

# The Guest Family of St. George, Bristol, England *and related families*

Ancestors of Ethyl Winnifred Guest  
who married Florian Guppy  
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**Notes about writing family histories**

I had to force myself to actually publish this. Not because I am shy, or didn't want to share the results of my zillion hours of research, but because it isn't finished.

The thing is, it isn't ever going to be finished. Not if I work on it for the next five hundred years. There is always that one more elusive bit of information that could cast a whole new light on someone's life. And, if I wait until everything is done, no one will ever see what I have learned so far.

So here it is – all the wonderful discoveries, the omissions, the insights into the lives of people whose decisions and choices put us where we are today, the misinterpretations, probably more information than you wanted about some of these people, and the errors.

**Updating**

We maintain several genealogy-based websites. One of these, our World Connect site, is updated periodically with the latest corrections to our database. You can check it at <http://worldconnect.genealogy.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?db=rossbus> to see if we have made corrections to most of the families in this book. The major exceptions (at the moment) to that are the families in the "Guest Cousins" chapter. The connection to our direct ancestors is too speculative for us to have added that branch to our main database (so far).

Our other websites are:

Our Family History Collection at <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~guppyross/> is where we post original documents and photos relating to our families.

The Guppy Research Site at <http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?db=guppy> is the database we are accumulating with all the Guppy genealogy information we can find including those with no known connection to our family.

Guppy.ca at (what else) <http://www.guppy.ca/> is a site where we post anything relating to Guppys (other than fish) worldwide. "More than just a fish!"

Jeanne Ross

Monday, September 12, 2005

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## Introduction

This is the story of the ancestors of Walter Guest, whose daughter, Ethel Winnifred Guest (known as Winnifred), married Robert Florian Bernard Lechmere Guppy, and was the parent of the Guppy Family of Tofino, British Columbia, Canada. Her sons have told the story of Florian and Winnifred Guppy in several books and articles – but the knowledge of our English ancestors has been lost. Since this book contains a large amount of information about dozens of people who are mostly unknown to you, I have tried to make it easier to understand the relationships by indicating who the people are in relation to Ethel “Winnifred” Guest.

In the 1700s and 1800s, the Guest men were businessmen, labourers, shop and pub owners, hauliers (equivalent to a modern trucker), tailors, cobblers, green grocers, butchers, and a host of other skilled and semi-skilled people in the Cotswold coal mining and manufacturing area east of Bristol. The oldest man that I have traced with certainty so far, Stephen Guest<sup>1</sup>, married the daughter of a burgess<sup>2</sup> of Bristol and became one of this privileged group. The fact that he was able to do so, suggests that he already had some standing in the community beyond that of a common labourer. There is also evidence that he owned coal mines, buildings and land, and had an above-average income.

Although Stephen’s children had a survival rate that was low even in that time of high infant mortality, his one surviving son, also Stephen, had children who lived to benefit from the arrival of a railway system that soon criss-crossed all of Britain – and contributed to a dispersal away from the Bristol area. Our ancestors moved to the area west of London, because Samuel Guest, son of Stephen II, was transferred there by the Great Western Railway.

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<sup>1</sup> See page 9 for the descendents of Stephen Guest.

<sup>2</sup> Bristol, like other cities in England, was controlled by a group of men known as the Burgesses. The Burgesses elected the members of the Corporation of the City of Bristol and controlled who was allowed to trade in the city, as well as elected one of themselves as the Member of Parliament for Bristol. Their influence was immense and extended far outside the city limits. Entry into the group, being “Admitted to the Liberties”, was possible through being sponsored by existing members, by apprenticing with a Burgess, by inheritance, or by marrying a daughter of a Burgess.

## Background

On the southwestern coast of England, the Bristol Channel forms a division between Cornwall and Wales and provides a shallow, protected harbour that cuts well into the interior of the country. It is fed by two large rivers, the Severn, which flows from the central interior, and the Avon, a meandering, shallow river that flows through the gentle hills of Gloucestershire.

Near the mouth of the Avon lies Bristol, an ancient centre of commerce. Its importance is underlined by the fact that it is one of the very few cities to have county status, although the county of Gloucestershire surrounds it.

In the eighteenth century, Bristol was the second most important city in England, after London. England itself was one of the most influential countries in Europe with colonies around the world and a huge merchant marine industry. Bristol had huge docks and was the centre of trade to the Americas, while London was the centre of trade to Europe, Africa and India.

### *PARISHES TO THE EAST OF BRISTOL*

Until recently, the city (and county) of Bristol was very small, only a few miles in diameter, little more than the medieval walled city, but the effective urban area was much larger, and included a number of parishes of Gloucestershire. The Guest family of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries was centered in the parish of St. George, Gloucestershire, on the eastern edge of Bristol. Today, St. George is part of Bristol and covered with housing developments. Even the parish church of St. George and its graveyard have been built over. The gravestones, which may have provided insights into the families in the area, are thought to be buried under huge mounds that form part of the landscaping of the new development.<sup>3</sup> Fortunately, the church records have survived and are available on microfilm.

The distance between Bristol and Bath, via the road that is approximately parallel to the Avon River, is about 12 miles. In the first eight miles of that distance lie the parishes of St. George and Bitten. Within the parish of St. George are Two Mile Hill, White's Hill, Whitehall, Whiteway, Pyle Marsh, Redfield, Air Balloon Hill, Bell Hill and Crew's Hole. The Parish of Bitten, located between St. George and Bath, includes the hamlets of Hanham and Oldland, as well as Longwell Green, Cadbury Heath and Warmley. The north side of Bitten and northeastern St. George is known as Kingswood Forest, and, in the 1700s and early 1800s, hid deserters from the Royal Navy and those hiding from press gangs, as well as an assortment of others seeking anonymity. Originally Kingswood was a royal hunting preserve, and by the 1700s was controlled by four aristocrats who leased land to miners and others who worked the land.

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<sup>3</sup> St. George the Martyr, St. George, Bristol, 1752-1985 <http://members.aol.com/bristolchurches/geogeo.htm>

ST. GEORGE: WHERE OUR RELATIVES LIVED, THEIR INNS, PUBS AND CHURCHES

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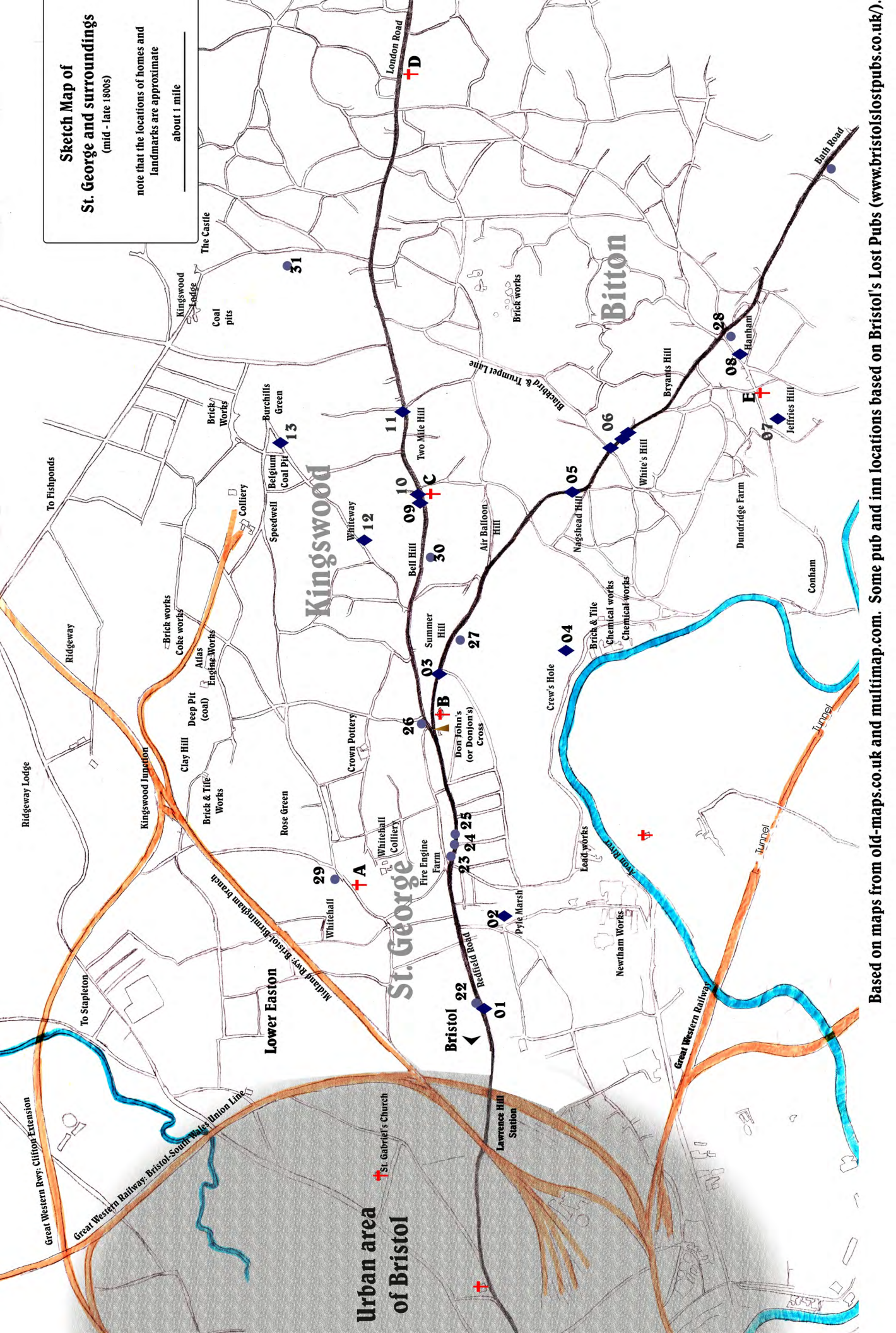
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**Sketch Map of  
St. George and surroundings**  
(mid - late 1800s)

note that the locations of homes and landmarks are approximate  
about 1 mile



**Urban area  
of Bristol**

## Coal Mines

In the 1700s, the population lived in a number of small hamlets with the economy anchored by coalmines. Coal miners, or colliers, were a hardy, proud group of people whose job was hard, dirty and dangerous. Much of the history of this and other coal mining areas in England during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries is punctuated by strikes and disputes directed at improving job conditions and raising wages above the poverty level.

The colliers of Kingswood, as they were known, were amongst the most militant. John Wesley, founder of the Methodist religion, who began his preaching in the Bristol area, once wrote: "Few people who have lived long in the West of England have not heard of the Colliers of Kingswood; a people famous from the beginning hitherto for neither fearing God nor regarding man. So ignorant of these things of God that they seemed but one remove from the beasts that perish and therefore utterly without desire of instructions as well as without the means of it."<sup>4</sup> Ironically, the Kingswood colliers gradually became converted to Methodism, until it was the dominant religion in the later 1800s.

In the 1700s, a collier began working as early as age eight and his (or her) workday may have been over 12 hours long. It was 1819 before the working day for juveniles was cut to 12 hours, and the Mines Act of 1842 banned women and children under ten from working underground. In 1844, children aged 8-13 had a 6.5 hour working day limit, and in 1847 there was a work-day limit of 10 hours imposed for children 13-18. These new regulations were influenced by a report by Elijah Waring<sup>5</sup> prepared in 1842 on the employment of children in the coalpits.

