

Husband: Joshua Ashcroft

Born: ca. 21 Dec 1777 in: Sale, Cheshire, England
 Married: 19 May 1802 in: Manchester, Lancashire, England
 Died: 17 Jul 1806 in: Manchester, Lancashire, England
 Burial: 1806 in: St. James Church, George Street, Manchester, England
 Father: Samuel Ashcroft
 Mother: Mary Rudd
 Other Spouses: Sarah Barber

Wife: Esther Harrison

Born: ca. 11 Apr 1784 in: Mossley, Manchester, Lancashire, England
 Died: in:
 Burial:
 Father: William Harrison
 Mother: Sarah Slater
 Other Spouses:

CHILDREN

1	Name: William Ashcroft Born: ca. 24 Jun 1804 in: Manchester, Lancashire, England Died: 28 Nov 1878 in: Liverpool, Lancashire, England Burial: 04 Dec 1878 in: Merridale Cemetery, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, England Married: in: Spouse: Hannah Smith
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2	Name: John Ashcroft Born: ca. 26 May 1806 in: Lancashire, England Died: in: Burial: Married: 02 Oct 1831 in: Manchester, Lancashire, England Spouse: Maria Williams
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Husband:	Joshua Ashcroft
Baptism:	21 Dec 1777 St. Martin's Church, Ashton on Mersey, Cheshire, England
Source:	(1) Emails from Tony Ashcroft to Anne Healy Field, 2007, 2998, " Cross Street, now a road in Sale, was then a township built around the old turnpike road from Manchester to Chester. It was in the parish of St Martin's Church in Ashton on Mersey. As the name suggests the River Mersey, which then formed the boundary between the counties of Lancashire and Cheshire, is nearby. Joshua was baptized at this church in 1777 as were all of Samuel and Mary's children at various times." . (2) An alphabetical list of baptisms 1605-1880 recorded in the parish registers of St. Martin, Ashton upon Mersey : county of Cheshire, U.K., edited by Rovy Slater. Baptisms 1605-1880 (4 fiches), FHL British Fiche 6212727 , Fiche #1, p.10, Ashcroft, Joshua, 21 Dec 1777, son of Samuel & Mary of Sale, Cross Street. (3) Parish registers for St. Martin's Church [Church of England], Ashton-on-Mersey, Cheshire, 1636-1950, Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1998. FHL Microfilm 2107086, baptized 21 December 1777, Joshua, son of Samuel and Mary Ashcroft of Cross Street, Sale.
Burial:	1806 St. James Church, George Street, Manchester, England
Source:	(1) Emails from Tony Ashcroft to Anne Healy Field, 2007, 2998, Lancashire Parish Register Society, Vol. 134, The Registers of St James's Church, George Street , Manchester (published 1993), Burials 1806, Page 128, "Died July 17 Buried July 17 [19] Joshua Ashcroft 28 yrs; Killed [from a Building]." The information in square brackets is from the Bishop's Transcripts and the rest is from the Registers. (2) Parish register transcript, St. James [Church of England], Manchester, England, compiled by Bertram William Tuff Norman. FHL book 942.72/ M1, V26mja vol.4 [includes burials, Dec. 1786-Dec. 1812], p.83, Joshua Ashcroft, [died] 17 July 1806, [buried] 17 July 1806, 28 Y [years], killed.
Gravestone Inscription:	1806 Joshua Ashcroft July 17 1806 a 28 y. His death was occasioned by a fall from a Warehouse. An awfull warning to us of the uncertainty of human life. Take heed watch and pray for ye know not when the time is.
Source:	Emails from Tony Ashcroft to Anne Healy Field, 2007, 2998, 7/27/2007, Gravestone inscription came from Owen's Manuscripts - Monumental Inscriptions - St James's , George Street, Manchester, Volume 24, Page 97, line 74. The inscription was recorded in the Owen's Manuscripts before the demolition of St. James Church in the 19th century and microfilms of these are kept at Manchester Central Library, Lancashire, UK .
Occupation:	19 May 1802 Slater
Source:	(1) Emails from Tony Ashcroft to Anne Healy Field, 2007, 2998, "Only two of the surviving children were girls and all the boys became slaters. This was the trade of their father Samuel." (2) Parish registers for the Cathedral Church [Church of England], Manchester, Lancashire, 1573-1946, Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1966-2004, Marriages and banns, February 1801-December 1804, p.64, #599, FHL microfilm 2356677.
Residence:	Hulme, England
Source:	Emails from Tony Ashcroft to Anne Healy Field, 2007, 2998.

