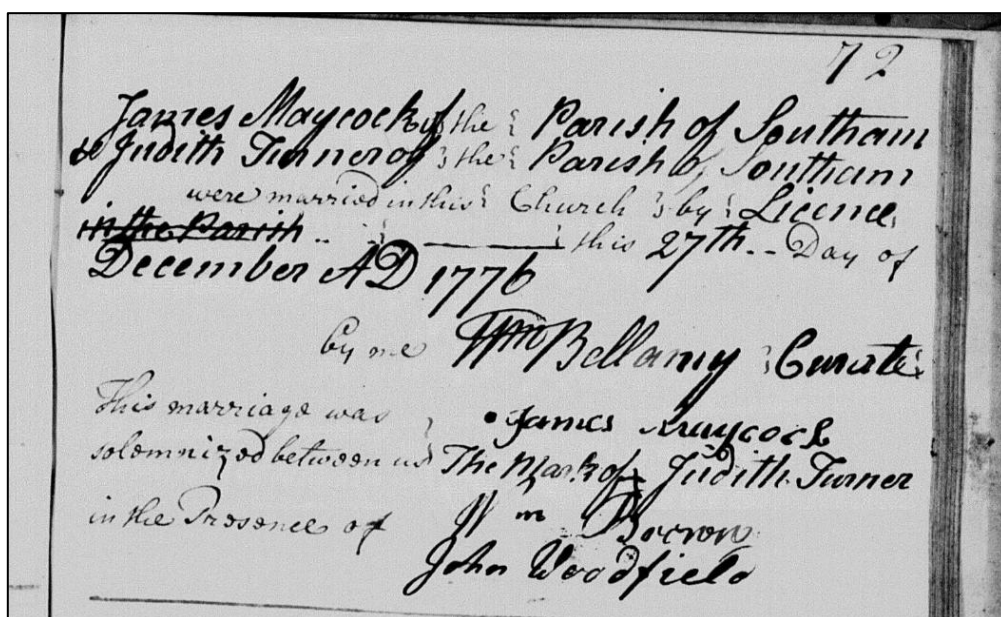
He was buried in Southam, Warwickshire on 13th August 1837.

(The research for this brief was conducted in late 2025).

