

Jonathan and Elizabeth Cordukes of Sheriff Hutton x3(+1)

I came to these families whilst researching Dennis McKegg 1849-1880. In doing so I discovered three Jonathan Cordukes connected to Sheriff Hutton in Yorkshire all with spouses named Elizabeth. Indeed, one of the Elizabeths was married to two of the Jonathans while one Jonathan was married to two of the Elizabeths.

Dennis McKegg was recorded in the 1851 census described as a nursing baby in the household of Jonathan and Elizabeth Cordukes of the Rectory Buildings, St Dennis, York. Jonathan was described as 48 years of age hailing from Stillington, Yorkshire while his wife Elizabeth was 48 from Kirkbymoorside.

In order to understand the relationship the infant Dennis had to this family and in an effort to find out what happened to Dennis's own family I began researching the Cordukes. The 1861 census recorded Dennis again living with the family this time at 17 Church Lane, in the same vicinity as the Rectory Buildings. By this time Jonathan had died and his son George had become head of the family. In George's 1851 household along with his own wife and children were his mother, sister (Emma) and of course the now 12-year-old Dennis McKegg.

Jonathan Cordukes had married Elizabeth Hill at Sheriff Hutton in 1823. This appears to be the only link they had with Sheriff Hutton. Their first-born Sarah was baptised at Kirkbymoorside. The vicar went over and above in recording this baptism and the register confirms that Jonathan was from Stillington, the son of Jn^o and Ann Cordukes, and Elizabeth was the daughter of W^m & Eliz^h Hill 'of this Town'. This enabled me to confirm the respective parentage of this couple.

However, these were not the only Cordukes known to Sheriff Hutton and there were three other marriages of Jonathan Cordukes with links to Sheriff Hutton. The first was in 1812 in Stillingfleet, Yorkshire between Jonathan Cordukes of Sheriff Hutton and Ann Elizabeth Dunn. Their first-born named Ann Elizabeth was baptised at Sheriff Hutton but sadly died at 9 months.

They had a son named Jonathan who was baptised at Dalby, 21 June 1815. Sadly just a few months later Jonathan senior died and was buried at Sheriff Hutton on 8 October. At death he was described as 29 years of age giving him a birth year of around 1786, however it's worth noting a transcript of a record of the 1812 marriage gave his age at that time as 23 years.

Jonathan's widow Mrs Ann Elizabeth Cordukes remarried in 1822 at Stillingfleet to another man by the same name as her first husband, his same age, and also of Sheriff Hutton. They had three children; Samuel b.1823, Joseph b.1824 and a daughter Ann Elizabeth in 1826. It seems that the mother died 2 months after giving birth and her infant daughter followed her another 10 weeks later. Mrs Ann Elizabeth Cordukes was buried on 1 October 1826 at Sheriff Hutton with her daughter's interment on 10 December.

In 1829 the widower Jonathan Cordukes with two young boys and a teenage stepson married at Pocklington, Yorkshire to the spinster Elizabeth Lawson 15 years his junior. This couple went on to have 6 children the details of which can be found annexed to this paper. In the 1841 census Jonathan and Elizabeth 'Cordux' were in Sheriff Hutton but by 1851 they were farming 275 acres at Stapleton Castle Farm in Darrington (Jonathan was recorded as 64 y.o.

and having been born in Sheriff Hutton). Jonathan retired to Pontefract where he died on 8 December 1858. He was buried 5 days later at Sheriff Hutton where his age was given as 73 years. These respective ages give him a birth year in the range 1885-87.

Elizabeth Cordukes née Lawson survived her husband by 25 years dying in Pontefract in 1884.

So, who were the two Jonathan Cordukes born around the same time and both husbands of Ann Elizabeth Dunn? The census records tell us that the second Jonathan was from Sheriff Hutton and there is a baptismal record of a Jonathan Cordukes christened at Sheriff Hutton the first of October 1886 the son of W[illia]m, a farmer.

