

Parents for Joseph Wadsworth, cutler in Waterbury, Connecticut in 1850, married to Kezia Wadsworth

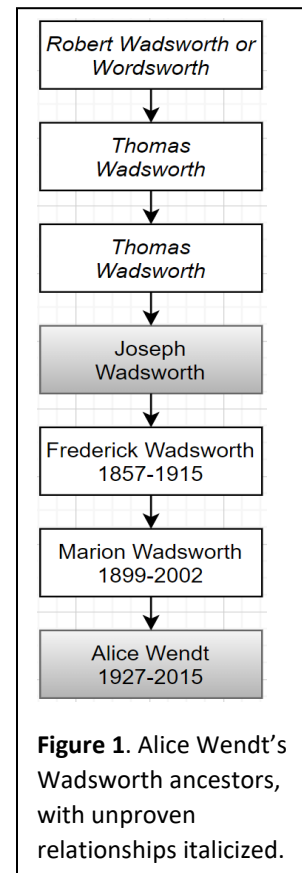
Alice Wadsworth Wendt, great-granddaughter of Joseph Wadsworth, recorded her Wadsworth family history in a bound, fill-in-the-blank book marketed to non-genealogists. Alice's mother, Marion Carrier Wadsworth, a raconteur and reliable source of information, supplied the details. Marion likely received them from her paternal grandmother, Keziah Wadsworth, Joseph's wife.¹

According to Alice Wendt's records, Joseph Wadsworth was from Sheffield, Yorkshire, England. His father was a Thomas Wadsworth, whose father was another Thomas Wadsworth, whose father was Robert Wadsworth or Wordsworth (see Figure 1).²

While the information in the family history book may be correct, none is documented or cited. No letters, official documents, or family bible remain in the family. Several penknives made by Joseph and one his sons have passed down through the family³.

Joseph worked as a professional cutler in Sheffield, England, one of the two most important centers for cutlery in the world at the time.⁴ Like numerous other English cutlers, he and wife Kezia relocated in the 1840s to Connecticut, an up-and-coming center for cutlery in America.⁵

In the southwest corner of Yorkshire ("Hallamshire"), blessed with the right combination of natural resources, men mined coal, smelted ironstone to produce steel, quarried sandstone to shape grinding stones, and harnessed five rivers to turn those grinding stones and operate tilt hammers. The five rivers meet in Sheffield, allowing the city to become known for its cutlery as early as the 14th century.⁶ By the middle of the 17th century, ninety mills supplied grinding stones, one in three homes included a smithy, and 60% of Sheffield's



¹ Alice Wadsworth Wendt, compiler, "Our Family Story," unpublished book, ca. 1986 to 2005; privately held by Elizabeth Wadsworth Cotter, [ADDRESS FOR PRIVATE USE,] Seattle, Washington, 2005. Fill-in-the blank genealogy book with handwritten notes, given to her daughter Elizabeth before her death in 2015.

² Wendt, "Our Family Story," pp. 12–13.

³ Joseph and Frederick Wadsworth penknives, undated, circa 1865 and 1875; privately held by children of Alice Wendt, including Elizabeth Cotter, [ADDRESS FOR PRIVATE USE,] Seattle, Washington, 2005. Given to Alice Wendt by her mother Marion Wadsworth.

⁴ Lynn M. Pearce, editor, "SIC 3421 Cutlery," *Encyclopedia of American Industries*, 4th ed. (Detroit: Gale, 2005), 782. Also, *Reference for Business* (<https://www.referenceforbusiness.com/industries/Fabricated-Metal/Cutlery.html>) : accessed 21 Aug 2020). Cutlery refers to metal instruments with edges, such as knives, scissors, scythes, and sickles.

⁵ Lewis D. Bement, *The Cutlery Story: From Stone Age to the Steel Age* (Deerfield, Massachusetts: The Associated Cutlery Industries of America, 1950), 9–11..

