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The Moxon Magazine

Ken Moxon RIP

When Covid19 took the life of our Executive Committee Chairman on the 22nd June we lost a very keen member and a prominent contributor to the Society's well-being.

Ken joined the Society with his wife Joan as a family member in January 2006. He was a keen and enthusiastic researcher and established his family ancestors as those Moxons coming from the Silkstone area in Yorkshire.

He took a keen interest in the Society and very willingly organised the 2010 Moxon Gathering in Chester, a city that he lived in all his life and was proud of its history. He shared this with the Gathering delegates as we enjoyed a guided tour of the Cathedral and a lecture on the history of Chester by a professional guide.

Ken and Joan attended the Gathering in Wakefield in October 2011 and it was during the proceedings of the weekend that Ken took on board the task of being the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Society.

He soon followed this by organising another Gathering, this time in Llandudno and, in his inimitable style, made his opening remarks to the Society AGM in Welsh!! From the group photograph (*which was taken by Ken and which forms the centre spread of issue 52 – October 2013 Ed.*) taken in the front of the railway station at **LlanfairPG*** you can readily see that the delegates had a wonderful weekend.

On a more personal note, I found Ken to be a calm but determined man and we got on very well. I enjoyed his company very much and it was a little ironic when we



established that he and I were on the opposite sides of the negotiating table before we retired from business, he as a shop steward in Chester and me as a manager of a manufacturing establishment in Manchester. We never got round to discussing our experiences at work!!!

Goodbye, Ken, may you rest in peace knowing that we will dearly miss you as a friend. We also thank you most sincerely for the good services you have rendered to the Society as our Chairman, and for your considerable contribution to our welfare as a Society.

John C Moxon
Isle of Wight

* ***In full: Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogoch!***

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

WELCOME!

Since the last issue of the Magazine eleven new members have joined.

Welcome to:

Susan Fuge	Australia	MX54
David Hume	Australia	MX01
Helen Moxon	New Zealand	MX60
Warren Clarke	Australia	MX05
Ian Moxon	UK	MX27
Karen Fox	UK	MX27
Elizabeth Moxsom	Canada	MX37
John Edwin Moxon	UK	MX01
Barry Butler	UK	MX71
Susan Gribben	Australia	MX01
Steve Griffin	UK	MX43

Membership of the Moxon Society is open to everyone with an interest in the wider Moxon Family. For more details of Membership please get in touch with the **Membership Secretary** whose contact details are on the back page of this Magazine.

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When I became Editor of your Moxon Magazine I inherited a printer, Think, Design and Print of Leamington Spa, and I want to record here my ongoing thanks and my admiration for the excellent service they always provide. The quality of the printing is second to none, and the quality and courtesy of our dealings together have always been exemplary.

So I wholeheartedly recommend them to you for any printing need you might have, from brochures to direct mail, newsletters and roller banners to promotional items. Even in these pandemic times they provide a rapid service, and as their name suggests, there are more than just printers, and can provide design services and more.

Editor

William Sykes Moxon (1884-1909)
Cawthorne to Utah!

In the course of our research some of us will have come across family members who were attracted by the faith spread by Mormon missionaries who arrived in England in the nineteenth century and who were subsequently baptised into that faith and emigrated to the United States.

The first mission to England of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (LDS) took place in 1837, when Joseph Smith sent Elders Heber Chase Kimball and Orson Hyde from their base in Missouri to the town of Preston in Lancashire, where they found great success in preaching, opening the way for thousands in the British Isles to convert.

As a result, either to escape the prejudice of their fellow countrymen or from a profound desire to join the main body of "the Saints", many converts decided to emigrate to the US state of Utah where most Mormons were settling. Amazingly, by 1850 the LDS Church had nearly 31,000 members in England, compared with just over 21,000 in North America and the rest of the world. Estimates from LDS historians suggest that almost 100,000 British followers of the faith emigrated to Utah in the 19th Century.

In the early days, the journey to Utah was long and arduous, with converts often sailing from Liverpool and travelling steerage, the journey taking around thirteen days. Arriving in cities like New York or Boston they would likely catch a train to somewhere like Laramie where they would join ox teams to cross the plains in the covered wagons that we're all familiar with from countless Western movies. A wagon might have six oxen and around a dozen people, who, as their belongings were in the wagon would walk (sometimes all the way) if they were able. They would head for towns in Utah recommended by friends in England as being good places to find a job.

Preston's role as the town of the original English Mormon mission has given the current Preston Ward the distinction of being the longest continuously functioning unit in the LDS Church



*William Sykes Moxon and Sarah Ellen Quilter
1907 Marriage in Salt Lake City*

anywhere in the world and in 1998 a large distinctive Temple was built just outside Chorley and is now a landmark for those travelling on the M61, its spire surmounted by a golden Angel Moroni blowing a trumpet, illuminated at night. It serves Latter-day Saints from the Midlands and northern parts of England, the whole of Scotland, the Isle of Man, the Belfast Stake in Northern Ireland, and the Dublin Stake in the Republic of Ireland. It has an LDS Family History Centre attached, open to all for family research. The genealogical community around the world owes a great debt to the LDS church whose beliefs have resulted in them assembling the International Genealogical Index (IGI), the world's largest collection of genealogical records and thereby protecting them for the future, catalogued, transcribed and digitised, available online to all for

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general research. When the Moxon Society Trees were originally compiled, great use was made of the Mormon IGI index. The first transcribed online census, the 1881 census, was made available by the Church. Many of us in our research will have had cause to access records via their website: www.familysearch.org

Society member, Margaret Kershaw, has uncovered just such a story of Mormon converts in her own family tree (MX04) by finding a short online Autobiography of her first cousin once removed, Eliza Ann Moxon Moore, who died in 1982 in Utah.