James' marriage

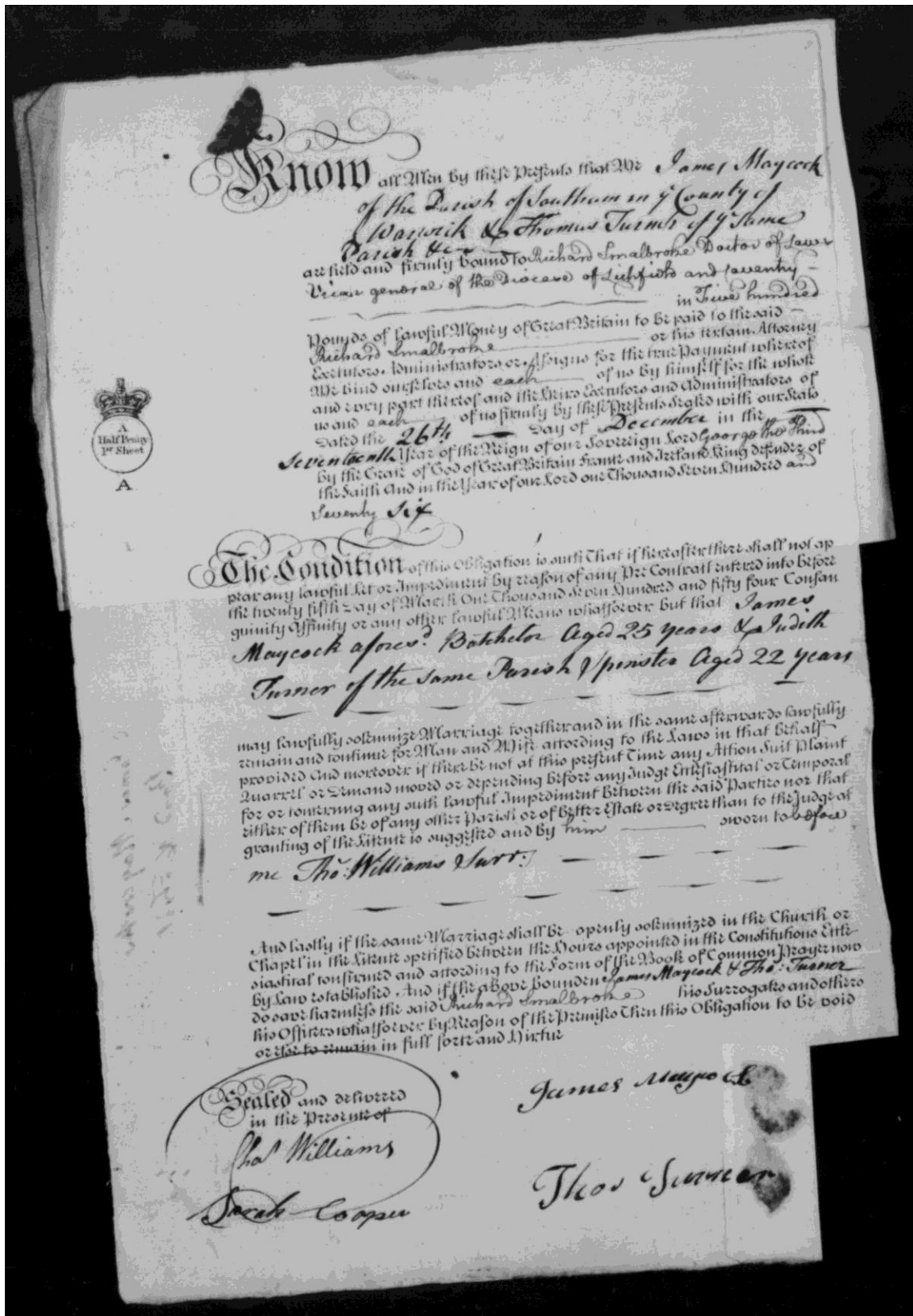
James married Judith Turner in Southam, Warwickshire on 27th December 1776.

The marriage record, which was discovered in the course of researching the birth of Dorothy Maycock (see the brief relating to her), and which notes that the marriage was in the church of the Parish of Southam, is to be found at <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FSOUTHAM%2FDR0050-07-00073>:¹



¹ Note that the FindMyPast transcript records her surname as "Tinner". The descender of the "y" in the name "Maycock" above leaves the surname looking like "Tinner", but the words "The Mark of Judith Turner" make plain her correct surname. As does her marriage licence, see below.

The previous day, James and Judith obtained a marriage licence for their wedding, which licence is at <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=GBPRS%2FSTAFF%2F007619225%2F00603&parentid=GBPRS%2FSTAFF%2FMARRLICENCE%2F114796%2F1>:



The issuing of a marriage licence, followed by the marriage the next day, suggests that James and Judith decided to marry quickly rather than wait to get married after 7 days notice and then banns being called on three Sundays.²

The marriage licence states that James was aged 25 as at the date of the document, being 26th December 1776. Also, as a formal, and very consequential, legal document, one may expect that James' surname was correctly spelled in the £500 bond. That spelling is therefore used for his surname, despite variations to it in the records.

James and Judith Maycock baptised children in Southam as follows, see the brief relating to Dorothy Maycock:

Name	Baptism date	Surname	Record location
Ann ³	c. May 1777	Meacock	Not located
Dorothy	5 th July 1778	Meacock	https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VHXC-KNT?lang=en ⁴
James	9 th February 1780	Meacock	https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VHXC-XJP?lang=en
William	1 st June 1783	Meacock	https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VHXC-X1Q?lang=en
Ann	29 th June 1785	Macock	https://search.findmypast.com.au/record/browse?id=S2/GBPRS/WARWICKSHIRE/PR-NONEXC/SOUTHAM/DR0050-06-00048
Mary	15 th June 1788	Macock	https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VHXC-R3B?lang=en
Judith	19 th September 1791	Macock	https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VHXC-G6M?lang=en
Elizabeth	3 rd July 1793	Meacock	https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VHXC-NL2?lang=en
Elizabeth	24 th January 1796	Meacock	https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VHXC-BJZ?lang=en

James' death

James married in Southam, and he baptised at least nine children there between about 1777 and 1796, see above, so it seems very likely that he died and was buried there.

