

Table 11

THORNICROFT of Macclesfield from the Siddington family

Bp, marr & bu at
Macclesfield except
where shown

Edward Thornycroft bu 1.8.1631 Margery Swettenham bu 5.1.1625
William 1 bu 6.8.1652 of Blakelow, Macclesfield = Anne Watson

William 2 = Ann Smith at Macclesfield 6.7.1635

bp 21.5.1615 at Taxal

of Chapel en le frith

bu 11.3.1674 'of Blakelow

bu 10.2.1665 'of Blakelow

bp	John 1	Ann	William	Edward	--as'	Dorethy	Samuel 1	Mary	Joseph
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bu	19.1.1689	19.1. 47	25.3.42	4.4.1704	do	3.5.49	16.7.1710	marr Hugh Byron	
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will
of Sutton

marr 27.2.1665

1.5.1667 (Prest)

1.5.1679 (Ast)

15.4.1670

Mary Bennett
bu 23.2.1704

Ann Byron

(1) Margaret Mottishead
bu 11.3.1688

Ann Kent

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(2) Mary Broster
bu 16.2.1745

Mary

bp 26.3.71

bp	Katherine	Ann	John 2	William 3	Mary	Samuel 2	Ann	Mary
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23.9.1666	9.6.67	7.3.1669	8.4.1674	22.10.1676	16.3.78			
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bu		6.2.1747	20.5. 74	f1 1689	10.1.1683			
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Marr	8.2.1700	14.12.1699 (Prest)	26.4.1717					
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5.5.1702

Ralph Poole

Ann Heathcote

Mary -

Peter Wagg

bu 14.1.1747

1.11.1728

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Table 13

THORNICROFT of Macclesfield (& Nantwich)

William 2 = Ann Smith at Macclesfield 6.7.1635

bp 21.5.1615

bu 11.3.1674

bu 10.2.1665

bp, marr & bu at Macclesfield except where stated

Samuel 1 marr (1) Margaret Mottishead. (2) Mary Broster, at Astbury 1.5.1679

bu 16.7.1710 bu 11.3.1688 bu 16.2.1745 widow

bp Ann Ruth Mary Margaret

10.11.1680 11.10.1682 7.9.1684 6.11.1687

bu 10.7.1711 12.12.1706 22.10.1700 17.3. 1688

unn Will

bp Elizabeth Hannah Samuel 4 Margaret Mary Martha

6.7.1689 20.2.1691 7.9.1693 18.9.1696 20.11.1700 28.7.1702

marr 3.12.1712 3.4.1716 25.1.1719

William Pierpoint John Royle Hannah Pulford
of Chorley & Wimslow of Nantwich
at Prestbury at Tarporley

Thomas

bp 8.4.1724

at Nantwich

other Nantwich baptisms

Joseph Thornicroft =

Martha 17.3.1737

Joshua Thornicroft = Elizabeth

Elizabeth Elizabeth

bur 10.10.1740 bp 15.9.1748

Table 14 THORNICROFT of Macclesfield

John 1	marr		Mary Bennett	27.2.1665	at Macclesfield
John 2	marr		Ann Heathcote	14.12.1699	at Prestbury
bp	7.3.1669				
bu	6.2.1747		bu	14.1.1747	
bp	John	Elizabeth	Ann	30.12 1705	
	9.9.1701	6.7.1702			
bu	7.3.1716				
			Eleanora	John	Eleanor
			14.4.1716	4.4.1717	16.12.19
				28.3.21	28.2.1722
				Edward	Edward
				18.5.1717	15.4.21
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Baptisms and Burials at Macclesfield

note gap in the sequence between 1705 and 1716

Table 15

THORNICROFT of Macclesfield to extinction of male line in 1790

John 1 marr Mary Bennett 27.2.1665 bp & bu at Macclesfield
 William 3 marr Mary -

bu 26.4.1717 of 'Water Coles Mary bu. 1.11.1728 widow 'Of Sutton

bp William John 3 George Randolph Samuel William

29.8.1701 5.10.1702 17.3.1706 9.5.1708 24.9.1710 3.1.1716

bu 26.7.1712 | 1775 will 17.8.1712 24.5.1755 will 30.11.1728 13.4.1721

marr (1) Mary Smethurst (1) Elizabeth -

4.10.1730

bu 31.5.1740

bu 19.9.1742

marr

(2) Ann Buckstone bu 11.9.56

3.9.1744

bp William 4 John 4 Ralph Charles Martha

16.3.1745 3.8.46 2.4.49 4.7.50 1.9.51

bu 14.9.51 8.46 7.7.49 12.8.50 4.9.51

marr (1) John Littlewood Hannah Sutton

5.12.1758 9.5.1757

(2) L.Saywell bu. 30.3.1823 widow

John (3) married (3) Ann Smethurst (bu 30.8.1774).

