



Manchester Cathedral

Francis Cooper was a Linen Weaver

His Bride was Sarah, daughter of Thomas Smithurst a Weaver from Blackley.

They chose to be married by Banns in this beautiful new cathedral in Manchester. Although their children were probably born in their abode in Blackley, their first children were taken back to be baptized there. Francis and Sarah were married 3 October 1774. They returned to have their first two children baptized there. Their home was in Blackley, but they did not take them to the local church..

- 1. Alice was christened 5 Feb 1775, Manchester Cathedral*
- 2. John was christened 15 Mar 1778, Manchester Cathedral*
- 3. William was christened 25 Feb 1781, St. Leonard's, Middleton*
- 4. Martha was christened 16 Mar 1783 St. Leonard's, Middleton*
- 5. Mary was christened 9 Jul 1786, St. Mary's, Prestwich*
- 6. Ruth was christened 19 Jul 1789, St. Leonards, Middleton*
- 7. Fanny was christened 17 Jul 1791, St. Leonard's, Middleton*
- 8. Charles was christened 10 Jul 1793, St. Leonard's, Middleton*
- X 9. Our Hannah was born 14 Oct in Blackley, then chr 29 Nov 1795 in Middleton.*

Note: The name Smithurst was also spelled Smethurst in the same record.