

FAMILY GROUP No. 042

HUSBAND	Thomas WIDDOWSON	(Framework knitter)		
Birth		Place		
Christening	17 – 09 – 1797	Place	Kilby	
Marriage	17 – 05 – 1824	Place	Wistow, Leics.	
Death		Place		
Burial		Place		
Husband's Father	John WIDDOWSON	Husband's Mother	Catherine CORDEUX	Parents Group Record 84
Husband's Other Wives				

WIFE	Mary ROE			
Birth		Place		
Christening		Place		
Death		Place		
Wife's Father		Wife's Mother		Parents Group Record
Wife's Other Husband's				

Sex M / F	CHILDREN		WHEN BORN	WHERE BORN	1st MARRIAGE	TO WHOM	WHEN DIED	Grp Rec	
	Given Names	Surname							
1	M	Thomas	WIDDOWSON	(11 – 09 – 1825)	Kilby, Leicestershire	10 – 11 – 1846	Mary BAYLISS	21 – 03 – 1899	21
2	M	John (Gamekeeper)	WIDDOWSON	(18 – 10 – 1829)	Kilby, Leicestershire	1855 Q3	Sarah BOWN		
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Thomas & Mary WIDDOWSON are identified from Thomas jnr baptism in Kilby OPR. Thomas snr also identified ex Thomas jnr marriage in Nailstone OPR. Thomas snr was a framework knitter in both of these records.

There are only 3 records of a Thomas Widdowson marrying a Mary in Leicestershire between 1810 and 1850. The 1st is the parents of this family, the 2nd is their son Thomas marrying Mary BAYLISS and the 3rd took place in 1834 in Shepshed which is unlikely to be relevant.

John WIDDOWSON & Catherine CORDEUX marriage ex Wistow OPR (04–10–1788), both from Monks Kirby, Warks. John & Catherine settlement certificate in Kilby 25–09–1789. A Catherine CORDEUX was baptised on 16–11–1768 at Sutton on the Forest, Yorkshire (father Richard). but her marriage record says she was 'from' Monks Kirby in Warwickshire.

1881 Hitcham, Suffolk census : at Gamekeepers Cottage, John (51, born Kilby) Gamekeeper/farm bailiff with wife Sarah (58, born Earl Shilton, Leics) + a visitor Mary Webb.

We have found John WIDDOWSON in the 1841 & 1851 censuses, where he was not living with his parents. We also found him with his wife Sarah from 1861 to 1901, and in no census were there any children.

The fact that John was only 11 in 1841 and that he was living with a Mr & Mrs Worsley suggests that his parents, Thomas & Mary WIDDOWSON were probably dead by then.

[Thomas \(snr\) birth at Kilby](#)

THOMAS WIDDOWSON

Male

Christening: 17 SEP 1797 Kilby, Leicester, England

Father: JOHN WIDDOWSON

Mother: CATHERINE

Extracted birth or christening record for the locality listed in the record.

[Thomas \(snr\) siblings born Kilby](#)

KATHERINE WIDDOWSON

Female

Christening: 05 JUL 1789 Kilby, Leicester, England

Father: JOHN WIDDOWSON

Mother: KATHERINE

Extracted birth or christening record for the locality listed in the record.

JOHN WIDDOWSON

Male

Christening: 04 SEP 1791 Kilby, Leicester, England

Father: JOHN WIDDOWSON

Mother: CATHERINE

Extracted birth or christening record for the locality listed in the record.

[Thomas' parents marriage at Wistow](#)

John Widdowson

Male

Birth: About 1763 Of, Wistow, Leicester, England

Spouse: Catherine Condex

Marriage: 04 OCT 1788 Wistow, Leicester, England

Record submitted after 1991 by a member of the LDS Church.

[Thomas & Mary marriage at Wistow](#)

Thomas Widdowson

Male

Birth: About 1790 Of, Wistow, Leicester, England

Spouse: Mary Roe

Marriage: 17 MAY 1824 Wistow, Leicester, England

Record submitted after 1991 by a member of the LDS Church.

