In the process of validating the ancestral pedigree of Michael John Denison (member D-31 of the DENNISON DNA Surname Project, Patrilineage 3, I have compiled from images of the original parish records all the entries for Jonathan DENNISONs (searching on the wildcard argument, “Jon* DENNISON”[1], of Yorkshire (West Riding) in Ancestry.com’s “West Yorkshire, England, Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1512-1812 Record for Jonathan Dennison” database.

Ancestry’s source for these data is given as “Yorkshire Parish Records. Leeds, England: West Yorkshire Archive Service”, but nothing is said about how comprehensive these records are with respect to parishes, nor is any information provided about the specific parishes or the scope of their church records. I have tried to address this deficiency in a limited way in my parish record headings below by providing beginning parish record dates, and orientation and distance information with respect to Leeds.

The format of my abstracts is:

Date of Event Name of Principal, Other Associated Names
Event Symbol

and the Event Symbols are defined thus:

¤ born
¢ christened/baptized
+ married
+b marriage banns posted
× died
® buried

Where available, I have preferred birth to baptismal dates, and death to burial dates, but where both dates are present, I have noted both in my abstracts.

[1] For DENNISON, I’ve searched on Dennison, Denison, Denneson, Deneson, Dinnison, Dinison, Dinneson, Dineson, Dannison, and Danison.
(NORTH) WEST OF LEEDS

GUISELEY (St Oswald) Ancient/Ecclesiastical Parish—NW of Leeds (adjacent), N of Calverly (adjacent); Records from 1586

YEADON EP was spawned from GUISELEY in 1845

19Oct1712  ‡ Thomas Dineson, son of Jonathan of Yeadon
2May1714  ‡ Jonathan Dineson, son of Jonathan of Yeadon, yeo[man]
18Mar1715[/6]‡ Abraham Dineson, son of Jonathan of Yeadon
22Feb1717[/8]‡ Joseph Dineson, son of Jonathan of Yeadon, yeo[man]
9Mar1717[/8]‡ Jonathan Dineson, son of Thomas of Rawdon, dece[ase]d
13Apr1720  ‡ Mary Dineson, dau of Jonathan of Yeadon, yeo[man]
29Apr1722  ‡ William Dineson, son of Jonathan of Yeadon, yeom[an]
4May1724  ‡ Ruth Dineson, dau of Jonathan of Yeadon, yeom[an]
6May1724  ‡ Ruth Dineson, dau of Jonathan of Yeadon, yeom[an]
1May1725  ‡ Benjamin Dineson, son of Jonathan of Yeadon, yeo[man]
6Aug1727  ‡ David Dinison, son of Jonathan of Horsforth [a Guiseley Parish chapelry]
22May1729  ‡ Jonathan Dinison, lab[ore]r
30Jun1773  ‡ Jonathan Dinnison, to Benjamin
6Oct1774 + Jonathan Dennison & Mary PADGETT, both of Guiseley; wits: Thomas Townsend, Peter Hudson
8Oct1775  ‡ William Denison, to Jonathan of Yeadon
1May1778  ‡ Hannah Denison (¢ 24May), to Jonathan of Yeadon
9Jul1780  ‡ Mary Denison (¢ 3Sep), to Jonathan of Yeadon
1Sep1786  ‡ John Deneson (¢ 24Sep), to Jonathan of Yeadon
24Apr1888  ‡ Joseph Denison (¢ 18May), to Jonathan of Yeadon
1Dec1790  ‡ Thomas Deneson, son of Jonathan of Yeadon
19Aug1794  ‡ Benjamin Deneson, son of Jonathan of Yeadon
18May1794  ‡ Jonathan Denison, to Benjamin [the link to the original record for this is invalid]
15Nov1794  ‡ Jonathan Deneson (¢ 14Dec), son of Joseph of Yeadon
28May1795  ‡ Jonathan Deneson, son of Joseph of Yeadon
29Jan1797  ‡ Joseph Deneson, son of Jonathan of Yeadon
16Oct1811  ‡ Joseph Denneson, son of Jonathan of Yeadon
BIRSTALL Ancient/Ecclesiastical Parish—SE of Leeds (adjacent); Records from 1558
TONG (St James) EP, derived from BIRSTALL in 1720, but the church records date from 1550

12 Oct 1716 ® “Jonathan son of Tho[mas] Dinison, yeo[man], sepul^t he = 1[2?]”
[“sepul^t” (root of sepulcher?) can only mean burial in this context, and the “=” appears to ditto “Oct^r” from a preceding line; unfortunately, Ancestry has chopped this database up into sections and there is no heading here for the year 1716 so I guess we’re just supposed to accept Ancestry’s abstract on faith.]

