

## DASH Family History Australia - Hampshire & Isle of Wight Origins

The ancestry of many DASHs and DAISHs now living in Australia can be traced back to William DAISH or John DASH, both of whom were born in the 1700s in the County of Hampshire in the South of England and later moved across the narrow waterway of the Solent to settle in the Isle of Wight. The Hampshire villages of Bishops Waltham, Droxford, Botley & Wickham, a few miles east of Southampton (see below), were the heartland of our DASH/DAISH ancestors before they emigrated to the Isle of Wight.



Penny DAISH, a member of the Isle of Wight Family History Society, has concluded from her research that William DAISH and John DASH were brothers, sons of William DASH (or DAISH) and Elizabeth RICHARDS of the village of Droxford, Hampshire. Their first son, William, was baptised in 1723, and their second son, John, in 1725. William's descendants were known as DAISH in the Isle of Wight. John's descendants were originally known as DASH, but from the mid 1800s those living on the Isle of Wight adopted or reverted to the DAISH name, while those who left the island before this, and their descendants, retained the DASH name. The result has been that in Australia, as elsewhere in the world, there are many DASHs and DAISHs who, despite their different surnames, are in fact distant cousins, all tracing their origins back to the same ancestors, William DASH & Elizabeth RICHARDS. For example, the descendants of Edward DASH, who emigrated to Australia in 1853, are cousins of the DAISHs of South Australia – both lines go back to John DASH baptised in Botley, Hampshire, in 1725. And the DAISHs originally of Victoria or Deniliquin, NSW, and now widely dispersed in Australia, are distant cousins of these two lines because their ancestry goes back to William DAISH, the elder brother of John DASH.

## The Edward DASH Line in the Isle of Wight

**John DASH (1)**, the second child and second son of William DASH & Elizabeth RICHARDS, was baptised in the Parish of Botley, Hampshire, on 1<sup>st</sup> February 1725. He moved to the Isle of Wight some time before his first marriage in 1755, and during his life there lived in the eastern part of the island in the Parish of Godshill. He married **Jane DOWNER** at Godshill on 10<sup>th</sup> April 1755. The baptisms of three children are recorded:

Jane DASH, 27 Jul 1755, Godshill  
**John DASH (2)**, 22 Jan 1758, Godshill  
Mary DASH, 20 Jul 1760, Godshill

Jane DOWNER died in January 1764, and was buried at Godshill on 19<sup>th</sup> January of that year. John DASH (1) re-married, to Mary NEW, at Newchurch on 29<sup>th</sup> July 1765. The baptisms of five children are recorded:

Stephen DASH, 29 Oct 1767, Godshill  
James DASH, 17 Dec 1769, Godshill  
William DASH, 9 Aug 1772, Godshill  
Edward DASH, 19 Feb 1775, Godshill  
David DASH, 18 Oct 1778, Godshill

John DASH (1) was buried at Godshill on 4 January 1809. Mary NEW was buried at Godshill on 27 May 1824. In a brief visit to All Saints, Godshill, in 1997 I did not see any DASH gravestones in the churchyard or the overgrown grave area outside the churchyard wall.



**Godshill, Isle of Wight – village houses & church c.1900**

from a watercolour painting by W.W. Quatremain published as a postcard

*[Godshill looks much the same today, except that the roads are sealed. It is a major tourist site in the Isle of Wight, so get there before the tourist buses arrive at about 10.00 am – my diary note in 1997]*

**John DASH (2)** married **Mary BEARD** (b.1764) at Newchurch in 1782. For most of their married life they lived in or near [Bonchurch](#), a small village on the south-east coast of the Isle of Wight between Shanklin and Ventnor. The baptisms of 11 children are recorded:

William DASH, 12 Jan 1783, Newchurch  
James DASH, 6 Oct 1784, Yaverland  
Stephen DASH, 29 Oct 1786, Bonchurch  
David DASH, 30 Dec 1787, Bonchurch  
**Jacob DASH**, 17 Jan 1789, Bonchurch  
Jane DASH, 15 May 1791, Bonchurch  
Edward DASH, 23 Mar 1794, Bonchurch  
Elizabeth (Betsy) DASH, 26 Jun 1796, Bonchurch  
Benjamin DASH, 21 Oct 1798, Bonchurch  
Reuben DASH, 8 Mar 1801, Bonchurch  
Stephen DASH, 3 Apr 1803, Bonchurch

Mary BEARD died in 1814 and was buried at Brading on 11 Jan 1814.

