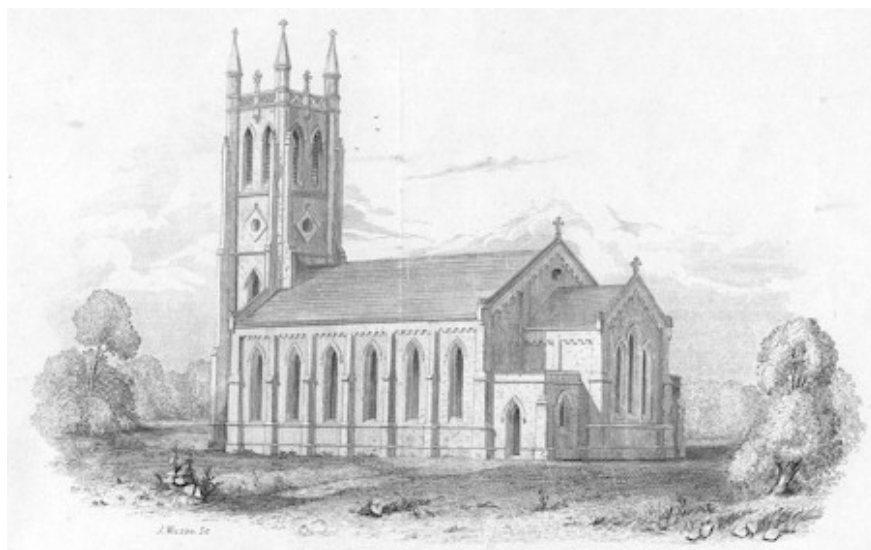


Families of Yeadon: Ancestors of Rona O'Donnell

Families: Padgett, Coultas, Yeadon and Barrett



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Introduction

This document outlines a history of four Yorkshire families, ancestors of Rona O'Donnell (nee Johnston). The information was collected from Rhonda Larter (Sydney), which she gathered from correspondence with Ann Patricia Gilbert, the great granddaughter of Grace (Barrett) Yeadon. Rhonda now lives in Adelaide, South Australia. I believe most information is copied from a family bible, which passed through the family. The family trees thus represent mostly a single line of descent, the inheritor of the bible.

The records concern four families: Padgett, Coultas, Barrett and Yeadon, all who lived in or near Yeadon, in West Yorkshire.

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In diagrams:

* indicates a direct ancestor of Rhona Johnston

- - - Dotted line implies order of children unknown.

In text:

[BC] - birth certificate held by Rhonda Larter.

[MC] - marriage certificate held by Rhonda Larter.

[MC2] - second marriage certificate held by Rhonda Larter.

[DC] - death certificate held by Rhonda Larter.

1. The Village of Yeadon

Before detailing the family lines, let's first get a feel for the village of Yeadon, in West Yorkshire.

Yeadon is in the West Riding of Yorkshire, south-west of York, close to Leeds and Bradford. In the 1800's, it was in the Parish of Guiseley. Yeadon had a population of 2,455 in 1822.

The Early Days

Yeadon is listed in the Domesday Book of 1086, along with Rawdon and Horsforth, as "Terra Firma". The Norman period brought the foundation of Abbeys, Monasteries and other religious houses - the nearest to Yeadon being the Cistercian Abbey at Kirkstall, started in 1152, and here we find a definite connection with Yeadon as it is recorded that among the benefactors of the new Abbey were "Adam, son of Stephen of



Figure 1: Showing Yeadon's Location in England



Figure 2: A more specific placement of Yeadon and Surrounds

Yeadon, who gave lands" and Nicholas Adamson of Yedon (later chaplain to the Nuns at Esholt Priory) who gave "1 messuage and 33 acres of lands". When Esholt Priory was established, more connections between Yeadon and the Church were made.

Between 1150 and 1200, a church was built at Guiseley - Yeadon was included in its parish - and this Church, for centuries, was the focal point of Yeadon's religious life. Here, generations of Yeadon folk were baptised, married and finally laid to rest. Guiseley Church, dedicated to St. Oswald, was the most conspicuous building in the district.



