

Thomas Wakefield (c.1733 – 1818)

Thomas Wakefield was born about 1733 -1734. We can work this out from reports of his death (aged 85 years) and burial in 1818 when he was said to be 84 years old. An entry of his death in ***The Huntingdon, Bedford, Cambridge & Peterborough Gazette*** reported his age as 85 years and that he was formerly a tailor at Upwell, Cambridgeshire.

Thomas Wakefield married Susanna Galer (Gater, Gaylor) 3 May 1757 at Manea, Cambridgeshire...

Parish Records Collection marriage

| | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Day: | 3 |
| Month: | May |
| Year: | 1757 |
| Groom forename: | Thomas (x) |
| Groom surname: | WAKEFIELD |
| Groom's residence: | otp |
| Groom's condition: | |
| Groom's occupation: | |
| Groom's age: | |
| Groom's father's forename: | |
| Groom's father's surname: | |
| Groom's father's occupation: | |
| Bride forename: | Susanna (x) |
| Bride surname: | GALER |
| Bride's residence: | otp |
| Bride's condition: | |
| Bride's occupation: | |
| Bride's age: | |
| Bride's father's forename: | |
| Bride's father's surname: | |
| Bride's father's occupation: | |
| By Licence: | |
| Place: | Manea |
| County: | Cambridgeshire,England |
| Witness 1 forename: | William |
| Witness 1 surname: | WRIGHT |
| Witness 2 forename: | Philip |
| Witness 2 surname: | HANCHET |

Both the Groom & Bride are shown as residents of Manea (**Of This Parish**) but no other info is given other than the names of two witnesses to the ceremony.

One record has Susanna 's surname as 'Gater'.

England & Wales Marriages, 1538-1940 about Thomas Wakefield

| | |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| Name: | Thomas Wakefield |
| Gender: | Male |
| Spouse's name: | Susanna Gater |
| Marriage Date: | 3 May 1757 |
| Marriage Place: | Manea, Cambridgeshire, England |

Susanna Galer/Gater was probably born about 1736 and this may well be her Christening record.

| England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975 | |
|---|----------------------------------|
| POSSIBLE Susanna Galer | |
| name: | Susan Gayler |
| gender: | Female |
| baptism/christening date: | 11 Jun 1738 |
| baptism/christening place: | MANEA, CAMBRIDGE, ENGLAND |
| birth date: | |
| birthplace: | |
| death date: | |
| name note: | |
| race: | |
| father's name: | Christopher Gayler |
| father's birthplace: | |
| father's age: | |
| mother's name: | Elizabeth |
| mother's birthplace: | |
| mother's age: | |
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Thomas Wakefield m. Susanna Galer/Gater
3 May 1757 at Manea, Cambridgeshire.

-Thomas born about 1733-1734

-Susannah (wid of Thomas) died 1810 Upwell
age 74 so makes birth c.1736

Thomas & Susanna had the following children – probably not a complete list...

- **William Wakefield**, b. abt 1757, Manea, chr. 19 Mar 1758 Manea, d. 1811, Upwell, married Peggy Gill 23 May 1786.
- **Amy Wakefield**, b. 1759, Manea, chr. 16 Dec 1759 Manea, d. 1759, Upwell.
- **Amy Wakefield**, b. 1760, Manea, chr. 3 Jul 1760 Manea, d. Aug 1768, Upwell.
- **Susanna Wakefield**, b. 1762 Upwell, chr. 26 Feb 1762 Upwell, d. Sep 1763, Upwell bur. 4 Sep 1763 Upwell.
- **Christopher Wakefield**, b. 1763, Outwell, chr. 9 Mar Outwell, d. Jul 1832, March, married Sarah Marshall 25 Dec 1789 & Mary Bacchus 31 Aug 1824.
- **Thomas Wakefield**, b. Jan 1763, Upwell, d. Nov 1768, Upwell, bur. 12 Nov 1768 Upwell.
- **Elizabeth Wakefield**, b. 1767, Upwell, chr. 27 Oct 1771 Upwell, d. Nov 1827, March, married Simon Mills 30 Oct 1804.
- **Mary Wakefield**, b. 1769 Upwell, chr. Upwell 16 Apr 1769, d. Sep 1770, Upwell, bur. 26 Sep 1770 Upwell.
- **Margaret Wakefield**, b. 1774, Upwell, d. Nov 1774, Upwell, bur. 8 Nov 1774 Upwell.

