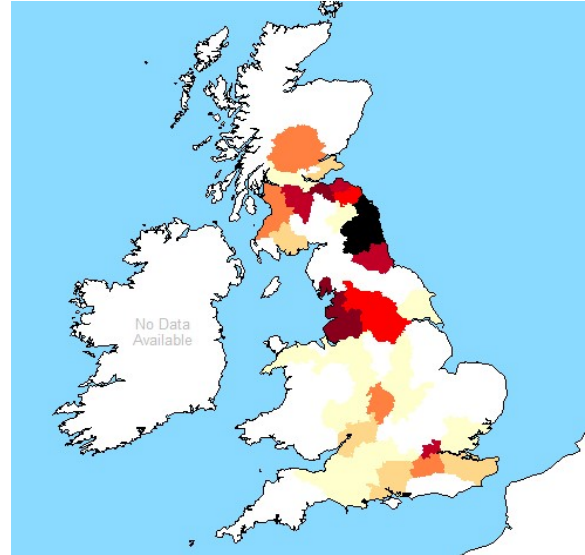


## Our Northumbrian Ancestors – The Eadington Family

The Eadington family story is one of many 'wives', many mills, a fifty two stone pig and a tentative link to my only non-English direct ancestors.

Eadington and its rarer variant Eadington, is a name that is found predominantly in Northumberland.<sup>1</sup>

It is a locational surname, taken from the hamlet of Edington (Ida's town),<sup>2</sup> three miles south west of Morpeth. The spelling varies, often with the same individual being recorded with more than one variation of the name. For consistency, the spelling Eadington has been used here, as this is the most common version found in this branch of the family.



**Distribution for the Surname Eadington<sup>1</sup>**

The Eadington line can be traced back to 5x great grandfather David Eadington who, according to his gravestone in the churchyard at Alnwick, Northumberland, was born about 1731.<sup>3</sup> David's will reveals that he had an unnamed brother, who was dead by 1795 when the will was written.<sup>4</sup> Investigating the



**The Grave of David Eadington, Alnwick, Northumberland**

<sup>1</sup> *The Surname Atlas* Archer Software 2003.

<sup>2</sup> Reaney, P.H. *A Dictionary of Surnames* Routledge and Kegan Paul 1958.

<sup>3</sup> Gravestone at St. Mary & St. Michael Alnwick, Northumberland.

<sup>4</sup> Will of David Eadington proved 1795 via <http://familyrecords.dur.ac.uk/nei/data/neisearch.php>.

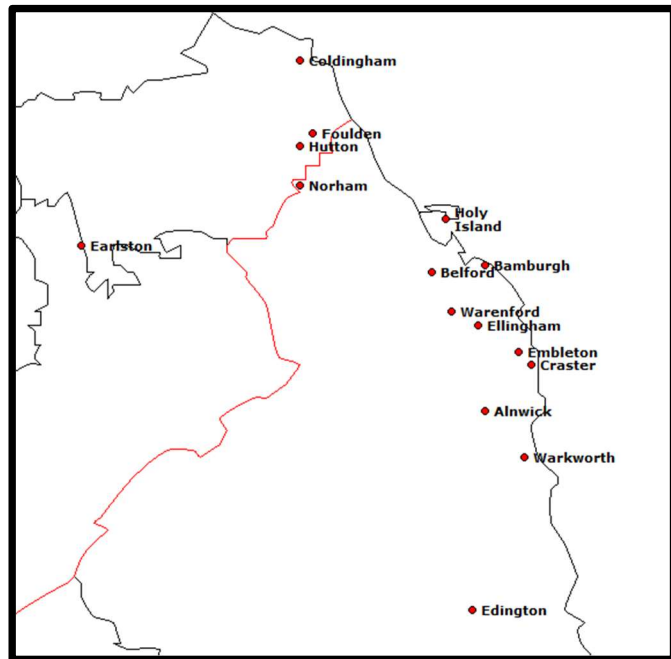
baptisms of the brother's children,<sup>5</sup> who are named in the will, reveals that this brother was called James. A gravestone at Norham, which is almost certainly this James, suggests that he was born in 1730.<sup>6</sup>

The received 'wisdom' on [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) is that

David was baptised in 1738 in Earlston, Berwickshire,<sup>7</sup> which is twenty five miles from

Norham and fifty miles from Alnwick. This David's father was called Robert. There were no other Eadingtons in Earlston at this time, no Robert's in David's family and no corresponding baptism for James. Of course a baptism could take place several years after a birth but if this was the typical infant baptism, the age does not tie in with the suggested date of birth on the gravestone and would make David nine years younger than his wife and only eighteen when he married, so it does not seem likely.<sup>8</sup>

There were other Edington families in the area, including a William Edington, who had children baptised in Bamburgh and Ellingham in the 1710s and 1720s.<sup>9</sup> An Isabella wife of William Edington, of Tughall Mill



**Map of Places Associated with the Eadingtons**

<sup>5</sup> Index to baptism register of Hutton, Berwickshire, Scotland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>6</sup> Gravestone at St.Cuthbert's, Norham, Northumberland.

