

Husband: William Ashcroft

Born: ca. 24 Jun 1804 in: Manchester, Lancashire, England
 Married: in:
 Died: 28 Nov 1878 in: Liverpool, Lancashire, England
 Burial: 04 Dec 1878 in: Merridale Cemetery, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire,
 England
 Father: Joshua Ashcroft
 Mother: Esther Harrison
 Other Spouses:

Wife: Hannah Smith

Born: ca. 1798 in: Meifod, Montgomery County, Wales, England
 Died: 04 Jul 1869 in: Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, England
 Burial: 08 Jul 1869 in: Merridale Cemetery, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire,
 England
 Father:
 Mother:
 Other Spouses:

CHILDREN

1 M	Name: John Ashcroft Born: 05 Oct 1825 in: Disley, Cheshire, England Married: in: Died: in: Burial: Spouse:
2 F	Name: Mary Ashcroft Born: ca. 1827 in: Runcorn, Cheshire, England Died: 1878 in: Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, England Burial: 1878 in: Merridale Cemetery, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire Married: 21 Jun 1851 in: Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, England Spouse: Joseph Wheatley
3 F	Name: Hannah Ashcroft Born: ca. 12 Apr 1829 in: Wednesbury, Staffordshire, England Died: in: Burial: Married: in: Spouse: William Hughes
4 F	Name: Ann Ashcroft Born: ca. 24 Apr 1831 in: Aldridge, Staffordshire, England Died: in: Burial: Married: 11 Jan 1859 in: Bilston, Staffordshire, England Spouse: John Lawrence Duckworth
5 M	Name: Joshua Ashcroft Born: ca. 03 Mar 1833 in: Aldridge, Staffordshire, England Died: in: Burial: Married: 03 Nov 1860 in: Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, England Spouse: Prudence Beardmore

William Ashcroft & Hannah Smith

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6	Name: William Ashcroft Born: ca. 28 Sep 1834 in: Handsworth, Staffordshire, England
M	Married: in: Died: in: Burial: Spouse:
7	Name: Esther Ashcroft Born: ca. 16 Jul 1837 in: Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, England
F	Died: ca. 23 Jun 1879 in: Aston, Warwickshire, England Burial: 23 Jun 1879 in: Merridale Cemetery, Staffordshire, England Married: 1859 in: Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, England Spouse: Hamlet Ambrose Bayley

Husband:	William Ashcroft
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.

Notes

In the 1851 census, the family was living in Wolverhampton, Stafforshire. 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

Wife:	Hannah Smith
Burial:	08 Jul 1869 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, 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 Hannah, age 40.

Notes

In the parish register, Chapel of Disley, Stockport, a notation on the entry for the baptism of her son John, born Oct. 5, baptized Dec. 12, 1828, says "Hannah Smith, Lime Kilns, Disley, spinster." Lime Kilns refers to the Lime Kilns that were located at the time near what is now Marple, just south of the Stockport Rd. (A626) and north of Disley. Both are SE of Manchester.

Meifod can also be spelled Myfod.

Hannah Smith died of dropsy. How does Rodney Kerr know this? She died in Wolverhampton 4 July 1869, age 71. Does he have her death cert? Age is in the GRO index. Exact date and cause must be from the death cert. OR from a death record, parish registers, or Bishop's transcripts?

Child:	John Ashcroft
Baptism:	1825 St. Mary's Church, Disley, Cheshire, England
Source:	Emails from Tony Ashcroft to Anne Healy Field, 2007, 2998, John's baptism is "recorded in the Baptismal Register at St. Mary's, the local Parish Church."
Birth Fact:	12 Dec 1825 Hannah Smith, mother; William Ashcroft, reputed father. He is from Disley and a shoemaker; she is from Lime Kilns & a spinster
Source:	Emails from Rodney Kerr to Anne Healy Field, December 2005.
Census:	1861 38 Snow Hill, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, England
Source:	1861 Census, England, Staffordshire, Wolverhampton.
Occupation:	1861 Engine fitter
Source:	1861 Census, England, Staffordshire, Wolverhampton.

