

Paternal Ancestry of Philip Lees

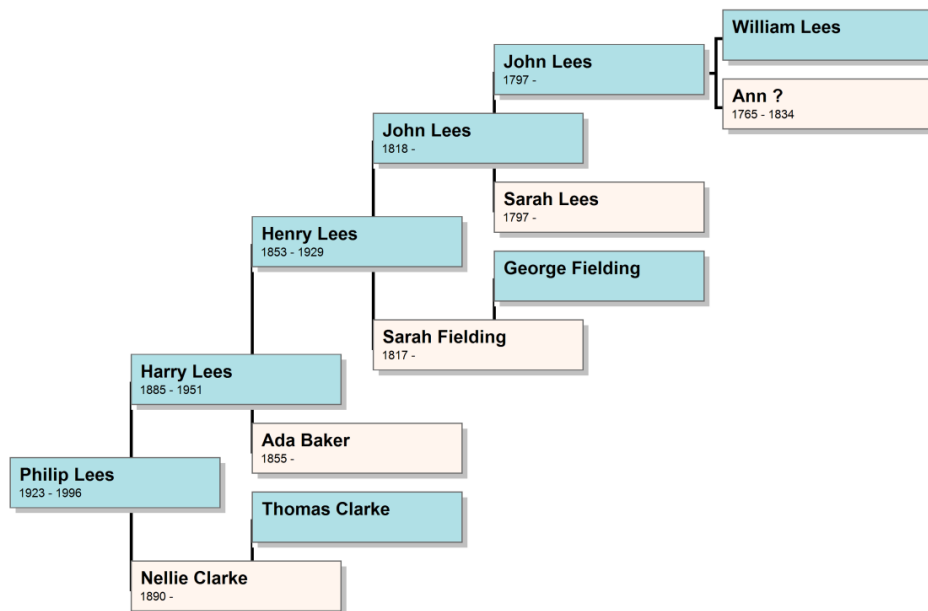
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Client Brief

Client	Steve Lees	
Aim	To trace the paternal line of the client's father, Philip Lees, back to the 18 th century.	
Scope & Limitations	<p>Steve feels that he has quite a lot of information on his mother's ancestry and his father's life, but knows only a little about his father's ancestry. Consequently, Steve wants to explore his father's side of the family and would like sufficient information to act as a springboard for possible further research. As Steve feels capable of collating the existing documents, he wants me to pursue information that is lacking.</p> <p>Trace the paternal line from Steve's grandfather, Harry Lees, back a further 3 generations i.e. to Steve's great-great-grandfather. Steve's father, Phillip Lees was born in 1923 and his grandparents, Harry Lees and Nellie Clarke married in 1915. Taking an average generation gap of 30 years, the oldest generation should pre-date civil registration, and provide a starting point for 18th century research.</p> <p>Include siblings that are discovered in the course of tracing the paternal line, but not to attempt to trace all siblings.</p> <p>Include WWI service records for Harry Lees (client's grandfather), if available within time and budget constraints.</p> <p>Civil registration certificates from the General Register Office are limited to 2, to control costs. One visit to Warwickshire County Records Office is scheduled.</p> <p>Steve's response to the question of finding potentially distressing or uncomfortable information was "Bring it on".</p> <p>Steve Lees kindly gave permission for the researcher to publish this report and use it for promotional purposes.</p> <p>Should this work be completed in less than the contracted time the scope may be reviewed.</p>	
Hours contracted	20 hours	
Documents supplied by client	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A sketched family tree that extends back to his grandfather, which lacks supporting documentation and references. 2. Marriage certificate for Philip Lees and Jean Eunice Griffiths (client's parents). 3. Memorial order of service for Harry Lees. 	
Archives & online repositories	Warwickshire County Records Office General Register Office	ancestry.co.uk familysearch.com findmypast.com freebmd.org.uk

Summary of Research Results

Pedigree Chart for
Philip Lees



Lees surname

The Lees surname is either a topographical name derived from the Middle English word lees, meaning fields, pasture or meadow; or a habitational name derived from the Old English word leas, associated with Lancashire and Cheshire meaning woodland clearings, or derived from the Celtic word leece used in Cumbria, meaning a hall, court or principal house. Consequently, Lees and its variants would have arisen many times independently, so the surname does not necessarily indicate a relationship.

Studies of surname frequencies from the 1881 census data ranked Lees as about the 300th most common surname and estimated that 0.04% of the population (400 people per million) had the Lees surname. Although it is uncommon overall, there were relatively high concentrations of the surname in Lancashire, Staffordshire, Cheshire, Nottinghamshire and Warwickshire.

The Lees surname has not been registered with the Guild of One-Name Studies (GOONS), which is often a source of good quality research.

Ancestors of Philip Lees

Generation 1

1. **Philip LEES** son of Harry LEES and Nellie CLARKE^[1] was born on 02 May 1923 in 42 Spring Hill, Erdington, Birmingham^[1,2,3]. He died shortly before his memorial service on 12 Apr 1996^[3].

Jean Eunice GRIFFITHS was the daughter of George Whines GRIFFITHS^[2].

