

Family of: *ROBERT LEWIN Snr*

(1705 – 1886)

LONDON, ENGLAND



Secretary, Bank of England

Married Sarah Pitt,

Sarah Kirke,

Elizabeth Allcock,

Rebecca Hawtayne



Family of Robert Lewin Snr

Compiling a comprehensive document of the family of Robert Lewin Snr is quite a challenge.

Documentation is quite fragmented.

There **may** have been **other** Robert Lewins residing in **London** at the time and this adds to the challenge!

There is a distinct probability that Robert Lewin Snr had a number of marriages, **possibly 4 marriages**:

Marriage listings in London appear as follows:

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14 May 1735	Marriage	Robert Lewin m Sarah Pitt	St Anne & St Agnes, Aldersgate, London
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?	Marriage	Robert Lewin m Rebecca Hawtayne	?

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27 July 1743	Burial	Sarah Lewin (Possibly - Kirke)	
21 Dec 1747	Marriage	Robert Lewin m Elizabeth Allcock	St Leonards, Shoreditch, London
24 June 1748	Burial	Elizabeth Lewin (Possibly - Allcock)	Whitechapel, Middlesex
?	Marriage	Robert Lewin m Rebecca Hawtayne	?
14 Sept 1786	Burial	Robert Lewin Snr	Bunhill Fields, Islington, London
17 July 1794	Burial	Rebecca Lewin (Hawtayne)	Bunhill Fields, Islington, London

The Wills of both Robert Lewin Snr and wife Rebecca Lewin (nee Hawtayne) makes mention of 5 living children (documentation of birthdates are very scarce but other researchers have provided some possible details!)

Combining Marriage listings, Burial listings and Children listings, we can establish a more expansive Sequence of Events as follows:

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14 Aug 1739	Birth	Robert Lewin Jnr	Westminster, Middlesex
1740	Birth	Sarah Lewin	
1742	Birth	Edmund Lewin	
27 July 1743	Burial	Sarah Lewin (Possibly - Kirke)	
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Bet 1748-1751	Marriage	Robert Lewin m Rebecca Hawtayne	?
1751	Birth	Samuel Lewin	Borough of Hackney
10 June 1755	Birth	Elizabeth Lewin	
14 Sept 1786	Burial	Robert Lewin Snr	Bunhill Fields, Islington, London
17 July 1794	Burial	Rebecca Lewin (Hawtayne)	Bunhill Fields, Islington, London

In Summary!

Possible children of: Robert Lewin and Sarah Pitt – no children

Approximate Timeline of Sarah Lewin (nee Pitt)

- Born 27 November 1707 at Cornhill, Middlesex, London
- Married Robert Lewin 14 May 1735 at St Anne & St Agnes Church, Aldersgate, London
 - *No children:*
- **Sarah (nee Pitt)** died c1737 and buried at Bunhill Fields, Islington, London on 3 June 1737

Possible children of: Robert Lewin and Sarah Kirke

Approximate Timeline of Sarah Lewin (nee Kirke)

- Baptised 28 March 1708 at St James Church, Clerkenwell, Islington
- Married Robert Lewin 1 June 1738 at St Benet's Church, Pauls Wharf, London
- *Gave birth to:*
 - Son: **Robert Lewin Jnr** – born c1739
 - Daughter: **Sarah Lewin** – born c1740
 - Son: **Edmund Lewin** – born c1742
- **Sarah (nee Kirke)** died c1743 and buried at St Mary's Hornsey, Haringey, Middlesex, London on 27 July 1743

Possible children of: Robert Lewin and Elizabeth Allcock – no children

Approximate Timeline of Elizabeth Lewin (nee Allcock)

- Baptised 28 February 1727 at St Giles Church, Cripplegate, London
- Married Robert Lewin 21 December 1747 at St Leonard's Church, Shoreditch, London
 - *No children:*
- **Elizabeth (nee Allcock)** died c1748 and buried at Whitechapel, Middlesex on 24 June 1748

Possible children of: Robert Lewin and Rebecca Haltayne

Approximate Timeline of Rebecca Lewin (nee Haltayne)

- Born c1711
- *No marriage document* – possibly married between 1748-1751
 - Son: **Samuel Lewin** – born c1751, Hackney, London
 - Daughter: **Elizabeth Lewin** – born c1755
- **Rebecca (nee Haltayne)** died c1794 at Hackney, London and buried at Bunhill Fields, Islington, London on 17 July 1794

