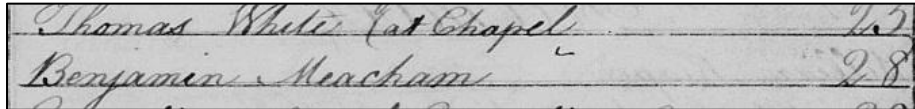


## FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF BENJAMIN MECHAM

Benjamin Mecham was born in about 1695 of Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, England.

Benjamin Meacham died and was buried 28 October 1782 in St. Peter, Wolverhampton.



*Burial record for Benjamin Mecham in St. Peter, Wolverhampton*

Benjamin and his wife had the following children:

1. **Anne**, christened 9 September 1722 in St. Peter's Wolverhampton.
2. **John**, christened 14 May 1724 in St. Peter's Wolverhampton.
3. **Benjamin**, christened 19 February 1725 in St. Peter's Wolverhampton; buried 26 December 1734 in St. Peter's Wolverhampton.
4. **Elizabeth**, christened 31 October 1727 in St. Peter's Wolverhampton.
5. **Frances**, (daughter), christened 2 August 1729 in St. Peter's Wolverhampton; buried 16 August 1729 in St. Peter's Wolverhampton.
6. **Mary**, christened 20 March 1731 in St. Peter's Wolverhampton.
7. **Joseph**, christened 26 May 1733 in St. Peter's Wolverhampton; buried 11 July 1733 in St. Peter's Wolverhampton.
- \*8. **Sarah**, christened 4 August 1735 in St. Peter's Wolverhampton; married Thomas Meredith 6 May 1756 in St. Peter's Wolverhampton.



*Baptism record for Sarah Mecham in St. Peter's, Wolverhampton*

9. **Michael**, buried 16 September 1738 in St. Peter's Wolverhampton.
10. **Benjamin**, christened 24 June 1734 in Wolverhampton; married Ann Morris 5 December 1769.
11. **Charity**, buried 2 September 1754 in Wolverhampton.

*SOURCES: FamilySearch.org; St. Peter's Wolverhampton parish register at www.findmypast.co.uk, and online at <http://www.wolverhamptonhistory.org.uk/resources/indexes>.*



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## THE MEACHAMS OF WOLVERHAMPTON

No christening record has been found in Wolverhampton or nearby parishes for Benjamin Mecham. There were other Mechams having children in the same time period as Benjamin, and some of these may be his brothers. Benjamin's children were born in the 1720s and 1730. John Mecham had children in Wolverhampton in the 1720s. Samuel Mecham had a child in the 1730s. Joseph, Richard and Edward (married Mary Beeby in 1742) Mecham had children in the 1740s. Anne Mecham had an illegitimate child born in 1717. Edward Mecham married Elizabeth Walker in 1726. There do seem to be many unrecorded births, and Wolverhampton had many dissenting churches. Perhaps the Mechams were recorded in one on these.

The name Meacham is also recorded in the Wolverhampton parish records as Mecham, Meecham, Meechan, Mechan, Micham, Mechum, Mechan, Machin, Mekin, Meakin, Metcham, and Meetcham.

There are two Mecham families who could be potential parents for Benjamin:

**William Mecham**, shoemaker, married **Jane Ashwood** in 28 January 1688.

William and Jane had the following children:

1. **Mary**, christened 20 May 1691 in Wolverhampton.
2. **John**, christened 6 April 1693 in Wolverhampton.

William died and was buried 1 December 1695 in Wolverhampton.

**John Mecham**, laborer, married **Margery Adams** 14 January 1677 in Wolverhampton.

John and Margery had the following children:

1. **Elizabeth**, christened 18 June 1682 in Wolverhampton.
2. **Sarah**, christened 26 March 1685 in Wolverhampton.
3. **John**, christened 10 November 1687 in Wolverhampton; died 1687 in Wolverhampton.
4. **Margaret**, christened 16 February 1690 in Wolverhampton.
5. **Ann**, christened 21 January 1693 in Wolverhampton.
6. **John**, christened 28 November 1695 in Wolverhampton.
7. **Edward**, christened 3 November 1700 in Wolverhampton; married Elizabeth Walker 27 December 1726 in Wolverhampton, St. Peter.

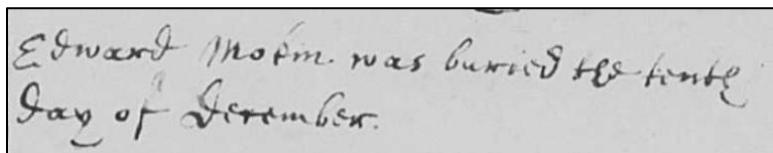
John died 23 September 1727 in Wolverhampton. Margery died 28 November 1729 in Wolverhampton.

Both William and John are sons of **Edward** Mecham, shown as "*of this towne*", who was a tailor. Edward married **Sara Lawrence** 3 August 1636 in Wolverhampton.

Edward and Sara had the following children:

1. **Edward**, buried 21 February 1638 in Wolverhampton.
2. **Edward**, christened 13 April 1641 in Wolverhampton.
3. **William**, christened 30 March 1644 in Wolverhampton; married Jane Ashwood 1688; buried 1695.
4. **Richard**, christened 8 November 1646 in Wolverhampton.
5. **John**, christened 19 July 1650 in Wolverhampton; married Margery Adams 1677 in Wolverhampton; died 1727 in Wolverhampton.

Edward, the father, died and was buried 10 December 1654 in Wolverhampton.



Edward Mechin was buried the tenth  
day of December.

*Edward Mecham's burial record in the St. Peter Wolverhampton parish register:  
"Edward Mekin was buried the tenth day of December".*

One other Mecham had a child in this time period - William, who had a son named William who was born and died in 1640. This William may be Edward's brother.

*SOURCE: St. Peter's Wolverhampton parish register online  
at <http://www.wolverhamptonhistory.org.uk/resources/indexes>*