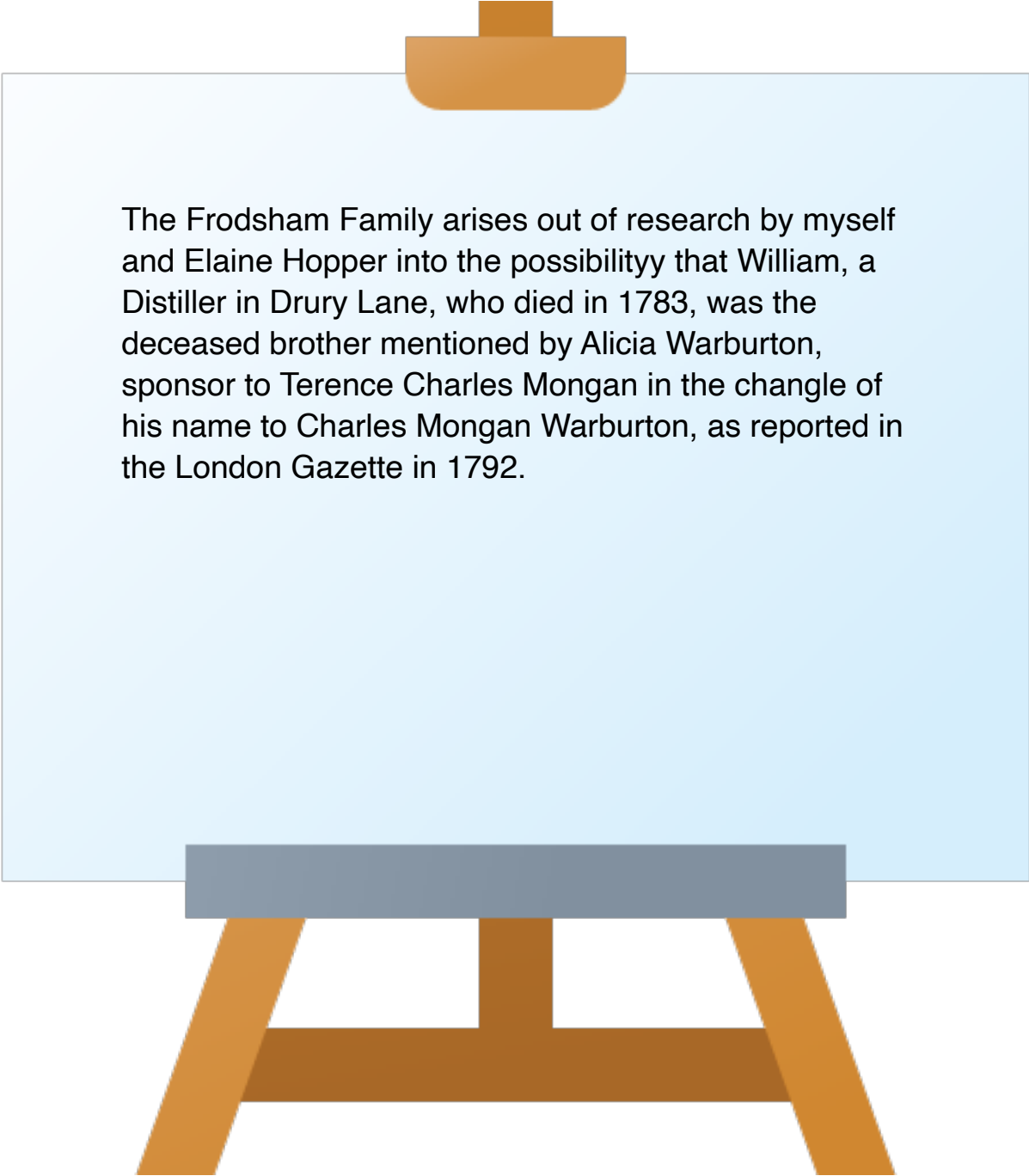


# *A Frodsham Family*

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# PREFACE



The Frodsham Family arises out of research by myself and Elaine Hopper into the possibility that William, a Distiller in Drury Lane, who died in 1783, was the deceased brother mentioned by Alicia Warburton, sponsor to Terence Charles Mongan in the change of his name to Charles Mongan Warburton, as reported in the London Gazette in 1792.

