

Benjamin Brettell, FATHER OF John born about 1818:

Christened 18 August 1776 Bromsgrove, parents Benjamin Brettell & Nancy Partridge

Married first Elizabeth Price 14 Sept 1806 at Kingswinford, Staffordshire

Married second Nancy Hardemen at Halesowen 23 August 1818

Benjamin died before 1846 as he listed as deceased on daughter Lucy's wedding cert.

Benjamin was a Widower in 1818 when he Married Nancy Hardeman (who was under age), she had Parents Consent, both of the Parish, Witnesses were Wm and Lucy Hardman (Info added by Linell.)

Occupation - Nailer (daughter Lucy's marriage cert)

Source= Black Country Connections

Benjamin Brettell, father of Benjamin who married Nancy Hardeman

Christened 1741 at Halesowen

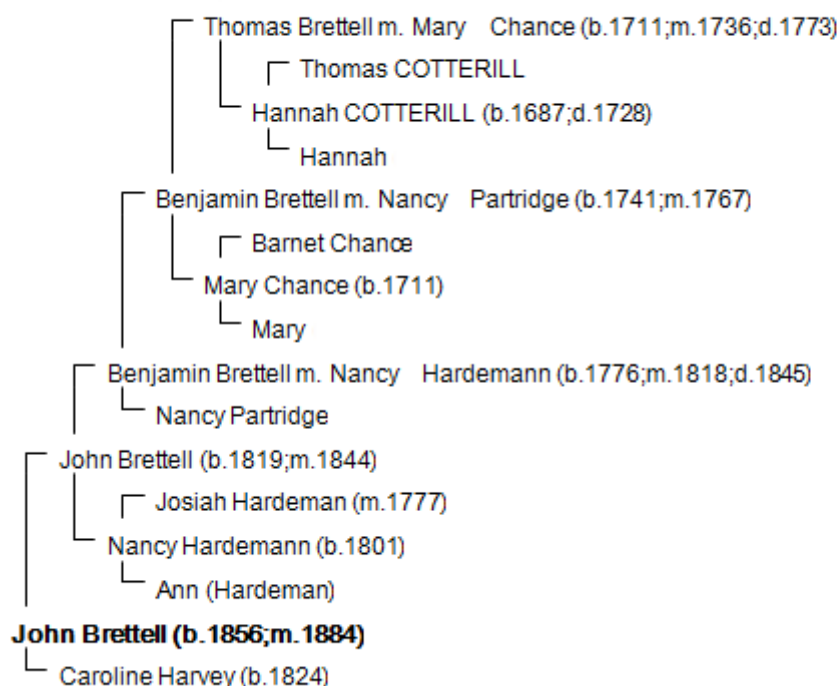
Married Nancy Partridge 28 May 1767 at Halesowen

Father of Benjamin Brettell senior was Thomas Brettell

Thomas married Mary Chance Halesowen 26 Sept 1736

... THIS IS ALSO MY LINE! THOMAS AND MARY ARE OUR FIRST COMMON ANCESTORS.

Ancestors of John Brettell



Caroline Harvey

Name Caroline Harvey

Gender Female

Baptism Date 18 Jul 1824

Baptism Place Oldbury, Worcester, England

Parents Mary Harvey
William Harvey

The christening of Caroline above makes her a likely candidate to have been living with John in the 1841 census.

1841 Census:

At Spon Lane, Smethwick, Harborne

John Brittle 20 **Nailor J** not born Staffordshire bn abt 1821

Caroline Brittle 15 do not born Staffordshire

Sarah Ann Brittle 1mo not born Staffs

*There is **no relationship given** so the John and Caroline could have been living as husband and wife or brother and sister*

At Cottwallend, **Wolverhampton**, Sedgley

Henery Brittle 45 Miner born Staffs

Ellen Brittle 45 born Staffs

John Brittle 24 born Staffs born abt 1817

Richard Brittle 20 born Staffs

Joseph Brittle 18 born Staffs

At Gospelend Road, Sedgley, Staffs (**borough of Wolverhampton**)

John Brettell 20 Sawyer born Staffordshire born abt 1821

Elizabeth Brettell 20 born Staffordshire

Thomas Brettell 3mths born Staffordshire

At West Bromwich

Thomas Brettell 40 Smith not born Staffs

Catherine Brettell 45 not born Staffs

Nathan Brettell 20 CL born Staffs

Thomas Brettell 15 Smith born Staffs

William Brettell 15 CL born Staffs

John Brettell 22 born Staffs born abt 1819

Catherine Brettell 8 born Staffs

At Brettell Lane Kingswinford

Noah Buttell 50 Unreadable born Staffs

Sarah Buttell 50 born Staffs

Phebe Buttell 25 born Staffs

John Buttell 25 Iron Roller born Staffs born abt 1816

Although indexed as BUTTELL it looks like BRETTELL on the census sheet.