⁶ C. A. Turner, *A Sheffield Heritage: An Anthology of Photographs and Words of the Cutlery Craftsmen* (1978; reprint, Sheffield, England: University of Sheffield, 1983), 5.

men worked in one or another of the cutlery specialties.⁷ Of the subspecialists, grinders, such as Joseph Wadsworth, earned the most due to the danger of inhaling particulate matter, developing lung disease, and dying early.⁸

Alice Wendt named Joseph's father but not his mother.⁹ This may be correct, incorrect, or partially correct, but she provided no documentation. English civil records begin in 1837, shortly before Joseph and Kezia left England. Fortunately, parish records began much earlier, 1560 in the case of the parish of Sheffield.¹⁰

English parish records will show Joseph's parents were Thomas Wadsworth and Elizabeth Batty, parish of Sheffield, Yorkshire, England. Joseph was baptized and likely born in the same parish in 1820.

Starting point – undocumented assertions

- Joseph Wadsworth was from Sheffield, England. His father was a Thomas Wadsworth, whose father was another Thomas Wadsworth, whose father was Robert Wadsworth or Wordsworth.¹¹
- Joseph's wife was Keziah Newton, daughter of John Newton and Ann Chillicothe of Stannington, a village near Sheffield. She was reluctant to emigrate to America as she did not want to leave her "dead babies."¹²
- Joseph and his sons, including Alice's grandfather Fred were cutlers, first in Waterbury, then in Meriden, Connecticut.¹³

Joseph and Keziah Wadsworth of Connecticut

In 1850, thirty-year-old Joseph headed a household with twenty-eight-year-old Kesiah, thirteen-year-old [three-year-old] Charles P.[B.] and two-year-old Thomas L. in Waterbury, Connecticut (see Table 1). The enumerator recorded Joseph, Kesiah, and Charles were born in England, while Thomas was born in Connecticut. Joseph worked as a cutler.¹⁴ Based on their ages in 1850, Joseph was likely born in 1819 or 1820, Keziah 1821 or 1822. Joseph and Keziah immigrated to Connecticut by 1848, based on Thomas's age.

⁷ David Hey, *A History of Sheffield*, 3rd ed. (Lancaster, England: Carnegie Publishing, 2010), 77–86.

⁸ Hey, *A History of Sheffield*, 77–86.

⁹ Wendt, "Our Family History," pp. 12–13, 36–37.

¹⁰ FamilySearch ([https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Sheffield, Yorkshire Genealogy](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Sheffield,_Yorkshire_Genealogy) : accessed 9/2/2020). A church has been present at the site of the parish church since at least the 12th century. It was originally dedicated to St. Peter, then to St. Peter and St. Paul. In 1848, the ecclesiastical parish was subdivided, and the parish church became Sheffield Cathedral.

¹¹ Wendt, "Our Family History," p. 12–13.

¹² Wendt, "Our Family History," p. 36.

¹³ Marion Wadsworth, interview by her great-granddaughter Christina Wilson, on Marion's 100th birthday, 3 March 1999; VHS tape given to the author, 2015.

¹⁴ 1850 U.S. census, New Haven County, Connecticut, population schedule, Waterbury, p.48 (stamped), dwelling 589, family 769, Joseph Wadsworth household; database with images, Ancestry (<https://ancestry.com> : accessed 7 August 2020); citing National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) microfilm publication M432, roll 45. For Charles' correct age and place of birth, see Table 1. Also, Keziah, Kesia, and Kesiah are variants of Kezia.

In the 1850 U.S. census, twenty-two of the thirty surrounding households contained at least one cutler, 60% from England, 32% from Connecticut, and the remainder from Ireland and Massachusetts.¹⁵ These households were mainly young families, adults in their twenties and thirties with children born in Connecticut. This suggests active recruitment or a vibrant chain migration of cutlers.

Ten years later, thirty-nine-year-old Joseph's household included thirty-eight-year-old Carrie [Kezia], fourteen-year-old Chas, twelve-year-old Thomas, ten-year-old Joseph, four-year-old Fred, and one-year-old Adaline (see Table 1). All five children were born in Connecticut. Joseph worked in a factory in Waterbury.¹⁶ Charles' age and birthplace now placed Joseph and Kezia in Connecticut by 1846. The age gap between sons Joseph and Fred suggests the loss of one or more children.

