# The Family of Josiah of Bowdon

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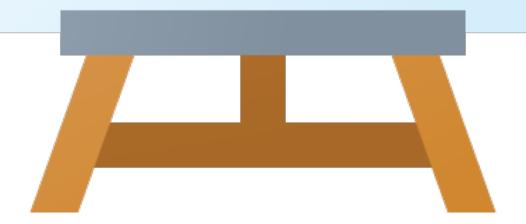
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# **PREFACE**

Josiah the Elder of Bowdon is known from various documents, and from his burial, but his origins are unknown. From a will it is known he was one of three brothers, and various leases link him to his son Joseph, and grandson William, who was a schoolmaster in Bowdon.

The use of the name Josiah, and evidence of links to the Presbyterian group in Hale, suggest a relationship with my 6x greatgrandfther, also named Josiah. However no evidence of the link has been found.

I was able to compile this tree from evidence provided by Paul Kinsey, with whom I share a contemporary ancestor on another line.



## **Surnames**

- **B** Bathgate
- **C** Chantler
- **H** Heyes
- **L** Leather
- R Renshaw, Rothwell
- **W** Walthew, Warburton, Worthington

#### **First Generation**

#### 1. Unknown Warburton.

The father of Joshua, Josiah and Peter is unknown and no baptism records exist. They are known to be brothers from Joshua's will dated 1720.

There is weak evidence that he is related to the Hale Barns clan:

- 1. A piece of land called Dunham Highway Field was acquired in 1702 by Aaron Warburton of the Hale Barns clan, and a William Warburton. In 1703 Aaron relinquished his claim in favour of William. In 1728 Dunham Way Field (probably the same piece of land) was sold by Josiah Warburton of Dunham.
- 2. The use of the name Josiah often implies a relationship with Josiah of the Hale Barns clan who helped found Hale Chapel.
- 3. The lack of baptism records, and the presence of Nicholas Waterhouse as executor of Joshua's will, point to involvement in the Hale Presbetarian movement.

William is only known from the land dealings. His is possibly Aaron's brother. Another of Aaron's brothers is only known from a land lease. They were possibly baptised at Ringway in the short period after the Act of Indulgence of 1672, and before the Test Acts of 1673. Aaron is too young for William to be a son or nephew.

Peter married in 1706, so it is likely the 3 brother's were born in the early 1680s, too early for the Presyterian takeover of Ringway Chapel after 1688/9. They could also be brothers of Aaron, but this is unlikely since neither he nor any known siblings are also mentioned in Joshua's will.

Aaron's uncle Enoch has unnamed children, but in his will he requested a lease for his eldest daughter so it is likely all his children were girls.

Aaron's uncle George is the only other possible link. He is known to be alive in 1686, and probably in 1691. He is mentioned in his father's will of 1686 and it wasn't amended before his father's death in 1691. There is no further mention of George in the Bowdon parish records. This lack of visibility is the one thing he has in common with the three brothers.

There are other families in Hale, which may or may not have earlier links to the Hale Barns clan, and who, through involvement in the Presbyterian movement, may have used the name Josiah.

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#### Children:

- i. Josiah Warburton (-1763)
- 3 ii. Peter Warburton
  - iii. **Joshua Warburton**. Joshua died in Bowdon, Cheshire, in 1720. He was buried in Bowdon, St Mary, Cheshire, on 7 Jan 1720.

Joshua was most likely born in the 1680s, based on his brother Peter's marriage in 1706. His will of 1720 describes him as a bachelor, and leaves £20 to his brother Peter of Crowton (or his children), and the rest to his brother Josiah of Bowdon. Josiah and Nick Waterhouse are executors.

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**2. Josiah Warburton** (Unknown<sup>1</sup>). Josiah died in Bowdon, Cheshire, in 1763. He was buried in Bowdon, St Mary, Cheshire, on 19 Apr 1763.

Josiah's children were probably baptised at either Ringway or Hale Chapels and are unrecorded.

Josiah married **Martha**. Martha died in Bowdon, Cheshire, in 1755. She was buried in Bowdon, St Mary, Cheshire, on 2 May 1755.

Martha is only known from her burial as the wife of Josiah of Bowdon.

They had the following children:

- 4 i. **Joseph Warburton** (~1714-1800)
  - Josiah Warburton. Josiah was born in Bowdon, Cheshire, abt 1715. Josiah died in Bowdon, Cheshire, in 1737. He was buried in Bowdon, St Mary, Cheshire, on 12 May 1737.

Josiah's birth date is assumed from his marriage date.

Josiah married Elizabeth Renshaw.