Philip LEES and Jean Eunice GRIFFITHS were married on 25 May 1953 in St Johns, Sparkhill, Birmingham^[2].

The birth certificate for Philip Lees confirms the identity of his parents (see transcript below). The marriage certificate for Philip Lees and Jean Eunice Griffiths also confirms that Harry Lees was his father (supplied by Jean Lees).

Certified copy of an entry of Birth Given at the General Register Office

Application number 3121033-1

Registration District

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1923 BIRTH in the sub-district of Erdington

in the County of Birmingham C B

columns	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
No	When and where born	Name, if any	Sex	Name and Surname of father	Name, surname and maiden surname of mother	Occupation of father	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar	Name entered after registration
243	Second May 1923 42 Spring Hill U.P.	Philip	Boy	Henry Lees	Nellie Lees formerly Clarke	Builder (Master)	Nellie Lees Mother 42 Spring Hill, Erdington	Twelfth June 1923	F. W. Taylor Registrar	-

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Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, under the seal of the said Office, the 1st day of April 2011

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Generation 2

2. **Harry LEES** son of Henry LEES and Ada BAKER^[1, 2, 4]. Although census records suggest that he was born about 1885 in Erdington, Warwickshire^[4, 5, 44], there are possible two civil registrations for him in the index indicating that either he was born about Feb 1885 and registered in Aston registration district^[7], or about Aug 1885 and registered in Birmingham registration district^[8]. He died about Feb 1951 in Birmingham, Warwickshire^[2, 9].
3. **Nellie CLARKE** daughter of Thomas CLARKE^[1, 4] was born about 1890^[4].

Harry LEES and Nellie CLARKE were married on 13 Oct 1915 at the Register Office, Aston, Birmingham^[4]. They had the following children:

- + 1. i. **Philip LEES**^[1] was born on 02 May 1923 in 42 Spring Hill, Erdington, Birmingham^[1, 2, 3]. He married Jean Eunice GRIFFITHS on 25 May 1953 in St Johns, Sparkhill.
- ii. **Harry LEES**^[10] was born about 1917^[10]. He died on 09 Jul 2009^[10].
- iii. **Geoffrey LEES**.
- iv. **Dennis LEES**.

The marriage certificate for Harry Lees and Nellie Clarke shows that Harry's father was Henry Lees, a carpenter (see transcript below). It also gives Harry's age as 30, which is consistent with a birth date around 1885.

Harry's occupation was recorded as Private A. O. C. on the 1916 marriage certificate. A. O. C. stands for Army Ordnance Corps, the regiment that was responsible for the maintenance and repair of armaments and munitions. Despite having this lead, I have not been able to find medal, service or pension records for Harry's World War I military service. The medal index cards are usually a good way of finding a soldier's regimental number, which allows other records to be tracked down. There is no medal card for a Harry or Henry Lees in the Army Ordnance Corps. Without the regimental number, it is difficult to identify which the many soldiers with the same or similar names could be the correct one. I examined some service and pension records that matched on name and year of birth, but could not find a likely candidate. Many soldiers were transferred between regiments during the war, so Harry's records could be filed under a different regiment. The possibilities could be narrowed down by ruling out soldiers who died. However, as not all service records have survived, further searches may be fruitless.

Certified copy of an entry of Marriage Given at the General Register Office

Application number

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1915	Marriage solemnized at		the Register Office						
	in the District of	Aston	in the County of			Birmingham C B			
columns		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
No	When Married	Name and Surname	Age	Condition	Rank or Profession	Residence at the time of Marriage	Father's Name and Surname	Rank or Profession of Father	
164	Thirteenth October	Harry Lees	30 years	Bachelor	Private A. O. C. (Carpenter Master)	128 High Street, Erdington	Henry Lees	Carpenter (Master)	
	1915	Nellie Clarke	25 years	Spinster	Elementary School Teacher	42 Springhill, Erdington	Thomas Clarke	Retired Builder	
Married in the This Marriage was solemnized between us, {		Register Office Harry Lees Nellie Clarke	according to the Rights and Ceremonies of the } in the Presence of us, {			[blank]	by	Licence before	by me S. P Adkins
									Deputy Registrar W Hastings Superintendent Registrar

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Harry is recorded on census records in his parent's household in 1911, 1901 and 1891 (see extracts below). These confirm the identity of Harry's father was Henry Lees, a builder or carpenter, born about 1853 in Minworth, Warwickshire.

