

Hale Chapel

When I searched for my GGG Grandfather's baptism on [FamilySearch](#) I discovered his parents were John and Mary. A search for the children of John and Mary Warburton produced 15 baptisms at the Hale and Shaws Lane Presbyterian Church to John and Mary Warburton between 1763 and 1785. Some names were repeated, and some baptisms were within a few months of each other. On one occasion they were on consecutive days. Obviously I had more than one family.

Hale and Shaws Lane Presbyterian Church were in fact two churches. Shaws Lane was a daughter Church of Hale Chapel and was replaced in 1872 by Dunham Road Unitarian Church. Hale Presbyterian Church, is now known as Hale Unitarian Chapel (or Hale Chapel), and was founded in 1723. Between 1752 and 1837 records were kept of all baptisms. Up to about 1765 these were kept in the minister's diary and later transcribed onto the register by his successor. They record only the father. From 1787 the date of birth was recorded as well as the baptism date. This was not always captured on FamilySearch. In all 75 Warburton baptisms were recorded between 1752 and 1834.

I arranged to view the microfilm of the actual records at my local Family History Centre with two objectives:

To try and identify which of the 15 children of John and Mary were William's siblings

To review all 75 baptisms to identify other possible relations.

Not only did the records include the place of abode of the parents (this was not captured in the records on FamilySearch), but also two families of John and Mary were further distinguished by reference to the elder and the younger. I have since discovered that this was more than a device to distinguish them. They were father and son, John the younger being the product of John the elder's first marriage. I was able to separate William and 7 siblings, the children of John the elder of Hale, from seven children of John the younger of Oavly Hey and Sharson (the nearest modern place name to this is Sharston).

I had also hoped to see children baptised at he church returning as parents. Just one example stands out in that John the Younger's son Josiah has four children baptised in the 1790s. William used Ringway Chapel for most of his children. However there are some quite large families captured. A full list, grouped into supposed families, can be seen follows.

Hale and Shaw Lane Presbyterian Church - Warburton Baptisms 1752-1834

Child	Sex	Year	Date	DoB	Father	Mother
William	M	1752	15/07/1752		Thomas	
Thomas	M	1752	25/07/1752		John	
William	M	1761	05/02/1761		John	
Ann	F	1766	15/01/1766		John	Jane
John	M	1772	29/07/1772		John	Jane
John	M	1752	12/08/1752		Joseph	

Child	Sex	Year	Date	DoB	Father	Mother
Ann	F	1754	17/06/1754		William	
Isaac	M	1756	12/04/1756		Thomas	
Betty	F	1765	30/10/1765		Thomas	
Ann	F	1758	06/09/1758		Thomas	
Sarah	F	1758	06/09/1758		Thomas	
William	M	1762	31/03/1762		Thomas	
Sarah	F	1765	21/03/1765		John	
Sarah	F	1765	07/10/1765		Thomas	
Josiah	M	1763	29/11/1763		John	Mary
Ann	F	1766	20/11/1766		John	Mary
Josiah	M	1769	05/11/1769		John	Mary
James	M	1771	04/09/1771		John	Mary
Josiah	M	1773	10/08/1773		John	Mary
William	M	1775	09/08/1775		John	Mary
Nathaniel	M	1778	19/08/1778		John	Mary
Thomas	M	1780	29/12/1780		John	Mary
Joseph	M	1783	26/02/1783		John	Mary
Jane	F	1785	11/05/1785		John	Mary
Ann	F	1771	12/05/1771		Thomas	Sarah
George	M	1774	13/02/1774		Thomas	Sarah
Hannah	F	1776	02/06/1776		Thomas	Sarah
Samuel	M	1779	13/06/1779		Thomas	Sarah
Joseph	M	1781	25/02/1781		Thomas	Sarah
Betty	F	1783	23/03/1783		Thomas	Sarah
John	M	1785	13/03/1785		Thomas	Sarah

Child	Sex	Year	Date	DoB	Father	Mother
Martha	F	1787	07/01/1787	02/12/1786	Thomas	Sarah
John	M	1788	23/03/1788	09/03/1788	Thomas	Sarah
Sarah	F	1771	05/09/1771		John (y)	Mary
Mary	F	1773	11/11/1773		John (y)	Mary
Martha	F	1776	12/06/1776		John (y)	Mary
Isaac	M	1778	14/11/1778		John (y)	Mary
Martha	F	1781	05/01/1781		John (y)	Mary
Joseph	M	1775	22/09/1775		Thomas	Ann
Martha	F	1783	13/04/1783		William	Catharine
Sarah	F	1789	16/11/1789	29/09/1789		Margaret
Sarah	F	1792	15/08/1792	20/07/1792	Thomas	Ann
Mary Anne	F	1796	04/02/1796	11/12/1796	Thomas	Anne
John	M	1799	03/05/1799	08/04/1799	Thomas	Anne
George	M	1801	17/08/1801	26/06/1801	Thomas	Anne
Thomas	M	1803	22/12/1803	09/11/1803	Thomas	Anne
Benjamin	M	1806	12/10/1806	25/08/1806	Thomas	Anne
James	M	1810	04/02/1810	29/12/1809	Thomas	Anne
Anne	F	1812	27/07/1812	14/06/1812	Thomas	Anne
Charles	M	1817	08/06/1817	16/04/1817	Thomas	Anne
Mary	F	1795	20/01/1795	13/12/1794	Josiah	Anne
Elizabeth	F	1796	13/04/1797	22/03/1796	Josiah	Anne
John	M	1798	18/04/1798	13/03/1798	Josiah	Anne
Thomas	M	1799	05/09/1799	03/08/1799	Josiah	Anne
William	M	1799	03/05/1799	13/04/1799	George	Catharine
Anne	F	1803	03/07/1803	05/06/1803	Joseph	Amelia

Child	Sex	Year	Date	DoB	Father	Mother
John	M	1812	17/12/1812	15/11/1812	John	Helen
John	M	1814	18/06/1814	18/04/1814	John	Helen
Jane	F	1816	22/06/1816	19/02/1816	John	Ellen
William	M	1818	10/01/1818		John	Ellen
George	M	1820	07/08/1820	02/05/1820	John	Ellen
Anna	F	1822	09/10/1822	05/06/1822	John	Ellen
Helen	F	1826	25/09/1826	02/04/1826	John	Helen
Charles	M	1831	06/01/1831	06/12/1830	John	Ellen
Eliza	F	1816	16/06/1816	20/04/1816	John	Mary
Mary Anne	F	1819	18/07/1819	23/05/1819	John	Susan
Robert	M	1821	27/04/1821	17/04/1821	John	Susan
Sarah	F	1823	28/09/1823	24/08/1823	John	Susan
John	M	1826	30/04/1826	13/03/1826	John	Susannah
Susannah	F	1828	27/07/1828	05/07/1828	John	Susannah
Alfred	M	1832	11/06/1832	17/15/1832	John	Susannah
Elizabeth	F	1822	12/05/1822		Samuel	Mary
William	M	1828	27/07/1828	29/04/1828	Samuel	Mary
Mary Ann	F	1822	24/09/1822	22/10/1822	Thomas	Ann Perkins
Margaret	F	1834	09/03/1834	23/12/1833	Thomas	Elizabeth