
Generation No. 1

1. John¹ LOWNDS, d. 2 Sep 1710, at Wetton, Staffs.¹ Married (1) Ellen before 1665. Ellen d. 11 Apr 1676, at Wetton, Staffs.¹ Married (2) Alice before 1679. Alice d. 29 Jul 1718, at Wetton, Staffs.¹

Children of John LOWNDS and Ellen:

- i. **John LOWNDS**, b. 4 Feb 1665, at Wetton, Staffs.
- ii. **Jeremiah LOWNDS**, b. 25 Jul 1669, at Wetton, Staffs.¹

Children of John LOWNDS and Alice:

- 2 i. **Ann LOWNDS**, b. 1 Apr 1679, at Wetton, Staffs.
- 3 ii. **Joseph LOWNDS**, b. 5 Jan 1681/82, at Wetton, Staffs,¹ d. 26 Aug 1743, at Wetton, Staffs.¹
- iii. **Jeremy LOWNDS**. Mentioned in the Will of his father John in 1710

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2. Ann² LOWNDS (*John¹*), b. 1 Apr 1679, at Wetton, Staffs. Married Richard SHELDON 26 Jul 1698, at Wetton, Staffs.¹

Children of Ann LOWNDS and Richard SHELDON:

- i. **Richard SHELDON**.
- ii. **Robert SHELDON**.
- iii. **John SHELDON**.
- iv. **Ann SHELDON**. Blanche Charles of New Zealand is descended from Ann Sheldon

3. Joseph² LOWNDS (*John¹*), b. 5 Jan 1681/82, at Wetton, Staffs,¹ d. 26 Aug 1743, at Wetton, Staffs.¹ Married Elizabeth MELLOR 13 May 1706, at Wetton, Staffs.¹

Children of Joseph LOWNDS and Elizabeth MELLOR:

- 4 i. **John LOWNDS**, b. 13 May 1707, at Wetton, Staffs,¹ d. 13 May 1796, at Wetton, Staffs.
- ii. **Ann LOWNDS**, b. 3 Feb 1709, at Wetton, Staffs.¹ Married Joseph JACKSON 3 Sep 1728, at Butterton, Staffs.²

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- iii. **Elizabeth LOWNDS**, b. 25 Dec 1710, at Wetton, Staffs.¹
 - iv. **Jeremiah LOWNDS**, b. 13 Nov 1712, at Wetton, Staffs,¹ d. 16 Sep 1772, at Wetton, Staffs.¹
 - v. **Hannah LOWNDS**, b. 17 Apr 1715, at Wetton, Staffs,¹ d. 28 May 1727, at Wetton, Staffs.¹
 - vi. **Joseph LOWNDS**, b. 4 Jun 1717, at Wetton, Staffs,¹ d. 10 Nov 1736, at Wetton, Staffs.¹
 - vii. **Alice LOWNDS**, b. 29 Jul 1719, at Wetton, Staffs.¹ Married Simon OAKDEN 14 May 1742, at Ipstones, Staffs.
 - viii. **Thomas LOWNDS**, b. 12 Jan 1724, at Wetton, Staffs,³ d. 17 Dec 1736, at Wetton, Staffs.¹



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4. John³ LOWNDS (*Joseph², John¹*), b. 13 May 1707, at Wetton, Staffs,¹ d. 13 May 1796, at Wetton, Staffs. Married Dorothy TOWNSEND 17 Feb 1730, at Waterfall, Staffs. She was the daughter of John TOWNSEND and Dorothy. Dorothy TOWNSEND was b. 22 Mar 1705, at Waterfall, Staffs, d. 9 Apr 1793, at Wetton, Staffs.

John was the Donor of the Free school in Wetton. He was the eldest son and probably any wealth and property in the family stayed with John and his descendants, of whom there are many. It is Jim Flack, descended from John, who I have to thank for most of my information on the Lownds in Wetton.

