

# PULVERTAFT PAPERS

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## EDITORIAL

This edition reports my findings in two relatively new broad based sources which were searched in the hope that they would suggest new areas for future Pulvertoft research.

As will be seen, the Lincolnshire Marriage Indexes are still being issued and an assessment of their value to our knowledge of the Pulvertofts will come later. As for the 1992 printout of the IGI, it does add a little to the family records - but not a lot.

Each is worth recording in these pages but neither provides the breakthrough for which we are waiting - particularly that elusive link between the PULVERTOFTs and the PULVERTAFTs.

Long may those who dedicate their time to transcribing and indexing original records continue their work as they make such a valuable contribution to one-name studies such as this.

LINCOLNSHIRE MARRIAGE INDEXES - 1754-1837

Over the last ten years or so Lincolnshire family historians have been indexing the marriages of the county for the period before 1837 - the year in which central registration began for births, marriages and deaths in England and Wales. The first set of indexes was published by the Society for Lincolnshire History and Archeology for the period 1813 - 1837 and the second by the Lincolnshire Family History Society for the period 1754 - 1812. A third set for the period 1700 - 1753 is in production.

The marriages were, of course, recorded in parish registers but - rather than amalgamating them into a county-wide index - each set is divided into volumes by deanery, making some twenty three volumes per set. Each of the indexes lists the names of the groom and bride, the year of the marriage and the parish in which it took place. The indexes provide the sort of overview that is found nationally from 1837 in the GRO indexes except that they only include marriages and they are only for Lincolnshire. However, because they cover the period immediately before 1837, they push the overview back to 1754 now and, once the third set is out, back to 1700.

It has long been assumed that the last of the Pulvertofts of Lincolnshire was Mary Ann Pulvertoft who died in 1900 - unless, perhaps, the Pulfords of Aslackby are one day be proved to be descendents in all but name. [See Vol 2, No 2 for such a proposition]. The Lincolnshire Marriage Indexes provide a simple but effective indicator of the family's decline and it must be expected that the process will be seen to have started when the period from 1700 to 1753 is published.

The list overleaf shows in which deanery volume a Pulvertoft or Pulford marriage is recorded - a Pulvertoft entry being noted with a "P" ; a Pulford one with a "p".

VOL	DEANERY	1813-37	1754-1812
1	Lincoln City	p	---
1	Grimsby & Cleethorpes D	---	x
2	Grantham St Wulfram	x	---
2	Grantham St Wulfram & Grantham D	---	x
3	Lincoln City	---	x
4	Graffoe D	x	x
5	Lawres D	x	x
6	Beltisloe D	x	x
7	Westwold D	x	x
8	Calcewaith & Candleshoe D	x	x
9	Haverstoe D	---	x
	Haverstoe, Grimsby & Cleethorpes D	x	---
10	Louthesk D	x	x
11	Yarborough D	x	x
12	Lafford D	p	x
13	West Elloe D	x	p
13A	Spalding St Mary & St Nicholas	---	P
14	East Elloe D	p	P & p
15	Holland East D	x	x
15A	Boston St Botolph	x	x
16	Holland West D	p	P & p
17	Aveland & Ness D	P & p	x
17A	Stamford Churches	p	p
18	Manlake D	---	x
18	Grantham & Loveden D	x	---
19	Horncastle D	x	x
19A	Horncastle St Mary	---	x
20	Bolingbroke D	x	x
21	Corringham D	x	x
22	Gainsborough All Saints Church	---	x
22	Manlake D	x	---
23	Loveden D	---	x
23	Isle of Axholme D	x	---

A map of the deaneries is shown overleaf.

The Pulvertoft and Pulford entries are:

- 1 PULFORD Elizabeth Preston 1836 SHAW John [St Paul]
- 12 PULFORD Robert 1816 ALVEY Maria [Folkingham]
- 13A PULVERTOFT Judith 1768 RICHARDS John  
PULVERTOFT Robert 1780 KEIGHTLEY Amy
- 14 PULFORD Mary 1802 PARTRIDGE Edmund [Long Sutton]  
PULFORD Susan 1811 PECK Robin [Long Sutton]  
PULFORD Thomas 1835 CARRINGTON Jane [Long Sutton]  
PULFORD William 1757 WATSON Mary [Holbeach]  
PULFORD William 1813 WINTER Mary [Long Sutton]  
PULLFORD Alice 1790 FARR William [Long Sutton]  
PULLFORD Thomas 1792 LAWSON Susanna [Long Sutton]  
PULVERTOFT Ann 1783 WAINMAN Oglethorpe [Gedney]
- 16 PULFORD John 1798 PRESTON Sarah [Donington]  
PULFORD John 1832 HOLLDAY Ann (w) [Donington]  
PULFORD John 1834 BALDOCK Elizabeth [Kirton]  
PULSFORD Mary 1827 HEARSON Richard [Donington]  
PULVERTOFT Amy 1789 RODGERSON John [Frampton]
- 17 PULFORD Ann 1837 SCOTCHBROOK George [Bourne]  
PULFORD Joseph 1826 ALLIN Ann [Bourne]  
PULFORD Joseph (w) 1831 HITSON Jane (w) [Bourne]  
PULFORD Mary 1826 LEY George [Bourne]  
PULFORD Thomas 1836 KNOTT Francis [Bourne]  
PULVERT Thomas 1823 THACKER Catherine [Aslackby]
- 17A PULFORD Anne 1794 CHESTER Edmund [St George's]  
PULFORD Elizabeth 1818 SEARSON George [St M's]  
PULFORD Esther 1789 LIGHTFOOT John [St George's]  
PULFORD Joseph 1781 FRISBY Ann [All Saints]  
PULFORD Joseph 1824 POPPLE Elizabeth [All Saints]  
PULFORD Mary 1801 MONCK Thomas [St John's]  
PULFORD Sarah 1798 BUNNING Robert [St George's]  
PULFORD Thomas 1769 BRICE Mary [St Michael's]  
PULFORD William 1806 PEERS Susanna [St John's]  
PULFORD William(w) 1835 CROWDEN Judith(w) [St M's]  
PULLFORT Eleanor 1761 COTTERELL Thomas [All Saints]