In researching Dorothy Maycock's biographical data, a search returned a James Maycock aged 88 years buried at Southam on 13th August 1837, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XXPP-V4Q?lang=en>:

² The banns process is explained at <https://www.regencyhistory.net/blog/marriage-licences-banns-regency-history-guide>. That webpage also explains the marriage licence process: "Sometimes it was not convenient to wait for the banns to be read, for example if the bride was pregnant, and it was possible to get married more quickly by applying for a common licence. This was available from a bishop or archbishop and their offices. Before the licence could be issued, one of the couple or someone acting on their behalf had to submit a sworn statement or allegation that there was no impediment of kindred or alliance to the marriage ... There was also a requirement for the groom or someone acting on his behalf to enter a bond where a substantial amount of money would be forfeited if an impediment existed."

³ This baptism was deduced by reason that an Ann, daughter of James and Judith Meacock, was buried in Southam on 29th May 1777, see <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record/browse?id=S2/GBPRS/WARWICKSHIRE/PR-NONEXC/SOUTHAM/DR0050-06-00039>. As noted above, the most likely reason James and Judith obtained a marriage licence the previous December was that Judith was pregnant, in which case it was almost certainly with her first child. The burial record in the image is preceded by Southam baptisms and burials going back to June 1776, but there is no baptism record for Ann, so she likely died at birth.

⁴ URLs of Family Search records linked herein include "61903", presumably a specific member number, and likely need adapting to function.

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James Maycock

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Name James Maycock
Age 88 years
Birth Year (Estimated) 1749
Event Type Burial
Event Date 13 August 1837
Event Place Southam, Warwickshire, England
Event Place (Original) Southam, Warwickshire, England

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Similar Records
No similar records were found.

This is an image of the relevant page of the original parish register, see <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC2%2FSOUTHAM%2FDR0583-07-00081>.⁵

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BURIALS in the Parish of Southam in the County of Warwick in the Year 1837

Name	Abode	When buried	Age	By what the Ceremony was performed
Larah Gibbard	Southam	April 15	14	Charles Chickster
No. 596.				
Edward Jones	Southam	April 18	65	Charles Chickster
No. 598.				
William Mason	Southam	April 20	61	Charles Chickster
No. 597.				
Elizabeth Park	Southam	April 27	27	Charles Chickster
No. 595.				
William Ward	Southam	May 18	61	Charles Chickster
No. 599.				
Annie Barber	Southam	May 11	19	Charles Chickster
No. 590.				
Elizabeth Burton	Southam	May 22	41	Charles Chickster
No. 591.				
William Elliot	Southam	June 1	58	Charles Chickster
No. 592.				

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BURIALS in the Parish of Southam in the County of Warwick in the Year 1837

Name	Abode	When buried	Age	By what the Ceremony was performed
Laura	Southam	July 14	28	Charles Chickster
No. 593.				
Elizabeth Hobley	Southam	July 15	45	Charles Chickster
No. 594.				
John Barber	Southam	July 16	60	Charles Chickster
No. 595.				
William Blackford	Southam	July 20	30	Charles Chickster
No. 596.				
Thomas Bond	Southam	July 21	59	Charles Chickster
No. 597.				
James Maycock	Southam	Aug 13	88	Charles Chickster
No. 598.				
Rosa Hannah Lloyd	Southam	Aug 20	16	Charles Chickster
No. 599.				
William Bullock	Southam	Aug 25	15	Charles Chickster
No. 600.				

Image Courtesy of Warwick County Record Office

This is a close up of the relevant entry:

No. 597.				yes	Chickster
	James Maycock	Southam	Aug 13	88	Charles Chickster
No. 598.				yes	

⁵ The same record is in the Family Search databases at <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-DY39-QF5?view=index&personArke=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AXXP-V4Q&action=view&cc=1462403&lang=en&groupId=>. Note that many Warwickshire record images previously available on Family Search had by 2025 become inaccessible on that platform.

