**BRANCHES OF THE WICKENDEN FAMILY TREE**

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A family tree diagram technically branches each time it depicts siblings, because each sibling has the potential to begin a new branch of the diagram. The family tree outline described below, however, takes a less technical, more intuitive approach. It defines a branch of the family as *a group of families with the same surname living in the same town*. It suggests that some, or all, of these families may be related – may even be part of the same immediate family in addition to living in the same location with other close ancestors and descendants. It is what the Wicken were back in prehistory, when they lived together as a family group or clan.

This concept of a branch of the family tree reflects the assumption that people often prefer to settle in the same location as immediate relatives and, over time, the familial relationships may become more distant. They constitute, then, a branch of that family, and their descendants far down the line of lineage may wish to distinguish themselves as coming from that particular branch of the family. This is especially true if the future descendants have left the town, perhaps even left the county or the country to begin or join a settlement on foreign soil.

While the “den” was established by some of the Wicken who drove their animals down into the Weald from the Sutton-at-Hone commons, it had long-since been developed into a homestead by successive generations, and those living there had been identified as “of Wickenden.” Wickendens slowly spread out across the village of Cowden, and by 1461 they left the original homestead, which was then leased out by Thomas Wickenden. Many stayed in Cowden into the 20th century. Also, while there were no Wickendens living in Cowden when the author visited the village in 2000, there have always been, and there are today, Wickendens living throughout the British Isles. Nevertheless, the history of the Wickendens is one of migration, first spreading out around Cowden from the original Wicken den, then moving to other towns in Kent, then to other counties in England, and finally to over 20 other countries.

This document traces, in a set of tables, information from the IGI (the International Genealogical Index) about the Wickenden families who relocated and raised children in each of the eight major “Centers of Settlement”, defined here as *towns in which there are at least 30 parish records* of children christened by Wickenden families or of Wickendens who married between 1550 and 1900. Of course, Wickendens also migrated in smaller numbers to 134 other towns and villages around Kent and its surrounding counties. Over time we hope to add information about the locations from which Wickenden families have emigrated to sites in the United Kingdom and other countries. Also, the *families identified here are all two-generational families* (parents and their children). However, as multi-generational relations are established (by adding grandparents, etc.) the number of christenings and sets of parents will remain the same, but the number of families will grow smaller.

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2. The tree trunk and the level of a branch is determined by the date of the first parish record, with the trunk and lower branches being the earliest and the upper branches the latest.
3. Twigs are defined as smaller settlements. They are not listed here but will be added if Wickendens are identified as having emigrated from one or more of these settlements.
4. Leaves are defined as points of departure for other countries. These are not described by the IGI data or listed here. However, they will be added to a branch or Twig, as they are identified.

**THE TRUNK OF THE FAMILY TREE**

**WICKENDEN FAMILIES BEFORE 1550**

There are multiple factors that determine when the early Wickendens moved out of Cowden to nearby and not-so-nearby villages. Distance is surely an important factor, especially for those that lie closest to Cowden. However, the example of Hever, only 4 miles to the north, shows that distance is not the sole factor, since Wickendens are not on record as christening children there until 1639. Historical records show that the first Wickendens established and lived in the Wicken den until 1461, by which time they had spread out to nearly a dozen other farms, and homes around the village.

**COWDEN (1566 – 1779)**

History of the Branch - Cowden is a difficult branch of the Wickenden family to describe. First, of course, we can only assume that prior to the first recorded event in the St. Mary Magdalene parish records, there were many generations of Wickenden families. We will begin this table, then, with the first birth recorded in parish records. Perhaps we will add, at a later time, a similar table of families based upon the information from wills and manorial court rolls that is described earlier in the article on *Pathways to (and from) Cowden*. Also, because at the very beginning of parish records there were many births for which no parents were named. The number of parents during this period is impossible to determine. An estimate has been made based on the arbitrary assumptions that (1)when multiple christenings were recorded in the same year, they were each recorded by different parents unless they were twins, (2) when a Wickenden marriage is recorded, one of the new families has that woman as the mother, and (3) when the number of multiple christenings in a single year drops for three or more years, the first set of parents have stopped having children. It is also assumed that when a spouse married a male Wickenden, they were then the parents of a reasonable set of children beginning as soon as the next year.