Census, 1911. England. Erdington, Aston, Warwickshire							
RG14/18325/5. ED 6. sched 6. Lees, Henry							
Completed by Harry Lees							
128 High Street			5 rooms				
Name	Relation to head	Condition	Sex	Age	Occupation	Where born	Employer, Worker or Own Account
Henry Lees	Head	Married	M	57	Builder	Minworth, Warwickshire	Employer
Ada Lees	Wife	Married	F	54		Erdington, Warwickshire	
Edith Annie Lees	Daughter	Single	F	27	Milliner	Erdington, Warwickshire	Own Account
Harry Lees	Son	Single	M	26	Carpenter	Erdington, Warwickshire	Worker
Duration of present marriage							
?							
Total no of children born alive							
4							
Children still living							
3							
Children who have died							
1							

Note that one of the four children had died by 1911. So, either John or Kate must have died since the 1901 census, below:

Census, 1901. England. Erdington, Warwickshire							
RG13/2876. ED 10. p 4. sched 22. Lees, Henry.							
195 High St							
Name	Relation to head	Condition	Sex	Age	Occupation	Where born	Employer, Worker or Own Account
Henry Lees	Head	M	M	47	Carpenter	Warwicks Minworth	Employer
Ada "	Wife	M	F	45		" Erdington	
John W "	Son	S	M	23	Postman	" "	Worker
Kate L "	Daur	S	F	21	Milliner	" "	Worker
Edith A "	Daur	S	F	17	Jewellers Clerk	" "	Worker
Harry "	Son	S	M	16	Coachbuilders Clerk	" "	Worker

Census, 1891. England. Erdington, Warwickshire									
RG12/2425. ED 4. p 4. sched 24. Lees, Henry									
High Street, Builders Ho + yard									
Name	Relation to head	Condition	Sex	Age	Occupation	Where born	Employer	Employed	Neither Employer nor Employed
Henry Lees	Head	M	M	36	Carpenter	Warwicks Minworth	X		
Ada "	Wife	M	F	34		" Erdington			
John W "	Son		M	13	Telegraph Messenger	" "		X	
Kate L "	Daur		F	11	Scholar	" "			
Edith A "	Daur		F	7	"	" "			
Harry "	Son		M	6	"	" "			
Edith Allen	Lodger	S	F	32	Dressmaker	" B'ham			X

Generation 3

4. **Henry LEES** son of John LEES and Sarah FIELDING^[4] was born shortly before his baptism on 10 May 1853 in Minworth, Warwickshire, England^[5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 14, 44]. He died about Aug 1929 in Birmingham, Warwickshire^[15].
5. **Ada BAKER**^[16] was born about 1855 in Erdington, Warwickshire^[5, 6, 44] according to most census records, except the 1881 census that indicates she was born about 1856 in Birches Green, Warwickshire^[11].

Henry LEES and Ada BAKER were married about Nov 1876 in Aston, Warwickshire^[16]. They had the following children:

- i. **John W LEES**^[5] was born about 1878 in Erdington, Warwickshire^[5, 6, 11].
- ii. **Kate L LEES**^[5] was born about 1880 in Erdington, Warwickshire^[5, 6, 11].
- iii. **Edith A LEES**^[5, 44] was born about 1884 in Erdington, Warwickshire^[5, 6].
- +2. iv. **Harry LEES**^[1, 2, 4] was born about 1885. Most census records indicate his birthplace was Erdington, Warwickshire^[4, 5, 6, 7, 44], except the 1881 census that records Birmingham, Warwickshire^[8]. He married Nellie CLARKE on 13 Oct 1915 in Register Office, Aston, Birmingham^[4]. He died about Feb 1951 in Birmingham, Warwickshire^[2, 9].

6 **Thomas CLARKE**^[4].

Thomas CLARKE and unknown spouse had the following children:

- + 3. i. **Nellie CLARKE**^[1, 4] was born about 1890^[4]. She married Harry LEES on 13 Oct 1915 in Register Office, Aston, Birmingham^[4].

Tracing Henry Lees back through the census records shows him living at Sutton Coldfield with wife, Ada and a young family in 1881, as a single lodger in 1871 and with his parents in 1861 at Minworth, his birthplace. No other Henry Lees recorded on the census match on name, age and birth place. So we can be confident that Henry's father was John Lees, a brickmaker, born about 1818 in Austrey.

Census, 1881. England. Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire						
RG11/3050. ED 2. p 40. sched 204. Lees, Henry						
High Bridge Rd						
Name	Relation to head	Condition	Sex	Age	Occupation	Where born
Henry Lees	Head	Mar	M	27	Carpenter	Warwicks: Minworth
Ada "	Wife	Mar	F	25		" Birches Green
John W "	Son		M	3		" Erdington
Kate L "	Daur		F	1		" "

Census, 1871. England. Curdworth, Warwickshire						
RG10/3161. ED 10. p 10. sched 75. Lane, Sarah						
Minworth						
Name	Relation to head	Condition	Sex	Age	Occupation	Where born
Sarah Lane	Head	Mar	F	31		Warwick, Aston
Harriet "	Daur		F	1		" Minworth
Sarah A "	Daur		F	5 mo		" "
Henry Lees	Lodger	Unm	M	8	Lab	" "
James Smith	Lodger	Unm	M	33	Lab	" Kingsbury

Census, 1861. England. Curdworth, Warwickshire						
RG9/2187. ED 10. p10. sched 52. Lees, John						
Minworth						
Name	Relation to head	Condition	Sex	Age	Occupation	Where born
John Lees	Head	Mar	M	42	Brick Maker	Warwickshire, Austrey
Sarah "	Wife	Mar	F	43		" "
Elizabeth "	Daur	Un	F	19	Dresses Maker	" "
George "	Son		M	14	Brick Maker	" "
Henry "	Son		M	8	Scholar	" Minworth
William "	Son		M	6	"	" "
John "	Son		M	4	"	" "
Elijah "	Son		M	1	"	" "

Generation 4

8. **John LEES** son of John LEES and Sarah LEES^[13, 17, 18, 19] was born before 17 Mar 1818 in Austrey, Warwickshire^[13, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24].
9. **Sarah FIELDING** daughter of George FIELDING^[22] was born about 1817 in Appleby, Derbyshire^[20, 22, 23, 24, 25], but is also recorded as having been born about 1818 in Austrey, Warwickshire^[13].