Children of John LOWNDS and Dorothy TOWNSEND:

- i. **Hannah LOWNDS**, b. 28 Nov 1731, at Wetton, Staffs.¹
- ii. **John LOWNDS**, b. 18 Jul 1733, at Wetton, Staffs,¹ d. 11 Mar 1734, at Wetton, Staffs.¹
- iii. **John LOWNDS**, b. 1 Aug 1734, at Wetton, Staffs.¹
- iv. **Dorothy LOWNDS**, b. 19 Jan 1735, at Wetton, Staffs.¹
- v. **Mary LOWNDS**, b. 13 Jul 1740, at Wetton, Staffs.¹
- 6 vi. **Thomas LOWNDS**, b. 12 Dec 1742, at Wetton, Staffs,¹ d. 26 Dec 1822, at Wetton, Staffs.
- vii. **William LOWNDS**, b. 25 Feb 1749, at Leek, Staffs,¹ d. 26 Dec 1822, at Wetton, Staffs.
- viii. **Ellen LOWNDS**, b. 2 Feb 1752, at Wetton, Staffs.¹



5. Jeremiah³ LOWNDS (*Joseph², John¹*), b. 13 Nov 1712, at Wetton, Staffs,¹ d. 16 Sep 1772, at Wetton, Staffs.¹ Married Elizabeth ROBINSON 5 Apr 1736, at Wetton, Staffs.¹

Children of Jeremiah LOWNDS and Elizabeth ROBINSON:

- i. **John LOWNDS**, b. 18 Jul 1736, at Wetton, Staffs.¹
- ii. **Rebecca LOWNDS**, b. 2 Sep 1739, at Wetton, Staffs.¹
- iii. **Anne LOWNDS**, b. 14 Aug 1742, at Wetton, Staffs.¹ Married Richard SHELDON.
- 7 iv. **Joseph LOWNDS**, b. 1 Jan 1745, at Ellastone, Staffs.
- v. **Jeremy LOWNDS**, b. 10 May 1747, at Wetton, Staffs,¹ d. 22 Jan 1748, at Wetton, Staffs.¹
- 8 vi. **Thomas LOWNDS**, b. 20 Jan 1749, at Wetton, Staffs,¹ d. 3 Apr 1770, at Wetton, Staffs.¹
- vii. **Elizabeth LOWNDS**, b. 16 Feb 1752, at Wetton, Staffs.¹
- viii. **William LOWNDS**, b. 9 Mar 1755, at Wetton, Staffs, bur. 21 Feb 1813, at Wetton, Staffs.⁴
- ix. **Jeremy LOWNDS**, b. 12 Feb 1758, at Wetton, Staffs.¹

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6. Thomas⁴ LOWNDS (*John³, Joseph², John¹*), b. 12 Dec 1742, at Wetton, Staffs,¹ d. 26 Dec 1822, at Wetton, Staffs. Married Elizabeth SMITH OR CARRINGTON before 1771. Elizabeth SMITH OR CARRINGTON was b. 1742/43, d. 30 Mar 1827, at Wetton, Staffs.

Children of Thomas LOWNDS and Elizabeth SMITH OR CARRINGTON:

- i. **Dorothy LOWNDS**, b. 1 Sep 1771, at Wetton, Staffs,¹ d. 7 Dec 1782, at Wetton, Staffs.¹
- ii. **William LOWNDS**, b. 1 Aug 1773, at Wetton, Staffs,¹ d. 5 Dec 1793, at Wetton, Staffs.
- iii. **Ann LOWNDS**, b. 4 Feb 1776, at Wetton, Staffs.¹
- iv. **Elizabeth LOWNDS**, b. 20 Sep 1780, at Wetton, Staffs.¹
- 9 v. **Thomas LOWNDS**, b. 8 Feb 1783, at Wetton, Staffs, d. 19 Aug 1872, at Wetton, Staffs.¹
- vi. **Hannah LOWNDS**, b. 2 Oct 1785, at Wetton, Staffs, d. 16 Dec 1785, at Wetton, Staffs.
- vii. **Henrietta LOWNDS**, b. 5 Aug 1787, at Wetton, Staffs, d. 11 Feb 1796, at Wetton, Staffs.

7. Joseph⁴ LOWNDS (*Jeremiah³, Joseph², John¹*), b. 1 Jan 1745, at Ellastone, Staffs. Married Jane TOMSON 30 Dec 1771, at Ellastone, Staffs. She was the daughter of Joseph TOMSON and Hannah. Jane TOMSON was b. 16 Nov 1752, at Ellastone, Staffs, d. 14 Dec 1795, at Wetton, Staffs.