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**C** Churchman, Coulburn

**H** Harper, Higson

**N** Nickson

**O** Owen

**S** Scrugham, Starkey

**W** Warburton, Wetherspuron, Worral

## First Generation

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1. **Thomas Warburton**. Thomas died in Frodsham, Cheshire, in 1702. He was buried in Frodsham, St Laurence, Cheshire, on 13 Mar 1702.

Thomas was from Netherton on his burial record. Administration of his estate was granted to Alice Warburton.

On 23 Jun 1669 Thomas married **Alice Harper** in Chester, Cheshire. Alice was from Frodsham, and Thomas from Over Tabley. Alice died in Frodsham, Cheshire, in 1712. She was buried in Frodsham, St Laurence, Cheshire, on 22 Sep 1712.

I think the parish record of her death says she is a widow of Netherton.

They had the following children:

- i. **Thomas Warburton**. Thomas was born in Frodsham, Cheshire, in 1670. He was christened in Frodsham, St Laurence, Cheshire, on 28 Apr 1670.

Thomas was baptised the son of Thomas of Frodsham.

- ii. **Mary Warburton**. Mary was born in Frodsham, Cheshire, in 1672. She was christened in Frodsham, St Laurence, Cheshire, on 1 Jun 1672.

Mary was baptised the daughter of Thomas of Frodsham.

- iii. **Alice Warburton**. Alice was born in Frodsham, Cheshire, in 1678. She was christened in Frodsham, St Laurence, Cheshire, on 28 Apr 1678. Alice died in Frodsham, Cheshire, in 1678. She was buried in Frodsham, St Laurence, Cheshire, on 20 May 1678.

Alice was the daughter of Thomas on her baptism and burial. Their abode on her baptism is indecipherable (by me).

- iv. **Joan Warburton**. Joan was born in Frodsham, Cheshire, in 1681. She was christened in Frodsham, St Laurence, Cheshire, on 16 Mar 1681. Joan died in Frodsham, Cheshire, in 1702. She was buried in Frodsham, St Laurence, Cheshire, on 13 Mar 1702.

Joan's baptism is only recorded in the Bishop's Transcripts as the daughter of Thomas of Frodsham. She was the daughter of Thomas of Netherton on her burial.

- v. **Alice Warburton**. Alice was born in Frodsham, Cheshire, in 1682. She was christened in Frodsham, St Laurence, Cheshire, on 27 Nov 1682.

Alice was baptised the daughter of Thomas of Frodsham.

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- vi. **William Warburton** (1684-)
- vii. **Elizabeth Warburton**. Elizabeth was born in Frodsham, Cheshire, in 1686. She was christened in Frodsham, St Laurence, Cheshire, on 30 Nov 1686.

Elizabeth was baptised the daughter of Thomas, no abode mentioned.

## Second Generation

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**2. William Warburton** (*Thomas<sup>1</sup>*). William was born in Frodsham, Cheshire, in 1684. He was christened in Frodsham, St Laurence, Cheshire, on 31 Aug 1684.

William was baptised the son of William, no abode given.

William's children are deemed to be all those baptised at Frodsham as the son of William. The last, Robert is the son of William and Sarah. There is no other William married at Frodsham in the 18th century.

A William was buried at Frodsham on 25th April 1735, but there are three Williams baptised at Frodsham that this could refer to.

On 2 Mar 1710 when William was 26, he married **Sarah Churchman** in Frodsham, St Laurence, Cheshire.

They had the following children:

- i. **Mary Warburton**. Mary was born in Frodsham, Cheshire, in 1711. She was christened in Frodsham, St Laurence, Cheshire, on 23 Jan 1711. Mary died in Frodsham, Cheshire, in 1714. She was buried in Frodsham, St Laurence, Cheshire, on 30 May 1714.

Mary was baptised the daughter of William, and buried the daughter of William of Netherton (Bishop's Transcripts).

