

ODFHS Boatfamilies - 2020 Updates

(Canal Family 1 except where indicated)

Update V107 – 14 January, 2020

New Total: 46,552

No New names

Main increases: Haddock +42; Riley +41; Done +18; Alcock +13

A double wedding of two brother-sister combinations is the highlight of our first Update of the new decade. Also the unusual marriages of three brothers to three sisters.

Thanks go to Steve Ormand for helping to unscramble the Hatton and Hough families which include the Cheshire marriages in 1830 of two sets of siblings, Robert and Elizabeth Hough to Thomas and Ellen Hatton. We are also grateful to Bob Owen for continued help with Alcock/Allcock records.

We have corrected the identity of the Joseph Baybutt who married first Catherine Malley, then Ann Pendlebury, to be son (b1849 Burscough) of singlewoman Margaret Baybutt rather than son (b1849 Lathom) of John Baybutt and Jane Green. After Joseph's birth, Margaret Baybutt married John Martland whose grandson John William Martland, a Wigan boatman, had three sons, John, Charles and Joseph, who married three sisters, Maud, Betty and Eleanor Bates, daughters of Cheshire butcher Edward Bates.

Two Haddock families and two Riley families of Cheshire watermen provide our main increases. And the 1851 marriage of Martha from one Riley group to Northwich waterman George Done led to our other increase, with their daughter Sarah marrying Albert Riley from the other Riley group of Runcorn.

Update V108 – 1 Feb 2020

New Total: 46, 810

New Names: Doggett, 12; Male 10; Emmott 6

Main Increases: Peacock +57; Tyrer +23; Culshaw +18; Jones, Prescott +17; Moores +14; Buckley +10, Alcock +9

Further links between the boat families of West Lancashire and Cheshire have emerged with the marriages of two daughters of William Cheetham and Mary Ashcroft of Lathom to two related Runcorn watermen.

These Cheethams have not been found in censuses before 1871, and must have moved to Runcorn between the births of their second son Edward (in Leigh, 1860) and sixth daughter Ellen in 1864. Their eldest child Susanna (previously unknown to us) married in 1866 William Peacock of Runcorn. Four years later Susanna's sister Alice married Robert Prescott of Liverpool, again in Runcorn, and their daughter Martha Ann married in 1889 George Henry Peacock, son of William's brother Ralph.

This Peacock family is our main increase in this update and connects to a Midlands family of watermen descended from Joseph Jones of Dudley, whose granddaughter Elizabeth Ellen married William and Susanna's son Ralph Peacock in 1902. And our new name Doggett comes through the 1922 marriage in Runcorn of Robert Prescott's grandson Arthur to Mary, daughter of Vincent Doggett, a Ship Canal bargeman born in Hammersmith.

Another Tyrer family of Lathom has been added, probably related to the boatbuilders already in our main tree (though a direct connection has yet to emerge). Three sons of Richard Tyrer (b1772 Wrightington) and Ann Gill were boatmen, as was Robert Culshaw who married their daughter Ruth in Ormskirk in 1825. After Robert and Ruth's son Richard died in 1865, his widow Mary Ann, nee Kidd, married James Emmott, a boatman and boatbuilder from Clitheroe.

Bob Owen has continued to provide help with Alcock/Allcocks, and another new name comes with the marriage of Edith Elizabeth Alcock to William Male, a tugboat driver from Birkenhead. Other increases are also among Cheshire watermen.