If James was actually 88 on 13th August 1837, he would have been born between 14th August 1748 and 13th August 1749. And, if the James Maycock who obtained a marriage licence on 26th December 1776 was actually 25 on that date, he would have been born between 27th December 1750 and 26th December 1751. A discrepancy in a person's age of between one and three years is not unusual for the times.

A Family Search search for a burial relating to James Maycock in Southam between 1796 (when his last child Elizabeth was baptised) and 1840 only returned the above 1837 burial.⁶ Expanding the search to the whole of Warwickshire⁷ likewise produced no further discernibly relevant record. The like search in FindMyPast's databases (of Warwickshire burials from 1800 to 1840) returned two additional James Maycock burials, one in Avon Dassett in 1823, and one in Fenny Compton in 1826.⁸ Fenny Compton is 5¾ miles south of Southam. Avon Dassett is 7½ miles south of Southam, and 1½ miles south of Fenny Compton.

However, the Avon Dassett 1823 burial record specified that that James Maycock was 57 at death,⁹ and hence born about 1766, so he was manifestly too young to marry in 1776. As to the Fenny Compton 1826 burial, although it is concluded that James was baptised there, see below, the burial record specified that that James Maycock was 67 at death,¹⁰ and hence born about 1759, so at about 17¹¹ he also was likely too young to marry in 1776. He was also legally incapable of entering into a £500 bond,¹² and, in any case, he would not in 1776 have been mistaken for age 25, as recorded in James' marriage licence.

Accordingly, James Maycock was buried in Southam on 13th August 1837.

James' birth

As noted above, allowing for his age of 25 given in his marriage licence, and his age of 88 given in his burial record, James likely was born between about 14th August 1748 and about 26th December 1751.

A FindMyPast search for any James Maycock/Macock/Meacock baptised in Warwickshire between 1740 and 1760 only returned two baptisms, in 1749 and 1759, and no others.¹³ Both baptisms were in Fenny Compton. The former was the baptism of a James Macock on 23rd July 1749 to William and Ann Macock.¹⁴ The latter was the baptism of a James Macock on 11th June 1759 to William and Elizabeth Macock.¹⁵

Given the location match, and the almost exact age match, the latter is obviously the abovementioned James Maycock buried in Fenny Compton in 1826 (on 4th April 1826¹⁶ to be exact) and said to then be 67. And, for the reasons given above, that James Maycock was not the James who married Judith Turner.

⁶ See

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/record/results?count=20&q.anyDate.exact=on&q.anyDate.from=1796&q.anyDate.to=1840&q.anyPlace=Southam%2C%20Warwickshire%2C%20England&q.anyPlace.exact=on&q.givenName=James&q.surname=Maycock>.

⁷ See

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/record/results?count=20&q.anyDate.exact=on&q.anyDate.from=1796&q.anyDate.to=1840&q.anyPlace=Warwickshire%2C%20England&q.anyPlace.exact=on&q.givenName=James&q.surname=Maycock>.

⁸ See

https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?firstname=james&firstname_variants=true&lastname=maycock&lastname_variants=true&datasetname=warwickshire%20burials&yearofdeath=1820&yearofdeath_offset=20&sid=999.

⁹ See <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FAVONDASSETT%2FDR0662-03-00006>.

¹⁰ See <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FFENNYCOMPTON%2FDR0161-06-00012>.

¹¹ He was subsequently identified as born on 11th June 1759, see below, so he was actually 17½ on 27th December 1776.

¹² The English age of majority, being the age when one acquires "capacity in full to enter into legally binding contracts", was 21 until 1969, when it was lowered to 18, see [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Age_of_majority_\(England\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Age_of_majority_(England)).

¹³ See

https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?sid=100&firstname=james&firstname_variants=true&lastname=maycock&lastname_variants=true&yearofbirth=1750&yearofbirth_offset=10&datasetname=warwickshire+baptisms.

¹⁴ See <https://www.findmypast.com.au/transcript?id=GBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FBAP%2F001504463&tab=this>.

¹⁵ See <https://www.findmypast.com.au/transcript?id=GBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FBAP%2F001504545&tab=this>.

¹⁶ See <https://www.findmypast.com.au/transcript?id=GBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FBUR%2F000625946&tab=this>.

