

SWINNERTON

FAMILY HISTORY

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of the family

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It is a melancholy truth that even great men have their poor relations. (Charles Dickens)

Continuing the story of the Early American Swinnertons in the DANVERS Vital Records, we have the following :-

DEATHS (p. 467)

SWINERTON, Elizabeth w. John, Sept. 11 1826

Elizabeth, wid. Nov. - 1829

Emma, May 22 1843, a. 88 y.

Emma P. d. James, jr. and Martha M., July 8, 1815

Henry Harrison, s. Amos Putnam and Sally Bodge (Goodale) Mar. 20 1843

James, Mar. 4 1813 (1814 dup.)

James s. James jr. and Martha M., May 4 1813

James, h. Martha M., Feb. 5 1822 (a. 48 y. G.R. 16)

James, s. James and Martha, Sept. 7, 1842, a. 29 y. G.R. 16

John, Apr. 19 1825

John, h. Elizabeth, Nov. 1 1828

Sarah (Hutchinson) w. Job --, 1767

-- Mrs., fever, Dec. -- 1753. P.R. 9

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-- ch. -- fever, Dec. -- 1753. P.R. 9

-- wid. J., June 3 1814

-- wid. Oct. 26 1828

-- s. Amos P., Mar. 21 1843, a. 2 y. P.R. 9

In the Vital Records of TAUNTON, Massachussetts - a nearby town, we get the following :-

BIRTHS (p. 410)

SWINERTON (Swinterton), Amelia E. (Swinterton) (? m.) Oct. 26 1837 (On monument with John P.) G.R. 17

John P., h. Rebecca B., Mar. 3 1800 G.R. 17

John Putnam (Swinterton), -- 1838. (On monument with John P.) G.R. 17

Rebecca B., w. John P., Feb. 15 1804. G.R. 17

DEATHS (p. 194)

SWINERTON, John s. J.P. Aug. 8 1837, a. 9 m. G.R. 1)

G.R. 17 is a gravestone record in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Crockett Street, Taunton.

The introduction to "DANVERS VITAL RECORDS" gives us the following background to the area :-

"The town of Danvers which previous to 1855 also included the present town of Peabody, was originally a part of Salem, the first grant of land within this territory having been made on July 3rd 1632 to Governor John Endicott.

On March 22nd 1671/2 this section, known as the Farms, was set off from Salem and established as Salem Village Parish. On January 18th 1710 another division was effected - the territory which comprised the southern portion of the present town of Peabody being set off from Salem as the Middle Precinct.

History of Danvers (cont'd)

On February 11th 1712 the inhabitants of the eastern part of the village parish together with some of Beverley, united in forming the parish known as the Precinct of Salem and Beverley and Foyleside.

The inhabitants in the vicinity of Will's Hill were set off from the village parish and incorporated June 20th 1728 as the town of Middleton.

On January 28th 1752 the village and middle parishes of Salem were established as the District of Danvers and on June 16th 1757 the district was duly incorporated as the town of Danvers. Objections being made on account of the King's Mandate that no new town should be incorporated which would increase the number of representatives to the General Court, the Act was disallowed by the Privy Council August 10th 1759.

However, by a General Act passed August 23rd 1775, the District became the town of Danvers. On March 17th 1840 the bounds between Danvers and Salem were established.

The population of Danvers at different periods was as follows :-

1765 - 2133	1776 - 2284
1790 - 2425	1800 - 2643
1810 - 3127	1820 - 3646
1830 - 4228	1840 - 5020
1850 - 8109	1905 - 9063

A letter found in the Rev. Charles Swynnerton's correspondence throws a little more light on the family :-

Letter from Henry M. Brooks, Secy, Essex Institute, Essex Street, Salem. Mass.
to Mrs. H. C. Porter, Woods Holl, dated Sept. 3rd 1895

Dear Madam, Your favour of the 2nd is received enclosing a letter from Delhi, India, in reference to the Swynnerton family. I find that Dr. John Swinerton was a physician in Salem and died, according to his gravestone to be seen in the Charter St. burial ground, Jany. 6, 1690 aged 57. Hannah widow of Dr. John died Dec. 23 1713, aged 71. Mrs. Mercy Swinerton died Nov. 3 1727 aged 43. This is all I know about the family. I think you might possibly obtain further information by application to some person more thoroughly acquainted with genealogical matters than I am. I could recommend Sidney Perley Esq. of this city who is well versed in such matters and I have enclosed his circular.

N.B. Although there is a little difference in spelling of the same, it is undoubtedly the same family - people in those times were not particular about the spelling. Often in the same document the word is spelled differently.

The question is - who was Mrs. Porter who was obviously helping the Rev. Charles with his enquiries ?

