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Dates are presented Year – Month – Day

e.g. **1820 March 9** or **1820.3.9**
1820 March or **1820.3**

Dates will be shown in bold type if a reliable reference is presented in the document. In cases where an exact year cannot be given (e.g. it is derived from an age at death), the date will be presented in normal type and preceded with "c" – e.g. c1798. There are some cases where a date is available from a secondary source only (e.g. a published obituary), in these cases it will be presented in italics – e.g. *1823.7.21*

Data sources:

Census data have been used, whenever possible, to confirm relationships; they are not considered a reliable source of data concerning age. Contemporary newspaper family notices are considered as reliable sources of relationships and dates; reports and obituaries are treated more cautiously. Parish records generally provide a reliable source of data and digitised images have been used whenever possible. Any difficulties with transcription will be made clear. In some cases only transcripts have been available; errors here are usually confined to spelling. The most important source of this material is the International Genealogical Index compiled by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Utah. National Civil Registration Indexes are considered reliable, as are probate records.

Richard Middleton
James Robert Middleton

Jonathan Gibson (1749 – 1819.2)

*** married **Elizabeth Prudome** (c1743 - **1822**) on **1771.11.23**

←←← father
←←← mother

brother

Robert Gibson (1772 - 1776)

sister

Mary Gibson (1774 – after 1841)

*** married **John Thomas** (c1765 - ?1845) on **1819.12.9**

John Gibson (1778 – 1840.10.2)

*** married **Nanny Harrison** (**1784.5.6 – 1868.3.8**) on **1809.5.1**

son

Robert Harrison Gibson (1810.2.23 – 1838.11.5)

son

John Gibson (1812.7.1 - infant)

daughter

Hannah Gibson (1813.12.3 – 1879.10.9)

*** married **Rev. Joseph Wix** (**1811.5.5 – 1898.3.29**) in **1837**

g-daughter

Eleanor Frances Wix (1839 – 1887) [1875: Mrs F W Payne]

g-son

Charles John Wix (1840 – 1861.12.24)

g-son

Rev Joseph Augustus Wix (1842 – 1907.1.30)

g-daughter

Alice Hannah Wix (1844 – 1895.2.25) *Unmarried*

g-son

Rev Robert Henry Wix (1846 – 1927.4.9)

g-daughter

Louisa Wix (1848)

g-son

Louis Arthur Wix (1850 – 1888.10.17)

g-son

Edward Lionel Wix (1852 – 1919.4.24)

g-son

Rev Frederick William Gibson Wix (1853 – 1899.12.10)

g-son

Rev Cyril Poynder Wix (1855 – 1935.1.21)

g-son

Hubert Hector John Wix (1861.2.5 – 1942.11.29)

son

Rev John Gibson (1815.7.23 – 1892.11.10) Rector of King Stanley

*** married **Caroline Bendyshe** (**1824 – 1908.7.22**) on **1864.1.28**

No Issue

son

Henry Gibson (1817.7.3 - infant)

daughter

Eliza Ann Gibson (1818.10.17 – 1903.5.23)

*** married **Rev Thomas Baker MA** (c1811 – **1866.2.12**) on **1849.1.16**

g-daughter

Mary Cecilia Baker (1852 – 1898.5.12)

Unmarried

g-son

Rev Arnold Smart Baker (1855 – 1918.5.31)

Unmarried

g-daughter

Constance Elizabeth Baker (1857 – 1935) [1891: Mrs C P Wix]

g-daughter

Helena Beatrice Baker (1859 – 1932.11.4)

Unmarried

brother

Thomas Gibson (1780 – after 1839)

sister

Jane Gibson (1783.7.29 -)

1 married **John Rogers (c1783 - **1826**) on **1822.2.16**

nephew

William Rogers (1826 -)

Hornsey, Middlesex

2 married **John Barnes (- before 1839) on **1830.11.19**

Relationships shown are relative to John Gibson

Sources:

1751 May 16: Parish Register, Lastingham

Baptism of Jonathan Gibson, son of Jno Gibson of Hutton – being 2 years old.

