

Tree H1A: John KISBY and Harriet of Godmanchester and descendants

John KISBY was the eldest son of John KISBY (1755-1838) of Houghton, and became a wealthy farmer in the Godmanchester area (his father is likely to have been a person of means too). John KISBY Jnr eventually served two terms as Mayor of Godmanchester (1839 and 1841), also serving as a burgess/bailiff and alderman of the town. In 1851 he declared a farm of 240 acres employing 8 men. John's descendants, via his son Robert KISBY, carried the KISBY surname to Canada in the early 20th-century.

H1A.111	KISBY John [1380]	Born circa 1784, Pidley, Huntingdonshire ¹ Baptised 21 November 1784, Houghton, Hunts. ² Married Harriet MILES, 17 October 1803, Godmanchester, Hunts. ³ Later a member of Godmanchester borough council, Mayor of Godmanchester in 1839 and 1841, and twice Chief Magistrate. In 1851 John was a Farmer of 240 acres, in Debden near Godmanchester. Alderman until 2 years before his death. Died 26 September 1867 aged 84. ⁴ Buried 2 October 1867, Godmanchester, Hunts. ⁵
	MILES Harriet [1381]	Born circa 1784, Godmanchester, Huntingdonshire Died aged 87 or 88, April 1872. ⁶ Buried 30 April 1872, Godmanchester, Hunts. ⁷

CHILDREN of KISBY John 111 and Harriet [Generation 4]

H1A.1111	KISBY Harriet [3424]	Baptised 16 April 1805, Godmanchester. Died before 1817.
H1A.1112	KISBY John [1034]	Born c. 1806, Godmanchester ⁸ Farmer of 240 acres of Oldhurst, Huntingdonshire (1851) Later living with brother Robert at Westbury Farm, Croxton, Cambridgeshire (1871/1881). Died c. February 1891 age "85", probably Croxton. ⁹
H1A.1113	KISBY Henry [3443]	Born 23 August 1807 Baptised 2 February 1810, Godmanchester, Hunts. ¹⁰ Died end of May 1830 age 23, of consumption. Buried 1 June 1830, Godmanchester. ¹¹

¹ 1851 Census, Godmanchester (HO/107/1748) – John KISBY aged "67", a Farmer of 240 acres, of Debden. Born Hunts, Pidley.

² Parish Register transcript, Pidley, Hunts. – viewed at Huntingdonshire Archives. Baptised "of John and Anne".

³ Parish Register transcript, Godmanchester (Marriages). John and Harriet married by license.

⁴ *Cambridge Chronicle*, 28 September 1867, page 6 "GODMANCHESTER – Demise of Mr. John Kisby"

⁵ Parish Register transcript, Godmanchester (Burials).

⁶ GRO Death indexes (FreeBMD.org.uk) – Harriet KISBY age 88, 1872 June qtr, Huntingdon district (includes Godmanchester).

⁷ Parish Register transcript, Godmanchester (Burials). Harriet aged "87".

⁸ 1851 Census, Oldhurst (HO/107/1749) – John KISBY aged "45" born Godmanchester, a Farmer of 240 acres. Brother Robert, "35", a Farmer of 114 acres living in same house. Next door to cousin John KISBY, "28", a Publican and family.

⁹ GRO Death indexes (FreeBMD.org.uk) – 1891 March qtr - John KISBY - 85 - Caxton district - 7a 206

¹⁰ Parish Register transcript, Godmanchester (Baptisms). Includes date of birth.

¹¹ Parish Register transcript, Godmanchester (Burials). Includes cause of death.

H1A.1114	KISBY Miles [0545]	Born 8 May 1809, Godmanchester. ¹² Baptised 2 February 1810, Godmanchester, Hunts. ¹³ Farmers son living with parents (1841/1851) later “Retired Farmer” (1861). ¹⁴ Died “rather suddenly” age “53” 9 March 1866 ¹⁵ Buried 16 March 1866, Godmanchester.
H1A.1115	KISBY Ann [1972]	Baptised 17 March 1811, Godmanchester, Hunts. ¹⁶ Died age 22 Buried 19 February 1833, Godmanchester. ¹⁷
H1A.1116	KISBY Frederic [0795]	Born c. 1812, Godmanchester <i>See below</i>
H1A.1117	KISBY Robert [0139]	Born 1815, Godmanchester <i>See below</i>
H1A.1118	KISBY Harriet [1382]	Born c. 1817, Godmanchester <i>See below</i>
H1A.1119	KISBY Caroline [1378]	Born 15 September 1819 ¹⁸ Baptised 13 June 1820, Godmanchester, Hunts. Married Edmund HOWSON, 18 February 1857, Godmanchester, Hunts. ¹⁹ In 1881 living in London, with two servants. Died 1887, Hackney area, London. ²⁰
	HOWSON Edmund [1379]	Born c. 1817, Huntingdon. Later a War Office Clerk. Died 1895 aged 77, Hackney area.

