



WILLIAM WORDSWORTH - WADSWORTH LINEAGE - YORKSHIRE, ENGLAND

11 GENERATIONS RECORDED TO DATE

IN EARLY ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FAMILIES
FAVORED THE NAME WORDSWORTH, AND THE DISSENTERS
FAVORED THE FORM WADSWORTH.

THE ARMS OF WADSWORTH AS GIVEN BY DUGDALE ARE AS FOLLOWS:
"GULES, THREE FLEURS-DE-LIS, STALKED AND SLIPPED, ARGENT;
CREST ON A GLOBE OF THE WORLD, WINGED, PROPER,
AND EAGLE RISING, OR."

THE MOTTO:
"AQUILA NON CAPTAT MUSCAS"
"the eagle doesn't catch flies"

To be a member of the Wordsworth family is to be part of an ancient English name that dates back to pre-Conquest times. There are two places in England that can be definitely connected to the Wordsworths, these being the township of Wadsworth and the town of Wadsworth. WADSWORTH township, is in the parish of Halifax, in the liberty of Wadfield. It is mentioned in the Domesday book but although there is no town today, there is a township or parish called Wadsworth. There was a town of Wadsworth near Halifax in 1595. The town of Wadsworth is also mentioned in 1601. Wadsworths are mentioned in Halifax in 1613 and later.

WADSWORTH is also a parish-town in the lower-division of Strathforth and in the liberty of Tickhill. The population several years ago was 614. The Church in Wadsworth is a vicarage, dedicated to St. Mary. WADSWORTH is also the name of a brewery in Wiltshire that has pubs and inns throughout England. Wadsworth OX is an excellent example of the brew. Many Wadsworths also are associated with the town of Penistone. Penistone is south of Halifax and east of Doncaster. For example, the book "250 Years of the Wadsworth Family in America," mentions the pedigree of Richard de Wadsworth of Penistone (circa 1379) and his son Nicholas de Wadsworth. John Wordsworth is in Penistone in 1605 as is Ralph Wadsworth, Richard Wadsworth, Thomas Wadsworth, and William Wadsworth. In England, there are many variations of the name "Wadsworth," as can be seen by some of the following variations:

"Wadsworth - Wadsworth - Wadswaid - Wadsworth - Wadsworth - Wadsworth - Wadsworth"
The earliest reference to a person with the name of "Wadsworth" occurs with Henry de Wadsworth and Godfrey de Wadsworth sometime in the 12th century. The first concrete reference is Peter, son of Henry de Wadsworth in 1209. Peter was located in "South Yorkshire."

The debate about Wadsworths of Norman or French antecedents continues to this day. According to the book "250 years of the Wadsworth Family in America," the Wadsworths came to England from France during the 100 Years War, after the Battle of Crécy. The same book also gives the pre-conquest North East of England as the family's place of origin. The book mentions that the Wadsworth name originated from the Saxons - which goes well back before Cr  y. From the township of Wadsworth near Hebdon Bridge, one can see Wadsworth Moor in the distance. The area was named after a Saxon, "Wadli. So Wadsworths are either descended from Wadli himself or from his servants who lived at Wadli's Farm - "Wad-worth."

Anyone of the Wadsworth name shares a common ancestry with the poets William Wordsworth, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, the Geneva branch of the Wadsworth family, and the Hartford family - founders of the Wadsworth Athenaeum and Yale University. Our direct line came to America in 1857 and landed at Castle Garden (Ellis Island), where they had to wait for six days before making the journey to Houlton, Maine. There they met up with members of their family who had made residence in Maine earlier in the year. From Maine they travelled to upstate New York, and settled in the western part of the state. This chart represents just a small part of the family - incomplete and constantly being updated by birth, death and rebirth - part of the great cycle of life.

SONS OF GEORGE ALFRED WADSWORTH & FLORENCE ADELL MILLER



WALTER ALFRED WADSWORTH 1884 - 1904

CHILDREN OF GEORGE A. WADSWORTH⁽⁹⁾

Frank Herbert Wadsworth⁽⁹⁾
br. 13 Sept 1870
bur. 4 Feb 1927
mar. 1894
wife Martha Lyon
br. 24 Nov 1869
bur. 25 Mar 1959

