

Project Summary – Beesley2018March/1514

23 August 2018

OBJECTIVE

- Continue from the previous report in the effort of identifying Beesley ancestors in Warborough, Oxfordshire, England.

RESULTS

- Examined the parish register of Warborough in Oxfordshire, England, from 1680 and extracted Beesley and Gammon entries.
- Located the marriage and burial records of Hannah and Mark Cherrill, as well as the birth and burial records for their son, Mark Cherrill.
- Obtained the 1759 will of John Beisly, yeoman, from Warborough, Oxfordshire, England.
- Constructed the outline of John Beisly's family including eight children.
- Analyzed the Beesley parish extraction for evidence of the John Beisly family. Noticed that several Beesley parish entries indicated the family of John Beisly were members of the Society of Friends (Quaker) faith.
- Found evidence in the parish registers that some children of John Beisly were baptized as adults into the Church of England.
- Examined multiple collections produced by the Reading and Warborough Monthly Meetings in Berkshire and Oxfordshire.
- Found evidence of an apprenticeship for Joshua Beisly, son of John Beisly, of Warborough.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Continue the search of Society of Friends record collections to document the John Beisly family.
- Continue gathering records for the children and grandchildren of Benjamin and Anne Beisley.
- Conduct an examination of Warborough parish registers and Oxfordshire probate indexes for the ancestral lines of Carter and Butler.

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The Family of Benjamin Beesley and Anne Butler

The previous report identified fourteen children of Benjamin and Anne Beesley who were baptized in Warborough Parish from 1763 through 1783. Twelve of these children lived to adulthood and were named in either their father's or their mother's wills in 1803 and 1816, respectively. See the previous report for these documents and research discussion. The evidence found in the wills suggested marriages for two of the daughters: Ann Gammon and Hannah Cherrill. The marriage records of these women were found in the records at Warborough. Additional records were sought in the parish registers to document the remaining children of Benjamin and Anne Beesley. Note that the Beesley surname was recorded with several variations.

Warborough Parish Register			
Name	Date	Event	Comments
Anne Biesley	18 Sep 1788	Marriage	To John Gammon, both of Warborough parish Witnesses: Ralph Gibbs, James Beisly ¹
Mary Beasley	15 May 1794	Marriage	To Charles Sanders both of Warborough Witnesses: John Beisly, Martha Beisly, Martha Saunders ²
George Beisly	27 Jun 1796	Marriage	To Mary Reed, both of the parish of Warborough Witnesses: Mary Dyer Benjami Baily ³
Hannah Beisly	23 Jul 1803	Marriage	To Mark Cherrill of the parish of St. James Westminster Witnesses: Edward Cherrill, Wm Cherril, Benjamin Baily ⁴

¹ Oxfordshire, England, Church of England Baptism, Marriages, and Burials, 1538-1812, Warborough 1754 – 1812, image 25 of 42, *Ancestry*, www.ancestry.com, Anne Biesley. Document 1.

² Oxfordshire, England, Church of England Baptism, Marriages, and Burials, 1538-1812, Warborough 1754 – 1812, image 30 of 42, *Ancestry*, www.ancestry.com, Mary Biesley. Document 2.

³ Oxfordshire, England, Church of England Baptism, Marriages, and Burials, 1538-1812, Warborough 1754 – 1812, image 30 of 42, *Ancestry*, www.ancestry.com, George Beisly. Document 3.

⁴ Oxfordshire, England, Church of England Baptism, Marriages, and Burials, 1538-1812, Warborough 1754 – 1812, image 35 of 42, *Ancestry*, www.ancestry.com, Hannah Beisley. Document 4.

Warborough Parish Register			
Name	Date	Event	Comments
Martha Beisly	4 Nov 1804	Marriage	To William Smith both of Warborough Witnesses: Charlotte Beisly, Thomas Clark, Benjamin Baily ⁵
Tom Stapleton Beisley	13 Aug 1806	Marriage	To Rebecca Rogers Witnesses: Charlotte Beisly, Mark Cherrill ⁶
Abraham Biesley	4 May 1807	Marriage	To Harriet Ashby by license Witnesses: Ann Ashby, James Ashby ⁷

The above marriages were deemed correct for the ancestral family due to the instance of their given name and in some cases the names of the witnesses who signed the records. There were no conflicting records with other individuals with these same names in the parish register.

