

Biographical Notes for John Panchen

1. Baptised at Hemsby, Norfolk 24 June 1782. He was the son of the Rev. John Panchen, Rector of Burlingham St Peter, Norfolk, and Susannah nee Utting.
Source: Hemsby Parish Register.
2. His father Rev. John Panchen died, aged 45, on 10 December 1793 and was buried at his church at Burlington St Peter on 14 December 1793.
Source: Burlington St Peter Parish Register.
3. Indentured as apprentice to Edward Smith, miller, 18 December 1799 at Strumpshaw, Norfolk.
Source: (a) Occupational Apprenticeships/The Genealogist web site – original list plus transcript including fee (20 guineas).
4. Married Sally Utting at Strumpshaw, Norfolk 29 January 1805. Witnessed by his mother Susanna (now married to Rev. William Nelson, Rector of Strumpshaw who performed the ceremony) and Edward Smith.
Source: Strumpshaw Parish Register.
5. Moved to Halesworth where he owned two adjacent post mills. These were located at OS references: Sheet 156 (Saxmundham & Aldeburgh) 383769 and 384769.
Source: (a) Personal visit to The Mills Archive.
(b) These same references are given on the Suffolk Mills Website where both mills are named “Pound Hill Mill” one mill is designated “Post Mill (Highfield)” and the other as “Composite Mill”.
<http://www.suffolkmills.org.uk/archivewindmills.html>
6. Five of his children were baptised at Halesworth during the years 1806 to 1811: they were John (2 Dec 1806), Thomas Utting Panchen (29 Feb 1808), Mary (13 Jul 1809), Nelson (3 Apr 1811) and Henry Utting Panchen (25 Aug 1813). Note: mother’s name given incorrectly as “Fanny” (see George Utting Panchen below).
Source: Halesworth Parish Register.
7. Sale by Auction of (a) two post mills and dwelling house located adjacent Soap House Hill, Halesworth (b) household effects and livestock - moved to Woodbridge late in 1814.
Source (a): Bury & Norwich Post 27 July 1814, p3 col 3.
Source (b): Ipswich Journal 1 Oct 1814, p1 col 2.
8. Son George Utting Panchen baptised at Woodbridge 23 August 1815, mother’s name “Sally”.
Source: Woodbridge Parish Register; 1871 census Workhouse Inmate North Road, Yarmouth.
9. Moved to Yarmouth sometime between 1815 and 1818. Two more children were baptised at St Nicholas Church, Yarmouth, Charles on 6 December 1818 and daughter Sally on 7 November 1820. John Panchen’s occupation recorded as miller in each case.
Source: St Nicholas Parish Register, Yarmouth, Norfolk.
10. Died in Yarmouth on 5 July 1841, buried at Strumpshaw.
Source: Norfolk Chronicle 31 July 1841, Death Certificate: occupation miller; cause of death – general decay.
Source: Strumpshaw Parish Register.
11. Footnote
The Mills on Soap House Hill were sold again in 1853, a fuller description of the mill buildings is given in this advertisement.
Source: The Ipswich Journal 26 February 1853 p2 col 1.

Submitted by Kenneth Panchen, great great great grandson of John Panchen, miller.
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