John LEES and Sarah FIELDING were married on 25 Dec 1838 in Snareston, Leicestershire^[22]. They had the following children:

- i. **Elizabeth LEES**^[13] was born before 08 Aug 1841 in Austrey, Warwickshire^[13, 25, 26].
- ii. **Mary LEES** was born before 31 Dec 1843^[26].
- iii. **George LEES**^[13] was born about 1847 in Austrey, Warwickshire^[13, 23, 25].
- iv. **Ann LEES**^[25] was born about Apr 1850 in Austrey, Warwickshire^[25].
- + 4. v. **Henry LEES**^[4] was born before 10 May 1853 in Minworth, Warwickshire, England^[5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 14]. He married Ada BAKER about Nov 1876 in Aston, Warwickshire^[16]. He died about Aug 1929 in Birmingham, Warwickshire^[15].
- vi. **William LEES**^[13] was born before 25 Dec 1855 in Minworth, Warwickshire, England^[13, 17].
- vii. **John LEES**^[13] was born about 1857 in Minworth, Warwickshire, England^[13, 18, 23].
- viii. **Elijah LEES**^[13] was born before 27 Nov 1859 in Minworth, Warwickshire, England^[13, 27].
- ix. **Elinor LEES**^[23] was born about 1860 in Austrey, Warwickshire^[23].

John Lees junior is similarly traced on 1841 census records, revealing a wife Sarah and occupation of Malster.

The marriage banns for John Lees and Sarah Fielding in Austrey parish (see appendix A) provides additional evidence that the marriage certificate (provided by Steve Lees) is for our John. It is likely that Mary Fielding, the schoolmistress in the 1841 household of John and Sarah Lees, is a relative of Sarah's.

I have not found John Lees junior on the 1851 census. Sarah was recorded with three children in the household her parents-in-law, also named John and Sarah Lees. This record indicates that John Lees Senior was born about 1797 in Austrey.

The 1861 census (see above) shows a change of birthplace in the couple's children between George, aged 14, born in Austrey and Henry, aged 8, born in Minworth, indicating a move between 1847 and 1853.

The 1871 and 1881 censuses reveal two further moves made by this family, possibly to follow John's work in the brick making industry.

Census, 1841. England. Austrey, Warwickshire						
HO107/1130/1. ED 17. p 4. image 2. Lees, John						
Name	Sex	Age	Occupation	Born in same county	Born in Scotland, Ireland or Foreign Parts	
John Lees	M	23	Malster J	y		
Sarah "	F	23		n		
Mary Fielding	F	30	Schoolmistress	n		

Census, 1851. England. Austrey, Warwickshire						
HO107/2013. ED 8. p 21. sched 80. Lees, John						
Name	Relation to head	Condition	Sex	Age	Occupation	Where born
John Lees	Head	Mar	M	54	Malster Miller & Brickmaker	Warwick, Austrey
Sarah Lees	wife	Mar	F	54		Appleby, Leicester
Abram Lees	son	U	M	18	Miller	Austrey Warwick
Sarah Lees	Daur in law	Mar	F	34	Dressmaker	Appleby, Derby
Elizabeth Lees	G Daur		F	9	Scholar	Austrey Warwick
George Lees	G Son		M	4		" "
Ann Lees	G Daur		F	11 mo		" "

Census, 1871. England. Walthamstow, Essex						
RG10/1606. ED 1. p 33-34. sched 133. Lees, John						
Wootton Side						
Name	Relation to head	Condition	Sex	Age	Occupation	Where born
John Lees	Head	Mar	M	52	Manager of Brickfields?	Warwick, Austrey
Sarah "	Wife	"	F	52		Leicester, Appleby
Young? Lees	Son	Unm	M	24	Brick B?	Warwick, Austrey
John "	Son		M	14	Scholar	" "
Elinor "	Daur		F	11	"	" "
Sarah "	G Daur		F	4	Scholar	Warwick, Minworth

Note: handwriting difficult to read, so uncertain text marked with a ?