17.12.1756

bp Elizabeth Ralph William 6

12.5.1758 7.11.59 13.9.1761

marr John Pickering unm

17.8.1779 died 3.2.1790

bp Mary Ralph Martha

13.3.1742 23.9.1739

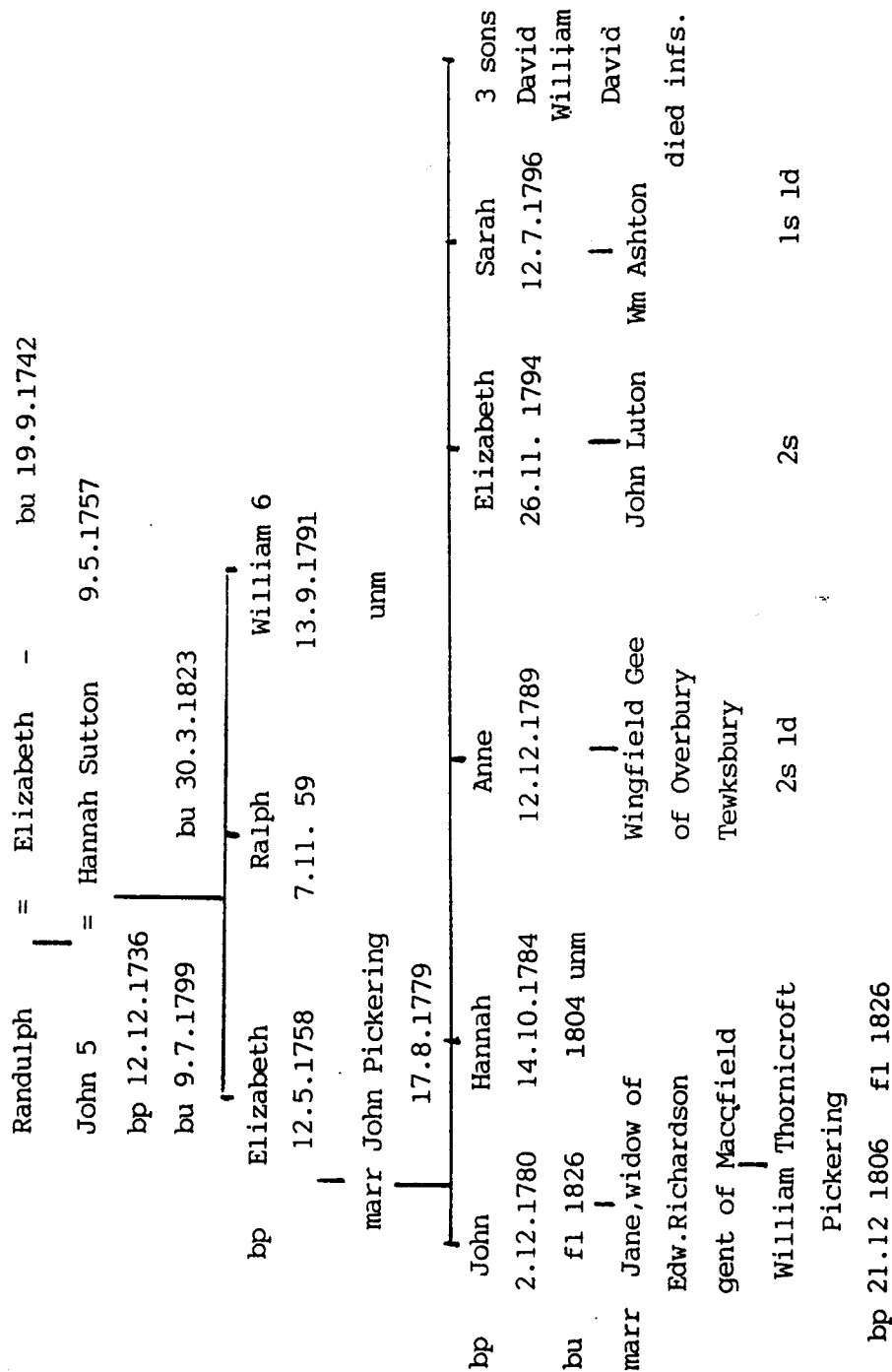
bu 2.8.1760 7.3. 1745

marr Charles Crane

26.4.1762

Table 16

THORNICROFT of Macclesfield



The Thornicroft families in Macclesfield.

