

ODFHS Boatfamilies - 2026 Updates

(Canal Family 1 except where indicated)

Update V203 - 5.2.2026

New Total: 68,904 people

New Name: Lyth 39

Main Increases: Brookes, Palin +24; Walker +12, Boden, Smith +8

Another inter-county link comes with our new family descended from William Lyth of Wem whose sons worked on the Llangollen and Shropshire canals, and whose grandson David, b1899 Nantwich, married Henrietta Dutton of Astley Green, near Leigh. Her father was already on our site, son of John Dutton of Wigan and Mary Sharrock of Burscough.

The Brookes, Palin and Walker increases are all among previously developed Cheshire families who turn out to be linked to the Lyths, as are the Bodens and Smiths of Staffordshire.

Update V202 - 21.1.2026

New Total: 68,756 people

No New Names

Main Increases: Turton +9; Jacks +8; Boden, Holland +6

We have expanded the families connected to Samuel Turton and Maude Jacks who married in Northwich in 1881. He was born in Daventry in 1878, one of three boatmen sons of Thomas Edward Turton of Rugby; she was born in Runcorn in 1881, daughter of Charles Jacks of Ellesmere Port most of whose seven sons were watermen on the Cheshire and Staffordshire canals.