<sup>7</sup> Index to baptism register of Earlston, Berwickshire, Scotland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>8</sup> Gravestone at St. Mary & St. Michael Alnwick, Northumberland. Gravestone at St. Cuthbert's, Norham, Northumberland.

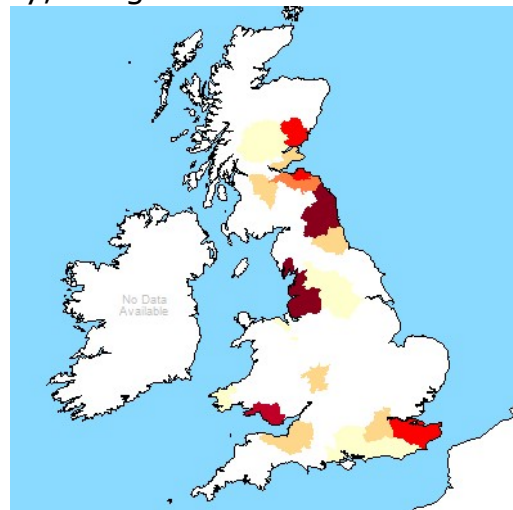
<sup>9</sup> Bishops' Transcripts for St. Aiden's, Bamburgh, Northumberland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk). Index to baptism register of St. Maurice's, Ellingham,

was buried in Bamburgh in 1778.<sup>10</sup> He seemed a likely candidate for David and James' father, especially as David's family were associated with Tughall Mill.<sup>11</sup> William's did have a son called James but he was baptised in 1718 and there is a corresponding burial in Ellingham in 1802.<sup>12</sup> Possibly William was an uncle.

What is known is that David Eadington and Mary Fender married at Embleton on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June 1756.<sup>13</sup> The name Fender has several geographical foci, including Northumberland, Berwickshire and East Lothian.<sup>14</sup> The suggestion is that the name is a corruption of 'defender'.<sup>15</sup> The marriage register index implies that Mary came from Craster,<sup>16</sup> which is a fishing village in Embleton and her gravestone indicates that she was born about 1729.<sup>17</sup> Mary may be the Mary, daughter of Thomas and



**Holy Trinity, Embleton**



**Distribution for the Surname Fender<sup>14</sup>**

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Northumberland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>10</sup> National Burial Index via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>11</sup> When David's granddaughter is baptised, it states that her mother, David's daughter was a native of Tughall. Bishops' Transcripts for St. Aiden's, Bamburgh, Northumberland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>12</sup> Index to baptism register of St. Maurice's, Ellingham, Northumberland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>13</sup> Index to marriage register of Holy Trinity, Embleton, Northumberland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>14</sup> *The Surname Atlas* Archer Software 2003.

<sup>15</sup> Reaney, P.H. *A Dictionary of Surnames* Routledge and Kegan Paul 1958.

<sup>16</sup> Index to marriage register of Holy Trinity, Embleton, Northumberland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>17</sup> Gravestone at St. Mary & St. Michael Alnwick, Northumberland.

Elizabeth Fender née Sclater, who was baptised in Belford on the 20<sup>th</sup> of December 1730.<sup>18</sup> If this is the case, the family may have a long Scottish history.<sup>19</sup>

David and Mary Eadington had at least six children. Isabella was born on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March 1757 and baptised at Warenford Presbyterian Chapel near Bamburgh on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March.<sup>20</sup> She was later described as a native of Tudhall



**Tudhall Mill**



**St Aiden's, Bamburgh**

or Tudhall Mill,<sup>21</sup> which is a substantial building in Bamburgh parish.<sup>22</sup> It seems likely that the family lived there during Isabella's childhood, even if she wasn't born there. On the 17<sup>th</sup> of March 1782, Isabella married William Watson at Bamburgh.<sup>23</sup> They had ten children baptised in St.

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<sup>18</sup> Index to baptism register of St. Mary's, Belford, Northumberland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk). Index to marriage register of Holy Cross, Chatton, Northumberland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>19</sup> I\* W\*'s Waters Family Tree via [www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk).

<sup>20</sup> Index to baptism registers of Warenford Presbyterian Church, Bamburgh, Northumberland via [www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk). Will of David Eadington proved 1795 via <http://familyrecords.dur.ac.uk/nei/data/neisearch.php>.

<sup>21</sup> The baptism of her own daughter Isabella, Bishops' Transcripts for St. Aiden's, Bamburgh, Northumberland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>22</sup> Estate Agents' details for Tudghall Mill, accessed 4 September 2020.