[N.B. There was clearly a Roe family in Kilby](#)

JOHN WIDDOWSON

Male

Spouse: ELIZABETH ROE

Marriage: 22 OCT 1811 Kilby, Leicester, England

Extracted marriage record for locality listed in the record.

[Thomas \(jnr\) birth at Kilby](#)

THOMAS WIDOWSON

Male

Christening: 11 SEP 1825 Kilby, Leicester, England

Father: THOMAS WIDOWSON

Mother: MARY

Extracted birth or christening record for the locality listed in the record.

[Thomas \(jnr\) marriage & death](#)

Thomas Widdowson

Male

Birth: About 1826 Kilby, Leicester, England

Death: 21 MAR 1899 Odstone, Leicester, England

Burial: 25 MAR 1899 Nailstone, Leicester, England

Spouse: Mary Bailess

Marriage: 30 NOV 1846 Nailstone, Leicester, England

Record submitted after 1991 by a member of the LDS Church.

[Birth of Thomas \(jnr\) brother John at Kilby](#)

JOHN WIDOWSON

Male

Christening: 18 OCT 1829 Kilby, Leicester, England

Father: THOMAS WIDOWSON

Mother: MARY

Extracted birth or christening record for the locality listed in the record.

Surname First name(s) District Vol Page

Marriages Sep 1855 (>99%)

Bown	Sarah	Blaby	7a	53
Widdowson	John	Blaby	7a	53

[1841 Census](#)

Name:	Thomas Widdowson														
Age:	15														
Gender:	Male														
Where born:	Leicestershire, England														
Civil parish:	Wistow														
Hundred:	Gartree														
County/Island:	Leicestershire														
Country:	England														
Registration district:	Billesdon														
Sub-registration district:	Billesdon														
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[1841 Census](#)

Name:	John Widdowson
Age:	11
Gender:	Male
Where born:	Leicestershire, England

Civil parish:	Kilby	
Hundred:	Guthlaxton	
County/Island:	Leicestershire	
Country:	England	
Registration district:	Blaby	
Sub-registration district:	Wigston Magna	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	John Worsley	50
	Elizabeth Worsley	55
	John Widdowson	11

1851 Census

Name:	John Widdoson	
Age:	21	
Relation:	Lodger	
Gender:	Male	
Where born:	Kelby, Leicestershire, England	
Civil parish:	Maidwell	
County/Island:	Northamptonshire	
Country:	England	
Registration district:	Brixworth	
Sub-registration district:	Spratton	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	James Peason	28
	Mary Peason	35
	John Widdoson	21

1861 Census

Name:	Sarah Widdowson	
Age:	39	
Relation:	Wife	
Spouse's Name:	John	
Gender:	Female	
Where born:	East Jullton, Leicestershire, England	
Civil parish:	Marston Trussell	
County/Island:	Northamptonshire	
Country:	England	
Registration district:	Market Harborough	
Sub-registration district:	Market Harborough	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	John Widdowson	31
	Sarah Widdowson	39
	Sarah Widdowson <i>visitor</i>	5

1871 Census

Name:	John Widdowson								
Age:	41								
Relation:	Head								
Spouse's Name:	Sarah								
Gender:	Male								
Where born:	Kilby, Leicestershire, England								
Civil parish:	Hitcham								
County/Island:	Suffolk								
Country:	England								
Registration district:	Cosford								
Sub-registration district:	Lavenham								
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1881 Census

Name:	John Widdowson								
Age:	51								
Relation:	Head								
Spouse's Name:	Sarah								
Gender:	Male								
Where born:	Kilby, Leicestershire, England								
Civil parish:	Hitcham								
County/Island:	Suffolk								
Country:	England								
Street Address:	Gamekeepers House								
Condition as to marriage:	Married								
Occupation:	Farm Bailiff & Gamekeeper								
Registration district:	Cosford								
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1891 Census

Name:	John Widdowson
Age:	61
Relation:	Head
Spouse's Name:	Sarah
Gender:	Male

Where born:	Kilby, Leicestershire, England	
Civil parish:	Hitcham	
Ecclesiastical parish:	Hitcham	
County/Island:	Suffolk	
Country:	England	
Registration district:	Cosford	
Sub-registration district:	Lavenham	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	John Widdowson	61
	Sarah Widdowson	68
	Mary Webb	78

