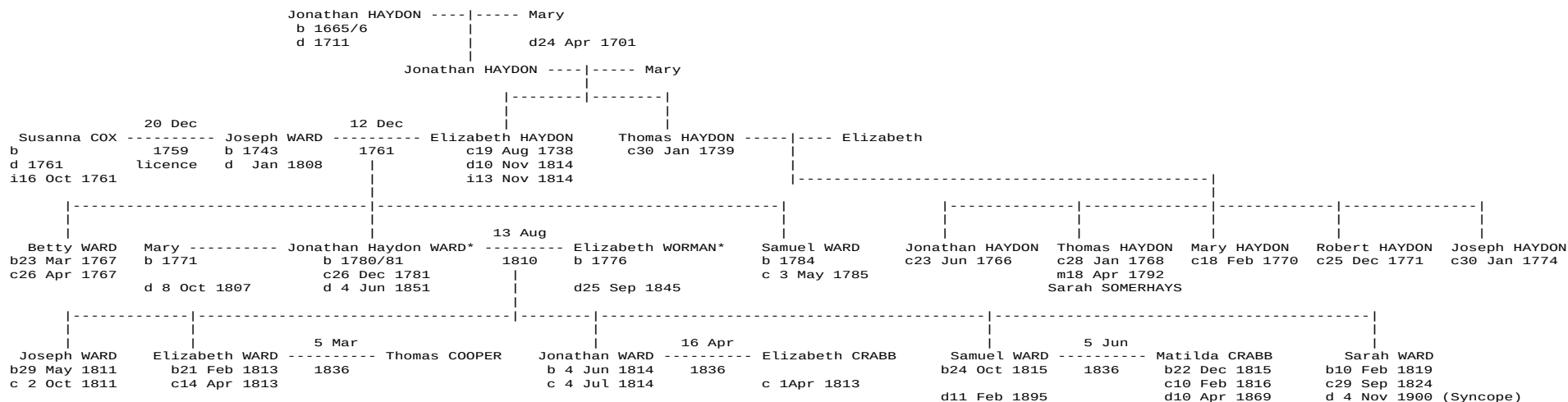




Sources:

- * Death Certificates show that: (1) Jonathan WARD (cordwainer) died of 'Contained Fever'
(2) Elizabeth WARD (wife of Jonathan WARD, cordwainer) died of 'Debility from age'.
- Bridport Record Office files: (and Dorchester) (1) Samuel WARD married Matilda CRABB on 5 Jun 1836, witnesses John CRABB and Sarah WARD.
(2) Jonathan WARD married Elizabeth CRABB on 16 Apr 1836, witnesses Samuel WARD and G.P. CURME ('resident' witness).
(3) Thomas COOPER married Elizabeth WARD on 5 Mar 1836, witnesses Jonathan WARD and Sarah WARD.
(4) Sarah WARD born 10 Feb 1819 in London: baptised 29 Sep 1824 in Bridport.
(5) Sarah WARD's parents - Jonathan Haydon WARD & Elizabeth WORMAN.
(6) Occupation of Jonathan Haydon WARD given as a Cordwainer.
(7) Parents of Joseph WARD given as just Jonathan and Elizabeth WARD (Haydon & WORMAN not shown).
I assume these must be the same parents as no other possibilities have yet been found.
- Census returns: (Bridport/Bradpole) (1) Samuel WARD gives birth as Middlesex in all bar 1861 Census.
(2) In 1861 Census, Samuel WARD gives birth place as St. George's in the East.
This is a part of Stepney, Middlesex, London, a place noted for its rope walks (like Bridport).
(3) In 1841, 1851, 1861, Samuel WARD gives his occupation as a Cordwainer. 1871 and 1881 as Gardener.
(4) Sarah WARD never married, as 1851 & 1891 Census returns show her living alone (Kelly's in 1867 gives her title as Miss).
(5) Samuel WARD lived at: 1841 in East St.: 1851 in Rope Walks: 1861-81 in Barrack St./Sparacres (Sparacres is part of Barrack St.).
- IGI internet: Vital Records: (1) Baptisms, Marriages. Most checked against Record Office files.
- Kelly's Directory for Bridport: (1) 1867; Miss Sarah WARD, Tailoress, Chards Mead.
- WARD Family Bible: (1) Birth dates of Samuel & Matilda WARD, and their children.
- Monumental Inscription (below): (1) Jonathan HAYDON shown from IGI to be Elizabeth HAYDON's grandfather.
Hence the common burial site, and continuation of the HAYDON name.

Monumental Inscription: Bridport, St. Mary: No 33.

Left Side:

xxxxxxx / Memory of / JONATHAN HAYDON / who died Jnxxx 1711 aged 45 /
Also of MARY his wife / who died April 24th 1701 aged x0 /
Also of JOSEPH WARD / who died Jan x1 1x08 aged 65 /
Also of ELIZABETH his wife / who died Nov 10th 1814 aged 75 /
Also of JOSEPH son of THOMxx & ELIZABETH WARD / who died in his infancy /
Also of SxMUEL their son / who died Dec 16th 18xx aged xx /
Also of MARY / wxfx of / JONATHAN WARD / who died Oct 8th 1807 aged 36 /
and of two children of / JONATHAN & ELIZABETH WARD / who died in infancy /
Also of SARAH daughter of / THOMAS & ELIZABETH WARD / who died April 1st 1825 aged 30 /
And of RICHARD Lxxxx / [possibly more lines below ground level.]

Right Side:

In / xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx / ELIZABETH wife of / THOMAS WARD / who died Sept 8th 1833 aged 66 /
Also of the above / THOMAS WARD / who died April 3rd 1831 / aged 82 years /
Also of HANNAH wife of / RICHARD LONG / who died October 20th 188x aged 82 years.

Conclusions: All of the evidence strongly suggests that the tree given above is correct. Absolute proof of Samuel WARD's parents will have to await an investigation of the London Metropolitan Archives, assuming such evidence exists. I may do this when I have more spare time.

Basically, it would seem Jonathan Haydon WARD (a Cordwainer), born in Bridport, went to London in 1814/15. He and/or his wife could have found work on the rope walks, or in the Shoe and Boot trade. This may not have been such a good move though, as the war with France ended (Battle of Waterloo in 1815), with the return and demob. of our forces from Europe (requirements for Army boots would have ended).

Samuel WARD born and baptised (?) in Stepney, Middlesex (then a suburb of London). Sarah WARD born in 1819 (either London proper, or Middlesex), but wasn't baptised until the family returned to Bridport between 1819 and 1824. Samuel WARD followed his father's occupation of Cordwainer, but eventually turned Gardener after 1861 (there was then a large garden nursery in Barrack St. - now built on).