Coal mining was a dangerous occupation, and fatalities were common, and from a variety of sources. On February 19, 1776, for example, four men were drowned when water broke into the Kingswood coal pits, and 12-year-old Solomon Legg died similarly in 1795. Water seems to have been a common source of calamity as five miners were drowned in Warmasley in 1796 and seven others narrowly escaped.

In June of 1784, a miner was crushed to death by a large stone underground at Coalpit Heath. Another man was killed in 1788 when the floor of the pit collapsed. In a rather odd accident, Joseph Green was blown into a coalpit at Coalpit Heath by a gust of wind. Sixteen year-old William Iles fell out of the cart that was carrying him 80 fathoms deep into a coalpit at Mangotsfield. Coal gas killed Henry Bryant, age 13, in 1796. A particularly sad occurrence was the death of 16-year-old Samuel Chilcott in 1796 -- the third son of Joseph Chilcott's to have been killed in the Great Cast Pit in the last year<sup>6</sup>. While none of these accidents directly involved relatives of ours, it is likely that some of our ancestors died in similar, but unrecorded, mining accidents.

Accidents at the established mines were not the only source of coal-related injuries. In order to alleviate their poverty, some people took to excavating small, surface seams for their own benefit or to sell in small quantities to others. For instance, in November of 1777, William Palmer was ordered to fill in his pit by Christmas Day or be fined two shillings because it was hazardous to people walking through the area.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> *Annals of Kingswood Forest*, from Bristol Then and Now, <http://myweb.ecomplanet.com/CRIB7554/mycustompage0004.htm>

<sup>5</sup> The Children's Employment Commission was set up in 1840 to examine the employment of children in mining and manufacturing, and its report, written by Subcommissioner Elijah Waring, and issued in 1842, detailed abuse of children in several industries, but especially in mining.

<sup>6</sup> *Coal Mining History Resource Center* <http://www.cmhrc.co.uk/>  
*Bristol History, Then and Now* <http://www.bristolhistory.com/default.htm>

<sup>7</sup> *Kingswood News and Events* parts 1 and 2 from Bristol Then and Now <http://myweb.ecomplanet.com/CRIB7554/mycustompage0012.htm>

*COLLIER UPRISINGS*

It is hardly surprising, given the working and living conditions of the miners, that many colliers became very militant in their fight against the "establishment", as we would call it today. It would be a mistake to assume that most of the militants were criminal, however. In the main, strikes and protests were relatively non-violent unless the participants were forced into it. In an amusing incident in 1796, a group of colliers captured two bailiffs who were collecting tithes and let them down into a coalpit until two in the morning, when they were brought up and fed gingerbread and gin, before being returned for a further 24 hours. By this time, they gave an oath not to bother the colliers of Kingswood again and were released.<sup>8</sup>

Aggravating the poverty problems was the fact that as the demand for coal dropped in the summer, many colliers were unemployed during those months. Fortunately, this was the time when the many market gardens in the area needed laborers; so many men were colliers part of the year and agricultural laborers the rest of the time.

*OTHER INDUSTRY*

Although coal mining was the single largest industry, it would be wrong to assume that the majority of jobs were for colliers. Because of the proximity to Bristol, there were a number of manufacturing operations in the area. The garment industry employed shoemakers (or cordwainers), hatters, corset makers, and dressmakers. In the late 1700s, the Champion Brassworks operated a smelting operation in Warmley for copper and zinc as well as making finished products such as pins and wire. Unfortunately, Champions could not compete with the Bristol Brass Company and it closed in 1768. Twenty years later, the Brass Battery, Wire and Copper Company of Bristol opened a copper smelting operation, also in Warmley. There were also stoneware and pottery works, a battery mill in Bitton that was converted to a paper mill in 1825, and a variety of other enterprises. The Fry's Chocolate Factory employed many people, bringing chocolate in from the West Indies through Bristol, then selling it across the country. Sugar refining was a major industry that our ancestor, Samuel Guppy<sup>9</sup> and his sons were involved in. And, of course, the market gardens previously mentioned were a steady source of jobs in an industry that supplied food to Bristol as well as the local population. In addition, there were many people employed as hauliers (the eighteenth-century equivalent of truckers) who moved produce as well as coal.

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<sup>8</sup> *Kingswood News and Events* parts 4, from Bristol Then and Now, <http://myweb.ecomplanet.com/CRIB7554/mycustompage0015.htm>

<sup>9</sup> Samuel Guppy was the great-grandfather of Florian Guppy, husband of Winnifred Guest. His refinery was on the west side of Bristol, not in the St. George area. He was also involved in nail manufacturing, but again not in St. George.

*WORKING IN A COAL MINE*<sup>10</sup>**Working Conditions in the District**

Methane gas was rare in Kingswood District. Men worked by light from a naked flame of a candle stuck in their hats by T-shaped iron holders.

Boys were used in thin seams where men could not go, and were used, for the most part, as tuggers and pushers. Tubs of coal were pulled by boys who were harnessed to them. The harness was attached to the tub by a chain which went between the boys legs and attached to a hook on the tub. A Government Inquiry was established in 1841 to look into conditions of boys. Elijah Waring was the official sent to Kingswood as part of the Inquiry<sup>11</sup>. Waring said that the method of 'tugging' struck him as being 'very painful. An overseer compared the boys to horses whose necks were tender when first broken to the collar. Most of the boys said that it had once hurt them but that they were now fully fledged miners. Boys aged 10 and 11 were commonplace. Waring met Abraham Brain, aged 10, who had been working underground for a year and earned 3d (1p) a day. He had no shoes and complained of a tightness in his chest. The youngest miner, Waring, found was only seven and a half and had been working for a year in Easton.

Lord Shaftsbury's Act of 1842 laid down that boys working in mines had to be at least 10 years of age. However there is evidence that boys younger than 10 continued to be employed in the Kingswood coalfield. Old men who ought to have retired also continued working underground as their alternative was the feared local Workhouse.

**1860s - Ben Tillet's recollections of Easton Pit**<sup>12</sup>

Ben Tillet, (1860-1943) was born in John Street which was on the corner of Coalpit Lane. He was a founder of the Labour Party and helped to establish the National Transport Workers' Federation. He became the Union's leader and in 1911 won a national strike. He retired as an MP for North Salford in 1931.

He wrote in his memoirs of his Easton childhood:

I was born in Easton, Bristol on 11 September 1860 in a tiny house in John Street, not many yards from Easton Coal Pit.

It was a drab and mean street and most of its inhabitants worked in the pit. The outlook was black, gaunt and smoky against the sky line. The buzz and musical clamour of the circular saw, swiftly cutting timber and pit props to length, driven by an engine with a deep-voiced exhaust added to the industrial orchestra.

I remember a mountain of coal forever being enlarged by tipping drums and tanks on wheels that fell over the heap with a swishing sound of shingle.

I remember the pit's mouth, the clicking of the small truck - a sound that came back to me years afterwards when I heard the click of the cell door when the jailers peered through.

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<sup>10</sup> Taken from Living Easton, Easton Colliery,  
[http://www.cems.uwe.ac.uk/~rstephen/livingeaston/local\\_history/coalmining/felix\\_road\\_pit.html](http://www.cems.uwe.ac.uk/~rstephen/livingeaston/local_history/coalmining/felix_road_pit.html)

<sup>11</sup> This inquiry resulted in a report by Elijah Waring, Esq., on the Employment of Children and Young Persons in the Collieries of South Gloucestershire and on the State, Condition, and Treatment of such Children and Young Persons  
<http://www.cmhrc.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk/glou.htm>

<sup>12</sup> The Easton Colliery is an example of a typical large colliery in the Kingswood area in the mid-1800s. While detail will vary from operation to operation, the general conditions would be the same.

One of my relatives, a collier Pruett by name, who could fight and pray and curse with the same vehemence that he could preach, cured me of my plan to go down the pit. He took me down into the seemingly bottomless pit and terrified me. I saw awesome blackness: spluttering candles on greasy caps, dirt and mud, pools of filthy water, stifling heat, the rush and tempest of everyone pushing, bawling, shouting and cursing.

I played at the pit mouth, receiving a share of food, drinks of tea, many rough clouts, and many more kind and tender expressions of sympathy.

### 1883 - Underground Conditions in Easton Pit

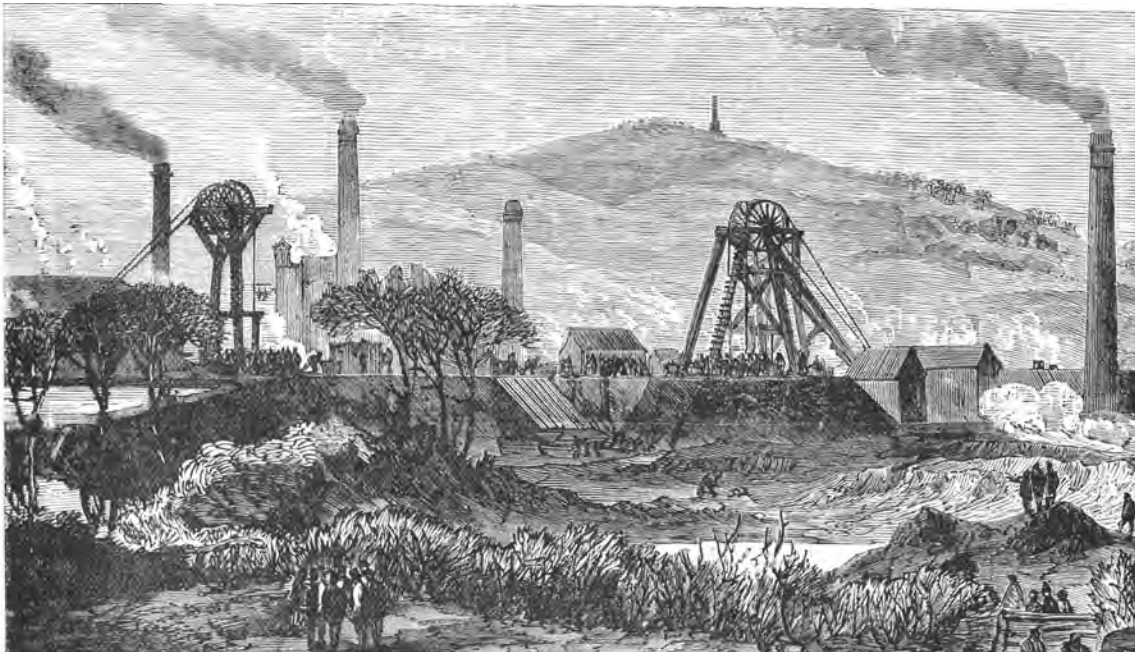
The time to 'man-ride' down the shaft was a minute and a quarter.

At the bottom of the shaft there was a 'substantial brick-built tunnel' at the end of this archway the timber shoring started. A roadway lead through a 'lofty passage' to 9ft high and 'well furnished and whitelined' stables which held 20 horses. Horse fodder was chopped and mixed at a workshop on the surface. Water came from a spring about 40 fathoms (240 feet) down the pit shafter All supplies came by tram-cars. Some of the horses never went 'up top' for 10 - 15 years.