1901 Census

Name:	John Widdowson	
Age:	71	
Gender:	Male	
Where born:	Kilby, Leicestershire, England	
Civil parish:	Preston	
Ecclesiastical parish:	Preston	
Town:	Preston	
County/Island:	Suffolk	
Country:	England	
Registration district:	Cosford	
Sub-registration district:	Lavenham	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Julia E Morley	36
	Dan Morley	3
	Gladys Morley	5
	James F Constable	67
	John Widdowson	71
	Sarah Widdowson	77
Florena Avey	15	

Thomas was christened in 1797. There were a number of girls called Mary Roe born / christened in Leicestershire within 10 years of 1797.

Some people who submit details to the IGI make the sweeping assumption that men usually marry aged 25 and women marry aged 21.

Thomas and Mary married in 1824, so applying the above generality would suggest that the following could be the christening relevant to this marriage. Billesdon is very close to Kilby.

MARY ROE

Female

Christening: 02 JAN 1803 Billesdon, Leicester, England

Mother: MARY ROE

Extracted birth or christening record for the locality listed in the record.

There is a suggestion that Thomas was married to Ann Chapman before he married Mary Row (source ?)

Results for: Ann Chapman, Any Event, 1777 - 1817, Leicester, England, British Isles

Exact Spelling: Off

Batch Number: C054581 (Kilby)

1. ANN CHAPMAN - International Genealogical Index
Gender: Female Christening: 25 JUL 1784 Kilby, Leicester, England
2. ANN CHAPMAN - International Genealogical Index
Gender: Female Christening: 11 DEC 1796 Kilby, Leicester, England
3. ANN CHAPMAN - International Genealogical Index
Gender: Female Christening: 05 DEC 1802 Kilby, Leicester, England
4. ANN CHAPMAN - International Genealogical Index
Gender: Female Christening: 14 FEB 1808 Kilby, Leicester, England

If Thomas and Ann were married before Thomas married Mary in 1824 then realistically the likely options are nos. 2 & 3 above. The marriage below could only really apply to Ann Chapman no.1 above, but unless Thomas was 3 or 4 years old when he was christened in 1797, it is unlikely to be the correct Thomas. The OPR does say Thomas is "of this parish".

ANN CHAPMAN

Female

Spouse: THOMAS WIDDOWSON

Marriage: 26 DEC 1814 Kilby, Leicester, England

Extracted marriage record for locality listed in the record.

Partial transcript of marriage record ex Kilby OPR Marriage Register.

Dec 26th 1814.

Marriage of Thomas Widdowson & Ann Chapman, both of this parish.

Witnesses : John Widdowson, Mary Cross

(no sign of a second marriage to Mary)

Partial transcript of birth records ex Kilby OPR Baptismal Register.

Children of Thomas Widdowson & Ann

1815 Feb 5th John *(N.B. Ann would have been heavily pregnant when married)*

1816 Feb 11th Sarah

1819 Jan 10th Elizabeth

N.B. No death of an Ann Widdowson between 1819 and 1824 ex IGI.

There are only 5 children with father Thomas Widdowson baptised in Kilby between 1805 and 1845.
The earliest 3 have a mother Ann and the later 2 have a mother Mary.

Results for: Birth/Christening, 1805 - 1845, Leicester, England, British Isles
Father: Thomas Widdowson
Exact Spelling: Off
Batch Number: C054581

1. ELIZABETH WIDOWSON - International Genealogical Index
Gender: Female Christening: 10 JAN 1819 Kilby, Leicester, England
2. JOHN WIDERSON - International Genealogical Index
Gender: Male Christening: 05 FEB 1815 Kilby, Leicester, England
3. JOHN WIDOWSON - International Genealogical Index
Gender: Male Christening: 18 OCT 1829 Kilby, Leicester, England
4. WILLIAM WIDDOWSON - International Genealogical Index
Gender: Male Christening: 11 FEB 1821 Kilby, Leicester, England
5. THOMAS WIDOWSON - International Genealogical Index
Gender: Male Christening: 11 SEP 1825 Kilby, Leicester, England