

Birth, parentage, marriage and death of Judith Turner

This brief evidences the details of the birth, parentage, marriage and death of Judith Turner.

Those details are –

Judith was baptised on 31st March 1754 in Southam, Warwickshire.

Her parents were Thomas and Mary Turner.

She married James Maycock on 27th December 1776 in Southam, Warwickshire.

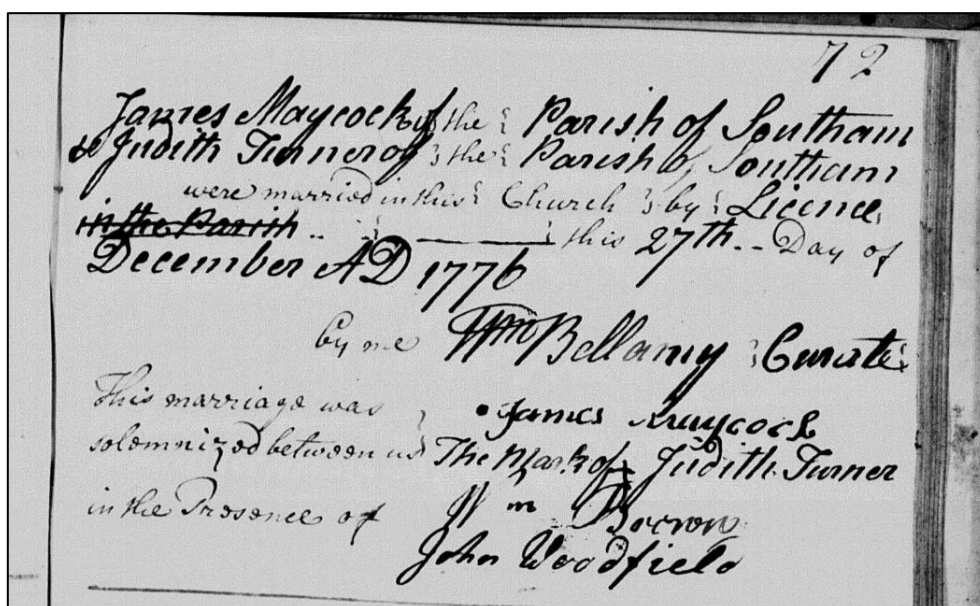
She was buried in Southam, Warwickshire on 11th March 1820.