No marriages were discovered for the following children of Benjamin and Anne Beisly.

Warborough Parish Register			
Name	Date	Event	Comments
John Bisly			Inconclusive results
James Beisley			See previous report for marriage and children ⁸
Benjamin Beisley		Burial	Age 19, likely unmarried (see previous report) ⁹
Thomas Biesley			Inconclusive results, however, a Thomas and Elizabeth Beisley baptized children beginning in 1805 through 1812
Joshua Biesley			Inconclusive results
Joseph Biesley		Burial	2 years old (see previous report) ¹⁰
Charlotte Biesley			Inconclusive results

Further research is suggested to continue documenting the families of Benjamin and Anne Beisley's children. *FamilySearch* contained limited marriage and descendant data for these individuals.

⁵ Oxfordshire, England, Church of England Baptism, Marriages, and Burials, 1538-1812, Warborough 1754 – 1812, image 36 of 42, *Ancestry*, www.ancestry.com, Martha Beisley. Document 5.

⁶ Oxfordshire, England, Church of England Baptism, Marriages, and Burials, 1538-1812, Warborough 1754 – 1812, image 37 of 42, *Ancestry*, www.ancestry.com, Tom Stapleton. Document 7.

⁷ Oxfordshire, England, Church of England Baptism, Marriages, and Burials, 1538-1812, Warborough 1754 – 1812, image 38 of 42, *Ancestry*, www.ancestry.com, Abraham Beisly. Document 6.

⁸ See Beesley2017July Report and Documents.

⁹ See Beesley2017July Report and Documents.

¹⁰ See Beesley2017July Report and Documents.

Children of John Gammon and Anne Beesley

Recall that the 1803 will of Benjamin Beisly named two married daughters, one of these daughters was Ann Gammon. The above marriage record of John Gammon to Anne Biesley supported the stated relationship. The following Gammon baptism entries were found in the Warborough Parish Register.

Warborough Parish Register			
Name	Date	Event	Comments
Benjamin Gammon	25 Oct 1789	Baptism	Son of John & Anne Gammon ¹¹
Anne Gammon	27 Mar 1791	Baptism	Daughter of John & Anne Gammon ¹²
John Gammon	19 Aug 1792	Baptism	Son of John & Anne Gammon ¹³
Thomas Gammon	26 Aug 1793	Baptism	Son of John & Anne Gammon ¹⁴
Moses Gammon	18 Jun 1797	Baptism	Son of John & Anne Gammon ¹⁵
Mary Gammon	27 Jan 1799	Baptism	Daughter of John & Anne Gammon ¹⁶
Joseph Gammon	3 May 1801	Baptism	Son of John & Anne Gammon ¹⁷
Charlotte Gammon	29 May 1803	Baptism	Daughter of John & Anne Gammon ¹⁸
Tileh Gammon	24 Jan 1805	Baptism	Daughter of John & Anne Gammon ¹⁹

The above children were added to the client's database and should be added to *FamilySearch's* Family Tree. It appeared these relationships were missing on *FamilySearch*.

¹¹ Oxfordshire, England, Church of England Baptism, Marriages, and Burials, 1538-1812, Warborough 1538 – 1812, image 78 of 154, *Ancestry*, www.ancestry.com, Benjamin Gammon. Document 8.

¹² Oxfordshire, England, Church of England Baptism, Marriages, and Burials, 1538-1812, Warborough 1538 – 1812, image 79 of 154, *Ancestry*, www.ancestry.com Anne Gammon. Document 9.

¹³ Oxfordshire, England, Church of England Baptism, Marriages, and Burials, 1538-1812, Warborough 1538 – 1812, image 79 of 154, *Ancestry*, www.ancestry.com, John Gammon. Document 10.

¹⁴ Oxfordshire, England, Church of England Baptism, Marriages, and Burials, 1538-1812, Warborough 1538 – 1812, image 79 of 154, *Ancestry*, www.ancestry.com, Thomas Gammon. Document 11.

¹⁵ Oxfordshire, England, Church of England Baptism, Marriages, and Burials, 1538-1812, Warborough 1538 – 1812, image 81 of 154, *Ancestry*, www.ancestry.com, Moses Gammon. Document 12.

