

Research Report: John Wiseman (1800-1878)
First Spouse Identification - Extracted of BMD Index 1837-1851
by Jana Stokes, 2013

GOAL:

John Wiseman's complete identity.

OBJECTIVE:

Locate first wife by extracting Wiseman surname found in Norwich from 1837-1847 in the BMD Index.

BACKGROUND:

The marriage certificate and [Church of England Parish Register entry](#) (1847 St James w Pockthorpe, Norwich) for John Wiseman (1800-1878) states he was a widower and that his father was John Wiseman.

The TIB record of John Wiseman (1800-1878) references his 1872 endowment and states his parents were John Wiseman and Mary Gates and that he was born 19 Jan 1800 in London, Middlesex, England. A definitive christening record for John Wiseman has not been found and the geographical distance between an 1800 birth in London and a 1847 marriage in Norwich has been a gap in John Wiseman's identity for some time. Along this line, 1841 British Census searches have not turned up anything definitive.

As it is fairly reasonable to think that John Wiseman's first wife wouldn't have died too long before his marriage to his second wife in Norwich, it seems a reasonable approach to assume that his first marriage and first wife's death might also be in Norwich. So it has been proposed that an extraction of the Wiseman surname be made of the BMD Index.

NOTES:

The extraction of Wisemans from the BMD 1837-1851 are appended to the end of this report. Births were included and the date extended to 1851 because the same year (1847) and in the same parish that John Wiseman marr Hannah Houghton, a Richard Wiseman witnessed his step daughters marriage. It was thought that future researchers will eventually benefit from having all of this BMD Wiseman data extracted, and it was easier just to do it all at once.

RESEARCH SUMMARY:

Two candidates for John Wiseman's marriage (assuming Norwich) to his first wife emerged:

A 1838 John Wiseman marriage.

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A 1842 John Isaac Wiseman marriage. 1842 is very close to John Wisemans 1847 marriage to Hannah Dawson-Houghton.

Six candidates for the Norwich death of John Wiseman's wife emerged:

1847 - Jane Ann Wiseman
1845 - Sarah Wiseman, Ann Wiseman
1842 - Sarah Wiseman, Ann Wiseman, Elizabeth Wiseman

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Locate these two marriage records and see if either states the father of the groom as John Wiseman. Also note if the wife's given name matches any of the death records.

Because of the cost associated with an order to GRO, I would recommend running the data through FamilySearches Record Collection Index and seeing if one can pull up a parish location. If located, they will most likely be available online via FamilySearch (free); and then one can order only the certificates (marriage and death) that are of value to this project.

One of the things that is troubling with this whole approach is that St James with Pockthorpe is on the eastern border of Norwich. So, while John Wiseman's first marriage, if within close proximity to St James Pockethorpe, has only a 50 percent chance of being in Norwich. It is recommended that the same BMD extraction strategy used with Norwich as a filter for 1837-1847 be done for Thorpe.

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The screenshot displays the FamilySearch website interface for "England Jurisdictions 1851". On the left, a search panel lists 21 parishes in Norfolk, each with a numbered pin icon. The parishes listed are:

- Norwich All Saints, Norfolk
- Norwich Cathedral, Norfolk
- Norwich County Gaol and House of Correction, Norfolk
- Norwich Liberty of the Town Close, Norfolk
- Norwich St Andrew, Norfolk
- Norwich St Augustine, Norfolk
- Norwich St Benedict, Norfolk
- Norwich St Clement, Norfolk
- Norwich St Edmund, Norfolk
- Norwich St Etheldreda, Norfolk
- Norwich St George Colegate, Norfolk
- Norwich St George Tomblond, Norfolk
- Norwich St Giles, Norfolk
- Norwich St Gregory, Norfolk
- Norwich St Helen, Norfolk
- Norwich St James with Pockthorpe, Norfolk
- Norwich St John de Sepulchre, Norfolk
- Norwich St John Maddermarket, Norfolk
- Norwich St John Timberhill, Norfolk
- Norwich St Julian, Norfolk
- Norwich St Lawrence, Norfolk

On the right, a map shows the geographical layout of these parishes. The parish of Norwich St James with Pockthorpe is highlighted in red. The map includes labels for various streets and landmarks, such as "New Catton Christ Church" and "Norwich Cathedral". A scale bar indicates 200 meters. The top of the page features the FamilySearch logo and navigation links like "Learn", "FamilySearch Centers", "Indexing", and "Blog".

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WISEMAN Elizabeth Death Sep 1837 Norwich 13 Page 168
WISEMAN Joseph Death Mar 1838 Norwich 13 Page 188
WISEMAN Marianne Birth Jun 1838 Norwich 13 278
WISEMAN Valentine Maria Deaths Jun 1838 Norwich 13 11_
WISEMAN Valentine Maria Death Jun 1838 Norwich 13 165
WISEMAN William Death Jun 1838 Norwich 13 115
WISEMAN William Death Jun 1838 Norwich 13 165
WISEMAN Hannah Marr Sep 1838 Norwich 13 397
WISEMAN Lydia Marr Sep 1838 Norwich 13 381
WISEMAN Elizabeth Marr Dec 1838 Norwich 13 597
WISEMAN John Marr Dec 1838 Norwich 13 604
WISEMAN Michael Death Sep 1839 Norwich 13 139
WISEMAN David Marr Sep 1839 Norwich 13 381
WISEMAN George Birth Dec 1839 Norwich 13 244
WISEMAN James Birth Dec 1839 Norwich 13 253
WISEMAN MARY Death 1839 Norwich 13 164
WISEMAN Charlott marr Dec 1839 Norwich 13 641
WISEMAN Dinah Marr Jun 1840 Norwich 13 339
WISEMAN Elizabeth Marr Jun 1840 Norwich 13 345
WISEMAN Rachel Marr Jun 1840 Norwich 13 381
WISEMAN Louis BIRth Dec 1840 Norwich 13 227
WISEMAN Louis Death Mar 1841 Norwich 13 185
WISEMAN David bir Dec 1841 Norwich 13 243
WISEMAN Mary Ann Death Dec 1841 Norwich 13 161
WISEMAN John Isaac Marr Dec 1841 Norwich 13 649
WISEMAN Jane Birth Mar 1842 Norwich 13 245
WISEMAN Elizabeth Death Mar 1842 Norwich 13 176
WISEMAN James Death Mar 1842 Norwich 13 185