Following Josiah's death Elizabeth married Joseph Whitelegg, son of Benjamin Whitelegg and Ann nee Royle (my 6x great grandparents on another line), on January 26th 1738.

iii. Ann Warburton. Ann was born in Bowdon, Cheshire, abt 1726. Ann died in Altrincham, Cheshire, in 1798. She was buried in Bowdon, St Mary, Cheshire, on 4 Nov 1798.

Ann is the likely daughter of Josiah because when John Walthew passed his Glazing and Plumbing business over to his son James in 1777, William Warburton, schoolmaster, was one of the trustees to collect debts and deal with payments. This suggests a family link to William, and she is too old to be a sister.

She was buried the wife of John Walthew (the elder) of Altrincham, but her age is not recorded.

On 6 Jan 1753 when Ann was 27, she married **John Walthew** in Bowdon, St Mary, Cheshire.

iv. Martha Warburton. Martha was born in Bowdon, Cheshire, abt 1728. Martha died in Altrincham, Cheshire, in 1804. She was buried in Bowdon, St Mary, Cheshire, on 9 Nov 1804.

Martha is mentioned in a lease of 1781 when she is living in Bollington. She was

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buried aged 76.

v. **Mary Warburton**. Mary was born in Bowdon, Cheshire, abt 1730. Mary died in 1797.

On 11 Jul 1751 when Mary was 21, she married **Hardey Leather**. The parish register of the marriage hasn't been found. Boyd's Marriage Indexes state it was at Bowdon or Manchester. The Cheshire Marriage License Bonds and Allegations state that Hardey was 24 and Mary 21. They had three children. Hardey was born abt 1727.

Hardy was the son of George Leather of Bollington.

### 3. Peter Warburton (Unknown<sup>1</sup>).

Peter is identified by his brother Joshua's will. which descibes him as Peter of Crowton. Also his marriage record describes him as from Bowdon. His marriage date makes his date of birth most likely in the early 1680s.

Peter's burial record has not been found at Weaverham. Mary died and was buried at Weaverham in 1728l. This precludes Peter of Croxton being Peter of Latchford, head of the Weaverham clan.

On 4 Jul 1706 Peter married **Mary Heyes** in Weaverham, St Mary, Cheshire. Petrus Warburton of Bowdon and Maria Hayes of Weaverham. Mary died in Crowton, Cheshire, in 1728. She was buried in Weaverham, St Mary, Cheshire, on 30 Apr 1728.

#### They had the following children:

i. **William Warburton**. William was born in Crowton, Cheshire, in 1708. He was christened in Weaverham, St Mary, Cheshire, on 3 Jul 1708.

William's baptism record is in Latin.

ii. **Mary Warburton**. Mary was born in Crowton, Cheshire, in 1709. She was christened in Weaverham, St Mary, Cheshire, on 1 Dec 1709.

Mary's baptism record is in Latin and records her as Maria filia Perti de Crowton.

- iii. **Elizabeth Warburton**. Elizabeth was born in Crowton, Cheshire, in 1712. She was christened in Weaverham, St Mary, Cheshire, on 18 Apr 1712.
  - Elizabeth's father Peter is said to be from Croton on the baptism record, which says 1712 although it is transcribed as 1711 by FindMyPast.
- iv. **Sarah Warburton**. Sarah was born in Crowton, Cheshire, in 1716. She was christened in Weaverham, St Mary, Cheshire.

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**4. Joseph Warburton** (Josiah<sup>2</sup>, Unknown<sup>1</sup>). Joseph was born abt 1714. Joseph died in Bowdon, Cheshire, in 1800. He was buried in Bowdon, St Mary, Cheshire, on 26 Feb 1800.

There is no baptism record for Joseph suggesting a possible Presbyterian marriage. He died aged 85. His date of birth is derived from his age at death. He is identified by a lease dated 3rd January 1764 for Boot House formerley in the possession of Joseph Warburton, father of Joseph.

In addition to his children with Elizabeth, Joseph had an illegitimate daughter, Anne in 1756 with Mary Timmys.

On 30 Jan 1738 when Joseph was 24, he married **Elizabeth Chantler** in Warburton, St Werbergh, Cheshire. Elizabeth died in Bowdon, Cheshire, in 1766. She was buried in Bowdon, St Mary, Cheshire, on 16 Feb 1766.

Elizabeth was the daughter of Thomas Chantler whose will identified her husband as Joseph, and her children as William, John, Mary and Martha. She was buried as the wife of Joseph of Bowden.