Marriages Dec 1844

BRITTLE John [W Bromwich](#) 18 744

Harvey Caroline [W Bromwich](#) 18 744

John Brittle, 26, bachelor, chain maker, residing W. Bromwich, **father's name not given!!!! AAARRGGHH!!!**

Makes his birth year 1818

Caroline Harvey, 21, spinster, residing W. Bromwich, father William Harvey, Bricklayer

1851 census:

At West Bromwich

John B??	32	Head	Chainsmith	born Worcs, Lyescote?	born 1819
Caroline B??	28	Wife	"	born Worcs, Oldbury	

(Surname looks like BRITTELL scratched out on census form)

Birth:

1851 12 BRETTELE Priscilla W. Bromwich 18 620 Parents John & Caroline?

1861 Census:

At Bilston Rd Wolverhampton

John Brittle	40	Head	Bolt & Pin maker(?)	born Lye Waste	bn 1821
Caroline Brittle	38	Wife		born Worcs, Tad? Bank	bn 1823
Priscella Brittle	9	Daur	Scholar	born Staffs, Hill Top?	bn abt 1852
John Brittle	4	Son		born Tividale, Worcs	bn abt 1857
Mary Brittle	1	Daur		born Tipton Staffordshire	bn abt 1860

1862

Samuel Brettell is born to John and Caroline Registration **Wolverhampton**. **John is a Rivet Maker**.

There were two John BRETTELLS born to different parents about 1857 as seen in the census below ...

(Both Johns had siblings named Samuel but one Samuel was born abt 1862 and one about 1869)

1871 Census:

At Wolverhampton

John Bretell	58	Head	Bolt Forger	born Lye Waste	born abt 1813
Caroline Bretell	48	Wife		born Worcs Tad? Bank	bn 1823
John Bretell	14	Son		Tividale, Worcs	born abt 1857
Samuel Bretell	9	Son		born Wolverhampton , Staffs	born abt 1862 right age for our Sam!

In 1871 Priscilla Brittle is a servant, aged 19, in Biltson, Staffs, born Hill Top, Staffs. Hill Top is a 'ward' of Wednesbury South.

Also in 1871

At Waste Bank, Wollescote

Charles Brettell	36	Head	Chain Maker	Oldswinford	born abt 1835	
Roda Brettell	38	Wife	Chain Maker	Oldswinford	born abt 1833	nee Cartwright
Sarah Brettell	16	Daur	Chain Maker	Oldswinford		
John Brettell	14	Son	Chain Maker	Oldswinford		bn abt 1857
Ann Brettell	12	Daur	Scholar	Oldswinford		
Eliza Brettell	10	Daur	Scholar	Oldswinford		
William Brettell	8	Son		Oldswinford		
Samuel Brettell	2	Son		Oldswinford		bn abt 1869 wrong age to be our

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Hannah Brettell	2 Months	Daur		Oldswinford	
William Brettell	43	Boarder	Chain Maker	Oldswinford	(deaf and dumb) bn abt 1818

So far we have 4 birth years for John... 1813 (1871 census) 1818 on marriage cert, 1819 (1851) and 1821 (1861 census) !!!