Men worked with pickaxes and spades in a choking atmosphere and nearly naked at the coal face when hewing coal. Several men usually worked together at the face; one cut the coal, another filled the tram and a third pushed the tram to the bottom of the incline. When 4 trams were filled a signal was given to the engine-driver on the surface to take them upwards.

Wicker baskets were used by boys in those workings which were too narrow for trams to enter. When full, each basket would contain one hundredweight of coal. Because of piecework the boys were under pressure to work as quickly as possible as they slid and slithered down inclines pulling the basket by a chain attached to a rope around his waist. The boys earned on average three times as much as a boy of his age earned in a factory.

Miners worked in seams which were sometimes quite thick, sometimes up to 16 feet. These thick seams were not liked as a fall of a small piece of roof from such a height could seriously injure or kill a miner whereas in lower workings it would do little or no harm. Thick workings were also difficult to timber and it took skill to work the coal out from between the bands of unwanted 'rubbish and dirt'.



Drawing of a colliery from Boys Own Paper, Volume X, No 505, September 15, 1888

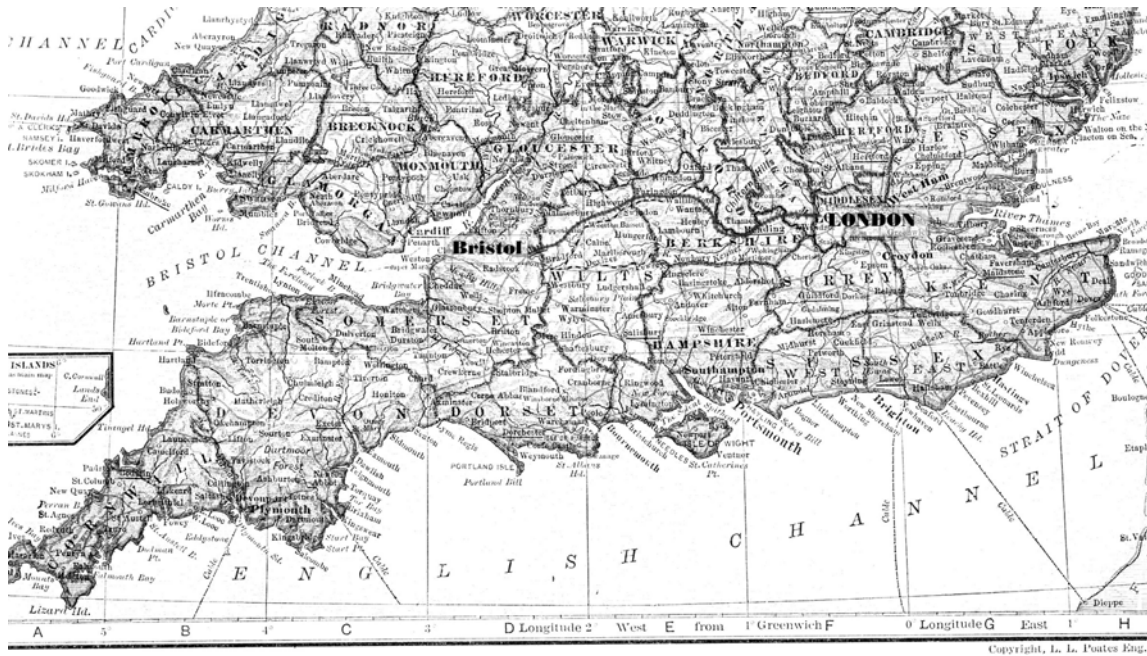
EDUCATION

In spite of this industry, however, life was often hand-to-mouth, and in poorer families everyone over the age of ten worked. Usually the boys worked as laborers or colliers and the girls as laundresses, seamstresses, pinmakers, etc. Since children worked six days a week, education was limited to Sunday School, and most people grew up illiterate. It was 1785 before the first Sunday School opened in St. George. A few children were lucky enough to attend the Methodist School that was founded in Kingswood in 1748 by John Wesley. Unfortunately, since tuition wasn't free, and most of the students were paying boarders from outside the area, this was not of benefit to the main population. The result was that the sons of the colliers and the students generally held one another in contempt.

RAILWAYS

This way of life was finally changed forever in the 1800s by the development of railways. Families who had occupied the same homes for generations, and who seldom ventured far from where they were born, were becoming mobile. The young people began to find jobs that took them away from their home parishes. The first railway in the area was the Avon and Gloucestershire Light Railway that opened in 1832, and was used to haul coal to Bristol. There were also a number of small, privately-owned rail systems for hauling coal from the various collieries.

It was the construction of the Great Western Railway (GWR) from Bristol to London, a distance of 114 miles, which resulted in a movement of people between the two cities. The GWR was the brainchild of a group of Bristol businessmen<sup>13</sup> and I. K. Brunel, a brilliant engineer. Once the plans had been made and the decision to begin construction confirmed, the company began sending agents into the poorer areas, such as St. George and Bitton, to recruit laborers. Many of these continued working for the GWR in other capacities including porters, signalmen, and engineers once the construction was completed. Some families became "Railway families" with sons following their fathers.



Southern England, showing the route of the first line of the Great Western Railway from Paddington Station in London to Bristol.

original map from *The New World Atlas & Gazetteer*, ed. Francis J. Reynolds, 1925 edition, F. Collier & Son Co., New York

<sup>13</sup> Including Samuel Guppy and his son Thomas Richard. T.R. Guppy was an engineer and also involved in building ships for the Great Western Steamship Company, a related company.

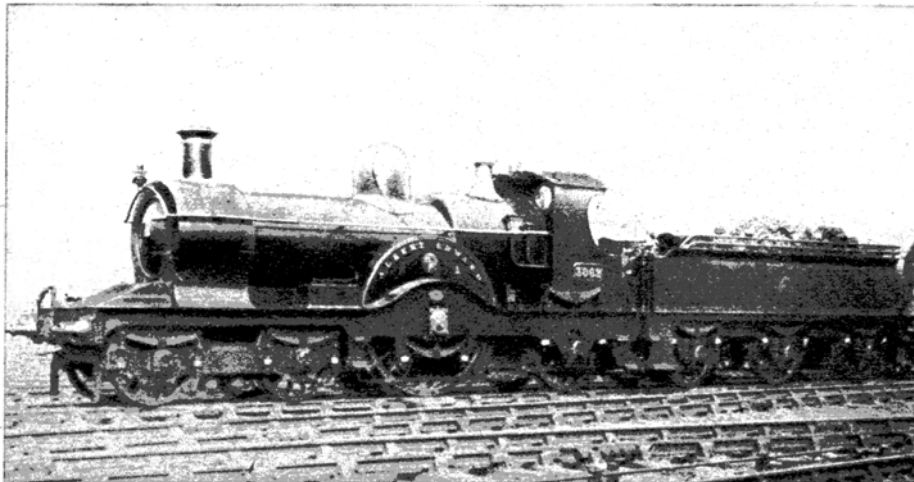
## The Great Western Railway

The Great Western Railway Company was formed by a group of Bristol businessmen who saw the potential in a railway joining the two largest cities in England at that time, Bristol and London. A committee formed in 1833 which appointed Isambard K. Brunel to be the engineer for the line. A preliminary survey for the line form the basis of a prospectus for the project. It was late in 1835 before the plan was approved by parliament, and construction on the 112 mile, £2.5 million rail line began.

“A century ago a long journey was considered an exploit, and an exploit to be carried through as quickly as possible on account of the danger of the road and the generally uncomfortable conditions of travel. To-day, although our express speed is many times greater than that of the lumbering coaches, our carriages comparatively luxurious, the risks practically nil, the same wish lurks in the breast of ninety-nine out of a hundred railway passengers – to spend the shortest time in the train that the time-table permits of. Time differences that to our grandfathers would have appeared trifling are now matters of sufficient importance to make rival railway companies anxious to clip a few minutes off a 100-mile “run” simply because their passengers appreciate a few minutes’ less confinement to the cars.

During the last fifty years the highest express speeds have not materially altered. The Great Western Company in its early days ran trains from Paddington to Slough, 18 miles, in 15 ½ minutes, or at an average pace of 69 ½ miles an hour.”

From *The Romance of Modern Invention*, by Archibald Williams, C. Arthur Pearson, Ltd., London, 1903, p. 258



From *The Pageant of the Century*, Odhams Press Ltd., London, page 47, *Railways in 1900*, “The Great Western, also a ‘green line’ [named for the colour of its engines] affected a large brass steam dome, . . .

The first section of Great Western Railway track, Paddington, London, to Maidenhead (just west of Slough, Buckinghamshire), was opened June 6, 1838. Additional sections were opened at intervals with the full run from Bristol to London completed June 30, 1841. In subsequent years, connecting lines were built to connect the original line to the numerous other rail lines being constructed by other companies. In the 1840s and 1850s, railways were being built all over Britain, employing hundreds of thousands of people in the construction.

(One of the Bristol businessmen who worked on this project, and who invested £14,300 in it, was Thomas Richard Guppy. Coincidentally enough, Thomas Richard’s grand nephew Robert Florian Guppy, met and married Winnifred Guest, the granddaughter of Samuel Guest who moved to Paddington, and later Slough, to work for the Great Western Railway Company. As Thomas Richard Guppy was one of the first Directors of the GWR, Samuel Guest was one of its first engineers.)

## Excerpts from the Record of Events of Robert Leonard<sup>1</sup>

On Tuesday the 28 of March 1809 a most tremendous thunder storm passed over the neighborhood of Bristol and the Lightening was very severe and great damage was done among which the house of Mr Gardwell situated about a mile on the north east side of Saint George's Church was struck on the corner of the Roof and entered the rooms and broke 5 or 6 windows, Glass frames and seats all to shatters and some of the pieces was found 2 or 3 hundred yards from the house there was 12 persons on the premises at the same time and not one of them received any injury.

### Receipts

- Spirits of turpentine, Nitre, spirits of Anis seed, mixed together take 30 drops in a glass of gin three mornings following for a pain in the back. Mr Gerrish July 24, 1824
- For a pain in the stomach, take some mustard seed and swallow a table spoonfull every day. Wm. Jefferies, Engineer
- For the Rheumatism: One pennyworth of Fennel seed one penny worth of paradise seed grind it and mix it and take a tea spoonful of it every three hours till it is all gone. NB it is very strong indeed. An old gardners advice at the Queens Head, 21st June, 1827
- For a pain in the Bowels, One Table spoonfull of Salvalatimy in Warm Water. George Smith 1 January, 1840
- For a pain in the Bowels one Pennyworth of Feloram; take it at Twice. Mr Smith's advice at the Foundry
- To cure the Itch: ½ lb of Hogs Lard, ½ lb Black Brimstone mixed. Rub the parts affected well, go to bed naked between blankets. Work next morning all over, put on clean clothes and you will be cured. Mr Blackburn's advice
- Take 30 Drops in Fryers Balsam on some sugar for a cough. Mr Ellis advice 21st of April, 1820
- Essence of Coltsfoot good for a cough. Wm Sweet 8 November, 1817
- For a cough: ¼ lb of Linseed, ¼ lb stick liquoris. Boil it in two quarts of water
- Receipt for the Rhumatism  
One Pint of Whiskey, One ounce of white mustard seed well pounded, one pennyworth of horse radish scraped, half a pennyworth of garlic. Let it stand 24 hours, well shake it before you take it. Take a wine Glass full night and morning. 13th of March 1846 James Gibbon's advice
- Receipt for the tooth ach: Put a piece of the bottom of a black bottle in the fire, Quench it in vinegar, apply it to the tooth.

