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Dear Bob,

Thank you for your reply of 28 Oct and the money order for \$ 75.00. I will keep in mind the name of Everett in the mid 19th. century period - it certainly seems to have been a family name - perhaps from a distaff side.

HILDRETH.

Searches have continued for this surname, as we have the marriage date for John Hildreth and Ann Birwick I made searches in the Marriage Bonds in the hope that they may have married by licence, and was pleased to find they did. The additional information found is given on sheet 1. I could obtain a photocopy if you wish. I am glad the ages of the parties were given, and the word 'upwards' means months. You will see that one of the co-bondsmen was a James Barwick of Yarm which is nineteen miles north of Sowerby in the parish of Thirsk. Yarm is five miles south of Stockton in Co. Durham where of course, John Hildreth married a second time.

A search was made for any will of Richard Hildreth who died in 1862 but I did not find any in that year, or in 1863.

Further searches were then made for the baptism of John Hildreth born ca. 1758. I tried the mother church of Thirsk, and in drawing a blank, decided to try Yarm and its adjacent parish of Kirkleavington, sadly both these were also devoid of any Hildreth names in the period searched. I then concentrated on parishes and chapelries in the Sowerby-Thirsk area of Yorkshire, and these also failed to show any Hildreth names (sheet 1).

As luck would have it, the last parish I searched in this area was Felixkirk, some three miles north east of Sowerby. Here I was pleased to find Hildreth and variant names and was delighted to find a John Hildereth in 1757. Cleeves is four miles east of Sowerby, and I was in that area several years ago, and from which one has a magnificent view across the Vale of York to

the Yorkshire Dales, and in very good visibility to the peaks of the Lake District.

I see that John's father was called Richard, and we know that John had a son of the same name who married Mary Wheatley. So it is clear that wider searches will be needed in the records of Felixkirk. If you are interested in a map of the area around Felixkirk I will be able to send you one.

BIRWICK.

Although I headed this section 'Birwick', I rather think the spelling of John Hildreth's bride's surname was Barwick.

In all the searches for Hildreth names listed at the bottom of sheet 1 were also searched for Barwick and variant names, and I did not find mention of one. This made me check the I.G. I. of Yorkshire for any record of Ann Barwick ca. 1755 and I found three about that period (sheet 2). All three parishes are about seventeen miles from Sowerby. In checking the parishes for further details I searched firstly, Stokesley as this parish is six miles south east of Yarm - where the co-bondsman James Barwick lived in 1780.

The period of search was 1756 to 1762 and I found one entry only of this surname, and it was very pleasing to find that the occupation of the father James Barwick was the same as that given in the 1780 marriage bond.

So I think a wider search in the records of Stokesley will be needed to find more details of the family of James Barwick. You will see I found no siblings of Ann from 1758 to 1762 and it might be that this family had moved to Yarm.

I have in fact spent a little more than the four hours I allowed for this search for the baptismal records of John Hildreth and, hopefully, Ann Barwick. So with the balance you have sent me, I will continue with the search in extending the Hildreth line.

With good wishes,

Darius B.

Marriage Bond.

14 May 1780 on which day appeared personally John Hildreth of the parish of Thirsk, diocese of York, Yeoman a bachelor aged twenty two years and upwards and intends to marry Ann Barwick of the chapelry of Sowerby in the parish of Thirsk in the diocese aforesaid a spinster aged twenty one years and upwards in the chapelry of Sowerby aforesaid.

(signed) John Hildreth.

Know all men that we John Hildreth of Thirsk in the county of York, Yeoman and James Barwick of Yarm in the said county, Tallow Chandler 14 May 1780.

(signed) John Hildreth.
(signed) James Barwick.

Index of wills and administrations of England & Wales.

a search for any will or admon. of Richard Hildreth who died on
13 May 1862

negative in 1862 and 1863.

Parish of Thirsk, Yorkshire.	B. T.'s. Christenings.	Mch 1756-Mch 1763.
Parish of Kirkleavington.	B. T.'s do.	Mch 1756-Dec 1762.
Parish of Yarm.	B. T.'s do.	do.
Parish of Topcliffe.	B. T.'s do.	do.
Parish of South Kilvington.	B. T.'s do.	Mch 1756-Mch 1763.
Chapelry of Bagby, parish of Kirby Knowle.	B. T.'s do.	do.
Parish of Thirkleby.	B. T.'s do.	do.
Chapelry of Sand Hutton, parish of Thirsk.	B. T.'s do.	do.

no HILDRETH names found in any parish or chapelry.

Parish of Felixkirk, Yorkshire.

Bishops' Transcripts.

Christenings.

Mch 1756 to Mch 1763.

HILDRETH.

Chr 17 Jly 1757	Sarah	d. of Francis Hildereth	of Thorleby, Farmer.
" 21 Sep 1757	John	s. of Richard Hildereth	of Cleeves, Weaver.
" 20 Mch 1760	Thos.	s. of Richard Hildreth	of Cleeves, Weaver.

I. G. I. of Yorkshire. (edition of 1984).

a search for th baptism of Ann BARWICK
born ca. 1755.

Chr 25 Apl 1752	Ann	John	Berwick.	PATRICK BROMPTON.
" 31 Mch 1754	Ann	Chris. & Jane	Barwick.	CATTERICK.
" 6 Apl 1758	Ann	James	Berwick.	STOKESLEY.

Parish of Stokesley, Yorkshire.

B. T.'s.

Christenings.

Mch 1756 to Dec 1762.

BARWICK.

Chr 6 Apl 1758	Ann	d. of James Barwick,	Tallow Chandler.
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