By 1870, the family had relocated 17 miles to Litchfield, Connecticut. The household consisted now of forty-eight-year-old Joseph, forty-six-year-old Kesiah, twenty-four-year-old Charles, twenty-year-old Joseph, fourteen-year-old Fredk [Frederick], and twelve-year-old Adeline. Joseph worked as a cutler and Charles and Joseph as knife makers.¹⁷

Table 1.

1850 18			1860 19			1870 20		
Name	Age	Born	Name	Age	Born	Name	Age	Born
Joseph	30	England	Joseph	39	England	Joseph	48	England
Keziah	28	England	Carrie	38	England	Kesiah	46	England
Charles P.	13	England	Chas	14	Connecticut	Charles	24	Connecticut
Thomas	2	Connecticut	Thomas	12	Connecticut			
			Joseph	10	Connecticut	Joseph	20	Connecticut
			Fred	4	Connecticut	Fredk	14	Connecticut
			Adaline	1	Connecticut	Adeline	12	Connecticut

Comparison of the census returns over twenty years confirms this is a nuclear family, with parents from England and children born in America (Table 1). Charles' age and place of birth were recorded incorrectly in 1850.

¹⁵ 1850 U.S. census, New Haven Co., CT, pop. sch., Waterbury, pp. 47–49.

¹⁶ 1860 U.S. census, New Haven County, Connecticut, population schedule, Waterbury, p. 219, dwelling 1194, family 1680, Joseph Wadsworth household; database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://ancestry.com> : accessed 7 August 2020); NARA microfilm 653, roll 84. Carrie is not a common variant of Kezia and is unexplained.

¹⁷ 1870 U.S. census, Litchfield County, CT, Connecticut, population schedule, Litchfield, p. 49, dwelling 393, family 414, Joseph Wadsworth household; *Ancestry* (<https://ancestry.com> : accessed 7 August 2020); NARA microfilm 693, roll 105.

¹⁸ 1850 U.S. census, New Haven Co., CT, pop. sch., Waterbury, p. 48, dwell. 589, fam. 769, Joseph Wadsworth; NARA microfilm 432, roll 45.

¹⁹ 1860 U.S. census, New Haven Co., CT, pop. sch., Waterbury, p. 219, dwell. 1194, fam. 1680, Joseph Wadsworth; NARA microfilm 653, roll 84.

²⁰ 1870 U.S. census, Litchfield Co., CT, pop. sch., Litchfield, p. 49, dwell. 393, fam. 414, Joseph Wadsworth; NARA microfilm 693, roll 105.

Joseph and Kezia Wadsworth – marriage in England

Based on U.S. censuses, Joseph may have been born as early as 1819 and as late as 1822. Kezia likely was born between 1821 and 1824. Charles was born about 1846, but Kezia may have borne children between 1840 and 1845. Their granddaughter, Marion Wadsworth, said two or three of Joseph and Kezia's children died in England before they emigrated.²¹

Ten Joseph Wadsworths, born between 1818 and 1822, married in England between 1838 and 1845.²² Only one Joseph Wadsworth married a woman named Kezia or its variants. Three Kezia Newtons married in England in the same period, only one to a Thomas Wadsworth.²³

Joseph Wadsworth and Kezia Newton married 14 Oct 1840 at St. Peter and St. Paul Church, the parish church of Sheffield. It was the first marriage for each. Joseph was a 20-year-old grinder, son of Thos Wadsworth, paper maker. Kezia was the 19-year-old daughter of Jno Newton, scale cutter. They lived on Rockingham Lane with an older couple, Richard and Elizabeth Shillito. Rector Edward Goodwin performed the ceremony. William Wright (wood turner), who also lodged in the Shillito household, and J. Hudson witnessed the event. Joseph signed the register with his name, Kezia with an 'X'.²⁴

Joseph's age of twenty suggests a birth year of 1820 and is consistent with the 1819 to 1822 range based on U.S. censuses. Kezia's age of 19 implies birth about 1821, like the 1821 to 1824 range based on the censuses.

