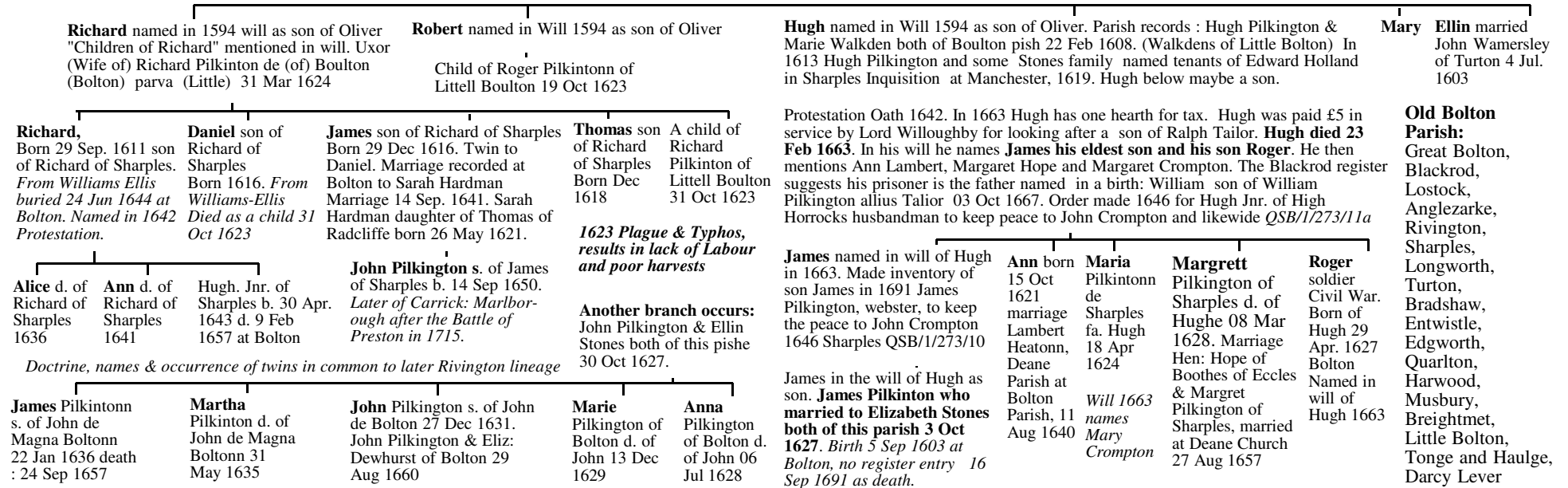


# A Piece of the Pilkington Puzzle, the family of Bolton, Lancashire, England.

**Oliver Pilkington of Sharples died 1594.** Styled Yeoman. 1569 muster Roll. Apprizer of Will of Roger Brownlow 1577 of Hall ith Wood. 1570/71 Lay subsidy. Other possible kin are Robert of Sharples buried at Bolton 1605: Richard buried Bolton 23 Feb. 1597. Elizabeth burial 1610. Marriages: John Pilkington married Ellin. Ellin d. of John Pilkington 24 Aug 1595, Willm Pilkington & Alis Duxbury 01 Jan 1595, Thomas Greenhalgh & Alice Pilkington 26 Oct 1598. Possibly three branches then occur with common names of John Pilkington. In the cases of James who married Elizabeth Stones and John Pilkington who married Ellin Stones the lineage indicates they are the same family.