Margaret's grandfather, Joseph Sykes Moxon (1886-1966), had an older brother, William Sykes Moxon, who was baptised in Cawthorne on July 28, 1884, and who Eliza Ann reveals to be her father. His baptismal entry was later corrected with a note that his parents at that stage were not married!

Eliza tells the story that her maternal Grandparents, Harry Quilter and Eliza Ann Powell, in the early years of the twentieth century, were highly active in promoting Mormon missionaries,

many of whom they put up in their home in Yorkshire. Every Sunday they walked or rode seven miles to their LDS church and passed the house in Higham (a village between Cawthorne and Barnsley) where Margaret's great grandfather, coal miner Henry Moxon (1856-1917) and his wife Sarah Anne Sykes lived with their eight children (in Sykes Row: the terrace was owned by Sarah's Aunt). Henry and Sarah Ann's eldest son William Sykes Moxon, who also worked in the coal mine as an underground cart driver, clearly took a shine to Quilter's oldest daughter, Sarah Ellen, and the Quilters started giving him a lift to their church. William became interested in their faith and converted – and consequently was thrown out by his father Henry Moxon because Henry wanted to prevent his other children being converted by their eldest sibling.

Rejected by his father, William decided to emigrate to live with those who shared his beliefs, knowing that he could find a job in the coal mines in Utah. On Mar 8, 1906, at the age of 22, he boarded the White Star Line ship SS Cymric in Liverpool and arrived in Boston, Massachusetts. He had hoped that Sarah Ellen could follow on

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after three months so that they could be quickly married but church rules for new arrivals meant that William had to wait a year before any marriage was allowed. Sarah Ellen Quilter, accompanied by her brother Isaac, eventually made the journey across the Atlantic just over a year later in July 1907 and the following month she and William were married in the Temple in Salt Lake City on August 29. Fourteen months later Eliza Ann, the author of the Autobiography, was born.

Sadly, on Mar 29, 1909, her father was killed in the coal mine in Scofield, Utah, when the electric motor that he was driving, pulling a string of cars, ran out of his control, jumped the track, tearing away the timbers that supported the roof, causing it to cave in. He was caught in the falling coal and was buried; death would have been instantaneous as his neck was found to have been broken in several places. Eliza Ann was four months old.

His widow Sarah Ellen remarried twice: in 1914 (to Joseph Rose, with whom she had three more children) and in 1926 (to William Willis), and she remained living in Utah until her death in 1954.

Eliza Ann, who confessed that she had hated her name until she was told that she was named after her maternal grandmother, married a farmer, George Dewey Moore. They settled in Panguitch, Utah, and produced seven children, Margaret's second cousins. Sadly, Eliza Ann never had any contact with her father's family back in England as far as Margaret knows, and Margaret never got to meet any of her second cousins from Utah.

Eliza Ann died in Panguitch in 1982.

Philip Lord



Preston Temple (The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints), the largest Latter-day Saint Temple in Europe (photo taken from their website)

In issue 61 of your Moxon Magazine (April 2018) Chris Moxon of California asked if anyone had further information about Moxon's Liniment which appeared in advertisements from the late 19th century into the early 20th. Chris also had the remains of some in an original bottle! And a few days ago we received this welcome email:

I just came across your Moxon newsletter and the photo of Moxon's Liniment bottles. I grew up in the house built by William Moxon, who, as the story goes, was a Rhodes Scholar from Oxford who came over and opened an apothecary/pharmacy in Mt. Clemens, Michigan.

The house was built around 1880, on Moxon Drive. He had two daughters but I cannot remember the names. We found many apothecary bottles buried on the property and we eventually donated to the Crocker House Museum in Mt. Clemens. There were other entrepreneurial ventures I have seen Mr. Moxon's name attached to in past investigation into Mt. Clemens history. My sister owns the house now – next time there I will snap a photo of Mr Moxon that has been passed down.

Michael Santine



Christopher John Micklethwaite RIP

Every now and again a Society such as ours manages to recruit a person whose character and contributions are never forgotten. Christopher John was one such individual.

Christopher was born in Bradford on the 4th June 1940, the son of Neville Micklethwaite and Gwendoline (née Tempest). His schooling and his scholarly abilities took him to University College Durham where he graduated and chose teaching as his profession. He was married to Jane Parkin-Bell in 1964 and they had two children, Andrew Quentin and Felicity Clare. A learned man, he was an avid collector of books and a visit to Christopher's Bradford home was like a trip to a library as one would ascend the three floors of stairs in walls and corridors almost completely filled with books. It was quite something. Very sadly he died on the 7th April 2020 in Sleaford.

On the 27th October 1990, quite soon after the Society was formed, Christopher and Jane jointly joined as life members. Immediately they both took an early active part and started by producing the text for a page to be distributed with the Moxon Magazine which was specially addressed to the younger generations of Moxons.

In 1997 they volunteered to jointly take on the tasks of the Secretary and held this post until 2002. In addition, Jane took on the task of the Secretary for the Moxon Family Research Trust. Christopher was also active in the discussions at both the Committee meetings and at the AGMs and never hesitated to join in all the debates.

I have an unforgettable memory of Christopher which was about our family trees because Christopher and I shared a common ancestor from High Hoyland. He mentioned that there were two large estates quite near to our ancestral village, so we decided to spend a day looking at the places. Christopher suggested the first on the list should be Bretton Hall, the summer home of the Beaumont family, who at that time were regarded as the richest commoners in the kingdom! To our complete surprise we unearthed from the Bretton archive a series of legal documents and hand-written letters that revealed the working history of one of my 19th century ancestors and confirmed that he was my great grandfather. It was an important find that allowed me to trace my male ancestry back to the late 17th century.