- Joseph was a grinder, a cutler who sharpens knives and other blades.
- His father-in-law Jonathon, John, or, possibly, Jonas Newton was a scale cutter, the cutler who forms the horn, bone, ivory, or wood handles of a knife.
- His father was named Thomas and was a paper maker.
- Alice Wendt's family records are correct for the names of Joseph and Kezia's fathers.

Marriages generally occurred in the bride's parish. However, this marriage record does not state the home parish of either bride or groom.

²¹ Marion Wadsworth, interview, 1999.

²² Findmypast, "Parish Marriages," search for Joseph Wadsworth or variants, married between 1838-1845; *Findmypast* (<https://findmypast.co.uk> : accessed 5 September 2020).

²³ Findmypast, "Parish Marriages," search for Kezia Newton or variants, married between 1838-1845; *Findmypast* (<https://findmypast.co.uk> : accessed 5 September 2020).

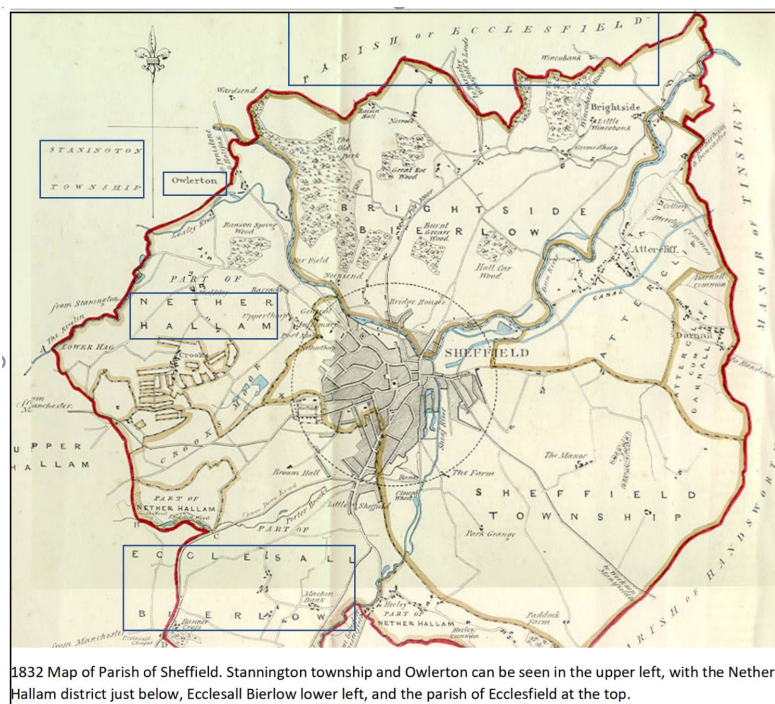
²⁴ For marriage see, England, General Register Office (GRO), certified copy of marriage record, entry for Joseph Wadsworth and Kezia Newton, married 14 October 1840; "Marriages in the Registration District of Sheffield," [Yorkshire,] vol. 22, p. 462, no. 55, 1840, dated 19 December 2011. For the Rockingham Lane household see, 1841 census of England, Yorkshire, Sheffield, Ecclesall Bierlow, folio 47, p. 10, Richard Shillito household; database and images, "1841 England, Wales & Scotland Census," *Findmypast* (<https://findmypast.co.uk> : accessed 9 August 2020).

Kezia Newton - home parish

Alice Wendt's records state Joseph was from Sheffield and Kezia was from Stannington near Sheffield. At the time of their 1840 marriage, the village of Stannington was part of the ancient Ecclesfield parish, not part of Sheffield parish.²⁵

In 1831, the household of Thomas Wadsworth, paper maker, consisted of four males, including one over 20, and four females. They lived in Owlerton, 2.2 miles from the village of Stannington and close enough for Joseph and Kezia to meet (see Figure 1).²⁶ Unfortunately, most of the 1831 English census is no longer extant. A second paper maker named Thomas Wadsworth in Sheffield cannot be excluded. However, in the 1841 census, after Thomas' 1838 death, only four Thomas Wadsworth's were enumerated in Sheffield, none of them a paper maker.²⁷

Figure 2.