But what about the first Jonathan? Well, I think the clue to his origins is to be found in where he had his son baptised. In 1815 just a few months before his death his son was baptised at Dalby 3½ miles from Sheriff Hutton. The baptism record gives the family address as North Ingo in the parish of Sheriff Hutton which confirms that they had not relocated to the parish of Dalby and still resided at the same farm that they had when they baptised their daughter 2 years earlier and where Jonathan's later burial records as his last abode. Which begs the question of why did they travel to Dalby for the baptism of their son?

I would argue from this that this Jonathan Cordukes, whilst farming in Sheriff Hutton, was in fact originally from Dalby and is the Jonathan Cordukes baptised on 2 May 1786 the son of Richard of Dalby Car, Yorkshire. Annexed to this paper are three tables listing the children of the three Jonathan's plus the supporting evidence I've been able to identify.

As ever many thanks go to the fellow researchers who have shared their findings on ancestry.com and from which much of the above has been drawn. Grateful to be corrected wherever I have made errors - just send me an email.

Unfortunately, I'm still none the wiser as to how Dennis McKegg came to be brought up by the Cordukes of York.

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Annex – Tables showing the families of 3 Jonathan Cordukes confirming supporting evidence. Unless otherwise stated census records denote ‘with parents’ on census night.

Jonathan of Dalby Car , Yorkshire 1786-1815			
mar. 1812 to Ann Elizabeth Dunn 1791-1826			
Children	Baptism	1841 Census	1851 Census
Ann Elizabeth	3 Feb 1813 @ Sheriff Hutton	No. Died 1813	
Jonathan	21 Jun 1815 @ Dalby, Yorkshire	Yes. With wife Ann Buckle at Kelfield, Yorkshire	Yes at Kelfield

Jonathan of Sheriff Hutton , Yorkshire 1786-1858			
mar (1) 1822 to Ann Elizabeth Dunn 1791-1826			
Children	Baptism	1841 Census	1851 Census
Samuel	29 Mar 1823 @ Sheriff Hutton	Yes	No. emigrated to Sth Africa 1850 (I think)
Joseph	26 Aug 1824 @ Sheriff Hutton	Yes	Yes. Unmarried farmer in Sheriff Hutton
Ann Elizabeth	1 Oct 1826 @ Sheriff Hutton	No. Died 1826	
mar (2) 1829 to Elizabeth Lawson 1801-1884			
Elizabeth	17 Jul 1831 @ Sheriff Hutton	Yes	Yes
William	28 Apr 1833 @ Sheriff Hutton	Yes	Yes
Rachel	30 Aug 1835 @ Sheriff Hutton	Yes	Yes
Septimus	19 Dec 1837 @ Sheriff Hutton	Yes	Yes. At boarding school in Horsefair, Pontefract
Jonathan	4 Oct 1840 @ Sheriff Hutton	Yes	Yes
Ann Jane	Birth registered 2 nd quart 1843 @ Pontefract	N/A	Yes

Jonathan of Stillington, Yorkshire (1803-1854)			
mar. 1823 to Elizabeth Hill 1804-1861			
Children	Baptism	1841 Census*	1851 Census
Sarah	25 Feb 1824 @ Kirkbymoorside	Yes	Yes. Widowed and with father-in-law
George	26 Nov 1826 @ Stillington	Yes	Yes
John	10 Nov 1827 @ St Saviours, York	Yes	Yes
Elizabeth	25 Nov 1829 @ St Thomas', Stockton-on-Tees, Durham	Yes	Yes. With husband John Hague
Ann	20 Sep 1831 @ Middlesboro [Cordeux]	Yes	Yes with sister Elizabeth
William	13 Jun 1833 @ St Denys with St George, York	No. Died 1834	
Emma	23 Jun 1835 @ St Denys with St George, York	Yes	Yes
Jonathan	17 Dec 1837 @ St Denys with St George, York	Yes	Yes

*Jonathan was not with the family census night 1841 but Elizabeth was.