John DASH (2) died two years later and was buried at Brading on 21 Mar 1816.



**The Old Church of St Boniface, Bonchurch, Isle Of Wight**  
[*Jacob Dash was baptised here on 17<sup>th</sup> January 1789*]

**William DASH**, bap. 1705 Wickham, Hants, d. 1771 Whippingham, IOW, bur. Droxford, Hants  
 +**Elizabeth RICHARDS**, bap. 1696, m. circa 1724

- ├── William DAISH, bap. 1723, d. 1773 Whippingham, IOW, bur. Droxford, Hants
  - +Sarah (--?--), m. before 1753
    - ├── William DAISH, bap. 1753 Droxford, Hants
    - ├── Sarah DAISH, bap. 1762 Whippingham, IOW, d. 1764 Whippingham, IOW
  - +Ann SNUGGS, bap. 1725, m. 1757 Droxford, Hants, d. 1803 Whippingham, IOW
    - ├── Mary DASH, bap. 1758
    - ├── James DAISH, b.c. 1759, d. 1844 St. Helens, IOW
- ├── **John DASH (1)**, bap. 1725 Botley, Hants, bur. 1809 Godshill, IOW
  - +**Jane DOWNER**, bap. 1733, m. 1755 Godshill, IOW, bur. 1764 Godshill, IOW
    - ├── Jane DASH, bap. 1755 Godshill, IOW, d. 1757 Godshill, IOW, bur. 1757 Godshill, IOW
    - ├── **John DASH (2)**, bap. 1758 Godshill, IOW, bur. 1816 Brading, IOW
      - +**Mary BEARD**, bap. 1764, m. 1782 Newchurch, IOW, bur. 1814 Brading, IOW
        - ├── William DASH, bap. 1783 Newchurch, IOW, bur. 1823 Carisbrooke, IOW
        - ├── James DASH, b. 1784 Yarbridge, IOW
        - ├── Stephen DASH, bap. 1786 Bonchurch, IOW, bur. 1788 Bonchurch, IOW
        - ├── David DASH, bap. 1787 Bonchurch, IOW, bur. 1788 Bonchurch, IOW
        - ├── **Jacob DASH**, bap. 1789 Bonchurch, IOW, d. 1851 London
        - ├── Jane DASH, bap. 1791 Bonchurch, IOW
        - ├── Edward DASH, bap. 1794 Bonchurch, IOW
        - ├── Elizabeth DASH, bap. 1796 Bonchurch, IOW
        - ├── Benjamin DASH, bap. 1798 Bonchurch, IOW
        - ├── Reuben DASH, bap. 1801 Bonchurch, IOW, bur. 1840 Bonchurch, IOW
        - ├── Stephen DASH, bap. 1803 Bonchurch, IOW
    - ├── Mary DASH, bap. 1760 Godshill, IOW
  - +Mary NEW, b.c. 1744, m. 1765 Newchurch, IOW, bur. 1824 Godshill, IOW
    - ├── Stephen DASH, bap. 1767 Godshill, IOW, bur. 1768 Godshill, IOW
    - ├── James DASH, bap. 1769 Godshill, IOW, bur. 1843 St. Helens, IOW
    - ├── William DASH, bap. 1772 Godshill, IOW, bur. 1848 Newchurch, IOW
    - ├── Edmond DASH, bap. 1775 Godshill, IOW
    - ├── David DASH, bap. 1778 Godshill, IOW, bur. 1826 Whippingham, IOW
- ├── Jane DAICH, bap. 1730
- ├── Benjamin DASH, bap. 1732 Wickham, Hants
- ├── Elizabeth DASH, bap. 1735
- ├── Mary DASH, bap. 1737 Wickham, Hants

*Hants = Hampshire mainland*  
*IOW = Isle of Wight*