

## Addendum 2005

### Oldfield

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Every family research project has its “brick wall” or sometimes many. One of the enduring “brick walls” of our research has been the Oldfield family. We knew that the parents of James Oldfield, christened 23 August 1832 were George and Elizabeth Oldfield and that he was born in Boston!

Through the years we had also inquired about marriages of George Oldfield and Elizabeth (surname unknown) in Lincolnshire and only one had consistently been brought to our attention.

Well, with some information from the 1841 census, and the long-standing marriage information ... we may have found a way to link all these pieces. Here is that story!

First, let's recap... 1851 finds John and wife Mary Ann Bozill Hodgkinson living in Gainsborough, after marrying 21 October 1850 at Trinity Church Gainsborough. From the St. Botolph parish registers, Boston, we had the christening dates for John and 2 siblings (George, 3 June 1828 and Anne, 17 Feb 1830)

#### 1841 Census<sup>1</sup>

St Mary Le Wigford, Lincoln

Wigford Place

Oldfield, George	M	45	out of county	sawer
Oldfield, Elizabeth	F	45	Lincolnshire	sawer
Oldfield, John	M	8	Lincolnshire	sawer
Oldfield, George	M	13	Lincolnshire	sawer
Oldfield, Mary	F	20	Lincolnshire	sawer

Though we don't see Ann, we do see a John and a George who are approximately the correct age and obviously parents of George and Elizabeth is a good match. And, who is Mary?

With this information, we put out a query for anyone with the 1851 census for Lincolnshire ... this turned up the following:

#### 1851 Census<sup>2</sup>

Ashtons Court, St Peter at Gowts, Lincoln

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<sup>1</sup> E-mail from Hugh Watkins [hugh.watkins@gmail.com], 1841 UK Census, H0107-0651, Image #264, Folio #11/26, Page #20, Entry #6 and verified by a rootsweb.com lister ... using <http://www.originsnetwork.com/>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.rootschat.com/forum/index.php?action=printpage;topic=82648.0>, 1851 UK Census, Lincoln, ref = 2105/162

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Elizabeth Oldfield	wid	55	washing woman	Lincoln
William	son	33	Labourer	Lincoln

So, this could be Elizabeth, now a widow ... and, who is William? The same resource for the 1851 census, also discovered,

Burial 31 May 1858 Elizabeth Oldfield 62 Lincs Lincoln St. Peter at Gowts  
 [from another source<sup>3</sup> we learn that she is in plot A1855 in the cemetery on Canwick Road ... though something else refers to St. Peter at Gowts – Canwick Road cemetery is a possibility and could explain why George would not be buried with her ... “They opened the Canwick Road Cemetery in the summer of 1856. Two funeral chapels were built and a portion of the cemetery set aside for Catholic burials. Canwick Road Cemetery is south of Lincoln and is situated off the Washingborough Road.”<sup>4</sup> – probably Elizabeth had a service at St Peter at Gowts and then was buried in the Canwick Road cemetery]

Obviously, the age and locale are consistent with the 1851 census entry.

Part of the same dialog also revealed the following tidbits ... all OLDFIELD unless otherwise indicated!

#### 1. Marriage

Oldfield, George to Elizabeth Tindall, 22 December 1817, St. Michael on the Mount, Lincoln, Lincolnshire

(Note: remember when we talked about a marriage that kept crossing our path ... well, this is that marriage!)

#### 2. Burials ... St. Michael in Lincoln

>> Jane 23 April 1824 (2) (via NBI #2)

>> George 1827 (1)

>> Ann December 17, 1832 (3)

>> Mary 1842 (21)

(Note: this would be the Ann of the 1841 census, the George could be a child born before the George of 1828 and Ann could be the Ann baptized in 1832 ... if she died shortly after and the family had moved)

#### 3. Baptism .. St Michael on the Mount

>> Hannah 25 Jan 1825

#### 4. Burials ... St. Peter at Gowts, Lincoln

<sup>3</sup> [www.familyhistoryonline.net](http://www.familyhistoryonline.net)