- 3 ii. **Thomas Warburton** (1712-1783)
- 4 iii. **William Warburton** (1714-1783)
- iv. **John Warburton**. John was born in Frodsham, Cheshire, in 1720. He was christened in Frodsham, St Laurence, Cheshire, on 31 Jul 1720. John died in Frodsham, Cheshire, in 1720. He was buried in Frodsham, St Laurence, Cheshire, on 19 Nov 1720.

John was baptised and buried the son of William.

- v. **Alice Warburton**. Alice was born in Frodsham, Cheshire, in 1723. She was christened in Frodsham, St Laurence, Cheshire, on 25 Aug 1723.

Alice was baptised the daughter of William.

Alice's brother, William was a distiller of Drury Lane, who died in 1783. This makes him a good fit to be the deceased brother, William of the City of London,

of the Alicia Warburton, who sponsored Terence Charles Mongan's change of name to Charles Mongan Warburton, as mentioned in the 1792 London Gazette announcement.

If this is the case Alice was a 69 year old spinster, somewhat estranged from her brother, as she isn't mentioned in his will. No marriage or burial record relating to Alice has been found.

However there are some tenuous links. Both Charles Mongan and William junior were in America during the War of Independence, and both were actually present at the battle of Saratoga in 1777. In the same year Sarah, William's probable daughter, was in Dublin, marrying John Scrugham. This was shortly after the time when Charles's mother was widowed. If the families were in touch with each other, these might be more than just coincidences.

If Alice and Charles were maternal cousins then Charles's mother must be the sister of Alice's mother, Sarah Churchman. William Betham's genealogical extracts mention two Churchmans of Dublin, in the granting of Administration of the father's estate to the son. This suggests that the Churchman family had some connections to Ireland.

However there is a 30 year age difference between Charles Mongan and Alice. Possibly Charles Mongan's mother was Sarah Churchman's niece, which would make Alice and Charles first cousins, once removed, though this would stretch the meaning of cousin german.

Despite some interesting coincidences, the evidence that Alice was the Alicia who sponsored Charles Mongan's name change is speculative, and her absence from William's will is concerning.

- vi. **Robert Warburton**. Robert was born in Frodsham, Cheshire, in 1729. He was christened in Frodsham, St Laurence, Cheshire, on 14 Feb 1729.

Robert's parents are names Guliel (William) and Sarah on his baptism. There are no burial or marriage records for a Robert at Frodsham.

- vii. **Mary Warburton**.

Mary is only known from brother William's will that mentions sister Mary Nickson, previously Mary Starkey. It is assumed that the Mary baptised in 1711 is the same Mary that was buried in 1714 and so this be a second Mary.



On 5 Feb 1738 Mary first married **George Starkey** in Weaverham, St Mary, Cheshire. George died in 1748. He was buried in Davenham, St Wilfred, Cheshire, on 4 Jul 1748.

On 30 Jul 1750 Mary second married **Ralph Nickson** in Thornton-le-Moors, St Mary, Cheshire.

### Third Generation

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**3. Thomas Warburton** (*William<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>*). Thomas was born in Frodsham, Cheshire, in 1712. He was christened in Frodsham, St Laurence, Cheshire, on 18 Jun 1712. Thomas died in Frodsham, Cheshire, in 1783. He was buried in Frodsham, St Laurence, Cheshire, on 26 Dec 1783.

Thomas (Tho) was baptised the son of William. He was buried as Thomas of Frodsham. His brother William's will of 178n refers to him as 'my late brother Thomas'.

On 3 Mar 1738 when Thomas was 26, he married **Martha Worral** in Frodsham, St Laurence, Cheshire. Thomas was a gardener from Frodsham, Martha was a spinster from Frodsham.

They had the following children:

- i. **Mary Warburton**. Mary was born in Frodsham, Cheshire, in 1741. She was christened in Frodsham, St Laurence, Cheshire, on 7 Jan 1741.

Mary was the daughter of Thomas and Martha on her baptism record.

On 5 Sep 1761 when Mary was 20, she married **Richard Owen** in Liverpool, St Nicholas, Lancashire. Richard was from Beaumaris. The marriage license bond declares Richard's age as 21, and Mary's age as 20. Richard was born abt 1740.

