

Ancestry of Rebecka Pembleton of Burton

Simon Faulkner (b. ca. 1660's) was the grandfather of John Willson's wife, Rebecca Faulkner. Simon had married Rebecka Pembleton of Burton (Rebecca Faulkner's namesake) on 29 December 1691. The origin of the Pembleton name is obscure. Some say that it is a variant of the surname Pemberton, which is a habitation name derived from an ancient site in the Greater Manchester area that was known as *Penn-bere-tun*, literally "the Barley Hill Settlement" or "Pember Village." There were several Pemberton families near Wigan a few miles west of Manchester as early as the beginning of the 1200's, notably Adam de Pemberton, a substantial landowner. Another similar surname is Pendleton, also a habitation name derived from two possible locations, both in Lancashire (one in Greater Manchester), known as Pendle Hill.

There is a lake called Pemble-Mere in Merionethshire, Wales, about 50 miles to the west of Cheshire—perhaps this is the origin of the Pembleton surname. In any case, Pembleton is a very rare surname. The International Genealogical Index lists only two 16th-century examples: Maria Pembleton, married in 1595 in Birchington, Kent; and Richard Pembleton, son of Richard Pembleton, baptized in 1593 at St. Katherine's by the Tower, London. Seventeenth-century examples from the Cheshire area include: Joseph Pembleton, married in 1691 in Chester; and a

Thomas Pembleton, son of Thomas Pembleton, born in 1683 in Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire (adjacent to Cheshire).

Pembleton Family

The 1691 marriage record for Simon Faulkner of Stapleford and Rebecka Pembleton of Burton was by banns, still to be found in the Tarvin Parish records, 3 miles to the northeast of Stapleford. Rebecka's known ancestry can be summarized in a single word: Thomas. She is know to have been the daughter of Thomas Pembleton, and as yet even the first name of her mother remains unknown.

William Faulkner (probable brother of the Simon Faulkner who married Rebecka Pembleton) married Rebecka's sister Mary Pembleton in May 1696, in Tarvin. Also, a Katherine Pembleton married Wiliam Dickinson in Tarvin in 1694. Obviously there was a family of Pembletons living somewhere in the Tarvin area in the 1690's, and one would assume that Rebecka, Mary and Katherine Pembleton were sisters (considering the great rarity of the surname). This is confirmed, at least for Mary and Rebecka, whose baptismal records have been found in the Tarvin registers: 20 Jan 1668/9 and 20 Sept 1670 respectively, both of them daughters of Thomas Pembleton (probably born 1620-1640) of Burton. The birth of George Pembleton, son of Thomas, is also recorded there, on 11 Nov 1666. So, to summarize:

Thomas Pembleton of Burton (Children baptized in Tarvin:)

 George Pembleton 	bapt. 11 Nov 1666	m. ?
2. Mary Pembleton	bapt. 20 Jan 1668/9	m. William Faulkner, May 1696
3. Rebecka Pembleton	bapt. 20 Sept 1670	m. Simon Faulkner, 29 Dec 1691
4. Katherine Pembleton <i>and possibly also</i>	bapt. 1670's?	m. Wiliam Dickinson, 12 Nov 1694
5. Joseph Pembleton	bapt. 1660's?	m. Elizabeth Higginson, 24 Jun 1691

Burton, known more particularly as Burton-by-Tarvin in order to distinguish it from Burton-by-Neston, is (or was) a small village in Tarvin parish (the nearest church being Tarvin St. Andrew), Eddisbury Hundred. The population in 1801 was 71 people. It was situated directly adjacent to the village of Stapleford where the Faulkners lived, both villages served by the Church of St. Andrew (Church of England) in Tarvin.