Census, 1881. England. Mangotsfield, Gloucestershire						
RG11/2446. ED 5. p 49. sched 254. Lees, John						
Name	Relation to head	Condition	Sex	Age	Occupation	Where born
John Lees	Head	Mar	M	61	Brick Maker	Warwick Austrey
Sarah "	Wife	Mar	F	62		Leicester Appleby
Sarah A "	Grandaur	Unm	F	15	Dress Maker	

Prior to the commencement of civil registration in 1837 and the 1841 census, the earliest that names all individuals, the church took the role of keeping birth, marriage and death records in parish registers. The International Genealogical Index (IGI) is widely used and currently still the most complete available for English parishes. It was compiled by the Church of Latter Days Saints (LDS) for religious purposes from a variety of sources, not just parish registers. The index for baptisms only includes names, dates and parish, so using this source alone misses occupation, place of abode any other annotations.

Minworth was a hamlet in the parish of Curdworth. The Curdworth baptismal register for 1844-1987 has not been microfilmed and is not included in the IGI. As this register was only completed in 1987, it had probably not been deposited in Warwickshire County Records Office when the IGI was compiled.

The parish baptismal registers for Curdworth and Austrey (see appendices B & C) confirm the family's move from Austrey to Minworth and show the development of John junior's occupation from Malster to Brickmaker. The occupation information is important for distinguishing between John Lees junior and his father. The Austrey baptism register confirms John Lees junior's parentage.

Generation 5

16. **John LEES** son of William LEES and Ann ?^[22, 25] was born before 28 May 1797 in Austrey, Warwickshire^[25, 28, 29].

17. **Sarah LEES**^[30] was born about 1797 in Appleby, Leicestershire^[25, 28].

John LEES and Sarah LEES were married on 13 Oct 1817 in Austrey, Warwickshire^[30]. They had the following children:

- + 8. i. **John LEES**^[13, 17, 18, 19] was born before 17 Mar 1818 in Austrey, Warwickshire^[13, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24]. He married Sarah FIELDING on 25 Dec 1838 in Snareston, Leicestershire^[22].
- ii. **Mary LEES**^[31] was born before 31 Dec 1819^[31].
- iii. **William LEES**^[28, 32] was born before 25 Dec 1822 in Warwickshire^[28, 32].
- iv. **Charles LEES**^[33] was born before 27 Nov 1825 in Austrey, Warwickshire^[33, 34]. He died before 16 Oct 1835^[34].
- v. **Thomas LEES**^[28, 35] was born before 26 Dec 1828 in Warwickshire^[28, 35].
- vi. **Elizabeth LEES**^[36] was born before 10 Apr 1831^[36, 37]. She died before 18 Oct 1837^[37].
- vii. **Abraham LEES**^[28, 38] was born before 30 Jan 1833 in Austrey, Warwickshire^[25, 28, 38]. His name was also recorded as Abram Lees^[25].

18. **George FIELDING**^[22].

viii. George FIELDING and unknown spouse had the following children:

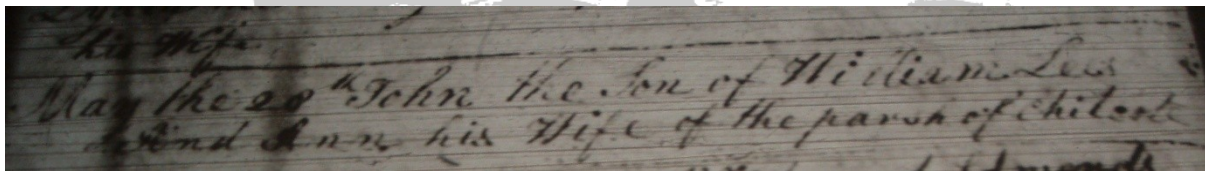
- + 9. i. **Sarah FIELDING**^[22] was born about 1817 in Appleby, Derbyshire^[20, 22, 23, 24, 25]. She was born about 1818 in Austrey, Warwickshire^[13]. She married John LEES on 25 Dec 1838 in Snareston, Leicestershire^[22].

The 1841 and later census records indicate John Lees senior was born about 1797 in Austrey, which is confirmed by the parish baptism record (see appendix C and below).

Census, 1841. England. Austrey, Warwickshire					
HO107/1130/1. ED17. p13. image 7. Lees, John					
Name	Sex	Age	Occupation	Born in same county	Born in Scotland, Ireland or Foreign Parts
John Lees	M	44	Malster	y	
Sarah "	F	44		n	
William "	M	18		y	
Thomas "	M	12		y	
Abraham "	M	8		y	
Sarah Thompson	F	26	FS	y	
Mary Ann Dorman	F	24	FS	n	

Note: FS means Female Servant

The 1797 baptism entry reads:



*May the 28th John the Son of William Lees
And Ann his Wife of the parish of Chilcote*

Three more baptisms of William and Ann Lees' children follow in subsequent years. A possible interpretation of this is that William and Ann moved from Chilcote to Austrey around the time of John's birth and settled in Austrey.

Generation 6

32. **William LEES**^[29].

33. **Ann ?** was born about 1765^[39]. She died before 18 Mar 1834^[39].

William LEES and Ann ? married. They had the following children:

- +16. i. **John LEES**^[22, 25] was born before 28 May 1797 in Austrey, Warwickshire^[25, 28, 29]. He married Sarah LEES on 13 Oct 1817 in Austrey, Warwickshire^[30].
- ii. **Sarah LEES**. She died before 10 Nov 1800^[40]
- iii. **William LEES**^[41] was born before 01 Mar 1803^[41].
- iv. **Ann LEES**^[42] was born before 14 Feb 1806^[42].
- v. **Catherine LEES** was born before 21 Jun 1808^[43].