Richard was a Minister in Beaumaris, Anglesea. He was deceased by the time Mary's brother William wrote his will in 1788.

- ii. **Sarah Warburton**. Sarah was born in Frodsham, Cheshire, in 1743. She was christened in Frodsham, St Laurence, Cheshire, on 29 May 1743. Sarah died in Frodsham, Cheshire, in 1746. She was buried in Frodsham, St Laurence, Cheshire, on 25 Jul 1746.

Sarah was the daughter of Thomas and Martha on her baptism record.

- iii. **William Warburton**. William was born in Frodsham, Cheshire, in 1745. He was christened in Frodsham, St Laurence, Cheshire, on 7 Jul 1745. William died in The River Mersey, off Hale Head (drowned), in 1790.

William was the son of Thomas and Martha of Frodsham on his baptism. He was a merchant in Frodsham.

The Chester Chronicle of 15th January 1790 recorded: "A few days ago, as Mr.

William Warburton (who has been many years owner and master of a flat) was proceeding from Liverpool to Frodsham, the vessel unfortunately struck on a sandbank off Hale Head, about eight o'clock in the evening, when, by a sudden stroke of the tiller, he was knocked overboard, and drowned".

William's will reference his three surviving sisters, Mary, Elizabeth and Sarah, and their spouses. There is no evidence he married.

- iv. **Alice Warburton**. Alice was born in Frodsham, Cheshire, in 1747. Alice died in Frodsham, Cheshire, in 1748. She was buried in Frodsham, St Laurence, Cheshire, on 8 Jan 1748.

Alice was buried the daughter of Thomas and Martha Warburton of Frodsham. As no baptism has been found it is assumed she died soon after her birth.

- v. **Thomas Warburton**. Thomas was born in Frodsham, Cheshire, in 1748. He was christened in Frodsham, St Laurence, Cheshire, on 24 Dec 1748. Thomas died in Frodsham, Cheshire, in 1748. He was buried in Frodsham, St Laurence, Cheshire, on 25 Dec 1748.

Thomas was the son of Thomas and Martha of Frodsham on his baptism and burial records.

- vi. **Elizabeth Warburton**. Elizabeth was born in Frodsham, Cheshire, in 1750. She was christened in Frodsham, St Laurence, Cheshire, on 25 Mar 1750.

Elizabeth was the daughter of Thomas and Martha of Frodsham on her baptism record.

On 20 May 1775 when Elizabeth was 25, she married **William Coulburn** in Liverpool, St Peter, Lancashire.

- vii. **Ann Warburton**. Ann was born in Frodsham, Cheshire, in 1752. She was christened in Frodsham, St Laurence, Cheshire, on 30 Nov 1752. Ann died in Frodsham, Cheshire, in 1761. She was buried in Frodsham, St Laurence, Cheshire, on 18 Sep 1761.

Ann was the daughter of Thomas and Martha of Frodsham on her baptism and burial records.

- viii. **Sarah Warburton**. Sarah was born in Frodsham, Cheshire, in 1755. She was christened in Frodsham, St Laurence, Cheshire, on 2 Jun 1755.

Sarah was the daughter of Thomas and Martha of Frodsham on her baptism

record.

On 25 Nov 1779 when Sarah was 24, she married **John Higson** in Frodsham, St Laurence, Cheshire.

- ix. **Thomas Warburton**. Thomas was born in Frodsham, Cheshire, in 1760. He was christened in Frodsham, St Laurence, Cheshire, on 27 May 1760.

Thomas was the son of Thomas and Martha of Frodsham on his baptism record.

- x. **Alice Warburton**. Alice was born in Frodsham, Cheshire, in 1761. Alice died in Frodsham, Cheshire, in 1761. She was buried in Frodsham, St Laurence, Cheshire, on 1 Sep 1761.

Alice was buried the daughter of Thomas and Martha Warburton of Frodsham. As no baptism has been found it is assumed she died soon after her birth.

