

I believe that the parents of John born 1890 were Robert Hindley and Sarah Davis, grandparents John Hindley and Mary Burns and great grandparents Charles Hindley and Mary Dutton taking us back to 1800.

Checking the FamilySearch website there is a marriage between Charles Hindley and Mary Dutton on the 11th October 1835 at St Mary's in Manchester

The birth place of Charles on the 1840 census said Bold Lancashire – checking the website Lancs-OPC, Bold is not listed but I found that it lies within the area called Newchurch near Prescott, there were records in these parish archives which suggest that Charles was born on the 20th July 1800 and baptised on the 10th August 1800 at the Parish Church of Newchurch, Charles was the son of John Hindley.

Taking this further in the same website I checked for a marriage for John around 1799 the closest marriage was that of a John Hindley and Mary Harrison on the 20th October 1799 at St Oswald Winwick the witnesses were a Jas Hindley (brother) and Thomas Walker, Banns were read on the 8th, 15th and 22nd of September 1799 .

In the same records we can locate John born in January 1766 in Newchurch in Culcheth, notes in the records say "Recd into ye Chh Feby 16th"

John b1766 was the son of William Hindley, now pushing the boundaries it is possible that William born around 1740 was the son of either a Richard Hindley or a George Hindley this extremely difficult to confirm and so I think this will be as far as I can go with the Hindley line.

By the way I believe William married a Martha Bate on the 1st August 1763 in Winwick

The 1841 census has so far not provided any clues to the Hindley line, and as we know the Manchester 1851 census records were badly damaged, there is an entry for a Charles and Mary Hindley living at #9 Jackson Street – by the 1861 census we find a Charles Hindley age 61 born 1800 in Bold Lancashire and a Mary Hindley nee Dutton age 59 born 1802 in Saddleworth Yorkshire, with them is a son John Hindley age 25 born 1836 in Widnes Lancashire.

In addition to missing entries there a number of inconsistencies in the records available which may throw some doubts as to the people researched being the correct line but I feel that they are correct – however future research may differ or confirm

On the 1861 census living at #8 Pleasant St Widnes is Charles Hindley, his wife Mary and 25 year old son John a labourer, living with them as boarders are Patrick and Mary Martin from Ireland and their children Patrick, Joseph and Jane Martin

Here's where it gets a bit confusing, looking at the 1871 census we find John (b1836) now aged 35 a Pedlar, and his wife Mary aged 30 making her birth date 1841 from Bradford Lancashire checking the FreeBMD Index there is a marriage between a John Hindley and a Mary Burns in 1864 also with them are their four children, James Hindley born 1859\*\*, John Hindley aged 8 born 1863 in Levenshulme Manchester\*\*, Robert Hindley aged 2 born March 1868 and Ben Hindley aged 1 month.

If the marriage of John and Mary did not take place until 1864 which I believe is correct then James born in 1859 is possibly not the son of John senior but is in actual fact a Burns, the son of Mary either she was unmarried or previously married hard to say at this stage – there is an entry for a birth in 1859 for a James Burns born in Bolton Mary would have been 18 at the time.

It is highly unlikely I could determine a marriage between a male Burns and a female Mary as there are quite a few in the Manchester area within a 2 year period.

There are too many John's, James' Robert's to confirm if the above are correct even to the point the confirmation of the marriage of John as again there are too many – I have assumed the area being Bolton and that's why I chose Mary Burns

In 1871 both John Hindley senior and James Hindley were Pedlars this is due to the fact that John senior was listed as Blind.

The family lived at #23 Gould St Manchester, it must have been a large house because they also had seven boarders living with them, a Thomas Loyd 27 from Levenshulme labourer in a Gas Works, Charles Rock a 50 year old Pedlar from Ireland also blind, John Kelly 50 year old Earth Work labourer from Ireland, William Lea 37 widow Clog Iron Maker and his three children William Lea 9, John Lea 7 and Mary Lea 12

Going forward to the 1881 census living at #85 Simpson Street Bradford Manchester we find John aged 45 still listed as blind but working as an Iron Forgerman , his wife Mary now a Market Servant, John aged 16 (note he was 8 on the 1871 census) his occupation is a Forge Boy and his birth place is down as Ashton under Lyne, Robert now aged 11, Benjamin 8, and Charles 7 born March 1873

Also living with the family at the time was a Sarah Bowker 50 year old widow from Mold in Wales a Calico Weaver and her son William Bowker an 18 year old Coal Miner born in Liverpool

If John born 1863 married Jane Bowker in 1884 where was she on the 1881 census, she is probably around 14 the only 1881 census that had a Jane and no parents listed was RG11 Piece 3932 Folio 19 Page 32, she is a 14 year old nurse living at 13 Macclesfield St Chorlton?

Interestingly an Elizabeth Hindley married a William Bowker in Manchester in Dec 1856 Vol 8d Pg 296 – the dates are early and may be a red herring in the scheme of things