

**GEORGE HINDLEY (1743-1839)**

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<b>GEORGE HINDLEY</b>  c1743-15.09.1839  CORDWAINER  m 17.06.1769  MARGARET GANDY  17.04.1743-16.03.1821  WHITLEY (Cheshire)  HOUSEWIFE	HINDLEY NAME	<b>Father:</b> Unknown
	DATE OF BIRTH AND DEATH	<b>Mother:</b> Unknown
	PLACE OF BIRTH	<b>Children:</b> Mary (1769-1857)
	OCCUPATION	Peggy (1771-1795)
	DATE OF MARRIAGE	Ann (1773- )
	NAME OF WIFE/HUSBAND	George(1775-1849)
	DATE OF BIRTH AND DEATH	John (1778- )
	PLACE OF BIRTH	William(1782- )
OCCUPATION		

**Notes** (by D.Jowitt)

With the exception of two Hindley entries in the 1620s the earliest mention of the Hindley name (and the first reference to our Hindley line) in the records for Great Budworth is of the marriage of George Hindley and Margaret Gandy in **1769**. The total absence of the name from the 1620s until the mid 1720s would seem to indicate that George Hindley was born outside the parish. This theory is further supported by the fact that all subsequent Hindleys in the records are (or, in the case of a few very early records, could be) descended from George and Margaret.

Margaret Gandy was baptised a Quaker on June 17th **1743**, daughter of John and Mary Gandy.

George and Margaret were married at Great Budworth on June 20th **1769**, less than a month before the birth of their first child. George was a bachelor, Margaret a spinster. Both were of Great Budworth parish at the time and both signed the marriage book with a cross indicating that they were illiterate (future generations signed by name). Witnesses were John and Ralph Wilkinson. John Wilkinson was Margaret's brother in law, husband of her sister Mary.

The Great Budworth records show the burial of George Hindley of Appleton (the northernmost township in the parish) on September 17th **1839** at the age of 96. This longevity is fortunate for us in that it enables us to obtain a death certificate which tells us a number of things, not least that this is the correct George Hindley, shown by the fact that the informant is George Hindley of Barnton which we know to be his son. George senior died on September 15th, 1839, cause of death is given as "decay of nature".

It also tells us that he was a Cordwainer by profession. This skill of working with leather was to continue for at least a further three generation of shoemakers.

**References**

**1743 Quaker Records at Chester Record Office.** Documents: EFC 1/14/1 and EFC 4/4.

In the Quaker records for Frandley, near Antrobus, the birth of Margaret Gandy is recorded as being at Whitley on 17<sup>th</sup> April 1743. I saw the entries for the birth in the above two documents at Chester in April 1995. There were no Hindleys in the Quaker records.

**1839** I have a copy of the death certificate of George Hindley (c1743-1839).

Web site: Dave Jowitt's web site for Gandys is [www.jarah.demon.co.uk/Plumb/Gandy/detail](http://www.jarah.demon.co.uk/Plumb/Gandy/detail)

**1787 George Hindley as a tenant in Antrobus**

**John Leah's will:-** (John Leah was a Yeoman of Antrobus)

John Leah was George senior's landlord in 1787.

The exact location isn't identified in the magnificent hand written will from 1787.

Two paragraphs are relevant –

"And also my messuage and tenement with the lands and hereditaments thereto belonging in Antrobus aforesaid now in the possession of George Hindley as tenant thereof."

"And upon trust that they the said James Chadwick and John Mairs and the survivor of them his heirs and assigns as soon as conveniently may be after the decease of my said wife shall and do make sale and absolutely dispose of the said messuage and tenement lands and hereditaments now in the possession of George Hindley either by public auction or private contract for the best price and prices and most money that can or may be had or gotten for the same and convert my said personal estate and into money."

*Did George purchase the premises when John Leah's wife died?*

**Almost certainly not as probably the same property came up for sale again in 1831. (See page 4)**

**1791 A probated copy of John Leah's Will.** George and Margaret Hindley together with 16 year old George were tenants in an Antrobus property belonging to John Leah.

**1829 SHOEMAKER APPRENTICESHIP WITH GEORGE HINDLEY OF ANTROBUS, CHESHIRE.**

**This Indenture** made the twenty fifth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine **Between** Isaac Berry of Great Budworth in the County of Chester labourer and Allen Berry his son of the age of thirteen years or thereabouts a poor boy belonging to the Township of Aston in the said County of Chester of the first part George Hindley of Antrobus in the same County Shoemaker of the second part and Samuel Boucher Overseer of the Poor of the said Township of Aston of the third part **Witnesseth** that the said Isaac Berry by and with the consent of the said Allen Berry / testified by his being made a party to and executing these presents **Hath** put placed and bound and by these presents **Doth** put place and bind the said Allen Berry and the said Allen Berry of his own face will and choice and by and with the consent of the said Samuel Boucher as Overseer of the Poor of the said township of Aston **Doth** put place and bind himself Apprentice to the said George Hindley in the trade art mystery or business of a shoemaker to serve him from the day of the date hereof for and during and unto therefore end and term of six years from hence next evening And fully to be complete and ended And the said Allen Berry the Apprentice shall and will faithfully serve his said Master and do observe and perform all and every his lawful and reasonable commands and directions and shall not nor will disclose the same or the secrets of his employment Business or Dealings to any person or persons whomsoever during the said Term but shall and will in all things behave himself towards his said master and all his Family Friends and customers as a faithful honest and diligent apprentice ought to do And the said Isaac Berry for himself his Executors and Administrators do hereby covenant and agree with the said George Hindley his Executors Administrators and Assigns that the said Allen Berry the said Apprentice shall and will well and faithfully serve in manner aforesaid the said George Hindley during the said Term of Six years And shall and will find for the said apprentice or the said Apprentice shall and will find and provide for himself good and sufficient clothes and wearing Apparel / except shoes and aprons / suitable for the said Apprentice to wear during the said term. And the said George Hindley .....