When we both moved southwards, he to Sleaford and me to the Isle of Wight, and the years passed by, we kept in touch at Christmas time with brief notes in our cards. When Jane died, I was concerned for Christopher, but he appeared to cope very well on his own. In his last note to me in December 2019 he said he was keeping well and so was his family including their 5 grandchildren. He was busy with his church and the U3A and was looking forward to joining his son Andrew for Christmas. Christopher was always a determined fellow.

Farewell Christopher. You are now with Jane, and probably assembling a library. Thank you for your contribution to the Society and for suggesting that we visit Bretton Hall.

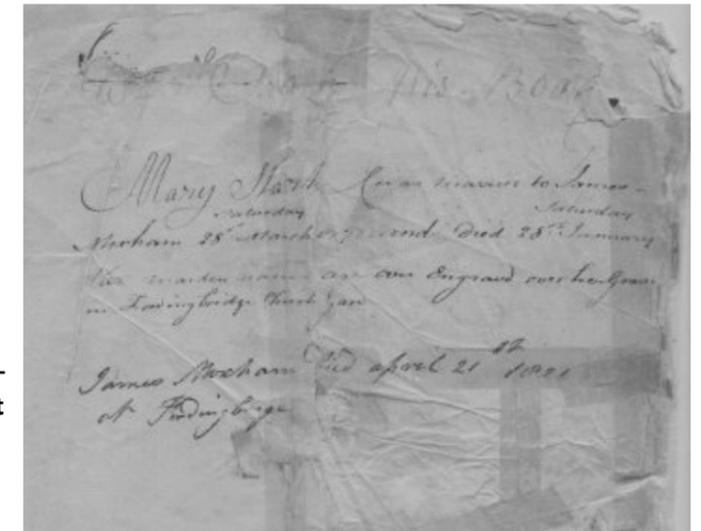
John C Moxon
Isle of Wight

Where there's a will, there's a way.....

Wills can often help us in our research in unexpected ways.

An apparently simple query was raised by new member, Barry Butler. Barry had traced his ancestry back to Robert Moxham (1811-1883), but he had in his possession a Family Bible listing James Moxham (1737-1821). However he could not find the link between James and Robert – could we help?

At first it was problematic...



We had very little information about James Moxham (MX71) apart from his baptismal date in Corsham, Wiltshire. But Barry's Family Bible, crucially, provided the information (see above) that James married Mary Stark in Fordingbridge in Hampshire and died in the same town in 1821 at the age of 84.

The Moxon Society had a will for a James Moxham of Fordingbridge, gentleman, written in 1820 which had not been associated with any particular Moxon Tree. Surely this was the same man whose baptism was recorded in 1737.

The will of James Moxham did not refer to any children, and no baptisms of children for James and Mary appear in

the Fordingbridge registers. Instead the will revealed that James left most of his property to his nephews Robert and Joseph Moxham. A little more research revealed that James's nephew, Robert, son of his brother Zimry, had a son Robert Moxham (1811-1883) who was Barry Butler's great (x3) grandfather.

So another will can now be connected into a Moxon Society Tree and Barry knows that James Moxham was his great (x6) uncle.

Chris Moxon
August 2020

The Will begins:

The Will of James Moxham of Fordingbridge, Hants, Gentleman, I give unto Abel Moxham, my Nephew, the Interest of £400 which I has in the £5 per Cents Navy Stock Bank of England for his life as the devidends become due and after his death I give a moiety of it unto Abel Moxham my Nephew Son for his life I give the other moiety unto James Moxham my Nephews Son for his life and after the life interest in the said devidends I give the whole devidends unto unto [sic] my Nephew Robert Moxham[dated at bottom 1st March 1820]

The Moxons of Cawthorne

Revision to the “top” of the MX01 Tree
and MX10, a Cawthorne Tree

There has been a revision to the top of the Moxons of Cawthorne Tree, MX01, which, although minor, does affect the direct line ancestry of several people in the Society who consequently may have to adjust their own trees!

As the 2002 Moxon Society booklet “*Charles Mokeson of Cawthorne and his Dynasty*” by Joan Rendall and John Moxon Hill points out, the first book of the Cawthorne Parish Registers (c1588-1653) is missing and between the years 1600 and 1653 only 23 years of Bishop’s Transcripts have survived.

The images of these Bishop’s Transcripts are now online on www.findmypast.co.uk and, while downloading the relevant images to attach to the MX01 tree, an error in the Society’s records was discovered.

Charles died in 1592 as did two of his brothers, possibly of the Plague since cases were recorded in the burial registers in nearby Ossett and Dewsbury the following year. We know that he was survived by three sons, John, William, and George, who were named in his Will.

The MX01 tree was drawn up with the understanding that one of the three sons, George, was the father of Nathaniel Mokeson, baptised in May 1618 in Cawthorne. Everyone in the original MX01 tree descends from this Nathaniel.

Although George Mokeson did have a son baptised on 13 May 1618, his brother William features on the previous line in the register having a son baptised a few days earlier. The online image reveals that George’s son was a previously omitted child named George, whereas it was William who was in fact Nathaniel’s father. Additionally, as demonstrated in the image (below. Ed.) from “*Alumni Cantabrigienses*”, the index of

Cambridge University Alumni, Nathaniel’s father is confirmed as William Mokeson of Cawthorne.

Two other sons of William, previously omitted, were also discovered: William Mokeson baptised Mar 2, 1604/05 and Richard Mokeson baptised Mar 11, 1610/11.

The discovery of William Mokeson 1604/05 enabled us to identify that his father William, son of Charles, was the Head of John Moxon Hill’s original MX10 tree diagram, the Moxons of Darfield and Ardsley. The top section of MX10 has therefore been merged into MX01. We have yet to find the point at which the main body of the MX10 tree can be merged with MX01. That MX10 belongs in MX01 is now without doubt, as a recent Y-DNA test by a member of MX10, Peter James Moxon, has demonstrated with an extremely high probability that he and five Moxon Society members of MX01 share a common ancestor within the last sixteen generations and supports the theory that Samuel Mokeson, born 1614, is the head of the branch that was formerly MX02.