The Parish Registers for Macclesfield are at the Chester Record Office, those for St Michaels Church commence in 1572. Apart from a transcription from 1575 to 1667 in the Parish Magazine (copy at the Society of Genealogists - London) they have not been transcribed.

There are entries relating to early Thornicroft families whose ancestry cannot be traced to the Thornicrofts of Siddington (2) record the marriage of Anne Thornicroft & Richard Green on 28.Apr.1589 and the burial of John Thornicroft on 1 Nov.1597 and of two families :-
 Alice, wife of Roger Thornicroft buried 6.11.1597. Mary, dau. of Thomas Thornicroft buried 21.11.1600
 Roger Thornicroft married Katherine Germaine 3.11.1598
 Elizabeth, dau of Roger Thornicroft bapt. 5.1.1600
 Katherine, wife of Roger do buried 27.3.1602. Mary, wife of Thomas Thornicroft bur. 18.8.1607
 Daughter of Roger do buries 5.10.1603

Macclesfield was afflicted by plague in 1603 and between Aug.19th & Jan 14th 1604 about 130 people were buried, among them the dau. of Roger Thornicroft who lived in Chestergate, There are no further Thornicroft entries until 1635, a gap of 28 years when a branch of the Siddington family came to Macclesfield and their descendants continued there until 1790 when the last male died.

William (1) was the second son of Edward (2) Thornicroft of Thornicroft at Siddington who lived at Blakedown Farm, Sutton Macclesfield and was buried at Macclesfield on 6.8.1652. He married Ann Watson, illegitimate daughter of Reginald Downes & widow of John Downes of Overton, Taxal, marriage licence 16.6.1613 She was baptised on 10.8.1579 and buried at Macclesfield on 19.1.1647 (not 10.2.1665 as shown by Earwaker which is the burial date of her daughter in law, Ann)

They had one child William (2) baptised at Taxal 21.5.1615. who married Ann, daughter of Dr Smith of Chapel en le Frith on 6.7.1635 at Macclesfield. She was buried 'of Blakelow' on 10.2.1665 and William, 'of Blakelow' 11.3.1674. both at Macclesfield.
Children of William (2) & Ann Smith

They had 8 children (possibly Joseph who married Ann Kent (lic 15.4.1670) who is named in the Prestbury Registers as 'Mr Joseph' may be the 9th).

John (1) bapt. 1.5.1636, married Ann Bennett on 27.2.1665. She was buried 23.2.1704 and he on 19.1.1689. He made his will 14.1.1689, details are given below.

Ann, bapt 8.2.1640. Buried 19.1.1647. William, bapt. 14.2.1642. Buried 24.8.1652.

Edward bp. not found (c 1643) Buried 4.4.1704 'of Sutton'. Married Ann Byron 1.5.1667 at Prestbury They had 8 children (see table 12)

Children of William (2) cont.

Son & Daughter bp Aug 1645 '-----as' Register damaged Dorethy, bp 30.1.1648. Bur 2.3.1649
 Samuel (1) Bp 3.2.1650. Bur. 16.7.1710. Married (1) Margaret Mottishead 1.5.1679 at Astbury
 4 children. Margaret bur. 11.3.1688. Married (2) Mary Broster (place not found). 6 children Table 13
 Mary. Married Hugh Byron. Dau, Katherine bp 20.7.1672 at Macclesfield.
 Joseph (see above) married Ann Kent 15.4.1670. Dau. Mary bapt. 26.3.1671.

Children of John (1) and Mary Bennett Married 27.2.1665

Katherine bapt 23.9.1666. Married Ralph Poole at Macclesfield 8.2. 1700
 Ann bapt 9.6.1667
 John (2) bapt. 7.3.1669. Buried 6.2.1747. Married Ann Heathcote at Predtbury 14.12.1699
 Ann bur.14.1.1747 8 Children see Table 14
 William (3) bp. not found. Buried 26.4.1717. Married Mary -- .Buried 1.11.1728 'Widow of
 Sutton' 6 children see Table 15
 Mary' bp 8.4.1674 Bur 20.5.'74. Samuel (2) bp.22.10.1676. fl.1689 named in fathers will.
 Ann bp 16.3.1678 Bur 10.1.1683
 Mary Married Peter Wagg 5.5.1702 at Macclesfield

Will of John (1) buried 19.1.1689. 'Yeoman of Blakelow & Downey' and has leased tenements at these places
 Leaves his wife 40/- per annum out of the issue & profits, for her life, 'if my terme therin last
 so long'. All the rest of his income for the use, education, maintainance and preferment of his
 children - John, William, Samuel and Mary equally. He appoints his brother Samuel(1) 'joyner'
 of Macclesfield and Francis Bostock, yeoman, his executors with full power to bargain with the
 landlord or owners for the enlargement of his term of the lease.'