Lewin Roadmap

Our Lewin ancestor roadmap:

- **Mary Lewin** married Thomas Balls
- Mary Lewin was the daughter of **Robert Lewin (Junior)** (*a Unitarian Minister of Religion*) and Mary Hensman
- Robert Lewin (Jnr) was the son of another **Robert Lewin (Senior)** (*Secretary to The Bank of England*) and (? Sarah Kirke)
- Robert Lewin (Snr) was the son of another **Robert Lewin** and Theodotia Boultetage

Family of Robert Lewin Snr and Sarah (nee Kirke)

1.

*Robert Lewin (Reverend) - born c1739
married Mary Hensman - separate story*

2.

*Sarah Lewin - born c1740 - Single
- mentioned in the Will of Robert Lewin Snr - 1786
- mentioned in the Will of Rebecca Lewin (nee Hawtayne) - 1794*

Some researchers suggest Sarah Lewin was born c1740, but no record has yet been uncovered in order to support that information.

Sarah appears to have been unmarried and retained the Lewin surname in the wills listed above. There is no documentation relating to her life that is, as yet, been uncovered.

Sarah Lewin	
in the England & Wales, Non-Conformist and Non-Parochial Registers, 1567-1936	
<div>Detail Source</div>	
Name:	Sarah Lewin
Event Type:	Burial
Death Date:	abt 1803
Burial Date:	6 Dec 1803
Burial Place:	Spa Fields, London, England
Denomination:	Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion

*Sarah Lewin was buried on 6 December 1803 at the then **Spa Fields** burial ground in the Borough of Islington, London.*

***Spa Fields** no longer exists as a burial ground but was originally a small area which is now known as Spa Fields Park and is managed by the London Borough of Islington. Keen genealogists and family historians will know that today's park is just across the road from the London Metropolitan Archives.*

*The burial ground was originally privately owned and was then attached to a chapel used originally by the vicar of St James, Clerkenwell (the main St James Church is also nearby). Subsequently, the chapel was taken over in 1777 by **Selina Hastings, Countess of Huntingdon** who founded 'The Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion', a Calvinistic movement within the Methodist church.*

*The Spa Fields area, just to the north of the City of London, has a fascinating and, at times, turbulent history, having associations originally with Lady Huntingdon and her non-conformist chapel and Pantheon team room. Spa Fields was one of 64 chapels that she established across the country in the latter half of the 18th century. The Countess herself is buried at the nonconformist and nearby burial ground of **Bunhill Fields**, where **many of the Lewin family are buried.***



The burial service took place at **St Sepulchres Church, Holborn.**

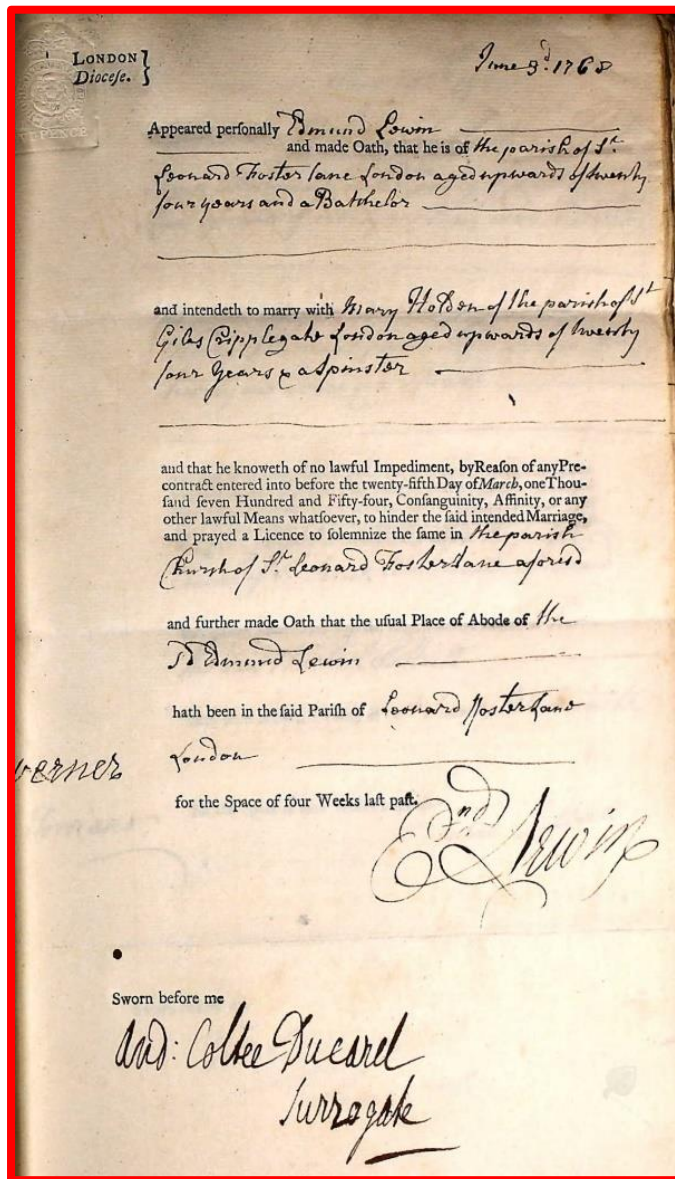
Holy Sepulchre London formerly and in some official uses Saint Sepulchre-without-Newgate is the largest Anglican parish church in the City of London. It stands on the north side of Holborn Viaduct across a crossroads from the Old Bailey, and its parish takes in Smithfield Market. During medieval times the site lay outside ("without") the city wall, west of the Newgate.