8 Jul 1750 ™ Mary Denison, to Jonathan, lab[orer]
19 Apr 1752 ™ Robert Denison, to Jona[tha]n Denison, husbandman
13 Oct 1754 ™ Jonathan Denison, to Jonathan, husbandman
10 Apr 1757 ™ James Denison, to Jonathan, husbandman
29 Apr 1759 ™ Thomas Denison, to Jonathan, husbandman
10 Oct 1759 ® James Denison, son of Jonathan, husbandman
13 Sep 1761 ™ James Denison, to Jonathan, husbandman
20 May 1764 ™ Grace Deneson, to Jonathan, husbandman
20 May 1764 ™ Ann Deneson, to Jonathan, husbandman
25 Dec 1764 ® Ann Deneson, dau of Jonathan, husbandman
26 Aug 1787 ™ John Dineson, son of Jonathan, piecemaker
23 May 1796 ™ Jonathan Dinnison & Mary Brooke; wits: Sam[ue]l Hater, John Webster
8 Dec 1802 ® Jonathan Dinnison, farmer, aged 74

BRADFORD ST PETER Ancient/Ecclesiastical Parish—E of Leeds (10m ctr to ctr), NE of Birstall (adjacent); Records from 1596

13 Nov 1692 ™ Jonathan Dinnison, to Thomas of Bolling
12 Oct 1740 ™ Jonat[han], to Jos[eph] Denison, carp[enter] of Eccles Hill
30 Oct 1790 ™ Betty Dennison, to Jonathan of Tong
20 Apr 1794 ™ James Dennison, to Jonathan of Tong
11 Jun 1797 ™ Mary Dennison, to Jonathan & Hannah of Cu**********
Jonathan Den[n]isons in the Parish Records of Yorkshire (West Riding)

LEEDS

LEEDS ST JOHN

14Nov1728 ® Hannah, dau of Jonathan, "Inabg^t"
18Aug1753 ® Jonathan, of Marsh Lane

LEEDS ST PETER

10Jul1727 + Jonathan Denison & Mary Ryder, Leedes
17Sep1730 ≡ Jonathan (¢ 18Oct), to Thomas
29Apr1753 + Jonathan Denison & Phoebe Conyers, both of "the town"
11Jun1754 ≡ Thomas Denison (¢ 3Jul), to Jonathan of Headrow
17Mar1759 ≡ Mary Denison (¢ 10Apr), to Jonathan of Low Row
[there’s a Dixon, and a Wilkinson on same page; these are surnames of DNA matches]
18Jan1766 † Elisabeth Denison (¢ 11May), to Jonathan of Lower Head Row
14Jan1770 ® son of Jonathan of Headrow; died of fever
21May1770 ≡ John Denison (¢ 23Jun), to Jonathan of Headrow
4Jun1773 ≡ Samuel Denison (¢ 26Jun), to Jonathan of Headrow
3May1774 ® son of Jonathan of Headrow
14Feb1762 + Jonathan Dennison of Guiseley & Mary MASON of this par;
    wits: Wm Dickinson, Mary Whitebread
30Aug1789 + Jonathan Denison & Betty Higgins, Hunslett
27Feb1795 ® Jonathan (aged 27) of Woodhouse Lane

(LEEDS) BEESTON (ST MARY)
a chapelry of LEEDS ST PETER until made an Ecclesiastical Parish in 1739

23May1788 ≡ Jonathan (¢ 25Jun), to Ben[jamin]
[There’s a duplicate entry of this in the books of Leeds St Peter]
Jonathan Den[n]isons in the Parish Records of Yorkshire (West Riding)

