

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF WILLIAM BONIFONT AND JOANNE MIDDLETON

William Bonifont or Bullivant was christened 25 January 1654 in Edwinstowe, Nottinghamshire, the son of Francis and Fran Bullivant. His name is shown as Bullivant in his christening, and Bonifant at his wedding. His occupation was baker.



The name Bonifant was *"English: nickname from a Middle English borrowing of Old French bon enfant 'good child': compare Goodchild and Malinfant. Early bearers: John'e, Will'o Bonefaunt, 1327 in Subsidy Rolls (Worksop, Notts); Adam Bonyfaunt, Bonefont, 1395 in Edwinstowe, Thoresby and Carburton Court Rolls (Notts);...In Notts, Bonenfant was a hereditary surname in Worksop and Edwinstowe from the 14th century and had developed to Bullivant by the 16th century. At the end of the 17th century both forms of the name were still current in the same family."* (*The Oxford Dictionary of Family Names in Britain and Ireland*)

Edwinstowe is a town and parish in the heart of Sherwood Forest: *"Legend has it that Robin Hood married his sweetheart Maid Marian in St. Mary's church"* in Edwinstowe. (www.wikipedia.com)



Edwinstowe

William married Joanne Middleton 24 June 1677 in East Retford. Nottingham marriage licenses show: *"William Bonifant of East Retford, baker, 22 and Joane Middleton, of same, spr., 20. (Bond by Francis Middleton, of same, yeom.)"* Abstracts of Nottingham Marriage Licenses online at www.ancestry.co.uk. Francis Middleton may be Joane's father or brother.



East Retford

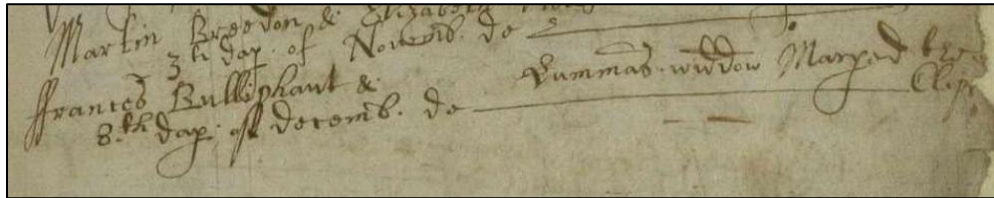
William and Joanne had the following children:

1. **William**, christened 21 Oct 1677 in East Retford.
2. **Francis** (male), christened 17 October 1678 in East Retford.
3. **George**, christened 26 December 1684 in East Retford.
4. **Elizabeth**, christened 23 July 1689 in East Retford.
5. **William**, christened 21 August 1693 in East Retford.
6. **Anne**, buried 23 May 1694 in East Retford.
7. **Mary**, christened 19 October 1696 in East Retford.
8. **Maria**, christened 25 June 1707 in East Retford.
- *9. **Sarah**, christened 3 April 1708 in East Retford; married George Elliott 3 June 1732 in St. Mary parish.

SOURCE: Edwinstowe parish register.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF FRANCIS AND FRAN BULLIVANT

Francis Bullivant was christened 3 June 1627 in Edwinstowe, the son of John Bulliphant. He married 1) Fran 8 December 1651. She is shown as widow Lummas at her marriage, and Fran at the christening of the first child. William Lummas had died a few months earlier in Edwinstowe, and may have been her first husband.



Marriage record for Francis Bullivant and Fran in Edwinstowe:

"Frances Bulliphant & _____ Lummas widdow maryed the 8th day of Decemb. de - Clips[torn]"

Francis is shown as being of the village of Clipston in the parish of Edwinstowe. Clipstone is in the heart of Sherwood Forest, and is the home of King John's Palace ruins. This was the principal hunting lodge in Sherwood Forest.