December	1803	Y	M	W	D	L	P	141
								73
						Brought up	58	10
6 Thomas Servton	St Sepulchres					4		5
6 Sarah Lewin	St Sepulchres					5		4
6 Charles Perry	Cripplegate					11		4
6 Ann Phillips	Pancras						10	4

Edmund Lewin – born c1742 – married Mary Holden

– mentioned in the Will of Robert Lewin Snr - 1786

– mentioned in the Will of Rebecca Lewin (nee Hawtayne) - 1794



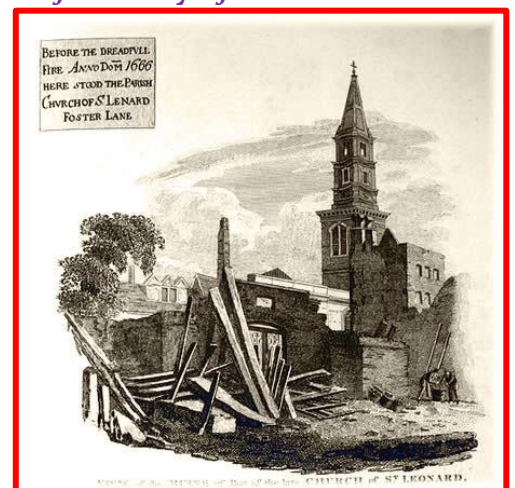
Some researchers suggest Edmund Lewin was born c1742 (as per his death record) or 1844 (as per a marriage record). It appears that his mother Sarah Kirke was buried on 27 July 1843, so it appears quite possible that his mother may have died giving birth to Edmund, or soon after.

On 3 June 1768, Edmund Lewin signed Marriage Bonds and Allegations to marry Mary Holden.

Edmund Lewin was a bachelor from the Parish of St Leonard's, Fosters Lane, London.

Noblac on the west side of Foster Lane in the Aldersgate ward of the City of London. It was destroyed in the Great Fire of 1666 and not rebuilt.

Ruins of St Leonard, Foster Lane



Mary Holden, a spinster, was from the Parish of St Giles, Chippendale, London.

Both Edmund and Mary Holden were listed as aged upwards of 24 years, my understanding being that they had not reached 24 years of age.

Date	Name	Age	Brought from
1810			
Nov ^r 26	Hannah Sykes	20 th Year	Tottenham
	John Robert Hodge	8 Yr 1 Month	Pitmans Buildings
	Elizabeth Hart	47	Bagnice Wells
	Benjamin Willis	2 Years	Old Bailey
	Mary Feels Browning	9 Mon.	Wapping
27	Frederick Basler	7 Mon. ^r	Sutton Street
	Elizabeth Chapman	2 nd 3 Mon.	James Street
28	John Sadson	17 Mon.	Old Street
29	Edmund Lewin Esq	68 Yr.	Holloway