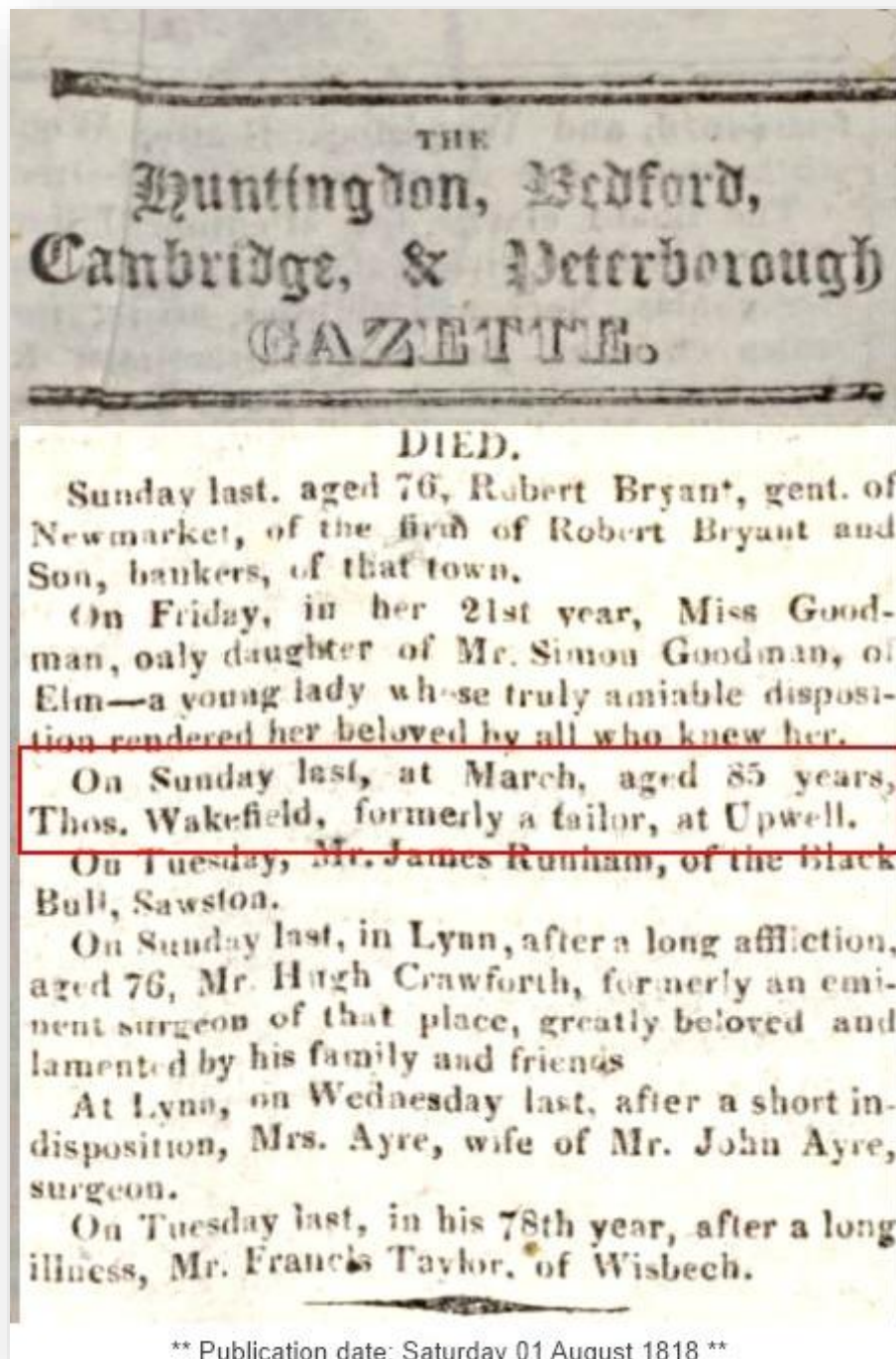
Susanna (Galer) Wakefield died in 1810 in the parish of Upwell. She was reported as 74 years of age which gives an estimated birth year of 1736.

| Cambridgeshire Burial Index 1801-37 | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----|-------|--------------|--------|
| Year | Surname | Forenames | Age | Abode | Condition | Parish |
| 1810 | WAKEFIELD | Susannah | 74 | ----- | w. of Thomas | Upwell |

Cambridgeshire Burial Index 1801-37

| Year | Surname | Forenames | Age | Abode | Condition | Parish |
|------|-----------|-----------|-----|-------|-----------|--------|
| 1818 | WAKEFIELD | Thomas | 84 | ---- | widr. | March |

Thomas Wakefield (widower & former tailor) died in 1818 aged 84 years old in the parish of March. His death on 26 July 1818 was reported in a local newspaper...



He died aged 85 years at March and was formerly a tailor at Upwell, Cambridgeshire. He was buried three days later in the Parish of March, Cambridgeshire.

England Deaths and Burials, 1538-1991

Name: Thomas Wakefield
 Gender: Male
 Burial Date: 29 Jul 1818
 Burial Place: March, Cambridge, England
 Death Date:
 Death Place:
 Age:
 Birth Date:
 Birthplace:
 Occupation:
 Race:
 Marital Status:
 Spouse's Name:
 Father's Name:
 Father's Birthplace:
 Mother's Name:
 Mother's Birthplace:
 Indexing Project (Batch) Number: I04420-7
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| BURIALS in the Parish of <u>March</u> in the County of <u>Cambridge</u> In the Year 18 <u>18</u> | | | | |
|---|-------|-------------|-----|------------------------------------|
| Name | Age | When Buried | Age | By whom the Ceremony was performed |
| Thomas Wakefield Widower | March | July 29 | 84 | Mr. Mitton |

These death, obituary & burial records indicate that Thomas Wakefield was born or baptised about 1733/34.

While doing research in Wisbech Janice Wakefield/Gardner discovered a folio which indicated Thomas Wakefield was 'the illegitimate son of Susannah'. Not clear whether 'Wakefield' was the surname of Susannah or that of the father.

Locations

The Marriage, Christening, Death and Burial records I have found so far occurred at Manea (4), Outwell (1), Upwell (8) and March (1). See below...

| Manea (4) | Upwell (8) |
|--|--|
| 1757 marriage Thomas-Susanna 1758 christening son William 1759 christening daughter Amy (1) 1760 christening daughter Amy (2) | 1762 christening daughter Susan 1763 burial daughter Susanna 1768 burial son Thomas 1769 christening Daughter Mary 1770 burial daughter Mary 1771 christening daughter Elizabeth 1774 burial daughter Margaret 1810 burial mother Susanna |
| Outwell (1) | March (1) |
| 1766 christening son Christopher | 1818 buried father Thomas |

From the above it would appear the family resided in **Manea (about 1757-1760)** then moved to **Outwell / Upwell (about 1762-1810)** and, after the death of his wife, Thomas moved to **March (about 1811-1818)**.

Billy Wakefield