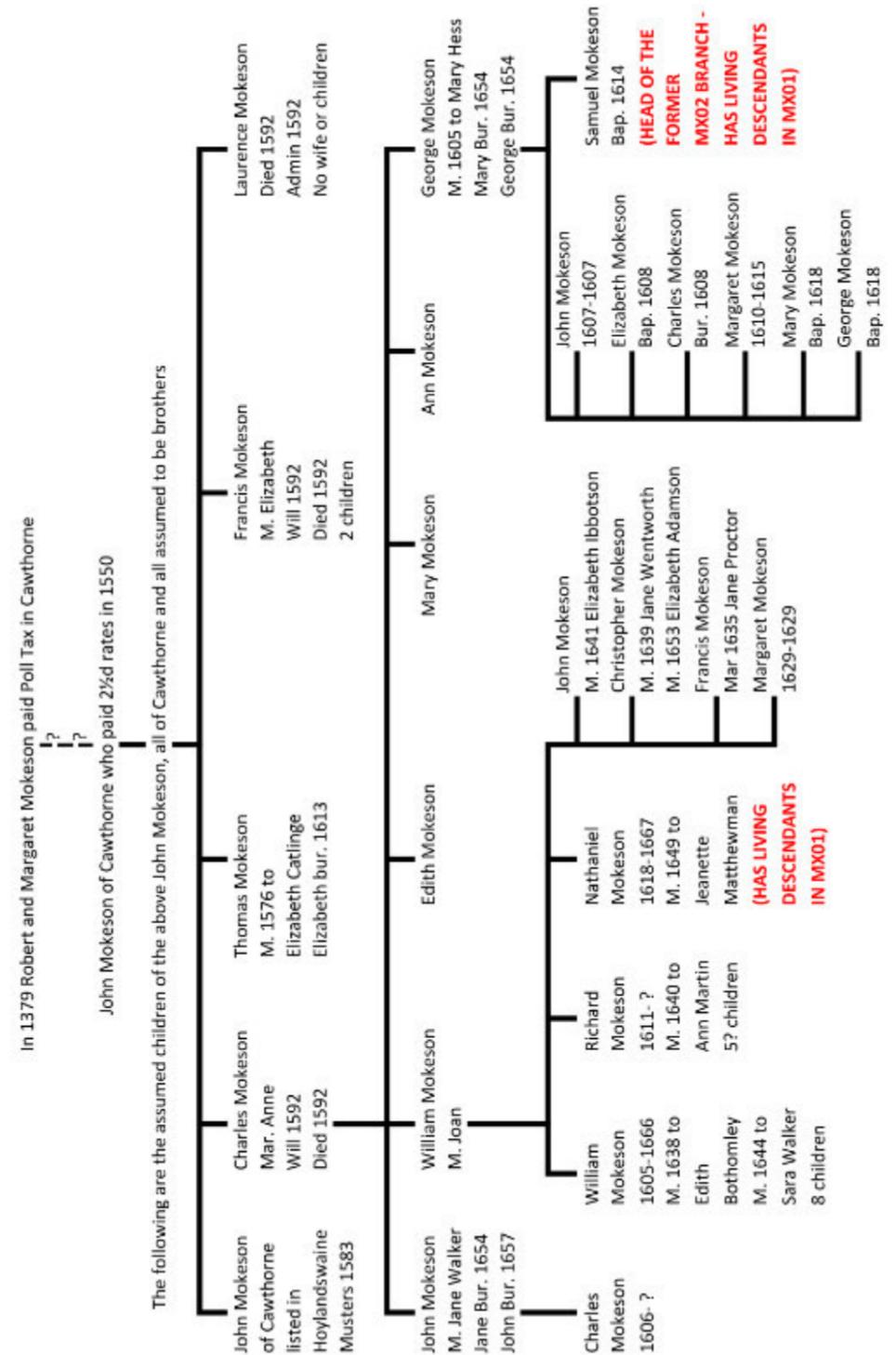
The revised diagram for the top of MX01 is shown on the opposite page. Those with a copy of “*Charles Mokeson of Cawthorne and his Dynasty*” may like to compare it with the original which is on page 10 of that booklet.

The Society is currently out of stock of “*Charles Mokeson of Cawthorne and his Dynasty*” but hopes to publish a new edition later this year to incorporate the above revisions.

Philip Lord

MOKESON, NATHANIEL. B.A. from TRINITY, 1641-2. S. of William, of Cawthorne, Yorks. Matric. from University College, Oxford, Oct. 19, 1638, age 19.

Outline of early Cawthorne Moxon Family Tree MX01



English housewifry.

Exemplified in above four hundred receipts, never before printed...

I must apologise to the person who sent me information about Wakefield Council's commentary on some of Elizabeth Moxon's "four hundred receipts, never before printed." Sadly I misfiled the original correspondence, but fortunately still had some of the images, two of which are printed below. Please get in touch so I can give you proper credit in the next issue of The Moxon Magazine.

These recipes come from Elizabeth Moxon's 1741 book *English Housewifry* which was

based on her 30 years of "practice and experience" and intended for readership of the "Mistresses of Families, higher and lower Women servants." As well as the recipes, Elizabeth offered month by month menu plans for lunch, supper *et cetera* complete with diagrams and instructions how to set out the dishes on the table in the style of the 18th century. She has been called one of "the female pioneers of English culinary writing", a worthy forerunner to Fanny Craddock, Delia Smith, Mary Berry, Nigella Lawson and other well-known English chefs. **Editor**



While searching for my original correspondence on Elizabeth Moxon's recipes and how they came to be published by Wakefield Council, I came across the recipe (right) by one Nikki Moxon. A worthy successor to Elizabeth Moxon! And Nikki's "receit" does look delicious...