**Richard** born 20 Jan 1627 son of James of Sharples. His descendants formed Pilkington's Married at Saint Mary, Blackburn, Lanc's (IGI) Mary Hardman 10 April 1656 buried at Horwich 26 Jan 1708. His wife died child bearing 23 Feb 1672. Mary Hardman is buried at Horwich. *It was this marriage that resulted in a windfall inheritance of the Allerton Estate to Richard b. 1694 d. 1786.*

During the period of Cromwell, the Protector of England a double Wedding occurs between two Pilkingtons at Saint Mary's in Blackburn, Lancashire in 1656. Bolton is overwhelmed by the Pox and is not recovered from the attacks, at least three, by the Earl of Derby and the paid for German mercenaries in 28 May 1644., "78 slayne". Amongst them Cap. James Siddall. (Parish Register) Often men were press ganged, even at bullet point, land owners would expect the leaseholders to fight on their chosen side. Bolton was in a deplorable state. James Stanley, Earl of Derby, leader of the attacks on Bolton had been put to death by beheading at Bolton Churchgate 16th October 1651. The Earls estates were sold by Cromwells forces, the funds going to meet the cost of war. The Earl spent his last hours at Ye Olde Man and Scythe. In 1653 Bolton petitions for aid for fatherless boys and widows. No marriages are recorded for the period of Sep 1651 to June 1657, Bolton a place for mourners and not a place for a Wedding.

**James** Born 12 Sep 1630 son of James of Sharples. Married 10 Apr. 1656 at Saint Mary, Blackburn, Lanc's (IGI) Ann born 5 Sep 1636 married at Bolton Ann daughter of Edmund Sanderson of Brightmet Hill. Edmund Sanderson and James Pilkington made a marriage settlement 22 Nov 1655, Lancs C.R.O DDX/165. On 16 Apr 1678 James is a leaseholder at Brightmet Lancs C.R.O Manor Court Roll Earl of Derby's estate. A 1693 will of James of Brightmet with a value of £220 names Susannah Booth daughter of Thomas Booth as wife (m. 1681) this may be a second marriage he names eldest son James.

**Alice** Pilkington d. of James de Sharples 29 Aug 1636

**Ann** daughter of James of Little Bolton 8 Dec 1639.

Major Pilkington born 1753 of the Pilkingtons of Brightmet built the Red-Cross public house in Bradshawgate, a great part of the property in Silverwell Street and around. He died at Silverwell House, Bolton November 28th, 1828.

**Jams** son of Richard of Sharples born 4 Oct 1655 Bolton Register From *Williams-Ellis Hearth Tax 1666 Sharples. Married Margaret Knowles 9 Jan 1675.* In 1671 in the Will of his sister Mary he is of Horwich. In 1696 he takes the Protestation Oath at Horwich. Buried Horwich 29 Dec 1699.

**Mary** Pilkinton d. of Rich: of High Horrockes 04 Apr 1657

From the Civil war the family became Presbyterian then later Unitarian. That is the connection to Bank Street Chapel, Bolton, New Chapel, Horwich and Rivington Chapel. The family are prominent in Horwich and Rivington history. A number of families are believed to connect by the family of Jams born 4 Feb 1655. Issue: Richard Pilkington b. 13 Sep 1686 burial. 11 Mar 1727, spouse Eleanor (b. 1659) of Sharples married on 26 Jan 1705.

**Pilkington of Brightmet**

**Jams** son of James of High Horrocks born 4 Feb 1655. **First occurrence of High Horrocks.** Will 1703 of Sharples names wife Elnor, witnesses *Mary Pilkington and James Taylor*

**Eliz:** d. of James Pilkington of Breighmet 12 Jul 1658.

The wording of the will of James who died 1703 shows that he is Anglican. This is not in keeping with later Rivington Pilkingtons.

Eldest son **Hugh** named in will

James born 1630 has moved to Brightmet in 1656 after a marriage to Ann Sanderson. Richard has taken up residence at High Horrocks in 1656. It is noted that the Pilkingtons bought up estates, once theirs from the parliamentary forces during Cromwell.

**Pilkington of Horwich & Founders of Pilkington's formed in 1826, A.R of £2.8 bn in 2004**

Version 3 compiled 5 March 05, after examination of Wills.

Based on the Bolton Church Parish Register 1913 transcript for LPRS, with additional information from 'The Pilkington Story' and checked against the IGI. Further note has been made to History of the Pilkington Family by Lt. Colonel J. Pilkington 3rd Ed. 1912, pg 112 footnote.