4. **William Warburton** (*William<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>*). William was born in Frodsham, Cheshire, in 1714. He was christened in Frodsham, St Laurence, Cheshire, on 14 Jun 1714. William died in Mile End Road, London, in 1783.

William was baptised the son of Willian, possibly of Netherton (indistinct).

City of Westminster Archives Centre. Reference: 789/971 includes the following 3 items:

A. (1) Edward Rooke of Salisbury Court, London; (2) William Warburton of Holborn, Middlesex, distiller; Lease by (1) to (2) of a messuage with a still house, on the west side of Drury Lane, St Giles-in-the-Fields, on the northern corner of Shorts Gardens, formerly known as the Still and Juniper Tree, with a piece of waste ground behind measuring 39 ft from east to west and 23 ft from north to south, 5 Jan 1774.

B. Assignment of lease by William Warburton to Samuel Acton of Drury Lane and Frederick Markett of Queen Anne Street East, Middlesex, 2 Dec 1782. \

C. Assignment of share in lease by Frederick Markett to Samuel Acton, 10 Jan 1784.

A newspaper cutting from the London Evening Post of July 1778, reported in the Runcorn Guardian of September 16th 1971, refers to Frodsham School and names William Warburton, distiller, of 15 Drury Lane as a contact for further information.

Probate on William will was granted on November 14th 1783.

In his will William left £100 to Sarah Scrugal wife of (blank) Scrugal of Henry Street, Dublin.

The will does not state Sarah's relationship to William, but the size of the bequest implies she was a daughter, or at least a favoured niece. However the only known niece called Sarah, the daughter of William's brother Thomas, can be eliminated because of her marriage in 1779, at Frodsham. to John Higson. A Sarah Warburton who married John Scrugham in Dublin in 1777 is assumed to be this Sarah.

The only other, minor bequest was to the son of Stephen Tissington of Mile End Road who ran the lodgings where William died. The rest of his estate was left to his 2 executors in trust, to be invested. His servant Mary Dich was to receive £20 per annum from the interest.

The rest was to go his son William of 31st regiment, now in North America, in a monthly amount, so as not to require payments on a debt the soldier has incurred. But if the son has the chance of a promotion or advancement he can be given up to 500 pounds for that purpose.

If and when son William has legitimate heirs, he can be given the whole amount and his children inherit it when he dies. If he has no legitimate children, then the distiller's sister Mary Nickson, alias Mary Starkey, and the representatives of his late brother Thomas of Frodsham were to inherit equally. There is no mention in the will of a sister named Alice.

A codicil was added to the will shortly before William died adding a third executor, Samuel Acton.

Stephen Tissington was prosecuted at the Old Bailey on May 26th 1784 for doctoring a receipt. He was subsequently found 'not guilty'. During the trial Samuel Acton was cross examined about his role as executor on William's will in order to discredit him. On being accused of altering the receipt, Stephen Tissington had accused Samel Acton of 'wanting to rob him as he had robbed the orphan". It was established that the orphan was William, son of William the Distiller. It would seem that Samuel Acton was to conduct some business for William to the value of £800, for which he gave a bond which he later stole back. It is suggested there were already proceedings in train concerning his actions re William's affairs, initiate by the original executors, but no details of that have been found.

Bef 1748 when William was 34, he married **Elizabeth**. No record of the marriage, of Elizabeth's maiden name, has been found. Elizabeth was born abt 1719. Elizabeth died in Tottenham High Cross, Middlesex, in 1767. She was buried in Tottenham, All hallows, Middlesex, on 6 Sep 1767.

A webpage called **Some Selected Reports from The Craftsman; or SAY's Weekly**

## Journal at Rootsweb

(<https://freepages.rootsweb.com/~dutilleul/genealogy/ZOtherPapers/TCSWJSep121767.htm>) includes a list of Deaths dated September 5th 1767.

It includes the following: “At Tottenham High Cross, **Mrs.Elizabeth Warburton**, wife of **Mr.William Warburton**, distiller, in Clare-market’. This matches a burial at All Hallows Tottenham, of Elizabeth Warburton of St Clement Danes parish, buried 6th Sept 1767, wife of William Warburton, aged 48.