¹⁶ Oxfordshire, England, Church of England Baptism, Marriages, and Burials, 1538-1812, Warborough 1538 – 1812, image 82 of 154, *Ancestry*, www.ancestry.com, Mary Gammon. Document 13.

¹⁷ Oxfordshire, England, Church of England Baptism, Marriages, and Burials, 1538-1812, Warborough 1538 – 1812, image 82 of 154, *Ancestry*, www.ancestry.com, Joseph Gammon. Document 14.

¹⁸ Oxfordshire, England, Church of England Baptism, Marriages, and Burials, 1538-1812, Warborough 1538 – 1812, image 83 of 154, *Ancestry*, www.ancestry.com, Charlotte Gammon. Document 15.

¹⁹ Oxfordshire, England, Church of England Baptism, Marriages, and Burials, 1538-1812, Warborough 1538 – 1812, image 84 of 154, *Ancestry*, www.ancestry.com, Tileh Gammon, Document 16.

Hannah Beesley Cherrill and her son, Mark Cherrill

Benjamin Beisly named a second married daughter in his 1803 will, Hannah Cherrill. The marriage of Mark Cherrill and Hannah Beisly took place just one month prior to Benjamin writing his will.²⁰ When Benjamin's widow, Anne Beisly, composed her will in 1816, she did not name her daughter, Hannah, but she did leave a legacy for her grandson Mark Cherrill.²¹

A baptism record was found for this grandson. He was baptized 10 April 1805 in St. Anne's Church at Soho, Westminster, Middlesex, England, as the son of Mark and Hannah. The document stated Mark Cherrill was born 17 August 1804.²² Recall that the above marriage of Mark and Hannah Cherrill stated that Mark Cherrill was from the St. James's Westminster Parish. St. James's and St. Anne's Churches were less than one mile apart in the heart of London.

The absence of Hannah Cherrill's name in her mother's will suggested Hannah may have died before her mother. Neither the Warborough Parish Registers nor the registers from the Westminster area contained any documentation of the death of Hannah Cherrill. However, a burial recorded for Hannah *Carroll* was located in St. Anne's, Soho, Westminster Parish.²³ This burial occurred in 1810 and fit with the assumed death of Hannah Cherrill before her mother's will was written in 1816. The phonetic sound of the surnames Cherrill and Carroll provided a possibility that this record may have been for Hannah Beisly Cherrill. This record was attributed to Hannah pending further investigation.

Given the nature of their uncommon names, burial records were found for Hannah's husband and son. Their burials occurred in the London area. Mark, senior, was buried at St. Mary's, Ealing, in 1826, less than ten miles from St. Anne's, Soho, Parish.²⁴ Mark, junior's, burial took place in 1842, at St. John the Evangelist, Lambeth, Surrey, across the River Thames, less than

²⁰ Oxfordshire, England, Church of England Baptism, Marriages, and Burials, 1538-1812, Warborough 1754 – 1812, image 35 of 42, *Ancestry*, www.ancestry.com, Hannah Beisley. Document 4.

²¹ See Beesley2017July Report and Documents.

²² Church of England, St. Anne's Church, Soho, Westminster, Middlesex, Baptisms, 1686-1817, FHL microfilm 918606, Image 347 of 544, *FamilySearch*, www.familysearch.org, Mark Cherrill. Document 17.

²³ Church of England, St. Anne's Church (Soho, Westminster, Middlesex), Burials, 1686-1812.

FHL microfilm 918603, image 729 of 743, *FamilySearch*, www.familysearch.org, Hannah Carroll. Document 18.

²⁴ London, England, Church of England Deaths and Burials, 1813-2003, Ealing St Mary, Ealing 1813-1843, image 133 of 302, *Ancestry*, www.ancestry.com, Mark Cherrill. Document 19.

three miles from Soho.²⁵ The age at death listed for Mark Cherrill, the son, was thirty-seven. He died in the spring before his thirty-eighth birthday, an exact year-match with the birth date recorded on his baptism record. The age at death listed for Mark Cherrill, the elder, was fifty-two. This gave him an approximate birth year of 1774. This placed his birth year in an acceptable timeframe for the man who married Hannah Beisly. Recall that she was baptized in 1767.²⁶ Mark Cherrill's age at death was likely reported slightly inaccurately. Further research should include locating his baptism record.