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<sup>1</sup>A *Record of Events at St George, Gloucestershire, 1790 - 1852*, by Robert Leonard, annotated and indexed by Dick Monks, November 2001, from a transcription by Bob Leonard.

### To Make Ginger Beer

¼ lbs of Ginger Brusied, 1 lb of Lump Sugar, Some Lemons, One gallon of water in which boil the Ginger. Put it all together with a little barm, let it work some time, put it in some Jars, and it will soon be fit for Use. And a little toast bread

### To clean Boot tops

Buy Sixpenny worth of Oxalick. Mix a little of it with some Milk in a Cup or Bason work it well on the tops with a sponge let them dry and they will be perfectly clean. Be sure and keep it private from all children and use it for nothing else

John Lewis was tried at Bristol Quarter Sessions for being guilty of trying to commit a unnatural crime on a Boy (on the 8 of January 1810 he was tried) and was sentenced to be whipt on Monday the 15 Inst and to be imprisoned one year and one week before the year was up he was to be whipt the same ground again which ground was from Newgate to St Michaels hill gallows and back again he was whipt the 15 Inst (I saud him)

On Tuesday the 27 of February 1810 as Elizabeth Iles, alias old Betty Bradley, was Riding home from Bristol on her horse just by Moorefields she got between two waggons one loaded with coal going to Bristol the other was coming from Bristol with some bags of Blackjack. The coal waggon struck the horse and she fell off and the other waggon went over her head and she was dead in an Instant. She was carried to the Harp Arms public house.

Lord Abingdon - This nobleman once met a lad dragging a calf along the roadway. His Lordship came up to him, stopped, and stared him full in the face. His Lordship asked him if he knew him he replied, "Ees" What is my name? "Why, Lord Abingdon" "Then why don't you take off your hat off?" "I will, sur," said the boy, "if ye'll hold my calf."

### Excuses for not attending Public Worship

Overslept myself - wasn't shaved in time.  
Too cold - too hot, too windy, too dusty.  
Don't feel disposed.  
No other time to myself  
Look over my drawers. put my papers to rights. letters to write to my friends.  
Taken a dose of physic. Been bled this morning.  
Meant to walk to the bridge Going to take a ride.  
Tied to the store six days in the week. No fresh air but on Sundays  
Can't breathe in Church - always too full  
Fed a little dilly. Feel a little feverish, feel very laxy.  
Expect company to dinner  
Stumped my big toe.  
Got a head-ache. Caught cold last night at a party.  
Must watch the Servants.  
Can't leave the house for fear of fire  
Intend nursing myself today  
Tore my muster dress coming down stairs. Wasn't dressed in time.  
Don't like Extempore prayer don't know what's coming.  
Don't like an organ. It's too noisy Don't like singing without music - makes me nervous  
Can't sit in a current of air. Windows of door open in summer.  
Stove too hot in winter always get a headache.  
Can't bear a Extempore sermon - too frothy - Dislike a written one - too prosy  
Nobody but our minister. Don't like strangers - too bombastical.  
Can't keep awake when at Church. Snored aloud last time I was there - shan't risk it again.  
Tired to death standing to pray. Hate to kneel - makes my knees stiff.  
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**Politics and the price of bread:**

Price of a 4 lb Loaf in Bristol the 1st of January 1846 was 7½ d

*The Corn Importation Bill* received the Royal Assent on Friday the 26th of June 1846

Price of a 4 lbs Loaf in Bristol the 1st July 1846 was 6½ d

*Sir Robert Peel resigned the Premiership on Monday the 29 of June 1846 Lord Russel appointed*

Price of a 4 lb Loaf in Bristol in October 1846 was 8 d

Price of a 4 lb loaf in Bristol in January 1847 was 9 d

Price of a 4 lb Loaf in Bristol in May 1847 was 10½ d, it fell the 31st to 10 d

No good Potatoes to be got, any sort would sell from 1s to 1s.6d per Quartern of 10 lb weight.

June 7	4 lbs Loaf		9½ d.
June 14	4 lbs loaf.		10 d
June 18th	4 lbs Loaf		9 ½
July 5th	4 lbs Loaf		9
July 19	4 lbs Loaf		8 ½
August 2	4 lbs Do		8
	9	4 lbs Do	7 ½
	23	4 lbs Do	7
	30	4 lbs Do	6 1/2
Sep 6	4 lbs Do		6
	20	4 lbs Do	6 1/2
	27	4 lbs Do	7
Novm 22	4 lbs -		6 ½
1848			
April 10	“ “		6
July 31	4 lb Do		6 ½
1849			
May 14	4 lbs do		6
June 5	4 lbs do		5 ½
October 1	4 lbs do		5
	22	4 lbs do	5 ½

Prince Albert came to Bristol on Wednesday the 19th of July 1843 came in by Railway near 10 o'clock left Bristol 17 minutes past 4 o'clock.

Bristol and Gloucester Railway opened by the Committee Etc on Saturday the 6th of July 1844 for Passengers Etc on Monday the 8th.

Underneath in Lumps of clay Lies Arabella Young Who on the 21st of May, began to hold her tongue

MATHEWS'S DIRECTORY.—1851. 389

**FARES OF WHERRIES.**

**On the Lower Part of the Floating Harbour.**  
 From any stairs or place, to any other stairs or place, between the overfall dam, near Cumberland basin, and the Stone Bridge, Quay head:—If one passenger only . . . . . 6d.  
 If more than one, for each passenger . . . . . 3d.

From any stairs or place, to any other stairs or place, between the overfall dam, and the stairs at either side of Prince Street bridge:—If one passenger only . . . . . 6d.  
 If more than one, for each passenger . . . . . 3d.

**On the Avon Branch below the Feeder.**  
 From any stairs or place, to any other stairs or place, between the confluence of the Avon and Froom, and the stairs at the North side of Bristol bridge:—  
 If one passenger only . . . . . 4d.  
 If more than one, for each passenger . . . . . 2d.

From any stairs or place, to any other stairs or place, between Bristol bridge and Totterdown dam, on the entrance into the Feeder:—If one passenger only . . . . . 4d.  
 If more than one, for each passenger . . . . . 2d.

**On the Feeder.**  
 From any stairs or place, to any other stairs or place:—  
 If one passenger only . . . . . 4d.  
 If more than one, for each passenger . . . . . 2d.

**On the Avon Branch, above Netham Dam.**  
 From any stairs or place, to any other stairs or place between Netham dam and a building called Conham:—  
 If one passenger only . . . . . 6d.  
 If more than one, for each passenger . . . . . 3d.

From any stairs or place, to any other stairs or place, between Conham, and Hanham weir:—  
 If one passenger only . . . . . 1s.  
 If more than one, for each passenger . . . . . 6d.

**On the Froom Branch.**  
 For plying across the Froom, from the Flagstaff stairs, to the Dial stairs, or the contrary:—  
 For each passenger, one half-penny.  
 And Watermen in waiting at either of the last mentioned stairs shall be bound to ply, though there be no more than one passenger ready and applying for a passage at a time.

**From one Branch to the other.**  
 From any part of the Froom Branch of the Floating Harbour to the stairs at either end of Prince street bridge.  
 And from the last-mentioned stairs to any part of the Froom branch, to be payable for each trip or passage:—  
 If one passenger only . . . . . 8d.  
 If more than one, for each passenger . . . . . 1½d.

From Mathew's Annual Bristol and Clifton Directory and Almanac, 1851

1809 A great quantity of snow fell with cold wind and a continual thaw the 21 of April

Copied from Pinnocks guide to knowledge, January, 1834

	s.	d.
Butchers meat lowest price	0	10 per lb
Bread Household or Brown	1	3 ½ per Quartern
do white	1	5 ½
Sugar Brown	0	10 ½ per lb
do Loaf	1	3
Candles (mould)	1	1 ½
do dip	1	0 ½
Soap (common)	0	11 ½
Butter (salt)	1	3 ½
Bacon	1	3
Potatoes	6	0 per Bushel

And at the above period the prices was considerably lower that they had been during the War preceding. Who would not be glad of perpetual peace?

#### A Useful member of Society

In the village of Helpringham near Sleaford lives an industrious mechanic, a blacksmith having a wife and family. They unite their efforts to vend a variety of articles and the head of the firm has recently produced the following practical effusion:

*My names William Morris. I at Helpringham dwell  
I keep a snug shop and I groceries sell.  
I'm blacksmith and whitesmith and mender of guns  
I clean clocks and watches and thus my trade run  
I make clipping shears, also pattens and skates  
I wind up the church clock and collect poor rates;  
I'm tinker and painter, and scribe for the dead  
Ironmonger and carpenter; and dealer in bread.  
I'm cutter and grinder and measurer of land.  
I'm a tinman and ragman and dealer in hops  
I mend umbrellas and sell woollen mops  
I collect the Queens taxes, I'm constable too  
I'm a hanger of bells, and can cobble a shoe  
I'm draper and druggist, and dealer in Books  
I sell ropery baskets and make reaping hooks  
I'm vestry clerk and overseer of the poor  
I'm a blundering poet, so now I'll give o'er.*

Copied the 8th Day of Febry 1841

#### Tooth Powder

Take the fur of the inside of a Teakettle, and pound it as fine as a powder; and use it with the tooth brush and water

### LEONARD, BOULT & CO

(LATE EASTON COAL COMPANY.)

**EASTON COLLIERY,**

**BRISTOL.**

Orders received through the Post Office promptly executed; but when Gentlemen wish the Coal delivered before eleven o'clock, they are requested to give a clear day's notice to that effect.