Some time between 1871 and 1878 the family moved to Hartlepool and Darlington

Death:

1878 Sep qtr BRETTELL **Caroline** Hartlepool Age 55 10a 73 Born abt 1823

1881:

The two brothers John and Samuel Brettell were living next door to each other in Darlington in 1881:

The district of Darlington spans the boundaries of the counties of Co. Durham and North Riding of Yorkshire

1881 Census:

At 53 Gurney St Darlington

William Thompson	36	Head	Insurance Agnt & Genl Dealer	born Carlisle	
Catherine Thompson	34	Wife		born Scotland	
Thomas F. Thompson	9	Son		born Scotland	
Henry Thompson	8	Son		born Darlington	
Elizabeth J. Thompson	6	Daur		born Darlington	
Frank Thompson	5	Son		born Darlington	
Edith Thompson	3	Daur		born Darlington	
William Thompson	1	Son		born Darlington	
George Stephenson	61	Boarder	Widower Labourer ??? Works	born Yorkshire	
Samuel Brettell	19	Boarder Unmarr	Labourer ??? Works	born Wolverhampton	bn abt 1862

At 55 Gurney Street Darlington

William Plumpton	29	Head	Railway Guard	born Durham	
Charlotte Plumpton	21	Wife		born Yorkshire	
Mary Plumpton	65	mother		born Yorkshire West Milton	
Thomas Wrathall(?)	44?	Boarder	Labourer	born Yorkshire Thornton	
John Brettell	24	Boarder Unmarr	Nut & Bolt Mkr	born Divedale, Worcs	bn abt 1857

Also in 1881:

At 22 Landsdown St Darlington

John Brittle	60	Head	Nut and bolt maker	Worcs, Stourbridge	bn abt 1821
Sarah Brittle	61	Wife		Staffs Brierly Hill	bn abt 1820

Is this our John senior? It is in the same Registration district as John junior and Samuel (Darlington, North, St Paul). This John has the correct occupation and he is from the right district of Worcestershire.

Did John and Caroline and the two boys move to Darlington together?

Did Caroline pre-decease John and he remarried a Sarah? There is a death of a Caroline Brettell aged 55 Hartlepool Sept qtr 1878.

Our Caroline was 48 in 1871 so she would have been 55 in 1878.

In 1881 Priscilla is indexed at Ancestry as Priscilla Bretolf. She is a boarder and a 'Student Missionary' in London at South Hackney and is born Hilltop, Wednesbury, Staffordshire. Wednesbury is just to the north of West Bromwich.

There is a **marriage of a Caroline Priscilla Brettell in Dudley in 1882**, March qtr, 6c/65. Our Priscilla, daughter of John and Caroline would have been 31 years old. Did she become a missionary and marry another missionary?

Marriages Jun 1881

BRETTELL Samuel [Darlington](#) 10a [59](#) Was this our Samuel?
TURNER Hannah [Darlington](#) 10a [59](#) Was this Annie?

Samuel's address is 53 Gurney Street Darlington, his occupation is Sawyer, and his **father is John Brettell Nut and Bolt Maker**. It does not say his father is deceased.
Witnesses: Mary Ann John and Chas H Leach.

Births:

1883	9	BRETTELL	Lily	Darlington	10a	28	
1886	9	BRETTELL	Caroline Annie	Darlington	10a	10	
1888	9	BRITTLE	Rosina	W. Ham	4a	109	Samuel Brettell & Annie (1891)
1892	12	BRETTELL	Priscilla Harvey	W. Ham	4a	102	Sent to Canada (<i>when??</i>)
1896	12	BRETTELL	John Thomas	W. Ham	4a	165	

Marriages Jun 1884

Brettell John [Hartlepool](#) 10a [182](#)
Garrott Elizabeth [Hartlepool](#) 10a [182](#)

On the marriage cert John's address is given as 67 Sarah St Hartlepool, his **occupation is Nut and Bolt Maker** and **his father is John Brettell Nut and Bolt Maker**. It does not say his father is deceased.
Witnesses: Ralph Brown and Dorothy Jane Witton.

Possible Death for John senior:

1884 6 BRETTELL John **Hartlepool** 10a 182

1888 - Darlington: John's (senior) wife Sarah died in first quarter of 1888:

Deaths Mar 1888

BRETTELL Sarah age 68 [Darlington](#) 10a [3](#) Born abt 1820 Wife of John Senior?