<sup>23</sup> Index to marriage register of St. Aiden's, Bamburgh, Northumberland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).



**Fleetham Mill**

Aiden's, Bamborough or Beadnell Chapel within the parish of Bamborough, where William worked Fleetham Mill.<sup>24</sup> One son, David, was left £20 in his grandfather's will. His mother, Isabella, was left £100.<sup>25</sup> Isabella was

buried in Bamburgh on the 17<sup>th</sup> of January 1837.<sup>26</sup> William Watson died in 1841.<sup>27</sup>

David and Mary's second daughter was almost certainly Alice, who was born about 1759. No baptism has been found and she is not mentioned in her father's will but when she married Thomas Finley in Bamburgh, on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October 1781, she was described as being of Fleetham, which had a family connection.<sup>28</sup> In addition, in 1851, Alice's granddaughter Alice Marshall, is found in the household of Alice's cousin James, described as a niece, a term that might have been loosely applied to a more distant relative at this time.<sup>29</sup> Thomas and Alice Finley had seven children baptised at Sion Presbyterian Chapel in Alnwick. Thomas was a farm labourer of Rugley, to the south west of Alnwick and later of Berlin or

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<sup>24</sup> Index to baptism register of St. Aiden's, Bamburgh, Northumberland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk). Index to Baptism register of Beadnell Chapel, Bamburgh, Northumberland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk). Bishops' Transcripts for St. Aiden's, Bamburgh, Northumberland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk). Bishops' Transcripts for Beadnell Chapel, Bamburgh, Northumberland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>25</sup> Will of David Eadington proved 1795 via <http://familyrecords.dur.ac.uk/nei/data/neisearch.php>.

<sup>26</sup> Bishops' Transcripts for St. Aiden's, Bamburgh, Northumberland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>27</sup> The death indexes of the General Registrar.

<sup>28</sup> Index to marriage register of St. Aiden's, Bamburgh, Northumberland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>29</sup> 1851 census for Flint Mill, Lesbury, Northumberland HO 107 2419 folio 271.

Birling in Warkworth.<sup>30</sup> Alice was buried on the 15<sup>th</sup> of July 1804 in Warkworth, 'of Berlin' and Thomas on the 25<sup>th</sup> of December 1831.<sup>31</sup>

David and Mary's eldest son was Thomas, who was born about 1761 and was baptised in the Presbyterian Church at Warenford near Bamburgh on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November 1761.<sup>32</sup> Like his eldest sister, he married into the Watson family, taking Elizabeth Watson as a bride on the 30<sup>th</sup> of May 1784 at Bamburgh. Thomas was described as being 'of Fleetham' and the witnesses were Thomas' brother Peter and Peter Robinson.<sup>33</sup> It is likely that William and Elizabeth Watson were siblings but this has not been verified; both were said to be of Elford in Bamburgh.<sup>34</sup> Thomas and Elizabeth had four children baptised in the Scotch Church in Pottergate Street, Alnwick. From 1787-1792 Thomas was described as a miller of New Mills, Alnwick and in 1801 as being of Hocket in the parish of Embleton.<sup>35</sup> Thomas was buried at St. Paul's, North Sunderland, Bamburgh on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October 1834 and Elizabeth on the 25<sup>th</sup> of August 1851.<sup>36</sup>



**The Scotch Church,  
Pottergate, Alnwick**

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<sup>30</sup> Index to baptism register of Sion Presbyterian Church, Alnwick, Northumberland via [www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk).

<sup>31</sup> Bishops' Transcripts for St. Lawrence's, Warkworth, Northumberland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>32</sup> Index to baptism register of Warenford Presbyterian Church, Bamburgh, Northumberland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>33</sup> Index to marriage register of St. Aiden's, Bamburgh, Northumberland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>34</sup> Index to marriage register of St. Aiden's, Bamburgh, Northumberland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>35</sup> Baptism register of the Scotch Church, Pottergate Street, Alnwick, Northumberland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>36</sup> Index to burial register of St. Paul's, Bamburgh, Northumberland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).