If the theory that William Lees came from Chilcote is correct, I would hope to find evidence of his baptism, his marriage to Ann or baptisms of his children there. Chilcote was a chapelry of the parish of Clifton Campville. Unfortunately, both Chilcote and Clifton Campville not well represented by the IGI. It appears the LDS library only holds microfilms of incomplete Bishop's Transcripts from which the index is derived. Parish registers were periodically copied out by hand and sent to the bishop. These records have become known as Bishop's Transcripts.

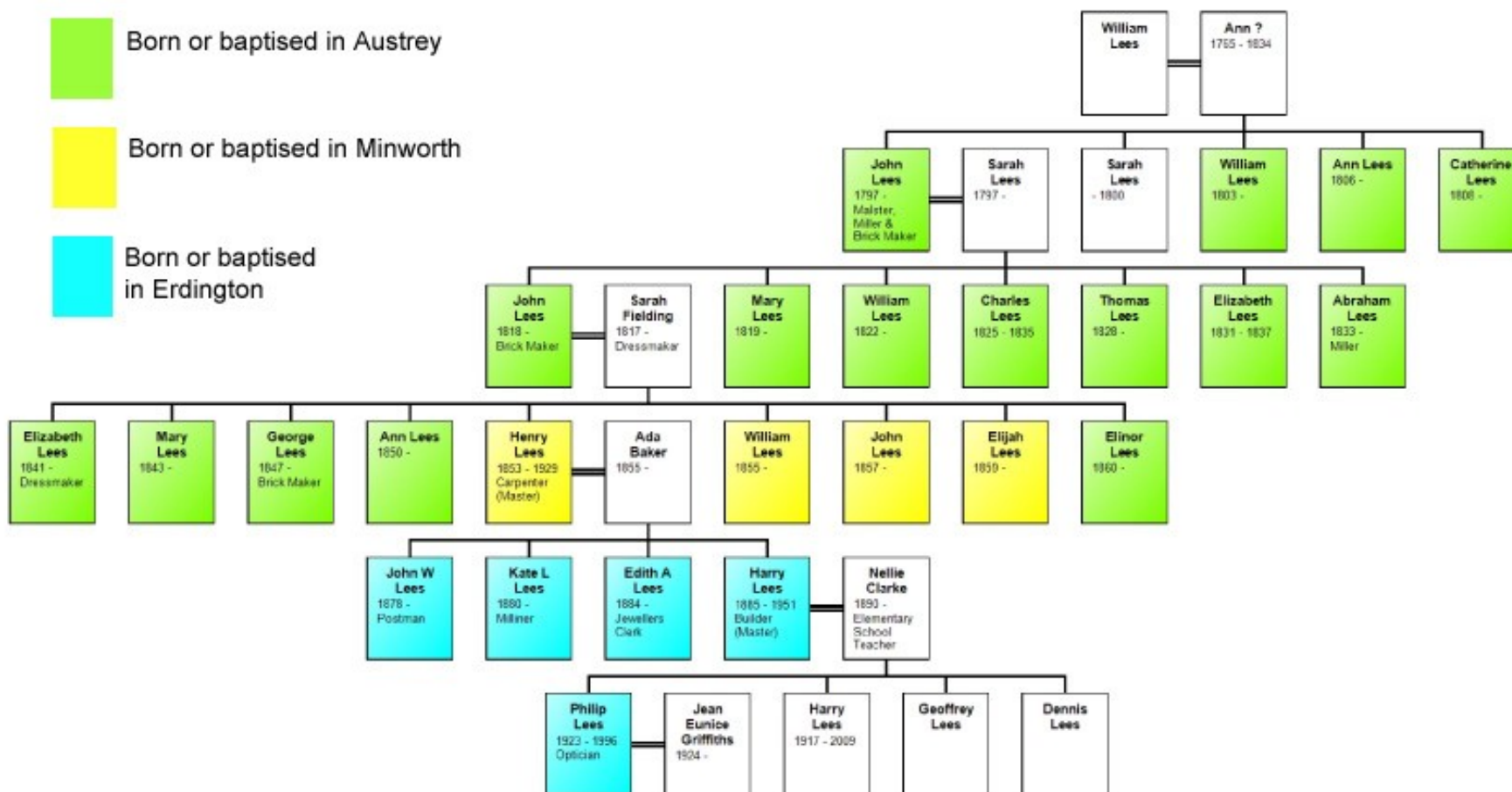
The IGI contains an un-sourced record, submitted by an LDS member, for a William Lees born in 1796, who married Sarah in 1816. LDS church members can submit records based on their personal research, which are not always reliable. This William could be a son of William and Ann.