They had the following children:

- i. **William Warburton**. William was born in Frodsham, Cheshire, in 1748. He was christened in Frodsham, St Laurence, Cheshire, on 21 Nov 1748. William died in Frodsham, Cheshire, in 1748. He was buried in Frodsham, St Laurence, Cheshire, on 12 Dec 1748.

William was baptised the son of William and Elizabeth so it is assumed he was a son of the distiller, born before he left Frodsham.

- ii. **Sarah Warburton**.

No baptism record has been found for Sarah so it assumed she was born after William and Elizabeth left Frodsham. She is only linked to the distiller by the bequest in his will.

On 12 Nov 1777 Sarah married **John Scrugham** in Dublin, Ireland. John was of Fishers Lane, City of Dublin, hosier, and Sarah Warburton was of the Parish of Saint Peter. John and Sarah had a son and grandson both named William Warburton Scrugham. The latter was a judge who died in 1867. His obituary stated he “was born in the city of New York, in March 1820. His father was a merchant there at that time, but was a native of Dublin. His mother was English”. In fact it was his grandmother Sarah who was English. Warburton Avenue in Yonkers was named by the Judge.

- 5      iii. **William Warburton** (~1753-)

## Fourth Generation

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5. **William Warburton** (*William*<sup>3</sup>, *William*<sup>2</sup>, *Thomas*<sup>1</sup>). William was born abt 1753.

No baptism, marriage or burial records have been found for William. Therefore he is only known from the following references:

1. 1766, 26th March. LEASE for 3 lives by Hon. James Cholmondeley of Rock-Savage Esq. to Elizabeth Walker of Frodsham, spinster --- a messuage and tenement with appurt[ament]s. in NETHERTON and 10 cowgates in the Lordship Marsh of FRODSHAM, for lives of s[ai]d. Elizabeth Walker aged 21, John Holbrooke son of Joseph Holbrooke of Little Budworth, yeoman, aged 28 and William Warburton son of William Warburton of city of London, distiller, aged 13. at annual rent of £3-10-9.
2. St Clement Danes Parish: Pauoer Settlement, Vagrancy and Bastardy exams 6th January 1775. William, son of William, a Distiller in Drury Lane, is named the father of Hester, a bastard child. The mother is Catherine Wetherspuron, aged about 19.
3. In 1787 a William Warburton age 34 is named on another lease for 3 lives in Netherton (part of Frodsham).
4. William is stated in his father's will of 1783, to be in North America with the 31st foot regiment. This regiment took part in the Battle of Saratoga where Charles Mongan was also present as a chaplain, in the 62nd foot. The battle was very bloody with many deaths and injuries. The pair may have well met there or in the imprisonment camp afterwards.

He common-law married **Catherine Wetherspuron**.

They had one child:

- i. **Easter Christmas Warburton**. Easter Christmas was born on 25 Dec 1774. She was christened in London, St Clement Danes, on 29 Dec 1774.

Easter was baptised Easter Christmas Warburton. The baptism record refers to her mother as Catherine Weatherspoon, and her father as James Warburton.

However the subsequent Pauper Settlement, Vagrancy and Bastardy Exam names her Hester, her mother Catherine Weatherspuron, and her father William, though Rob. was written and then crossed out for both William and his father, William a distiller.



**Chester, Cheshire**

Harper, Alice

2

Warburton, Thomas

2

**Davenham, St Wilfred, Cheshire**

Starkey, George

6

**Dublin, Ireland**

Scrugham, John

11

Warburton, Sarah

11

**Frodsham, Cheshire**

Harper, Alice

2

Warburton, Alice

2

Warburton, Alice

2

Warburton, Alice

4

Warburton, Alice

8

Warburton, Alice

9

Warburton, Ann

8

Warburton, Elizabeth

3

Warburton, Elizabeth

8

Warburton, Joan

2

Warburton, John

4

Warburton, Mary

2

Warburton, Mary

4

Warburton, Mary

7

Warburton, Robert

5

Warburton, Sarah

7

Warburton, Sarah

8

Warburton, Thomas

2

Warburton, Thomas

2

Warburton, Thomas

7

Warburton, Thomas

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Warburton, Thomas

9

Warburton, William

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Warburton, William

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Warburton, William

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Warburton, William

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**Frodsham, St Laurence, Cheshire**

