

Newsletter of the Shard*low Study Group

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Comment

When I started to compose this Newsletter some weeks ago I said there had been little activity by way of enquiries or new contacts, since then two have been received.

New Contacts

One of these was from Vicky Campbell nee Shardlow who can trace her family back to the William at Mackney and Aston on Trent in the early 1700's. This means she will be distantly related to several members of our group. The other, via John, our Webmaster, was from a gentleman in Holland enquiring about a William Shardlow in London c.1682 who had bought land in Pennsylvania. Even given the small number of Shardlows it was long odds against being able to pinpoint this man until later correspondence revealed a suggestion that he might have subsequently sold some of it to Quakers wanting to emigrate to America. This tied up with a Will I had obtained some time ago, this was for a William S. who had left £100 to be loaned free of interest to young Quakers to enable them to set up in business. (See [SHARDS No.30](#)) Although not conclusive it seems highly probable that these were the same man, unfortunately the William whose Will I have, left only daughters so the surname would end there but one grandson was christened Shardlow. The married names of Williams daughters were JONES, COLLINS and WIGHTMAN.

On the same lines but not new contacts I have recently been to a family gathering arranged by a second cousin (our grandmother's were sisters) with the object of explaining how we were related to the Shardelows of Norfolk. My grandmother's sister Rosa Agnes Wigg b. 1861 married Frederick Norton b. 1854, they had nine children eight of whom survived childhood. Harold Eldrick, Gilbert Hammond, Marshall Alfred, Russell George, Clifford Frederick, Mabel Rose (known as Eileen) surviving twin, Ethel Foyson (known as Dolly)

I am publishing their names in the hope this might be seen by someone who did not know of their Shardelow connection.

Origin of the Name

My search for the nationality of the first persons to use the de Shardelow form has continued without result, I have recently obtained transcriptions on CD-ROMs of documents from the 11th & 13th centuries which I hoped might help with this. They did not but they did contain references to a Robert Shardlow in 1262 & 1281, these are the earliest examples I have seen of the name being used in this way. Most references in this period and even much later have been a given name followed by 'de Shardelow', there were plenty of other names using one or the other of these forms so I do not think it is an error in transcription.

There was also a reference to Thomas Shardlow, dated 1432 when he paid a tax based on land held at BULTON. I have not been able to identify this place but presumably it was in Derbyshire or Nottinghamshire.