1890 - Cockerton, Darlington: John Jr & Elizabeth's daughter Minnie is born

1891 Census:

Cockerton, Darlington

John Brettell	Head	33	Nut and Bolt Maker	born	Worcestershire	
Elizabeth Brettell	Wife	32		born	Shropshire	nee GARROTT
Harry Brettell	Son	6		born	Durham, Darlington	birth reg'd Sept qtr 1885 Darlington
Ernest Brettell	Son	4		born	Durham, Darlington	bn abt 1887
Minnie Brettell	Daur	1		born	Cockerton, Darlington	

At West Ham, Essex

Samuel Brettell	28	Head	General Labourer	born	Wolverhampton	bn abt 1863
Annie Brettell	30	Wife		born	North Walsham	bn abt 1861 (Norfolk?)
Lily Brettell	7	Daur	Scholar	born	Darlington	bn abt 1884
Risina Brettell	2	Daur		born	Silvertown Essex	bn abt 1889 (West Ham)
Polly Chatterton	19	Logger		born	Kent	

1892-1894 Darlington: Birth of John Junior's children: Emily, Edwin & Albert

1898 West Hartlepool: Birth of John Junior's daughter May Brettell
Death of Samuel Brettell 8 Hill Street, Seaton Carew, West Hartlepool

Death of Samuel

1898 3 BRETTELL **Samuel** **Hartlepool** 36 **11a** 142 Husband of Hannah (nee TURNER)? Born abt 1862

1900 - Darlington: **John (senior) Brettell's death** (Mar.18) at Darlington Union Workhouse
(Cockerton) Occupation: General Labourer of **Cockerton**. Age 78 (born abt 1822)

1901 Census:72 Whessoe Lane **Darlington**

John Brettell	44	Nut and Bolt Maker	Tiviedale, Worcs
Elizabeth Brettell	43		Shrops, Dorley Green
Harry Brettell	16		Durham, Darlington
Ernest Brettell	13		Durham, Darlington
Minnie Brettell	11		Durham, Darlington
Emily Brettell	9		Durham, Darlington
Albert Brettell	7		Durham, Darlington twin
Edwin Brettell	7		Durham, Darlington twin
May Brettell	3		Durham, West Hartlepool

At Canning Town, Weat Ham, Essex

Annie Brettel (Wid) 42 Boarder born Norfolk, N Walsham bn abt 1859 (no children with her)**1911 Census:**72 Whessol Lane Rise Carr **Darlington**

John Brettell	Head	54	Bolt Maker	Tivadale, Staffs
Elizabeth Brettell	Wife	52		Dorley Freen Shropshire
Ernest Brettell	Son	23	Ironworks Labourer	Durham Darlington
Minnie Brettell	Daur	21	Servant	Durham Darlington
Emily Brettell	Daur	19	Servant	Durham Darlington
Edwin Brettell	Son	16	Apprentice Blacksmith	Durham Darlington
Albert Brettell	Son	16	Ironworks Labourer	Durham Darlington
May Brettell	Daur	12	School	Durham W. Hartleypool
Elizabeth Brettell	Daur	9		Durham W. Hartleypool

Priscilla Brettell was sent to Canada under the British Home Children's scheme.

*Obviously Priscilla Harvey Brettell was named after her aunt Priscilla!***Marriage:**Name [William George Armstrong](#)**Event Type** **Marriage****Event Date** **25 May 1912****Event Place** **Ingersoll, Oxford, Ontario, Canada**

Gender Male

Age 21

Birth Year (Estimated) 1891

Father's Name [David Allan Armstrong](#)Mother's Name [Elizabeth Cronk](#)**Spouse's Name** **Priscilla Harvey Brettle****Spouse's Gender** **Female****Spouse's Age** **19****Spouse's Birth Year (Estimated)** **1893****Spouse's Father's Name** **[Samuel Brettle](#)****Spouse's Mother's Name** **[Annie Turner](#)**

BRETTELLS in Darlington and Hartlepool:

(From Elayne Armstrong)

1861 Census- John Brettell (40) is in Wolverhampton

1878 - Hartlepool: Caroline (Harvey) Brettell's death

1881 - Darlington: Apr. 3 Census: John Brettell (60) has remarried, wife's name is Sarah
(North, St. Paul) Son's Samuel & John are living in same district
May 8: Samuel marries Annie Turner

1884 - Hartlepool: John Junior marries Elizabeth Garrett; residence: 67 Sarah St.

1888 - Darlington: John's wife Sarah died in first quarter of 1888

1890 - Cockerton, Darlington: John Jr & Elizabeth's daughter Minnie is born

1891 - Darlington: Apr. 5 Census: pauper inmate at Darlington Union Workhouse
(St. James) John (70) is listed as widowed
John Junior and family are living in **Cockerton**

1892-1894 Darlington: Birth of John Junior's children: Emily, Edwin & Albert

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1901 - Darlington: John Junior and family are living in Darlington

1911: - Darlington: John Junior and family are living in Darlington at the same address as in 1901.

