

**William Gibbs of West Bagborough, Somerset VS William Geep/Gibb of Merriott, Somerset**

Someone in New Family Search is asserting that William Geep/Gibb #LCTW-P94 and Ann #LCXX-G1T were married in West Bagborough Somerset. While I have not been able to find a marriage record for William Geep/Gibb and Ann, by looking at the 1841 English census and other documents, we can state accurately that William Geep/Gibb and Ann were not married in West Bagborough.

**1841 Census Record for William Gibb in Bagborough Someret.**

PLACE	HOUSES Number Inhabited	NAMES of each Person who abode therein the preceding Night	AGE and SEX		PROFESSION, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT, or of INDEPENDENT MEANS.	Where Born	
			Males	Females		Whether Born in same County	Whether Born in same Parish or Village or Town
5 <sup>o</sup>	1	William Gibb	40		Farmer		Y
		Mary 5 <sup>o</sup>	30				Y
		Mary Ann 5 <sup>o</sup>	3				Y
		William 5 <sup>o</sup>	1				Y
		Ann Partridge	25				Y
		Elizabeth Ash	13		Servant		Y
		Thomas Coan	20		W. S.		Y
		William Gibb	13		W. S.		Y
8 <sup>o</sup>	1	Harriet 5 <sup>o</sup>	20		Servant		Y
	1	Grace Hill	60		Retiree		Y

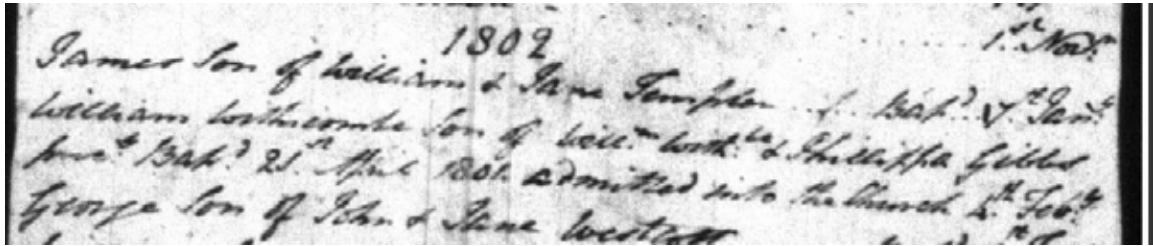
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8 <sup>o</sup>	1	George Bell	45		Builder		Y
		Mary 5 <sup>o</sup>	35				Y
		Thomas 5 <sup>o</sup>	9				Y
		John 5 <sup>o</sup>	8				Y
		Richard Ash	20		Servant		Y
		Thomas Hancock	70		Servant		Y
		Susanna B.	65				Y
		Ann Hancock	70		Servant		Y
9 <sup>o</sup>	1	Ann Gull	55		Pauper		Y
	1	James Gull	25		Servant		Y

1841 Census Parish West Bagborough, Somerset, England. Registered Dist. Taunton, Somerset,. Sub Reg. Dist. Bishop Lydeard

Name,	age,	Occup.,	Born Somerset, EBY (Estimated Birth Year)
William Gibbs	40	Farmer	Y 1801
Mary Gibbs	30		Y 1811
Mary Ann Gibbs	3		Y 1838
William Gibbs	1		Y 1840
3 Servant also listed.			
<b>William Gibbs</b>	<b>65</b>		<b>Y 1776</b>
Harriett Gibbs	20		Y 1821

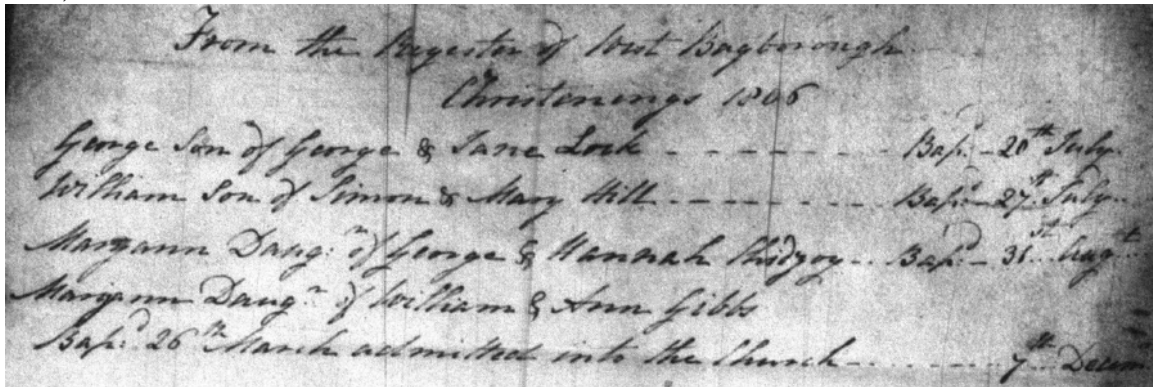
We see that William Gibbs has an estimated birth year of 1776. His wife has died, and he is living with his son William, born in 1801. Another of his children, Harriett, is also living with them.

William (1801) appears to be from William's first wife, Phillipa. Note the middle name is Withicombe for both Williams.