Figure 3: St. John's Church in Yeadon

Later Days

From the end of the 17th Century, the role of the established church became passive and in the 18th Century, working class people thought the English parish Church had little to offer, though tithes and other payments were rigidly extracted from them. Guiseley, which included Rawdon and Horsforth as well as Yeadon, was one of the better livings....the incumbent was not obliged to live in the parish or to do any of the work entailed in marriages, funerals or administration of Holy Communion - he was rich enough to pay a curate to do this work for him. Consequently, the Rector of Guiseley can hardly have been a popular figure in "Yidden", described by a traveller in 1747, as a "wild and uncouth village". To the poor working at their looms in the upper storeys of the stone houses, and to those toiling on the glebe land, he must have represented an unnecessary burden on their slender resources. Tithes were based on the church's traditional claim of one tenth of the produce of the land. Great tithes were of corn, hay or wool - all others being labelled small. The Rector required from Yeadon, all tithes great or small. Also the expenses of cheese, bread and ale would be incurred in collecting and auditing the tithes account.

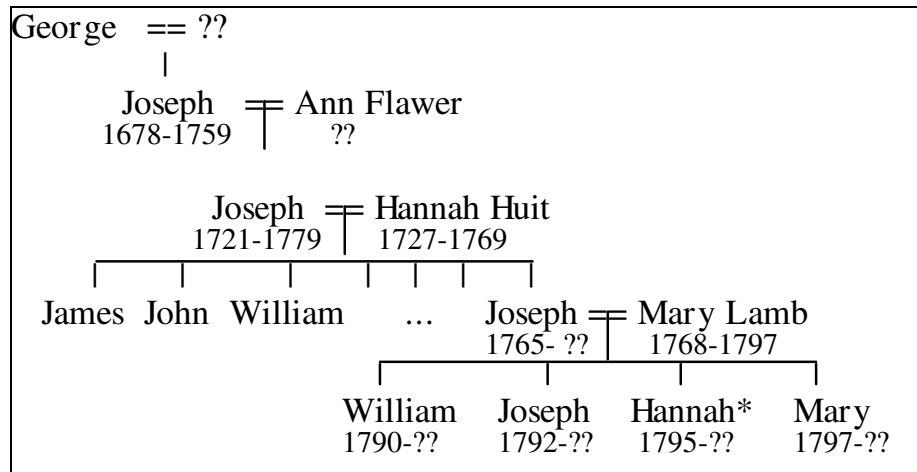
Yeadoners, somewhat reluctantly, continued to pay these tithes until, at a meeting in the Woolpack Inn, Henshaw, on 20th May 1837, it was decided that the tithes payable should be commuted to a direct annual payment of £111 in all.

Then in 1844, the people of Yeadon got their own Parish Church of St. John the Evangelist, Henshaw, which was built as a Chapel of Ease to Guiseley, and no longer did the locals have to trudge across the fields and becks to worship at St. Oswald's. Most of the weddings in this document prior to 1844 would have taken place in Guiseley, and after, in Yeadon. This seems to be the case from the few marriage certificates we have.

The foundation stone was laid in 1843 and the church was consecrated and opened for public worship on July 18th 1844. It consisted of a nave with gallery and small apsidal chancel and vestry. In the 1890's the nave was refurbished and the East end enlarged to include alongside the enlarged chancel, the organ chamber on the north side and enlarged vestries on the south side. The church remained like this until the 1970's.

2. The Padgett Family

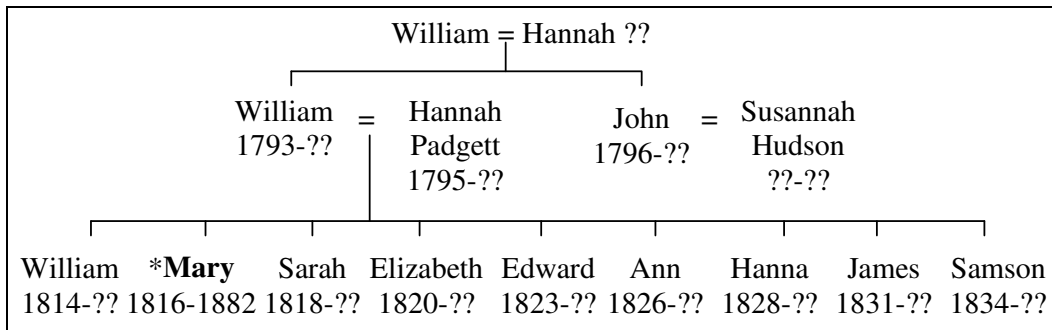
The oldest of the histories we have starts with the Padgett family, which goes back to George Padgett, who was probably born around 1650. I assume these records come from a family bible somewhere.