Mary Holden, was the daughter of Oliver and Anne (nee Boothman) Holden. She was born at Musbury, Lancashire and baptised on 27 May 1744 at St James Church, Haslingden, Lancashire, the two villages being 3-4km apart

1744.	Christnings.	1744.
May 27 th	Elizabeth Daughter of Richard Ashworth Lab ^r	
---	and Elizabeth his Wife of Musbury?	---
May 27 th	Mary Daughter of Oliver Holden Labourer and	
---	Anne his Wife of Musbury?	---

Family of Robert Lewin Snr and Rebecca (nee Haltayne)

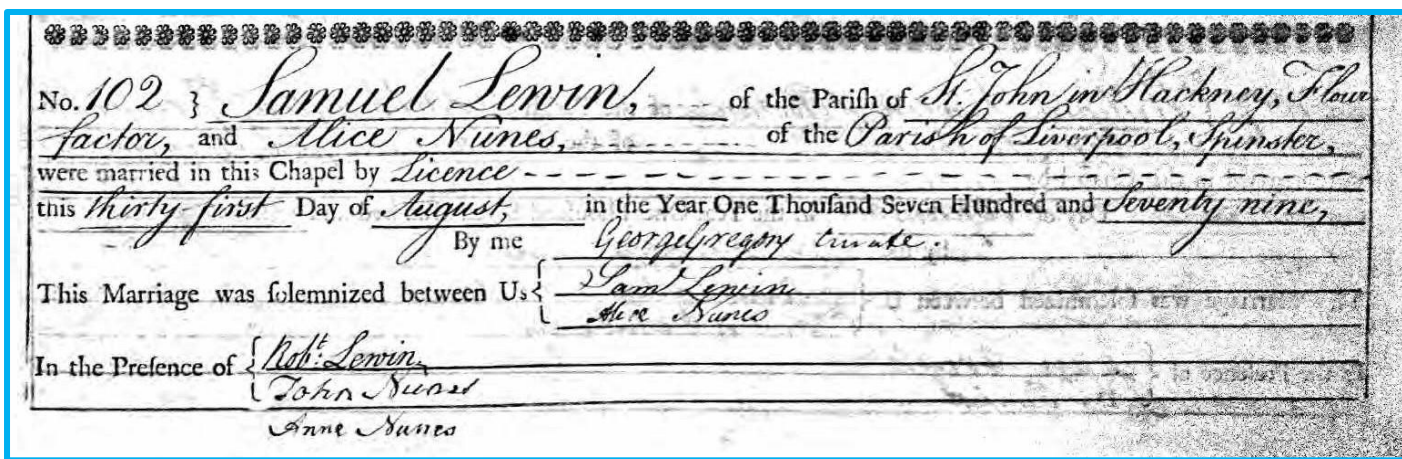
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Samuel Lewin - born c1751 - son of Robert Lewin Snr & Rebecca Haltayne - Grain Merchant - married Alice Nunes

Note: Samuel Lewin named one of his sons Samuel 'Hawtayne' Lewin, thus supporting the fact that Samuel's mother was Rebecca 'Hawtayne'

Samuel Lewin was born c1751 in the Borough of Hackney, London, England.

On 31 August 1779 Samuel Lewin took as his bride Alice Nunes at St Nicholas Church, Liverpool, Lancashire. Samuel Lewin was a 'flour factor', a grain merchant and miller of flour.



Alice Nunes was the daughter of Captain John Nunes (a mariner) and his wife Anne (Ann) Fox

Alice Nunns	
in the England & Wales, Non-Conformist and Non-Parochial Registers, 1567-1936	
Detail	Source
Name:	Alice Nunns
Gender:	Female
Event Type:	Baptism
Birth Date:	24 Jun 1758
Baptism Date:	14 Jul
Baptism Place:	Liverpool, Lancashire, England
Denomination:	Presbyterian
Father:	John Nunns

Alice Nunes was born on 24 June 1758 at Liverpool, Lancashire and was baptised a few weeks later on 14 July 1758 at the Renshaw Street Presbyterian Church in Liverpool. Present at the wedding was Robert Lewin (probably Samuel Lewin's half-brother who was a minister working at the same church. Also present were Alice's parents John and Anne Nunes.

Samuel Lewin receives a mention in the **London Directory of 1802**.