Marriages, Families and Christenings - According to the IGI, there were 36 marriages in Cowden between 1550 and 1800. Sixteen of these were Wickenden woman who married men from other Cowden families. Twenty marriages were of Wickenden men. During the same period, there were 135 christenings, by a total of approximately **39 Wickenden families** (sets of parents).

A similar table will be constructed for the other, earlier data that Guy Ewing gathered from early wills and from the court rolls of the manors of Cowden. This, plus a generational timeline may give us a rough estimate of the Wickenden population in Cowden from the establishment of the den until the first christenings in the mid-16th century.

Departures for Foreign Shores – It is not known if, when and to where Wickendens may have emigrated from Cowden.

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| **YEAR** | **FATHER** | **MOTHER** | **LAST NAME** | **OFFSPRING** | **EVENT** | **CHURCH** |
| 1566-1572 | -/ Thomas | Mother #1 | Wickenden | 4 | Christening  | Not noted |
| 1567 | John | Bridget | Jesopp | 0 | Marriage  | Not noted |
| 1569-1774 | - | Mother #2 | Wickenden | 6 | Christening | Not noted |
| 1570-1589 | - | Mother #3 | Wickenden | 6 | Christening | Not noted |
| 1570- | Mathue | Frances Wickling | Wickenden | 0 | Marriage  | Not noted |
| 1571-1577 | - | Mother #4 | Wickenden | 5 | Christening | Not noted |
| 1572 | John | Agnes Homewood | Wickenden | 0 | Marriage | Not noted |
| 1574-1580 | - | Mother #5 | Wickenden | 4 | Christening | Not noted |
| 1580-1588 | - | Mother #6 | Wickenden | 5 | Christening | Not noted |
| 1580-1588 | - | Mother #7 | Wickenden | 6 | Christening | Not noted |
| 1580-1587 | - | Mother #8 | Wickenden | 6 | Christening | Not noted |
| 1583-1587 | - | Mother #9 | Wickenden | 2 | Christening | Not noted |
| 1583-1585 | - | Mother #10 | Wickenden | 2 | Christening | Not noted |
| 1575 | Henrie | Jane Vmfrie | Wickenden | 0 | Marriage  | Not noted |
| 1580 | John | Divnice Vmfrue | Wickenden | 0 | Marriage | Not noted |
| 1582-1590 | - | Mother #11 | Wickenden | 2 | Christening | Not noted |
| 1586 | John | Anne | Wickenden | 0 | Marriage | Not noted |
| 1589 | William | Marie Luck | Wickenden | 0 | Marriage  | Not noted |
| 1590-1599 | - |  Mother #12 | Wickenden | 5 | Christening | Not noted |
| 1590 | John | Katheren | Wickenden | 0 | Marriage  | Not noted |
| 1592 | William | Johane | Faierbrother | 0 | Marriage  | Not noted |
| 1593 | John | Elizabeth Still | Wickenden | 0 | Marriage  | Not noted |
| 1593 | John | Marie Kettel | Wickenden | 0 | Marriage  | Not noted |
| 1593 | Thomas | Katherine | Willard | 0 | Marriage | Not noted |
| 1594-1598 | - | Mother #13 | Wickenden | 4 | Christening | Not noted |
| 1595-1600 | - | Mother #14 | Wickenden | 3 | Christening | Not noted |
| 1599 | William | Marie | Vridg | 0 | Marriage | Not noted |
| 1600 | John | Anna | Turner | 0 | Marriage  | Not noted |
| 1600 | Martin | Anna | Overie | 0 | Marriage  | Not noted |
| 1601-1609 | Edward | - | Wickenden | 3 | Christenings | Not noted |