1. **Padgett, George** (of Yeadon): He had 7 children.
2. **Padgett, Joseph** (of Yeadon): 1678-1759. Occupation: Labourer. Married: *Ann Flower* in 1718. They had 5 children.
3. **Padgett, Joseph** (of Guiseley), 1721-1779. Occupation: Tailor. Married: *Hannah Huit* in 1750. They had 6 or 7 children.
4. **Huit, Hannah**. 1727-1769. Wife of [3].
5. **Padgett, Joseph**. 1765-??. Married Mary Lamb. 4 children: *William* (1790), *Joseph* (1792), *Hannah* (1795) and *Mary* (1797). A second marriage to *Sarah Ellis*. Rhonda's notes show 1793, but this is 4 years before the first wife's death, in 1797?
6. **Lamb, Mary** of Horsforth. 1768-1797. Wife of [5].
7. **Padgett, William**. 1790-??. Had 4 children.
8. **Padgett, Joseph**. 1792-??.
9. **Padgett, Hannah**. 1795-??. Married *William Coultas* [see Coultas 2] on 21/8/1814.
10. **Padgett, Mary** 1797-??.

3. The Coultas Family

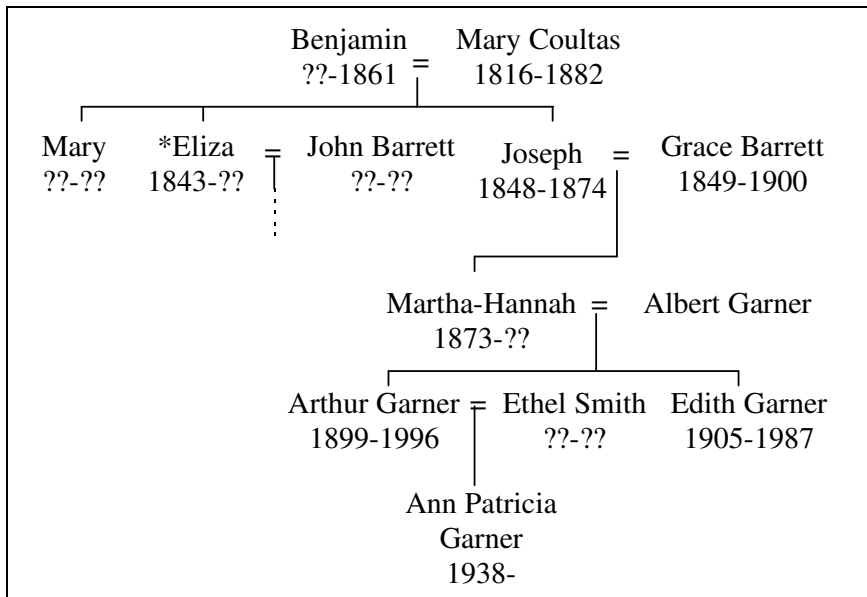
Hannah Padgett married William Coultas, and it is one of their children, Mary, that our line directly stems from. Internet search shows the Coultas name to be a common name in the Yorkshire area. I suspect it is a Norman name, rather than a later French import. There is no evidence as to what town the Coultas' lived in, but I suspect in or near Yeadon.



1. Coultas, William. Married Hannah.
2. Coultas, William. 1793-??. Married *Hannah Padgett* [See Padgett 9] on 21/8/1814.
3. Coultas, John. 1796-??. Married *Susannah Hudson* in 1816.
4. Coultas, William. 1814-??. (Birthdate: 23/12/1814).
5. Coultas, Mary. 1816-1882. Born 11/11/1816. Married *Benjamin Yeadon* [Yeadon 1] on 11/11/1837, her 21st birthday. Died 10/1/1882 at Well Hill, Yeadon. [MC][DC]
6. Coultas, Sarah. 1818-??.
7. Coultas, Elizabeth. 1820-??.
8. Coultas, Edward. 1823-??.
9. Coultas, Ann. 1826-??.
10. Coultas, Hannah. 1828-??.
11. Coultas, James. 1831-??.
12. Coultas, Samson. 1834-??.

4. The Yeadon Family

Mary Coultas married into the Yeadon family, another family in Yeadon.