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng/LIN/Lincoln/>

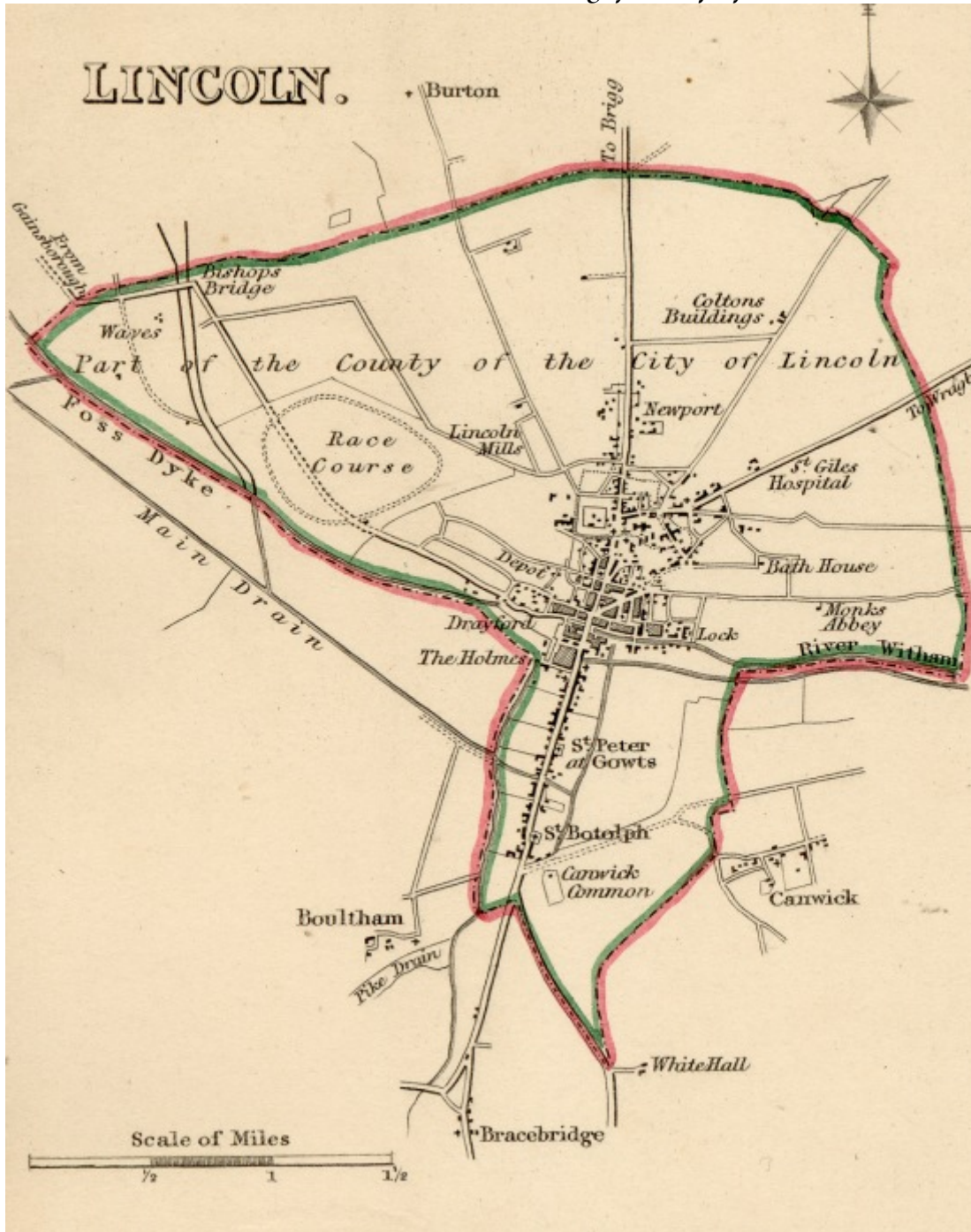
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>> George (Orfield) 13 Jan 1850 (54) → there is a FreeBMD entry for March Quarter, 1850 – George Oldfield<sup>5</sup>

>> William 1855 (36)

(Note: this is not inconsistent with the William found in the 1851 census ... this means he was born c. 1819 which would also be consistent with the 1817 marriage previously reported)



<sup>5</sup> <http://freebmd.rootsweb.com>, March 1850 – Deaths, Oldfield- George, Lincoln, Vol 14 page 390

If we put all this together, we have a family that might look something like this ....

George Oldfield married

Elizabeth Tindall, 22 December 1817, St. Michael on the Mount, Lincoln

Children:

William, c. 1819, Lincolnshire ... buried 1855, St. Peter at Gowts

Mary, c. 1821, Lincolnshire ... buried 1842, St. Michael, Lincoln

Jane, c. 1822, Lincolnshire ... buried 1824, St. Michael on the Mount

Hannah, 25 Jan 1825, St. Michael on the Mount, Lincoln

George, c. 1826, Lincoln, Lincolnshire ... buried 1827, St. Michael, Lincoln

George, 3 June 1828, Boston, Lincolnshire

Ann, 17 Feb 1830, Boston, Lincolnshire ... buried December 17.1832, St. Michael, Lincoln

John, 23 August 1832, Boston, Lincolnshire

George (Snr) dies between 1841 and 1851 ... it's looks like probably c. first quarter of 1850

Elizabeth buried 31 May 1858, St. Peter at Gowts, Lincoln

[IMPORTANT NOTE: there appears to be one other Oldfield family about this time with some association to Lincoln, Lincolnshire and it has a forename of Gervase for at least 2 generations ... so, some of these children, especially ones deceased by 1841, could be associated with this other Oldfield family.]

Some additional tidbits ... may or may not be relevant!

1857, The City of Lincoln Directory, Charles Akkrill<sup>6</sup>

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Ashton's- Paddock

7 Elizabeth Oldfield

We also learned that all of the churches mentioned are within about a mile of one another and so the changing allegiances are not so drastic as they might appear ... convenience and locality might be key here!

Walking north up the High St, there's<sup>7</sup>

St Peter at Gowts

St Mark

St Mary le Wigford

<sup>6</sup> [www.historicaldirectories.org](http://www.historicaldirectories.org)

<sup>7</sup> same rootsweb discussion thread as reference previously

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St Benedict  
St Peter at Arches

Just over half a mile from SPaG to SPaA