Oxfordshire Probate Records

Oxfordshire probate indexes were searched for documents to help verify the ancestry of Benjamin and Anne Beisly. A will written by John Beisly of Warborough, Oxfordshire, England, in 1758 provided evidence he was the likely father of the ancestral Benjamin Beisly. A full transcript of the will is provided in the research documents of this report.²⁷

Will of John Beisly
Dochester Peculiars Court
Warborough, Oxfordshire, England
Written 16 April 1758; proved 27 March 1759

John Beisly, yeoman...all and every my freehold lands and tenements...in Warborough...unto my youngest **son Benjamin Beisly**...immediately after my death...I do also give unto my said son Benjam Beisly all my household goods stock cattle chattles and personal estate (except my College hold estate and the executors year in the same college hold estate which...I do hereby give unto my **wife**) And I do make nominate and appoint my said son Benjamin Beisly sole executor of this my last will and testament. I give and bequeath unto my **daughter Martha Beisly**...during the natural life of my **daughter Sarah Beisly**...one annuity or yearly rent charge of eight pounds...payable out of all my freehold lands...upon trust...that...Martha...do and shall pay...the said annuity...for and towards the maintenance and support of my said daughter Sarah Beisly...the receipt of the said Martha...whether she be sole or covert shall be a sufficient discharge to the person...paying the same...it shall and may be lawful...for the said trustee Martha Beisly...in the case of non-payment...to raise the same by distress upon all or any part of the premises charged therewith together...I give unto my **three sons Thomas, Joshua, and James** Beisly forty pounds apiece...I give unto my **daughter Elizabeth** the sum of fifty pounds...I give unto my daughter **Mary Beisly** and to my said daughter Martha Beisly...one hundred pounds...I do hereby subject and charge all my said freehold lands tenements and hereditaments and real and personal estate with the payment of all and each and every the legacies aforesaid...

²⁵ London, England, Church of England Deaths and Burials, 1813-2003, Lambeth St John the Evangelist, Lambeth 1834-1847, image 268 of 447, *Ancestry*, www.ancestry.com, Mark Cherrill. Document 20.

²⁶ See Beesley2017July Report and Documents.

²⁷ See Research Documents. Document 21.

Executor: Benjamin Beisly

Witnesses: Jn: Greenwood, Mary Greenwood, Wm Cross²⁸

John Beisly's will indicated his wife was still alive when it was written, but he did not mention her given name. Eight children were named in the will with Benjamin Beisly cited as the youngest son. This evidence provided the outline of a family structure that could be verified with church records. Warborough Parish Registers were examined for evidence of birth, marriages, or burials for these individuals. The conclusion that John Beisly was the father of the ancestral Benjamin Beisly was made after correlating pieces of evidence from several Warborough record collections.

Warborough Parish Records

The family structure found in John Beisly's will provided clues to calculate the approximate time John and his wife would have baptized their children. First, Benjamin Beisly was named as the youngest son of John Beisly. Second, Benjamin was made sole executor and given all the freehold lands and personal property of his father without a qualifying statement that this would happen when Benjamin came of age. This suggested that Benjamin was already at least twenty-one years of age in 1758. Therefore, the testator's son, Benjamin Beisly, was likely born before 1737. Recall that the ancestral Benjamin Beisly married Anne Butler in 1761 and the burial record attributed to him from previous research stated he was seventy-one years old when he died giving him an approximate birth year of 1732.²⁹ These calculations suggested the two Benjamin Beislys were the same individual, the son of John Beisly.

The parish register from Warborough, Oxfordshire, England, was carefully examined for evidence that could support the father/son Beisly assumption. If Benjamin Beisly was the youngest son of John Beisly, the first baptisms of John's three older sons occurred at least four or five years earlier and perhaps more especially if any of the daughters were older than Benjamin. All Beesley entries from 1680 were noted in a spreadsheet to enable further study and understanding of the Beesley individuals inhabiting Warborough.