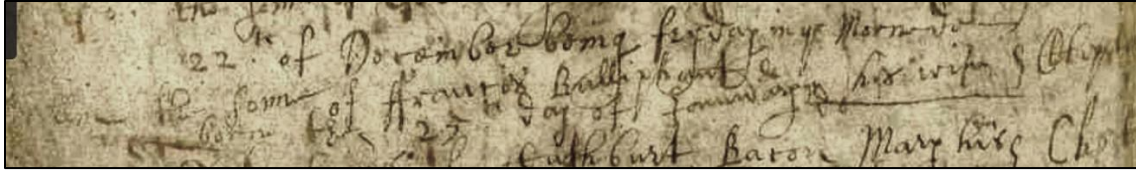


Kings Clipstone, King John's Palace ruins

Francis and Fran had the following children:

1. **John**, christened 8 June 1652 in Edwinstowe "of Clipston".

*2. **William**, christened 25 January 1654 in Edwinstowe, "of Clipston"; married Joanne Middleton 24 June 1677 in East Retford.



Baptism record for William Bullivant in Edwinstowe:

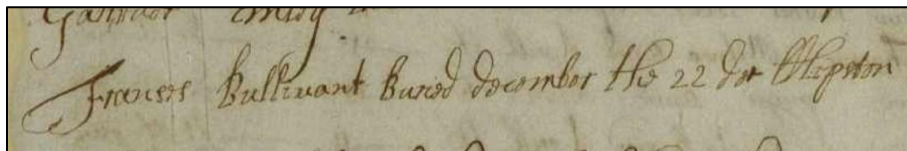
"Wm the sonne of Frances Bulliphant & _____ his wife borne the 25th day of Januarey de Clipston"

3. **Daniell**; christened 12 April 1659 in Edwinstowe, "of Clipston".

The mother of the next child born to Francis in Edwinstowe was Margaret, so Fran may have died and Francis remarried, and had a child:

4. **Elizabeth**, christened 29 October 1661 in Edwinstowe.

Francis "of Clipston" died and was buried 22 December 1680 in Edwinstowe.



Burial record for Francis Bullivant in Edwinstowe: "Franses Bullivant buried December the 22 de Clipston"

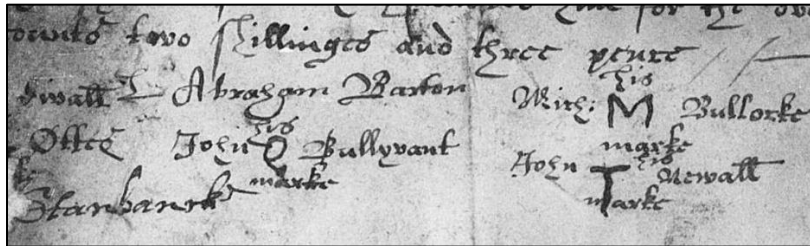
Margaret "of Clipston" died two months later, and was buried 8 February 1680/1 in Edwinstowe.

SOURCE: Edwinstowe parish register.

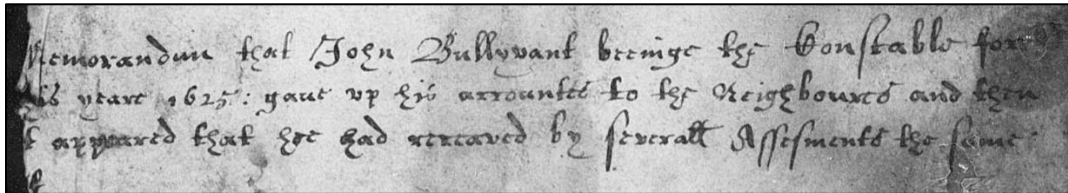
FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF JOHN AND JANE BULLIPHANT

John Bulliphant was born in about 1600 of the townland of Clipston in Edwinstowe. He married Jane.

John was appointed to be the parish constable in Edwinstowe. His mark is shown in the Edwinstowe parish register.