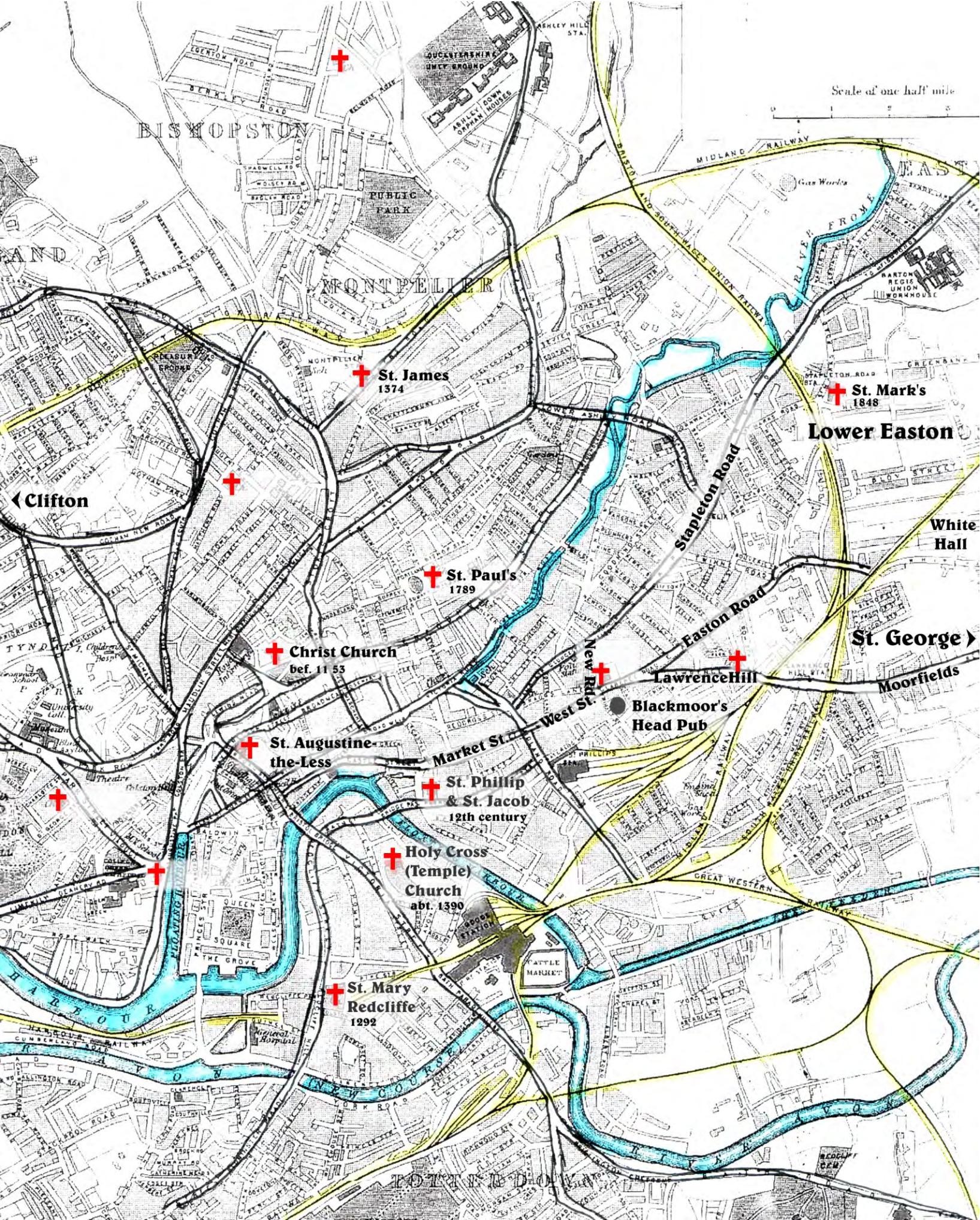
#### PRICES AT THE PIT.

	s.	d.
Block (all large) - - per Ton	13	0
House Coal - - - - - "	12	0
Half and Half - - - - - "	10	0
Housekeeper's Small - - - - - "	7	0
Steam Small - - - - - "	5	6

#### CARTAGE.

To Clifton - - - - -	2	6
— Kingsdown - - - - -	2	0
— Lower parts of the City - - - - -	1	6

Scale of one half mile



BISHOPSTON

MONTPELLIER

Clifton

Lower Easton

White Hall

St. George

Moorfields

REDCLIFFE

St. James  
1374

St. Mark's  
1848

St. Paul's  
1789

Christ Church  
bef. 11 55

Lawrencehill

Blackmoor's  
Head Pub

St. Augustine-  
the-Less

St. Phillip  
& St. Jacob  
12th century

Holy Cross  
(Temple)  
Church  
abt. 1390

St. Mary  
Redcliffe  
1292

REDCIFF  
CEM.



The first parish church of St. Phillip & St. Jacob was built in the 12th century, but the current building was largely constructed during the 15th and 16th centuries. The original parish was a large area on the eastern side of Bristol, and has been divided into the “In” parish and the “Out” parish. During the 18th century, the church was known for welcoming such people as Whitfield and John Wesley to its pulpit, unlike many other churches who rejected all such non-conformist teachings.

This photo from the “Pip ‘n Jay” parish website at <http://pipnjay.org.uk/>

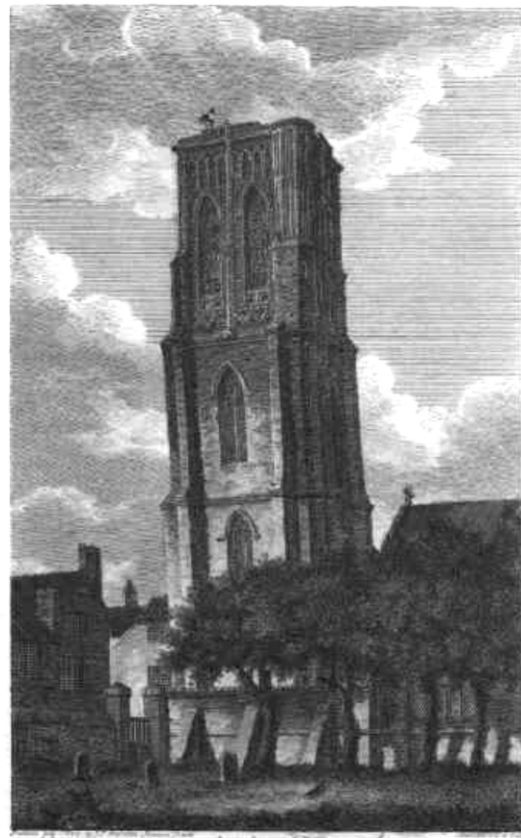


With the growth of the population in the eastern part of the parish of St. Phillip & St. George, a section was split off in 1751 and named St. George. The church itself was completed in 1753, and was alternately known as the church of St. George the Martyr, or St. George in Kingswood.

This photo is from <http://www.picturetrail.com/gallery/view?bristolhistory>



Holy Trinity Church. Like St. George, Holy Trinity was built to accommodate the growing population of St. Phillip & St. Jacob parish. It was built in the 1820s and is located in Kingswood, further out along the London Road in what is known as the St. Paul's district of Bristol.  
Photo from ChurchCrawler  
<http://www.churchcrawler.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk/bristolchurches/trinity.htm>



A Victorian (1806) postcard of Temple Church in Bristol, courtesy of Mike Gould



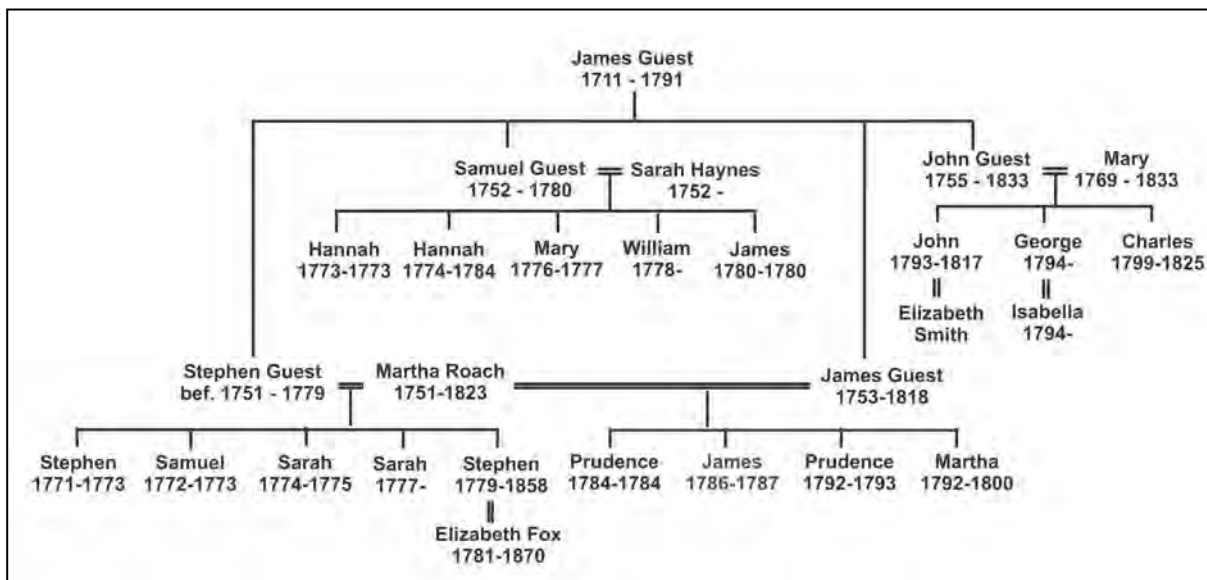
Mt. Zion Chapel, one of the non-conformist churches of the st. George area. This photo taken about 1930, from Bristol Now and Then photo gallery at <http://www.picturetrail.com/gallery/view?p=6&uid=570503&>

## The Guest Family of St. George Parish

The Guest family does not appear to have been amongst the ancient residents of the Bristol area. The surname seems to originate in the central part of England. There are a number of Guest families in the Mangotsfield area just north and east of St. George who could well be relatives. There may also be a connection to Sir Josiah John Guest, Baronet, who owned an iron works in Mitchel Dean, across the Bristol Channel in the southeast of Wales, although at his time this idea is based solely on the fact that the Guests of St. George seem to have had money and standing above that of an "average" person, and that Mitchel Dean was also a coal mining area.

In any case, five Guest men appeared in St. George in the third quarter of the eighteenth century. It appears probable that further research will reveal that this was a family consisting of JAMES GUEST, born about 1711<sup>14</sup>, and his sons STEPHEN, SAMUEL, JAMES and JOHN. It is possible that there was also a mother in the family, and possibly some daughters, but I have yet to find any record of women that can be tied to this family. It is also possible that James Sr. only had sons, and that his wife died before the family moved to St. George.

Although I have no proof of the relationship between these men, except the similarities of names and that they all lived in the same area, for the purposes of this book, I am assuming that the four younger men were indeed brothers. The inclusion of John in the family seems most likely to be an error, as the names in his family are different.



James Sr. seems to have left little mark on the parish, but he died in 1791 and was buried in the St. George parish churchyard August 4, 1791<sup>15</sup>. Unfortunately the burial record in the parish registers does not give relationships, and any that may have been indicated on grave markers were lost when the cemetery was built over and the stones buried.

While this study is primarily about the descendents of Stephen Guest, it is worth making note of the fortunes of the rest of the family. For a reason as yet unknown, the Guest family seems to have had an unusually high infant mortality rate even for that time and place.

<sup>14</sup> *St. George's Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucester, England*, (LDS film # 1596529), Burials: was 80 years of age when he died in 1791

<sup>15</sup> *Ibid* (LDS film # 1596529): Burials: 1891, August 4, James Guest, age 80

James' son STEPHEN (the 2<sup>nd</sup> great grandfather of WINNIFRED GUEST) became a Burgess of Bristol<sup>16</sup> and had the descendants who participated most fully in the industrial revolution that changed the world. He and his descendants will be dealt with in detail in the next chapter. JAMES JR., who "piggy-backed" on his brother's influence, will also be discussed in the following chapter.

James' son SAMUEL, born before 1752, married SARAH HAYNES on August 23, 1772, in the St. George parish church<sup>17</sup>. They had five children<sup>18</sup>, of whom all but one son, WILLIAM, were buried in the churchyard at St. George as children<sup>19</sup>. Samuel himself died in 1780 and was buried February 7<sup>20</sup>, three days after his son JAMES. I have been unable to determine what became of his wife Sarah and remaining child William. Perhaps they returned to live with Sarah's parents, or Sarah remarried and William took his step-father's name, or perhaps they are simply buried elsewhere.