SUBPEDIGREE 1116 Frederic KISBY [Generation 4]

H1A.1116	KISBY Frederic (Fred) [0795]	Born c. 1812, Godmanchester, Huntingdonshire. ²¹ Baptised 4 April 1813, Godmanchester. Married Mary BALLS, 19 February 1846, St Matthew's,
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¹² Parish Register, Godmanchester (Baptisms) – verbal info from Hunts FHS provided at Huntingdon Archives.

¹³ Parish Register transcript, Godmanchester (Baptisms). Includes date of birth.

¹⁴ 1861 Census, Godmanchester (RG9/0974) – Miles KISBY aged “50”, a Retired Farmer, living with parents (father is an “Alderman”) at Causeway, Godmanchester.

¹⁵ *Cambridge Independent Press*, 17 March 1866, page 8 “DEATHS”

¹⁶ Parish Register transcript, Godmanchester (Baptisms).

¹⁷ Parish Register transcript, Godmanchester (Burials).

¹⁸ Parish Register, Godmanchester (Baptisms) – viewed at Huntingdon Archives.

¹⁹ International Genealogical Index, anonymously submitted record.

²⁰ GRO Death indexes (FreeBMD.org.uk) – Caroline HOWSON age 67, 1887 June qtr, Hackney district

²¹ 1851 Census, Oldhurst (HO/107/1749) – John KISBY aged “45” born Godmanchester, a Farmer of 240 acres. Brother Robert, “35”, a Farmer of 114 acres living in same house. Next door to cousin John KISBY, “28”, a Publican and family.

Brixton, Surrey.²²
Later a Master Baker (employing 1 man and 1 boy) of
Post Street, Godmanchester (1861), Cottage and
Land owner (1871).
Died age 92, 9 March 1904, Godmanchester.²³

BALLS Mary
[1100] Born c. 1810, Great Staughton, Huntingdonshire,²⁴
Described as “from Brixton” at time of marriage.
Died age 73, November 1883, Godmanchester.
Buried 1 December 1883, Godmanchester.²⁵

CHILD of KISBY Frederick 1116 and Mary [Generation 5]

H1A.11161 **KISBY Mary** Born c. November 1849, Godmanchester.²⁶
[0472] Baptised 15 November 1849, Godmanchester.
Married **Joseph Potto HARCOURT** c. August 1875,
Godmanchester.²⁷
Brings up two children in Godmanchester.

SUBPEDIGREE 1117 Robert KISBY [Generation 4]

H1A.1117 **KISBY Robert** Born 15 August 1815, Godmanchester, Huntingdonshire.
[0139] Baptised 10 September 1815, Godmanchester.²⁸
Farmer of 114 acres in Oldhurst, Cambs., in 1851.
Married Sarah WOODS, 21 October 1857, Cottenham,
Cambridgeshire.²⁹
Farmer of 245 acres, in Croxton, Cambs. (1871/1881).
Died age 22, c. February 1898, probably Croxton.³⁰

WOODS Sarah Born c. 1817, Cottenham, Cambridgeshire,
[0261] Suffering from “Temporary Insanity” in 1871.³¹
Probably died age 63, c. February 1880, Northampton.³²

CHILD of KISBY Robert 1116 and Sarah [Generation 5]

H1A.11171 **KISBY Robert John** Born c. September 1858, Croxton, Cambs.³³
[0472] Baptised 19 September 1858, Croxton, Cambs.

²² Parish Register (photo of original on Ancestry.com), St Matthew, Brixton, Surrey (Marriages).

²³ *Cambridge Independent Press*, 18 March 1904, page 8 “DEATHS”

²⁴ 1861 Census, Godmanchester (RG9/0974) – Mary KISBY aged “51” born Great Staughton, wife of Frederick KISBY, Baker Master employing one man and one boy

²⁵ Parish Register transcript, Godmanchester (Burials).

²⁶ 1851 Census, Oldhurst (HO/107/1749) – John KISBY aged “45” born Godmanchester, a Farmer of 240 acres. Brother Robert, “35”, a Farmer of 114 acres living in same house. Next door to cousin John KISBY, “28”, a Publican and family.

²⁷ GRO Marriage indexes (FreeBMD.org.uk) – 1875 Sept qtr - Mary KISBY (Joseph Potto HARCOURT also listed) – Huntingdon district – 3b 425

²⁸ Parish Register (original document), Godmanchester (Baptisms). Includes date of birth.

²⁹ Parish Register (photo of original on Ancestry.com), St Matthew, Brixton, Surrey (Marriages).

³⁰ GRO Death indexes (FreeBMD.org.uk) – 1898 Mar qtr - Robert KISBY - 82 - Caxton 3b 290

³¹ 1871 Census, Godmanchester (RG10/1575) – Sarah KISBY aged “53” born Cottenham, Farmers Wife and “Temporary Insanity”

³² GRO Death indexes (FreeBMD.org.uk) – 1880 Mar qtr - Sarah KISBY - 63 - Northampton 3b 78

³³ 1851 Census, Oldhurst (HO/107/1749) – John KISBY aged “45” born Godmanchester, a Farmer of 240 acres. Brother Robert, “35”, a Farmer of 114 acres living in same house. Next door to cousin John KISBY, “28”, a Publican and family.

