

THE GREATER WIGSTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

People of Wigston 001

Abraham FORRYAN 1777 to 1850

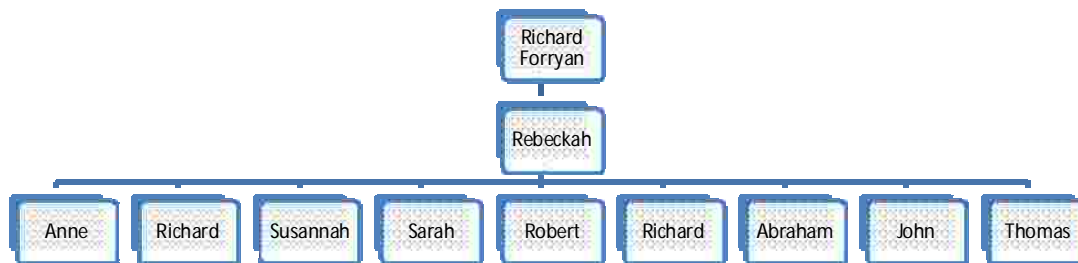
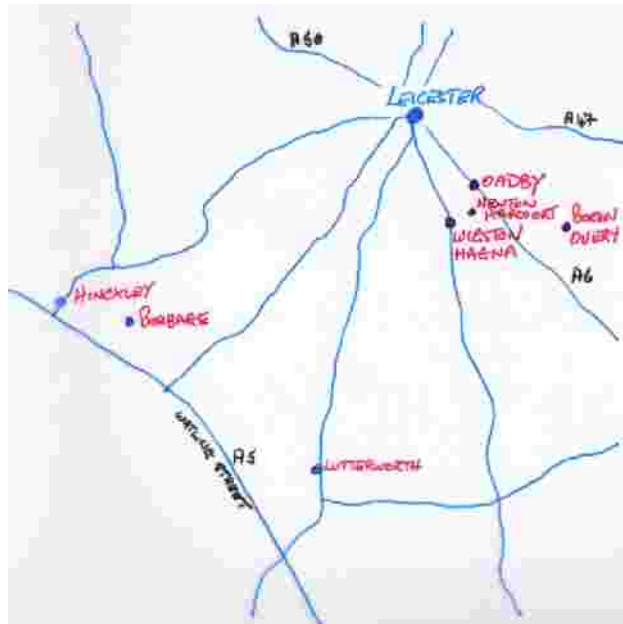
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The Society provides the framework for individuals to write about their ancestors who lived in the Greater Wigston area. All documents are held in the GWHS library in electronic format and are fully searchable. It is the Society's hope that all documents will eventually be available online to all researchers.

Summary

The Forryan family arrived in Wigston Magna in 1810 from Burbage in the South West of Leicestershire via Newton Harcourt.

Abraham's family had lived in Burbage for over 470 years as indicated in the records with John Forryan assessed at £22 in goods and paid tax of 11 shillings on same. GEN025
His family were farmers and farm labourers.



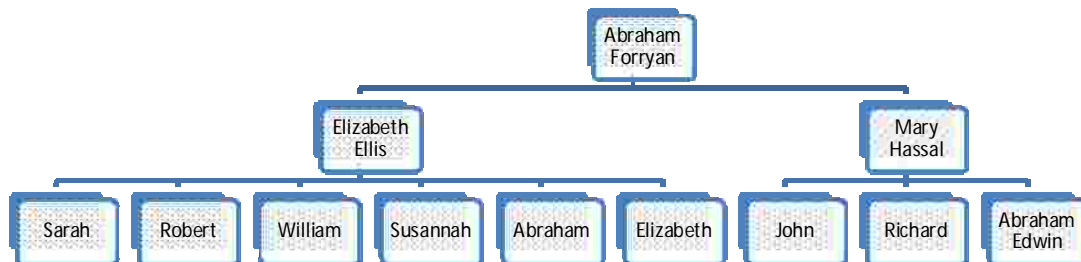
Abraham was 28 years old when, in 1805, he visited the Ellis family in Newton Harcourt near Wigston presumably to help with the harvest. Abraham was back in Newton Harcourt in March 1806 when on the 2nd of the month he married Elizabeth Ellis at Wistow Church. PAR024

In April 1806 Elizabeth gave birth to Sarah at Newton Harcourt and she was christened on the 13th April at Wistow Church.

In April 1808 Robert was born in Burton Overy and christened on the 4th of April at Wistow Church.

It is assumed that the family lived in Newton Harcourt with the Ellis family but this has not been proven.

The family moved to Wigston between 1808 and the 5th January 1810 when William was born in Wigston Magna. PAR023



Elizabeth died 19th October 1821 shortly after the birth of her 6th child. This child was christened Elizabeth on the 21st October 1821 at All Saints Wigston Magna. PAR003

Elizabeth was buried in All Saints Church yard. Her grave stone has been relocated and is now set alongside the main pathway to the church door.



Grave stone of Elizabeth Forryan



Grave stone of Abraham Forryan

Abraham lived with his family for another 24 years before marrying again this time to Mary Hassal when he was 68 years old. Abraham had 3 more children with Mary:- John b. 1845, Richard b. 1846 and Abraham Edwin b. 1850. Sadly Abraham never saw his third child, Abraham Edwin as he died aged 73, on 13th June 1850 before his birth.