| 1602 | Thomas | - | Wickenden | 1 | Christening | Not noted |
| 1602-1612 | Willm. | - | Wickenden | 4 | Christening | Not noted |
| 1604 | Willm. | Joan Frie | Wickenden | 0 | Marriage  | Not noted |
| 1604-1610 | John | - | Wickenden | 3 | Christening | Not noted |
| 1605 | Thomas | - | Wickenden | 1 | Christening | Not noted |
| 1606 | Willm. | Susan Barden | Wickenden | 0 | Marriage  | Not noted |
| 1607 | John | Joan Brooker | Wickende | 0 | Marriage | Not noted |
| 1608-1611 | Henrie | - | Wickenden | 3 | Christenings | Not noted |
| 1615 | Humfrey | Godly | Medherst | 0 | Marriage | Not noted |
| 1615 | John | Marie | Wickenden | 0 | Marriage  | Not noted |
| 1615 | Henrie | - | Wickenden | 1 |  | Not noted |
| 1616 | Thomas | Friswide Tishborne | Wickenden | 0 | Marriage | Not noted |
| 1616 | Willm. | - | Wickenden | 1 | Christening | Not noted |
| 1617 | Willm. | Marie | Tirrie | 0 | Marriage | Not noted |
| 1618 | John | Joan | Tyler | 0 | Marriage | Not noted |
| 1620 | Edward | - | Wickendell | 1 | Christening | Not noted |
| 1621 | Edward | Annisse Knight | Wickenden | 0 | Marriage | Not noted |
| 1622 | Edward | Elsabeth | Hammo | 0 | Marriage | Not noted |
| 1622-1636 | Will(ia)(m) | - | Wickenden | 5 | Christening | Not noted |
| 1623-1632 | Edward | - | Wickenden | 4 | Christening | Not noted |
| 1625-1636 | Edwarde | - | Wickenden | 5 | Christening | Not noted |
| 1628 | Michaell | Joane Hanum | Wickenden | 0 | Marriage | Not noted |
| 1628-1636 | John | - | Wickenden | 4 | Christening | Not noted |
| 1629 | Nicholas | Elzabeth | Wickenden | 0 | Marriage | Not noted |
| 1629 | Robert | Mary | Daniell | 0 | Marriage  | Not noted |
| 1629 | Stephen | Bennit\_ Streete | Wickenden | 0 | Mariage | Not noted |
| 1630 | Richard | Katherine | Ewhurst | 0 | Marriage | Not noted |
| 1629-1640 | Michaell | - | Wickenden | 4 | Christenings | Not noted |
| 1635 | Jo. | Jone | Stretfield | 0 | Marriage | Not noted |
| 1636-1641 | Edw(ard) | - | Wickenden | 3 | Christening | Not noted |
| 1644 | John | Anne | Underhill | 0 | Marriage | Not noted |
| 1644 | John | Elizabeth Wiking | Wickenden | 0 | Marriage | Not noted |
| 1645-1647 | Jo. | - | Wickenden | 3 | Christening | Not noted |
| 1653 | John | Elizabeth Crips | Wickenden | 0 | Marriage | Not noted |
| 1648-1654 | John | -(Joane | Wickenden | 3 | Christening | Not noted |
| 1650-1653 | - | Margaret | Wickenden | 2 | Christening | Not noted |
| 1655-1668 | John | - | Wickenden | 5 | Christening | Not noted |
| 1660 | John | Dorothy | Smyth | 0 | Marriage | Not noted |
| 1676 | John | Katherine | Norden | 0 | Marriage | Not noted |
| 1689-1720 | John | - | Wickenden | 7 | Christening | Not noted |
| 1739 | William | - | Wickenden | 1 | Christening | Not noted |
| 1747 | Benjamin | - | Wickenden | 1 | Christening | Not noted |
| 1749-1755 | Thomas | -(Ann) | Wickenden | 3 | Christening | Not noted |
| 1767-1779 | W(ilia)m | Elizabeth | Wickenden | 6 | Christenings | Not noted |
| 1794 | - | Mary | Wickenden | 1 | Christening | Not noted |
| 1797 | - | Sarah | Wickenden | 1 | Christening | Not noted |