The last known son, JOHN GUEST was born about 1755 and married Mary (surname unknown). He had three sons, JOHN, GEORGE and CHARLES, and was buried in April 21, 1833<sup>21</sup>, shortly after Mary was buried March 31, 1833.<sup>22</sup> His eldest son John married<sup>23</sup> but died young, with no offspring that I am aware of. His next son, George, was the founder of a large family of successful people based in the Kingswood area. (see page 82 for more about this family) The youngest son of John, Charles, died age 25, and unmarried as far as I know<sup>24</sup>.

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<sup>16</sup> Bristol was controlled by a group of men known as the Burgesses. The Burgesses elected the members of the Corporation of the City of Bristol and controlled who was allowed to trade in the city, as well as elected one of themselves as the Member of Parliament for Bristol. Their influence was immense and extended far outside the city limits. Entry into the group, being "Admitted to the Liberties", was possible through being sponsored by existing members, by apprenticing with a Burgess, by inheritance, or by marrying a daughter of a Burgess.

<sup>17</sup> *St. George's Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucester, England*, (LDS film # 1596528): Marriages: 1772, August 23, Samuel Guest, of St. George, and Sarah Haynes, spinster, of St. George, married by banns, witnesses Samuel Haynes, James Fisher

<sup>18</sup> *St. George's Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucester, England*, (LDS film # 1596488): Baptisms,  
 1773, Jan. 24, Hannah, daughter of Samuel and Sarah Guest  
 1774, May 22, Hannah, daughter of Samuel and Sarah Guest  
 1776, Mar. 17, Mary, daughter of Samuel and Sarah Guest  
 1778, Feb. 14, William, son of Samuel and Sarah Guest  
 1780, Feb. 4, James, son of Samuel and Sarah Guest

<sup>19</sup> *St. George's Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucester, England*, (LDS film # 1596529): Burials:  
 1773, Aug. 5, Hannah, daughter of Samuel and Sarah Guest  
 1784, Feb. 29, Hannah Guest, 9 years and 9 months, daughter of Samuel and Sarah  
 1777, Jan. 5, Mary, daughter of Samuel and Sarah Guest  
 1780, Feb. 4, James, son of Samuel and Sarah Guest

<sup>20</sup> *St. George's Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucester, England*, (LDS film # 1596529): Burials: 1780, February 7, Samuel Guest

<sup>21</sup> *St. George's Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucester, England*, (LDS film # 1596529): Burials: 1833, April 21, John Guest, age 78, abode near Dunscombe.

<sup>22</sup> *St. George's Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucester, England*, (LDS film # 1596529): Burials: 1833, March 31, Mary Guest, age 64, abode near Dunscombe.

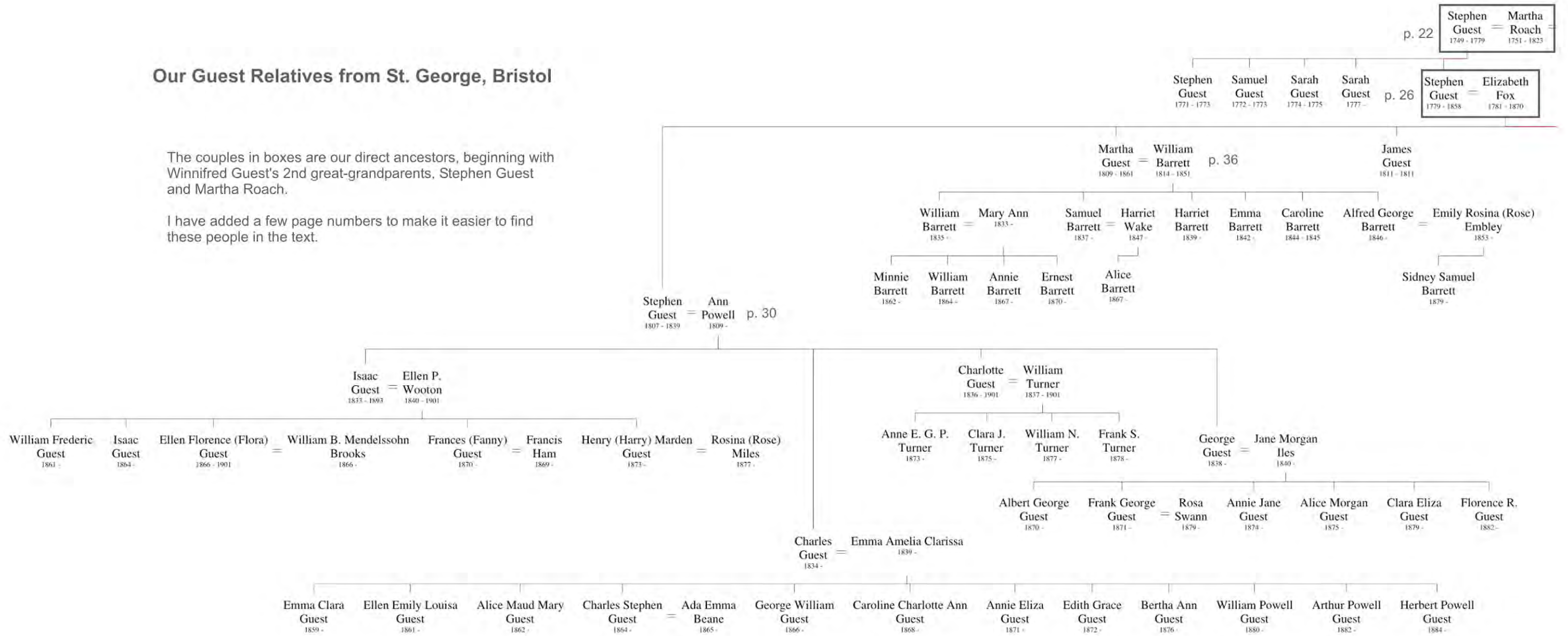
<sup>23</sup> *St. George's Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucester, England*, (LDS film # 1596528): Marriages: 1812, Jan. 27, Guest, John and Elizabeth Smith; *St. George's Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucester, England*, (LDS film # 1596529): Burials: 1817, Sept. 24, John Guest, age 24 years, of Whiteway.

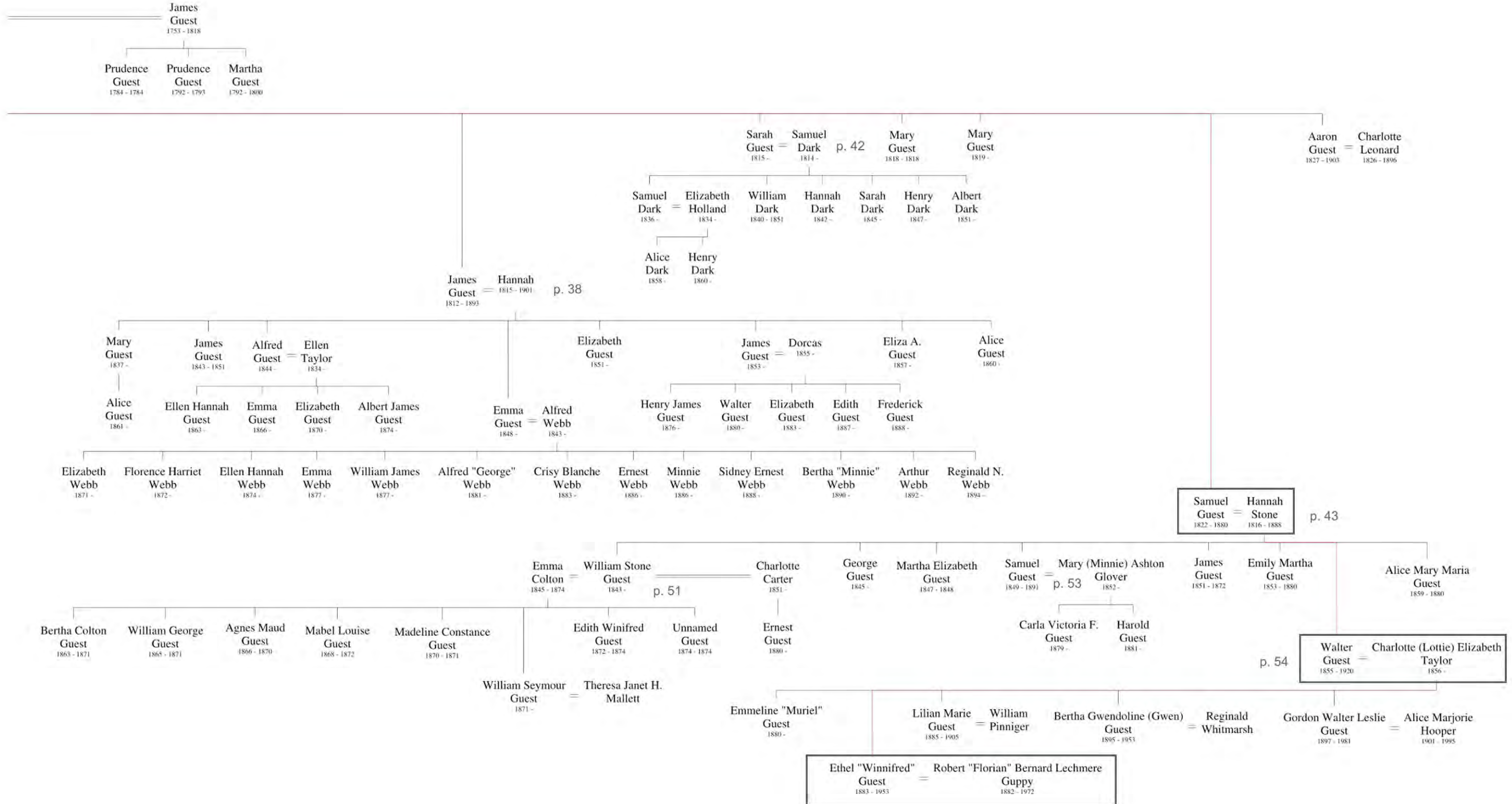
<sup>24</sup> *St. George's Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucester, England*, (LDS film # 1596488): Baptisms, 1800, June 29, Charles Guest, son of John and Mary, born Sept. 5, 1799; *St. George's Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucester, England*, (LDS film # 1596529): Burials: 1825, Feb. 20, Charles Guest, age 25

## Our Guest Relatives from St. George, Bristol

The couples in boxes are our direct ancestors, beginning with Winnifred Guest's 2nd great-grandparents, Stephen Guest and Martha Roach.

I have added a few page numbers to make it easier to find these people in the text.





## Chapter 1: The Descendents of Stephen Guest I

This Guest family includes direct ancestors of Winnifred Guest, from the oldest known Guest ancestor, Stephen I, to Winnifred's father, Walter.

### **Generation No. 1: Martha Roach and her two Guest Husbands, Stephen and James**

STEPHEN GUEST I was born about 1749<sup>25</sup> and his father was probably JAMES GUEST 1711-1791. His mother's name is so far unknown. Stephen married MARTHA ROACH in the St. George parish church, February 24, 1771<sup>26</sup>, and was buried January 19, 1779<sup>27</sup> in the parish church of St. Phillips & St. Jacob which the Roach family had used for generations.

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 • 2<sup>nd</sup> Great Grandparents  
 • of Winnifred Guest  
 •  
 .....

