

John Wiseman (1800-1878) Parish Baptism Search  
Report on All Hallows Barking by Tower, London  
by Jana Stokes, 2013

GOAL:

Complete identity of John Wiseman (1800-1878).

OBJECTIVE:

See if John Wiseman (1800-1878) christening record is in All Hallows Barking.

BACKGROUND:

We have a TIB record containing Endowment House date of 13 May 1872 which lists John Wiseman's birth as 19 Jan 1800 in London, Middlesex, England<sup>1 2</sup>. The 1861 British Census lists his birth as ca 1800 London<sup>3</sup>. The 1851 British Census lists his birth as ca 1804 in Norwich.

FamilySearch FamilyTree gives an undated christening for John Wiseman as "St James (Pockt), Norwick [sic], England" Submission credited to Shewell H James <[gymshoe@sbt.net](mailto:gymshoe@sbt.net)>. However, an image by image search of the St James Pockethorpe, Norwich Church of England Parish Register had no baptism record for a John Wiseman from 1798-1810.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Index Card to Endowment House Temple Record (FHL Special Collection Film 1268033 ) gave birth as 19 Jan 1800 London, Middlesex, Eng. Father: John Wiseman. Mother: Mary Gates. And cited as it's reference No. 8933 Book G Page 321.

<sup>2</sup> Endowment House Register. Book G, Page 321, No. 8935. Gives birth as 19 Jun 1800 London, Middlesex, England. Parents: John Wiseman and Mary Gates. FHL Special Collection Film 1239501.

<sup>3</sup> "England and Wales Census, 1861," index, <i>FamilySearch</i> (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/M7X7-KT3> : accessed 12 May 2013), John Wiseman, 1861.

<sup>4</sup> England, Norfolk Parish Registers, 1538-1900" -> Norwich St James with Pockthorpe -> Baptisms -> 1785-1812. FamilySearch Historical Records. Accessed 12 May 2013.

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“[FamilySearch](#) has indexed more than 90% of the christenings and marriages. [Ancestry.com](#) has digitized London's parish registers **with the exception of All Hallows Barking.**”<sup>5</sup>

FamilySearch’s “England, Births and Chr. 1538-1975” turned up one possibility:

“John Thos. Wiseman chr 19 Apr 1801. St Giles Cripplegate, London, England. Parents: **John Wiseman, May.**”

*Possible siblings were:*

**Charlotte Wiseman** chr 25 Feb 1798 Saint John, Hackney, London, England. Parent: John Wiseman.

**George Wiseman** b 13 Apr 1805, chr 12 May 1805 Saint Mary - St Marylebone Road, St Marylebone, London, England. Parents: John Wiseman, Mary

**Sarah Martha Wiseman** b 25 Oct 1807 chr 3 Jan 1808 St Mary, Rotherhithe, London, England. Parents: John Wiseman, Mary.

Ancestry’s “London, England Bapt, Marr and Bur 1538-1812” turned up no hits for John Wiseman’s christening in London; however there was this:

“John Wiseman bapt 15 May 1803 St Mary at Lambeth, **Surrey**  
Parents: **John and Maria**”

*This couple also had children in 1801, 1803, 1805 and possibly 1810 in Parents names also recorded as **John Frederick Weisman** and Maria. Location all in Surrey, but varied between St Mary at Lambeth, St George the Martyers Southwark and St. Saviour.*

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<sup>5</sup> “London Church Records” FamilySearch Wiki. ([https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/London\\_Church\\_Records](https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/London_Church_Records) : accessed 11 May 2013)

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*This couples marriage is probably the John Wiseman who marr  
Mary Branch 8 Dec 1797 Lambeth, St. Mary.<sup>6</sup>*

A complete list of non-conformist London parishes and collections that cover or index them has not been gathered; although FamilySearch's "England and Wales, Non-Conformist Record Indexes" has been search with no success.<sup>7</sup>

Although an attempt at locating coverage for all known Church of England London parishes has been made, the same has not been done for the London Archdeacon and Bishop Transcripts.

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<sup>6</sup> "London England, Marr & Banns 1754-1921" Ancestry.com. No Wiseman/Gate marr in this database.

<sup>7</sup> FS "England and Wales, Non-Conformist Record Indexes". Her Majesty's Stationery Office (Great Britain). England and Wales, Non-Conformist Record Indexes (RG4-8). Index to the Non-conformist record classes RG 4-8 from the National Archive, London (England). Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah.

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SUMMARY OF RESEARCH:

No Wiseman christening in All Hallows by Tower Parish register from 1798-1810.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Strategy A -

Continue to try to locate John Wiseman (1800-1878) christening by searching Archdeacon and Bishop Transcripts for the London and Middlesex area.

Continue to try to locate John Wiseman (1800-1878) christening by obtaining a list of all non-conformist parishes in both the London and Middlesex area. Check for multi-parish indexes, but make sure search covers each non-conformist parish.

Strategy B -

Locate the records created later in John Wiseman's life. These records would include identifying the correct 1841 British Census for him and the marriage and burial records of his first wife (presently unknown).

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RESEARCH NOTES:

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FHL BRITISH Film 1,952,114. Item 1.  
Title: Register of Bapts. Mars. Dths. 1749-1812  
Microfilmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah at All Hallows By the  
Tower, 14 Nov 1994.

Continued from another roll of film.

Item starts with 1778 chr.  
As I scrolled through saw nothing but increasing years of bap.  
Now reading starting page 106 (1797)

“After the 1798 bap., there is 1752 burials. Burials are continuous  
until 1801/1802. Then here we find a loose sheet of paper tucked  
into the register that says:

“I James Roe, Clerk, now resident at Newbury in the County of  
Berks, but sometime Curate of the parish of All hallows Barking in the  
City of London, hereby make oath and declare that on the twenty  
second day of May One thousand eight hundred and two I performed  
the service at the Funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Mary Anne Cooke who  
was buried in a Vault in the said Church of All hallows Barking, and  
that an entry of the fact of her burial appears in a Memorandum Book  
kept by me at that period, but from some accidental circumstances  
omitted to be Registered in the Register of Burials belonging to the  
said Parish

James Roe

Late Curate of Allhallows Barking

Sworn at Newbury in the County }  
Of Berks this second day of July 1824 }

Before one }

Philip Locken [surname difficult to read]

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Burials then resume to 1812 and end of item 1.

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Item 2.

Title: Register Bapts. 1799-1812.

Microfilmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah at All Hallows by the Tower.

Note: All Hallows by the Tower and All Hallows Barking seem to be used interchangeably.

Spine of Register: **All Hallows Barking Church by the Tower.**  
Register of Baptisms 1799-1812.

1799 – Samuel Johnes M. A.[illegible]  
John Hewetson & John Jones } Church Wardens

Page 1 starts with Jan 1799 baptisms.

I read to through page 36 (1810).

No Wiseman, Gates, Gidney

*I did run into a family that had all of their children baptized at once about 10 years after the birth of the first. It caused me to wonder if the same thing might have happened to John Wiseman's family.*

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