**LOWER BRANCHES**

**WICKENDEN FAMILIES STARTING AFTER 1550**

**THE EAST GRINSTEAD BRANCH (1561 – 1868)**

History of the Branch - Only 7 miles down the road from Cowden, East Grinstead, like a few other villages within easy walking distance from the Wicken den in Cowden, saw the migration of Wickenden families beginning in the mid-1500’s through the early 1600’s. Then, after a lull in the1700’s, migration picked up significantly in the 1800’s. Twelve children were christened without a record of their parents between 1561 and 1595. Apparently the practice of recording parental names, at least at this parish, did not begin until 1600. The spacing in each decade is such that these could have been born to at least four different sets of parents. Five families christened children in East Grinstead in the early to mid 16oo’s, with one family having 9 children, another 5, and the others one each.

Marriages, Families and Christenings - Surprisingly, there were no christenings for over a century, from 1648 until 1787. **Twelve sets of Wickenden parents** then christened children in East Grinstead in the mid 1800’s. Family size included 10, 9, 7, 6 2, and seven families christened one child. In total, there were 65 christenings by 19 Wickenden families. The last christening in East Grinstead recorded in the IGI was in 1872. There were no marriages recorded in the IGI.

Departures for Foreign Shores - It is not known if and when Wickendens emigrated from East Grinstead.

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| 1561-1568 | **-** | **-** | Wickenden | 3 | Christening  | unknown |
| 1570-1575 | **-** | **-** | Wickenden | 4 | Christening  | unknown |
| 1580-1584 | **-** | **-** | Wickenden | 3 | Christening  | unknown |
| 1590-1595 | **-** | **-** | Wickenden | 2 | Christening  | unknown |
| 1607 | John | - | Wekendene | 1 | Christening  | unknown |
| 1615-1617 | George | Aymy/Amy | Wickenden | 2 | Christening  | unknown |
| 1616 | - | Mary | Wickenden | 1 | Christening  | unknown |
| 1640-1648 | John | Eliz | Wickenden | 5 | Christening  | unknown |
| 1787-1800 | Ed(ward) | Mary | Wickenden | 7 | Christening  | unknown |
| 1821-1839 | John | Sarah | Wickenden | 10 | Christening  | unknown |
| 1823 | Edward | - | Wickenden | 1 | Christening  | unknown |
| 1823-1844 | John | Ann | Wickenden | 9 | Christening  | unknown |
| 1844-1851 | Edward | Mary Ann | Wickenden | 4 | Christening  | unknown |
| 1847 | Edward | Ann | Wickenden | 1 | Christening  |  |
| 1849 | John | Sophy | Wickenden | 1 | Christening  | unknown |
| 1855-1862 | Alfred | (H)anna | Wickenden | 3 | Christening  | unknown |
| 1859-1872 | Elias | Charlotte | Wickenden | 6 | Christening  | unknown |
| 1858 | James | Martha | Wickenden | 1 | Christening  | unknown |
| 1868 | William | Louisa | Wickenden | 1 | Christening  | unknown |

**THE OFFHAM BRANCH (1596 – 1708)**

History of the Branch - Twenty-two miles northwest of Cowden lies Offham, in Kent. Unlike other branches, several Wickenden families utilized the alternate spelling of Wiggenden throughout the 17th and into the 18th century. The Wickendens arrived in Offham in the late 1590’s and the last record is in 1708. It is not known why the Wickendens left Offham at the start of the 18th century or where they may have gone.

Marriages, Families and Christenings - There were 35 children christened in Offham and there appear to have been **11 Wickenden families,** in addition to one marriage of a Wickenden woman. Several other records where the parish is denoted “Of,,” may be from Offham, or they may not, so they have not been included here.

Departures for Foreign Shores - It is not known if and when Wickendens emigrated from Offham.