1771 November 23: Parish Register, St Mary's, Scarborough

Marriage of Jonathan Gibson of Kirbymoorside and Elizabeth Prudome of the parish by banns.
Witnesses John Huntriss and John Jackson.

1772 March 22: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah

Baptism of Robert Gibson, son of Jonathan Gibson, Kirkby Moorside, Yorkshire.

1774 November 20: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah

Baptism of Mary Gibson, daughter of Jonathan Gibson, Kirkby Moorside, Yorkshire.

1776: Burials Register Kirkbymoorside, Yorkshire

Burial of Robert Gibson (4).

1778 February 15: Parish Register, Kirkbymoorside

Baptism of John Gibson, son of Jonathan Gibson.

1780 July 30: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah

Baptism of Thomas Gibson, son of Jonathan Gibson, Kirkby Moorside, Yorkshire.

1783 July 30: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah

Baptism of Jane Gibson, 2nd daughter and 5th child of Jonathan Gibson, labourer, and Betty Gibson, Kirkby Moorside; born 1883 July 29. Jonathan was the son of Jno. by Mary, Betty was the daughter of Raybank Prudoms, butcher of Kirkbymoorside, by Mary Hill.

1784 May 11: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah

Baptism of Nancy Harrison, daughter of Robert and Hannah Harrison; born May 6.

1809 May 1: England, Marriages, 1538–1973. Salt Lake City, Utah

Marriage of Nanny Harrison and John Gibson at Great Edstone, Yorkshire.

1810 March 25: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah

Baptism of Robert Harrison Gibson, son of John and Nanny Gibson, All Saints, West Ham, Essex; born 1810 February 23.

[He was apprenticed as a chemist to his father in 1824.]

1811 June 23: Baptism Register, St Andrew Undershaft, London

Christening of Joseph Wix, son of Charles and Elizabeth Wix; born May 5th.

1812 July 29: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah

Baptism of John Gibson, son of John and Nanny Gibson, All Saints, West Ham, Essex; born 1812 July 1.

1814 January 2: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah

Baptism of Hannah Gibson, daughter of John and Nanny Gibson, All Saints, West Ham, Essex; born 1813 December 3.

1815 August 23: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah

Baptism of John Gibson, son of John and Nanny Gibson, All Saints, West Ham; born July 23.

1817 July 19: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah

Baptism of Henry Gibson, son of John and Nanny Gibson, All Saints, West Ham; born July 3.

1818 November 15: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah
Baptism of Eliza Ann Gibson, daughter of John and Nanny Gibson, All Saints, West Ham, Essex;
born 1818 October 17.

1819 February 28: Parish Register, Kirbymoorside
Burial of Jonathan Gibson M.F.S. of Kirkby Moorside aged 29 years "*sudden death coroner's
inquest by the visitation of God*"

1819 March 8: North Riding of Yorkshire, Easter Quarter Sessions: coroners' records
North Yorkshire County Record Office, **QSB 1819 2/16/4**
An abstract of inquisitions taken by **Thomas Harrison of Kirby Moorside** one of the coroners
for the North Riding and given in at the Lent Assizes 1819 held at the Castle of York ...
- **Jonathan Gibson**. Inquest held at Kirby Moorside on 27 February 1819. Verdict: visitation of
God

1819 December 9: Parish Register, St Mary's, Scarborough
Marriage of Mary Gibson (45, spinster) and John Thomas (53, bachelor) at Scarborough.
Witnesses Sarah Young (her mark) and Richard Lilley.

1822 February 26: Marriage register, St Marylebone, Westminster
Marriage of John Rogers, widower and Jane Gibson, both of the parish.

1822 June 21: Parish Register, Kirbymoorside
Burial of Elizabeth Gibsn, widow of Jonathan Gibson of Kirkby Moorside, aged 78 years.

