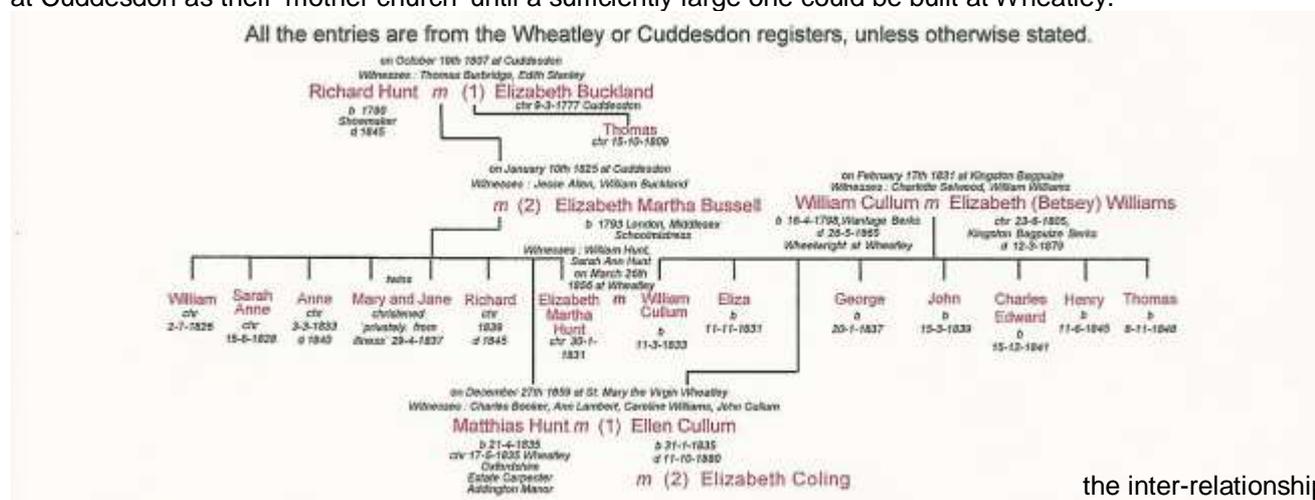


The Hunts of Cuddesdon & Wheatley 1780 to 1850

This extract from the chart shows some of the marriages that took place around this time. The place-names mentioned in Oxfordshire are very close to one another, as can be seen on the map overleaf, and are for practical purposes, the 'same place'. Indeed the local population in Wheatley were obliged to use the church at Cuddesdon as their 'mother church' until a sufficiently large one could be built at Wheatley.



the inter-relationship
Hunts and the Cullum

Note that Matthias Hunt's sister Elizabeth Martha Hunt married his wife's brother, William Cullum.

Ellen Hunt's sister, Eliza Cullum, was later to marry a George Munt and emigrate to Australia. Her brother Henry Cullum, was baptised on the same day and in the same church as another 'Munt', William Munt.

'Witnesses at the weddings' is quite revealing. When Elizabeth Martha Hunt married William Cullum in 1856, the witnesses were William Hunt and Sarah Ann Hunt (*sic*).

When Matthias married Ellen Cullum, among the *four* witnesses were Caroline Williams and John Cullum. Note particularly 'Caroline Williams'. When 'JHH' was doing research some years ago, he wrote that he had reason to believe that Caroline Williams and Ellen Hunt nee Cullum were cousins, and indeed there seems to be quite an inter-reaction between *all* these families. (Caroline Williams appears in another branch of the tree. She marries James Barker and her daughter marries J&M's grandfather, Frederick Matthias in 1893). But it was such a small community of course that they must have all known one another very well, and the 'new blood' from Berkshire would not have been too exotic. Kingston Bagpuize to Wheatley is only 12 miles.