A Family Search search for a James Maycock/Macock/Meacock event in Southam between 1740 and 1760 returned no birth/baptism record of relevance.¹⁷ Expanding the search to the whole of Warwickshire,¹⁸ there were no baptisms recorded as occurring in that period in that county at all,¹⁹ not even the above two Fenny Compton events.

The original Southam parish register was manually examined for the period from 1740 to 1760.²⁰ The register for that period covered baptisms, marriages and burials. All entries in the register during that period were sufficiently legible such that no entry with the surname Maycock/Macock/Meacock could be missed. There was no baptism of a James Maycock, indeed, no Maycock entries at all in the period.²¹ James must have been baptised elsewhere.

For the following reasons, it is concluded that the James Maycock who married Judith Turner is the James Macock baptised in Fenny Compton on 23rd July 1749 to William and Ann Macock:

1. no baptism of a James Maycock/Macock/Meacock was located on manually searching Southam's baptism records for the period that would have covered his birth and, accordingly, James must have been baptised elsewhere
2. the 1749 James Macock was baptised in Fenny Compton, just 5¼ miles from Southam, the location of all the other above life events of the James Maycock who married Judith Turner
3. the above referred to Family Search and FindMyPast searches for a James Maycock birth/baptism in Warwickshire from 1740 to 1760, which searches also encompassed Meacock and Macock, returned no other plausible candidate for the James Maycock who married Judith Turner
4. "Macock" and "Maycock" are spelling variants of the same surname
5. the James Maycock who married Judith Turner was buried at Southam on 13th August 1837 aged 88 years, see above, and that is an exact age match to a July 1749 birth
6. James Maycock was said to be 25 when he married Judith Turner on 27th December 1776, and, although the James baptised on 23rd July 1749 would have been 27½ years old on that date, that is still a reasonable age match given age discrepancies were common during those times
7. there is a further minor supporting fact, that is, James and Judith named their first known child Ann, and, when that Ann died, they named a second child Ann, the same name as the 1749 James Macock's mother, although it is noted that Ann was an extremely common first name for the times
8. there is a second minor supporting fact, that is, James and Judith also named a son William, the same name as the 1749 James Macock's father, although, again, that was also an extremely common first name for the times. (Whilst James and Judith's first son was named James, that is to be expected, as he was obviously named after his father, with the next son to arrive then being named William).

Similar considerations to those listed above led to the conclusion that James and Judith's daughter Dorothy was baptised in Southam, although all her other known life events occurred in Marton. However, there was an additional supporting fact in that case, which is that the chance of another plausible candidate for her in a

¹⁷ See

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/record/results?count=20&q.anyDate.exact=on&q.anyDate.from=1740&q.anyDate.to=1760&q.anyPlace=Southam%2C%20Warwickshire%2C%20England&q.givenName=James&q.surname=Maycock>.

¹⁸ See

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/record/results?count=20&q.anyDate.exact=on&q.anyDate.from=1740&q.anyDate.to=1760&q.anyPlace=Warwickshire%2C%20England&q.givenName=James&q.surname=Maycock>.

¹⁹ Several events were in Huntingdonshire, formerly a county in its own right, but now part of Cambridgeshire, see <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Huntingdonshire>.

²⁰ Commencing with page 8 at <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record/browse?id=S2/GBPRS/WARWICKSHIRE/PR-NONEXC/SOUTHAM/DR0050-06-00008>, through to page 23.

²¹ There was a John Haycock buried on 23rd April 1742 at page 10, which at first blush could have been read as "Maycock", but, on closer examination, the curate clearly wrote a capital "M" in nearby entries different from the capital letter for the entry in question. "Haycock" is also how FindMyPast transcribed the entry, see <https://www.findmypast.com.au/transcript?id=GBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FBUR%2F000990867&tab=this>. Similarly, Anne Haycock buried 20th October 1743 at page 10, and Ann Haycock married 29th December 1747 at page 12.

