REDSHAW, Jonathan

Born *c*. 1818, Kilburn/Kilham, Yorkshire. Died 22 October 1867, *Glen Duthie*, Pietermaritzburg.

Labourer, agriculturist.

1818*c*. Born at Kilburn [possibly Kilham], Yorks., son of Thomas and Margaret Redshaw. (MSCE 4/57). Date of birth calculated from his age, 32, given when he arrived at Port Natal on the *Edward* in 1850. (EI 64)

1822*c*. Wife Elizabeth’s date of birth calculated from her age, 28, given when she arrived at Port Natal on the *Edward* in 1850. (EI 64). Her maiden name was Spink. (MSCW 5/1881)

1849.12.24*c*. Jonathan Redshaw and Elizabeth Spink m. at Kilham. (Ib.)

1850.01.09 The barque *Edward*, 680 tons, 8 ft between decks, sailed from Gravesend. There were 250 emigrants on board. Included in this number were Jonathan and Elizabeth Redshaw. They were allocated 40 acres. (Clark pp. 229, 231)

1850.05.02 The *Edward* anchored off Port Natal. (Clark p. 209). On board were Jonathan Redshaw, aged 32, with Eliza, aged 28. (EI 64). He was an agriculturist. (MP [Moreland papers], vol. 21). [John Moreland\* was Byrne’s agent in Natal]

1850.10.00 Dau. Sarah Ann born. Wife’s name Elizabeth, father a labourer. (R. St P., Dbn)

1851.06.17 Allocated land at Byrne on Illovo River by proclamation in Govt Gazette. (Shepstone p.66)

1851.06.27 By this date the survey fees of £3.19.6 for the land at Byrne had been paid. (Moreland to Goodricke [Goodricke, John Richardson\*] in MP, vol. 4)

1852 end Labourer, 18 Berg St, Pmb. (DDP 1853)

1853.08.00 Twin boys Thomas and Joseph b., parents of New England [area to the south of Pmb.]. (R. Wes., Pmb.)

1853.08.29 Twin boys to Mrs J. Redshaw at Mr Vale’s [Vale, Edwin\*] farm. New England. (*NW* 02.09.53)

1855.07.00 William, son of Jonathan and Elizabeth Redshaw b. (R.Wes., Pmb.)

1857.00.00 Labourer to Walter Harding [Walter William Harding\*] at *Glen Duthie*, he nominated for immigration a Redshaw family from Kilham, Yorks. (GHLIP)

1857.10.30 Labourer *Glen Duthie*, he applied for emigration for Mr Redshaw, Kilham, Yorks, 36, labourer, his wife and 5 children. (E.I. vol. 1, p. 236)

1858.04.22 Labourer of *Glen Duthie*, (Hon. W. Harding) he applied for passage for John Brown, 23, farm labourer, of Allerston near Pickering, Yorks., plus wife Anna, 22, and child or children if any. (CSO 104 no. R401)

1858.07.00 Stood surety for passage money of William Redshaw, 36, labourer of Kilham, Yorks., Mary 34, Maria 13, Mary 8, Joseph 5 and Margaret 3. They came to Natal on the *Phantom*. (E.I. 65). Adult passages £10 each for first 3 and the rest at £5 each. (E.I. account books. Photocopy via BM)

1858.07.28 The *Phantom*, a schooner of 210 tons, arrived at Port Natal having sailed from Plymouth on 25.04.1858. Among the passengers were Mr & Mrs Redshaw & 4 children. (William Bell [William Douglas Bell\*], Port Capt.)

1858.12.08 “I saw Redshaw on his first arrival – he had not been 3 months [*sic*] on shore. When I called out ‘Bill!’ ‘Why master is that you?’ was his reply, ‘I little thought of seeing you so soon’ – then tears began to run down his rough cheeks. His wife was confined in the harbour on board, he said he had come to work. I got him into Govt work making roads at 5/- per day and rations, the next day however he found he could do better, he next engaged with a Mr Beechcroft [Beachcroft, Henry George\*] on a farm at 4/6d. per day, house to live in and half profits, master finding capital. Bill says it is ‘better nor heam,’ but the people here do not understand his lingo.” (Leonard Wright\* to C. Danby 08.12.58 p. 51)

1862.03.03 Mr Redshaw at Judge Harding’s, first visit. (Aldridge [Aldridge, Dr Charles Miller\*] Ledger p. 347)

1867.10.00 Jonathan Redshaw d. aged 52. (Tomb CRC)

1867.10.22 Agriculturist, d. at his house *Glen Duthie*, Pmb. Co., aged 52. Born at Kilburn [Possibly Kilham], Yorks., s. of Thomas and Margaret Redshaw. Children were Sarah (b.23.09.1850), twins Thomas and Joseph (b.29.08.1852) and William (b.01.08.1855)+. He has 40 acres at Richmond [*sic*]. Widow Elizabeth provided information for the death notice [she could not write]. (MSCE 4/57)