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| 1596-1620 | William | - | Wiggenden | 9 | Christening | unknown |
| 1598-1611 | Nic(h)olas | - | Wiggenden | 6 | Christening | unknown |
| 1608 | Henry | - | Tapsfield | 0 | Marriage  | unknown |
| 1628-1635 | John |  | Wiggenden | 6 | Christening | unknown |
| 1629-1630 | William | - | Wiggenden | 2 | Christening | unknown |
| 1637-1638 | Robert | - | Wickenden | 2 | Christening | unknown |
| 1640 | Nicholas |  | Wickenden | 1 | Christening | unknown |
| 1640 | Robert | Margaret | Wickenden | 1 | Christening | unknown |
| 1663 | - | Mary | Wiggenden | 1 | Christening | unknown |
| 1674-1675 | William | - | Wiggenden | 2 | Christening | unknown |
| 1675-1682 | John | - | Wig(g)enden | 2 | Christening | unknown |
| 1708 | Robert | Mary | Wiggenden | 3 | Christening | unknown |

**THE TONBRIDGE BRANCH (1592 – 1810)**

History of the Branch - Situated only 12 miles from Cowden, Tonbridge was a nearby village with a substantial population. It is perhaps not surprising that Wickendens found spouses and raised children there starting at the end of the 16th century. The first 5 parish records for Tonbridge are for marriages of Wickenden women to the men of Tonbridge. There are a total of eleven marriages, 9 of which are of Wickenden women. Since women typically would marry in their home parish church, it is possible that their families had already moved to Tonbridge and that since they were raised there, they were married there. There is also only one church mentioned for one christening, but the date is 1790, so perhaps this is the one church in the parish – Mount Ephraim-Lady Huntingdons or a mistake?

One of the marriages is to John Martin and another is to Mary Martin suggesting that a Martin family may have been close friends of the Wickendens. 28 years later Mary Martin christens the first of three children. It is possible that she is related to John and is the same person who was married earlier. Surprisingly, although the first of the marriages were in the 1590’s, it is not until the middle of the next century that christenings are recorded. Over the next 100 years, there are a total of 38 christenings and 32 families mentioned in Tonbridge parish records. 22 of these families are Wickendens and the other 10 are in-laws by marriage.

Marriages, Families and Christenings – There are a total of 65 children christened by **21 Wickenden families**. 11 marriages are also recorded.

Departures for Foreign Shores - It is not known if, when and to where Wickendens may have emigrated from Tonbridge.

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| **YEAR** | **FATHER** | **MOTHER** | **LAST NAME** | **OFF-SPRING** | **EVENT** | **CHURCH** |
| 1592 | Thos | - | Polhill | 0 | Marriage | unknown |
| 1594 | Hen | - | Sexten | 0 | Marriage | unknown |
| 1649 | John | - | Martin | 0 | Marriage | unknown |
| 1654 | - | Ann | Latter | 0 | Marriage | unknown |
| 1657 | Edw | - | Coome | 0 | Marriage  | unknown |
| 1658 | Frances | - | Collyn | 0 | Marriage  | unknown |
| 1660-1675 | Edward | - | Wickenden | 6 | Christenings  | unknown |
| 1663 | Richard | - | Palmer | 0 | Marriage  | unknown |
| 1663 | - | Mary (Martin) | Wickenden | 1 | Christening  | unknown |
| 1672-1678 | Hen | - | Wickenden | 3 | Christenings | unknown |
| 1689 | John | - | Wickenden | 1 | Christenings | unknown |
| 1691-1704 | Tho(mas) | Mary (Martin) | Wickenden | 3 | Christenings | unknown |
| 1712 | Nic | Jane | Wickenden | 1 | Christening | unknown |
| 1720 | Thomas | Sarah (Ackhurst) | Wickenden | 0 | Marriage | unknown |
| 1720 | Thomas | - | Wickenden | 1 | Christenings | unknown |
| 1729-1735 | Francis | Ann | Wickenden | 3 | Christenings | unknown |
| 1731 | Thos | Mary | Wickenden | 2 (twins) | Christenings | unknown |
| 1741-50 | Thos | Mary | Wickenden | 7 | Christenings | unknown |
| 1743 | Hyrum | - | Chittenden | 0 | Marriage  | unknown |
| 1750-1761 | John | Ann | Wickenden | 6 | Christenings | unknown |
| 1752-1757 | Thom(s) | Mary | Wickenden | 3 | Christenings | unknown |
| 1757 | John | - | Wickenden | 1 | Christenings | unknown |
| 1775 | - | Jane | Wickenden | 1 | Christenings | unknown |
| 1776 | John  | - | Miles | 0 | Marriage  | unknown |
| 1779-1783 | Francis\_ | Sar | Wickenden | 3 | Christenings | unknown |
| 1783-1791 | Nic | Sar | Wickenden | 5 | Christenings | unknown |
| 1789-1807 | Wm | Jenny/ Jinny | Wickenden | 7 | Christenings | unknown |
| 1789 | William |  | Knell | 0 | Marriage  | unknown |
| 1790 | John | Elizabeth | Wickenden | 1 | Christenings | Mount Ephraim-Lady Huntingdons |
| 1791-1809 | Wm | Jane | Wickenden | 6 | Christenings | unknown |
| 1806 | Jas | Ann | Wickenden | 1 | Christenings | unknown |
| 1807-1810 | Francis | Mary | Wickenden | 3 | Christenings | unknown |