²⁸ Oxfordshire Wills Index, 1516-1857, *FindMyPast*, www.findmypast.com, Pec.66/2/41, 1759, John Biesly. Document 22-22b.

²⁹ See Beesley2017July Report and Documents.

After extracting the Beesley entries from the Warborough Parish Register, it was noted that a John Bisly and his wife, Jane, baptized four children from 1731 through 1739, however, only one of the children's names match those from John Beisly's will.

Warborough Parish Register			
Name	Date	Event	Comments
John Bisley	21 Mar 1730	Baptism	Son of John Bisley & Jane his wife ³⁰
Richard Bisley	2 Sep 1733	Baptism	Son of John and Jane Bisley ³¹
Sarah Biesly	7 Mar 1735	Baptism	Daughter of John Biesly & Jane his wife ³²
Joseph Bisly	23 Apr 1739	Baptism	Son of John & Jane Bisly was privately baptized ³³
Joseph Bisly	3 May 1739	Burial	Son of John & Jane Bisly ³⁴

The above records did not support the family structure outlined in John Beisly's 1758 will apart from the daughter, Sarah. No other burial records indicated that the sons, John or Richard, died during their childhood. It was possible that the testator did have other children who were not named in his will. This happened when the testator had already given an inheritance to one or more children, thus, there was no need to include them in the will. At this point, it was inconclusive whether the family in these baptism and burial records represented the testator John Beisly's family.

It was unusual that the family members were not found in the parish register. Two scenarios were possible. Either John and his wife relocated to Warborough Parish after their children were baptized in a different parish, or John and his wife were not associated with the Church of England, but still lived in Warborough. A 1692 baptism record for John Bisley, son of John Bisley, was located in the Warborough register.³⁵ If this represented the correct individual, the approximate year of his marriage would be 1712 through 1720. This approximation fit with the

³⁰ Oxfordshire, England, Church of England Baptism, Marriages, and Burials, 1538-1812, Warborough 1538 – 1812, image 54 of 154, *Ancestry*, www.ancestry.com, John Bisley. Document 23.

³¹ Oxfordshire, England, Church of England Baptism, Marriages, and Burials, 1538-1812, Warborough 1538 – 1812, image 54 of 154, *Ancestry*, www.ancestry.com, Richard Bisley. Document 23.

³² Oxfordshire, England, Church of England Baptism, Marriages, and Burials, 1538-1812, Warborough 1538 – 1812, image 55 of 154, *Ancestry*, www.ancestry.com, Sarah Bisley. Document 23.

³³ Oxfordshire, England, Church of England Baptism, Marriages, and Burials, 1538-1812, Warborough 1538 – 1812, image 56 of 154, *Ancestry*, www.ancestry.com, Joseph Bisley. Document 24.

³⁴ Oxfordshire, England, Church of England Baptism, Marriages, and Burials, 1538-1812, Warborough 1538 – 1812, image 130 of 154, *Ancestry*, www.ancestry.com, Joseph Bisly. Document 24.

³⁵ Oxfordshire, England, Church of England Baptism, Marriages, and Burials, 1538-1812, Warborough 1538 – 1812, image 130 of 154, *Ancestry*, www.ancestry.com, John Beesley. Document 25.

testator's assumed family structure, however, no marriage records were located in Warborough for this individual.

Other entries found in the Warborough Parish Registers helped to explain the absence the John Bisley family from its records. Especially interesting was evidence found at the back of a burial register where Quaker burials were recorded in the Church of England register at Warborough.

Warborough Parish Register			
Name	Date	Event	Comments
John Bisley	9 Feb 1759	Burial	The elder of this parish was buried in the Quaker burial place ³⁶
James Bisley	25 Apr 1759	Baptism	An adult son of John and Joan Bisley, Quakers, born 14 Mar 1721 ³⁷
John Biesley	16 Oct 1769	Burial	Of this parish Quaker was buried in Quaker burial place ³⁸
Thomas Bisley	No date	Burial	The Quaker elder brother to Benjamin Bisley [entry made between entries dated 1786 and 1794]
Widow Bisley	No date	Burial	Widow of John Bisley brother to Benj [entry made between entries dated 1786 and 1794] ³⁹
Mr. Benjamin Beisley	24 Aug 1803	Baptism	An adult born of Quaker parents ⁴⁰