Inventory of 'John Thornicroft of Sutton in the parish of Prestbury, yeoman, 26 Feb 1688

Purse, Apparell & woollen cloth	2	0	0	Treene ware	5	00
Four cows & one heiffer	10	13	4	Hickory ware	2	0
One bull stirke	1	10	0	One plain bedstead	6	8
One mare, one stoned colt & filly colt	5	10	0	Five coffers	1	0 0
Hay	3	0	0	one plain bedstead	5	0
Husbandry ware & other Huslements	10	0	0	Another plain bedstead	6	8
One cupboard	1	5	0	An Arke	5	0
One table, four buffitts, stooles	10	0	0	Iron ware	5	0
Four turned chairs	2	0	0			
One child's chair	1	0	0			
One coffer	1	0	0			
One pair bellows & a box	1	0	0			
A little Arke	1	0	0			
A ludy table	5	0	0	Signed	John Jackson	
A coffer	2	0	0		ffran Bostock	
A little table	1	0	0		Samll Thornicroft	
One bedstead & bedding	10	0	0			
One large brass pot	1	0	0			
Two other brass pots	6	0	0			
					15 Apr	89

Children of John (1)

John (2) bp 7.3.1669. Buried 6.2.1747. Married Ann Heathcote 14.12.1699 Buried 14.1.1747

Children of John (2)

John	bp 9.9.1701	Buried 7.3.1716	Elizabeth	bp 6.7.1702
Ann	bp 30.12.1705			
Eleanora	buried 14.4.1716		John bp.	4.4.1717 Buried 18.5.1717
Eleanor	bp 16.12.1719		Edward bp	28.11.1721 Buried 15.4.1722
Edward	bp 28.2.1722			

The time gap of 11 years between the baptism of Ann in 1705 and the burials of 1716 could mean that they resided elsewhere during that period. No evidence of marriages of the children who were baptised but whose burials are not found at Macclesfield, has been found and in absence of evidence to the contrary it is assumed this family died out.

Children of John (1) cont.

William (3) Second son of John (1) is named in his fathers will in 1689 but his baptism has not been found but c.1671. He married Mary ----- but this too has not been found. He was buried on 26.4.1717 and Mary 'widow of Sutton on 1.11.1728. His children are baptised as 'of Sutton to 1702' and of Water Coles - an area in the centre of Macclesfield - from 1705 to 1716.

Children of William (3)

William bp 29.8.1701 buried 26.7.1712

John (3) bp 5.10.1702. He died in 1775, his occupation being a 'Silk throwster', but was not buried at Macclesfield. He married three times, firstly to Mary Smethurst on 4.10.1730 at Prestbury. No children of this marriage are recorded at Macclesfield and Mary was buried on

3.5.1740 as 'wife of John', His second marriage was to Ann Buckstone at Prestbury - 3.9.1744 They had five children, all of whom died as infants. Ann was buried at Macclesfield on 11.4.1753 'wife of John Thornicroft'.

William bp 16.3.1745 bur. 14.9.1751 John bp & bur Aug 1745

Ralph bp 2.4.1749 bur 7.7.1749 Charles bp 4.7.1750 bur. 12.8.1750

Martha bp 1 Sep bur 4 Sep 1751

John (3) Married, third, Ann Smethurst at Macclesfield on 17.12.1756. She died 30.8.1774 'wife of John Thornicroft'. He survived her for only a short period, probably to February 1775.

He made a will on 17.10.1774 with a codicil dated 27.1.1775, and it was proved 6.3.1775

Will He left all his messuages, dwelling houses, workshops, land & hereditaments in Chestergate or elsewhere in Macclesfield in trust to Philip Deane, grocer & tallow chandler and James Houghton, grocer of Macclesfield -- to permit my servant Hannah Warrington to have for so long as she continues sole and unmarried --- all that house in Macclesfield in the holding of Ellen Lockett -- maintaining it in good order -- and after her marriage or decease -- to the trustees to receive the rents & profits until my nephew William Thornicroft (6) attain age 21. At 21 the accumulated rents to be paid to him and lawful sons of said William etc.

