

Derald Barham's working hypothesis back from John & Sarah Langridge of Rotherfield (2003)

We have to face the possibility that we'll never find our John's baptism, because large numbers of baptisms in the civil war period 1640 - 1660 were simply not recorded due to the upheavals of war & the ejection from their parishes of many Anglican ministers.

In Derald's view, you can't steer away from John & Sarah's marriage @ Wadhurst, the parish adjacent to where they made their home in Rotherfield & where they had their children, our ancestors. Sarah's parents, John & Elizabeth White of Rotherfield, both made wills spelling out that their daughter Sarah was the wife of John Langridge

As the only other Langridge @ Rotherfield was William who married in 1650 @ Heathfield, I'm assuming John's father was this William, the only Langridge @ Rotherfield @ the relevant time having married Denise Hider @ Heathfield in 1650 & Wm. & Denise both died @ Rotherfield.

Now it may be this William was baptised. @ Fletching 5 Apr 1612 & married

(1) Elizabeth White @ Lindfield 23 Nov 1634. They had a son Robert baptised. @ Fletching 1.1.1637 following which Eliz. w/o William was buried @ Fletching 5 May 1638

(2) Denise Hyder @ Heathfield in 1650 & had 2 children @ Horsted Keynes, i.e. Bridget 1654 & our **JOHN 3 May 1655**.

William clearly had close connections with Horsted Keynes for @ the probate of his estate his principal creditor was from Horsted Keynes.

Also, a John Hider (Presumably a relative of Denise Hider) took over John Langridge's property in 1696 - this makes good sense if Denise Hider was John Langridge's mother

William's father was Robert who was chr. @ E. Grinstead 23 Aug 1573 & had 11 children @ Fletching 1599-1620 incl. William in 1612 & Bridget in 1614. This may be significant If William's closest sister was Bridget it could explain why he named his own daughter Bridget in 1654.

Robert then had 2 further children @ Horsted Keynes in 1623 & 1625 & he was known as Robert Langridge of Fletching & was buried @ Horsted Keynes in 1625

Robert's father was Lawrence of E. Grinstead & as the eldest son administered his estate when his father died in 1598

I admit this is not cast iron proof but it hangs together, especially William's eldest son in 1637 being Robert & William's father being Robert; together with the Bridget connection & William of Rotherfield's connection with Horsted Keynes & his father Robert's children & Burial there.

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