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²⁵ Samuel Lewis, editor, *A Topographical Atlas of England*, (London, 1848), pp. 170-175. *British History Online* (<http://www.british-history.ac.uk/topographical-dict/england/pp170-175> : accessed 5 September 2020).

²⁶ 1831 England census, Sheffield, Yorkshire, Nether Hallam, p. 17, Thos Wadsworth; transcription, "Nether Hallam, Sheffield 1831 Census," *Findmypast* (<https://findmypast.co.uk> : accessed 14 August 2020); Sheffield Archives & Local Studies (SALS), ref. PR-138-2-9.

²⁷ For Thomas Wadsworth death, see St. Peter & St. Paul Church (Sheffield, Yorkshire, England), "Register of Burials," vol. unreadable, 1836 to 1838, p. 156, no. 1245, Thomas Wadsworth, 14 March 1838; database with images, "Yorkshire Burials," *Findmypast* (<https://findmypast.co.uk> : accessed 12 August 2020); SALS ref. PR-138-4-15. For other Thomas Wadsworths, see 1841 census of England, Yorkshire, Sheffield, search for "Thomas Wadsworth" or variants.

²⁸ Robert Dawson, "Sheffield, England," from "Plans of the Cities and Boroughs of England and Wales," 1832; digital image uploaded by JeremyA, 2006, *Wikimedia Commons* (<https://commons.wikimedia.org> : accessed 24 Aug 2020).

Joseph and Kezia's 1840 marriage occurred in Sheffield parish church, 2.5 miles from Owlerton and 3.7 miles from Stannington. By 1841, the Wadsworth family had relocated to the Nether Hallam section of Sheffield. Newlyweds Joseph and Kezia were in the Ecclesall Bierlow section of Sheffield closer to the center of Sheffield.²⁹

- No census records for the John Newton family exist.
- Kezia's origin in the nearby village of Stannington has not been confirmed.

Joseph Wadsworth - baptismal record yields his mother's first name

Between 1818 and 1822, seven children named Joseph Wadsworth were baptized in the county of Yorkshire. Only one had a father named Thomas Wadsworth.

On 24 December 1820, Reverend G. Harrison baptized Joseph Wadsworth in the Sheffield parish church. Joseph was born 24 Nov 1820, to paper maker Thomas Wadsworth and his wife Elizabeth of Sheffield. No grandparents or godparents were named.³⁰

- Joseph's mother's given name is Elizabeth.
- His date of birth agrees with his marriage record and is consistent with the ages recorded in U.S. censuses.

Children of Thomas and Elizabeth Wadsworth

Five additional children of Thomas and Elizabeth Wadsworth were baptized at St. Peter and St. Paul parish church: Ann in 1822, Mary in 1824, Thomas in 1826, Sarah in 1828, and John 1830. No witnesses were named in the baptismal documents.³¹ No children were found earlier than Joseph in 1820.³²

The six children were born over ten years beginning in 1820. If Thomas and Elizabeth married in Sheffield parish, it may have been as late as 1819. Alternatively, they may have married outside Sheffield parish and moved into the parish before the birth of Joseph. If that proves true, the couple

²⁹ 1841 England census, Sheffield, Yorkshire, Ecclesall Bierlow, p. 9, Jos Wadsworth.

³⁰ St. Peter & St. Paul Church (Sheffield), "Register of Baptisms, vol. 21, 1818 to 1821," p.576, no. 4603, Joseph Wadsworth, 24 December 1820; database with images, "Yorkshire Baptisms," *Findmypast* (<https://findmypast.co.uk> : accessed 9 August 2020); SALS, ref. PR-138-2-9.