Note William (6) born on 13.9.1761 was the son of John (5), son of John (3)'s brother Randolph and so John (3)'s great nephew. William (6) did not marry and died on 3.2.1790, the last of the

Thornicrofts of Macclesfield descended from Siddington.

John (3) gave his servant Hannah Warrington the bedsteads & hangings in the house and also pecuniary gifts to named people. The remainder of his goods & chattels were to be sold and the money to be in trust to pay relief of such poor housekeepers in Macclesfield who shall not receive weekly or other relief.

Will of John (3) cont.

Note Omerod in his list of Charities reports the sum of £994 from this bequest.

William (6), referred to above had a sister Elizabeth bp 12.5.1758 who married John Pickering, cabinet maker of Macclesfield on 17.8.1779 and they had eight children of whom four married and a grandson named William Thornicroft Pickering was baptised on 21.12.18 6 (f1 1826).

These details are in a pedigree of descent of the family from the Thornicroft's of Siddington in 1826 (document DDX/200/3 in Chester Record Office). This document came from the archives of a solicitor in Tewksbury and therefore may have been prepared on the instructions of Anne Pickering bp. 12.12.1789 who married Windfield Gee of Overbury, Tewksbury.

It is helpful in establishing that William (6) (died unmarried in 1790) was of the Siddington descent as other 'William Thornicroft's' came into Macclesfield at the end of the 18th c. from Eaton.

John (3) was engaged in the silk trade being described as a 'twister' at his marriage to Mary Smethurst in 1730 and as a 'throwster' when he purchased seats in St Michaels Church in 1749, 1755 & 1764.

The Macclesfield Registers contain several records of Thornicroft involvement in purchasing seats in the church and of disputes concerning their ownership. 'Whereas it irrefragably appears in the 6th volume of the register that Mary Thornicroft (nee Broster) did register the two highest seats in

the year 1730 and also the two lower seats in 1722 --- the said Catherine Shaw did in her will bequeath the seats to her grandson and grand-daughter etc. Vicar rules 'primogeniture'

3 Oct 1755 -- John Thornicroft of Macclesfield, 'throwster' hath purchased two lower seats in the 10th pew counting from the pulpit towards west, from John Blackwell of Rainow --- no objections. He therefore register these to himself and his heirs.

24 Aug 1764 Memo that John Thornicroft, 'throwster' hath bought -- the fifteenth pew on the south side of the south aisle counting from the steeple and also one seat in a pew on the left hand side In 1742 the Rev Mr Robinson, minister of Macclesfield set down a register of pew holders; -

Samuel Thornicroft, joiner, registered 1708, Ground floor 5.

John Thornicroft, throwster purchased 1743, South Gallery 7; 1749, East Gallery 7, Ground Floor 8

Mrs Thornicroft 1730, registered Ground Floor 6.

Children of William (3) cont.

George bp 17.3.1706 bur. 17.8.1712
Randolph bp 9.5.1708 bur. 24.5.1755. He married Elizabeth ---- (not found) who died 19.9.1742
They had six children, three of whom married.

Samuel bp 24.9.1710 bur. 30.11.1728. William bp 3.1.1716 bur 13.4.1721

Children of Randolph

Dorethy bp 13.6.1734 married (1) John Littlewood 5.12.1758, (2) L.Saywell,

William bp 19.10.1735 bur 11.11.1735

John (5) bp 12.12.1736 buried 9.7.1799 Married Hannah Sutton on 9.5.1757 at Prestbury

She was buried age 82 on 30.3.1823 (widow),

Martha bp 23.9.1739 bur 7.3.1745

Ralph bur 2.8.1760

Mary bp 13.3.1742 Married Charles Crane 26.4.1762 husbandman of Macclesfield Forest

Randolph (Ralph) Thornecroft (spelled with 'e') made his will on 13.5.1755 witha codicil on 21.5.'55
It was proved on 14.6.1755. He gives his daughter Dorethy one pair of bedstocks, one small chest, one
clothes box, one sceal chair & 40/- yearly out of the issues and rents of my dwelling house.