"Lewin Samuel, Esquire – Mere St [Mare Street] , Hackney"



Name	late Residence	Age	Date of Disease	Date of Burial	Particulars of Dices	From whom received	Amount	5
Catherine Burdett	Highbury Place Islington	19 yrs	1823	1823	Double Family Vault	Butt & Howard Parish Church St.	20	
Robert Meggum	Hackney Road	Infant	1823	12	Interment of a Child under 10 yrs	Mr. Briggs Knightsbridge	10	
Samuel Lewin	Mare Street Hackney	72 yrs	21 Jan	24 Jan	Common Family Grave	Butt & Howard Parish Church Street	4 4	

Samuel Lewin died, aged 72 years, on 21 January 1823 at Mare St, Hackney and was buried on 24 January, 1823 at St Thomas Square Cemetery, Hackney in a common family grave.

Samuel Lewin's obituary appears in **The Monthly Repository of Theology and General Literature**, Vol. 18.

Samuel Lewin, Esq. of Mare Street, Hackney. He was distinguished for his steady uprightness of character - for his generous virtues - for his ardent and unswerving attachment to the cause of freedom and human happiness. His mind was stored with a variety of knowledge, and was remarkable for its strength and as for its susceptibility. While he sat in stern judgement on his own conduct - he obtained the affection - the reverential affection of those who surrounded him. He was a fine example of the unbending and ennobling spirit of the older time, and dignified all his opinions by consistency and the habitual exercise of benevolence. As a son, he was a model of attentive and solicitous obedience - as a husband, almost unexampled in courtesy and kindness - as a father, commanding the respect and the veneration of his children. All these links are broken. The virtues which brightened around a pilgrimage of three and seventy years, light the pilgrim's path no longer: - but we will cherish their memory - and patiently look onward to their reward.'

A nonconformist in religion, Lewin was active in the Old Gravel Pit Chapel in Hackney (London), founded 1715 - 1716. The chapel was named after a gravel pit near the bowling green in Mare Street, Hackney; Lewin lived and worked (as a grain merchant) in Mare Street. In 1809, before Lewin's death, the chapel moved to new premises in Paradise Place, Hackney and soon identified itself as a Unitarian chapel. Other members of the congregation included the famed economist David Ricardo and Daniel Whittle Harvey, a Radical politician (the Radicals were a political group in England in the 19th century) who founded The Sunday Times and was the first Commissioner of the City of London Police.

Another interesting member of the congregation was John Bowring, a fascinating character believed to have spoken twenty languages fluently who translated poetry and wrote hymns as well as a children's book. A political economist and reformer, Bowring was a close friend of Jeremy Bentham,

edited the Westminster Review and entered Parliament. He would become the fourth Governor of Hong Kong, knighted in 1854.

John Bowring met the Lewins at the Gravel Pit Chapel and married Samuel's daughter **Maria** in 1818. She died in 1858, one of 300 - 400 European victims of a Chinese poisoning plot: bread made in the Esing Bakery on 15 January 1857 was adulterated with arsenic trioxide. No-one died at the time, but Lady Bowring never recovered, succumbing to the lingering effects of poisoning on 27 September 1858 in Taunton (Somerset) after returning to England with her daughter Edith.

Mrs Alice Lewin (nee Nunes) was buried on 18 July 1834 at St Thomas Square, Hackney. The grave was opened so that Alice would have been buried with her husband Samuel Lewin.

Name	Late Residence	Age	Date of Death	Date of Burial	Particulars of Burial	Interment	Cost	40
M ^{rs} Sarah Neale	Retreat Place	53 Yrs	1 June 1834	7 th 5 th	Single Interment	Brought over	3.2.0	
George Greenwood	Shoreditch -	8-2nd	13 th 3 rd	17 th 9 th	Opening a grave	M ^r Briggs	10.6	
John Dixon	Croydon	33 Yrs	22 nd 3 rd	30 th 3 rd	Opening a vault	M ^r Briggs	1.1.6	
M ^r Richard Blakemore	Globe road Mile-end	72 Yrs	27 th 7 th	3 rd July	Single Interment	M ^r Blakemore	1.1.6	
James Marrott	Hamerton -	43 Yrs	11 th 5 th	9 th 8 th	Single Interment	M ^r Jay	10.6	
James Battie Austin	Mare street	41 Yrs	8 th 9 th	12 th	Opening a grave	M ^r Pearson	10.6	
M ^{rs} Alice Lewin	Mare street	77 Yrs		18 th July	Opening a grave -	M ^r Rutts	10.6	

Sir John Bowring married Maria Lewin

(son-in-law of Samuel Lewin and Alice Nunes)

Sir John Bowring, (born Oct. 17, 1792, Exeter, Devonshire, Eng.—died Nov. 23, 1872, Claremont, near Exeter), English author and diplomat who was prominent in many spheres of mid-Victorian public life.