³¹ For Ann, see St. Peter & St. Paul Church (Sheffield), "Register of Baptisms, vol. 23, Jan 1822 to Apr 1823," p.83, no. 664, Ann Wadsworth, 19 May 1822; SALS, ref. PR-138-2-11. For Mary, see St. Peter & St. Paul Church (Sheffield), "Register of Baptisms, vol. 24, Apr 1823 to Jun 1824," p.299, no. 2387, Mary Wadsworth, 27 June 1824; SALS, ref. PR-138-2-12. For Thomas, see St. Peter & St. Paul Church (Sheffield), "Register of Baptisms, vol. 26, Sept 1826 to Nov 1825," p.178, no. 1422, Thomas Wadsworth, 7 May 1826; SALS, ref. PR-138-2-14. For Sarah, see St. Peter & St. Paul Church (Sheffield), "Register of Baptisms, vol. 28, 1828 to 1829," p.167, no. 1335, Sarah Wadsworth, 21 September 1828; SALS, ref. PR-138-2-16. For John, see St. Peter & St. Paul Church (Sheffield), "Register of Baptisms, vol. 30, Jun 1830 to Aug 1831," p.119, no. 946, John Wadsworth, 26 December 1830; SALS, ref. PR-138-2-18.

³² Findmypast "England Births & Baptisms 1538-1975," search for children of Thomas and Elizabeth Wadsworth; database without images, *Findmypast* (<https://findmypast.co.uk> : accessed 12 August 2020).

may have older children baptized in a different parish. Thomas, 48-years-old when he died in 1838, was born about 1790³³. He was about 30-years-old when his son Joseph was born in 1820. If Elizabeth was similar in age or slightly younger, they may have married as early as 1810.

Thomas Wadsworth and Elizabeth – marriage

Between 1810 and 1820, eight Thomas Wadsworths married in England, three to women named Elizabeth. The parish records did not record the occupations of the grooms.

1. On 11 October 1816, Thomas Wadsworth of Snitterfield, Warwick, Warwickshire (106 miles from Sheffield) married **Elizabeth Mortiboys** of the same parish.³⁴ They may have been the Thomas and Elizabeth Wadsworth who baptized their daughters Eliza and Harriett in adjacent Worcestershire in 1818 and 1822.³⁵ This couple is an unlikely match for the Thomas and Elizabeth Wadsworth of Sheffield who baptized their son in Sheffield in 1820.
2. On 29 May 1817, Thomas Wadsworth of Northampton, Northamptonshire (104 miles from Sheffield) married **Elizabeth Norton** of the same parish.³⁶ They stayed in Northamptonshire and baptized their sons there: John in 1818, Thomas and John in 1821, and William in 1825.³⁷ This couple cannot be the parents of Joseph.
3. On 25 December 1819, Thomas Wadsworth of Sheffield, Yorkshire married **Elizabeth Batty** of the same parish.³⁸ After the calling of banns, William H. Vale performed the marriage, the first marriage for each. Thos Batty and Joseph Hudson served as witnesses. Thomas Wadsworth, Thomas Batty, and Elizabeth signed the register with an "X."³⁹

³³ St. Peter & St. Paul Church (Sheffield, Yorkshire, England), "Register of Burials," vol. unreadable, 1836 to 1838, p. 156, no. 1245, Thomas Wadsworth, 14 March 1838; database with images, "Yorkshire Burials," *Findmypast* (<https://findmypast.co.uk> : accessed 12 August 2020); SALS ref. PR-138-4-15.

³⁴ Snitterfield Parish Church (Snitterfield, Warwickshire, England), "Marriages," vol. 9, 1813 to 1837, p. 5, no. 15, Thomas Wadsworth and Elizabeth Mortiboys marriage, 11 October 1816; database with images, "Warwickshire Marriages," *Findmypast* (<https://findmypast.co.uk> : accessed 12 August 2020); Warwickshire County Record Office, ref. DR0264/4.

³⁵ For Eliza, see *Findmypast* "England Births & Baptisms 1538-1975," Eliza Wadsworth baptism, 4 Jan 1818, Yardley, Worcestershire; database without images, *Findmypast* (<https://findmypast.co.uk> : accessed 12 August 2020). For Harriett, see *Findmypast* "England Births & Baptisms 1538-1975," Harriett Wadsworth, 2 Aug 1822, Moseley by Birmingham, Worcestershire.