He gives son, John(5) Thornecroft all those two dwelling houses wherin I now live and that dwelling
house where John Bennett now lives and my stable or barn situate on the Watercots Green, his personal
estate, money out at interest, debts, household goods wearing apparel and my five mules, one horse, filly
colt and mare all othere goods. But in case he die before he attains to the age of 21 or die without
lawful issue then -- his share of the estate go to my daughter Dorethy -- but if both die without
lawful issue then I give my said two dwellings and stable to my brother John (3)

In case my said son or daughter -- shall raise any dispute against my Executor -- they shall be cut off
from my will except for one shilling and their share shall go to the other of my children.

Executor Brother John (3) signed Ralph Thornecroft his mark

Codicil

He directs that his brother John shall sell all personal estate, mules, horses, mairs, colt cows
and household goods except those given to daughter Dorethy and moneys received after debts are paid
shall be put out at interest. His executor shall pay Dorethy an extra 20/- per year and remainder of
interest to go to son John (5). Also the dwelling houses and barn shall not be sold but by the consent
of brother John(3) signed 21.5.1755
No inventory attached.

From the information in the wills of John(3) & his brother Randolph together with the interesting data on the Church Pews it is evident that they were both relatively affluent and reliable members of the community. John we know was a 'silk throwster' and Randolph's possession of five mules as well as horses may mean that he was engaged in the transport of goods by packhorse. The very high level of infant mortality in Macclesfield is shown by the deaths of twelve out of the seventeen brothers and children of John & Randolph mainly as infants.

Other children of William(2) & Ann Smith. Married 6.7.1635.

John (1) (1636 to 1689) had two brothers Edward (1643 to 1704) and Samuel (1) (1650 to 1710) who married, had children and left wills with inventories as well as a younger brother Joseph of whom little is known. This information will now be considered:-

Edward (c.1643 to 4.4.1704) He was buried as 'of Sutton', the original home of the Thornicroft's who came to Macclesfield from Siddington. He married Ann Byron on 1.5.1667 at Prestbury and five children are named in the Macclesfield Registers and three further children can be attributed to the family (shown by *) No will has been found.

Ann bp. 10.8.1668 bur 13.5.1686

Elizabeth bp 4.6.1672

* Thomas bp not found. Buried 4.6.1737 'of North Rode' His sister Elizabeth deal with his estate from which he appears to have been a wheelwright. He did not leave a wife or family.

* Samuel buried 31.12.1681 'infant'

* Edward Emigrated to America on the ship "Loyalty" 19.10.1698 as apprentice for five years. Bp not found. If he was to be apprenticed until aged 21 he would have been born in 1682

The name Edward is only found in the Siddington family and its cadet branch at Macclesfield so it is considered that this Edward would be a son of Edward (2) and Ann Byron.

Elizabeth bp 5.6.1689. Married John Johnson on 7.5.1717 at Prestbury. Administratrix of the estate of her brother, Thomas, yeoman 'late of North Rode'.

Dorethy buried 1.2.1690 'infant'

Thomas died 1737 of North Rode.

Elizabeth Johnson (née Thornicroft) on 6.6.1737 and his estate was appraised on 10.6.1737 by Henry Farrel and John Foster. The contents of the estate include many items of fabricated wood such as 'spoaks, plow sheaths, ladderstaves' consistent with him being a wheelwright which was an occupation followed by several Thornicrofts at North Rode who were not tenant farmers. The Thornicrofts of North Rode are considered in detail on p 72 and were established there before Registers commenced in 1560 so Thomas who came from the Macclesfield branch was not closely related to them but the grant of money to William Thornicroft's children who were of the North Rode branch, recognised the name relationship.

Inventory of Thomas Thornicroft taken 10.6.1737.

	s	d		s	d
10 Poplar Boards 3 Oak boards	5	7½	1 piece of Linsey, 2 Blankets 1 Bed hilling tick	14	4
12 Spokes 4 sloats 7 plowsheaths	4	4	1 box iron, 1 pot, 1 trunk. 1 bible, 3 sheets	13	8
1 throck & shelboard, 1 shovel 4 harrows	1	7	Linens, 1 basket crupper, 10 tacks, axle tree, mattock	13	11
90 lags, 9 bothams, 49 ladder staves	9	0¼	2 pots, 4 plates, 4 dishes, 6 trenchers	12	2
Thrickle & Jack Holmes, Timber spade	3	4	1 pad & Hay, the gun bason 1 mortar	18	7
& cowrake	17	3	cutting knife	2	10
Lumber in the tub grate, bedstocks, chest	9	1	1 wisket, 1 board pinchers	5	4
Bedstocks, bottles, 2 chisels, 1 noger -	6	5	1 pillow, 1 cloth, 1 sheet 1 shirt 1 bag	1	0
wrimble, 1 bill, 1 hammer	14	8	Spurs, 1 basket 1 shirt	9	0
1 table, 1 chair, 2 chaff beds 1 barrill	6	3	1 saddle 1 bridle 1 whip	2	8
1 feather bed, chaff bolster, brass kettle	4	10	Girdles & gloves, 1 shirt	£49.10. 0	
Apparell to John Johnson	£1	4	Ready money	£48.19.6 & 10.6.	
do to Thos. Dawson for William	1	4			
Thornicroft's children	6	3			
Goods to Thos. Dawson for the use of	4	10			
Wm Thornicrofts children					
A gelding					