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Child:	Mary Ashcroft
Burial:	1878 Merridale Cemetery, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire
Source:	Correspondence from Merridale Cemetery Office, Wolverhampton, Lancashire, England, 1979, Notes the interment of Mary Wheatley, aged 50 of Snow Hill, Wolverhampton, wife of Joseph Wheatley, ironmonger. She was buried in 1878. Plot was purchased by her father, William Ashcroft.

Census:	1841 Shrewsbury, 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 Mary, age 14.
Residence:	1871 38 Dudley Rd. West, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, England
Source:	1871 Census, England, Staffordshire, Wolverhampton, Indexed data from Ancestry.com, 1871 England Census (online database). Provo, UT: The Generations Network, Inc., 2004. Census information from the GRO, London.

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Marriage Information	
Husband:	Joseph Wheatley
Married:	21 Jun 1851
Beginning status:	Married
in:	Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, England
Source:	(1) Free BMD database: a transcription of the Civil Registration index of births, marriages and deaths for England and Wales, http://www.freebmd.org.uk/ , c.1998-2008 The Trustees of FreeBMD, Registered in June Qtr 1851, District of Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, vol. 17, p.416, Listed in index as Joseph Wheatley and Mary Ashcroft. (2) FreeReg database of U.K. Parish Register Information, FreeReg website: www.freereg.org.uk , Marriage was at St. George's Church, Wolverhampton, STS on 21 June 1851. Groom was Joseph Wheatley, bachelor, iron dealer, living at Piper's Row. Bride is Mary Ashcroft, spinster. Father of groom is Joseph Wheatley, deceased; father of bride is William Ashcroft, Auctioneer; witnesses are Edward Whitaker and Hannah Ashcroft. Both are of full age. (3) Marriage Certificate: Mary Ashcroft and Joseph Wheatley, 1851, Parish registers for St. George's Church, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire; Marriages, 1834-1858; FHL MF 1040911, p.133, #265, Joseph is listed as an iron dealer, living on Pipers Row. Hannah Ashcroft is one of the witnesses.
Church:	21 Jun 1851 St. George's Church, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, England
Source:	Marriage Certificate: Mary Ashcroft and Joseph Wheatley, 1851, Parish registers for St. George's Church, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire; Marriages, 1834-1858; FHL MF 1040911.
Marriage witnesses:	21 Jun 1851 Edward Whitaker and Hannah Ashcroft, witnesses
Source:	Marriage Certificate: Mary Ashcroft and Joseph Wheatley, 1851, Parish registers for St. George's Church, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire; Marriages, 1834-1858; FHL MF 1040911.

Marriage Notes

Child:	Hannah Ashcroft
Baptism:	12 Apr 1829 St. Bartholomew, Wednesbury, Staffordshire, England
Source:	(1) Emails from Rodney Kerr to Anne Healy Field, December 2005. (2) Bishop's transcripts for Wednesbury, 1673-1850, Church of England. Parish Church of Wednesbury (Staffordshire), Baptisms, marriages and burials, 1817-1834. Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1965, 1966. FHL BRITISH Film 497344 , p.32, #254, Hannah, Daughter of William and Hannah Ashcroft, Wednesbury, [profession] excise officer.

Census:	1841 Shrewsbury, 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 Hannah, age 12.

Notes

Hannah Ashcroft, daughter of William Ashcroft and Hannah Smith, was baptized in the parish church in Wednesbury 12 April 1829. We know that she was married to a Mr. Hughes. In her father's will, written in 1878, he mentions his daughter Hannah Hughes; she and her sister are executrixes.

Hannah Ashcroft married a man named Hughes after the 1861 census but before her father died in 1878. A marriage for a Wm. Hughes and a Hannah Ashcroft is listed for June Qtr. 1861, district of Fylde, vol. 8e, p.730 in the Civil Registration Index. This district is West of Preston and North of Liverpool and lay at the time between Wolverhampton, Bilston and Dudley.

There is a Hannah Hughes in the 1871 and 1881 censuses married to William, living in Sedgley, Staffordshire. This is not our Hannah because in the 1881 census, our Hannah was living with her sister Ann Duckworth in Wall Heath, Staffordshire, and was a widow in 1881. The sons listed in the censuses are too old for the Hannah and William who were married in 1861. Hannah and William were nailmakers.