**MIDDLE BRANCHES**

**WICKENDEN FAMILIES STARTING AFTER 1600**

**THE READING BRANCH (1616 – 1760)**

History of the Branch - Reading, Berkshire is 64 miles from Cowden. It lies along a major transportation route to London, but the town is at such a distance from Wickenden that it is surprising to find family members christened there as early as 1616, with a marriage mentioned in 1636. No parents are listed for the bride, and while the female Wickenden who gets married may have been the sister of the boy who was christened, this family may have been an anomaly, since they are not heard from again. They probably moved on.

Then, seventy years later in 1707, other Wickendens begin to show up in parish records. Perhaps this was due to the employment opportunities provided by the burgeoning iron industry. Over the next 53 years, eight sets of parents are recorded with families that vary in size from one to 8 children. However, in only one case was a child later recorded as a parent. No marriages were recorded. There is some variation in both first and last names, and this occurs in both churches in town and even within the same families, so it appears to be the result of random variations in spelling. No records are found after the last christening in 1760.

Marriages, Families and Christenings - Between 1616 and 1760, **10 Wickenden families** had settled in Reading and christened 28 children. There were two marriages, one of a Wickenden woman and the other to a Wickenden man. It is not known why these Wickendens left Reading in the mid-18th century or where they may have gone.

Departures for Foreign Shores - It is not known if and when Wickendens emigrated from Reading.

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| 1616- | Unknown | Unknown | Wickenton/ den | 2 | Christened  | Saint Giles |
| 1636 | Griffith | Ann | Maylins | 0 | Marriage  | Saint Giles |
| 1705 | William | -Hughes | Wickenton | 0 | Marriage | - |
| 1705 – 1712 | John | Eliz(abeth) | Wickenden | 4 | Christened  | Saint Mary/ Saint Giles |
| 1706 - 1718 | William | Mary | Wickenden/ ton | 6 | Christened  | Saint Mary |
| 1713 | John | Ann | Wickenton | 1 | Christened  | Saint Giles |
| 1728 – 1743 | Robert | Ann | Wickenden/ ton | 9 | Christened  | Saint Mary |
| 1733 | Benjamin,*son of Robert & Ann* | Mary | Wickenton | 1 | Christened  | Saint Mary |
| 1737 - 1739 | Henry | Mary | Wickenton | 2 | Christened  | Saint Mary |
| 1737 - 1759 | Thomas | Ann | Wickinton | 2 | Christened  | Saint Mary |
| 1760 | James | Mary | Wickenden | 1 | Christened  | Saint Mary |

**THE LEIGH BRANCH (1648 – 1868)**

History of the Branch - Leigh is located 19 miles northeast of Cowden in Kent. Although closer than Offham, Kent, where Wickendens located in the mid-16th century, and not nearly as distant as Reading, it was not until the middle of the 17th century that Wickendens first were christened in Leigh.