The significance of all this data will be assessed when the 1700-1753 indexes are available.

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THE INTERNATIONAL GENEALOGICAL INDEX - 1992 EDITION

The 1978 and 1981 editions of the International Genealogical Index (IGI) were discussed in Vol 1, No 6 of these papers with a short explanation of how the work of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (The Mormons) has resulted in an enormous data base which can be of the greatest use to family historians. The article summarised the distribution of Pulvertoft entries in the two editions, each of which showed how the family had been concentrated largely in Lincolnshire during the period from which the records had been extracted.

A few more Pulvertofts were found in the 1988 edition but it was hoped that the 1992 edition would include even more as its size had grown to 187 million names worldwide of which England has 56,337,187 entries and Ireland has 1,443,461. It would have been particularly rewarding had references been found in new areas, as these might have formed the missing links which are needed to draw together the discrete elements of the current study.

The additional entries which appear in the 1992 edition are:

NORTHAMPTON

John, son of John & Ann Pulvertoft bapt at Peterborough, St John - 24 March 1730.

Judith, dau of John & Ann Pulvertoft bapt at Peterborough, St John - 13 Feb 1729.

[See Vol 1, No 3 for how these baptisms fit in the pedigree of "The Pulvertofts of Horncastle, Spalding and Gedney" and will require Judith to be shown to be older than John in future pedigrees.]

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Annes Pullvertoft & Henry Dawson mar at Spalding - 16 August 1591.

[Confirms entries previously noted from Phillimore's Lincs Parish Registers & Cokayne MS but not printed in these papers as not linked to other events.]

Elizabeth Pullvertofte & Nicholas Darley mar at Spalding - 18 Jul 1611.

[Previously recorded from Phillimore's Lincs Parish Registers as Isabell Pulvertoft but not printed in these papers as not linked to other events.]

Anne Pulverstoft relative of John William Crofts, named at a marriage at Spalding 16 Aug 1591

[Assumed to refer to the Pulvertoft/Dawson marriage above - requires investigation.]

Mr Pulvertoft relative of James Gibbon, named at a birth in Algarkirke about 1557.

[A John Gibbon named a cousin Pulvertoft in his will dated 1556 - connection requires investigation.]

Amy Pulvertoft relative of Thomas Biggs, named at a marriage in Holbeach 19 July 1752.

[No Biggs connections have been recorded, but Mary Pulvertoft was mar at Holbeach in 1751/2. Requires investigation.]

Alice, dau of Thomas Pulntofte, bapt at Algarkirk - 2 Sep 1599.

[A transcription error for Pulvertoft - See Vol 1, No 3 of these papers.]

Not the breakthrough which had been hoped for, but records cannot be invented and there are at least some new items to be investigated.

## NOTES & QUERIES

Last Autumn's edition of "Lincolnshire Past & Present" had a lengthy piece on "The White Hart Hotel, Spalding: Absentee Owners and Property Developers of the Past". Of interest to the readership of these papers was:

"So in 1751 the Manor of Spalding with its houses, including the White Hart, mills, dove houses, gardens, orchards, meadows and pasture was sold to Sampson Gideon, one of the most prominent English Jews of his day and a leading financier on the London Exchange. ...."

"Sampson, probably wishing to raise capital, sold the White Hart in 1751 to its landlord, John Richards, gent., for £500, whose son in the 1760s built Holland House, Spalding, which is now partially derelict."

"The White Hart passed from father to son and eventually to his son's widow, Judith Richards, and later to her nephew, Thomas Pulvertoft, who became a Deputy Lieutenant of Lincolnshire. The Richards family had extended the property by converting and adding an adjacent house to the Inn and had built a playhouse at the rear of the property."

### Engagement

Congratulations to my son, Captain Rupert Pulvertaft, Royal Marines, and to Sally Stewart, eldest daughter of Mrs Judith Lower of Mytholmroyd, Yorkshire, who announced their engagement at Easter.

### Obituary

It is with deep regret that the death is recorded of Eileen Florence Crocker, nee Pulvertaft, on 12 December 1994 at Plymouth, Devon. She died only three weeks before she would have celebrated her 97th birthday.