1824 October 13: Baptism Register, Bathwick, Somerset
Baptism of Caroline Bendyshe, daughter of John and Carolyne Bendyshe of Claremont Cottage,
Bathwick, Officer in the Navy.

1826 February 15: Burial Register, St Mary, Hornsey
Burial of John Rogers (43) of Muswell Hill.

1826 May 2: Baptisms Register, St Mary, Hornsey
Baptism of William Rogers, son of John and Jane Rogers, confectioner of Hornsey.

1830 November 19: England, Marriages, 1538-1973. Salt Lake City, Utah
Marriage of Jane Rogers and John Barnes, Scarborough.

1837 June 2: *Stamford Mercury
*MARRIED. ... On Tuesday last, at St. Mary's, Stratford, Bow, (by the Rev. Samuel Wix,
M.A., Vicar of St. Bartholomew-the Less,) the Rev. Joseph Wix, M.A., of Easton Maudit,
Northamptonshire, third son of Charles Wix, Esq., of Battersea-rise, Surry, to Hannah
eldest daughter of John Gibson, Esq., Tredegar-house, Bow.*

1838 November 10: *Yorkshire Gazette
*DEATHS. ... On Monday, the 5th inst., at Tredegar House, Bow, Middlesex, Mr. Robert
Harrison Gibson, eldest son of Mr. John Gibson, in the 29th year of his age.*

1839 April 3: Baptism Register (Bishops Transcripts), Easton Maudit, Northamptonshire
Baptism of Eleanor Frances Wix, daughter of Joseph and Hannah Wix, curate of Easton Maudit.

1840 October 14: *Blackburn Standard
*THE MAYORALTY. - An old gentleman, a Mr. Gibson, chymist in the Strand, we
understand, went on Tuesday to vote for Aldermen Pirie and Johnson. He was received by
the customary yells and hootings by the mob, and with cries of "Go home, old man, and
die; you've done your worst, you'll never vote here again:" and of "Go to your grave,
Harriet Wilson's waiting to comb your gray hairs." The old gentleman appeared very
nervous, and much alarmed at his reception. He went home to Stratford, and was in ten
minutes a corpse. He died of apoplexy. A similar instance occurred on Friday.—Morning
paper.*

[John Bull of October 19 specifies a death date of October 2.]

1840 October 18: *The Era

DIED: On the 2d inst., at his residence, Tredegar-house, Bow, Middlesex, after a short illness, John Gibson Esq., in the 63rd year of his age.

1840 October 24: Proved - The will of John Gibson, Manufacturing Chemist of Stratford, Essex. The National Archives, Kew – Prerogative Court of Canterbury PROB 11/1934/415

The will is dated 1839 May 31

One of his named executors was his brother-in-law **Michael Chapman Harrison**. The other was his friend James Law Jones.

Brother Thomas Gibson (1780 -) and sisters Mary Thomas (1774 -) and Jane Barnes (widow). Wife Nanny Gibson.

Son John Gibson, daughters Eliza Ann Gibson and Hannah Wix, wife of Rev Joseph Wix..

... after my decease I give my books pictures prints philosophical instruments coins shells fossils and all my natural curiosities unto my son John Gibson absolutely subject nevertheless and it is my will & desire that the same be permitted to remain in the possession and enjoyment of my said wife during her life or so long as she shall desire to retain the same ...

Although he leaves his fossils to his son he desired that they should remain in the care of Nanny for as long as she desired. This is why Richard Owen acknowledges her for providing access to her collection in his 1846 *A History of British fossil mammals, and birds*.

1840 December 20: FamilySearch.org, Essex Church of England Parish Registers
Baptism of Charles John Wix, son of Joseph and Hannah Wix, [Littlebury,] Essex.

1842 August 21: FamilySearch.org, Essex Church of England Parish Registers
Baptism of Joseph Augustus Wix, son of Joseph and Hannah Wix, Littlebury, Essex.

1844 January 21: FamilySearch.org, Essex Church of England Parish Registers
Baptism of Alice Hannah Wia[Wix], daughter of Joseph and Hannah Wia[Wix], Littlebury, Essex.