There is another William and Hannah Hughes in the 1871 census. This Hannah is 30 (and should be 40) and was born in Bromsgrove, Worcestershire. Bromsgrove is much further south of Wednesbury and in another county. There is one child, Lizzie Hughes, 18 mos.

There is a Hannah P. Hughes in 1871 married to John Hughes. They are living in Wall Heath, Kingswinford Parish, and this Hannah was born in Kingswinford. She is 38. There are three children: Louisa, age 11, James S., age 6, and John, age 3. No children are listed with our Hannah in the 1881 census in Wall Heath. This Hannah P. Hughes is also listed in the 1881 census, a widow, with her three children. She is a dressmaker. Not our Hannah.

Marriage Information	
Husband:	William Hughes
Beginning status:	Married

Marriage Notes

Child:	Ann Ashcroft
Baptism:	24 Apr 1831 St. Bartholomew, Wednesbury, Staffordshire, England
Source:	(1) Emails from Rodney Kerr to Anne Healy Field, December 2005. (2) Bishop's transcripts for Wednesbury, 1673-1850, Church of England. Parish Church of Wednesbury (Staffordshire), Baptisms, marriages and burials, 1817-1834. Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1965, 1966. FHL BRITISH Film 497344 , p.110, #879, baptized 24 April 1831, Ann, daughter of William & Hannah Ashcroft, Aldridge, excise officer.
Census:	1841 Shrewsbury, 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 Ann, age 10.

Residence:	1859 Bilston, Staffordshire, England
Source:	Record of Marriage for Ann Ashcroft and John Lawrence Duckworth, 1859, Parish Register, St. Leonard's Church, [Church of England], Parish Church of Bilston, Staffordshire, England, Marriages, 1841-1873. FHL Br MF 1040827, Page 190, #379.

Notes

Aldridge, Staffordshire, where Ann was born according to her census records, was NE of Walsall and Wolverhampton and north of Birmingham.

1871 - The family is in Wall Heath, Staffordshire on Holbeach Road. Wall Heath is west of Dudley and north of Wordsley and very close to Kingswinford

1881 - The family is in Wall Heath, Staffordshire on The Railway Bridge to Holbeach [street?, road?]. John is not at home when the census was taken but Ann is still married. Living in the house also is Hannah Ashcroft Hughes, widow, sister of Ann.

Marriage Information	
Husband:	John Lawrence Duckworth
Married:	11 Jan 1859
Beginning status:	Married
in:	Bilston, Staffordshire, England
Source:	Record of Marriage for Ann Ashcroft and John Lawrence Duckworth, 1859, Parish Register, St. Leonard's Church, [Church of England], Parish Church of Bilston, Staffordshire, England, Marriages, 1841-1873. FHL Br MF 1040827, Page 190, #379, John is a widower, age 40; Ann is a spinster, age 27. Both signed their own names. Bilston is less than five miles NW of Wednesbury.
Church:	1859 St. Leonard's Church, Parish Church of Bilston, Staffordshire, England
Source:	Record of Marriage for Ann Ashcroft and John Lawrence Duckworth, 1859, Parish Register, St. Leonard's Church, [Church of England], Parish Church of Bilston, Staffordshire, England, Marriages, 1841-1873. FHL Br MF 1040827, Page 190, #379.
Marriage witnesses:	1859 William Ashcroft and Esther Ashcroft
Source:	Record of Marriage for Ann Ashcroft and John Lawrence Duckworth, 1859, Parish Register, St. Leonard's Church, [Church of England], Parish Church of Bilston, Staffordshire, England, Marriages, 1841-1873. FHL Br MF 1040827, Page 190, #379.

