

Pretty family in Lyddington

Our attention has been drawn by John Pretty, johnpretty010@hotmail.co.uk, a genealogist and descendant of the Pretty family, to an entry in Lyddington Parish Register (ROLLR DE 1881/1A) in which the baptism of a John Pretty was recorded in 1595 and to a church levy paid by a Clement Pretty in 1625, recorded in the book of Lyddington Churchwardens' Receipts (ROLLR DE DE1881/40).

Clement Pretty was therefore already a resident of Lyddington in 1625 and the family had arrived at Lyddington before the 1670s as suggested on page 56 of our book. The earliest record we have found of a property transaction of the Pretty family in Lyddington Court Rolls occurs in 1639, when a Clement Pretty inherited a messuage which we have identified as 56, Main Street and a half virgate from his father, also named Clement (BH, Ex E8/14).

We have also been informed that John Pretty's son Joseph, born in Stamford in 1735, was the Joseph Pretty, maltster, who died in Lyddington in 1810. John Pretty had held the copyhold of the Homestead, 81, Main Street.