Whence the Moxons of Stewkley? – a further clarification!

In our April 2020 issue of *The Moxon Magazine* Graham Jagger and Philip Lord argued for the Moxons of Stewkley to remain in Tree MX01, the Moxons of Cawthorne. We were delighted to receive this interesting and helpful email from Peter Moxom:

Dear Trevor ,

Further thoughts concerning Philip Lord & Graham Jagger's interesting article in the April 2020 edition of our magazine:

The DNA evidence is pretty strong pointing to the Derbyshire origins of the Nathaniel Muckson who married in Stoke Hammond in 1735/6. But there are also a number of circumstantial factors pointing in the same direction. Nathaniel Mugson most probably had a Derbyshire accent, and a southern vicar marrying him in Buckinghamshire in 1735/6 may well have heard "Muckson", as was recorded in the parish records . Additionally , Nathaniel Muckson (Muxon) and his wife chose a lot of the same Christian names as had been prevalent in the Derbyshire family .

Not conclusive evidence I know, but together with the DNA link they lend strong support to Philip and Graham's thesis. I hope this is helpful, Trevor.

Kind regards,
Peter.

Whence the Moxons of Stewkley? – a clarification!

Reprinted from *The Moxon Magazine*, issue 65, April 2020

In the article in last October's *Moxon Magazine* regarding the Buckinghamshire Moxons (the Moxons of Stewkley, tree MX11, now merged into MX01), we pointed out that at the 1735 marriage of Nathaniel Muckson and Catherine Tragle in Stoke Hammond, Nathaniel's residence was given as Bradwell while Catherine was of Stoke Hammond. Bradwell, we mentioned, was a village in the Derbyshire Peak District, and that fact had prompted us to revisit the evidence for the Derbyshire origins of Nathaniel Muckson.

Following the article, we were contacted by Angie Hawkins who helpfully pointed out that there is also a parish of Bradwell in Milton Keynes, less than ten miles from Stoke Hammond. Surely Nathaniel Muckson came from this Bradwell in Buckinghamshire?

We think the evidence in the October article plus the Y-DNA evidence that Nathaniel is of Cawthorne stock (i.e. from MX01), means it is likely that the article is correct in determining that our Nathaniel Mugson (baptised in 1710 in Derby) is indeed the Nathaniel Muckson who marries in Stoke Hammond in 1735. That Nathaniel was living in Bradwell in Buckinghamshire rather than Bradwell in Derbyshire at the time of his marriage is probably correct, but this does not contradict his Derbyshire origins; there is no evidence that he was born in Bradwell. If he had already moved to Buckinghamshire, presumably for work reasons, it makes perfect sense that he should have met his prospective wife there.

Of the 36 Nathaniel Moxons in the Moxon Society trees, 30 are from MX01. None of the 36 Nathaniels was born in Buckinghamshire (in any variation in spelling of the surname) before our Nathaniel Mugson's marriage in Stoke Hammond.

So for the time being, we will leave the Moxons of Stewkley combined with the Moxons of Cawthorne (MX01) unless compelling evidence emerges to the contrary.

Philip Lord & Graham Jagger

A mysterious woman



Moxon Society member Christopher Albert Moxon discovered a *Carte de Visite* for sale on eBay as part of a small auction lot and was intrigued as to who the woman in the photograph was.

(A *Carte de Visite* was a type of small photograph commonly traded among friends and visitors from the 1860s. Albums for the collection and display of cards became a common fixture in Victorian parlours - *Wikipedia*).

Chris contacted us, explaining that the woman in question was described as a Mrs Moxon (*see opposite*) but there was no initial. The photographer named on the *Carte de Visite* was based in the Islington area of Liverpool. Looking at the item, the style of dress suggested that the photo was taken around the 1860s. The census records were checked for Liverpool in 1861 and 1871 and the only Moxon family that appeared to be middle-class enough for the photograph were the family of Henry Moxon, who was born about 1837 in Liverpool, and his wife Edith Fanny. Joseph's widowed mother Esther Moxon, born in Rothwell near Leeds, was also living with Henry and Edith Fanny in 1861 as well as a baby daughter. They did not appear in any of the Moxon Society Trees, so a little bit of digging was necessary.

Having suggested that it might make a short article for the Magazine, Chris immediately contacted the eBay seller asking if he would split the auction lot and just sell the single *Carte de Visite*, so Chris is now the proud owner of the photograph of Mrs Moxon that we reproduce here!

Given that Henry's mother was from the Leeds area, we checked for a marriage of a Moxon to an Esther in the period leading up to Henry's birth. A suitable marriage, of a Joseph Moxon and an Esther Taylor, was found to have taken place in Leeds Parish Church in 1832. This Joseph was identified as Joseph Moxon of MX12, who was born in 1788 in Leeds.

Joseph was a Carpet Manufacturer in Leeds (mentioned as such in the Baines Directory of Leeds for 1822) and in this advertisement placed in the Leeds Mercury in 1826: The James Moxon mentioned in the advertisement is likely to be Joseph's elder brother.

The Leeds Mercury, Saturday April 1, 1826

NEW CARPET MANUFACTORY - JOSEPH MOXON, CARPET & HEARTH RUG MANUFACTURER, most respectfully informs the Gentry of Leeds, and the Public in general, that the long-established Firm of Messrs. Cookson and Fawcett, having retired from Business, he has purchased the materials necessary for carrying on the business of the late Firm, and that he has taken a SHOP, in COOKSON'S YARD, at 86 Kirkgate, where he will continue the CARPET MANUFACTORY with all its Branches.