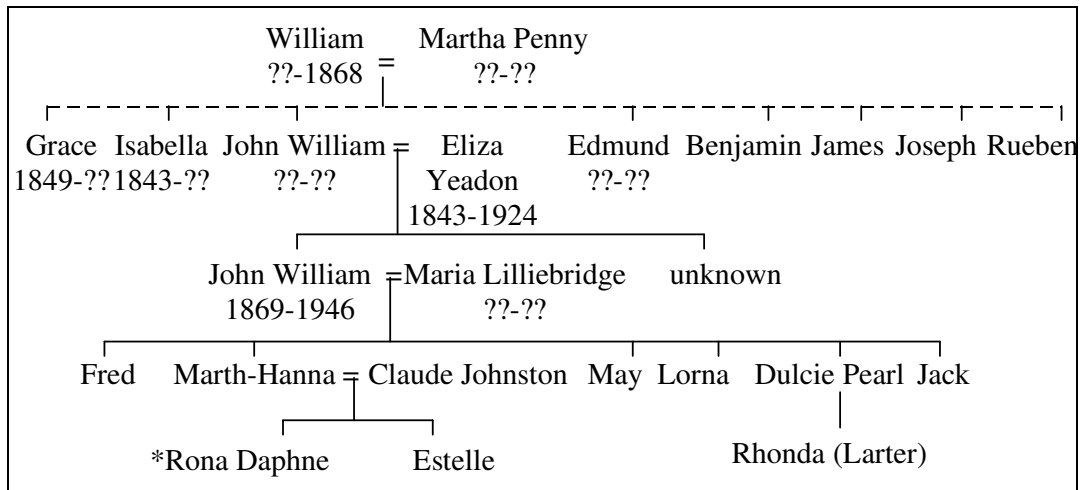
1. **Yeadon, Benjamin.** Birth unknown. He married *Mary Coultas* [Coultas 5] on 26/11/1837, at Guiseley, Warfendale, Yorkshire. Guiseley is a village next to Yeadon, and until 1844, Yeadoners used the Guiseley church for worship, marriage, etc. He died 1/12/1861 in Moore Lane, Yeadon. Rhonda suggests there may be other children. [MC][DC]
2. **Yeadon Mary.** Eldest daughter of Benjamin and Mary.
3. **Yeadon, Eliza.** Born 25/10/1843 (perhaps 5/10), in Yeadon. Married *John Barrett* [Barrett 4] on 10/10/1868 in Yeadon, Yeadon now having its own church. They had a child, also called *John*, in 1869, 4 months after the wedding. Another child died in infancy. Her husband immigrated to Australia sometime after 1869 without them. Eliza and son followed, some stories suggesting around 1878 to 1881, when the child was 9 to 12 years old. The husband died or absconded (see his entry), and she re-married, on 28/7/1888, to *Joseph Myers*, in Sydney. The wedding certificate states that they were both widows at the time of the marriage. She was known as “Granny Myers” to her ancestors. Rona O’Donnell reports the rumour that she and Joseph Myers met on board the ship out from England. Granny Myers died on 16/6/1924 in Palmer St., Belmore, Sydney. [BC][MC1][MC2][DC]
4. **Yeadon, Joseph.** 1848-1873. Born 7/5/1848 in Yeadon. Married *Grace Barrett*, older sister to his sister’s husband, on 11/2/1871. On 9/1/1874, after three years of marriage, he died, in High St, Yeadon. His daughter *Martha-Hannah*, was 6 weeks

old at the time. Rhonda notes that there may be more children not discovered yet.
[BC][MC][DC]

5. **Yeadon, Marth-Hannah.** 1873-??. Born 19/11/1873. Her father died when she was six weeks old, and her mother remarried. She married *Albert Garner* on 28/5/1898. They had two children.
6. **Garner, Arthur.** 1899-1996. Born 10/1/1899 in Yorkshire. Married *Ethel Smith* on 10/6/1927. They had one child.
7. **Garner, Edith.** 1905-1987. Born 29/5/1905 in Yorkshire. Married Fred Hendle on 6/3/1937. She died on 11/5/1987, just before her 83rd birthday.
8. **Garner, Ann Patricia.** 1838- . Born on 23/8/1938 in Yorkshire. She married Keith Gilbert on 15/9/1962. They have two children, Vanessa June (born: 19/6/1964) and Robin Mark (born: 7/3/1966), both born in Yorkshire. It is Ann who supplied most of the information in this document. Ann, her husband Keith, her children, and father Arthur, emigrated to Australia in the 1970's, and now live in Adelaide, South Australia.

