

## The Parentage of Anne Henzey

On July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1675 “M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Ward, Rector of Strensham & M<sup>rs</sup> Anne Henzey of Amblecoat in y<sup>e</sup> parish of Oldswinford” were married at Pedmore, Worcestershire.

10. M<sup>r</sup> Samuel ward Rector of Strensham & M<sup>rs</sup> Anne Henzey of Amblecoat in y<sup>e</sup> parish of Oldswinford were married the first day of July 1675

Their Marriage Allegation, dated 23 Jun 1675, gives further information:

23 Juny 1675  
 This day appeared personally Mr Samuel Ward Rector of Strensham in the County of Worcester aged 34 years or thereabouts a Batchelor and allayed that he intended to marry with and Anne Henzey of the parish of Oldswinford in the County of Worcester aged 20 years or thereabouts and a maiden their parents living on both sides and to the intended marriage consenting ...  
 Samuel Ward

“Mr Samuel Warde Rector of Strensham ... aged 34 years or thereabouts a Batchelor ...[and] Anne Henzey of the parish of Oldswinford ... aged 20 years or thereabouts and a maiden their parents living on both sides and to the intended marriage consenting ...”

Samuel and Anne Ward had three children, two daughters, Ann and Elizabeth, baptised in 1676 and 1678, and one son, Paul, baptised and buried in 1680. Family naming patterns suggest that Ann would be the name of the wife’s mother, or less commonly that of the husband’s mother, and that Paul would be the name of the husband’s father, or less commonly that of the wife’s father, particularly if the wife’s father was wealthy.

The only one of these names to appear in Samuel Ward’s family before 1680 was Elizabeth, which was the name of his sister-in-law and niece. Samuel’s parents, both of whom were living in Coventry in 1675, were named Samuel and Joan.

It can therefore be established that Anne Henzey was probably born between June 1654 and June 1655, that she came from Amblecoat in the parish of Oldswinford, Worcestershire, and that both her parents were living in 1675. It is also probable that the names Paul and Anne appeared in the family, possibly as Anne's parents.

In 1675 Anne Henzey was a resident of Amblecoat in the parish of Old Swinford. "Amblecote was in the parish of Oldswinford, but unlike the rest of the parish (which was in Worcestershire) it was in Staffordshire."<sup>1</sup> Old Swinford, along with the neighbouring parish of Kingswinford in Staffordshire were important areas in the glass making industry and examination of the Parish Registers of the two parishes reveals that children of local families could be baptised in either of these parishes.

The Parish Registers of Old Swinford and Kingswinford identify two families with name of Henzey having children baptised in the 1650s. These were the families of John and Mary Henzey and Paul and Anne Henzey.

John Henzey died in April 1657<sup>2</sup> so he cannot be the father of Anne Henzey, whose father was still living in 1675.

Paul Henzey was buried at Old Swinford 11 April 1693 and his wife, Anne, was buried there 14 July 1685. "Paul Henzey the Elder of Amblecote" wrote his will on 25 March 1693.<sup>3</sup> Therefore Paul and Anne Henzey were both living in 1675 and residents of Amblecote, so they could be Anne's parents.

Paul Henzey married Anne Tyzack in about 1649 and had nine children baptised at Kingswinford and Old Swinford:

1. Elizabeth Henzey, baptised 15 Apr 1650, Old Swinford.
2. Paul Henzey, buried 18 Jan 1655/6 Kingswinford. He may be the child baptized at Old Swinford 2 Mar 1651/2 and recorded as " of Henzey".
3. Joseph Henzey, baptised 14 Feb 1652/3, Kingswinford, buried 2 Aug 1673, Old Swinford.
4. Ananias Henzey, born 5 Jan 1655/6, Kingswinford, buried 2 Feb 1719/20, Old Swinford.
5. Paul Henzey, born 1 Jul 1657, Kingswinford, buried 6 May 1700, Kingswinford.
6. Sarah Henzey, born 29 Jun 1658, Kingswinford. She married 6 Sep 1691, in Pattingham, Staffs, John Parnell, of Amblecote, gent.
7. Mary Henzey b. abt 1660. She married 14 December 1681, in Old Swinford, John Jeston
8. John Henzey, buried 10 Jul 1662, Kingswinford. No record of his baptism survives.
9. Joan Henzey, baptised 23 May 1663, Kingswinford, and buried 8 May 1747, Old Swinford.

In his will Paul Henzey names a further child:

10. Dorothy Henzey, wife of Thomas Rainsford. No record of her baptism, marriage or burial can be found. Her daughter Anne was baptised at Old Swinford 4 Jan 1692/3, so it is likely Dorothy was the youngest child and only recently married.

While Paul does not mention Anne Ward in his will, the only children he does mention are his surviving sons, Ananias and Paul, his unmarried daughter, Joan, and his youngest daughter Dorothy Rainsford. There are no legacies for his other married daughters, Sarah Parnell, whose husband was the Executor of the will and principal heir, and Mary Jeston, both of whom were living in 1693.<sup>4</sup>

Paul Henzey's father-in-law, Paul Tyzack, wrote his will 8 June 1665.<sup>5</sup> In his will he left a legacy of £12 "To the seven children of my sonne in lawe Paull Hensey to be equally devided among<sup>t</sup> them." In 1665 the children of Paul Henzey who are known to be alive were:

1. Ananias Henzey, born 5 Jan 1655/6,
2. Paul Henzey, born 1 Jul 1657,
3. Sarah Henzey born 29 Jun 1658,
4. Mary Henzey born about 1660,
5. Joan Henzey, born 1663, and
6. Dorothy Henzey born about 1665.

The seventh child is either:

- Elizabeth Henzey, baptised 15 Apr 1650, Old Swinford, or
- Anne Henzey, born about 1654.

There is no record of the marriage or burial of Elizabeth Henzey so she probably died as a child during the Commonwealth period when Parish registers were badly maintained<sup>6</sup> and therefore the seventh child is probably Anne Henzey.

Therefore it can be concluded that Anne Henzey of Amblecote, whose parents were both living in 1675 and who named her children Paul and Anne, was probably the daughter of Paul and Anne Henzey of Amblecote, whose children were born in the 1650s and 1660s, and both of whom were living in 1675, when Anne Henzey's parents were both alive.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amblecote>

<sup>2</sup> Will dated 4 April 1657 and proved at the PCC 21 April 1657. Probate Reference PROB 11/263.

<sup>3</sup> Will proved at the PCC 6 July 1693. Probate Reference PROB 11/415

<sup>4</sup> Sarah Parnell was buried at Old Swinford 13 June 1693 and Mary Jeston was buried there 8 April 1729.

<sup>5</sup> Proved at Worcester 5 July 1665

<sup>6</sup> Elizabeth Kemzy, a young woman, was buried at Kingswinford 14 April 1681. She was the daughter of William Kemsey and his wife Elizabeth Jeston. Her will shows no connection to the Henzeys. *The National Archives; Kew, England; Prerogative Court of Canterbury and Related Probate Jurisdictions: Will Registers; Class: PROB 11; Piece: 366*