**CLULEY APPENDIX TO Analysing Thomas MYLLS alias KENDALL’s 1605 Will**

House of Names etymology says:

The present generation of the CLULEY family is only the most recent to bear a name that dates back to the ancient Anglo-Saxon culture of Britain. Their name comes from having lived in the locality of Clulow, “in the township of Wincle, parish of Prestbury, Cheshire[[1]](#footnote-1). From Clulow Cross there is said to be a fine view over parts of Staffordshire and Cheshire.” [Source of quote: *A Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames: With Special American Instances*, by C W Bardsley (Wiltshire: Heraldry Today, 1901)

And goes on to list some variants: CLULOW, CLEWLY, CLEWLOW, CLULYE, CLULEE, CLEWELY, CLULEY & many more.

The ‘many more’ could include COLEY, COLLEY, COWLEY and such like. COLEY is fairly numerous in Bucks Wills, and COWLEY is a common north Bucks name. A search of Staffs RO online catalogue produced this tantalising entry:

D3359/52/23/14 (10 Jun 1629) Records of Challinor & Shaw, Solicitors of Leek – Clients papers – Misc clients – Misc deeds: Agreement re messuage called the Cocke in p. St Michael at Queen Hithe, London. Description: MILLS/COLLEY *[variant CLULOW in an earlier record]*

In the same group: D3359/52/23/19 - 18 Feb 1664/5 Copy will of John MILLS of Uttoxeter

Returning to the Bucks Wills database with this in mind:

1558 Richard COLLEY of Padbury

1559 Alice COLEY singlewoman of Foscott

1559 Simon COLEY of Leckhampstead

1559 Thomas COWLEY husbandman of Olney

1580 Henry COWLEY of Chicheley

1585 Ralph COLLEY clerk of Leckhampstead

1604 Alice COWLEY widow of Chicheley

1608 Henry COOLEY butcher of Ivinghoe Aston

1612 William COWLEY carpenter of North Crawley

1626 Elizabeth COLEY widow of Wendover

1626 James COLEY cooper of Wendover

**1627 Richard COULEY of Newport Pagnell**

1640 Matthew CRAWLEY of Tickford End, Newport Pagnell

1642 Joane COWLEY of Newport Pagnell

1642 John COWLEY of Sherington

1642 Robert COWLEY of Newport

1650 Robert COWLEY carpenter of North Crawley

1654 James COWLEY of Newport

1639 Amphilis COWLEY widow of Sherington

1675 Robert COWLEY of North Crawley

1686 Elizabeth COWLEY widow of Sherington

There are no 16th c. or early 17th c. Bucks CMBs for CLULEY other than Thomas KENDALL’s mge to Joan, on either FMP or Ancestry. Nor at TheGenealogist, though search results for CLULEY (phonetic search) 1578 +/- 50 years produced some amazing variants: CLUELY; CLEUELY; CLEEUELY; CLEWLEY; CLEUELEY; CLEAUELYE; CLIUELEY; CLEUELYE; CLULIE.

but my money is on a connection that Thomas had, with his unknown trade, of mobile carpenter, that led to meeting his bride outside NP, with London as a definite contender. It’s always possible too, that Thomas’s own family origins were in Cheshire or Staffs.

CLULEY & var probates can be searched online at FMP:

1602 James CLULEY single man of Dunwood, Leek, Staffs

1611 Agnes CLULOWE spinster of Leek, Staffs

1615 Elizabeth CLULOWE of Leek, Staffs

1623 William CLULOWE of Leekfrith, Leek

1629 Robert CLULOWE yeoman of Middlehulme, Leekfrith, Leek, Staffs

1631 John CLULOWE yeoman of Leek

1633 John CLULOW husbandman of Horton, Staffs

1687 William CLULOW yeoman of Thornyleigh, Leek

Cheshire probates are also online at FMP but the first CLULEY/CLULOWE/CL\* probate found there is dated 1742.

1. In the synchronicity we’re so used to now (small country of England) Prestbury is the home parish of young James BRADSHAW’s ancestors of that name and perhaps explains why the word ‘Clulow’ rang bells for me – it appears to have been one of the many locations within the giant Prestbury parish, alongside Poynton and Worth, where JB’s lot were, so I would have read it in PRs etc. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)