**Beadnell Chapel**

The two youngest children did not survive infancy. James was born to David and Mary on the 9th of March 1764 and was baptised at Warenford Presbyterian church three days later.<sup>37</sup> He was buried in Bamburgh on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March 1764. The family were 'of Fleetham'.<sup>38</sup> Mary was born in 1765 and was baptised at Warenford Presbyterian church on the 17<sup>th</sup> of May.<sup>39</sup> She was buried in Bamburgh on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 1766. The family were still 'of Fleetham'.<sup>40</sup>

David's will also mentions a son, Patrick, who was to be left mills in Norham. According to the will, this

Patrick was married to his first cousin, David's niece, Alice Eadington and had a son called David. Looking at the evidence,<sup>41</sup> it is clear that Patrick went by the name Peter in later life and it is through Peter that the line descends. Although no baptism has been found, his burial suggests that he was born about 1762.<sup>42</sup> It is important to note that a Patrick Eadington was baptised on Holy Island in 1763, the illegitimate son of Alice Eadington of Fenham and Andrew Churnside.<sup>43</sup> Alice married Thomas

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<sup>37</sup> Index to baptism registers of Warenford Presbyterian Church, Bamburgh, Northumberland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>38</sup> National Burial Index via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>39</sup> Index to baptism registers of Warenford Presbyterian Church, Bamburgh, Northumberland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>40</sup> National Burial Index via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>41</sup> Baptism register of St. Cuthbert's, Norham, Northumberland (formerly Durham), held at Northumberland Archives. Will of David Eadington proved 1795 via <http://familyrecords.dur.ac.uk/nei/data/neisearch.php>.

<sup>42</sup> Burial register of St. Mary & St. Michael Alnwick, Northumberland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk). Gravestone St. Mary & St. Michael Alnwick, Northumberland.

<sup>43</sup> Bishops' Transcripts for Holy Island, Northumberland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

Anderson on Holy Island in 1767.<sup>44</sup> There is no alternative future for this Patrick Eadington, or Churnside, or Anderson. Is it possible that David brought up Patrick as his son? In which case was Alice his sister?

Alice, or Alison, was almost certainly baptised in 1742 in Foulden, Berwickshire, Scotland, twenty five miles up the coast from Bamburgh. She was the daughter of Patrick and Alison Eadington née Allen.<sup>45</sup> Patrick and Alison also had a son James, baptised in 1730 in Coldingham Berwickshire.<sup>46</sup> There is no baptism for a David but there is a ten year gap between James and their next child, another Patrick. It seems very likely that David was Patrick and Alison's son but more evidence is needed. It is of note that Alison Allen's father was called David,<sup>47</sup> so this would fit with Scottish naming patterns.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of February 1784, Elizabeth was baptised in Beadnell Chapel, in Bamburgh. Her parents were Ann Mills and Patrick Eadington.<sup>48</sup> She was the first of Patrick/Peter's three illegitimate daughters, all of whom had different mothers. At some point before 1789, 'Patrick' moved to Norham and married his first cousin. Alice, daughter of James Eadington.<sup>49</sup> He also seemed to abandon the name Patrick in favour of Peter at this point.

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<sup>44</sup> Bishops' Transcripts for Holy Island, Northumberland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>45</sup> Index to baptism register of Foulden, Berwickshire, Scotland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>46</sup> Index to the baptisms for Coldingham, Berwickshire, Scotland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>47</sup> Index to the baptisms for Chirnside, Berwickshire, Scotland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>48</sup> Index to baptisms for Beadnell Chapel, Bamburgh, Northumberland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>49</sup> Baptism register of St. Cuthbert's, Norham, Northumberland (formerly Durham), held at Northumberland Archives. Will of David Eadington proved 1795 via <http://familyrecords.dur.ac.uk/nei/data/neisearch.php>.



It is believed that the burial of James Eadington 'of Norham' in Norham on the 24<sup>th</sup> of October 1786 is Patrick/Peter's uncle and father-in-law.<sup>50</sup> In which case his wife, Isabel, is also commemorated.<sup>51</sup> Perhaps Patrick/Peter was sent to take over the mill and marry James' daughter at this point. The northern boundary of the large parish of Norham is situated on the River Tweed and extends along the English border with Scotland. Until 1844, 'Norhamshire' was an outlying part of Durham but subsequently it became part of Northumberland. It was primarily an agricultural parish but also supported a salmon fishing industry. It has been difficult to identify the site of the mill. Local folklore suggests that it was on the site of what is now Tower Cottages<sup>52</sup> and the adjacent 'vannel', or alley, is known as The Mill Opening.<sup>53</sup> A painting of 1907 depicts what might be a sail-less windmill.<sup>54</sup> Ordnance survey maps suggest that this structure was a dovecot.<sup>55</sup> It does not however look like other nearby dovecots.

The deeds of 14 Castle Street, next to Tower Cottages, confirm that a miller lived there<sup>56</sup> but there is no certainty that the mill



**St. Cuthbert's, Norham**

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<sup>50</sup> Bishops' Transcripts for St. Cuthbert's, Norham, Northumberland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>51</sup> Isabel and Elizabeth and used interchangeably in this area. Bishops' Transcripts for St. Cuthbert's, Norham, Northumberland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk). Gravestone at St. Cuthbert's, Norham, Northumberland.

<sup>52</sup> Oral evidence from D\* M\*.