#### They had the following children:

- Mary Warburton. Mary was born in Bowdon, Cheshire, in 1739. She was christened in Warburton, St Werbergh, Cheshire, on 2 Jul 1739. Mary died in Bowdon, Cheshire, in 1739. She was buried in Bowdon, St Mary, Cheshire, on 31 Jul 1739.
  - Mary was baptised the daughter of Joseph, but the date in July is obscure. She was buried the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth of Bowdon.
- 5 ii. **William Warburton** (~1740-1806)
  - iii. **Thomas Warburton**. Thomas was born in Bowdon, Cheshire, abt 1742. Thomas died in Bowdon, Cheshire, in 1742. He was buried in Bowdon, St Mary, Cheshire, on 18 Oct 1742.
    - Thomas was probably baptised at Hale Chapel before surviving records began. He was buried the son of Joseph and Elizabeth of Bowdon.
  - iv. **Josiah Warburton**. Josiah was born in Bowdon, Cheshire, abt 1743. Josiah died in Bowdon, Cheshire, in 1743. He was buried in Bowdon, St Mary, Cheshire, on 6 Dec 1743.
    - Josiah was probably baptised at Hale Chapel before surviving records began. He was buried the son of Joseph and Elizabeth of Bowdon.
  - v. **Thomas Warburton**. Thomas was born in Bowdon, Cheshire, abt 1749. Thomas died in Bowdon, Cheshire, in 1749. He was buried in Bowdon, St Mary, Cheshire, on 23 Apr 1749.

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Thomas was probably baptised at Hale Chapel before surviving records began. He was buried the son of Joseph and Elizabeth of Bowdon.

vi. **Elizabeth Warburton**. Elizabeth was born in Bowdon, Cheshire, abt 1750. Elizabeth died in Bowdon, Cheshire, in 1750. She was buried in Bowdon, St Mary, Cheshire, on 8 Feb 1751.

Elizabeth was probably baptised at Hale Chapel before surviving records began. She was buried the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth of Bowdon.

vii. **John Warburton**. John was born in Bowdon, Cheshire, in 1752. He was christened in Hale Chapel (Unitarian), Cheshire, on 12 Aug 1752. John died in Bowdon, Cheshire, in 1752. He was buried in Bowdon, St Mary, Cheshire, on 28 Dec 1752.

John's baptism is one of the first in the records of Hale Chapel. He was the son of Joseph of Bowdon. He was buried the son of Joseph and Elizabeth of Bowdon.

viii. Mary Warburton. Mary was born in Bowdon, Cheshire, bef 1757.

Mary is only known from her grandfather Thomas Chantler's will. Her baptism hasn't been found, but she precedes Martha in the will so is presumed to be older.

ix. **Martha Warburton**. Martha was born in Bowdon, Cheshire, in 1757. She was christened in Bowdon, St Mary, Cheshire, on 26 Jul 1757.

Martha's parents are from Bowdon on her baptism record.

x. **John Warburton**. John was born in Bowdon, Cheshire, abt 1763. He was christened in Bowdon, St Mary, Cheshire, on 19 Jan 1763.

John's parents are from Bowdon on his baptism record.

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**5. William Warburton** (Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Josiah<sup>2</sup>, Unknown<sup>1</sup>). William was born abt 1740. He was christened in Bowdon, St Mary, Cheshire, on 17 Jul 1740. William died in Bowdon, Cheshire, on 27 Oct 1806. He was buried in Bowdon, St Mary, Cheshire, on 29 Oct 1806.

William's bapismrecord does not mention his parents. He was School Master at Bowdon School 'near 40 years'. He is identified as the son of Joseph by his grandfather Thomas Chantler's will, and by a lease for Tenement 3 dated 21st July 1767.

William married **Jane Worthington**. Jane was born abt 1740. Jane died in Bowdon, Cheshire, on 19 Apr 1810. She was buried in Bowdon, St Mary, Cheshire, on 23 Apr 1810.

Jane was buried in grave 275, aged 70.

They had the following children:

- **6** i. **William Warburton** (1772-1853)
  - ii. Elizabeth Warburton. Elizabeth was born in Bowdon, Cheshire, in 1774. She was christened in Bowdon, St Mary, Cheshire, on 21 Oct 1774. Elizabeth died in Bowdon, Cheshire, on 30 Jan 1796. She was buried in Bowdon, St Mary, Cheshire, on 2 Feb 1796.
    - Elizabeth was buried in grave 230 aged 21.
  - iii. **John Warburton**. John was born in Bowdon, Cheshire, in 1776. He was christened in Bowdon, St Mary, Cheshire, on 13 Oct 1776.
  - iv. **Jane Warburton**. Jane was born in Bowdon, Cheshire, in 1778. Jane died in Bowdon, Cheshire, on 14 Oct 1779. She was buried in Bowdon, St Mary, Cheshire, on 16 Oct 1779.
    - Janes's baptism is not recorded. She was buried in grave 230 aged 11 months.
  - v. **Jane Warburton**. Jane was born in Bowdon, Cheshire, in 1780. She was christened in Bowdon, St Mary, Cheshire, on 11 Jun 1780.
    - On 19 Nov 1797 when Jane was 17, she married **John Bathgate** in Manchester Cathedral, Lancashire.
  - vi. **Thomas Warburton**. Thomas was born in Bowdon, Cheshire, in 1782. He was christened in Bowdon, St Mary, Cheshire, on 25 Jul 1782. Thomas died in Bowdon, Cheshire, on 7 Sep 1783. He was buried in Bowdon, St Mary, Cheshire, on 8 Jul 1783.