MARKET DRAYTON INDEPENDENT CHAPEL REGISTER. (BIRTHS) SALOP NON CONFORMIST REGISTERS.

1784 Aug. 31	Hannah, dau. of Thomas & Anne Swinnerton	(HS. 5)
1785 Oct. 9	Esther, dau. of Thomas & Anne Swinnerton	(ES. 5)
1787 Oct. 4	Enock, son of Thomas & Anne Swinnerton	(ES. 6)
1789 Nov. 19	Edward, son of Thomas & Anne Swinnerton	(ES. 7)

(All the above were BAPTISED at Drayton in Hales, Salop)

SWINNERTONS IN SHEFFIELD.

In Swinnerton Family Trees Vol. I. p. 6 (SHC. Vol. VII Pt. II) there is the following tree of the Swinnertons of Shut Lane. (Note: the tree was originally published in 1880 - hence the use of the words 'now living').

SWINNERTON OF SHUT LANE.

Hugh Swinnerton, younger son of Thomas (son of William) Swinnerton, of Butterson = Fortune Walker, of Dilvern, co. Stafford.

Thomas Swinnerton, of Shutlane, = Jane Shaw, of Handley.
d. 15 Feb., 1725-6.

John Swinnerton, of Shutlane = Anne Thorneycroft; bur. 10 March, 1719-20.

Thomas Swinnerton, son of Thomas and Jane Swinnerton, of Shutlane, in = Hannah Deane, of Hanley, co. Staff.
the parish of Swinnerton; bapt. at Whitmore 8 April, 1673.

1. James Swinnerton, son of Thomas and Hannah Swinnerton, of Shutlane = Sarah, 1729. "Widow Swinnerton from Head, bapt. at Whitmore 1 Sept., 1696; of Acton in the parish of Swinnerton, 1722-25, apparently of Shutlane Head in 1731. Shutlane" was bur. 13 March, 1780.
2. Jemima.
3. Kesia.

Mary, dau. of James Swinnerton, of Acton; bapt. at Swinnerton, 28 April, 1722.

Hannah, dau. of James Swinnerton, of Acton; bapt. at Swinnerton, 16 Feb., 1723-4.

Elizabeth, dau. of James Swinnerton of Acton; bapt. at Swinnerton, 9 Oct., 1725.

James Swinnerton, son of James and Sarah Swinnerton, bapt. at Swinnerton, 7 June, 1729; of Acton in 1754, and afterwards of Shutlane Head; bur. at Whitmore, 17 Aug., 1804.

Anne, bur. at Whitmore, aged 99.

Thomas Swinnerton, son of James Swinnerton, of Shutlane Head; bapt. at Swinnerton 2 July, 1731.

Mary, dau. of James and Anne Swinnerton, of Acton; bapt. at Whitmore 9 Jan., 1754.

Mary, dau. of James and Anne Swinnerton, of Shutlane Head; bapt. at Whitmore 1 Aug., 1756.

Sarah, dau. of James and Anne Swinnerton, of Shutlane Head; bapt. at Whitmore 14 Feb., 1762.

John Swinnerton, son of James and Anne Swinnerton; bapt. at Whitmore 20 Feb., 1764; d. about 1851.

Martha Whittingham, of Newcastle, d. . . . , aged 84.

James Swinnerton, son of James and Ann Swinnerton, of Shutlane; bapt. at Whitmore 22 July, 1770; was in the cavalry charge at Waterloo.

Hannah, dau. of James and Anne Swinnerton, of Shutlane; bapt. at Whitmore 23 May, 1773.

Benjamin Swinnerton, son of James and Ann; was in the cavalry charge at Waterloo.

Thomas Swinnerton, son of James Swinnerton, of Shutlane Head; bapt. 13 July, 1777.

James Swinnerton, died at Sheffield.

John Swinnerton.

Thomas Swinnerton, d. in 1807, now (1887) living at Shelton by Newcastle, aged 80.

Anne Williams, of Audley, now living at Newcastle.

Martha.

Maria.

James Swinnerton, of Basford, now living, aged 59.

John Swinnerton, of Hanley, now living; aged 52.

Charles Swinnerton, killed by a horse at Basford in 1833.