Married Florence Ada HILL c. May 1884, probably Great Gransden, Cambs.³⁴ (*Divorced 1901*)
 Later a Cake Seed & Manure Agent of Great Gransden (1901) and a Commercial Traveller of chemical manures (1911).³⁵
 Died age 74, 21 September 1932, Godmanchester, Hunts., leaving an estate of £17,043.

HILL Florence Ada
 [0851] Born 1863, Great Gransden, Huntingdonshire.
 In April 1901 Florence is living/staying with her Uncle, Josiah MILLARD in Great Gransden.
 Married (2) to **George LUNNISS**, c. August 1902, St Neots area³⁶ (George is probably recently widowed)

CHILDREN of KISBY Robert John 11171 and Florence [Generation 6]

H1A.111711	KISBY Frank Hill [1436]	Born 1884, Great Gransden, Hunts. Emigrated to Alberta, Canada. Married Winifred Alberta LARRATT
H1A.111712	KISBY Arthur Hill [2504]	Born 1887, Great Gransden, Hunts. Awarded the Military Medal (1918) for bravery during the Great War.
H1A.111713	KISBY Henry Baron Hill [2004]	Born 1889, Great Gransden, Hunts. Emigrated to Ontario, Canada. Wife called Marion
H1A.111714	KISBY Florence Agnes Hill [2201]	Born 1893, Croxton, Cambs. Married Thomas KNIBBS , 1916, probably Cambridge, England ³⁷
H1A.111715	KISBY Douglas [3577]	Born 1896, Caxton area. ³⁸ Likely child of Robert and Florence, but no further trace in census or death records!
H1A.111716	KISBY Josiah Millard [3576]	Born 1900, Great Gransden, Hunts. Probably named after his great uncle, Josiah MILLARD

SUBPEDIGREE 1118 Harriet KISBY [Generation 4]

H1A.1118 **KISBY Harriet**
 [1382] Probably born 1817, Godmanchester, Huntingdonshire.
 Baptised 20 July 1817, Godmanchester.³⁹
 Married James SMITH, c. January 1849, Oldhurst, Huntingdonshire.⁴⁰

³⁴ GRO Marriage indexes (FreeBMD.org.uk) – 1884 June qtr – Robert John KISBY (Florence Ada HILL also listed) – Caxton district – 3b 829

³⁵ 1911 Census, Great Gransden (RG14/9028) – Robert John KISBY “widower” aged 52, born Croxton, a Commercial Traveller, chemical manures. Arthur Hill KISBY and Florence Agnes Hill KISBY also in household.

³⁶ GRO Marriage indexes (FreeBMD.org.uk) – 1902 Sept qtr – Florence Ada HILL/KISBY (George LUNNISS also listed) – St Neots district – 3b 651

³⁷ GRO Marriage indexes – 1916 June qtr – Florence A H KISBY (to Thomas KNIBBS) – Cambridge district – 3b 1087

³⁸ GRO Birth indexes – 1896 Dec qtr – Douglas KISBY – Caxton district – 3b 444

³⁹ Parish Register (original document), Godmanchester (Baptisms). Includes date of birth.

Later a Farmer's Wife of Eaton Socon, Bedfordshire.
Died age 78, c. May 1896, probably Godmanchester. ⁴¹

SMITH James
[3024]

Born c. 1820, Great Stukeley, Huntingdonshire,
Farmer of 351 acres of Oldhurst, Hunts. (1851), ⁴²
Farmer of 384 acres of Eaton Socon, Beds. (1861/1871).

CHILD of SMITH Harriet 1118 and James [Generation 5]

H1A.11181	SMITH William [3025]	Born c. 1849, Oldhurst, Hunts. ⁴³ Later a Farmer of Godmanchester (1891)
H1A.11182	SMITH James [4146]	Born c. 1852, Oldhurst, Hunts. ⁴⁴
H1A.11183	SMITH Harriett [4147]	Born c. 1854, Oldhurst, Hunts. ⁴⁵

⁴⁰ Cambridgeshire Marriage Allegations Index (online via Cambridgeshire Record Office)

⁴¹ GRO Death indexes (FreeBMD.org.uk) – 1896 June qtr - Harriet SMITH - 78 - Huntingdon district

⁴² 1871 Census, Godmanchester (RG10/1575) – Sarah KISBY aged “53” born Cottenham, Farmers Wife and “Temporary Insanity”

⁴³ 1851 Census, Oldhurst (HO/107/1749) – William SMITH aged “1” born Oldhurst.

⁴⁴ 1861 Census, Eaton Socon (RG9/0984) – James SMITH aged “8” born Oldhurst.

⁴⁵ 1861 Census, Eaton Socon (RG9/0984) – Harriett SMITH aged “7” born Oldhurst.