Martha was baptized July 7, 1751<sup>28</sup> in the church of St. Phillips & St. Jacob, Bristol, and her father was WILLIAM ROACH, a mariner of Bristol and a burgess<sup>29</sup> of the city. Her mother was PRUDENCE PEGLEY<sup>30</sup> (1723-1779<sup>31</sup>), daughter of JOHN PEGLEY, a house carpenter, and also a burgess of Bristol. The Pegleys and Roaches were old families from what would become the parish of St. George, but before the mid-1800s, it was the parish of St. Phillip & St. Jacob. See page 55 for an outline of the Pegley and Roach ancestors of Martha.

William Roach was "admitted to the Liberties of the City of Bristol" – that is, became a burgess of the City of Bristol -- on June 29, 1747<sup>32</sup> as a result of his marriage to Prudence three weeks earlier, on June 7, 1747<sup>33</sup> at the church of St. Phillip & St. James. Stephen Guest was admitted to the Liberties May 10, 1774<sup>34</sup>, three years after his marriage to William's daughter Martha Roach. Stephen was a coal miner at the time of his admission. Becoming a burgess of Bristol would have gives Stephen significantly more influence, more contacts and more opportunities than he would have had previously.

Stephen and Martha had five children, of whom only the youngest son, STEPHEN JR. survived into

<sup>25</sup> *St. Phillip & St. Jacob Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England*, (LDS film # 1596926), Burials: 1779, January 19, Guest, Stephen, 30 years, from St. George

<sup>26</sup> *St. George's Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucester, England*, (LDS film # 1596528): Marriages: 1771, February 24, Stephen Guest, of this parish, and Martha Roach, spinster, of this parish, married by Banns. Witnesses John Roach and John Friecken.

<sup>27</sup> *St. Phillip & St. Jacob Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England*, (LDS film # 1596926), Burials: 1779, January 19, Guest, Stephen, 30 years, from St. George

<sup>28</sup> *St. Phillip & St. Jacob Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England*, (LDS film # 1596926), Burials: 1823, died age 72; *St. Phillip & St. Jacob Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England*, (LDS film # 1596677), Baptisms, 1751, July 7, Martha, daughter of Will. Roach

<sup>29</sup> Bristol, like other cities in England, was controlled by a group of men known as the Burgesses. The Burgesses elected the members of the Corporation of the City of Bristol and controlled who was allowed to trade in the city, as well as elected one of themselves as the Member of Parliament for Bristol. Their influence was immense and extended far outside the city limits. Entry into the group, being "Admitted to the Liberties", was possible through being sponsored by existing members, by apprenticing with a Burgess, by inheritance, or by marrying a daughter of a Burgess.

<sup>30</sup> *Bristol Burgess Book*, Vol. 10, page 102, item 490: 29 June 1747, William Roach Mariner is admitted into the Liberties of this City for that he married Prudence Daughter of John Pegley House Carpenter and hath taken the Oath of Obedience and paid 0 4 6

<sup>31</sup> *St. Phillip & St. Jacob Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England*, (LDS film # 1596926), Burials: 1779, April 14, Roach, Prudence, 50 or 51 years [overwritten], from St. George

<sup>32</sup> *Bristol Burgess Book*, Vol. 10, page 102, item 490: 29 June 1747, William Roach Mariner is admitted into the Liberties of this City for that he married Prudence Daughter of John Pegley House Carpenter and hath taken the Oath of Obedience and paid 0 4 6

<sup>33</sup> *St. Phillip & St. Jacob Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England*, (LDS Film #156923) Marriages, 1747, June 7, William Roach and Prudence Pegler, both of this parish

<sup>34</sup> *Bristol Burgess Book*, Vol. 15, p. 66 Item 574: 5 October 1774, Stephen Guest Coal miner is admitted into the Liberties of this City for that he married Martha Roach the Daughter of William Roach Mariner deceased and hath taken the Oath of Obedience and paid 0 4 6

adulthood<sup>35</sup>. The family lived on White's Hill, on the Bath Road, only a few miles from Bristol. When Stephen Sr. died in January, 1779<sup>36</sup>, he apparently left no will – not unusual for a young man of 30. Undoubtedly Martha simply inherited everything as she had no adult children.

Very shortly afterwards, Martha married JAMES GUEST, (born about 1753<sup>37</sup>) presumably Stephen's younger brother, and also a coal miner. James also became a Burgess of Bristol – he was admitted April 28, 1784<sup>38</sup> – one wonders if that was the reason for the marriage, or if it was simply the custom of marrying to keep everything in the family, while providing support to Martha and her surviving child. Or perhaps it was in the hope of more living grandchildren for the elder James Guest. Unfortunately, Martha and James had no children who survived childhood. There were at least three daughters, Martha, born about 1782, and two (born 1784 and 1792) given the name of their maternal grandmother Prudence. While there appears to be no records of the cause of death at the age of eight for Martha, or that of the elder Prudence, the burial record for the younger Prudence indicates that she died of "fits" at the age of 10 months. A perusal of the St. Phillip & St. Jacob parish register for the decades at the end of the 1700s in which cause of death was recorded, indicates that "fits" was not an unusual diagnosis for infants. Older children commonly died of consumption (tuberculosis), fever, measles, smallpox, and whooping cough.

There may also have been a son James, but I have been unable to find any record of his birth. There was, however, a James Guest buried April 27, 1787 in the churchyard of St. Phillip & St. Jacob, aged 8 months. This James died of smallpox, and the record says he is "of St. George."<sup>39</sup> As far as I know, there was no other family in St. George likely to be the parents.

The family continued to live on White's Hill. It is interesting to note that while the children were baptized in the church of St. George, most of the family, particularly the children, were buried in the neighbouring parish of St. Phillip & St. Jacob. Presumably this was because this was the original church of the older generations – and Martha, herself, was baptized there -- as St. George was built in the 1750s to accommodate the growing population.

It is interesting to speculate about the kind of woman Martha was. It seems she was a strong woman, as she outlived two husbands and survived the loss of all but one of her nine children. She was undoubtedly the origin of the improvements in circumstances for the Guest family, through her "dowry" of the right for her husbands to join the burgesses.

There is an interesting note in the parish baptismal register for St. George Parish church. On May 14, 1771, it says, "Martha Guest was churched". This is a reference to an ancient custom, begun in the Catholic church and passed into the Church of England, that a new mother must be churched before returning to normal social interactions after childbirth. The ceremony was a combination of purification and thanksgiving for a successful birth. (In later years the custom was discontinued as many felt that it was offensive to suggest that a new mother required purification.) Many believed that a new mother would not regain her strength until she was churched, that food she cooked would not be as nutritious, and that she might bring a plague of rats upon the place, or other disasters might occur. A woman who bore a son first was considered blessed, and was churched on that occasion, but did not need to repeat the process with every child, unlike those who bore daughters first, who were churched after every

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<sup>35</sup> I have so far been unable to find a burial record for Sarah, Stephen and Martha's fourth daughter. I have inferred her death from the lack of any marriage record, and from the fact that her stepfather, James Guest, mentions only her brother Stephen in his will – as if there are no other children.

<sup>36</sup> *St. Phillip & St. Jacob Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England*, (LDS film # 1596926), Burials: 1779, January 19, Guest, Stephen, 30 years, from St. George

<sup>37</sup> *St. George's Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucester, England*, (LDS film # 1596529), Burials: 1818, June 3, James Guest, of White's Hill, age 65

<sup>38</sup> *Bristol Burgess Book, Vol. 16, p. 291, item 693*, 28 April 1784, James Guest Coal miner is admitted into the Liberties of this City for that he married Martha Guest the Widow of Stephen Guest Coal miner deceased and hath taken the Oath of Obedience and paid a fine of 2 0 0 and a fee of 0 4 6

<sup>39</sup> *St. Phillip & St. Jacob Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England*, (LDS film # 1596926), Burials: 1787, April 27, James Guest, smallpox, 8 mos, of St. George.

childbirth. The ceremony usually occurred about three weeks after the birth. Most often the woman knelt before the altar with a lighted candle while the priest blessed her and sprinkled her with Holy water.<sup>40</sup>

James Guest died May 30, 1818<sup>41</sup>, was buried June 3 in the St. George churchyard. In his will he left everything to "Stephen Guest the Son of my Wife Martha Guest" including his interest and share in "the Air Balloon Colliery lately opened on the property of Mr. James Lockley." Stephen was required to use the profits to support his mother during her life, but after her death it became his. (Martha Roach Guest was buried on May 09, 1823<sup>42</sup>.) It is perhaps noteworthy that James, in spite of his apparent business dealings, was illiterate: he signed his will with a cross and his seal.

Children<sup>43</sup> of MARTHA ROACH and STEPHEN GUEST are:

- i) STEPHEN GUEST, Born April 27, 1771, baptized: December 25, 1772, St. George, Bristol, Burial: May 26, 1773<sup>44</sup>, St. Phillip & St. Jacob, Bristol.
- ii) SAMUEL GUEST, Baptized December 25, 1772, St. George, Bristol Burial: June 2, 1773<sup>45</sup>, St. Phillip & St. Jacob, Bristol
- iii) SARAH GUEST, Baptized May 15, 1774, St. George, Bristol Buried at the church of St. Phillips & St. Jacob, Bristol on August 25, 1775 at the age of 14 months.<sup>46</sup>
- iv) SARAH GUEST, Baptized: January 12, 1777, St. George, Bristol
- v) STEPHEN GUEST, Baptized September 05, 1779, St. George, Bristol, Died February 11, 1858, White's Hill, St. George (see page 25 for his descendents)

Children of MARTHA ROACH and JAMES GUEST are<sup>47</sup>:

- vi) PRUDENCE GUEST, baptized: September 05, 1784, St. George, Bristol, Burial: November 03, 1784<sup>48</sup>, St. Phillip & St. Jacob, Bristol, died of "fits".
- vii) JAMES GUEST, (probable son), born about August or September, 1786 Burial: April 27, 1787, St. Phillip & St. Jacob, Bristol. Died of smallpox<sup>49</sup>
- viii) PRUDENCE GUEST, baptized: July 10, 1792, St. George, Bristol, Burial: March 29, 1793, St. George, Bristol, age 9 months.
- ix) MARTHA GUEST, baptized July 10, 1792, St. George, Bristol

<sup>40</sup> 'Listening to Tradition' by Anne O'Connor <http://www.iol.ie/~pcassidy/ARC/churchng.html>

<sup>41</sup> *Probate record* gives date of death, and, in his "Record of Events", Robert Leonard writes: "James Guest Departed this Life on Friday or Saturday the 29 or 30 of May 1818 aged 65." (*A Record of Events at St George, Gloucestershire, 1790 – 1852*, by Robert Leonard, taken from a hand transcription by Bob Leonard, annotated and indexed by Dick Monks, 2001)

<sup>42</sup> *St. George's Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucester, England*, (LDS film # 1596488): Burials, 1823, March 9, Martha Roach, age 72, of White's Hill

<sup>43</sup> All baptisms of the children of Stephen Guest and Martha Roach are from *St. George's Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucester, England*, (LDS film # 1596488): Baptisms:

1772, December 25, Stephen, son of Stephen and Martha Guest, born April 27, 1771

1772, December 25, Samuel, son of Stephen and Martha Guest

1774, May 15, Sarah, daughter of Stephen and Martha Guest

1777, January 12, Sarah, daughter of Stephen and Martha Guest

1779, September 6, Stephen, son of Stephen and Martha Guest

<sup>44</sup> *St. Phillip & St. Jacob Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England*, (LDS film # 1596926), Burials: 1773, May 26, Stephen Guest

<sup>45</sup> *St. Phillip & St. Jacob Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England*, (LDS film # 1596926), Burials: 1773, June 2, Samuel Guest

<sup>46</sup> *St. Phillip & St. Jacob Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England*, (LDS film # 1596926), Burials: 1775, August 25, Sarah Guest, 14 months, from St. George

<sup>47</sup> *St. George's Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucester, England*, (LDS film # 1596488): Baptisms,

1784, September 5, Prudence, daughter of James and Martha Guest.

