GEORGE HINDLEY (1743-1839)

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<td>CORDWAINER</td>
<td>c1743 – 15.09.1839</td>
<td>M 17.06.1769</td>
<td>WHITLEY (Cheshire)</td>
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Father: Unknown
Mother: Unknown
Children:
- Mary (1769– )
- Peggy (1771-1795)
- Ann (1773– )
- George (1775-1849)
- John (1778– )
- William (1782– )

Margaret Gandy was baptised a Quaker on June 17th 1743, daughter of John and Mary Gandy.

George and Margaret were married at Great Budworth on June 20th 1769, less than a month before the birth of their first child. George was a bachelor, Margaret a spinster. Both were of Great Budworth parish at the time and both signed the marriage book with a cross indicating that they were illiterate (future generations signed by name). Witnesses were John and Ralph Wilkinson. John Wilkinson was Margaret’s brother in law, husband of her sister Mary.

The Great Budworth records show the burial of George Hindley of Appleton (the northernmost township in the parish) on September 17th 1839 at the age of 96. This longevity is fortunate for us in that it enables us to obtain a death certificate which tells us a number of things, not least that this is the correct George Hindley, shown by the fact that the informant is George Hindley of Barnton which we know to be his son. He died on September 15th, 1839, cause of death is given as “decay of nature”.

It also tells us that he was a Cordwainer by profession. This skill of working with leather was to continue for at least a further three generation of shoemakers.

Margaret Hindley was buried at Great Budworth on March 16th 1821 at the age of 78, a good span in itself but she was outlived by her husband by 18 years!
George Hindley as a tenant in 1787

John Leah’s will.
John Leah was George Senior’s landlord in 1787.
Unfortunately the exact location isn’t identified in the magnificent hand written will from 1787. Two paragraphs are relevant -
"And also my messuage and tenement with the lands and hereditaments thereto belonging in Antrobus aforesaid now in the possession of George Hindley as tenant thereof."
"And upon trust that they the said James Chadwick and John Mairs and the survivor of them his heirs and assigns as soon as conveniently may be after the decease of my said wife shall and do make sale and absolutely dispose of the said messuage and tenement lands and hereditaments now in the possession of George Hindley either by public auction or private contract for the best price and prices and most money that can or may be had or gotten for the same and convert my said personal estate and into money."

Did George purchase the premises when John Leah’s wife died?
Was George a member of the Cordwainers Guild?
1829 SHOEMAKER APPRENTICESHIP WITH GEORGE HINDLEY OF ANTROBUS, CHESHIRE.

This Indenture made the twenty fifth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine Between Isaac Berry of Great Budworth in the County of Chester labourer and Allen Berry his son of the age of thirteen years or thereabouts a poor boy belonging to the Township of Aston in the said County of Chester of the first part George Hindley of Antrobus in the same County Shoemaker of the second part and Samuel Boucher Overseer of the Poor of the said Township of Aston of the third part Witnesseth that the said Isaac Berry by and with the consent of the said Allen Berry / testified by his being made a party to and executing these presents Hath put placed and bound and by these presents Doth put place and bind the said Allen Berry and the said Allen Berry of his own face will and choice and by and with the consent of the said Samuel Boucher as Overseer of the Poor of the said township of Aston  Doth put place and bind himself Apprentice to the said George Hindley in the trade art mystery or business of a shoemaker to serve him from the day of the date hereof for and during and unto therefore end and term of six years from hence next evening And fully to be complete and ended And the said Allen Berry the Apprentice shall and will faithfully serve his said Master and do observe and perform all and every his lawful and reasonable commands and directions and shall not nor will disclose the same or the secrets of his employment Business or Dealings to any person or persons whomsoever during the said Term but shall and will in all things behave himself towards his said master and all his Family Friends and customers as a faithful honest and diligent apprentice ought to do And the said Isaac Berry for himself his Executors and Administrators do hereby covenant and agree with the said George Hindley his Executors Administrators and Assigns that the said Allen Berry the said Apprentice shall and will well and faithfully serve in manner aforesaid the said George Hindley during the said Term of Six years And shall and will find for the said apprentice or the said Apprentice shall and will find and provide for himself good and sufficient clothes and wearing Apparel / except shoes and aprons / suitable for the said Apprentice to wear during the said term. And the said George Hindley .......... The remaining wording is missing from the Cheshire Archives. Ref. D 5871/19

In 1829 George Hindley was 86 years old and he took on an apprentice for 6 years meaning that George was 92 at the end of the apprenticeship. George was 96 when he died.

Was George, at 86years, the oldest person to ever take on an apprentice?
George Hindley’s death certificate.

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<td>161</td>
<td>Fifteenth of September 1839 in Appledown</td>
<td>George Hindley</td>
<td>Male</td>
<td>96 years</td>
<td>Grocer</td>
<td>Decay of nature.</td>
<td>George Hindley in attendance Barnes</td>
<td>Sixteenth of September 1839</td>
<td>William Rutter</td>
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Superintendent Registrar.

25th January 1995 Date.