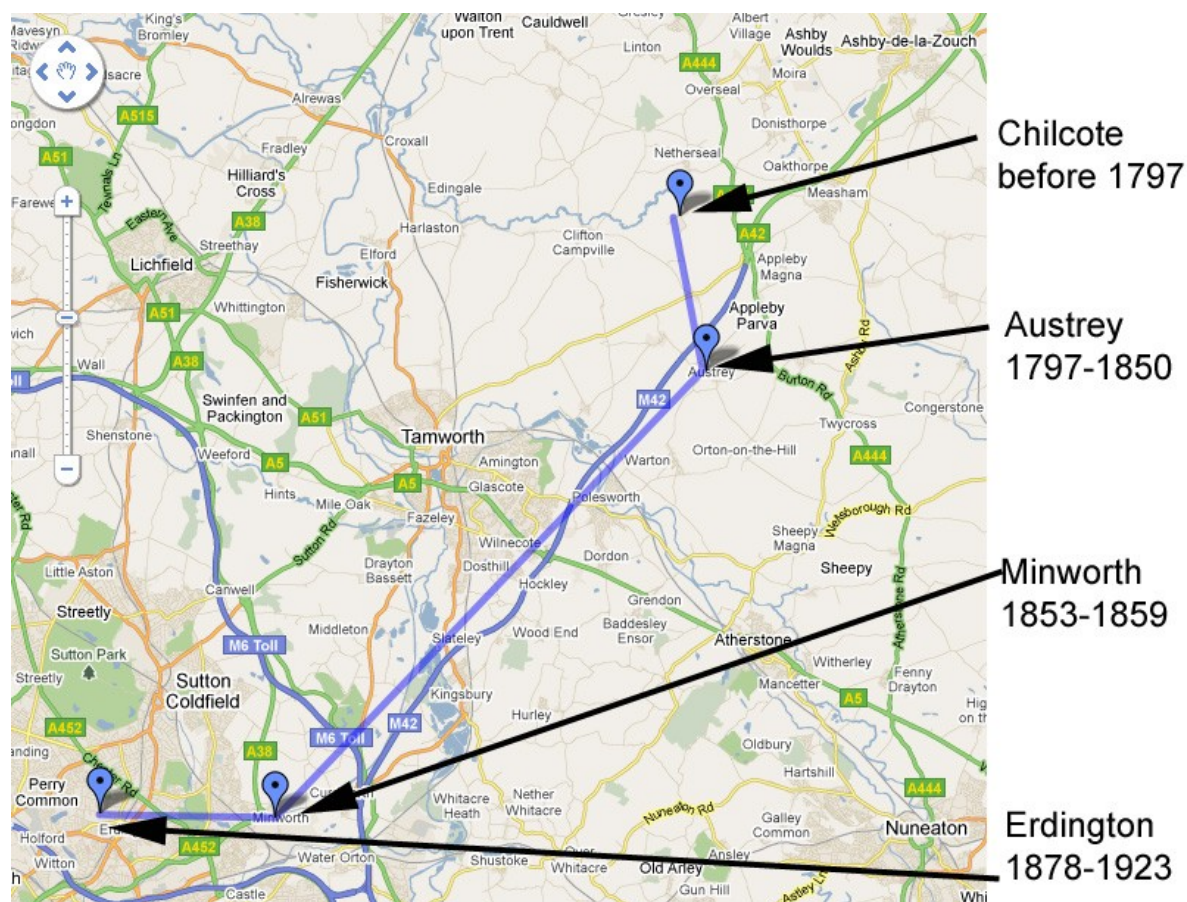
Ann Lees was buried in 1834. If William survived her, the 1841 census record below could represent him returning to his native parish after her death. As this census does not record relationships, I cannot say if Elizabeth is a spouse or other relative (e.g. sister) of this William, who was born about 1769.

Census, 1841. England. Clifton Campville, Derbyshire					
HO107/191/12. ED 21. p 5. image 3. Lees, William					
Chilcote					
Name	Sex	Age	Occupation	Born in same county	Born in Scotland, Ireland or Foreign Parts
William Lees	M	72	Gardener	y	
Elizabeth "	F	71		y	
Robert "	M	36	Ag Lab	y	

However, there is also a candidate for William Lees baptised in Austrey in 1757, the son of Henry Lees, a farmer and Mary. I think the Chilcote William is more likely, but more research is needed to settle the question.

Descendant Chart for William Lees





The above chart and map illustrate the descendants of William Lees and the movements of the Lees family.

Further Research Recommendations

As this research has concentrated solely on the paternal ancestral line there remains much to discover on the other ancestral lines and siblings.

1. Civil registration certificates that would further confirm relationships and potentially provide more information are:
 - a. Birth certificate for Harry Lees (2 possibilities)
 - b. Birth certificate for Henry Lees
 - c. Marriage certificate for Henry Lees and Ada Baker
2. Harry Lees World War I military career warrants further investigation. The Royal Logistic Corps Museum (Blackdown Road, Deepcut, Camberley, Surrey GU16 6RW. Website: <http://www.army.mod.uk/rhc/history/349.aspx>) may hold relevant records (other than service records) and background information.
3. The location of John Lees junior in 1851 may be connected with his work as a brick maker. Research into the trade may provide further clues as to his whereabouts.
4. The Chilcote connection is the key to tracing the Lees line further back in time.
5. The index to the Tithe Apportionments (which determined the amount of money paid to the church) in Austrey in 1845 indicate that William Lees and John Lees owned or occupied land in the parish. The parish registers(see appendices) have revealed that there were several Lees families in the parish at the time, so further research is needed to ascertain if our Lees family were land holders.