Marriages, Families and Christenings - However, across the next two centuries, 39 children would be christened there by a total of **19 Wickenden families.** One Wickenden would be married in Leigh.

Departures for Foreign Shores - It is not known if and when Wickendens emigrated from Leigh.

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| **YEAR** | **FATHER** | **MOTHER** | **LAST NAME** | **OFFSPRING** | **EVENT** | **CHURCH** |
| 1648 | Nicholas | - | Wickenden | 1 | Christened  | unknown |
| 1673 | - | Elizabeth Sloane | Wickenden | - | Marriage  | unknown |
| 1685 | - | Jane | Wickenden | 1 | Christened  | unknown |
| 1731-1736 | Edward | - | Wickenden | 2 | Christened  | unknown |
| 1738 | Francis | - | Wickenden | 1 | Christened  | unknown |
| 1749-1755 | - | Mary | Wickenden | 2 | Christened  | unknown |
| 1753-1768 | Tho(mas) | Dorothy | Wickenden | 8 | Christened  | unknown |
| 1760 | - | Eliza. | Wickenden | 1 | Christened  | unknown |
| 1772-1785 | Tho(ma)s | Jane | Wickenden | 5 | Christened  | unknown |
| 1778 | - | Mercy | Wickenden | 1 | Christened  | unknown |
| 1779-1783 | Tho(ma)s | - | Wickenden | 2 | Christened  | unknown |
| 1787 | Willm. | Jane | Wickenden | 1 | Christened  | unknown |
| 1792 | William | Elizabeth | Wickenden | 1 |  |  |
| 1794 | William | - | Wickenden | 1 | Christened  | unknown |
| 1806 | Francis | Mary | Wickenden | 1 | Christened  | unknown |
| 1807 | Joseph | Ann | Wickenden | 1 | Christened  | unknown |
| 1819 | George | Ann | Wickenden | 1 | Christened  | unknown |
| 1827 | - | Sophia | Wickenden | 1 | Christened  | unknown |
| 1847-1868 | John  | Lousia | Wickenden | 8 | Christened  | unknown |

**THE WORTH BRANCH (1648 – 1868)**

History of the Branch - Worth is located 11 miles south of Cowden. While it is even closer to Cowden than Leigh, it lies deeper into the Weald, across the border into the next county, Sussex. Perhaps that is why Wickendens were not recorded in Worth until the middle of the 17th century.

Marriages, Families and Christenings – Worth records describe two marriages, followed by 34 christenings by a total of **12 Wickenden families.**

Departures for Foreign Shores - It is not known if and when Wickendens emigrated from Worth.

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| **YEAR** | **FATHER** | **MOTHER** | **LAST NAME** | **OFFSPRING** | **EVENT** | **CHURCH** |
| 1634 | - | Elizabeth Betchely | Wickenden | 0 | Marriage  | Unknown |
| 1635-1646 | W(ill)(ia)m | Elizabeth | Wickenden | 4 | Christenings  | Unknown |
| 1658 | - | Mary Arnoll | Wickenden | O | Marriage | Unknown |
| 1653 | George | Hester | Wickenden | 1 | Christening | Unknown |
| 1659-1671 | William | Mary | Wickenden | 5 | Christenings | Unknown |
| 1694-1712 | Wm | Ann | Wickenden | 8 | Christenings | Unknown |
| 1696 | Nic | Susan | Wickenden | 1 | Christening | Unknown |
| 1711 | Wm | Susan | Wickenden | 1 | Christening | Unknown |
| 1731-1758 | Wm(illm)- | Eliz | Wickenden | 3 | Christenings | Unknown |
| 1738-1756 | John | Sarah | Wickenden | 4 | Christenings | Unknown |
| 1740 | John | Martha | Wickenden | 1 | Christening | Unknown |
| 1747-1750 | Thomas | Elizabeth | Wickenden | 3 | Christenings | Unknown |
| 1753 | Tho | Mary | Wickenden | 1 | Christening | Unknown |
| 1781-1786 | - | Rachael | Wickenden | 2 | Christenings | Unknown |

**UPPER BRANCHES**

**WICKENDEN FAMILIES STARTING AFTER 1700**

**THE PORTSEA BRANCH (1789 – 1846)**

History of the Branch - Portsea is located in Hampshire, 75 miles northwest of Cowden, more than twice as far away as Rochester. Understandably, Wickendens did not reach Portsea until the very end of the 18th century. Yet something drew them in that direction and, yes, even farther, to the county of Gloucester.