1846 May 21: FamilySearch.org, Essex Church of England Parish Registers
Baptism of Robert Henry Wis[Wix], son of Joseph and Hannah Wis[Wix], [Littlebury,] Essex.

1848 August 30: FamilySearch.org, Essex Church of England Parish Registers
Baptism of Louisa Wix, daughter of Joseph and Hannah Wix, Littlebury, Essex.
[She was buried in Littlebury on September 4.]

1849 January 20: *Yorkshire Gazette

MARRIAGES. Same day [16th inst.]. at Trinity Church, Tunbridge Wells, by the Rev. John Gibson, M.A., Fellow of Jesus College, Cambridge, the Rev. Thomas Baker, M.A., son of William Baker, Esq., of Chester-terrace, Regent's-park, London, to Eliza Ann, daughter of the late John Gibson, Esq., of Stratford, Essex.

1850 July 23: FamilySearch.org, Essex Church of England Parish Registers
Baptism of Louis Arthur Wix, son of Joseph and Hannah Wix, Littlebury, Essex.

1851: Census – 43 Lansdowne-place, Hove, Sussex

Nanny Gibson	head	widow	66	Fundholder	Kirbymoorside , Yorkshire
John Gibson	son	u	35	Clerk without care of souls, ordinarily resident fellow of Jesus College, Cambridge	Westham

plus cook and housemaid

1851: Census – Castle Gate, Nottingham

Jane Barnes	head	widow	67		York, Kirbymoorside
William Rogers	son		26	Optician	Middlesex, Hornsey

[later "6 Raleigh street"]

1852: Civil Registration Index

Birth of Mary Cecilia Baker registered in Steyning, Sussex, last quarter.

1852 September 5: FamilySearch.org, Essex Church of England Parish Registers

Baptism of Edward Lionel Wise[Wix], son of Joseph and Hannah Wise[Wix], [Littlebury,] Essex.

1853 October 24: FamilySearch.org, Essex Church of England Parish Registers

Baptism of Frederick William Gibson Wix, son of Joseph and Hannah Wix, Littlebury, Essex.

1855 September 21: FamilySearch.org, Essex Church of England Parish Registers

Baptism of Cyril Poynder Wik[Wix], son of Joseph and Hannah Wik[Wix], [Littlebury,] Essex.

1855: Civil Registration Index

Birth of Arnold Smart Baker registered in Steyning, Sussex, last quarter.

1857: Civil Registration Index

Birth of Constance Elizabeth Baker registered in Steyning, Sussex, third quarter.

1859 July 30: England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah

Baptism of Helena Beatrice Baker, daughter of Thomas and Eliza Ann Baker, Hove, Sussex.

1861 March 13: FamilySearch.org, Essex Church of England Parish Registers

Baptism of Hubert Hector-John Wix, son of Joseph and Hannah Wix, [Littlebury,] Essex.

[The 1939 Register of England and Wales [Kidderminster, Worcestershire} gives his date of birth as 1861 February 5.]

1861 December 30: *Liverpool Mercury

DEATHS. ... WIX – Dec. 24, at Littlebury, killed by the accidental discharge of his gun, aged 21, Charles John Wix, 1st battalion 11th regiment, eldest son of the Rev. Joseph Wix, vicar of the parish.

1864 February 6: *The Examiner

MARRIAGES. – On the 28th Jan., the rev. J. Gibson. to Caroline, daughter of the late J. Bendyshe, Esq.

[The parish register for St John the Evangelist, Westminster, shows that she was a spinster of 88 Cambridge-street, Pimlico.]

1866 February 20: *Chichester Express and West Sussex Journal

DEATHS. ... On the 12th inst., at 10, Brunswick-road, Hove, the Rev. Thomas Baker, aged 54.

1868 May 23: Probate Register. Lewes

Records the death of Nanny Gibson, widow, of Hove, on 1868 March 8. Will proved by Rev John Gibson of King Stanley, Glouc., her son.