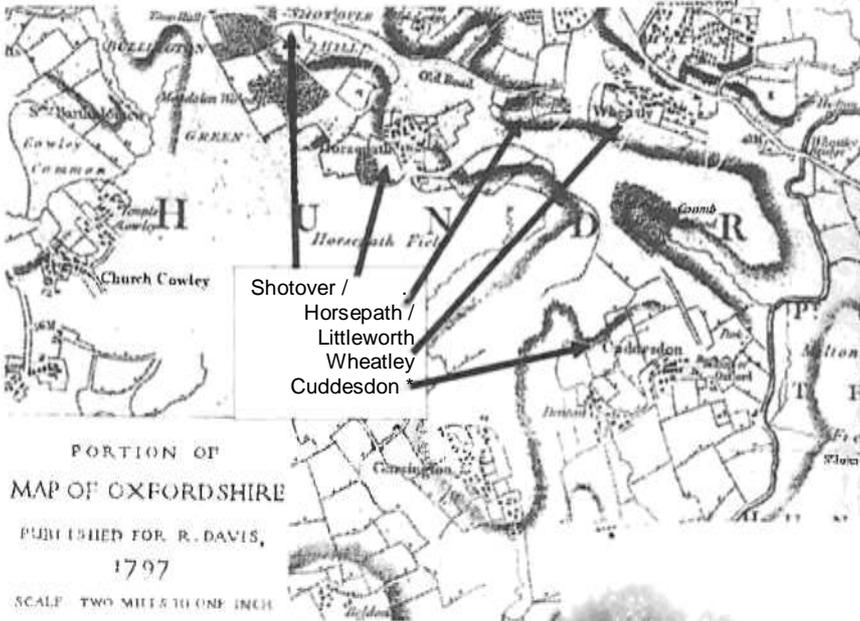
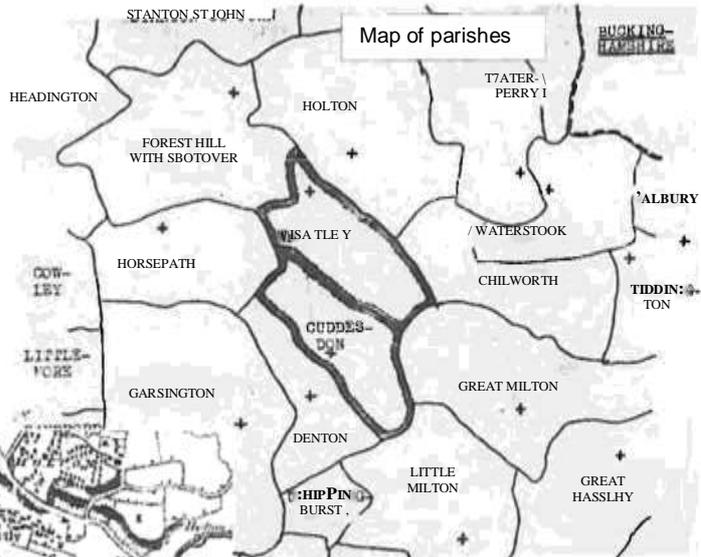
William Cullum from Wantage appears in the Kingston Bagpuize register when marrying Elizabeth Williams as 'William Cullern of Cuddesdon', but of interest here is that he had left Berkshire, presumably to work in Oxfordshire, but still married someone from 'back home'. That he was already in Wheatley at the time of his marriage (1831) is further confirmed as the appropriate 'Banns' are also recorded in the Wheatley register. (Wantage to Kingston Bagpuize is six miles.)

Several items concerning *Thomas* Hunt, (Matthias's half-brother) are also worthy of note. Being much older than his half-siblings, (he was born in 1809), he too was raising his family around the time that the later of Richard's children by his second marriage were being born. Thomas and his wife, also named Elizabeth Martha!, became parents to Edward in 1835, Richard Thomas in 1837, Elizabeth in 1841, Sarah Anne in 1845, Eliza in 1848, and Jane in 1851. There is one further entry in the baptism register which reads 'November 4th ?855, Thomas, son of Thomas, deceased sexton, and Elizabeth Martha'.

The 1841 census return which shows Thomas is interesting. He is living in Shotover, just outside Wheatley and Cuddesdon, with 'E.M' (Elizabeth Martha) and their two children Edward and Richard. (At the time of the census the others were not yet born.) Thomas is a 'shoemaker', not surprising as his father Richard had been one as well. Thomas's wife, according to the census, was from 'out of county', and, as the box is ticked, may even have been 'born in Scotland, Ireland or foreign parts', but that is unlikely. The entry for the Cullums in 1841 is similarly annotated, and they came from Berkshire!, although some would no doubt say that qualifies as 'foreign'. Next door to the family is 70-year old Jane Buckland. 'Buckland' was the maiden name of Thomas's mother, Richard Hunt's first wife, and she may well have been Thomas's aunt. Perhaps Thomas had inherited the former Buckland home.

And the inter-relationship between the Hunts and the Cullum family went on towards the 1900s. In 1896, Thomas Richard Hunt, a dental assistant from St John's, Kensal Green, and a grandson of Matthias's father Richard by his first wife, came back to Wheatley to marry Mary Jane Cullum, the daughter of William Cullum and Matthias's sister Elizabeth Martha

Elsewhere in the Cuddesdon area in the 1800s, there were other 'Hunts'. Also from the Wheatley register, there is an Edward Hunt and his wife Rebecca. Their first child, Sarah, was born in 1824 when Edward was a 'labourer'. By 1827, when their daughter Martha was born, he was a 'baker', which he still was when their son Edward was born in 1831. At nearby Horsepath, the blacksmith was a Thomas Hunt He and his wife Frances had three children, Mary Ann, Robert and Susannah, between 1820 and 1826.



Cuddesdon c. 1901