The Quaker entries substantiated the tentative assumptions, made thus far in the research, concerning the John Bisley family of Warborough. The records explained why the correct entries were not found in the parish registers, the parents did not participate in Church of England rites. John Bisley's burial took place about six weeks before his will was proved on 27 March 1759. The adult baptism of James Bisley in 1759 (curiously, just after the death of his father) documented his birth in 1721 and named his mother, Joan Bisley. His birth year fit with the birth year approximations made earlier in this report for the brothers of Benjamin Beesley. Another John Biesley was buried in 1769 followed by a widow of John Bisley about 1790. The widow was

³⁶ Oxfordshire, England, Church of England Baptism, Marriages, and Burials, 1538-1812, Warborough 1538 – 1812, image 151 of 154, *Ancestry*, www.ancestry.com, two John Bisleys. Document 26.

³⁷ Oxfordshire, England, Church of England Baptism, Marriages, and Burials, 1538-1812, Warborough 1538 – 1812, image 66 of 154, *Ancestry*, www.ancestry.com. Document 27.

³⁸ Oxfordshire, England, Church of England Baptism, Marriages, and Burials, 1538-1812, Warborough 1538 – 1812, image 151 of 154, *Ancestry*, www.ancestry.com, two John Bisleys. Document 26.

³⁹ Oxfordshire, England, Church of England Baptism, Marriages, and Burials, 1538-1812, Warborough 1538 – 1812, image 151 of 154, *Ancestry*, www.ancestry.com, Thomas Bisley and widow of John Bisley. Document 28.

⁴⁰ Oxfordshire, England, Church of England Baptism, Marriages, and Burials, 1538-1812, Warborough 1538 – 1812, image 83 of 154, *Ancestry*, www.ancestry.com, Benjamin Beisley. Document 29.

identified as a sister-in-law of Benjamin Beisley. Finally, Benjamin Beisly, himself, was baptized into the Church of England the day before he wrote his will on 25 August 1803.

Society of Friends Warborough Monthly Meeting Records

After identifying the John Beisly family as Quakers, evidence of the family was sought in several collections of Society of Friends records. Quaker records are typically excellent sources as the society members included many details in their event entries. However, the collections covering the Warborough area were subject to many gaps of missing records that spanned multiple years. Unfortunately for this research, the targeted period of 1710 through 1740, where the marriage and births of the Beisly family may have been recorded, was not among the available records. The limited time of this project did not allow for further exploration of the records left by the Society of Friends. They kept records at multiple levels of jurisdiction and all should be checked for evidence of the Beisly family. Future research should ascertain whether additional sources are available to consult for this investigation.

Records from the late eighteenth-century provided additional details for the burials of three Beisly family members. The following burial orders were composed by the Warborough Monthly Meeting.

Society of Friends Warborough Monthly Meeting			
Name	Date	Event	Comments
Thos Bisley	7 Nov 1788	Death	Of Warborough, not a member of our society, buried 10 Nov 1788 ⁴¹
Elizabeth Bisley	17 Jan 1789	Death	Widow of the late John Bisley of Warborough, buried 20 Jan 1789, not a member of our society ⁴²
Sarah Bisley	15 Aug 1794	Death	Of Warborough, buried 17 Aug 1794, not a member of our society ⁴³

⁴¹ Society of Friends, Reading and Warborough Monthly Meeting, England, Burials 1670-1781, FHL microfilm 813690, Image 360 of 507, *FamilySearch*, www.familysearch.org, Thos Bisley. Document 30.

⁴² Society of Friends, Reading and Warborough Monthly Meeting, England, Burials 1670-1781, FHL microfilm 813690, Image 362 of 507, *FamilySearch*, www.familysearch.org, Elizabeth Bisley. Document 31.

⁴³ Society of Friends, Reading and Warborough Monthly Meeting, England, Burials 1670-1781, FHL microfilm 813690, Image 376 of 507, *FamilySearch*, www.familysearch.org, Sarah Bisley. Document 32.

The order for Thomas Bisley's death corresponded to the burial entry made in the Warborough Parish Register between 1786 and 1794. It provided the actual death date as well as the burial date of Thomas Bisley. Note that the parish record stated Thomas was Benjamin Bisley's brother.

