

# The earliest known Meaden's in our tree are thought to be.

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John Meaden (the Eldest) born c 1520 Owermoigne



John Meaden (the Elder) born Owermoigne c1545 buried  
1<sup>st</sup> Sept 1623

1<sup>st</sup> wife and mother of John (the Middle), name unknown.

Their children were:

John (the Middle), Our line

Dorothy bapt 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 1572 at St Michael Owermoigne  
Agnes bapt 26<sup>th</sup> October 1575 at St Michael Owermoigne  
Joane bapt 26<sup>th</sup> Dec 1591 at St Michael Owermoigne

Married 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Edith Seaman St Michael  
Owermoigne 11th Dec 1593.

Their children were:

Leonard baptised and buried 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 1593 St Michael  
Owermoigne

Robert bapt 13<sup>th</sup> Mar 1596 Married Elizabeth Nevill 29<sup>th</sup>  
April 1622

Thomas bapt 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 1599 \*

Emanuel bapt 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1602



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John Meaden (the Middle) born c 1570 Owermoigne  
married Agnes

Buried 5th Sept 1623 Owermoigne

John Meaden (the Middle) and Agnes had at least seven  
children all born in Owermoigne

John bapt 25<sup>th</sup> July 1607 married Mary Battericke 23rd Feb  
1627, who in turn had a son John bapt in Owermoigne 10<sup>th</sup>  
Nov 1632

Charles who married Christian Paine (our direct line, see  
next page)

Mary bapt 31<sup>st</sup> March 1611 married William Pryar Feb  
1633

Agnes bapt 31<sup>st</sup> March 1611, possibly Mary's twin.  
James bapt 3rd Aug 1615 married Margaret Rael 13th  
Feb 1641

Anne bapt 2nd Aug 1618 married Thomas Pumson 6<sup>th</sup>  
July 1642

And an Emanuel Meaden buried 9<sup>th</sup> August 1610



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Charles Meaden born 1608 married Christian Paine  
At St Michael Owermoigne  
16<sup>th</sup> January 1632



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Charles Meaden bapt 5<sup>th</sup> November 1633 Owermoigne  
Married Mary Meech at St Nicholas Chaldon Herring 1656



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James Meaden born C 1658  
Married Ann Simms 30th April 1712 at St Nicholas  
Chaldon Herring



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John Meaden, born 1716, married Sarah Rason 2<sup>nd</sup> May  
1745

(See following Pages)

Charles Meaden, born C 1714 in Owermoigne, married  
Margaret Sergeant also from Owermoigne at Winfrith  
Newburgh on 20<sup>th</sup> December 1741,  
Their children were

Charles Meaden, bapt 1/5/1743 Winfrith Newburgh  
Buried 5/6/1763 Winfrith Newburgh

James Meaden, born?  
Buried 19/6/1763 Winfrith Newburgh

William Meaden, born Corfe Castle 1748



\*Thomas Meaden moved (half a mile south) to the hamlet of Galton and married a local girl Edith Simmes at St Michael Church Owermoigne 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1627, (Galton was not big enough to have its own church) they had four children

Thomas bapt 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1628.

James bapt 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 1637

Sarah bapt 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct 1635 married Sichem Masters of Watercomb 28<sup>th</sup> June 1662

Patience bapt 25<sup>th</sup> Oct 1641

All four children were born in Galton and bapt in Owermoigne



It should also be noted that at this time in the Owermoigne records that spellings changed from event to event, for example John Meaden (the middle) and his family were variously spelt Meadyn, Meadon and Meaden. John (the middle) was bapt as Meadyn and buried as Meaden. To make life more difficult, and bear in mind that the king only directed that all births had to be registered in 1575, the registrar tried to differentiate one family from another by adding a suffix. This was needed because it was common at that time to name the first son after the father.

In Owermoigne at that time we have the families of John Meaden (the Elder), who I think was also the person referred to as John Meaden (the second) since it coincides with his second marriage.

John Meadyn or Meaden (the Middle), and his family.

John Meaden (the younger or youngest) and his family.

There was also John Meader alias Shidde and his wife Joane. For his three children, Joane, Ambrose and Walter, he was alias Shidde, Shide and Shidd, but for his burial he is recorded as John Shide alias Meaden.

There is also mention of a John Meader and his family and Nicholas Mead and his family.

For a small village it is remarkable that so many families of similar sounding names should be present from 1570 to 1650, after which time they appear to have migrated to Winfrith Newburgh, Chaldon Herring and other villages and towns in Dorset, Wiltshire and Somerset.