

## The Cheshire family of Limekilns, from 1735

*Immortalised in the name of Cheshire's Close (probably created in 1808), the four generations of Cheshires who were at Limekiln Farm provide an unusually concise & neat family tree. It is partly because they were not very prolific, & there are no diverging branches of the tree; also, because of the latish age at which they married, the century-&-a-half is covered by just four generations. The fourth generation produced no issue, which is also an unusual way for a family tree to end. The Cheshires illustrate the characteristic of remaining unmarried, or marrying late, in order to work on the family farm, a carry-over of medieval practices that survives in farming families but is otherwise very much against the trend in the industrial era. The final household consisted of sister & brother Hannah & Samuel & three servants; she died just a few months after him, as bereaved spouses often did in traditional society.*

William Cheshire of Newbold d.1740 = 1735 Mary Bayley, widow

William b.1737

?Thomas d.1797

**Samuel Cheshire of Limekiln Farm** (1739-1816) bap.Jan 1, 1740 = 1776 Martha Shaw of Limekilns (1753-1799) dtr of Ralph & Elizabeth, aunt of Hannah & Charles who m'd their cousins William & Lucy (below)

3 **William Cheshire of Limekiln Farm** (1777-1859) = 1814 Hannah Shaw (1777-1851) his cousin, sister of Charles (below)

4 Hannah (1814-1880) last of the Cheshires when she d. unmarried in 1880

**Samuel Cheshire of Limekiln Farm** (1816-1879) of Limekiln Farm, unmarried

Mary b/d.1818

Rhoda (1821-1860)

3 Lucy (1779-1816) = 1812 Charles Shaw of Limekilns & Fairfields (1779-1859) her cousin

Samuel b/d.1781

Thomas (1785-1818) bur.May 15; unmarried

Mary b.1789

Sarah (1795-1818) bur.Aug 9; unmarried