The order for Elizabeth Bisley's burial provided her given name. Her given name in the corresponding parish register entry was unreadable. Recall that John Beisly did not mention a son named John in his will. However, the parish burial record stated that the late John Beisly was the brother of Benjamin Beisly. Subsequently, John Beisly, was included as another child of John Beisly, the elder. Note that there were no other Benjamin Beislys generating records in Warborough through this period.

The order for Sarah Bisley was concluded to be that of the daughter of John Bisley. Recall that his will placed another daughter, Martha, as trustee for the maintenance of Sarah Beisly. The parish registers contained no other entries for Sarah Beisly and no other Beisly men were baptizing children with a mother named Sarah. It was conjectured that Sarah Beisly may have been handicapped in some way, thus the need for her maintenance during her natural life. Sarah's burial record included the notation "not a member of our society." This was also the case with the above records of Thomas and Elizabeth indicating a possible break with the Quaker faith similar to that of James and Benjamin. At this point in the research, the burial order was attributed to Sarah, the daughter of John Beisly, subject to revision upon further record discovery.

The National Archives

A brief search of *The National Archives* at London was conducted in search of Society of Friends records concerning the Beislys. None were found. An index of apprenticeship records on *Ancestry* indicated a record for Joshua Beisley was held at *The National Archives*. This record documented Joshua Beisley as a son of John Beisley of Warborough.

- 10 Sep 1735 – William Keen of Dochester, Oxon, Wheelwright, paid apprenticeship tax for Joshua, son of John Beisley, of Warborough, husbandman.⁴⁴

Joshua was likely apprenticed out to William Keen somewhere between the ages of seven to fourteen years old with the apprenticeship likely extending until he was twenty-one years old. The 1735 record placed Joshua in the appropriate timeframe calculated for the brothers of Benjamin Beisly.

Martha Beisly

The will of John Beisly mentioned a daughter Martha Beisly and gave her a substantial legacy as well as naming her as a trustee to oversee the maintenance and care of her sister, Sarah Beisly. A marriage record for Martha Beisly to John Carter was found in the Warborough Parish Register. They married 21 December 1761 by license. Benjamin Beisly served as a witness for the marriage.⁴⁵ Recall from the previous report that Benjamin's son, James Beisley, married Mary Carter 4 July 1792. Mary was the daughter of John Carter and Martha Biesley.⁴⁶ Therefore, James Biesley and Mary Carter were first cousins. This may explain why one of their sons, the ancestral Benjamin Beesley, baptized in 1796, ended up dealing with serious difficulties in life.

Conclusion

Interesting extensions to the pedigree of Benjamin Beisly, son of John Beisly, in both directions, were found during this session of research. Several marriage records for his children with subsequent baptism records for his grandchildren were obtained. The will of his father, John Beisly, outlined the structure of Benjamin's birth family. The record collection for this family took an unexpected twist into Quaker records as the Church of England parish register indicated the parents were members of the Society of Friends. The genealogical link from father to son began with the will but also was verified with records of Benjamin and some of his birth family's baptism and burial events. The records indicated that some of the children of John and Joan

⁴⁴ Records of the Boards of Stamps, Taxes, Excise, Stamps and Taxes, and Inland Revenue, City (Town Registers, Apr 1735-Dec 1736, IR 1/14, p. 72, *The National Archives*, www.discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk, Joshua Beisley. Document 33.

⁴⁵ Oxfordshire, England, Church of England Baptism, Marriages, and Burials, 1538-1812, Warborough 1754 – 1812, image 5 of 42, *Ancestry*, www.ancestry.com, Martha Beisly. Document 34.

⁴⁶ See Beesley2017July Report and Documents.

Beisly did not hold as firmly to the faith of their parents as others. Benjamin Beisly, himself, was baptized into the Church of England just prior to his imminent death.

The Warborough Parish Register did not contain compelling evidence to conclude that the John and Jane Bisly who baptized children from 1731 through 1739 were the same individuals as John and Joan Beisly who were members of the Quaker Church.

Recommendations

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- Continue gathering records for the children and grandchildren of Benjamin and Anne Beisley.
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It has been a pleasure to assist you in researching your ancestry. We look forward to continuing, according to your instructions.

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