<sup>53</sup> *Proposed Reconstruction of Old Tower Norham* Mr J. L. H. Thomas 2012.

<sup>54</sup> Print of painting of Norham Mill BRO 515/179.

<sup>55</sup> 1898 25" to the mile Ordnance Survey Map for Norham.

<sup>56</sup> Deeds to 14 Castle Street, Norham, Northumberland, in the possession of D\* M\*.



### Norham 1907

was next door. The Tithe Map and schedule site a mill on the opposite side of the village green<sup>57</sup> however there were no male Eadingtons in the parish at that date.<sup>58</sup> This building is near a tributary of the River Tweed and would almost certainly have been a water mill. There was no building on the site of this mill by 1898.<sup>59</sup> Even if the site of the mill could be identified, there is no proof that this was the mill worked by Peter Eadington. Call Books listing freeholders for the manor of Norham Town do not list Petter {sic} Eadington until 1795 and he sells his freehold to principal landowner Sir Francis Blake in 1805.<sup>60</sup> The land tax for 1798 mentions a mill in the hamlet of Twizel in Norham,<sup>61</sup> so it may be that Peter worked here before moving in to the centre of the village.

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<sup>57</sup> Norham and Horncliffe Tithe Map and Schedule NH28 and NH29 held at Berwick Archives.

<sup>58</sup> 1841 Census indexes at [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>59</sup> 1898 25" to the mile Ordnance Survey Map for Norham.

<sup>60</sup> NRO 1955 C1-C12 Norham Town manorial records Call Book listing Freeholders and Cottagers 1781-1807 held at Berwick Archives.

<sup>61</sup> 1798 Land Tax for Norham, original at The National Archives, via [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com).

Alice Eadington's father was almost certainly the James Eadington who married Elizabeth Wardell on Holy Island on the 8<sup>th</sup> of November 1768.<sup>62</sup> David Eadington names six of his brother's children in his will. Alice, who was married to David's son Patrick/Peter, was probably the eldest. She was born about 1770.<sup>63</sup> James' next two children, Elizabeth and Patrick, who also adopted the name Peter, were baptised in Hutton, Berwickshire in 1774 and 1776 respectively.<sup>64</sup> By 1782, the family were in Alnwick, where James was born.<sup>65</sup> There were also two more daughters, Marjorie and Mary, who was stated to be the youngest daughter.<sup>66</sup>

Although no marriage has been found, four children of Peter and Alice were baptised in Norham. The eldest, Mary, was baptised on the 5<sup>th</sup> of January 1789.<sup>67</sup> She married Thomas Rule and had numerous children.<sup>68</sup> On the 29<sup>th</sup> of June 1789, 3x great grandmother Isabella Eadington was baptised at St. Cuthbert's, Norham to Peter Eadington and Isabella Mather.<sup>69</sup> Baptisms in the area do sometimes give mothers' maiden names but the entry suggests that her parents were not married. This is borne out by the existence of a bastardy bond citing Peter Edington, a miller of Norham, as the father of Isabella Mather's unborn illegitimate

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<sup>62</sup> Bishops' Transcripts for Holy Island, Northumberland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>63</sup> Index to burial register of St. Mary & St. Michael Alnwick, Northumberland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk). National Burial Index via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>64</sup> Index to baptism register of Hutton, Berwickshire, Scotland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>65</sup> 1851 census for Flint Mill, Lesbury, Northumberland HO 107 2419 folio 271.

<sup>66</sup> Will of David Eadington proved 1795 via <http://familyrecords.dur.ac.uk/nei/data/neisearch.php>.

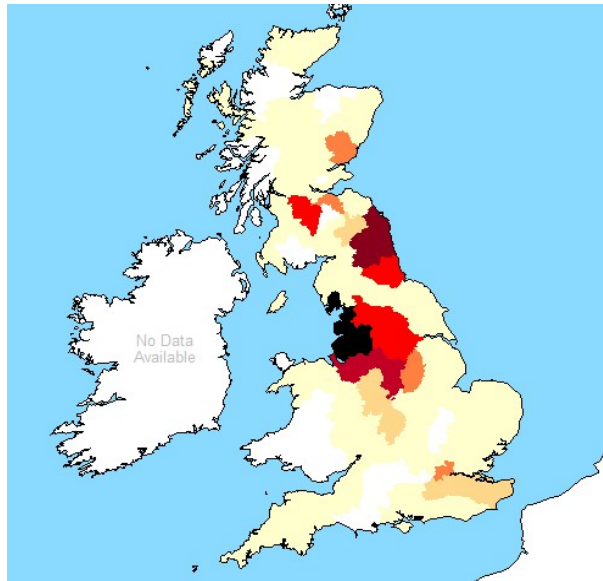
<sup>67</sup> Bishops' Transcripts for St. Cuthbert's, Norham, Northumberland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>68</sup> Bishops' Transcripts for St. Cuthbert's, Norham, Northumberland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk), baptism of son. 1851 census for Norham Village, Norham, Northumberland HO107 2421 folio 700.