Abraham was buried in All Saints Church yard. His grave stone has been relocated and is now set alongside Elizabeth's grave stone on the main

pathway to the church door.

Probate of the Last Will and Testament of Abraham Forryan WIL005 was dated 7th October 1850 and contained the following:-

- Wife Mary
 - £80 cash
 - Bedstead, mattress, bolster, pillows, sheets, blankets & coverlid
 - Plate, linen and china that was hers at the time of marriage.
- Son John (Held in Trust until 21)
 - Clock
 - £100 cash
- Son Abraham
 - Silver Spoons
 - 2 table spoons marked "AF" and sugar bowls
 - Share of wearing apparel
- Son William
 - 3 pictures
 - Share of wearing apparel
- Son Robert
 - Share of wearing apparel
- Son Richard (Held in Trust until 21)
 - £100 in cash

Timeline

Date	Occurrence	Reference
1777	Born Burbage Leicestershire	PAR012
3/12/1777	Baptised Burbage Leicestershire	PAR012
1837	Occupation Farmer Wigston Magna Leicestershire	PAR001
1838	Occupation Farmer Wigston Magna Leicestershire	MAR028
1841	Census – Living at Forryan Lodge Wigston Magna Leicestershire	CEN005
25/8/1845	Marriage to Mary Hassal – Copy Certificate	MAR036
13/6/1850	Died Wigston Magna Leicestershire	GEN087
16/6/1850	Buried at All Saints Church Wigston Magna	NBI
7/10/1850	Will of Abraham Forryan	WIL005

Children

Name	Overview
Sarah	Born April 1808 at Newton Harcourt – Christened 13 th April 1808 at Wistow Church. Married Benjamin Wignall 6 th November 1826 in Wigston Magna. Had 8 children GEN127 Died 1858 in Wigston Magna and was buried at St Wistan’s Church on 24 th February 1858.
Robert	Born April 1808 at Burton Overy – Christened 4 th April 1808 at Wistow Church. Moved to Oadby between 1841 and 1845 where he was a farmer and grazier. Married Jane Eldridge of Lubbenham 15 th November 1834 at Lubbenham Church. Had 9 children. Died 26 th February 1883 in Oadby and was buried at Oadby cemetery on 1 st March 1883.
William	Born January 5 th 1810 in Wigston – Christened 11 February 1810 at All Saints Church Wigston Magna. Married Jane Goodwin 5 th October 1841 at the Parish Church Great Wigston. They had 6 children between 1842 and 1858. Died 1 st February 1892 and was buried later that month in Wigston Cemetery. Some of the children left Wigston and went to Nottingham – Canada, Walsall – Australia.
Susannah	Susannah (Susan) was born 2 nd February 1816 in Wigston and was christened 17 th May 1837 (part of a family christening) at All Saints Church Wigston Magna. She married Thomas Randle on 5 th November 1838. They had 10 children the first child, Betsy, retaining the Forryan name. She died 9 th November 1887 in Wigston Magna.
Abraham	Born in 1819 but not christened until 17 th May 1837 (part of a family christening) at All Saints Church Wigston Magna. He married Elizabeth Evitt on 15 th October 1838 at the Parish Church Wigston. They had 11 children between 1839 and 1860. He died in 1895 in Wigston Magna.
Elizabeth	Born October 1821 in Wigston Magna and christened 21 st October 1821 at the Parish Church Wigston Magna. She died 6 th January 1822 and was buried in Wigston Cemetery.
John	Born 1845 in Wigston Magna and christened 2 nd November 1845 at the Parish Church Wigston Magna.
Richard	Born 1846 in Wigston Magna and christened 10 th November 1846 at the Parish Church Wigston Magna
Abraham Edwin	Born 1850 in Wigston Magna and christened 1 st December 1850 at the Parish Church Wigston Magna. He married Mary Jane Living on 14 th February 1870 at Stamford in the county of Rutland. They lived in Stamford and their 5 children were all born there. At some stage after 1881 they moved to Leicester where he died on 13 th July 1919.

Bibliography

CEN005	1841 Census for Wigston Magna
GEN025	Dates and occurrences obtained from Tom Forryan of Burge 3rd March 1988
GEN087	Grave stone inscription of Elizabeth Forryan wife of Abraham Forryan
GEN127	Wignall family details including Sarah Forryan from Bob Wignall of Wigston
MAR028	Marriage Certificate of Susan Forryan to Thomas Randle 5 November 1838
MAR036	Marriage Certificate of Abraham Forryan to Mary Hassal 25 August 1845
PAR001	Christening Records of All Saints Church Wigston Magna
PAR003	Baptism of Elizabeth Forryan 21 October 1821
PAR012	Baptism of Abraham Forryan 3 December 1777
PAR023	Baptism of William Forryan (Farren) 11 February 1810
PAR024	Marriage of Abraham Forryan to Elizabeth Ellis 2 March 1806
WIL005	Will of Abraham Forryan Probate 7 October 1850
NBI	National Burials Index

The above references relate to the archive records held by Mike Forryan.