*The remaining wording is missing from the Cheshire Archives. Ref. D 5871/19*

**In 1829 George Hindley was 86 years old and he took on an apprentice for 6 years meaning that George was 92 at the end of the apprenticeship.**

**George was 96 when he died.**

**Was George, at 86years, the oldest person to ever take on an apprentice?**

**Was George a member of the Cordwainers Guild?**

1831 Sale of land tenanted by George Hindley and others.

**TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,**  
*By Mr. George Harbridge,*

At the George Inn, in Warrington, in the county of Lancaster, on Thursday the 9th day of June, 1831, at four o'clock in the afternoon, in the following lots, and subject to such conditions of sale as will be then and there produced,

Lot 1. **A** LL that capital Messuage, Farm, and Tenement, called *Reed House*, with the stable, cow-houses, and outbuildings, and the orchard, garden, and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate and being in the township of Antrobus, within the lordship of Over Whitley, in the parish of Great Budworth, in the county of Chester, and now or late in the occupation of William Ormson, the owner.

And also, all those twelve several Closes, Fields, or Parcels of Land to the said Messuage, Farm, and Tenement belonging, containing together by a late admeasurement thereof, 27a. 2r. of the large Cheshire measure, or 58a. 29p. of the statute measure, or thereabouts, be the same more or less, the whole being now or late in the possession or holding of the said William Ormson.

Lot 2.—All those four several Messuages, or Dwelling-houses, situate and being in Antrobus aforesaid, with the Gardens to the same, and other the Appurtenances thereunto belonging, and now in the several possessions of George Hindley, John Millington, John Postles, and Robert Yarwood, as tenants thereof.

And also, all those three several Closes, Fields, or Parcels of Land, situate in Antrobus aforesaid, and adjoining to the above-mentioned Messuages or Dwelling-houses, containing together by admeasurement thereof, 6a. 30p. of the large Cheshire measure, or 13a. 14p. of the statute measure, or thereabouts, be the same more or less, and now or late in the possession or holding of the said William Ormson.

The property comprised in the above lots, is within a ring fence; is Freehold of Inheritance, and is bounded by the preserves and lands belonging to R. E. E. Warburton, Esq. of Arley Hall, Joseph Leigh, Esq. of Belmont, and George Eaton, of the Pole, in Antrobus aforesaid.

To lot 1 belongs three Moss Rooms or Right of Turbary and Right of Common, on Whitley Reed, within Antrobus aforesaid; and to lot 2 belongs two Moss Rooms or Right of Turbary, and Right of Common on Whitley Reed aforesaid.

The property is distant from Warrington about 7 miles, and from Northwich 4 miles, it is intersected with good roads. The Land is in a high state of cultivation, and has the advantage of having a *Dry Marl Pit*, and the buildings are in good repair.

The property may be seen by applying to the Auctioneer.

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**1839** George died on 15<sup>th</sup> September 1839 at the age of 96 years.

Below is a copy of George Hindley's death certificate.

[Printed by authority of the Registrar General.]

**CERTIFIED COPY of an ENTRY OF DEATH**  
**Pursuant to the Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953**



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Registration District				Warrington					
1839 . Death in the Sub-district of				Budworth in the County of Chester					
No.	When and where died	Name and surname	Sex	Age	Occupation	Cause of death	Signature, description, and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar
161	Fifteenth of September 1839 in Appleton	George Hindley	Male	96 years	Cordwainer	Decay of nature.	George Hindley in attendance Barnton	Sixteenth of September 1839	William Rutter

Certified to be a true copy of an entry in a register in my custody.

*[Signature]* Superintendent Registrar.  
25th January 1995 Date.

CAUTION:—It is an offence to falsify a certificate or to make or knowingly use a false certificate or a copy of a false certificate intending it to be accepted as genuine to the prejudice of any person, or to possess a certificate knowing it to be false without lawful authority.

**1839** George Hindley of Appleton was buried at Great Budworth Church on 17<sup>th</sup> September 1839. He was 96 years old.

<i>George Hindley</i>	<i>Appleton</i>	<i>Sep. 17<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>96 years</i>	<i>G. D. Rutter Vicar</i>
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**1821** Margaret Hindley of Antrobus was buried at Great Budworth Church on 16<sup>th</sup> March 1821. She was just short of 78 years old.

<i>Marg<sup>r</sup>. Hindley</i>	<i>Antrobus</i>	<i>March 16<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>78 years</i>	<i>M. Jones</i>
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