<sup>69</sup> The baptism registers of St. Cuthbert's, Norham, Northumberland (formerly Durham), held at Northumberland Archives; 1851 census for Oldgate Street, Morpeth, Northumberland HO107 2418 folio 171.

child. The bond, guaranteeing that the child would not become a charge on the parish, was signed by Robert Hall and David Ross, yeomen of Norham. The document is dated the 12<sup>th</sup> of January 1789, so Isabella was probably born within days of her half-sister Mary.<sup>70</sup> The surname Mather, meaning mower or reaper,<sup>71</sup> is mostly found in Lancashire but there are also concentrations in Yorkshire and Northumberland.<sup>72</sup> There are Mathers in Norham who could be Isabella's parents, including Robert, a joiner and his wife Isabella and James and Margaret Mather.<sup>73</sup>

Peter and Alice's second daughter, Phyllis was baptised at Norham on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May 1791.<sup>74</sup> Phyllis married James Ridpath in Rothbury on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March



**Distribution for the Surname Mather<sup>72</sup>**



**Believed to be the former miller's home in Norham**

<sup>70</sup> Bastardy Bond EP/4/34/3 held at Northumberland Archives.

<sup>71</sup> Reaney, P.H. *A Dictionary of Surnames* Routledge and Kegan Paul 1958.

<sup>72</sup> *The Surname Atlas* Archer Software 2003.

<sup>73</sup> Bishops' Transcripts for St. Cuthbert's, Norham, Northumberland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk). Gravestone at St. Cuthbert's, Norham, Northumberland. <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~agene/norhammi/index3.html>.

<sup>74</sup> Bishops' Transcripts for St. Cuthbert's, Norham, Northumberland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

1822.<sup>75</sup> Peter and Alice's son David was mentioned in his grandfather's will as the ultimate heir of all the lands, fisheries, mills and messuages.<sup>76</sup> David was baptised on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May 1793 in Norham.<sup>77</sup> He married Eleanor Rule and moved to Alnwick to work the family's 'New Mills'. They had four children.<sup>78</sup>

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of April 1794, Peter's third illegitimate daughter was baptised in Norham. This time the mother was Mary Brown and the child was named Agnes.<sup>79</sup> Agnes married George Park in Norham on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June 1814.<sup>80</sup>

5x great grandfather David wrote a will on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 1795, when he described himself as being of Canongate in Alnwick. There were two mills in Canongate, both owned by Alnwick Abbey, one of which was a fulling mill, where linen cloth would have been prepared. These were sited near Canongate Bridge. In David's time it would have been a wooden bridge near



**Site of the Mills at Canongate, Alnwick**

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<sup>75</sup> Bishops' Transcripts for All Saints, Rothbury, Northumberland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>76</sup> Will of David Eadington proved 1795 via <http://familyrecords.dur.ac.uk/nei/data/neisearch.php>.

<sup>77</sup> Bishops' Transcripts for St. Cuthbert's, Norham, Northumberland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

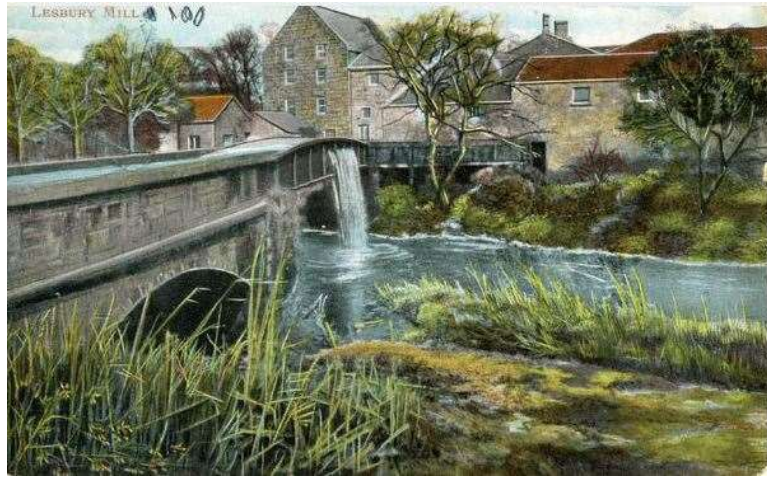
<sup>78</sup> Bishops' Transcripts for St. Mary & St. Michael Alnwick, Northumberland via [www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk).

<sup>79</sup> The baptism register of St. Cuthbert's, Norham, Northumberland (formerly Durham), held at Northumberland Archives.

