

Lytollis or Ward? That is the question

Lytollis or Ward confusion

The Lytollis / Ward confusion began after the death of Robert Lighttallers (c.1780-1807). Robert came to Carlisle and married local girl Jane Ma(y)son in 1803. They had two children, John (born in May 1803-died in May 1806) and Joseph (born Feb 1806-died 1888).

It's thought that Robert died in 1807 while serving in the Lancaster Militia. He left behind a wife and son, Joseph Lighttallars, who carried forward the 'Lytollis' surname.

After the death of her husband, Jane Mason married Michael Ward in 1808 in Carlisle. There is a record of a Michael Ward from Carlisle who was a Merchant Seaman. Jane's marriage to Michael Ward began a Lytollis / Ward confusion.

Joseph Lighttallers (b.1806 from Jane's first marriage) was only two years old when his mother re-married. His mother and Michael Ward went on to have at least three more children during their marriage – Mary, John and Margaret. John Ward (1810-1874) was the son who carried forward his fathers 'Ward' surname.

So, this family had children bearing the surnames of Lighttallars (Lytollis) and Ward. Later some of the 'Lytollis' families also began using the 'Ward' surname at various times.

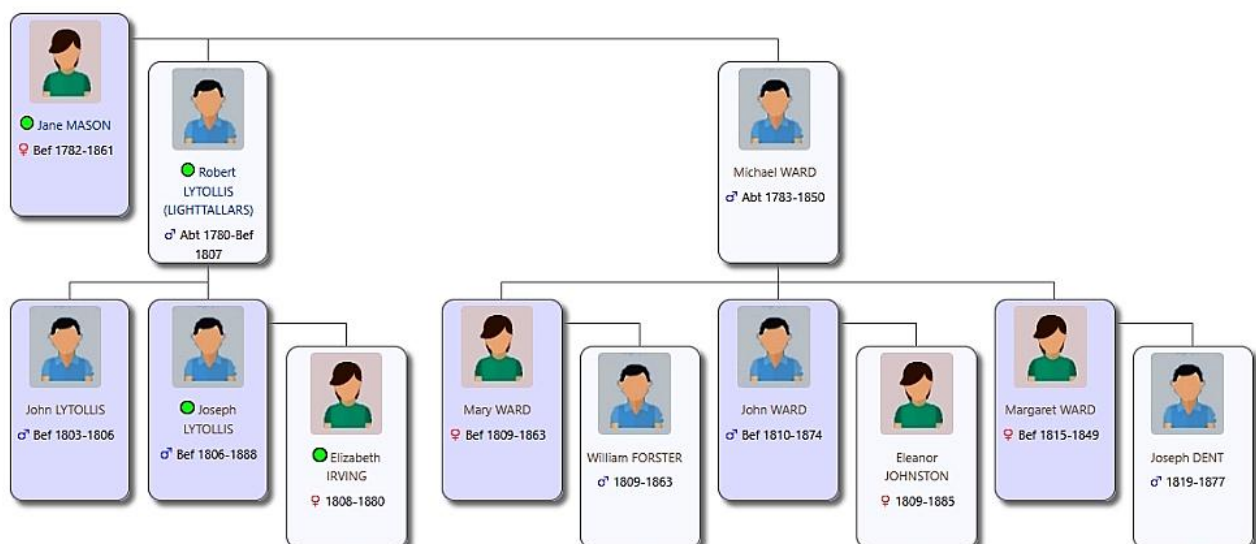
An example...

Irving Lytallous, whose birth was registered Jan-Mar 1847, was baptised 26 Dec 1847 as Irving Litholis. He became well known to the Carlisle County Quarter sessions as Irving Ward. On his first marriage, in 1864, he was registered as Lytallus and his second marriage, in 1916, as Lytollis. His death was registered on 18 Mar 1924 as Irving Lytollis.

Irving's son was born 13 Aug 1870 and registered as Joseph Lytallows but was baptised 28 Sep 1873, at Houghton, as Joseph Ward. He retained the Ward surname when he married and up until his death in 1939. This created a 'mini Ward' offshoot from the Lytollis branch as his ten children (7 sons & 3 daughters) bore the Ward surname too.

No wonder there was much confusion...

Jane Mason – Family Tree



Jane married Robert Lighttallars in Carlisle on 21 Feb 1803. They had two children: John (1803-1806) and Joseph (1806-1888).

After Robert died in 1807 she married Michael Ward the following year. They had three children: Mary Ward (1808-1863), John Ward (1810-1874) and Margaret Ward (1815-1849).

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