Churchman, Sarah

4

**Frodsham, St Laurence, Cheshire cont.**

Harper, Alice

2

Higson, John

9

Warburton, Alice

2

Warburton, Alice

2

Warburton, Alice

4

Warburton, Alice

8

Warburton, Alice

9

Warburton, Ann

8

Warburton, Elizabeth

3

Warburton, Elizabeth

8

Warburton, Joan

2

Warburton, John

4

Warburton, Mary

2

Warburton, Mary

4

Warburton, Mary

7

Warburton, Robert

5

Warburton, Sarah

7

Warburton, Sarah

8

Warburton, Thomas

2

Warburton, Thomas

2

Warburton, Thomas

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Warburton, Thomas

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Warburton, Thomas

9

Warburton, William

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Warburton, William

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Warburton, William

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Warburton, William

11

Worral, Martha

7

**Liverpool, St Nicholas, Lancashire**

Owen, Richard

7

Warburton, Mary

7

**Liverpool, St Peter, Lancashire**

Coulburn, William

8

Warburton, Elizabeth

8

**London, St Clement Danes**

Warburton, Easter Christmas

12



**Mile End Road, London**

Warburton, William 9

**The River Mersey, off Hale Head (drowned)**

Warburton, William 7

**Thornton-le-Moors, St Mary, Cheshire**

Nickson, Ralph 6

Warburton, Mary 5

**Tottenham High Cross, Middlesex**

Elizabeth 10

**Tottenham, All hallows, Middlesex**

Elizabeth 10

**Weaverham, St Mary, Cheshire**

Starkey, George 6

Warburton, Mary 5

<b>Elizabeth</b> (~1719 - 1767)	10	<b>Warburton</b> cont.	
<b>Churchman</b>		<b>Thomas</b> ( - 1702)	2
<b>Sarah</b>	4	<b>Thomas</b> (1670 - )	2
<b>Coulburn</b>		<b>Thomas</b> (1712 - 1783)	7
<b>William</b>	8	<b>Thomas</b> (1748 - 1748)	8
<b>Harper</b>		<b>Thomas</b> (1760 - )	9
<b>Alice</b> ( - 1712)	2	<b>William</b> (1684 - )	4
<b>Higson</b>		<b>William</b> (1714 - 1783)	9
<b>John</b>	9	<b>William</b> (1745 - 1790)	7
<b>Nickson</b>		<b>William</b> (1748 - 1748)	11
<b>Ralph</b>	6	<b>William</b> (~1753 - )	12
<b>Owen</b>		<b>Wetherspuron</b>	
<b>Richard</b> (~1740 - )	7	<b>Catherine</b>	12
<b>Scrugham</b>		<b>Worral</b>	
<b>John</b>	11	<b>Martha</b>	7
<b>Starkey</b>			
<b>George</b> ( - 1748)	6		
<b>Warburton</b>			
<b>Alice</b> (1678 - 1678)	2		
<b>Alice</b> (1682 - )	2		
<b>Alice</b> (1723 - )	4		
<b>Alice</b> (1747 - 1748)	8		
<b>Alice</b> (1761 - 1761)	9		
<b>Ann</b> (1752 - 1761)	8		
<b>Easter Christmas</b> (1774 - )	12		
<b>Elizabeth</b> (1686 - )	3		
<b>Elizabeth</b> (1750 - )	8		
<b>Joan</b> (1681 - 1702)	2		
<b>John</b> (1720 - 1720)	4		
<b>Mary</b>	5		
<b>Mary</b> (1672 - )	2		
<b>Mary</b> (1711 - 1714)	4		
<b>Mary</b> (1741 - )	7		
<b>Robert</b> (1729 - )	5		
<b>Sarah</b>	11		
<b>Sarah</b> (1743 - 1746)	7		
<b>Sarah</b> (1755 - )	8		