Children of Joseph LOWNDS and Jane TOMSON:

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- i. **Thomas LOWNDS**, b. 25 Dec 1773, at Wetton, Staffs.¹
 - ii. **Joseph LOWNDS**, b. 21 Apr 1776, at Ellastone, Staffs.
 - iii. **Martha LOWNDS**, b. 10 May 1778, at Ellastone, Staffs.
 - iv. **Sarah LOWNDS**, b. 25 Jun 1780, at Ellastone, Staffs.
 - v. **William LOWNDS**, b. 6 Oct 1782, at Ellastone, Staffs.
 - vi. **Jane LOWNDS**, b. 31 Mar 1785, at Wetton, Staffs.
 - vii. **Jeremiah LOWNDS**, d. 1788, at Wetton, Staffs.
 - viii. **Hannah LOWNDS**, b. 9 Mar 1789, at Wetton, Staffs, d. 29 Oct 1789, at Wetton, Staffs.
 - ix. **Ann LOWNDS**, b. 9 Mar 1789, at Wetton, Staffs, d. 7 Jan 1795, at Wetton, Staffs.
 - x. **John LOWNDS**, b. 22 Apr 1792, at Wetton, Staffs, d. ? 1793, at Wetton, Staffs.
 - xi. **Jane LOWNDS**, b. 22 Jun 1794, at Wetton, Staffs.

8. Thomas⁴ LOWNDS (*Jeremiah³, Joseph², John¹*), b. 20 Jan 1749, at Wetton, Staffs,¹ d. 3 Apr 1770, at Wetton, Staffs.¹ Married Elizabeth SMITH 1767, at Ellastone, Staffs.² Elizabeth SMITH was b. 1767, at Ellastone, Staffs.²

Children of Thomas LOWNDS and Elizabeth SMITH:

- i. **Thomas LOWNDS**, b. 1775, at Ellastone, Staffs.²
- ii. **Cicely LOWNDS**, b. 1780, at Ellastone, Staffs.²
- iii. **Thomas LOWNDS**, b. 1781, at Grindon, Staffs.²
- iv. **Millicent LOWNDS**, b. 1782, at Ellastone, Staffs.² Married Frances REDFERN 1807.²

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9. Thomas⁵ LOWNDS (*Thomas⁴, John³, Joseph², John¹*), b. 8 Feb 1783, at Wetton, Staffs, d. 19 Aug 1872, at Wetton, Staffs.¹ Married Mary WHITE 4 Jun 1807, at Alstonfield, Staffs. Mary WHITE was b. 1788, d. 9 Dec 1853, at Wetton, Staffs.

Children of Thomas LOWNDS and Mary WHITE:

- i. **Elizabeth LOWNDS**, b. 8 Aug 1808, at Wetton, Staffs,¹ d. Sep 1808, at Wetton, Staffs, bur. 9 Sep 1808, at Wetton, Staffs.¹
- ii. **William LOWNDS**, b. 9 May 1813, at Wetton, Staffs,¹ d. 29 May 1836.
- iii. **Hannah LOWNDS**, b. 24 Jun 1816, at Wetton, Staffs,¹ d. 1886.
- iv. **John LOWNDS**, b. 20 Mar 1818, at Wetton, Staffs.¹

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- v. **Thomas LOWNDS**, b. 11 Jun 1820, at Wetton, Staffs,¹ d. 1820, at Wetton, Staffs.
 - vi. **Thomas LOWNDS**, b. 4 Apr 1824, at Wetton, Staffs,¹ d. 1903.
 - vii. **Francis LOWNDS**, b. 23 Apr 1826, at Wetton, Staffs.¹
 - 11 viii. **Hall LOWNDS**, b. 26 Apr 1829, at Wetton, Staffs,¹ d. 9 Nov 1906, at Wetton, Staffs.⁵
 - ix. **Richard LOWNDS**, b. 4 May 1830, at Wetton, Staffs.¹
 - x. **George LOWNDS**, b. 15 Apr 1832, at Wetton, Staffs.¹

10. Thomas⁵ LOWNDS (*Joseph⁴, Jeremiah³, Joseph², John¹*), b. 25 Dec 1773, at Wetton, Staffs.¹ Married Sarah BIRCH 19 Jan 1795, at Wetton, Staffs.⁴ She was the daughter of William BIRCH and Elizabeth. Sarah BIRCH was b. 6 Aug 1777, at Wetton, Staffs, bur. 31 Jul 1868, at Wetton, Staffs.

In 1841 Thomas was a Joiner in Wetton and had a wife Sarah and children Joseph(30), Mary (30) and Elizabeth Redfern(7)



Children of Thomas LOWNDS and Sarah BIRCH:

- 12 i. **Thomas LOWNDS**, b. 12 Jul 1797, at Wetton, Staffs.
- ii. **William LOWNDS**, b. 1 Sep 1799, at Wetton, Staffs, bur. 12 Apr 1824, at Wetton, Staffs.
- iii. **Mary LOWNDS**, b. 5 Aug 1802, at Wetton, Staffs.
- iv. **John LOWNDS**, b. 6 May 1804, at Wetton, Staffs, d. 16 Apr 1806, at Wetton, Staffs.
- 13 v. **Ellen LOWNDS**, b. 1 Mar 1807, at Wetton, Staffs, d. 31 Mar 1870, at Wetton, Staffs.
- vi. **Joseph LOWNDS**, b. 10 Nov 1810, at Wetton, Staffs.