Marriages, Families and Christenings - Thirty-one children were christened I Portsea between 1789 and 1846 by **eight Wickenden families** who settled there, attending four different churches. Two families switched from one church to another. Two of the churches were Church of England, while one was Baptist, one Wesleyan and one Independent. No Wickenden marriages are recorded.

Departures for Foreign Shores - It is not known if and when Wickendens emigrated from Portsea.

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| **YEAR** | **FATHER** | **MOTHER** | **LAST NAME** | **OFFSPRING** | **EVENT** | **CHURCH** |
| 1785-1797 | Joseph | Sarah | Wickenden | 4 (christened together) | Christening | Saint Marys |
| 1789-1804 | Joseph (Shephard) | Eliz(abeth) | Wickenden | 10 | Christening | Meeting House Alley Baptist |
| 1798 | John | Eliz | Wickenden | 1 | Christening | Saint Peters Daniel Street-Wesleyan |
| 1802 | John | Lucy Matilda | Wickenden | 2 | Christening | Saint Marys/ Saint John |
| 1819 | Joseph | Ann | Wickenden | 5 | Christening | Orange Street now King Street-Independent |
| 1823 | James | Louisa | Wickenden | 4 | Christening | Saint Marys/ Saint John |
| 1824-1832 | Jeremiah | Harriet | Wickenden/r | 3 | Christening | Saint Marys |
| 1846 | Henry | Ann Matilda | Wickenden | 2 (twins) | Christening | Saint Marys |

**THE ROCHESTER BRANCH (1757– 1855)**

History of the Branch -Rochester is located 34 miles northeast of Cowden. At the confluence of the Thames and Medway rivers, Rochester was an expanding seaport where there would have been opportunities for the early Wickendens seeking employment beyond the limitations of the farms to the south and west. The first family began christening children in 1757, and the last on record in the IGI was in 1855.

Marriages, Families and Christenings - A total of 45 christenings by **9 Wickenden families** are found from the records of the Saint Nicholas parish church during the 100 years between 1757 and 1855. No Wickenden marriages are recorded in the IGI.

Departures for Foreign Shores – The family of Thomas Rogers Wickenden (1826-1861) emigrated from Rochester, Kent, England, to Toledo, Ohio, USA, from 1867 – 1873. Thomas Rogers Wickenden was a grandson of James and Elizabeth.

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| **YEAR** | **FATHER** | **MOTHER** | **LAST NAME** | **OFFSPRING** | **EVENT** | **CHURCH** |
| 1757-1773 | James | Susanna(h) | Wickenden | 8 | Christenings  | Saint Nicholas |
| 1786-1797 | Thomas | Susanna | Wickenden | 6 | Christenings | Saint Nicholas |
| 1788 | James | Mary | Wickenden | 1 | Christenings | Saint Nicholas |
| 1789-1797 | John | Eliz(abe)th | Wickenden | 4 | Christenings | Saint Nicholas |
| 1790-1812 | James | Eliz(abe)th | Wickenden | 7 | Christenings | Saint Nicholas |
| 1814-1832 | James | Ann | Wickenden | 8 | Christenings | Saint Nicholas |
| 1813-1820 | James | Anne | Wickenden | 2 | Christenings | Saint Nicholas |
| 1820-1830 | Thomas | Sarah | Wickenden | 7 | Christenings | Saint Nicholas |
| 1855 | Joseph | Sarah | Wickenden | 2 (twins) | Christenings | Saint Nicholas |