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Newspaper articles on Joshua Ashcroft's death, 1806:

Manchester Mercury and Harrop's General Advertiser, Tuesday July 22 1806

"On Thursday last a man accidentally fell from the roof of a very lofty warehouse in Crow Alley, St Anne's Square , and was so dreadfully maimed that he expired in less than half an hour." (This is on the fourth

page at the bottom of the fifth column. The paper came out every Tuesday).

Wheeler's Manchester Chronicle, Saturday July 19 1806 Volume XXVI

"Casualties - A child killed by a cart at Bolton. A man drowned at Holt Town and a child killed by a horse at Knott Lanes, near Ashton - this arose from the mischievous and very dangerous practice of pulling hair from a horse's tail, when at grass. A man killed by falling from a warehouse in Back Square." (This is in the fifth column of the last page. The paper came out every Saturday.)

Note from Tony Ashcroft: These two brief reports conflict on location but I have a street map of Manchester from the period and Back Square and Crow Alley were very close to each other in the vicinity of St Anne's Square. They no longer exist.

Source of info: Email from Tony Ashcroft to Anne Field, 27 July 2007.

Marriage Information	
Wife:	Esther Harrison
Married:	19 May 1802
Beginning status:	Married
in:	Manchester, Lancashire, England
Source:	(1) Emails from Rodney Kerr to Anne Healy Field, December 2005. (2) Parish registers for the Cathedral Church [Church of England], Manchester, Lancashire, 1573-1946, Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1966-2004, Marriages and banns, February 1801-December 1804, Marriage record #599, FHL microfilm 2356677, Joshua Ashcroft, slater, and Esther Harrison, both of Manchester, married by Banns 19 May 1802. Joshua signed his name, Esther signed with her mark and John Harrison, witness signed.

Marriage Notes

Wife:	Esther Harrison
Baptism:	11 Apr 1784 Mossley, Lancashire, England
Source:	(1) Bishop's transcripts, 1769-1838, Chapelry of Mossley [Church of England], Lancashire, England, Baptisms and burials, 1769-1838. Microreproduction of original manuscripts housed at the Lancashire Record Office, Preston. FHL MF 1545445, Esther, dau. of Wm. Harrison, weaver, Broadcarr, by Sarah. The chapelry of St. George, Mossley is in the parish of Aston-under-Lyne. It is on the mutual border of Lancashire, Cheshire, and Yorkshire. (2) Parish register transcripts, 1756-1821, Chapelry of Mossley (Lancashire) Church of England, Christenings, Microfilm of ms. From the Norman Collection. FHL microfilm 223722, 1784, p.2, Christened 11 April 1784, Esther, dau of W [William] & Sarah Harrison, we [weaver?], Broadca [Broadcarr?].

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There is also an Esther, dau of John Harrison and Anne, christened 2 November 1777 in Mossley, Manchester, Lancashire, so it is possible that John and Anne are her parents rather than William and Sarah. John and Anne's place of abode was illegible but he was a clothier. The 1777 record was from the Church of England, Chapelry of Mossley, Lancashire. Bishop's transcripts for Mossley, 1769-1838, baptisms and burials, 1769-1838 - FHL MF 1545445, items 1-3; the 1784 record was from the Parish register transcripts, 1756-1821, FHL MF 223722. The christening for 1777 is most likely on this MF also. In the 1784 record, William Harrison is a weaver living at Broadcarr. There is a Broadcarr Ln., Mossley, Ashton-Under-Lyne, Lancashire. This may have been where they lived.