J.M. avails himself of this Opportunity to assure those who may favour him with their Orders, that he is determined to manufacture such Goods as will fully support the Character and superior Quality and Durability so long and deservedly maintained by those of the respectable House with whom he learnt the Business.

N.B. JAMES MOXON, a Man well-known to the Public, is engaged for the purpose of measuring Rooms, laying down Carpets, &c. &c.

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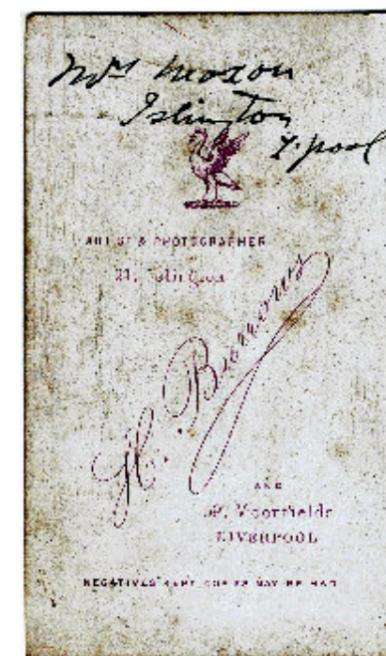
However, by 1837 Joseph and his wife had re-located to Liverpool, where son Henry was born. At Henry's baptism on 5 Jan 1837 in St Peter's Church in Liverpool, Joseph was described as a Hearth Rug Manufacturer.

Henry became a Bookkeeper, and on 8 Sep 1859 in St Peter's Church in Liverpool he married Edith Fanny Blower, born in Kentish Town in 1838, the daughter of a Jeweller whose family had moved from London to set up business in Liverpool.

Henry and Edith Fanny had two daughters (Edith Esther Moxon in 1860 and Edith Fanny in 1862) but tragedy struck in 1863 when Henry, at only twenty-six years of age, died of Consumption in February and the two young daughters both died in June of the same year, Edith Esther of Whooping Cough and Edith Fanny of Convulsions.

Henry and Edith Fanny's children had died in the Islington area of Liverpool behind Lime Street Station in 1863 which is where the photographer's studio was located. Henry's mother Esther Moxon *née* Taylor was living with the couple in the 1861 census and it is likely that she would have moved with the family to the Islington area. She died in 1866 aged sixty-nine.

Widow Edith Fanny remarried in 1865, to a Musician, Joseph Holden, but he sadly died in 1869 aged just twenty-nine. No children were produced from that marriage and she was listed as a widow in the 1871 census. Three years later she married again, this time to widower William Alexander Mills who was born in Apia, Samoa. He was described at his previous marriage as an "Engineer, formerly of Glasgow, and eldest son of the Rev. Wm. Mills, Newton, near Sydney, New South Wales". William Alexander's home address at the time was Kirkdale, Yorkshire, and by the 1881 census he is described as a Marine Engineer and he and Edith Fanny are living in Hull, with a child from his previous marriage. They do not appear to have produced any children themselves.



William was clearly living under a delusion as to Edith Fanny's age, for at her death in Cardiff in 1898 he registered her age as forty-two, ten years younger than she actually was! It is definitely the correct person as the newspaper announcement read "MILLS.— At 74, Partridge-road, Cardiff, suddenly on the 20th inst., Edith Fanny, the beloved wife of Mr William Alexander Mills, engineer, formerly of Liverpool." William Alexander himself died in Cardiff in 1905.

The age of the mysterious Mrs Moxon in the photograph is difficult to define. Mrs Moxon, Henry's mother, was sixty-nine when she died in 1866 whereas the young Mrs Moxon, wife of Henry, was only in her twenties in the 1860s. I think it more likely to be Mrs Moxon Snr; the photo could have been taken a few years before she died.

Chris is keen to donate the photograph to any of Mrs Moxon's relations in MX12 – just get in touch should you like to have it.

Philip Lord

Moxon Society members and their Trees

All but two members have now been associated with specific Trees.

Not surprisingly the two largest Trees – MX01 and MX27 - contain the largest number of our members, so these Trees tend to result in the greatest number of articles in the Magazine.

If you belong to one of the smaller Trees, can you please persuade one of your cousins to join the Society? And can you please try to make sure that at least one story involving your relatives is submitted for inclusion in the Magazine each year? **[Editor's note: yes, please!]**

And if you belong to a Tree for which no DNA tests have been recorded, could you perhaps find someone to be tested? (The numbers of DNA tests below are a mixture of Y-DNA tests and Ancestry DNA tests. Some were carried out on members who have subsequently died or resigned).

Tree MX01: Lisa Aden, Annette Booth, Heidi Byer, John Cole, Ian Conradi, Susan & Robert Gribben, Angela Hawkins, Angela Healy, Heather Heather, Katherine Hinbest, Jane Honey, Judy Huggett, Scott Hults Moxon, David Hume, Gill & Bruce Jones, Trevor & Jenny Jordan, Wendy Lintern, Rosemary Mans, Matthew McGrath, David Michael, Peter Moxom, Andrew Moxon, Arnold Moxon, Christopher Albert Moxon, Chris J & Aileen Moxon, Chris J M Moxon, David John Moxon, Diana Moxon, Dymps Moxon-Hill, Ian Moxon, Jeremy Moxon, John Moxon, John A Moxon, John E Moxon, John Edwin Moxon, Michelle Moxon, Neil Moxon, Peter & Mary Ann Moxon, Stephen Moxon, Barbara O'Neill, Christopher Richardson, Laraine Rissel, Joan Robinson, Merv Wearne *(21 DNA tests recorded for this Tree)*

Tree MX04: - Margaret Kershaw *(2 DNA tests recorded)*

Tree MX05: Anne Allen, Graham Clarke, Warren Clarke, Gillie McKeown, Birgit Moxon, Doug Moxon, Geoffrey Moxon, Margaret Moxon, Steve & Laura Moxon, Bob Moxon-Browne, Gretel Spizick, Maureen Tucker *(2 DNA tests recorded)*