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11. Hall⁶ LOWNDS (*Thomas⁵, Thomas⁴, John³, Joseph², John¹*), b. 26 Apr 1829, at Wetton, Staffs,¹ d. 9 Nov 1906, at Wetton, Staffs.⁵ Married Hannah. Hannah was b. 1832, d. 11 Jan 1866, at Wetton, Staffs.

Children of Hall LOWNDS and Hannah:

- i. **Mary Elizabeth LOWNDS**, b. about 1862, at Wetton, Staffs,⁵ d. 17 Feb 1864, at Wetton, Staffs.⁵

12. Thomas⁶ LOWNDS (*Thomas⁵, Joseph⁴, Jeremiah³, Joseph², John¹*), b. 12 Jul 1797, at Wetton, Staffs, bur. 27 Oct 1866, at Wetton, Staffs. Married Ellen. Ellen was b. about 1793, d. 14 May 1866, at Wetton, Staffs.⁶



In 1841 Thomas was a lead miner and had a wife, Ellen, and children John(10), Samuel(7) and Elizabeth(2)

Children of Thomas LOWNDS and Ellen:

- i. **John LOWNDS**, b. 1831, at Wetton, Staffs.
- ii. **Samuel LOWNDS**, b. 1834, at Wetton, Staffs. Married Ellen BELFIELD 3 Jan 1856, at Wetton, Staffs.
- iii. **Elizabeth LOWNDS**, b. 1839, at Wetton, Staffs.

13. Ellen⁶ LOWNDS (*Thomas⁵, Joseph⁴, Jeremiah³, Joseph², John¹*), b. 1 Mar 1807, at Wetton, Staffs, d. 31 Mar 1870, at Wetton, Staffs. Married Matthew REDFERN 8 Jul 1828, at Wetton, Staffs.⁷ He was the son of Thomas REDFERN and Mary. Matthew REDFERN was b. 31 May 1807, at Wetton, Staffs.



In 1851 Ellen was a pauper, living in Wetton with her daughter Lydia (9) and son John (2) Nearby were her parents, Thomas & Sarah Lowndes, also paupers, with the rest of Ellen's children - Mary Ann (14), Louisa (11) and Jane (5)

Matthew was described as a cordwainer to about 1840, and then as a shoemaker

Children of Ellen LOWNDS and Matthew REDFERN:

- i. **Mary REDFERN**, b. 26 Apr 1827, at Wetton, Staffs, d. 20 Mar 1831, at Wetton, Staffs.
- ii. **Sarah REDFERN**, b. 8 May 1831, at Wetton, Staffs,⁴ d. 25 Feb 1833, at Wetton, Staffs.
- iii. **Thomas REDFERN**, b. 3 Feb 1833, at Wetton, Staffs,⁴ d. 8 Apr 1833, at Wetton, Staffs.
- iv. **Elizabeth REDFERN**, b. 2 Feb 1834, at Wetton, Staffs.⁴
- v. **Mary Ann REDFERN**, b. 17 Jul 1836, at Wetton, Staffs,⁸ d. 16 Sep 1929, at Biddulph, Staffs. Married George HARRISON 28 Feb 1858, at Ilam, Staffs.⁹ John Dixon is descended from Mary Ann Redfern, his great-grandmother.
- vi. **Louisa REDFERN**, b. 15 Sep 1839, at Wetton, Staffs.⁴
- vii. **Lydia REDFERN**, b. 2 Jan 1842, at Wetton, Staffs.⁴
- viii. **Jane REDFERN**, b. 19 Oct 1845, at Wetton, Staffs.⁴ Married Samuel ADAMS 21 Jan 1868, at Wetton, Staffs.⁴
- ix. **John REDFERN**, b. 29 Sep 1848, at Wetton, Staffs.¹⁰ Married Martha Jane GRIFFITHS. Fellow researchers, Jane Williams and Frank Redfern, are descended from Louisa Jane Redfern (1881) and Frank Redfern (1897) respectively, daughter and son of John and Martha.



Sources and Endnotes

1. Baptismal, Marriage or Burial date from Parish Register
2. Information provided from another researcher
3. Baptismal Certificate, Held by Violet Johnson
4. Wetton Parish Register
5. Monumental Inscription
6. Death Certificate
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