Lancs & Yorks Webdens (Provisional)

Sheet 42

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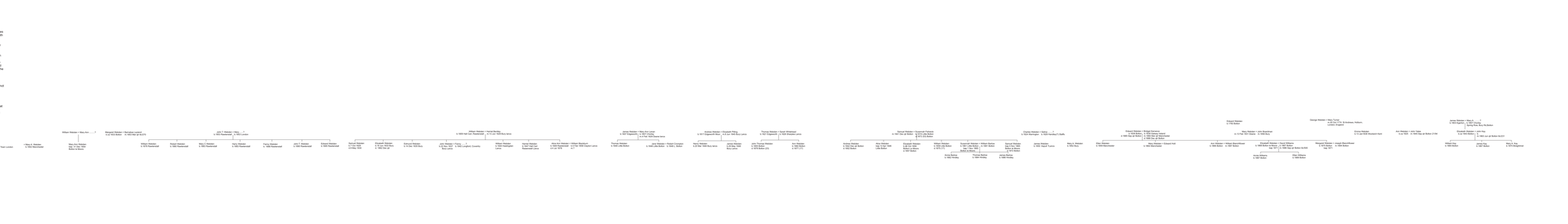
Notes on Sheet 42

There is little evidence of the origins of the Webden surname. Most of the families bearing this name were located in Bolton, Bury and Rawtenstall (Lancashire) with isolated families in London and Buckingham.

The name could be geolocational with the hamlet of "Webden" or "Wibden" near Chepstow, Gwent.

The name is possibly a mis-transcription of the name Hebden, where the written "H" is sometimes mistakenly omitted. This could be the reason behind the subsequent official or ecumenical records. The earliest modern examples of the name appear in the first half of the 19th century, but by the 1930's the name had almost disappeared because of female marriages and early mortality amongst the males.

There is a curious lack of civil birth death and marriage registrations amongst Webdens. This may be because spelling errors in the name may have been made when the original registration was made, or the birth/death/marriage was not registered at all. It may also be because in the official UK censuses the name "Hebden" has been transcribed from the individual family schedules into the transcribed books as "Webden" but I haven't thought of any way of cross-checking this.

This Chart (Sheet 42) is still very much a "work in progress". There may still be at least two Webden families in the U.K. and there may be more in the USA. We welcome any comments or any other Webden/Hebden/Webdenson/Webdenson(s) could add anything to these notes or links to the family groups above!

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