Sources

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Appendix A

Abstract of Austrey parish records of Marriage Banns (1824-1909) and Marriages (1720-1902) for people with the surname Lees

Date of marriage	Dates of banns	Groom's name	Bride's name	Groom's Residence	Bride's residence	Groom's age	Bride's age	Licence or Banns
3 Nov 1720		Henry Lees (junior)	Ann Mence	Austrey	Great Barr, Staffs			Banns
14 Feb 1790		George Simms	Mrs Mary Lees	Austrey	Austrey			Licence
12 Apr 1815		Henry Baker	Elisabeth Lees	Appleby, Leics	Austrey	29	26	Licence
13 Oct 1817		John Lees	Sarah Lees	Austrey	Austrey			Banns
	9, 16 & 23 Dec 1838	John Lees	Sarah Fielding	Austrey	Snareston			
4 May 1840		William Lees	Sarah Offey	Austrey	Austrey			Licence
	24 Sep, 1 & 8 Oct 1848	Thomas Lees	Hannah Wallis	Austrey	Croxdale			

Appendix B

Curdworth Baptisms for people with surname Lees 1844-1889

Parents	John & Sarah	Lees	
Baptism Date	Child's name	Abode	Father's Occupation
10 May 1853	Henry	Minworth	Brickmaker
25 Dec 1855	William	Minworth	Brickmaker
27 Nov 1859	John	Minworth	Brickmaker
27 Nov 1859	Elijah	Minworth	Brickmaker

Appendix C

Austrey Baptisms for people with surname Lees 1753-1904

Parents	John & Sarah	Lees	
Baptism Date	Child's name	Abode	Father's Occupation
8 Aug 1841	Elizabeth	Austrey	Labourer
31 Dec 1843	Mary	Austrey	Brickmaker & Malster
Parents	John & Sarah	Lees	
Baptism Date	Child's name	Abode	Father's Occupation
17 Mar 1818	John	Austrey	Malster
31 Dec 1819	Mary	Austrey	Malster
25 Dec 1822	William	Austrey	Malster
27 Nov 1825	Charles	Austrey	Malster
26 Dec 1828	Thomas	Austrey	Malster
10 Apr 1831	Elizabeth	Austrey	Malster
30 Jan 1833	Abraham	Austrey	Malster
Parents	William & Sarah	Lees	
Baptism Date	Child's name	Abode	Father's Occupation
3 Jun 1832	John Brantland	Austrey	Farmer
17 Jul 1836	Mary	Statford	Farmer
25 Dec 1840	Thomas	Statford	Farmer
Parents	William & Ann	Lees	
Baptism Date	Child's name	Abode	Father's Occupation
28 May 1797	John		
1 Mar 1803	William		
14 Feb 1806	Ann		
21 Jun 1808	Catherine		

Parents	Henry & Elizabeth	Lees	
Baptism Date	Child's name	Abode	Father's Occupation
5 Oct 1789	Heneary		
2 Oct 1791	William		
27 Nov 1794	John		
11 Oct 1796	Ann		
25 Apr 1799	Thomas		
18 Feb 1801	Mary		
11 Nov 1803	Joseph		
Parents	Thomas & Jane	Lees	
Baptism Date	Child's name	Abode	Father's Occupation
21 May 1786	Matilda		
Parents	Henry & Mary	Lees	
Baptism Date	Child's name	Abode	Father's Occupation
18 Sep 1728	Mary		Farmer
1 Jan 1753	Henry		
2 Apr 1755	John		Farmer
20 Jul 1757	William		Farmer
15 Jul 1767	Ann		
27 Dec 1770	John		
3 Jun 1775	Benjamin		

Appendix D

Abstract of Austrey burial records for people with the surname Lees 1720-1900

Burial Date	Name	Abode	Age	Parents	Occupation
4 Jan 1728	Henry Lees				Husbandman
31 Oct 1740	William? Lees				
17 Jan 1771	Henry Leese (senior)				Husbandman
13 Jun 1786	Henry Lees (senior)				Farmer
19 Sep 1786	John Lees		15		
12 Mar 1794	Mary Lees			James & Elizabeth Lees	
10/11/1800	Sarah Lees			William & Ann Lees	
5 Apr 1801	Thomas Lees			Henry & Elizabeth Lees	
31 Dec 1826	Henry Lees	Austrey	74		
01/11/1827	Elizabeth Lees	Austrey	64		
9 Aug 1832	William Lees	Little Orton	67		
18 Mar 1834	Ann Lees	Austrey	69		
16 Oct 1835	Charles Lees	Austrey	9		
18 Oct 1837	Elizabeth Lees	Austrey	6		
23 Oct 1839	Harriet Lees	Martoke	48		