5. The Barrett Family

The Barrett's were another Yeadon family.



1. **Barrett, William.** Born Yeadon. Married *Martha Penny*. Died 12/5/1868. [DC]
2. **Penny, Martha.** Wife of [1]. Died 12/5/1868.
3. **Barrett, Grace.** 1849-1900. Born on 27/6/1849 in Yeadon. Married Joseph Yeadon [Yeadon 4] on 11/2/1871. Her husband died when their child was six weeks old. She remarried, to a Mr Braithwaite sometime later. She died 2/10/1900, in Butt Lane, Idle, Bradford. Bradford is another Yorkshire village short distance away from Yeadon. [BC][MC1][DC]
4. **Barrett, Isabella.** 1853-??. Born in Yeadon.
5. **Barrett, John William.** Born in Yeadon. Married *Eliza Yeadon* [Yeadon 3] on 10/10/1869. They had two children, *John William*, and another, who died in infancy. John went out to Australia sometime after 1869. The wife and surviving son followed sometime later, some say when John junior was aged 9 to 12 (thus around 1878-1881). John disappeared, and his wife re-married in 1888. Rumours as to his fate differ. Some say he died in Australia. Others say he died in Ireland fighting for the British. Rona O'Donnell heard he went to do some mining at Broken Hill. Still others say he went to America to join his brother Benjamin. (see <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~provic/187079/bancott.htm> for a J. Barrett who emigrated to Vicoria, Australia in 1876). NSW Births, Deaths and Marriages also list a John Barrett, who died in 1873, aged 38 years old, which is approximately the right age. No parent information was recorded, which is in keeping with him having no family in Sydney to provide such information. (see online registry at: <http://203.111.111.137/cgi-bin/bdm?form=indexes>). [MC]
6. **Barrett, Edmund.** Born in Yeadon.
7. **Barrett, Benjamin.** Born in Yeadon. Married and went to Florida, USA.

8. **Barrett, James.** Born in Yeadon.
9. **Barrett, Joseph.** Born in Yeadon.
10. **Barrett, Rueben.** Born in Yeadon.
11. **Barrett, John William.** 1869-1946. Born in Kirk Lane, Yeadon on 6/2/1869. Emigrated to Australia with his mother when he was 9 to 12. He married Maria Elizabeth Lilliebridge when he was 25, on 8/3/1894, in Sydney. He died just after the WWII, on 29/7/1946, aged 77, in North Ryde, Sydney. [BC][MC][DC]
12. **Lilliebridge, Maria Elizabeth.** She was born at Bogan Gate. Married John William in Sydney, 8/3/1894. She was called "Dolly". Her first birth were stillborn twins (both male). Another set of twins was also born, including Lorna, but the male died of appendicitis at aged 8. [from Rona][MC].

NSW B,D,M lists a David W. Barret who died in 1894, with parents John W. and Maria E. His birth is listed for the same year. [from NSW BDM: Her father was David Alexander Lilliebridge, her mother was Bridget, possibly Bridget Forster (or Foster), who Rhonda has information about. I cannot find information on their marriage. Maria had four brothers (RO), Alec, Harold, Will, Fred, the last she was very close to. She called her eldest surviving son Frederik after him. The 4 brothers were soldiers, they were at Thursday Island and Georges Heights (a army base in Sydney). When Fred Lillibridge died, he was still a soldier, and possibly had a military funeral (see Syndey morning herald at death date). Louise (later Nolan) was a sister to Maria.

Story: Maria's grandfather was a convict, shot at Marrackville station

Children were Fred, Marth-Hanna, May, Lorna, Dulcie, Jack and an adopted child, William

Their first pregnancy resulted in stillborn twins (Rona). After that, they had many children. Children were Fred, Marth-Hanna, May, Lorna, Dulcie, Jack and an adopted child, William. Rona adds that another child, Grace, preceded Lorna. She was dark skinned (Rona). Rona Adds that Lorna had a twin, Joseph, who died at 10-12 years of age of a burst appendix. Jack, the youngest, died in the 1980s or so, of a heart attack (Rona).

Maria was a Catholic, and John a protestant. After the twins were stillborn, there was some problem with the priest, and, after that, the children were christened in whichever church was closest at the time, whether protestant or catholic.