Turner Family:

1881 Isaac, the oldest child in Annie's family dies but leaves family living in Darlington

1891 Census: Annie's mother is dead and her father is in Yorkshire

Burials at Darlington Cemetery:

Surname	Forename	Register	EntryNo	YearOfEvent	SpouseName	
BRETTELL	Mary	47	238	1882	Unknown	Mary Jane. Jun Qtr 10a/5
BRETTELL	Caroline	53	456	1886	Unknown	Aged 0. Dec Qtr 10a/18. Caroline Annie bn Sept Qtr 1886 10a/10.
BRETTELL	Sarah	55	132	1888	Unknown	Aged 68. 2nd wife of John who she is with in 1881?
BRETTELL	John	23A	436	1914	Unknown	Aged 57 (bn abt 1857). Dec Qtr 10a/31 Father of Minnie
BRETTELL	Harry	27A	349	1916	Unknown	Aged 1. (Bn Mar Qtr 1915 10a/23 mother=Bramley). Died Dec Qtr 10a/33

All Darlington BRETTELL deaths (From FreeBMD):

Surname	First name(s)	Age	District	Vol	Page	Birth Year	Comments:
Deaths Jun 1882							
Brettell	Mary Jane	0	Darlington	10a	4	1882	
Deaths Dec 1886							
BRETTELL	Caroline Annie	0	Darlington	10a	18	1886	
Deaths Mar 1888							
BRETTELL	Sarah	68	Darlington	10a	3	1820	Wife of John Senior?
Deaths Dec 1914							
Brettell	John	57	Darlington	10a	31		
Deaths Dec 1916							
Brettell	Harry	1	Darlington	10a	33		
Deaths Dec 1923							
BRETTELL	Elizabeth	65	Darlington	10a	15		
Deaths Mar 1931							
Brettell	Elizabeth	1	Darlington	10a	75		
Deaths Mar 1932							
Brettell	Mary E	50	Darlington	10a	27		
Deaths Sep 1953							
BRETTELL	George	35	Darlington	1a	171		
Deaths Dec 1957							
BRETTELL	Harriet	55	Darlington	1a	216		
Deaths Mar 1958							
BRETTELL	Albert	63	Darlington	1a	264		

Other Brettells from Hartlepool/Darlington/Durham:

Prior to 1878:

Death:
1848 6 BRITTEL John Darlington 24 36 *Who was this John and was he connected to this Brettell family?*

Reference: BT 351/1/22561
Description: Medal Card of Causer, Walter Brettell
Place of Birth: West Hartlepool
Date of Birth: 1899
Date: [1914-1925]
Held by: The National Archives, Kew

Reference: BT 351/1/22560
Description: Medal Card of Causer, Eric Brettell
Place of Birth: West Hartlepool
Date of Birth: 1897
Date: [1914-1925]
Held by: The National Archives, Kew

Edward Harold James Causer (Henry Causer, **Anna Maria BRETTELL**, Benjamin, Benjamin, John, John, John, Richard, Robert, Richard, Robert) was born on 25 May 1867.

Registered as Edward W Brettell on 1871 census in Manchester England

Edward married **Alice Maud MASON** .

They had the following children:

Eric Brettell Causer was born⁸ about Sep 1897 in Hartlepool, Durham West.

Was Master of 'Foreign'Going' ship in 1921

Cert says was born West Hartlepool in 1897.

He was Lieutenant in the Royal Navy

Walter Brettell Causer was born about Jun 1899.

Alan Edward Brettell Causer was born⁹ about Dec 1901 in Hartlepool, Durham West.

It would seem that Edward Harold Causer, grandson of Edward Causer and Anna Maria (nee BRETTELL) moved to Darlington

John Brettell and **Anna Maria BRETTELL** are (possibly) 6th cousins 1 time removed. Their common ancestors are Robert Brettell * and Phillipp or Margaret or Fortune???. It is unclear who Robert married, when he married or whether the children born to Robert, Robert and Phillipp, Robert and Margaret, and Robert and Fortune in the parish registers are all the same Robert.