

## Postal Research Service Report

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### Report:

I searched the baptism register of Christ Church, Tynemouth [ref EP52/A5] from May 1776 to 1780, but found no reference to the baptism of a John Bee.
I checked our catalogues for references to other churches in North Shields/Tynemouth, but we have none that cover this period. The date shown is when the records start:- North & South Shields Roman Catholic – March 1807. Tynemouth Roman Catholic – May 1784. Stephenson Street Baptist Chapel [Tynemouth] – Nov. 1790. North Shields Associate Presbyterian – Oct. 1783. North Shields Bank Side Presbyterian – Sept. 1799. Bethel Chapel, North Shields – Aug. 1835. North Shields Meeting House – 1756 [But we have no records for this church]. North Shields Primitive Methodist – Aug. 1823. North Shields Wesleyan – Feb. 1808.
I searched the International Genealogical Index website [IGI] this indicates that there was a John Bee born in Horton in 1775 son of John & Elizabeth Bee as well as a John born All Saints, Newcastle on 26 Dec. 1773 son of Laurence. Horton is within the registration district of Tynemouth. Could this be your John?
I searched the transcript of baptisms of St Mary the Virgin, Horton [Ref M. 1147] and found the following references to John and other children of Jon & Elizabeth Bee;- 23 May 1775 - John son of John & Elizabeth Bee of Bebside. 5 July 1761 – Ann. 23 Oct. 1763 – William. 18 May 1766 – Christopher. 16 Oct. 1768 – Sarah. 12 May 1771 – Elizabeth. 9 June 1779 – Richard. 12 Jan. 1780 – Tomlinson.
I also searched our microfiche copy of the IGI which covers Northumberland only and I found no other Bee families in the county at that time.
I checked the IGI again for an entry for the marriage of John Bee & Mary Wilson, but found

	no references.
	We hold copies of the Northumberland & Durham marriage name indexes [AT159 & AT160].
	These cover the period 1813 – 1837, which is probably a little late for them if the dates of births are correct, but it was worth looking. No references were located.
	If the Horton John is correct [same date of birth 1 year out] I thought it was worth searching the marriage and banns registers of St Mary the Virgin Horton [Ref M. 1147] again I found no reference to John & Elizabeth.
	I then searched the banns & marriage registers of Christ Church, Tynemouth [Ref M. 701 & M.840] as well as the marriage register for St Mary's, Morpeth [Ref M.873]. There is no banns register for Morpeth. These registers were searched from 1796 to 1813 again no reference to a marriage was located.

<b>Notes</b>	
I am sorry that I have been unable to locate the marriage. The baptism in 1775 could possibly be your John Bee as the date [23 May] is the same as your records just a year out!	

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