

Simplified lineage showing the kinship of Daniel Shubotham & Hugh Bourne

The cultivation of a personal rapport, a deeply shared religious faith, & finally a passionate commitment to religious revival, between Hugh Bourne & Daniel Shubotham is a crucial part of the history of the Harriseahead Revivals & Camp Meeting Movement, & the consequent origins of the Primitive Methodist Church; without the conversion & collaboration of Daniel it's questionable whether the initial revival of 1801 (& any of the events that followed) could have happened. One enabling factor in this relationship between two outwardly very different men was the fact that they were 'cousins' (there were other factors, including the shared friendship & inspirational guidance of the Mow Cop blacksmith Thomas Maxfield, & the fact that Hugh's sister Ellen was engaged to a farmer's son in the same area). The best accounts clarify that their fathers were first cousins, but otherwise give no genealogical detail. The table below, simplified from the fuller Heath, Shubotham & Bourne family trees, provides the detail. We don't actually know how well acquainted they were, or indeed if they knew each other at all, before Hugh's work brought him to the slopes of Mow Cop in 1800; but in a world of large family networks the connection would certainly be known to them. It was important not least in winning acceptance & hospitality for Hugh among strangers who lived a less sheltered or introverted life than he did. The basis of the family relationship was that their paternal grandmothers were sisters – indeed they were proximate sisters, next to each other in age. A point worth noting is that both lived to a very advanced age, so that both Hugh & Daniel knew their grandmothers as boys. Mary Bourne in fact lived with her eldest son Joseph's family at Ford Hays, a fact which Hugh Bourne's biographers have missed: she was there when Hugh was born & she died when he was 8, & (we know from her will) remained of sound mind. It's possible that her sister Hannah Shubotham likewise lived with Daniel's family, as her husband had died many years before. So however little they may have been acquainted with one another, both knew the sisters from whom their kinship derived & so would have been aware of their common heritage or ancestry in the Heaths of Trubshaw – who were one of the wealthiest & most influential yeoman families of the district, since Trubshaw was not just a large farm but one of the biggest coal mining enterprises on the North Staffs coalfield at that period. Ironically, when histories of Primitive Methodism contrast Daniel's relative impoverishment with his father's wealth & respectability, it's the status of the Heaths of Trubshaw that's being referred to – Daniel snr was bequeathed property at Harriseahead & all his coal-mines by his uncle Joseph Heath, a fact acknowledged in a unique way by the adoption of 'Trubshaw' as a Christian name in the Shubotham/Shufflebotham family. One final fact that may be worth noting – the two men were nearly exactly the same age, Hugh being born on April 3 & Daniel being his senior by only a month, his exact date of birth not recorded but it was almost certainly in the first few days of March as he & his twin brother were baptised on March 5.

John Heath of Trubshaw (1661-1732) = 1690 Mary Simpson d.1756; they moved from Burslem to Trubshaw, probably immediately on marrying, following the previous tenant John Maxfield's move to Mow Cop

John Heath (c.1695-1778) = 1720 Anne Shufflebotham (1700-1783) sister of Roger

Mary Heath (1697-1780) = ?c.1730 John Bourne of Abbey Hulton (1697-1759)*

Joseph Bourne (1733-1825) = 1763 Ellen Steele (1738-1817)**

John Bourne (1763-1849) = 1808 Elizabeth Billings (his 2nd wife, 1st nk)

Joseph Bourne (c.1765-1794)

Mary Bourne b.1768

Hannah Bourne b.1770 = 1791 George Mountford

Hugh Bourne (1772-1852)

Ellen Bourne (1775-1816) = 1800 Joseph Woolliscroft (c.1775-1856)

William Bourne b.1777 emigrated to USA

James Bourne (1781-1860) = 1807 Sarah Rowley (1783-1853)

Hannah Heath (1699-1784) = 1724 Roger Shufflebotham or Shubotham (c.1700-1743) son of Thomas & Ellen Shufflebotham of Good Cow, brother of Anne & Thomas; all three siblings married into the Heath family & came to live in the Harriseahead area

Daniel Shufflebotham or Shubotham (1730-1786) = 1768 Mary Buckley d.1789

Trubshaw Shubotham (1769-1787)

Joseph Shubotham (1772-1777) Daniel's twin brother

Daniel Shubotham (1772-1814) = 1798 Hannah Baddeley (1775-1860)

Joseph Heath (1701-1767) = 1758 Elizabeth Leadbeter ?d.1794

Nancy Heath b.1702

Jane Heath (1703-1736) = 1727 Thomas Shufflebotham f.1720-28 brother of Roger

Martha Heath (1705-1788) = 1732 Matthew Horn, 1743 Nathan Jackson d.1780

Richard Heath (1708-?1715)

Sarah Heath f.1769 no bap fd = John Hassall

notes

* I replace 1763 given by Wilkinson for the death/burial (at Burslem) of HB's grandfather with 1759, a burial at Norton; Walford identifies him as John of Abbey Hulton but gives no dates, so presumably Wilkinson has plucked a JB out of Burslem parish register, unaware of their close connection to Norton & of how common the name was in the area; altho Abbey Hulton is in Burslem parish, John was baptised at Norton; both burial entries read John Bourn(e) with no additional identifying info; but Mary his widow was buried at Norton even though she died at Ford Hays, some distance away; the 1759 JB's will isn't conclusive (it doesn't mention Joseph for instance) but it has several required characteristics (abode Abbey Hulton, wife Mary, youngest son Hugh [HB's uncle], older daughter Sarah) & nothing inconsistent (1763 doesn't have a will).

** Walford says HB's mother was in her '81st year' when she died (which strictly literally means she was 80), agreeing with the burial register which says 80 (for some reason Wilkinson says 85th year); her father was a farmer at Hatchley near Cheadle, but the biographies don't give his name; the only baptisms of an Ellen Steel(e) anywhere in Staffs in the 1730s are at Kingsley (Hatchley is a farm in Kingsley parish) in 1735 & 1738, daughter of Benjamin & Ann / William & Lydia respectively; it could be either, though I've preferred 1738 as she had a son William, though it makes her a year younger than the family remembered; Joseph Bourne likewise is stated to have died only a few months short of his 100th year (presumably meaning he was 98), though the burial register says 96 & his actual age was 92!