Child:	William Ashcroft
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Burial:	04 Dec 1878 Merridale Cemetery, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, England
Source:	Cemetery Records of Merridale Cemetery, Register of Exclusive Rights of Burial, 1850-1886, Merridale Cemetery, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, England. FHL Br MF 2299868, Page 212, #848, Date of grant: 3 December 1869, Wolverhampton General Cemetery Company. William Ashcroft paid four pounds and six pence for an unbricked grave nine feet long, four feet wide, and seven feet deep to hold two adult bodies in consecrated ground. Location: 2609, square 21. Dates of interment were 8 July 1869 and 4 December 1878.
Census:	1841 Shrewsbury, Township of Frankwell, "The Mount," Shropshire, England
Source:	1841 Census, England, Shropshire, Shrewsbury, Indexed data from Ancestry.com, 1841 England Census (online database). Provo, UT: The Generations Network, Inc., 2006. Census information from the GRO, London; also on FHL MF 474590, HO107/Piece 926, Book 8. Civil Parish of St. Chad, County of Shropshire, E.D. 11, Folio 28, P.5, Name in census is William, age 35, excise officer, not born in county. The family is living on The Mount, a main street in Shrewsbury.
Christening:	24 Jun 1804 Manchester Cathedral, Manchester, Lancashire
Source:	(1) Emails from Rodney Kerr to Anne Healy Field, December 2005. (2) Parish registers for the Cathedral Church [Church of England], Manchester, Lancashire, 1573-1946, Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1966-2004, FHL MF, 2357011: Baptisms, November 1798-January 1808, Christenings, 24 June 1804, William, son of Joshua & Esther Ashcroft.
City Directory:	1861 Auctioneer, appraiser, general comission and house agent
Source:	Emails from Rodney Kerr to Anne Healy Field, December 2005.
Occupation:	16 Jul 1837 Offices of Excise
Source:	Record of Birth for Esther Ashcroft, 16 July 1837, Parish Register, St. Peter's Church, Nottingham, England, No. 432, FHL Microfilm 095041, Father's occupation given in St. Peter's register.
Residence:	1825 Disley, Cheshire, England
Source:	Emails from Tony Ashcroft to Anne Healy Field, 2007, 2998, "The baptisms of John, the illegitimate son of William Ashcroft and Hannah Smith, in 1825, and the baptism of Mary, the daughter of John and Maria Ashcroft, his wife, in 1832, are recorded in the Baptismal Register at St Mary's, the local Parish Church there."
Will:	16 Nov 1878 Will written: Islington, Liverpool, Lancaster Co., England. Will proved in London 16 January 1879
Source:	Will of William Ashcroft, d.1878, Great Britain. Principal Probate Registry. Record of will in Somerset House, London, England. Will written in Islington, Liverpool, 16 November 1878; proved in London 16 January 1879. FHL MF 1851003.

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In the 1851 census, the family was living in Wolverhampton, Staffordshire. There is a Sarah Ashcroft listed, age 20. Need to look up her details in the census and see if she is a daughter.

Marriage Information	
Wife:	Hannah Smith
Beginning status:	Unknown
Ending status:	Unknown

Marriage Notes

Child:	John Ashcroft
Census:	1841 Heaton Norris, Stockport, Lancashire
Source:	1841 Census, England, Lancashire, HO107, Piece 582, Folio 6, p.4; FHL MF 438734; Borough of Stockport, Township of Heaton Norris, Civil parish of Manchester, John, age 30, shoemaker, living at 4 Chapel Court.
Christening:	26 May 1806 Manchester Cathedral, Manchester, Lancashire
Source:	(1) Emails from Rodney Kerr to Anne Healy Field, December 2005. (2) Parish registers for the Cathedral Church [Church of England], Manchester, Lancashire, 1573-1946, Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1966-2004, Baptisms, November 1798-January 1808, Christenings, 26 May 1806, John, son of Joshua & Esther Ashcroft.
Occupation:	02 Oct 1831 Shoemaker
Source:	(1) Emails from Tony Ashcroft to Anne Healy Field, 2007, 2998. (2) Parish registers for the Cathedral Church [Church of England], Manchester, Lancashire, 1573-1946, Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1966-2004, Marriages, December 1830-December 1832, p.226, record #677. FHL MF 2356728. (3) Parish Registers, St. Mary's Church, Disley, Cheshire, England, Baptisms, 1813-1962, FHL MF 950400, p.177, record 1410.
Residence:	06 Feb 1832 Disley, Cheshire, England
Source:	Parish Registers, St. Mary's Church, Disley, Cheshire, England, Baptisms, 1813-1962, FHL MF 950400, p.177, record 1410, Residence at the time of his daughter Mary's christening.

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Marriage Information	
Wife:	Maria Williams
Married:	02 Oct 1831
Beginning status:	Married
in:	Manchester, Lancashire, England
Source:	(1) Emails from Tony Ashcroft to Anne Healy Field, 2007, 2998. (2) Computer printout of Manchester Cathedral, Lancashire, England, Marriages, A thru Z 1826-1831, Salt Lake City, Utah : Genealogical Society of Utah, 1986, Microfiche 1238673. (3) Parish registers for the Cathedral Church [Church of England], Manchester, Lancashire, 1573-1946, Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1966-2004, Marriages, December 1830-December 1832, p.226, record #677. FHL MF 2356728, John is a bachelor and a shoemaker; Maria is a spinster. Both resided in the parish. Both signed by mark.

Marriage Notes