Marriage Notes

Child:	Joshua Ashcroft
Baptism:	03 Mar 1833 St. Bartholomew, Wednesbury, Staffordshire, England
Source:	(1) Emails from Rodney Kerr to Anne Healy Field, December 2005. (2) Bishop's transcripts for Wednesbury, 1673-1850, Church of England. Parish Church of Wednesbury (Staffordshire), Baptisms, marriages and burials, 1817-1834. Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1965, 1966. FHL BRITISH Film 497344 , p.185?, #1477, baptized 3 March 1833, Joshua, son of William & Hannah Ashcroft, Aldridge, Excise officer.
Census:	1841 Shrewsbury, 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 Joshua, age 8.

Emigration:	28 Dec 1861 Arrived Moreton Bay, Australia, aboard the "Montmorency"
Source:	Emails from Rodney Kerr to Anne Healy Field, December 2005.
Occupation:	1851 Butcher
Source:	1851 Census, England, Staffordshire, Wolverhampton, Indexed data from Ancestry.com, 1851 England Census (online database). Provo, UT: The Generations Network, Inc., 2005. Census information from the GRO, London.

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Marriage Information	
Wife:	Prudence Beardmore
Married:	03 Nov 1860
Beginning status:	Married
in:	Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, England
Source:	Emails from Rodney Kerr to Anne Healy Field, December 2005.

Marriage Notes

Child:	William Ashcroft
Baptism:	28 Sep 1834 St. Bartholomew, Wednesbury, Staffordshire, England
Source:	(1) Emails from Rodney Kerr to Anne Healy Field, December 2005. (2) Bishop's transcripts for Wednesbury, 1673-1850, Church of England. Parish Church of Wednesbury (Staffordshire), Baptisms, marriages and burials, 1817-1834. Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1965, 1966. FHL BRITISH Film 497344 , p.248, #1980, baptized 28 September 1834, William, son of William and Hannah Ashcroft, Handsworth, Excise officer.
Census:	1841 Shrewsbury, 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 6.
Occupation:	1851 Clerk
Source:	1851 Census, England, Staffordshire, Wolverhampton, Indexed data from Ancestry.com, 1851 England Census (online database). Provo, UT: The Generations Network, Inc., 2005. Census information from the GRO, London.

Notes

In the 1851 Census, William was born in Handsworth. Not sure where that was. At his baptism, his father was from Hamsworth. This must be the same place but not sure which, if either, spelling is correct. There is a place in the northern area of Birmingham called Handworth, but I can find no location for Hamsworth.

Marriage Information	
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Marriage Notes

Child:	Esther Ashcroft
Burial:	23 Jun 1879 Merridale Cemetery, Staffordshire, England
Source:	Correspondence from Merridale Cemetery Office, Wolverhampton, Lancashire, England, 1979, Notes the interment of Esther Ashcroft, Burbury St., Wolverhampton, who died in Birmingham, wife of Hamlet Bailey, Accountant. Plot was purchased by her father, William Ashcroft.

Census:	1841 Shrewsbury, 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 Ester, age 4.
Christening:	16 Jul 1837 St. Peter's, Nottingham, Nottingham, England
Source:	Parish registers, 1440-1949, St. Peter's Church (Nottingham, Nottinghamshire), Microfilm of original records at St. Peter's Church, Church of England. Nottingham. Baptisms 1829-1949. FHL microfilm 95042, Register #432, July 16, 1837, Esther, [daughter of] William & Hannah Ashcroft, Postern Place, officer of excise.
Residence:	1861 The Mount, High St., Wordsley, Staffordshire, England
Source:	1861 Census, England, Staffordshire, Wordsley.

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In the registration of birth for Esther Ashcroft, her parents are listed as William and Hannah Ashcroft of ?Postern Place. Father's occupation is "Offices of Excise." She was baptised in St. Peters Church, Nottingham. LDS MF95041.

Marriage Information

Husband:	Hamlet Ambrose Bayley
Married:	1859
Beginning status:	Married
in:	Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, England
Source:	Marriage Record for Hamlet Bayley and Esther Ashcroft, 1859, (Free BMD. England and Wales, Civil Registration Index: 1837-1983 [online database based on data from the GRO, London, England]. Provo, Utah: MyFamily.com, Inc., 2004. Accessed via Ancestry.com), Marriage was recorded by the GRO in September 1859 so the marriage probably took place within the previous 4 months. Have not been able to find in FreeReg.

Marriage Notes