(NORTH) EAST OF LEEDS

WHITKIRK (St Mary) parish—E of Leeds (adj, 4m center to center; S of Barwick in Elmet (adjacent)

Records date from 1603

Many of the following church vital events concerned DENNISONs in Winmoor; as the baptism of Sarah (below) shows, Winmoor (Winmore, Whinmore) Village was in Barwick in Elmet Parish. Of particular interest is this initial Jonathan & Ann couple whose children’s names overlap with those of Jonathan & Ann Naylor of Tong; these families are clearly differentiated by the overlapping baptismal dates.

1Apr1739 † Jonathan Dinisson, to Jonathan, laborer
10Mar1744 [/5] † Isaac Dinnison, to Jonathan, laborer
20Aug1747 ‡ Jacob Denison († 25Oct), to Jonathan of Barwick
16Apr1750 † Ann Denison, to Jonathan & Ann of Winmoor
23Apr1753 † Joseph Denison, to Jonathan & Ann of Winmoor
18Apr1756 † Benjamin Denison, to Jonathan & Ann

[ next month a Benjamin is baptized to Joseph Denison of Colton, joyner]

11Sep1759 ‡ Isaac Denison, son of Jonathan of Winmoor
31Jan1762 † James Denison, to Jonathan & Ann of Winmoor
4Feb1762 ‡ James Denison
3May1764 ‡ Ann Denison wife of Jonathan
12Jul1772 ‡ Jonathan Dennison, of CrossGates, brickmaker, aged 57

5Jun1763 † Hannah Denison, to Jonathan the younger & wife Mary
6Apr1766 † Mary Denison , to Jonathan in Barwick Par by wife Mary
17Apr1774 † Sarah Denison, to Jonathan of Winmoor in Barwick Par
1Sep1776 † Joseph Dennison, to Jonathan of Barwick by wife Mary
8Sep1778 ‡ John Dennison (‡ 18Oct), to Jonathan of Winmoor by Mary
12Mar1780 ‡ Joseph Dennison (aged 1.5), of Jonathan, joiner of “Stark”? 
2Sep1781 † James Dennison, of CrossGates, laborer, of Winmoor by wife Mary
6Sep1800 ‡ Jonathan Dennison (aged 61) of CrossGates
29May1802 ‡ Jonathan Dennison (aged 1) of CrossGates

6Oct1805 † Jonathan Dennison, to Joseph, joiner, of CrossGates, by wife Ann
Jonathan Denisons in the Parish Records of Yorkshire (West Riding)

(NORTH) EAST OF LEEDS (continued)

BARWICK IN ELMET (All Saints)—NE of Leeds (adj, 8m center to center); N of WHITKIRK; records from 1653

7 Jul 1765  +b Jonathan Dinnison (of this parish) & Sarah Lucy (Whitkirke)
16 Jul 1775  ¢ Richard, son of Jonathan (carpenter) & Mary Dinnison, of Stanks
1* Aug 1777  ++ Joseph Dinnison (¢ 28 Sep), to Jonathan, son of Joseph & Mary
18 Jul 1780  ++ Mary Denison (¢ 10 Aug), to Jonathan, son of Joseph & Mary

OUT OF THE LEEDS AREA

HALIFAX ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

30 Mar 1794  + Jonathan Denison of Shirrent of this parsh & Sarah Everington of same;
            wits James Hollowell, James Butterfield

PONTEFRAC ST GILES & ST MARY

about 20m to the SE of Leeds

26 Nov 1798  + Jonathan Denison & Ann Taylor
18 Aug 1805  + Jonathan Denison of Leeds & Elizabeth Lindley

SILKSTONE WITH STAINBOROUGH ALL SAINTS—some 30m S of Leeds

26 Nov 1798  + Jonathan Dinnison & Ann Taylor, both of this parish;
            wits: Timothy Tayor, Thomas Wharton
19 May 1799  ¢ Jonathan Dinnison, to Jonathan, blacksmith, and wife Ann, of Silkstone