Tree MX06: Patricia Bascombe, Elizabeth Davies, John E Moxon, Wendy Moxon *(2 DNA tests recorded)*

Tree MX10: Bernard Hawkins, Carole Kaye, Sylvia Merrett, Peter James Moxon, Beth Wilkinson *(2 DNA tests recorded)*

Tree MX12: James Moxon, Richard Moxon, Sue Moxon, Helen Rowe, Marvin Thomas *(4 DNA tests recorded)*

Tree MX16: Ian S Moxon *(1 DNA test recorded)*

Tree MX17: Peter Berry, Helen Gibbons, Steve Moxon, Patricia Scanlin *(4 DNA tests recorded)*

Tree MX20: Lesley Charlton, Christine Senior *(1 DNA test recorded)*

Tree MX21: Harriet Cozens, Sandra Pendlington *(1 DNA test recorded)*

Tree MX25: Kieron Bowker, Maureen Clark, Chris Alan Moxon, Karen Moxon, Leonard Moxon, Janet Start *(1 DNA test recorded)*

Tree MX27: Sheila Cameron, Shirley Moxon Cilia, Denise Gai Clark, John Earnshaw, Doreen Evans, Karen Fox, May Anne Fowler, Joan France, Suzanne Handley, Graham Jagger, Andrea Kerns, Edna McMahon, Betty Moxon, Francis John Moxon, Ian Moxon, Joan Moxon, John Alan Moxon, John Bruce & Margaret Moxon, Lyal Mary Moxon, William Moxon, Janet McNiffe, Karen Newton, Pamella Vernon-Souris, Cath Walker, Danielle Moxon Wanchek, Dee Watts, Raylee Wildie *(13 DNA tests recorded)*

Moxon Society members and their Trees

Tree MX37: Frances Gnodtke, Mary Morrissey, Stephen Moxham, Dona Moxon, Natasha Moxon, Edward Roberts, Kimberly Wizer, Elizabeth Moxsom *(5 DNA tests recorded)*

Tree MX39: Joan Clarke, Al Tirevold *(0 DNA tests recorded)*

Tree MX40: Francis John Stanton, Eli Wright *(0 DNA tests recorded)*

Tree MX42: Marlene Hamilton, Val McCourt, Doris Moxon, Stewart Moxon, Denise Muncaster *(3 DNA tests recorded)*

Tree MX43: Steve Griffin *(1 DNA test recorded)*

Tree MX53: Don Blake *(0 DNA tests recorded)*

Tree MX54: Susan Fuge, Leslie Moxon, Michael Moxon *(3 DNA tests recorded)*

Tree MX60: Helen Moxon *(1 DNA test recorded)*

Tree MX70: No current members *(1 DNA test recorded)*

Tree MX71: Barry Butler, Kenneth Moxham *(1 DNA test recorded)*

Tree MX76: Mike Marshall, Gwen & Kevin Moxham *(3 DNA tests recorded)*

Tree MX79: Roger Laidler, Kelvin Miller, Andy Moxon, John C Moxon, Paul & Barbara Moxon, Paul David Moxon, Simon Moxon *(6 DNA tests recorded)*

Tree MX96: Anne Lewis *(0 DNA tests recorded)*

Please let me know if you spot any errors in this list.

Chris Moxon
Membership Secretary

What's in a name?

Trevor,

I have just received my copy of issue 65 (April 2020) of the magazine and wanted to say how interested I was to read the article on pages 20 and 21 regarding George Moxon. He was my Great Great Grandfather, and although I knew a little of his life as a coal merchant, his parentage, siblings and children, I did not know all of the information in the article. However, it all adds to the rich history of my family, and thanks to the research done by the Society, I can boast that I can trace my heritage back 13 generations to 1545!

Interestingly, George's father, Jonas, took his name from his Mother Ann rather than his father it seems. According to my records, Ann Moxon was daughter of Richard Moxon, but married twice, once to Joshua Froggat and once to John Eastwood, but it seems she never changed her surname to her husband's, so the "Moxon" name prevailed. I assume if she had taken her husband's name, "Moxon" would have been lost at least in that branch of the family!

Kind regards,

Jeremy Moxon

From The President Emeritus

It is always a joy and a delight to hear from our esteemed President Emeritus, Graham Jagger, although his most recent email contained very sad news. Here's an (edited) copy:

Dear Trevor,

I thought I would drop you a line to see how you both are. Hopefully, you have managed to avoid the clutches of the plague. As you might have heard, Oadby is currently in a lockdown situation but fortunately the postcode figures do not highlight Heythrop Close! It is sad, though, that our local tavern has been prevented from opening. It might open on Saturday week, but this is still very far from clear. We'll just have to wait and see.

I have been occupying myself with great genealogical labours. A client of mine has tasked me with establishing his family tree. This has been a most illuminating study. As well as proving his descent from a Lancastrian who lived in Oldham in the 17th century I have established that his great great grandfather left an estate valued in at £226,692 10s 0d in 1878, worth something in excess of £27m in today's money! This turns out to have been little more than a pile of treacle: it has all drained away by now. I trust though that my client has a sufficiently large residue to pay my bill!

You might have heard down the grapevine that Angela and I have become grandparents again. Our daughter Katharine gave birth to identical twin boys about five weeks ago. They were very premature and are not quite out of the woods yet. However, they are putting on weight and things are beginning to look good. It is likely though that they will remain in hospital for several weeks yet. Katharine been quite poorly during her confinement and her Caesarean section but she, too, is beginning to come round.