³⁶ *Findmypast* "England Marriages 1538-1973," Thomas Wadsworth and Elizabeth Norton marriage, 28 May 1817, Northampton, Northamptonshire; database without images, *Findmypast* (<https://findmypast.co.uk> : accessed 12 August 2020).

³⁷ For John, see *Findmypast* "England Births & Baptisms 1538-1975," John Wadsworth, 1 Jul 1818, Northampton, Northamptonshire. For Thomas and second John, see *Findmypast* "England Births & Baptisms 1538-1975," Thomas and John Wadsworth, 4 Mar 1821, Harlestone, Northamptonshire. For William, see *Findmypast* "England Births & Baptisms 1538-1975," William Wadsworth, 12 Jun 1825, Northampton, Northamptonshire.

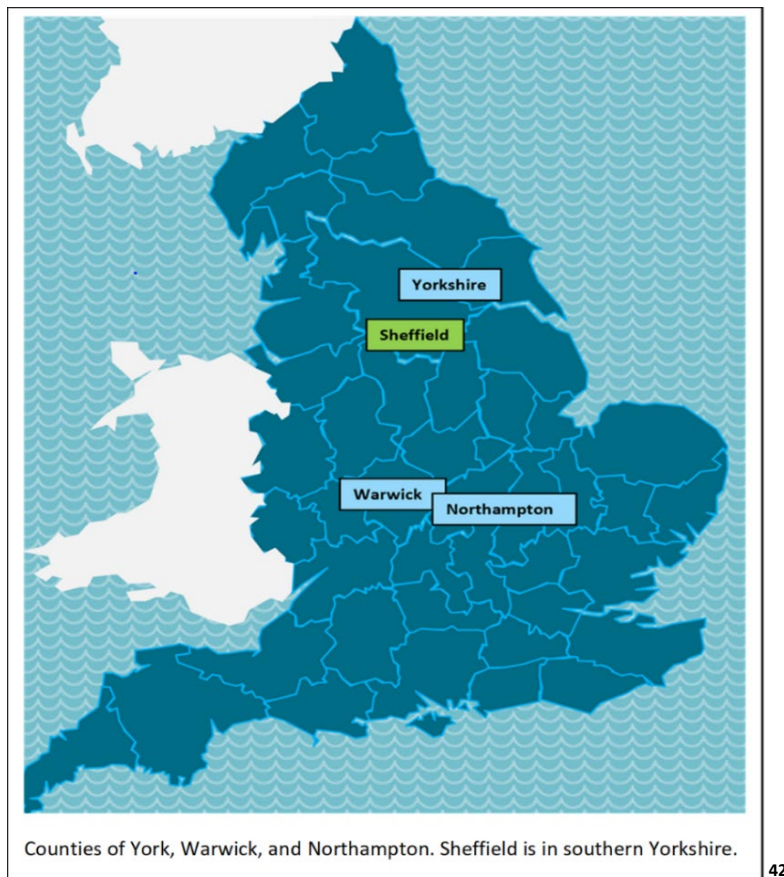
³⁸ St. Peter & St. Paul Church (Sheffield), "Register of Marriages," vol. Q, 1818 to 1820, p. 202, no. 604, Thomas Wadsworth and Elizabeth Batty, 25 December 1819; SALS, ref. PR-138-3-17.

³⁹ St. Peter & St. Paul Church (Sheffield), "Register of Marriages," Wadsworth-Batty.

Support for this third couple being the parents of Joseph, b. 1820:

- They married in St. Peter and St. Paul parish church where Joseph Wadsworth was baptized the following year.⁴⁰ Time and place are consistent.
- Joseph and Keziah named their third son Charles Batty Wadsworth.⁴¹
- There are no competing same-named couples.

Figure 3.



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Naming pattern used by Joseph and Kezia

In some traditions, the first son and second daughter of a family are named for the husband's parents and the second son and first daughter are named for the wife's parents. Additional children may be named for favorite brothers or sisters or aunts or uncles.