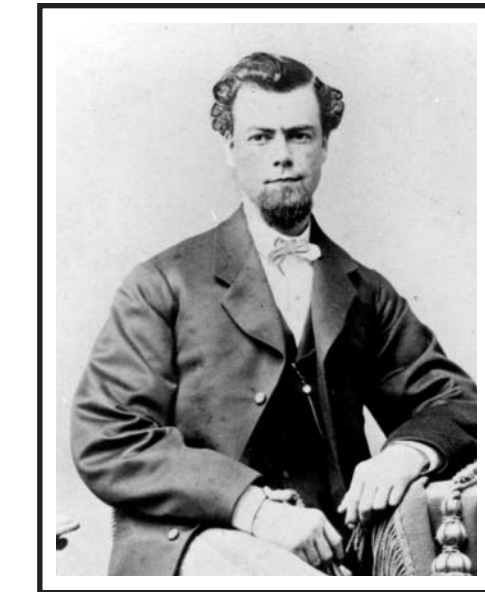
Arthur Holland Wadsworth⁽⁹⁾
br. 25 Jun 1872
bur. 26 Jun 1874
mar. 23 Sept 1950
wife Georgianna Forbes Brady
br. 24 Mar 1872
bur. 17 Jan 1917

Emory Miner Wadsworth⁽⁹⁾
br. 20 Mar 1876
bur. 1 Apr 1953
mar. Oct 1916
wife Sophie Grace Denes
br. 14 Jul 1880
bur. 8 Feb 1946

Morton Miller Wadsworth⁽⁹⁾
br. 20 Mar 1876
bur. 29 Mar 1900
mar. 7 Dec 1898
wife Alice Crawford

Walter Alfred Wadsworth⁽⁹⁾
br. 25 Oct 1884
bur. 25 Jan 1953
mar. 22 Apr 1912
wife Hazel Church
br. 17 Dec 1884
bur. 17 Jun 1947

Elmer Robert Wadsworth⁽⁹⁾
br. 17 Jun 1886
bur. 2 Oct 1886



GEORGE ALFRED WADSWORTH 1844 - 1904

CHILDREN OF JOHN WADSWORTH

Elizabeth Wadsworth
hus Sea Captain

George Alfred Wadsworth⁽⁴⁾
br. 5 May 1844.
Hoyland, YKS
bur. 26 Dec 1904
mar. 1868
wife Florence Adell Miller
br. 18 Mar 1851
bur. 6 Oct 1936

John Wadsworth⁽⁴⁾
br. 1846
Hoyland, YKS
wife Belle Draper

Frank Wadsworth⁽⁴⁾
br. 1848
Hoyland, YKS
wife Anna McDonough
br. 17 Oct 1775
Newfoundland

Robert Fletcher Wadsworth
br. 1850
Wilmington, NY
bur. 1913
wife Myra Elizabeth Miller
br. 1859
Dresden, NY
bur. 1923

Anna Wadsworth⁽⁴⁾
br. 1852
Hoyland, YKS
hus Albert Hatch

Harriet Wadsworth
br. 1854
bur. consumption 1886/7

Robert Fletcher Wadsworth
br. 1850
Wilmington, NY
bur. 1913
wife Myra Elizabeth Miller
br. 1859
Dresden, NY
bur. 1923

James Wadsworth
br. 5 Jul 1786
bur. 13 Jun 1786
bur. 13 Jun 1824
bur. 11 Jan 1892
wife Harriet Morton
br. 1818
bur. 1892

John Wadsworth
br. 1819
bur. 13 Jun 1824
bur. 11 Jan 1892
wife Harriet Morton
br. 1818
bur. 1892

James Wadsworth⁽⁴⁾
bur. 15 Oct 1826
wife Elizabeth -

Mark Wadsworth
bur. 11 Jan 1829

Harriet Wadsworth
bur. 13 Feb 1831

Elizabeth Wadsworth
bur. 18 Sept 1836

John Wadsworth
br. 28 Mar 1789
bur. 25 Apr 1789

James Wadsworth
br. 16 Mar 1845

Ann Elizabeth Wadsworth
bur. 1887

Walter Wadsworth⁽⁴⁾
bur. 20 Dec 1848
mar. 16 Oct 1872
wife Margaret Ann Stacey
fa. Henry Stacey

Graham Wadsworth
bur. 13 Aug 1826
hus. Henry Morton

Leamington Wadsworth
bur. 1887

Arthur Wadsworth
bur. 1887

Jenny Wadsworth
bur. 1887

Robert Fletcher Wadsworth
bur. 1887

Myra Elizabeth Miller
bur. 1887

Rebecca Bell Kipp
bur. 1887

Frank Lanning Wadsworth
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