1875 October 1: *Chelmsford Chronicle

MARRIAGES. ... PAYNE – WIX. – 22nd ult. at Littlebury church, F. W. Payne, Esq., of Highbury House, Lavender-hill, surrey, to Eleanor Frances, eldest daughter of the Rev. J. Wix, vicar of Littlebury.

1879 October 13: *Pall Mall Gazette

DEATHS. ... WIX, Hannah, wife of Rev. Joseph, at the Vicarage, Littlebury, Saffron Walden, Oct. 9.

1887 December 10: *Herts Advertiser

DEATHS. ... PAYNE – Nov. 29, Eleanor Frances, wife of F. Wyndham Payne, of Highbury House, Clapham, and eldest daughter of the Rev. T. Wix, Vicar of Littlebury, Essex.

1891 June 24: Marriage Register, Parish Church, Dorking
Marriage of Cyril Poynder Wix (bachelor, 35) Clerk in Holy Orders of Southsea, son of Rev Joseph Wix, and Constance Elizabeth Baker (spinster, 33) of Dorking, daughter of Rev Thomas Baker, by Rev Joseph Wix. Witnesses F Arnold Baker, Mary Cecilia Baker and Walter ?Rowside.

1892 November 14: *Dundee Courier

DEATHS. ... GIBSON. – At 85 Lansdowne Place, Brighton, the Rev. John Gibson, late rector of King Stanley, Gloucestershire, and formerly Fellow of Jesus College, Cambridge, aged 77.

[The Probate Register records that he died on November 10.]

1898 May 27: Probate Register, London

Records the death of Rev Joseph Wix of Watford, Herts, on 1898 March 29. Probate to Rev Robert Henry Wix, Edward Lionel Wix and Hubert Hector John Wix.

1898 June 24: Probate Register, Lewes

Records the death of Mary Cecilia Baker, spinster, of Brighton on 1898 May 12. Administration to Rev Arnold Smart Baker.

1898 July 23: Probate Register, London

Records the death of Alice Hannah Wix, spinster, of Guildford-lodge, Watford, Herts, on 1895 February 25. Administration to Rev. Robert Henry Wix, Edward Lionel Wix and Hubert Hector John Wix.

1898 September 28: Probate Register, London

Records the death of Louis Arthur Wix, fruit-grower of Mandarin, Florida, USA, on 1888 October 17. Probate to Emma Wix, widow.

1899 December 16: *Essex Standard

The Rev. Frederic William Gibson Wix, who died on Sunday at St. James-the-Great Vicarage, Bethnal Green, after a few days' illness, at the age of 46, was a son of the late Rev. Joseph Wix, Vicar of Littlebury, and had spent the greater part of his clerical life in East London.

1903 July 21: Probate Register, London

Records the death of Eliza Ann Baker, widow, of Brighton, on 1903 May 23. Probate to Rev Arnold Smart Baker and Frederick Arnold Baker, solicitor.

1907 February 7: *West Briton and Cornwall Advertiser

DEATHS. ... WIX. – At Quethiock, January 30, of pneumonia, the Rev. Joseph Augustus Wix, vicar of Quethiock.

1908 September 9: Probate Register, Lewes

Records the death of Caroline Gibson, widow, of Hove, on 1908 July 22. Probate to Rev. Richard Bendyshe and Rev Francis Nelson.

[She was a distant relation of Lord Horatio Nelson.]

1918 November 25: Probate Register, London

Records the death of Rev Arnold Smart Baker of Hampton Court, Middlesex, on 1918 May 31. Probate to Constance Elizabeth Wix and the Public Trustee.

1919 August 27: Probate Register, London

Records the death of Edward Lionel Wix of Worcester Park, Surrey, on 1919 April 24. Probate to Alice Wix, widow, Louis Henry Shadbolt, solicitor and Lionel Edward Wix, esquire.

