

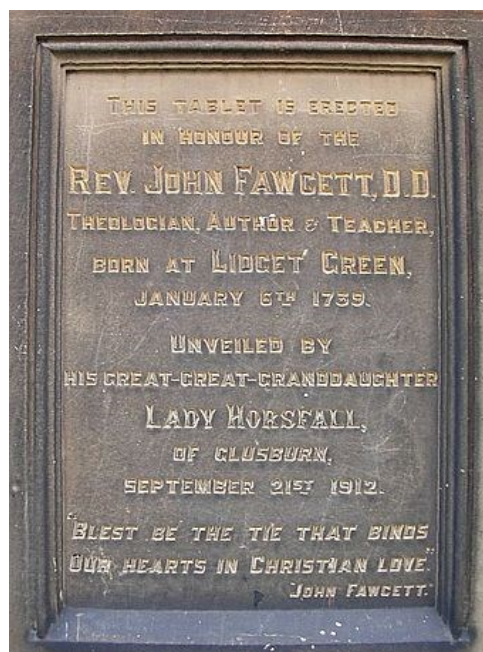
The Family of John Fawcett. 1739-1817

Our latest research has been concerning the family of John Fawcett (1739-1817). John was born in Bradford but spent most of his life as a Baptist Minister here in Hebden Bridge. It is the bicentenary of his death this year and Hope and Wainsgate Chapels along with our society are staging various events to commemorate this.

Our role has been slightly different from our usual research. Rather than looking for ancestors of John Fawcett we have been looking for descendants so we can invite a few to join in the celebrations.



John Fawcett 1814



Memorial to John Fawcett in New Testament Church of God, Bradford

So far we have been able to trace two branches of the family where there may be descendants. We began by using marriage and census records to follow the lines of these families. The family tree for those two branches is shown on the next page.

We had discovered on Wikipedia a link to the Horsfall side of the family from the plaque in Bradford erected by his 2x great granddaughter, Lady Horsfall, born Sarah Fawcett at Brearley. Her husband, John Cousin Horsfall, born in Hebden Bridge, inherited a spinning business in Glusburn from his first wife, Elizabeth Hartley. John C. Horsfall was awarded a peerage in 1909 and this made our research much simpler. Through 'The Peerage' records we can follow the family until the present day to the present baronet, Sir Edward J.W. Horsfall and his children and grandchildren. We hope to make contact with the family.'

Some descendants from the other branch of the family are now in Canada. We have managed to contact this family through Claudia Guichon and they are delighted to know about the connection.

Jane, the daughter of Rev John Fawcett, married John Wright at Halifax in 1795; John was a Wine Merchant from London. One of their children, Edward Fawcett Wright, born in

Hebden Bridge, eventually married and had a son, John Skirrow Wright who became a button manufacturer in Birmingham. J S Wright married Sarah Tyrer in 1842 and one of their daughters, Amy, married Edwin Ransom in 1871. Edwin was a miller from Hertfordshire. The Ransoms settled in Kempston, Bedfordshire where they raised a large family; several of their sons emigrated to Canada and North America towards the end of the 19th century. Fawcett Wright Ransom arrived in Canada in 1882 joining his brother Sidney. F W Ransom married Mabel Arde and the family eventually moved to Winnipeg. F W Ransom was always interested in improving education and took an active part in achieving that. He also was very active in establishing co-operatives in farming. F W Ransom died in 1959. His daughter, Hilda, became a dietician and married Claude McPherson of Winnipeg in 1940. One of their daughters, Claudia born in 1946, became the youngest person to swim the English Channel in 1963. Claudia married Peter Guichon of Kamloops, British Columbia. Peter is related to Judith Guichon, the 29th Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia.

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The Descendant Family Tree of John Fawcett

