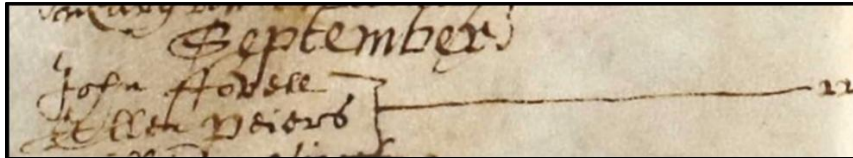
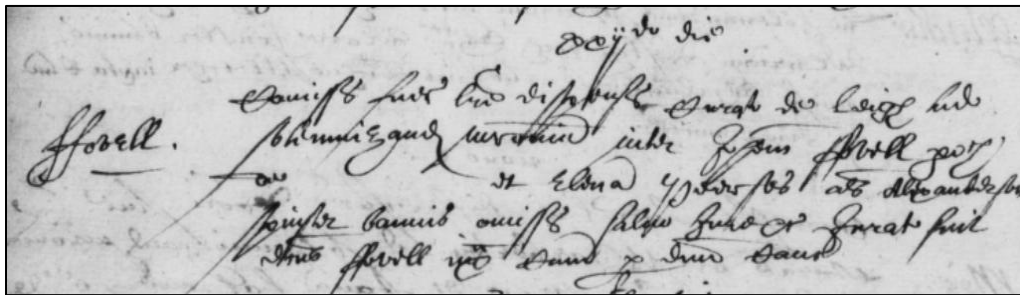


FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF JOHN FOVELL AND ELLEN PEARSON

John Fovell was born in about 1590 of Leigh, Lancashire. He married Ellen Peiers (or Pearson) 22 September 1614 in Leigh, Lancashire. From *Marriage Licenses Granted Within the Archdeaconry of Cheshire*: "John Fovell, Parish of _____, and Ellen Peerses alias Alexanderson, Spinster. At Leigh, Lanc."

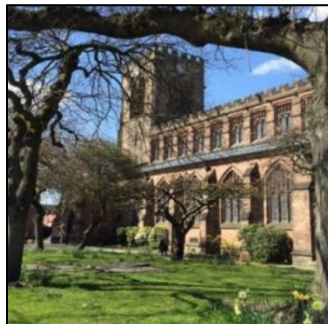


Marriage record for John Fovell and Ellen Peiers in Leigh: "September John Ffovell Ellen Peiers - 22"



*Marriage license for John Fovell and Ellen Peerses:
"Johes ffovell _____poch et Elena Peerses als Alexanderson spinster"
(Cheshire Marriage License Bonds and Allegations)*

The name Fovell is shown as Fawfield, Fofelle, Fofilde, Fouell, and Fofeild in christening records. Ellen was the daughter of Alexander Pearson and Elizabeth Norris. Elizabeth Norris was the daughter of Alexander Norris, a prosperous woolen merchant of Bolton.



Leigh

John was mentioned in the wills of several members of the Norris family, Ellen's relatives, in Bolton.

John received a bequest in the will of William Norris. William was the son of Elizabeth Norris' brother Robert. so a cousin to Ellen:

Abstract of the Will of William Norris of Bolton, 1628

*12th July, 1628. I **William Norres of Bolton le Moors** gentleman,*

*Mentions, messuages glebe lands etc. etc. in Bolton "late in occupation of **Robert Norres my late father** and now of me", which he leaves to George Norres his second son.*

*His father's will dated 10th June 1620. Other lands to William Norres his youngest son, with remainder to Robert Norres his eldest son. **Final remainder to John Fovell of Bolton..***

Exor: Margaret his wife.

*Witnesses: **John Fovell** Tho: Lever [signed]*

*Inv: 27 July 1628 by Gyles Aynsworth, John Norres, Xfer Norres, Ewan Grundy, Raffé Aynsworth, and **John Fovell**.*

Debt owing to "Mr. Brownlow Senr." 2li. 13s. 4d.

Long list of debts in addition.

Proved 29 July 1628.

(Notes on the History of Hall i' th' Wood and Its Owners; by William Fergusson Irvine, 1903)

John was also a witness for the will of George Norris, clothier of Bolton in 1628, the son of Ellen's brother Robert, and Ellen's cousin.

Abstract of the Will of George Norris of Bolton proved 1628

20th October ____ . I [George} Norres of Boulton, clothier,

Mentions, "Robert Norres my late father" – "Katherine my wife" – "Isabell Norres my mother, widow" – "messuages and glebe lands" – "William Norres my brother" – residue of goods to wife – "if she be with child with a boy" leaves remainder to him.

O'seers: Brother William Norres and John Brighthouse

Exor: Wife

*Witnesses: **Joh: Fovell**, John Ransom*

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John also participated in taking the inventory for Isabell Norris of Bolton in 1637. Isabell was the widow of Robert Norris, so Ellen's sister-in-law.

Abstract of the Will of Isabel Norris of Bolton, 1637

10th Sept: 1637. Isabell Norres of Bolton in the Moors, widow

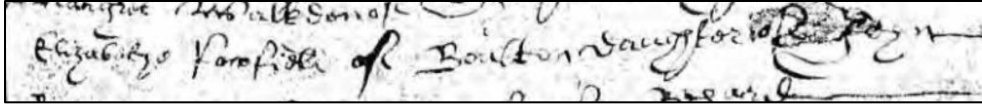
*Inv: by Jas Williamson, Richard Baxter, **John Fofell** and Rich. Moss, 20 Sept 1637*

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John died 20 February 1649 as "*John Fovell of Boulton senior*", and was buried in St. Peters, Bolton churchyard.

John and Ellen had the following children:

*1. **Elizabeth**, christened 12 April 1615 in Bolton; married Robert Haslam 12 August 1631 in Prestwich.



Christening record for Elizabeth Fovell in Bolton: "Elizbethe Fowefield of Boulton daughter of John"

2. **John**, christened 29 July 1616 in Bolton.
3. **Ann**, christened 24 September 1617 in Bolton.
4. **Ellin**, christened 30 January 1618 in Bolton; buried 13 July 1621 in Bolton.
5. **Margrett**, christened 21 May 1620 in Bolton.
6. **Ellin**, christened 24 June 1622 in Bolton.
7. **Allis**, christened 27 December 1624 in Bolton.
8. **Mary**, christened 14 May 1626 in Bolton.

SOURCES: Bolton parish register; familysearch.org; Ellen's parentage from <http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/o/r/r/Terence-A-Orrell/GENE1-0025.html>; www.ancestry.co.uk; Archdeaconry of Chester Marriage Licenses, Vol. 1, 1606-1616; Marriage Licenses Granted Within the Archdeaconry of Cheshire; www.findmypast.co.uk; Notes on the History of Hall i' th' Wood and Its Owners; by William Fergusson Irvine, 1903.