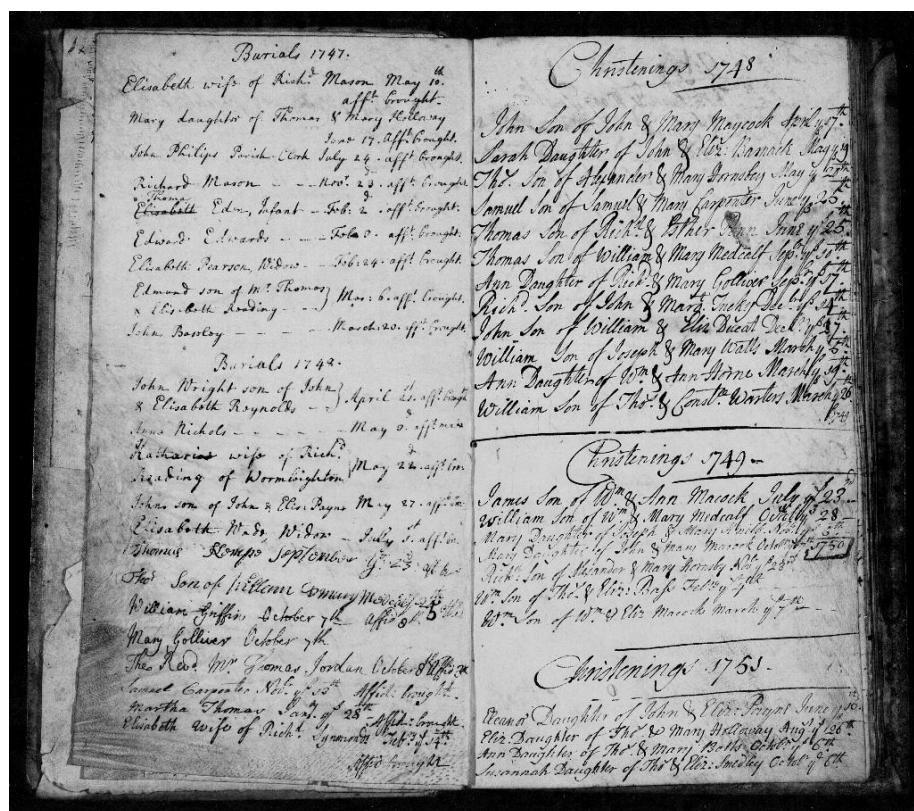
missing or obscured record, or her otherwise not in (or not correctly recorded in) the FindMyPast and Family Search databases, is reduced by reason that "Dorothy" was an uncommon first name of the times.

That supporting fact does not apply to the first name "James". Also, unlike the absence of Maycocks/Macocks/Meacocks in Southam at about the time of Dorothy's birth, there were a number of Maycocks/Macocks/Meacocks in Fenny Compton at about the time of James' birth,²² a fact which increases the risk of another James Maycock in the area, but for whom a record is missing, obscured or missed.

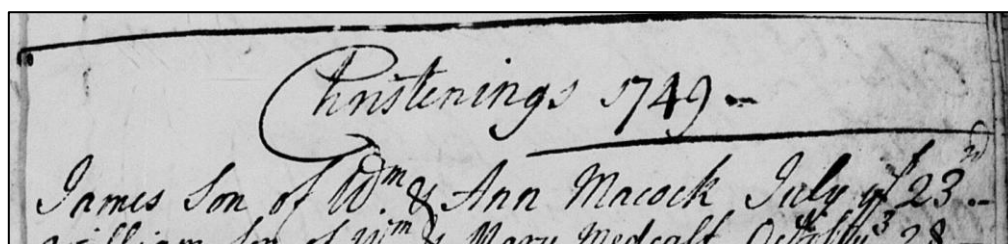
The case for James Maycock of Southam being baptised in the neighbouring town of Fenny Compton 5¼ miles away is thus not as strong as was the case for Dorothy Maycock of Marton being baptised 4½ miles away in Southam. Nevertheless, all of the above facts sufficiently compel that conclusion.

Accordingly, James was baptised in Fenny Compton on 23rd July 1749 to William and Ann Macock.

This is the FindMyPast image of the relevant page of the Fenny Compton parish register, see <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FFENNYCOMPTON%2FDRO103-02-00004>:



This is a close up of the relevant entry:



²² See

https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?lastname=maycock&lastname_variants=true&eventyear=1750&eventyear_offset=10&key_words=fenny%20compton&sid=100.