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

Judith's marriage

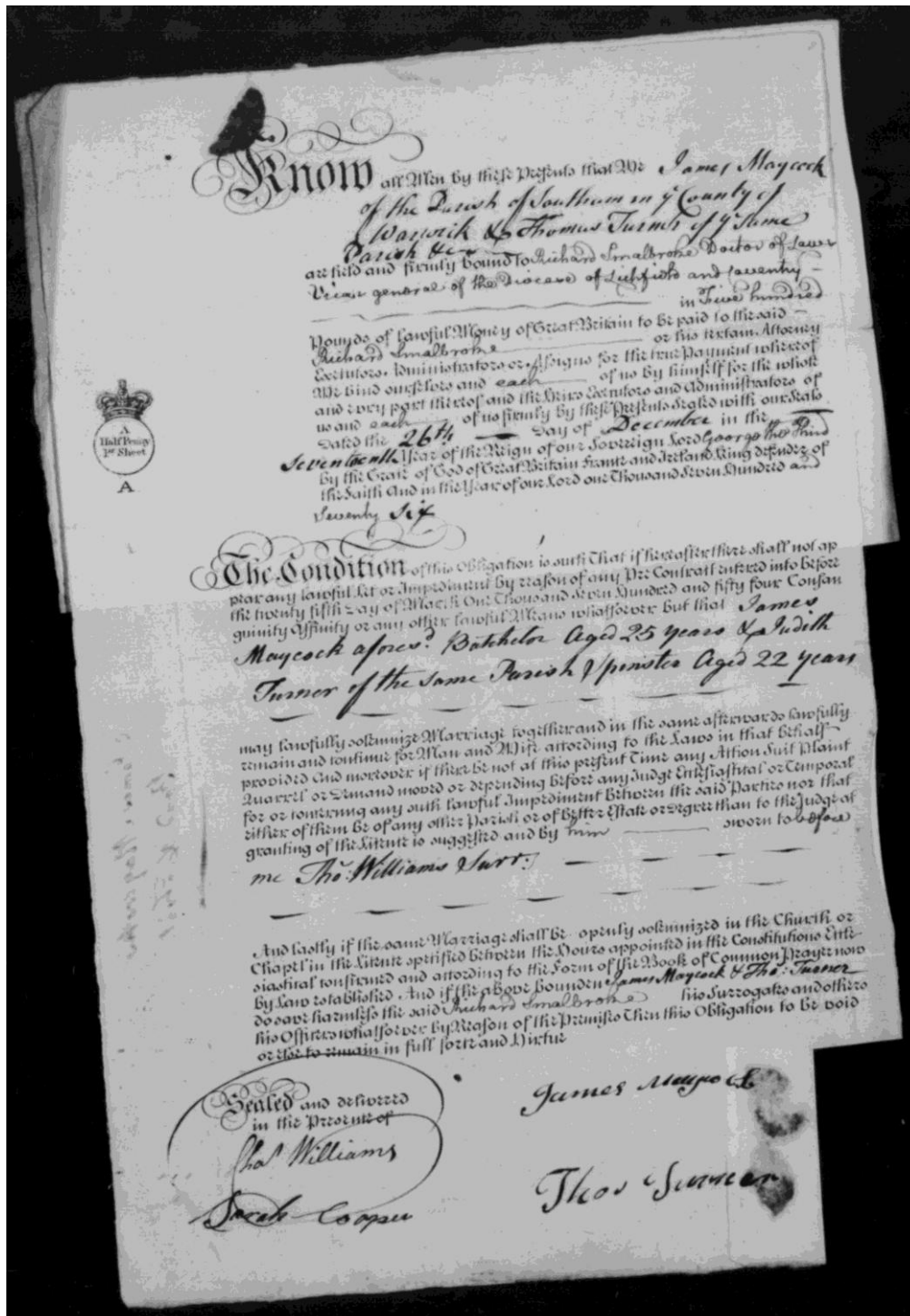
Judith married James Maycock in Southam, Warwickshire on 27th December 1776.

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 Judith was aged 22 as at the date of the document, being 26th December 1776, and that the obligors were the groom and one Thomas Turner, obviously Judith's father or other relative. 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:VHXG-KNT?lang=en ⁴
James	9 th February 1780	Meacock	https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VHXG-XJP?lang=en
William	1 st June 1783	Meacock	https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VHXG-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:VHXG-R3B?lang=en
Judith	19 th September 1791	Macock	https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VHXG-G6M?lang=en
Elizabeth	3 rd July 1793	Meacock	https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VHXG-NL2?lang=en
Elizabeth	24 th January 1796	Meacock	https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VHXG-BJZ?lang=en

Judith's birth

If Judith was actually 22 on 26th December 1776, as stated in her marriage licence, she would have been born between 27th December 1753 and 26th December 1754.

A Judith Turner was baptised in Southam to Thomas and Mary Turner on 31st March 1754, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:VHXG-VS4?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. Note that many Warwickshire record images previously available on Family Search had by 2025 become inaccessible on that platform.