⁴⁰ St. Peter & St. Paul Church (Sheffield), "Register of Baptisms, vol. 21, 1818 to 1821," p.576, no. 4603, Joseph Wadsworth, 24 December 1820; database with images, "Yorkshire Baptisms," *Findmypast* (<https://findmypast.co.uk> : accessed 9 August 2020); SALS, ref. PR-138-2-9.

⁴¹ Lucius Barnes Barbour and Lucius A. Barbour, "Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records prior to 1850," 50 vols. (bound transcripts, 1874-1934, Connecticut State Library, Hartford), Town of Waterbury, Charles Batty Wadsworth, born 3 August 1846.

⁴² "Map of England Template;" digital download, *Presentation Magazine* (<https://www.presentationmagazine.com/> : downloaded 12 August 2020).

Joseph and Kezia's children born in Connecticut were Charles, Thomas, Joseph, Frederick, and Adeline. Records in civil and parish church archives reveal two additional children who died before they emigrated to America.

Thomas Wadsworth's birth was recorded in the first quarter of 1841. His mother's birth name was Newton and she lived in the Ecclesall Bierlow section of Sheffield.⁴³ This matches the location of Joseph and Kezia in the 1841 census.

Thomas, "son of Joseph Wadsworth, grinder on Rockingham Lane" was buried 24 May 1841 at the parish church.⁴⁴ This also matches the 1841 census.

John Thomas Wadsworth's birth was registered in the third quarter of 1842. His mother was recorded as "Mewton."⁴⁵

He was buried 11 September 1842 at the parish church. He was the infant "son of Joseph Wadsworth, grinder on Chester Lane."⁴⁶

Given these two additional children, Joseph's and Kezia's fathers would be correctly predicted to be Thomas Wadsworth and John Newton. The following table shows how they incorporated parents' and grandparents' names into their own family:

Table 2.

Thomas Wadsworth & Elizabeth Batty children		Joseph Wadsworth & Kezia Newton children
Joseph (1820 -?)	Joseph's father was Thomas	Thomas (1841-1841)
Ann (1822 -?)	Kezia's father was John Newton	John Thomas (1842-1843)
Mary (1824 -?)	Joseph's mother was a Batty	Charles Batty (1846-1928)
Thomas (1826 - ?)	Joseph's father was Thomas	Thomas St. Leger (1848-1890)
Sarah (1828 - ?)	Kezia's father was John Newton	Joseph Newton (1850-1897)
John (1830 - ?)		Frederick Ryals (1857-1915)
		Adeline (1859-1905)

Summary

English parish records reveal the parents of Joseph Wadsworth, cutler in Waterbury, Connecticut in the 1850s, to be Thomas Wadsworth (c. 1790–1838) and Elizabeth Batty (c. 1791–?) of

⁴³ Yorkshire, England, birth registrations, Ecclesall Bierlow district, vol. 22, p. 117, first quarter 1841, Thomas Wadsworth; database transcription, "England & Wales Births 1837-2006," *Findmypast* (<https://findmypast.co.uk> : accessed 12 August 2020); GRO.

⁴⁴ St. Peter & St. Paul Church (Sheffield), "Register of Burials," vol. unreadable, 1840 to 1843, p. 60, no. 475, Thomas Wadsworth, 24 May 1841; database with images, "Yorkshire Burials," *Findmypast* (<https://findmypast.co.uk> : accessed 12 August 2020); SALS, ref. PR-138-4-17.

⁴⁵ Yorkshire, England, birth registrations, Sheffield district, vol. 22, p. 557, third quarter 1842, John Thomas Wadsworth.

⁴⁶ St. Peter & St. Paul Church (Sheffield), "Register of Burials," vol. unreadable, 1840 to 1843, p. 164, no. 1305, John Thomas Wadsworth, 29 May 1842.

Sheffield, Yorkshire, England. Identifying all of Joseph and Keziah Wadsworth children reinforces the identities of their fathers and confirms the information given to Alice Wadsworth Wendt. Identifying all the children in both Wadsworth families may provide clues to the names of Joseph's grandparents.