1927 June 15: Probate Register, London

Records the death of Rev Robert Henry Wix of Harlow, Essex, on 1927 April 9. Probate to Hubert Hector John Wix.

1932 December 8: Probate Register, London

Records the death of Helena Beatrice Baker, spinster, of Hove, Sussex, on 1932 November 4. Probate to Evelyn Adelaide Gates, spinster, and Henry Mills Welsford, solicitor.

1935 March 8: Probate Register, London

Records the death of Rev Cyril Poynder Wix of Eltham, Kent on 1935 January 21. Probate to Dorothy Mary Jean Baptiste Wix, spinster, and Percival Richard Arnold Baker, solicitor.

1935 June 17: Probate Register, London

Records the death of Constance Elizabeth Wix, widow, of Eltham, Kent on 1935 May 2. Probate to Dorothy Mary Jean Baptiste Wix, spinster.

1943 March 30: Probate Register, Llandudno

Records the death of Hubert Hector John Wix of Wolverley, Worcestershire, on 1942 November 29. Probate to Maud Isabel Godfrey Wix, widow.

Appendix 1: Gibson's London connections

By 1821 John Gibson had connections, through his business activities, to some influential London Scientists. The most significant of these were Luke Howard FRS and William Allen FRS FLS etc. George (1998) argues convincingly that Gibson's role in the chemical and pharmaceutical industry were, certainly initially, in an administrative rather than technical capacity.

A significant piece of evidence is John Jackson R.A.'s pencil portrait of John Gibson, now held by St John's Church, Stratford. Jackson was born in Lastingham, just a few kilometres from Kirkbymoorside, in the same year as John Gibson, and it is known that the youthful Jackson had been a pupil of William Bearcroft at his Kirkbymoorside Academy (Jackson 1882). If John Gibson had been one of his classmates it would help explain why a noted society portrait artist would have drawn his likeness. Jackson is also responsible for a sketch and an oil portrait of Thomas Harrison, the latter now held by Scarborough Museums and Galleries. Although the Kirkbymoorside Academy would have been unlikely to provide much in the sphere of chemistry, it did advertise itself as "*particularly adapted to qualify Youth for Professional, Commercial, or Agricultural pursuits...*".

From 1807 Gibson was a junior partner with the Quakers Luke Howard and Joseph Jewell, trading as Howard, Jewell & Gibson. Howard invested £7295, Jewell £490 and Gibson £25, making him very much a junior partner. (George 1998 ex Slater 1965) Previously Howard had been in partnership with William Allen, in which Jewell and probably Gibson had been employed.

Deane, Henry. 1870. Notice of a living pharmacist. *Year-book of pharmacy*. 212 – 221.

"From the time I left school, in 1821, I was four years in a state of untraining. My father's [Moses Deane] business [baker?] was neither suited to my taste nor physical constitution, and I did but little in it. This state promised to be ruinous to my best interests in life, and perhaps would have been so but for the close friendship my father held with John Gibson, one of the firm of Howard, Jewel & Gibson (now Howards & Sons), whose eldest son and I were great friends and constant companions. I had the run of their laboratory and premises, and thus gained a predilection for manufacturing chemical pursuits. My investigations were a frequent source of annoyance to our maid-servant, whose proper domain was invaded by experiments with explosive compounds and fetid gasses. When I was about sixteen [c1823] years old, my kind friend, John Gibson, gave his son, myself, and another youth, who was our frequent companion, tickets for a series of lectures on Natural and Experimental Philosophy, which were delivered by a once-assistant in the house of Allen & Hanbury's ..."

[Note that Nanny Gibson's brother, Michael Chapman Harrison, was in partnership with John Deane as a chemist and druggist in Deptford until 1829, when John Deane took over the business.]

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George, W. H. 1998. *John Gibson (1774 – 1840) manufacturing chemist and collector of Pleistocene fossils from Kirkdale Cave, Yorkshire and Ilford Essex*. 20pp. Barking.

Jackson, M. P. 1882. John Jackson, R. A. *Leeds Mercury*, November 4.