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Name Judith
Sex Female
Father's Name [Thomas Turner](#)
Father's Sex Male
Mother's Name [Mary Turner](#)
Mother's Sex Female
Event Type Christening
Event Date 31 March 1754
Event Place Southam, Warwickshire, England, United Kingdom
Event Place (Original) Southam, Warwickshire

Judith's Parents and Siblings

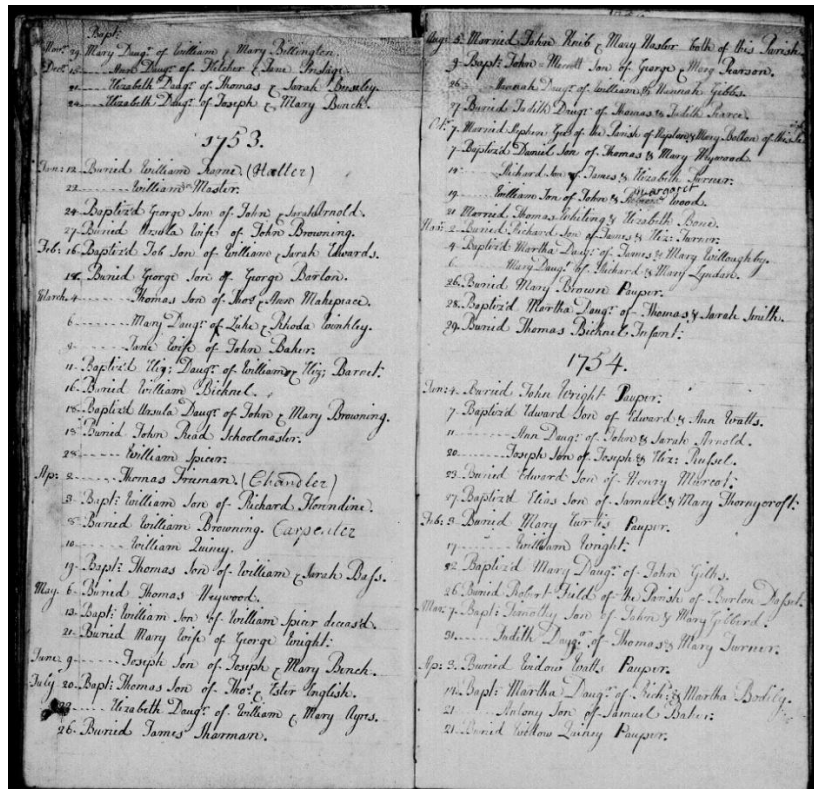
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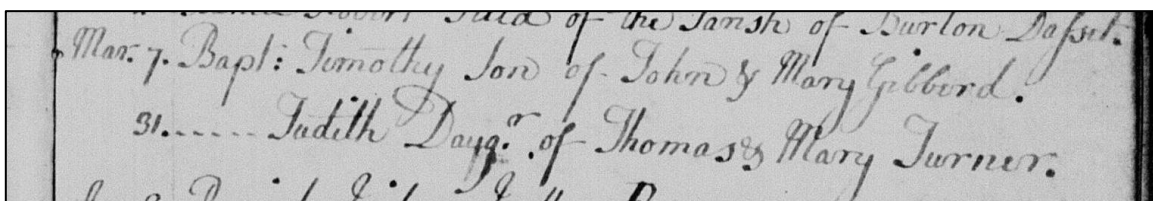
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An image of the original Southam parish register page with the record of the baptism is at <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FSOUTHAM%2FDR0050-06-00016>:



This is a close up of the relevant entry:



There can be little doubt that this is the baptism record of the Judith Turner who married James Maycock given the Southam location, and given that the date of baptism correlates exactly to her age as specified in her marriage licence, and also given the fact that her father was a Thomas Turner, and a Thomas Turner was one of the obligors in her marriage licence.

Further, no other plausible candidate for the Judith Turner who married James Maycock was located. A Family Search search for a Judith Turner event in Southam in the mid-1700s⁵ did return one other Judith Turner baptised in Southam in that period, on the 8th February 1760 to John and Sarah Turner, but at age 16 she would have been quite young to marry in December 1776, and, in any case, she would not then have been mistaken for age 22, as recorded in Judith's marriage licence.