Thomas was buried in grave 230, aged 15 months.

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**6. William Warburton** (William<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Josiah<sup>2</sup>, Unknown<sup>1</sup>). William was born in Bowdon, Cheshire, in 1772. He was christened in Bowdon, St Mary, Cheshire, on 8 Oct 1772. William died in Bowdon, Cheshire, on 30 Mar 1853. He was buried in Bowdon, St Mary, Cheshire, on 2 Jun 1853.

At the time of his death William was living at Street Head Farm, Bowdon. He is buried in grave 230, aged 80.

On 26 Jan 1797 when William was 25, he married **Margaret Rothwell** in Bowdon, St Mary, Cheshire. Jane Warburton (probably William's sister) was a witness. Margaret was born abt 1783. Margaret died in Bowdon, Cheshire, on 5 Mar 1847. She was buried in Bowdon, St Mary, Cheshire, on 8 Mar 1847.

Mary was buried in grave 230, aged 74.

They had the following children:

 Betsy Warburton. Betsy was born in Bowdon, Cheshire, on 4 Mar 1799. She was christened in Bowdon, St Mary, Cheshire, on 31 Mar 1799. Betsy died in Manchester, Lancashire, on 20 Nov 1870. She was buried in Bowdon, St Mary, Cheshire, on 24 Nov 1870.

Betsy was baptised as Betty. She is referred to as Elizabeth on 4 of her children's baptisms, and as Betsey, Betty, and Betsy on others. The 4 references to Elizabeth coincide with the 4 where William is of Bowdon Hall.

Betsy's death was registered in 4q 1870 Manchester 8d 247, aged 71. She was buried in grave 1138 which gives her date of birth and so confirms her parentage.

On 2 Feb 1820 when Betsy was 20, she married **William Warburton** in Bowdon, St Mary, Cheshire. A witness was E Warburton. William and Betsey had 6 daughters and 3 sons. William is from the Pool Bank Clan where their family is described in more detail. William was born in Bowdon, Cheshire, on 4 Sep 1795. He was christened in Bowdon, St Mary, Cheshire, on 23 Sep 1795. William died in Manchester, Lancashire, on 25 May 1861. He was buried in Bowdon, St Mary, Cheshire, on 29 May 1861.

William is from the Pool Bank clan where he is described in more detail.

- ii. **Ellen Warburton**. Ellen was born in Bowdon, Cheshire, on 31 Aug 1800. She was christened in Bowdon, St Mary, Cheshire, on 21 Sep 1800.
- iii. **William Warburton**. William was born in Bowdon, Cheshire, on 27 Jan 1802. He was christened in Bowdon, St Mary, Cheshire, on 21 Feb 1802.

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William's baptism actually says he was from Baguley. This is considered an error, but he may belong to a different family.

He has not been fully investigated, but he has not been identified in censuses.

- iv. Jane Warburton. Jane was born in Bowdon, Cheshire, on 27 Sep 1803. She was christened in Bowdon, St Mary, Cheshire, on 23 Oct 1803.
- v. **Peter Warburton**. Peter was born in Bowdon, Cheshire, on 19 Sep 1805. He was christened in Bowdon, St Mary, Cheshire, on 20 Oct 1805. Peter died in Bowdon, Cheshire, on 15 May 1823. He was buried in Bowdon, St Mary, Cheshire, on 19 May 1823.

Peter is buried in grave 230, in his 18th year.

- vi. **Mary Warburton**. Mary was born in Bowdon, Cheshire, on 13 Nov 1807. She was christened in Bowdon, St Mary, Cheshire, on 13 Dec 1807.
- vii. **John Warburton**. John was born in Bowdon, Cheshire, on 5 Apr 1809. He was christened in Bowdon, St Mary, Cheshire, on 7 May 1809.

John has not been fully investigated, but he has not been identified in censuses.

viii. **James Warburton**. James was born in Bowdon, Cheshire, on 23 Oct 1810. He was christened in Bowdon, St Mary, Cheshire, on 18 Nov 1810.

James has not been fully investigated, but he has not been identified in censuses.

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