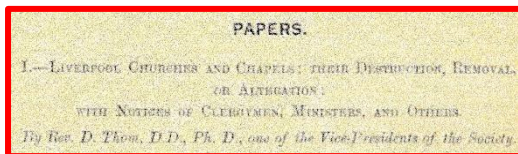
Bowring early became accomplished in many different languages while travelling abroad for commercial purposes. When the philosopher and economist Jeremy Bentham started the *Westminster Review* in 1824 as a vehicle for the views of English radicals, Bowring became co-editor of the publication, and he subsequently took over its entire management. From the 1820s on he published studies in and translations of the literatures of Eastern Europe and also of the Netherlands and Spain. In 1835–37 and 1841–49 he was a Member of Parliament, where he supported free trade, the repeal of the Corn Laws, penal reform, and the abolition of flogging in the army. He

advocated Britain's adoption of the decimal system of currency, securing the issue of the florin (two shillings, or one-tenth of a pound) as a step in this direction. Economic circumstances compelled him to take up a diplomatic career, and in 1849 he became British consul at Canton and superintendent of trade in China. In 1854 he was sent to **Hong Kong as governor**, and in 1855 he visited Siam (now Thailand), where he negotiated a treaty of commerce with the king. In 1861 he was sent as a commissioner to the newly created kingdom of Italy. Bowring was a major figure in the translation of liberal thought into what was in the 1850s and '60s to be Liberal Party politics.

Particularly remembered as the friend and literary executor of Jeremy Bentham, he subsequently published Bentham's *Life and Works*, 11 vol. (1838–43). Of special interest among Bowring's own writings are *The Kingdom and People of Siam*, 2 vol. (1857), and his *Autobiographical Recollections*, posthumously published in 1877 by his son.

Elizabeth Lewin - born c1755 - daughter of Robert Lewin Snr & Rebecca Haltayne - married William Walter-

Elizabeth Lewin was the half-sister of Rev Robert Lewin mentioned in the extract below:
The surname "**Walter**" appears in the extract below and as this brief outline of the life of Elizabeth Lewin unfolds the "**Walter**" surname will become clearer.



An extract from an attached internet publication states that in relation to **Mr Robert Lewin Jr**, "The gentleman, it appears, was a native of London, where his father for thirty years held a high and confidential situation in the **Bank of England**, and he had been educated at Mr David Jennings Academy, then in Well-Close Square, in the Metropolis."

Footnote: "Mr Robert Lewin was related by marriage to the illustrious and benevolent John Howard, who, I am informed on the authority of his, Mr Lewin's nephew, Mr Samuel Walter, occasionally visited him in Duke Street between Colquitt Streets. On one occasion, Mr Walter saw Mr Howard there."

Elizabeth Lewin	
in the London, England, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1754-1936	
Detail	Source
Name:	Elizabeth Lewin
Gender:	Female
Record Type:	Marriage
Marriage Date:	18 Oct 1774
Marriage Place:	St John, Hackney, Hackney, England
Spouse:	William Walter
Register Type:	Parish Register

On 18 October 1774, Elizabeth Lewin, a spinster, of St John's Parish, Hackney married William Walter, a bachelor, also of St John's Parish, Hackney.

It appears that Robert Lewin (half-brother of Elizabeth Lewin) performed the marriage service. Rev Robert Lewin was based at Benns Gardens / Renshaw Street Chapel, Liverpool, Lancashire

N ^o . 52.	{ William Walter - Bachelor	of this Parish & Elizabeth Lewin
Spinster - of the same		were
Married in this Church by Licence		
this Eighteenth	Day of October	in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred
and Twenty Four	By me Robt Lewis - Curate	
This Marriage was solemnized between Us {		The Mark T. of William Walter
		Elizabeth Lewin
In the Presence of {		John Railton
		Wm Plant