And, to finish with, a sad piece of news. We lost Hendrix in April. He developed a malady in his spine and despite anti-inflammatories and strong analgesics he was clearly in considerable pain. So, in consultation with Gill, his quite excellent veterinary surgeon, we decided that the only humane course of action was to put him to sleep. I don't think we will ever get over it. He was a dear buddy for ten years, the memories of which we will always cherish.

Well that's about all for now. When the pox is over you must come down the road and we can take luncheon together.

Take care and keep safe.

Love to you both,

As ever,

Graham



Hendrix RIP

Bits & Pieces from elsewhere

During a period of self-isolation Graham Jagger came across the following items of interest which may be of interest to the family historian.

From the BBC News website

DNA can tell you some interesting things about family history - and it's very useful for identifying close family like lost siblings or biological parents - but its powers are profoundly limited by fundamental biology.

Over time, descendants start to shed the DNA of their actual ancestors, and the amount that vanishes builds up over the generations to be huge.

You carry DNA from only half of your ancestors dating eleven generations back. So it is possible that you are genetically unrelated to people you are actually descended from as recently as the 18th Century.

From Computer active – issue 576, 2020

Church of England's 'Google Maps for graves' to help family research

The Church of England is to launch a '*Google Maps for graves*' website to help family historians search for burial records and locations.

It will spend the next five years photographing tens of millions of graves, covering all 15,000 Anglican burial grounds in England, as well as those of other denominations and unconsecrated sites.

Once complete, it will be one of the largest free resources for family historians, though some parts of the website may require payment.

The scheme has been trialled at two churches near Huddersfield. Surveyors used laser-scanning tools to create digital maps of churchyards at All Hallows' Church in Kirkburton (www.snipca.com/34234), and Emmanuel Church in Shelley (www.snipca.com/34233).

Local volunteers photographed the monuments, transcribed the epitaphs on the gravestones, and scanned and transcribed the parish registers. In total, they uploaded details of 6,000 burials on to online interactive maps.

Historic England provided £250,000 to pay for the project, a figure that's been matched by the Church of England. Cumbria company Atlantic Geomatics is providing the technology and expertise.

The C of E's head of strategy for church buildings, Dr Joseph Elders, said: "Many more churches could benefit from this kind of project across the country, protecting and enjoying the wonderful historic and natural environment of our churches for the benefit of all."

The Search for a Photographer

Marshall Moxom was the second of four children born to Walter Lumley Holding Moxom and Maggie Marshall Moxom (*née* Swanston). Walter and Maggie were both born in London, England and emigrated to Canada, Walter in 1908 and Maggie in 1912. They married in Calgary, Alberta, Canada in 1912. Their first two sons were born in 1913 and 1916, respectively. In 1925 the family emigrated from British Columbia, Canada aboard the SS Ruth Alexander and Walter and Maggie began the process of naturalization in San Francisco and Oakland and were naturalized in 1932.

Marshall's expertise behind the camera was primarily self-taught. He practised his craft with many different cameras, learned darkroom skills, and took a few classes. In 1940 he entered military service and became a photographer for the US Navy. After his Naval discharge, Moxom worked for the renowned photographer Ansel Adams, helping to make photo-murals in Adams' basement on 24th Avenue in San Francisco. The murals were turned into divider screens and sold for \$300 each –now \$4,300 in today's money. Moxom also gave photography lessons to many of Adams' clients on behalf of the famous photographer.

In 1945, Moxom was hired as the Head Photographer for the San Francisco Municipal Railway and San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, known today as SFMTA (San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency), then known as the Municipal San Francisco Municipal Railway or, affectionately, 'Muni' for short. He was promoted to Head of the Photography Department in 1952 and held that position until his retirement in 1978. During his 32-year tenure, Moxom was "on call" to photograph public outreach and construction projects: transit accidents; the Water & Power System in Hetch Hetchy Valley in the northwestern part of Yosemite National Park; and others. He captured city streets and cable cars, aerial views and sky lines, visiting celebrities, families, athletic teams, and ice skaters, historic structures, and spectacular events all with his camera of choice, the iconic 4x5 Speed Graphic.

Quoting Ms. Katy Guyon, SFMTA Photo Archivist, "...Moxom was instrumental in setting the groundwork for the creation of what would become the SFMTA Photo Archive. Without his stewardship, as well as his careful organization and management of his own photography department, we would not have the collection we have today in the SFMTA Photo Archive. Currently, 9,333 images taken by Moxom have been scanned and are available online..."

Thanks to Chris Moxon and the MX01 Tree Guardians, members of MX01 can proudly count him as one of their own.

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My sincerest thanks to Katy Guyon and SFMTA for sharing the amazing Moxom photography collection with us. You can view Moxom's work online here: <https://sfmta.photoshelter.com/index> (touch image search and put Moxom in the Keyword search box). Some images are also at the Oakland Museum of Art: <http://collections.museumca.org/?q=category/made/marshall-moxom>

Dona Moxon

The Search for a Photographer



Portrait of Muni Head Photographer Marshall Moxom
Taken by Vince Thomas at the Eastman Kodak Plant as Demonstration of
New Versamat Automatic Film Processor | September 15, 1965

Editor's note: *In 2003 Marshall Moxom, then aged 83, gave an interview to a Mr Grant Ute of the Western Railway Museum in Rio Vista, California. The interview was to give the background for Moxom's photo filing and archive systems which he had worked on extensively at the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency –'Muni.'* It is well worth reading the transcript which Dona has provided and which I have uploaded to the Moxon Society Research website.

I have to say that I was fascinated to read that Marshall had worked for Ansel Adams who was something of a hero to me in my early days as a photographer! Adams was a landscape photographer and environmentalist known for his black-and-white images of the American West, and among photographers as the inventor of the "Zone System" which still, in my opinion, produces the very best black-and-white photographs. I'm also bound to say that Marshall in his interview gives a somewhat less laudatory opinion of Adams as an employer!

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