<sup>80</sup> Index to marriage register of St. Cuthbert's, Norham, Northumberland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

what was then a ford.<sup>81</sup>

In 1861, David's grandson Joseph, son of Patrick, was at 9 Canongate<sup>82</sup> but this property does not look as if it dates from David's time. It could of course have been built on the site of David's former home. Apart from property in Norham, he also mentioned land in Alnmouth, Lesbury.<sup>83</sup> David died four days later and was buried on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January. The burial register described him as being of 'New Mills' in Alnwick.<sup>84</sup>



**Lesbury Mill**

James, Peter and Alice's youngest son, was baptised at Norham on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February 1796.<sup>85</sup> He died at sea on the 24<sup>th</sup> of December 1814,<sup>86</sup> perhaps because he was fighting in the Napoleonic wars. Although no baptism has been found, Peter and Alice also had a daughter, Elizabeth who was born about 1801 and died in 1823.<sup>87</sup>

Between 1795 and 1805 Peter was a freeholder in Norham, after which he sold the land to Francis Blake.<sup>88</sup> It seems that he was already at New Mills

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<sup>81</sup> <https://bailiffgatecollections.co.uk/our-streets/canongate/>.

<sup>82</sup> 1861 census for 9 Canongate, Alnwick, Northumberland RG9 3878 folio 22.

<sup>83</sup> Will of David Eadington proved 1795 via <http://familyrecords.dur.ac.uk/nei/data/neisearch.php>.

<sup>84</sup> Burial register of St. Mary & St. Michael Alnwick, Northumberland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk). Gravestone at St. Cuthbert's, Norham, Northumberland.

<sup>85</sup> Bishops' Transcripts for St. Cuthbert's, Norham, Northumberland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

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<sup>87</sup> Burial register of St. Mary & St. Michael Alnwick, Northumberland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk). Gravestone at St. Cuthbert's, Norham, Northumberland.

<sup>88</sup> NRO 1955 C1-C12 Norham Town manorial records Call Book listing Freeholders and Cottagers 1781-1807 held at Berwick Archives.

in Alnwick by 1802 however. The *Carlisle Journal* of the 20<sup>th</sup> of March 1802 reported that, "On Monday se'nnight was killed, at the New Mill near Alnwick, a fat boar fed by Mr P Eadington, miller, weighing when killed 52 stone."<sup>89</sup> Perhaps Peter left the Norham mill in charge of another member of the family, or, alternatively, this Peter is a cousin, son of James.

It seems that Peter's illegitimate daughter, 3x great grandmother Isabella, also moved to Alnwick. She certainly retained her father's surname until marriage,<sup>90</sup> so was perhaps brought up by her father's family. On the 9<sup>th</sup> of July 1804, Isabella Eadington gave birth to a son, John. The father was named as Henry Carsse of Berwick. John was baptised at Alnwick on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October 1804.<sup>91</sup> Although Isabella was only fifteen at the time, she seems to be the only candidate as this child's mother, apart from her even younger cousin, who was baptised as Isabel, rather than Isabella. There is no sign of this child as Carsse or Eadington in future records. On the 15<sup>th</sup> of March 1809 Isabella married John Pearson at Alnwick. John Pearson was a miller, so perhaps they met in this way. Isabella was probably six months pregnant at the time.<sup>92</sup> Her story continues under Hogg.<sup>93</sup>



**St. Mary and St. Michael, Alnwick**

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<sup>89</sup> *The Carlisle Journal* 20 March 1802 p.3 col. c.

<sup>90</sup> Marriage Bond for John Pearson and Isabella Eadington via [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).

<sup>91</sup> Bishops' Transcripts for St. Mary & St. Michael, Alnwick, Northumberland via [www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk).

<sup>92</sup> Marriage Bond for John Pearson and Isabella Eadington via [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).

<sup>93</sup> See Hogg paper.

Peter's wife, Alice, was buried in Alnwick on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 1810 in Alnwick.<sup>94</sup> Within months Peter had married again, this time to Sarah Dodds, who was nearly twenty years his junior. The marriage took place on the 28<sup>th</sup> of November 1810 at



**St. Bartholomew, Whittingham**

Whittingham.<sup>95</sup> Four children were born of this marriage and baptised in Alnwick.<sup>96</sup> Margaret Eleanor was baptised on the 27<sup>th</sup> of October 1811 and Peter on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1814.<sup>97</sup> Peter became a stonemason and brought up a family in Alnwick.<sup>98</sup> Peter and Sarah's son, Joseph, was baptised on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 1816.<sup>99</sup> He married Eleanor Scott in 1843,<sup>100</sup> became a grocer and brought up a family at 9 Canongate Street in Alnwick.<sup>101</sup> Peter and Sarah's youngest child was Eleanor Jane who was baptised on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October 1818.<sup>102</sup>

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<sup>94</sup> National Burial Index via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk). Index to burial register of St. Mary & St. Michael Alnwick, Northumberland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>95</sup> Bishops' Transcripts for St. Bartholomew, Whittingham Northumberland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>96</sup> Bishops' Transcripts for St. Mary & St. Michael, Alnwick, Northumberland via [www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk).