William Thornicroft of North Rode see page 68 for William (5), married Elizabeth Dawson on 2.2.1724 at Prestbury and she was buried 'widow' on 10.12.1755. His burial has not been found and their children were, William bp 7.12.1725 bur 23.1.1736 Thomas bp 15.12.1726 bur 20.1.1736, Elizabeth bp 15.1.1728 married John Leech 1755, Mary bp 1730, John bp c 1734 bur 27.10.1809 married Ann Slater 4.9.1760, and William (6) bp c 1736 & had children born from 1757 to 1762. (Table)

Therefore at the time of Thomas's death in June 1737 the children of William (5) of North Rode would be Elizabeth age 9, Mary age 7, John age 3 and William a few months old, the two elder boys having died in January the previous year. There were no more children born after 1736 and William (5) is not referred to after this date except that his wife Elizabeth was a widow in 1755.

Thomas Dawson who was entrusted with the money and goods for the children named above, was, presumably the brother of Elizabeth.

The third surviving son of William (2) & Ann Smith (married 6.7.1635) is Samuel (1) baptised 3.2.1650 buried 16.7.1710. He married twice, first to Margaret Mottishead at Astbury on 1.5.1674. They had four daughters, two dying young & two who did not marry.

Ann bp 10.11.1680. bur.10.7.1711 She did not marry and left a will (page 66)

Ruth bp 11.10.1682. Mary bp 7.9.1684. bur.22.10.1700. Margaret bp 6.11.1687. bur 17.3.1688.

Margaret, his wife was buried on 11.3.1688 and shortly after (date & place not found) he married (2) Mary Broster. They had six children. Samuel was buried 16.7.1710 & Mary (widow) on 16.2.1745.

Elizabeth bp 6.7.1689. Married 3.12.1712, William Pierpoint of Chorley & Wimslow at Prestbury.
Hannah bp 20.2.1691. Married 3.4.1716, John Royle.

Samuel (4) bp 7.9.1693. Married 25.1.1719, Hannah Pulford of Nantwich at Tarporley. A son
Thomas bp 8.4.1724 at Nantwich.

Margaret bp 18.9.1696.

Mary bp 20.11.1700

Martha bp 28.7.1702

Samuel (1) made his will on 28.2.1708 and it was proved 19 10.1710.

He records his occupation as 'chapman' of Macclesfield (in the will of his brother John (1) he is described as a 'joyner' in 1689 and also in a list of pew holders in 1708 so he may have had two occupations.) Mary his wife is to have the rents & profits from his house in Chestergate 'wherein I now dwell 'and also the house in Back St. now in possession of John Wyle. Mary has the use & sole management of all his personal estate for the term of her life or until she remarries, upon trust that she will during that time educate & bring up & maintain my sons & daughters, Samuel, Elizabeth, Hannah and Martha. She is given power to dispose of part of the estate during widowhood for the preferment of them in marriage, setting them to apprentice or placing them in trade at her discretion. He gives his son Samuel (4) the house in Chestergate and the stable in Back st. at the death or marriage of Mary. He appoints that his four daughters shall have & enjoy his house in Back St. from the death of Mary so long as they are unmarried and are 'no longer to inhabit & reside there in case any of my daughters shall disagree with the rest or shall refuse to reside there. After the death or marriage of the four daughters it is devised to Samuel. All the rest & residue of the estate is to be divided amongst his daughters (including Ann, daughter by his first marriage to Margaret Mottishead) He appoints his wife Mary as executor and Richard Broster (brother in law & William Ridgeway as overseers of his will.

Inventory made 26.8.1710 by the overseers.