This tree is very incomplete but the Rev. Charles Swynnerton was obviously still working on it as the following letter from an unnamed and undated newspaper, found among his papers, shows :-

SWINNERTON FAMILY

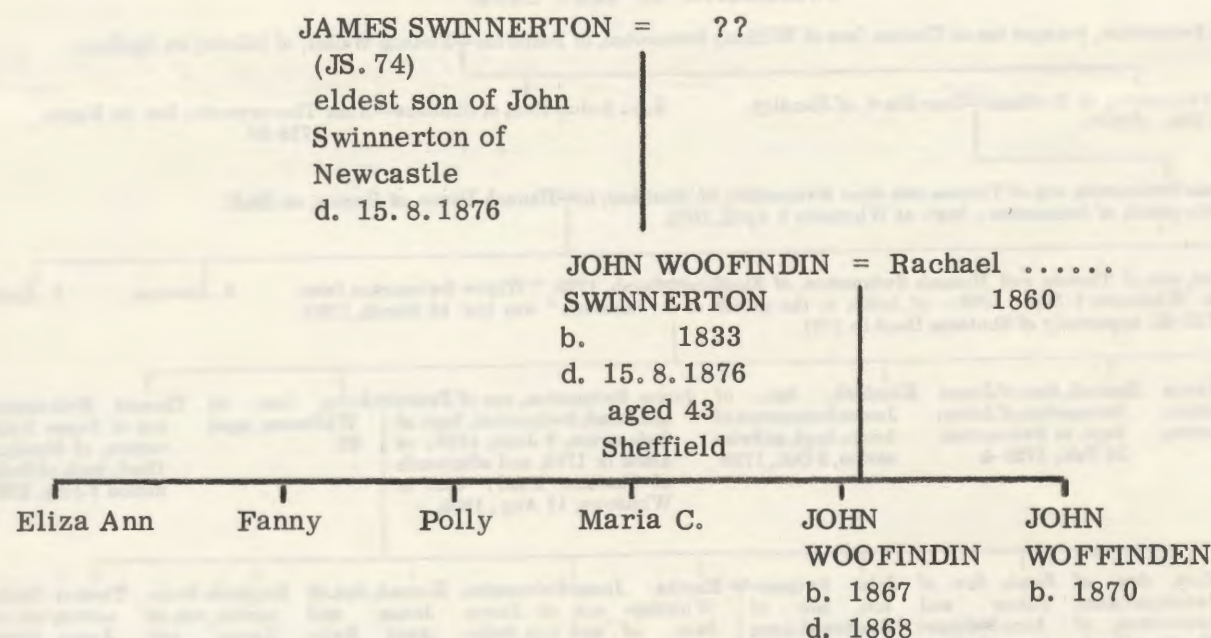
(Query No. 1, 433. November 2)

(1596) "In answer to your correspondent I am not certain about this family being descendants, but it seems very likely to me that they may be as there was only the one of that name in Sheffield, I think that was John Wolfenden Swinnerton. He had two sisters, one did not marry, and the other was Mrs. Nickleson. All are dead, but Mrs. Swinnerton was left with six children, two sons and four daughters. They had another relation, John Swinnerton, at Hanley, Staffordshire. I must say I lived with this family five years in Sheffield, but that was a long time ago. The last I heard of them was a little over three years ago, when they were still there. Trusting these few lines may be useful.

Birch Lane.

SARAH STOTT "

From our records we know that JAMES SWINNERTON (JS. 74) who is named on the tree as dying at Sheffield, has a son, JOHN WOOFINDIN SWINNERTON (JS. 75) He was a coke merchant who lived at Sell Street, Sheffield and his will gives his wife's name as Rachael and his date of death as 15. 8. 1876. The correspondent says there were 6 children but the General Register only shows 5 surviving. We can therefore now amplify this tree to read :-



We also know from his will, that his nephew CHARLES SWINNERTON (CS. 10) who is named on the tree as having been killed by a horse at Basford in 1883, was born in 1830 and, in fact, died on 15. 4. 1886. His will was executed by his son, EDWIN SWINNERTON (ES. 43) a joiner.

Any further information on this branch of the family which would be the senior branch if still extant, would be welcomed.

FAMILY HISTORY IN SAMPLERS

Mrs. Charlotte Soares is compiling a list of British Samplers (name of the person who made it, age, date, place, etc.) If anyone in the family knows of one perhaps they will let me know and I will pass on a complete list to Mrs. Soares.

THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WOLVERHAMPTON. N. W. Tildesley 1964.

The nave is large and spacious with a very fine clerestory and roof and contains one of the chief treasures of the church, the stone pulpit complete with its staircase, where since about 1450 the Gospel has been preached. It was probably the gift of HUMPHREY SWINNERTON of Hilton whose coat of arms can still be seen on the balustrade of the staircase. In the days before the Reformation it must have been very magnificent, all the vineleaf ornamentation and the rosettes in the stone panelling being coloured and gilded. Some of this decoration can still be seen on close inspection.

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31 March 1803	SWINNERTON Thomas of Trentham, Staffs. and Mary Milborne	Mary St. Marylebone.
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