<sup>97</sup> Bishops' Transcripts for St. Mary & St. Michael, Alnwick, Northumberland via [www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk).

<sup>98</sup> 1851 census for Finkle Street, Alnwick, Northumberland HO107 2419 folio 348.

<sup>99</sup> Bishops' Transcripts for St. Mary & St. Michael, Alnwick, Northumberland via [www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk).

<sup>100</sup> The marriage indexes of the General Registrar.

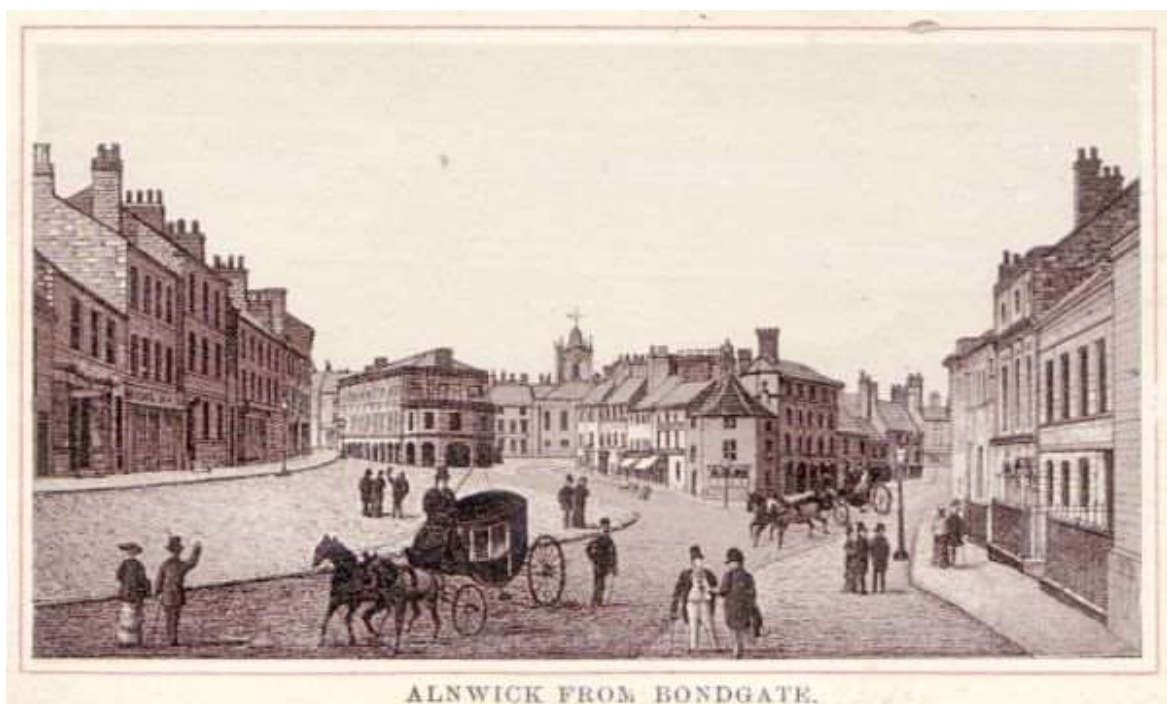
<sup>101</sup> 1861 census for 9 Canongate, Alnwick, Northumberland RG9 3878 folio 22. Will of David Eadington proved 1795 via <http://familyrecords.dur.ac.uk/nei/data/neisearch.php>.

<sup>102</sup> Bishops' Transcripts for St. Mary & St. Michael, Alnwick, Northumberland via [www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk).



Peter's mother, Mary, had died on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April 1811. She is commemorated with her husband at Alnwick but was buried in Bamburgh on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April.<sup>103</sup>

Peter himself died on the 11<sup>th</sup> of February 1820<sup>104</sup> and was buried at Alnwick two days later.<sup>105</sup> Sarah, who would have had a young family to support, remained in Alnwick and ran a shop in Bondgate.<sup>106</sup> She died in 1860.<sup>107</sup>



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<sup>103</sup> National Burial Index via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>104</sup> Gravestone St. Mary & St. Michael Alnwick, Northumberland.

<sup>105</sup> Burial register of St. Mary & St. Michael, Alnwick, Northumberland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk).

<sup>106</sup> Pigot's Directory for Northumberland 1829.

<sup>107</sup> Burial register of St. Mary & St. Michael, Alnwick, Northumberland via [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk). Gravestone St. Mary & St. Michael Alnwick, Northumberland.