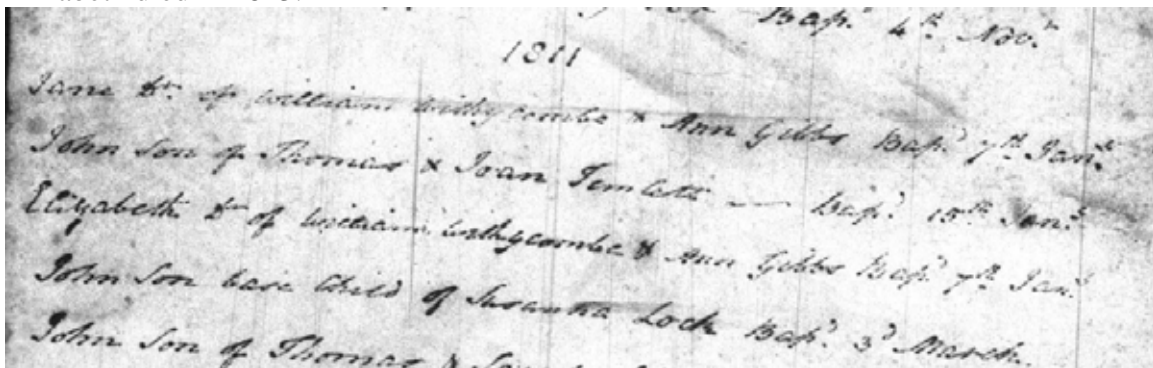


William and Phillipa had one other son, John born in 1803 who died in 1804. There is also a James Gibbs who dies in 1804, but I do not know where he fits.

The first record of William and Ann in West Bagborough is the birth of their child, Mary Ann, in 1806.



There are a number of children that can be documented for William and Ann in West Bagborough. Louisa Gibbs was born and died in 1808. Jane and Elizabeth Gibbs were born in 1811. Note that their parents are listed as William Withicombe and Ann Gibbs. Elizabeth died in 1813.



Sarah Withicombe Gibbs daughter of William and Ann Gibbs was born in 1813. In 1818, another Elizabeth is born to William and Ann Gibbs, but she died in 1825. In 1819, Robert is born to William and Ann Gibbs. These are all the records that were found for William and Ann in West Bagborough. No death was found for Ann, but we know she dies before 1841.

Civil Death index record is as follows (FreeBMD)

Date March Quarter 1842, Gibbs, William Withycombe , Dist Taunton, Somerset, Vol 10 Page 346. Base on his age in the 1841 census He would have been 66 at death.

Summary for William and Ann Gibbs in West Bagborough

A William and Ann Gibbs did live in West Bagborough. William Gibbs was alive and living with some of his family in Bagborough in 1841. Ann died sometime between 1819 and 1841.

William Geep/Gibb and Ann of Merriott, Somerset England

In the 1841 Census in the Parish of Merriott, Somerset we also find a William and Ann Gibb. Three of this couples children were Christened in Merriott 1825 on the same day under the name of Geep.

1841 Census Parish of Merriott, Somerset, England, Reg. dist. Chard.

Name	age	occup	Born Somerset	EBY
William Gibb	50	Ag Lab	Y	1891
Ann Gibb	55		Y	1886
Samuel Gibb	24		Y	1817
William Gibb	18		Y	1823

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Parish or Township of Merriott Enumeration District.

PLACE	MOORE	NAMES of each Person who shall reside on the preceding Night	AGE SEX		PROFESSION, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT, or of INDEPENDENT MEANS.	When Born				
			M	F		Q	Y	M	D	
		James Fynn	37		Brewer			9/		
		Jurat do	47					2/		
		Elizabeth do	9					2/		
		Arthur do	5					2/		
		Henry do	2					2/		
		Richard Roberts	18		Gardener			2/		
		Martha do	28					2/		
		Richard Roberts	57		Ag Lab			2/		
		Elizabeth do	70					2/		
		John do	27					2/		
		Elizabeth do	16					2/		
		Richard do	13					2/		
		Henry do	11					2/		
		Joseph do	0					2/		
		William Marsh	65		Taylor			2/		
		Elizabeth do	40		do			2/		
		Richard Parsons	29		Ag Lab			2/		
		James do	27					2/		
		Richard do	27					2/		
		Sam Brindle	14		Labourer			2/		
		James Paltemore	14		do			2/		
		William Gibb	30		Ag Lab			2/		
		John do	57					2/		
		Samuel do	24					2/		
		William do	18					2/		
TOTAL in	6									170

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Note: that William Gibb (1823) married Isabella Elizabeth Lye 25 Dec 1847 in South Petherton, England.

### Conclusions

- 1 -- William Gibbs of West Bagborough Somerset was alive and living in West Bagborough , Somerset in 1841 but his wife Ann had died before 1841
- 2 -- William Geep/Gibb of Merriott, Somerset was also alive and living in Merriott Somerset in 1841 with his living wife Ann.
- 3 – William/Ann Gibbs of West Bagborough were having children 1818/1819, while William Geep/Gibb and Ann Gibbs were having children in Merriott in 1817.

Therefore they could not be the same person and they did not marry the same Ann.

Therefore the New Family Search marriage for William Geep/Gibb and Ann of Merriott being married in West Bagborough is **FALSE** information. I for one would like to have it removed.

In our search of the Bagborough we did not find a marriage of a William Geep/Gibbs/Gibb with an Ann Stocklinch either. So where this information comes from I do not know. It is not in the Parish of Merriott or in the Parish of West Bagborough records.

I have not found a marriage for William Geep/Gibb and Ann .... of Merriott in the Church of England Parish records of Merriott. Their first know child, George, was christened in Merriott in 1814. Assuming a marriage exists, it would be before 1814. Franklin D. Davies.