1867.10.23 d. near Pmb. aged 52. (*NM* 00.12.67)

1869.05.00 Dau. Sarah Ann m. John Symes. (R. Wes., Pmb.)

1873.06.12 Elizabeth Redshaw executive dative of J. Redshaw, transferred Lot 33 of Lots 2 & 3 Illovo (40 acres) to Walter Lloyd [Lloyd, Capt. Walter\*]. (HC files no. 1390)

1874.05.06 Elizabeth Redshaw (née Spink) made her will. She and Jonathan Redshaw were m. at Kilham, Yorks., *c*. 24.12.1849. Children of the marriage are Sarah Ann, wife of John Symes of Pmb., Thomas, Joseph and William. Elizabeth could not sign. (MSCW 5/1881)

1877.05.00 Son Joseph d. (Tomb CRC)

1878.05.00 Son William m. Elizabeth Wallace. (R. Wes., Pmb.)

1878 end Possibly it was his widow Elizabeth who was a farmer on Town Lands. (DNA 1879 p. 370)

1880.09.00 Elizabeth d. aged 60. (Tomb CRC). Widow Elizabeth d. aged 61. (PGRD)

1880.09.05 Widow Elizabeth d. at Pmb. (MSCW 5/1881)

CHILDREN

**Sarah Ann** (b. 00.10. 1850, Dbn – d. 20.10.1921, Dbn.)

1850.10.00 b. (R. St P., Dbn.)

1850.12.00 Bap., father a labourer, wife’s name Elizabeth. (R. St P., Dbn)

1869.05.00 Redshaw, Sarah Ann, 19, *Glen Duthie*, m. John Symes, 27, mason, *Rosedale* [both properties situated to the East of Pmb.]. (R.Wes., Pmb.)

1874.05.06 In her mother’s will of this date it is stated that Sarah Ann had a son George Redshaw Symes. (MSCW 5/1881)

1913.03.00 Sarah Ann’s husband John Symes, bricklayer, d. aged 71. (PGRD)

1921.10.20 Sarah Ann, widow Symes, d. aged 70. (DGRD)

**Thomas** (b. 29.08.1853, New England, Pmb. – )

1853.08.00 b. (R.Wes., Pmb.)

1853.08.29 Twin boys to Mrs J.Redshaw at Mr Vale’s farm, New England. (*NW* 12.09.53)

1853.10.00 Bap., son of Jonathan and Elizabeth of New England. (R.Wes., Pmb.)

**Joseph** (b. 29.08.1853, New England, Pmb. – d. 00.05.1877, Pmb.)

1853.08.00 b. on same day as brother. (R.Wes. Pmb.)

1853.08.29 Twin boys to Mrs J. Redshaw at Mr Vale’s farm, New England. (*NW* 12.09.53)

1853.10.00 Bap., son of Jonathan and Elizabeth of New England. (R.Wes. Pmb.)

1877.05.00 d. aged 23. (Tomb CRC). Aged 23 d. at Town Lands, Pmb. (PGRD)

**William** (1855.07.00, Pmb. – 00.08.1921, Pmb.)

1855.07.00 b.(R. Wes., Pmb.)

1856.01.00 Bap., son of Jonathan and Elizabeth. (R. Wes., Pmb.)

1878.05.00 Aged 22, farmer, m. Elizabeth Wallace. (R. Wes., Pmb.)

1878.05.01 Redshaw – Wallace. Married at *Deepdale*, near Pmb., William to Elizabeth of Middlebro [Middlesbrough], Yorkshire, (*N.W.* 02.05.78).

1898.01.00 William’s wife Elizabeth d. aged 42. (Tomb ACI)

1898.01.13 William’s wife Elizabeth, 43, of *Mabedlana*, bur. at Ixopo. (R. Springvale)

1901.02.20 William Redshaw, widower, farmer, of *Glenningate*, Ixopo, m. Emily Louise Howes, widow, of *Middleton*, Polela. (R. St M. & A.A., Hime.)

1921.08.00 William, b. Pmb., farmer, d. aged 68. (PGRD)

NOTES

\*After a surname indicates that person as the head of a family and therefore qualified for an entry in Shelagh Spencer’s biographical register.

+When dealing with the children, their dates of b. as given in Jonathan Redshaw’s Death Notice (which is included in his deceased estate file MSCE 4/57) have been ignored as being unreliable.

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EI – European Immigration

GHLIP – Government House Land and Immigration papers

MSCE – Master of the Supreme Court. Estates

MSCW – Master of the Supreme Court. Wills

PGRD – Pietermaritzburg Government Register. Deaths

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