In the Best Chamber & Closet		In the Garretts	
2 feather beds, bolsters, blankets, curtains		1. bed, 6 chairs & other goods	5 0 0
2 Chests of drawers, 1 table a dozen of chairs and other furniture	£		
	12 00 00	In the Parlour	
In the chamber over the parlour		One dozen of chairs, three tables	
2 standing beds, 2 chests of drawers, 1 table		1 press, 1 grate & furniture	
12 chairs, other furniture	12 0 0	belonging to it & other things	4 0 0
		In the Shop	
In the chamber over the shop		Counters, drawers, boxes other things	4 0 0
12 chairs, 2 small tables, 1 chest of drawers			
One press in the passage	3 10 0		
In the Kitchen & Pantry		In the higher kitchen	
2 dressers, 2 screens, 6 chairs 1 grate		1 Brass pot 5s 6d Brass pot in a	13. 0
Fire shovels & toudys. Brass & Iron ware	7 10 00	furnace	
2 dozen of ordinary plates	14 0	In old timber & wood	10 0
2 dozen of better plates	1 0 0	6 pairs of flaxen sheets	2 8 6
5 pewter plates at 7d lb.	1 3 4	10 pairs of course sheets	2 10 0
9 pewter dishes more at 4d lb.	1 4 0	2 diaper table cloths & napkins	12 0
6 pewter dishes three lb, apiece	10 0	12 fine huckaback napkins	12 0
Other pewter & some tin things	18 0	1 flaxen table cloth, 12 flax napkins	7 6
Small silver pan & two spoons	3 5 0	2 course table cloths	1 6
		21 Huckaback napkins	10 0
In the cellar		1 pair window curtains & a dozen	
5½ dozen bottles & frame	7 6	pillow peey	8 0
4 barrels	6 8	Half dozen pounds of flaxen yarn	3 0
		24 pounds of linen yard	1 4 0
In the back kitchen			
1 brass pot, 1 brass kettle 1 sauce pan		In shop goods, buttons, mohair & silk	105 12 6
one lead, one frying pan	15 6	Debts due to the deceased, some	
2 pairs of bedstocks, wooden ware and other necessities there		desperate	120 19 10
	1 5 0	In cash & the decd wearing apparell	15 17 5

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Will of Ann, daughter of Samuel (1) Thornicroft who married Margaret Mottishead in 1679. (bur 1688) and Mary Broster shortly after Margaret's death..

Ann daughter of Samuel by his first wife was born 10.11.1680 and buried 10.7.1711 surviving her father by one year. Her will was written on 18.5.1711 and proved 17.10.1711

She names Mary (Broster) as her step mother and the children of Mary as 'sisters'. She leaves land in Witherington known as 'Great Peere, now in possession of John Hill to her step mother and after her death to her brother Samuel (4). She gives her 'uncle' Richard Broster, 10/- and appoints him executor. Her tenement in Bollington which she holds from Mr Legh of Adlington by lease, and all other personal estate to be divided between her 'sisters', Elizabeth, Hannah, Mary and Martha so Margaret bp 1696 must have predeceased her.

The last member of the Thornicrofts of Macclesfield who were descended from Siddington was William (6) bp 13.9.1761 and dying unmarried on 3.2.1790. He was the son of John (5) bp 12.12.1736 who married Hannah Sutton on 9.5.1757 and was buried 9.7.1799. She was buried on 30.3.1823

The Thornicrofts came to Macclesfield from Siddington when William (1) brn cir 1583, second son of Edward (2) who married Ann Watson in 1613 at Taxal near Macclesfield. They lived at Blakelow Farm at Sutton about 2 miles SE of Macclesfield. Their descendants lived there until about 1702 but by 1716 were living in 'Water Coles' an area in the centre of Macclesfield. During the period from 1705 to 1716 there is a gap in the baptisms of the children of John (2) at Macclesfield which may be due to them being absent from Macclesfield, leaving Sutton about 1705 and returning to reside in the centre of Macclesfield about 1716. After this date the wills of the Macclesfield Thornicrofts refer to their dwellings in Chestergate in Macclesfield and their occupation as 'silk throwster', 'joyner' and 'chapman' so the change from Sutton where they farmed, to Macclesfield was probably associated with them taking industrial occupations.

Reference is made earlier to the high mortality among the children of John (3) & his brother Randolph and also that these two were the survivors of the six children of William (3). This mortality occurring between 1712 & 1760 when they lived in the centre of Macclesfield is double that which occurred when the family lived as farmers at Blakelow, Sutton between c 1600 and 1705. From 1615 to 1702, forty children were born of whom nineteen (47%) reached maturity compared with six out of twenty three (26%) born between 1705 and 1760.