A FindMyPast search for any Judith Turner baptised in Warwickshire between 1740 and 1760 only returned the above two records of baptisms in Southam in 1754 and 1760, and no others.⁶

Accordingly, Judith was baptised on 31st March 1754 in Southam, Warwickshire to Thomas and Mary Turner.

Judith's death

A Family Search search for records relating to Judith Maycock returned the burial of a Judith Maycock in Southam on 11th March 1820, aged 66, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-DY31-ND>:

Page 18.					Page 19.				
BURIALS in the Parish of <u>Southam</u> in the County of <u>Warwick</u> in the Year 1820					BURIALS in the Parish of <u>Southam</u> in the County of <u>Warwick</u> in the Year 1820				
Name	Abode	When buried.	Age.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.	Name	Abode	When buried.	Age.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
Thomas Aske	Southam	Jan. 12	70	f. Chandler Rector	Mary Curdall	Southam	Feb. 15	72	f. Chandler Rector
No. 137.					No. 145.				
Anne Parry	Southam	Feb. 4	64	M. Ashbourne Bish.	Richard Mason	Southam	May 1 st	39	Wm. Hargreaves Curate of Southam
No. 138.					No. 146.				
Charles Warner	Long Thorpe	Feb. 11	24	f. Chandler	Betsy Masefield	Southam	June 1 st	2	Wm. Hargreaves Curate of Southam
No. 139.					No. 147.				
Anna Lockwood	Southam	Feb. 12	64	f. Chandler	William Turner	Southam	June 12	35	f. Chandler
No. 140.					No. 148.				
John Telf	Southam	Feb. 13	66	f. Chandler	Mary Smith	Southam	June 24	82	Wm. Hargreaves Curate of Southam
No. 141.					No. 149.				
John Budd	Southam	Feb. 20	83	f. Chandler	Maria Storr	Southam	June 29	69	f. Chandler
No. 142.					No. 150.				
Judith Maycock	Southam	Mar. 11	66	f. Chandler	Sarah Austen	Southam	July 23	53	Wm. Hargreaves Curate of Southam
No. 143.					No. 151.				
John Brown	Southam	Mar. 31	39	f. Chandler	Anne Brown	Long Thorpe	Feb. 30	30	f. Chandler
No. 144.					No. 152.				

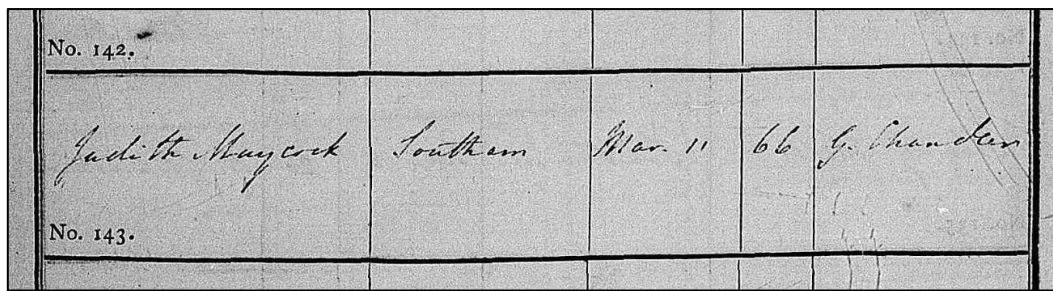
⁵ See

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/record/results?count=20&q.anyDate.from=1753&q.anyPlace=Southam%2C%20Warwickshire%2C%20England%2C%20United%20Kingdom&q.givenName=Judith&q.surname=Turner>.

⁶ See

https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?sid=998&firstname=judith&firstname_variants=true&lastname=turner&yearofbirth=1750&yearofbirth_offset=10&yearofdeath=1820&yearofdeath_offset=2&datasetname=warwickshire+baptisms. The search returned a third Judith Turner baptised in Sherbourne (10 miles west of Southam) to William Turner, but, going to the linked original record at <https://search.findmypast.com.au/record?id=S2%2FGBPRS%2FWARWICKSHIRE%2FPR-NONEXC%2FSHERBOURNE%2FDR0082-01-00025>, it proved to be for a baptism on 30th October 1681.