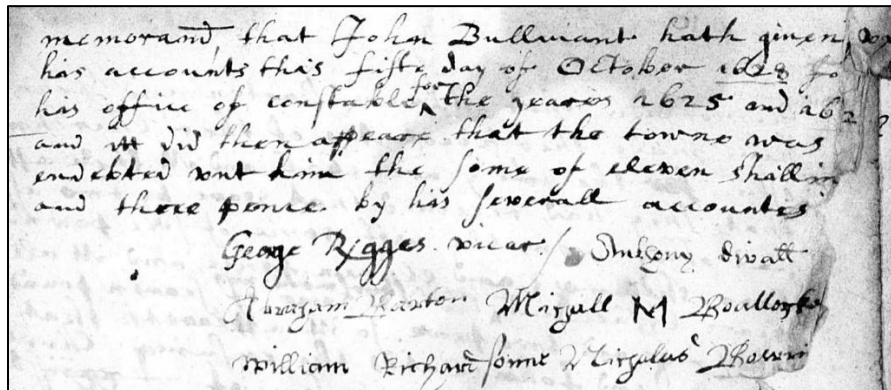
*The mark of John Bullivant in the Edwinstowe parish register in 1626
(Parish Chest Material for Edwinstowe, 1626-1808, FHL# 504120)*



*Note about John Bullivant in the Edwinstowe parish register in 1626
regarding his duty to collect assessments for the parish:*

*"Memorandum that John Bullivant beeing the Constable for this year 1626: gave up his accountes to
the neighbours and then it appeared that hee had received by severall assesments the same"*

(Parish Chest Material for Edwinstowe, 1626-1808, FHL# 504120)



A note in the Edwinstowe parish register about John Bullivant as parish constable:

"Memorandum that John Bullivant has given us his accounts this fiftie day of October 1628 for his office"

of constable for the yeares 1625 and 162_ and itt did then appeare that the towne was endebted unt him the some of eleven shillings and three pence by his severall accountes.

George Rigges vicar; Anthony Divall, Abraham Barton, Michall Boullocke, William Richardsonne, Nicholas Bowin" (Parish Chest Material for Edwinstowe, 1626-1808, FHL# 504120)

John served in the parish up until the time of his death, and then in the 1630s Edward Bullivant, likely John's brother, begins signing the parish registers.

John died and was buried 26 December 1628 in Edwinstowe. Jane must have been about four months pregnant at the time of his death, as their son John was born posthumously, about five months later.

Jane, with a two-year-old son and new baby, married again just three months after baby John's birth, on 24 September 1629 to John Carlill of Clipston in Edwinstowe.

John Carlill died and was buried 24 April 1645 in Edwinstowe. Jane married again, to William Smith of Clipston on 9 February 1646 in Edwinstowe.



Edwinstowe

John Bullivant and Jane had the following children:

*1. **Francis**, christened 3 June 1627 in Edwinstowe; married 1) Fran, 2) Margaret; buried 22 December 1680 in Edwinstowe.

2. **John**, christened 4 June 1629 in Edwinstowe.

Jane and John Carlill had the following children:

1. **Annis** Carlill, christened 10 October 1633 in Edwinstowe.

2. **John** Carlill, christened 14 May 1637 in Edwinstowe.

3. **Marye** Carlill, christened 28 October 1638 in Edwinstowe.

4. **Jane** Carlill, christened 26 July 1640 in Edwinstowe.

5. **Garthwright** Carlill, (also called Gartruda or Gertrude) christened 16 July 1643 in Edwinstowe; buried 24 February 1646 in Edwinstowe.

SOURCE: Edwinstowe parish register; Parish Chest Material for Edwinstowe, 1626-1808, FHL# 504120.

Other early Bulliphants in the Edwinstowe parish records were:

- **Edward** Bullivant who married Anne Bell 26 September 1629 in St. Mary, Nottingham. This may be John's brother.
- **Anne** Bulliphant "*of Edwinstow*" who was buried in 1634.
- **Anne** Bulliphant "*of Edwinstow*" who was buried in 1636. One of these Annes is likely Edward's wife, as he married again a few years later to Jane.
- **Edward** and Jane Bulliphant "*of Edwinstow*", who had children christened in the parish between 1642 and 1658. Edward died and was buried in 1669 in Edwinstowe.
- **John** and Elizabeth Bullivant "*of Budby*" in the parish of Edwinstowe, who had children christened in the parish starting in 1657.

SOURCE: The Registers of Edwinstow in the County of Nottingham, 1634-1758; Parish Chest Material for Edwinstowe, 1626-1808, FHL# 504120.