WISEMAN Ann Death Jun 1842 Norwich 13 170
WISEMAN Sarah Death Jun 1842 Norwich 13 199

WISEMAN Ann Death Jun 1845 Norwich 13 222

WISEMAN Sarah Death Sep 1845 Norwich 13 158

WISEMAN Jane Ann Death Jun 1847 Norwich 13 185

WISEMAN Elizabeth [Hannah] marr Sep 1847 Norwich 13 420

WISEMAN John marr Sep 1847 Norwich 13 381

WISEMAN Hannah Birth Mar 1848 Norwich 13 273

WISEMAN Mary Ann Birth Mar 1848 Norwich 13 250

WISEMAN Alfred Birth Jun 1848 Norwich 13 278

This is the entry for John Wiseman and Hannah Dawson-Houghton marriage. So if John's first wife died in Norwich the candidates (deaths) are:

1847-Jane Ann
1845 - Sarah
1845 - Ann
1842 - Sarah
1842 - Ann
1842 - Elizabeth

And the candidates (marr) are:
1842 John Isaac Wiseman
1838 John Wiseman

This is Hannah, dau of John Wiseman and Hannah Dawson.

Surely someone in the family already has a copy of this????

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1841 British Cen St Mary,
Norwich has ag at 1825

WISEMAN John Birth Jun 1848 Norwich 13 289
WISEMAN Susannah Death Sep 1848 Norwich 13 163
WISEMAN Eleanor Birth Dec 1848 Norwich 13 258
WISEMAN Mary Ann Birth Mar 1849 Norwich 13 275
WISEMAN Harrold Death Mar 1849 Norwich 13 189
WISEMAN Thomas William Birth Sep 1849 Norwich 13 241
WISEMAN Alfred Mabbott Marr Sep 1849 Norwich 13 357
WISEMAN Amelia Birth Dec 1849 Norwich 13 253
WISEMAN Mary Ann Birth Dec 1849 Norwich 13 253 [same page; twins?]
WISEMAN David death Mar 1850 Norwich 13 198
WISEMAN mary Ann Death Mar 1850 Norwich 13 207
WISEMAN Eliza Birth Jun 1850 Norwich 13 291
WISEMAN Emanuel Marr Jun 1850 Norwich 13 472
WISEMAN Harriet Marr Jun 1850 Norwich 13 457
WISEMAN Alfred William Birth Sep 1850 Norwich 13 281
WISEMAN Ann Birth Sep 1850 Norwich 13 270
WISEMAN Sarah Ann Birth Sep 1850 Norwich 13 271
WISEMAN male Birth Sep 1850 Norwich 13 263
WISEMAN male Death Sep 1850 Norwich 13 204

1841 Cen St Mary Norwich
give a David Wiseman b 1781

In 1861 Cen ag 29 wife Sara
33. Kids Emanel b ca 1852, Sarah
b ca 1853, William b ca 1859,
Harriet b ca 1860

[some marr i'm not extracting in this Wiseman Norwich BMD search]

4 MAR 1851 BARRACK STREET,
POCKTHORPE, NORWICH,
NORWICH, ENGLAND:

"Registration District: Norwich.
1851. Birth in the Sub-district of East
Wymer in the City and County of the
City of Norwich. No. 210. When and
where born: Fourth March 1851
Barrack Street Pockthorpe. Name:
Eliza. Sex: Girl. Name and surname
of Father: John Wiseman. Name,
surname and maiden surname of
mother: Hannah Wiseman formerly
Houghton formerly Dawson.
Occupation of father: Labourer.
Signature, description and residence
of informant: x the mark of Hannah
Wiseman mother Barrack Street
Pockthorpe Norwich. When
registered: Twelfth April 1851.
Signature of registrar: G. W. W.Pirth,
Registrar."
(Source: Birth Certificate of Eliza
Wiseman. Year 1851. Vol 13 Page
310. Certified copy in red paper
folder. Digital copy in electronic
WISEMANJohnDAWSONHannah
folder.)
---Jana Stokes, 11 Mar 2012.

WISEMAN Amelia Death Dec 1850 Norwich 13 230
WISEMAN Henry Birth Mar 1851 Norwich 13 307
WISEMAN Eliza Death Mar 1851 Norwich 13 202
WISEMAN Elizabeth Death Mar 1851 Norwich 13 221
WISEMAN Eliza Birth Jun 1851 Norwich 13 310
WISEMAN Emanuel Birth Jun 1851 Norwich 13 280