This is a close up of the relevant entry:



If this Judith Maycock was actually 66 at burial on 11th March 1820, she would have been born between 12th March 1753 and 11th March 1754. That is a close match, given age inaccuracies of the times, for the Judith Turner who married James Maycock, as she was baptised on 31st March 1754, see above.

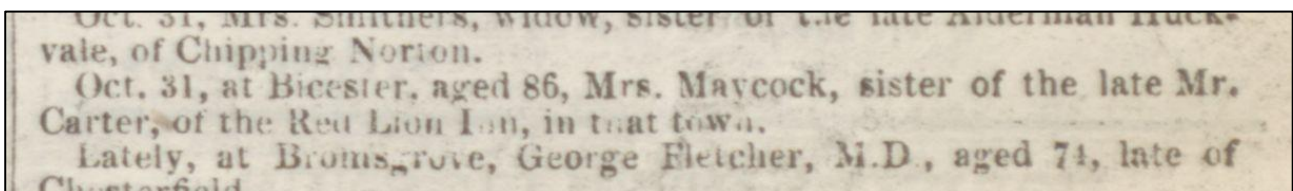
The Judith who married James Maycock was baptised in Southam, she married there, and to a Southam resident (see the marriage and marriage licence records above), and she baptised nine children there,⁷ so it is highly likely that she died and was buried there.

A FindMyPast search for a Judith Maycock/Macock/Meacock born 1754 and buried in Warwickshire between 1800 and 1840 only returned the one record, that above.⁸

That was also the only burial returned on a Family Search search for a burial in Warwickshire of a Judith Maycock/Macock/Meacock between 1796 (when James and Judith's last child Elizabeth was baptised, see above) and 1850.⁹

However, that latter search also returned an obituary in the *Leamington Spa Courier* for a "Mrs Maycock" who died aged 86 on 31st October 1843, see <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QPZ4-967S?lang=en>. As such, she would have been born about 1757. Royal Leamington Spa in 6 miles west-north-west of Southam.

The obituary was found in FindMyPast's databases on page 3 of the newspaper's edition of 11th November 1843, see <https://www.findmypast.com.au/image-viewer?issue=BL%2F0000249%2F18431111&page=3>:



As the sister of "Mr Carter", this was obviously not Judith Maycock nee Turner. Also, Bicester is not near Leamington Spa in Warwickshire, rather it is in Oxfordshire, and 26½ miles south-south-east of Southam.¹⁰

Accordingly, Judith Maycock was buried in Southam on 11th March 1820.

⁷ As noted above, the first Ann was not recorded as baptised, and she likely died at birth. She therefore may not have been baptised.

⁸ See

https://www.findmypast.com.au/search/results?sid=100&firstname=judith&firstname_variants=true&lastname=maycock&lastname_variants=true&yearofbirth=1754&yearofbirth_offset=2&yearofdeath=1820&yearofdeath_offset=20&datasetname=warwickshire+burials.

⁹ See

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/record/results?count=20&q.anyDate.from=1796&q.anyDate.to=1850&q.anyPlace=Warwickshire%2C%20England%2C%20United%20Kingdom&q.anyPlace.exact=on&q.givenName=Judith&q.surname=Maycock>.

¹⁰ A Google search for a Bicester near Leamington Spa returned no results and, in any case, there is a Red Lion Inn near Oxfordshire's Bicester, see <https://the-bicestorian.webador.co.uk/local-towns-and-villages/wendlebury>. The inn (now called the Lion Bicester, see <https://www.thelionbicester.co.uk/contact-us/>) is in the village Wendlebury, 2 miles south-west of Bicester's town centre.