1792, July 10, Prudence, daughter of James and Martha Guest; Martha, daughter of James and Martha Guest.

<sup>48</sup> *St. Phillip & St. Jacob Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England*, (LDS film # 1596926), Burials: 1784, November 3, Prudence Guest, (fits) 10 months, from St. George

<sup>49</sup> *St. Phillip & St. Jacob Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England*, (LDS film # 1596926), Burials: 1787, Apr. 27, James Guest, smallpox, 8 months, of St. George.

490 *William Roach* is admitted into the Liberties of this City for that he is the son of John Smith, and hath taken the Oath of Allegiance and paid.

491 *Joseph Morris* is admitted into the Liberties of this City for that he is the son of Roger Morris, and hath taken the Oath of Allegiance and paid.

492 *John Turner* is admitted into the Liberties of this City for that he is the son of John Turner, and hath taken the Oath of Allegiance and paid.

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498 *Thomas Noble* is admitted into the Liberties of this City for that he is the son of Thomas Noble, and hath taken the Oath of Allegiance and paid.

499 *George Ince* is admitted into the Liberties of this City for that he is the son of George Ince, and hath taken the Oath of Allegiance and paid.

500 *Stephen Guest* is admitted into the Liberties of this City for that he is the son of Stephen Guest, and hath taken the Oath of Allegiance and paid.

501 *Thomas Woodburn* is admitted into the Liberties of this City for that he is the son of Thomas Woodburn, and hath taken the Oath of Allegiance and paid.

502 *Edward Bezer* is admitted into the Liberties of this City for that he is the son of Edward Bezer, and hath taken the Oath of Allegiance and paid.

503 *William Parker* is admitted into the Liberties of this City for that he is the son of William Parker, and hath taken the Oath of Allegiance and paid.

504 *Charles Boshor* is admitted into the Liberties of this City for that he is the son of Charles Boshor, and hath taken the Oath of Allegiance and paid.

505 *John Brewer* is admitted into the Liberties of this City for that he is the son of John Brewer, and hath taken the Oath of Allegiance and paid.

**Generation No. 2: Stephen Guest II and Elizabeth Fox**

STEPHEN GUEST II (STEPHEN) was baptized September 05, 1779 in St. George, Gloucestershire, England<sup>51</sup> and died February 11, 1858<sup>52</sup> at White's Hill, St. George. He was buried in the St. George parish churchyard on February 14, 1858<sup>53</sup>.



Stephen married ELIZABETH FOX<sup>54</sup> May 29, 1806<sup>55</sup> by banns in St. Michael's Parish Church, Bristol. Elizabeth was the daughter of Henry and Sarah (Greenaway) Fox<sup>56</sup>, and was baptized September 2, 1781<sup>57</sup> in St. George. She died in the third quarter of 1870<sup>58</sup>. (see page 61)

As his parents before him, Stephen lived at White's Hill in the parish of St. George, Gloucestershire (later Bristol). He was a collier (coal miner) and labourer for his life, describing himself in his will as a servant to Messieurs Brain and Company<sup>59</sup>.

Stephen II was a Wesleyan Methodist, at least in the latter part of his life. The area around Bristol was heavily Methodist, and in his will, Stephen II says, "I bequeath unto the treasurer for the time being of the Wesleyan Missionary Society in the Crews Hole district the sum of Six pounds to be applied by him for the purposes of such Society and I direct that the receipt of such Treasurer for the time being shall be a sufficient discharge to my wife for the same. "

Unlike his uncle James, and presumably also his father, Stephen was not illiterate. Amongst the household items listed in his will are books, and he signed his will with his signature. He must have had a reasonable income in his life as he listed belongings in his will including "plate, linens, china, glass, books, pictures, prints and other household effects".

Stephen also owned rental properties ("Messuages or Tenements, Lands and Heritaments"<sup>60</sup>) which his will specified should be managed so as to provide his widow with an income of 20 shillings per month for her lifetime, after which they were to be sold and the proceeds divided amongst his children and their children.

<sup>51</sup> *St. George's Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucester, England*, (LDS film # 1596488) Baptisms: 1779, September 6, Stephen, son of Stephen and Martha Guest

<sup>52</sup> From the probate record: ". . . who died on the Eleventh day of February, 1858, at White's Hill . . ."

<sup>53</sup> *St. George's Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucester, England*, (LDS film # 1596529) Burials: 1858, February 14, Stephen Guest, of White's Hill, age 78.

<sup>54</sup> There is a small doubt that this is the correct marriage for Stephen. He married an Elizabeth about this time period, but Elizabeth's surname is in doubt. Since, however, I have been unable to find another possibility for Stephen's wife, and since there is evidence supporting this assumption, I think it is correct, with the understanding that further research may someday prove me wrong. See "Who is Elizabeth?", page 9 for details.

<sup>55</sup> *St. Michael's Church Parish Registers, Bristol, England*, (LDS film # 1849446) Marriages: 1806, May 29, Stephen Guest, of St. Michael's and Elizabeth Fox, of St. Michael's, married by banns.

<sup>56</sup> See page 9 for our Fox and Greenaway ancestors

<sup>57</sup> *St. George's Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucester, England*, (LDS film # 1596488) Baptisms: 1781, Sept. 2, Elizabeth daughter of Henry and Sarah Fox

<sup>58</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Deaths, Sept 1870 Elizabeth Guest 92 Keynsham 5c 481

<sup>59</sup> There were several companies in the area owned by members of the numerous Brain family, but the most likely to be Stephen's employer is George Brain & co, owners of several coal pits in St. George. Abraham Brain and his family owned coal pits in the neighbouring parish of Bitton, but I feel that if Stephen had meant that company, then he would have specified that it was Messieurs Brain and Co. of *Bitton*, which he did not.

<sup>60</sup> Law Dictionary, by John Bouvier, 1856, at <http://www.constitution.org/bouv/bouvier.htm>:

**MESSUAGE**, property. This word is synonymous with dwelling-house; and . . . all the buildings attached or belonging to it, as also its curtilage, garden and orchard, together with the close on which the house is built

**TENEMENT**, estates. In its most extensive signification tenement comprehends every thing which may be holden, . . . not only lands and inheritances which are holden, but also rents and profits

**HEREDITAMENTS**, estates. Anything capable of being inherited, be it corporeal or incorporeal, real, personal, or mixed and including not only lands and everything thereon, but also heir looms, and certain furniture which, by custom, may descend to the heir, together with the land.

Elizabeth survived her husband by many years, passing away in 1870. In the 1861 census she is still living on White's Hill and has her granddaughter Emma (daughter of James) living with her. She lists her occupation as "Proprietor of Houses", reflecting ownership of the "Messuages or Tenements" left to her by her husband's will.

Children<sup>61</sup> of STEPHEN GUEST II and ELIZABETH FOX are:

- i) STEPHEN GUEST, baptized July 05, 1807, St. George, Bristol; married Ann Powell;  
Burial: March 21, 1839, St. George, Bristol. (see page 29)
- ii) MARTHA GUEST, baptized July 30, 1809, St. George, Bristol; married WILLIAM BARRETT;  
Died between 1861 and 1871. (see page 35)
- iii) JAMES GUEST, baptized August 04, 1811, St. George, Bristol  
Burial: November 10, 1811, St. George's Parish Church<sup>62</sup>
- iv) JAMES GUEST, baptized: September 27, 1812, St. George, Bristol; married HANNAH;  
Died before 1901. (see page 37)
- v) SARAH GUEST, baptized August 13, 1815, St. George, Bristol; married SAMUEL DARK (see page 41)
- vi) MARY GUEST, baptized: May 24, 1818, St. George, Bristol  
Buried. October 02, 1818, St. George, Bristol<sup>63</sup>
- vii) MARY GUEST, baptized September 12, 1819, St. George, Bristol
- viii) SAMUEL GUEST, baptized July 28, 1822, St. George, Bristol;  
Died August 17, 1880, on the Great Western Railway, Buckinghamshire.<sup>64</sup>  
(see page 42)  
Married Hannah Stone,
- ix) AARON GUEST, baptized April 15, 1827, St. George, Bristol;  
Died before December 31, 1903, Bristol, Gloucester, England<sup>65</sup>;  
Aaron held various jobs in his lifetime including railway porter in 1851, general labourer in 1881 and 1891, and was agricultural labourer in 1901<sup>66</sup>. He and Charlotte lived in St. George all their lives, at various locations including #6 Bryant's Hill in 1881, at #2 Bryant's Hill in 1891 and Aaron lived alone at Meg Thatcher Green in 1901.<sup>67</sup>  
Married CHARLOTTE LEONARD, November 10, 1850, Temple, Bristol<sup>68</sup>.  
She was baptized December 17, 1826, St. George, Bristol; and she died before December 31, 1896<sup>69</sup>, Bristol.



<sup>61</sup> *St. George's Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucester, England*, (LDS films # 1596488 and 1596528): Baptisms:

- 1807, July 5, Stephen, son of Stephen and Elizabeth Guest
- 1809, July 30, Martha, daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth Guest
- 1811, August 4, James son of Stephen and Elizabeth Guest
- 1812, September 27, James, son of Stephen and Elizabeth Guest
- 1815, August 13, Sarah, daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth Guest, near White's Hill, labourer
- 1818, March 24, Mary, daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth Guest, White's Hill, labourer
- 1819, September 12, Mary, daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth Guest, White's Hill, labourer
- 1822, July 28, Samuel, son of Stephen and Elizabeth Guest, Bath Road, labourer
- 1827, April 15, Aaron, son of Stephen and Elizabeth Guest, White's Hill, labourer

<sup>62</sup> *St. George's Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucester, England*, (LDS film # 1596529) Burials: 1811, November 10, James Guest, 4 months, son of Stephen and Elizabeth.

<sup>63</sup> *Ibid*: Burials: 1818, October 2, Mary Guest, 4 months, White's Hill

<sup>64</sup> *Death registration*, General Register Office, Burnham, Eton, Buckinghamshire

<sup>65</sup> Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Deaths Dec 1903: Guest Aaron age 75 Bristol 6a 117

<sup>66</sup> *Censuses of St. George, Bristol, 1851, 1881, 1891, 1901*.

<sup>67</sup> *Censuses of St. George, Bristol, 1881, 1891, 1901*.

<sup>68</sup> *Temple Church Parish Registers, Bristol, England*, (LDS film # 1597126)

Charlotte was the daughter of WILLIAM and ELIZABETH LEONARD, and had six sisters and two brothers (see page 74). Her father was a horse dealer who lived at Pyle Marsh near the Bath Road, just west of White's Hill.<sup>70</sup> In his will of 1856, William Leonard left Charlotte a portion of his estate "not for her Husband to have any control of her late Fathers Will or Property".<sup>71</sup> Aaron and Charlotte had no children.<sup>72</sup>

*"MESSIEURS BRAIN AND COMPANY"*

In his will, Stephen Guest says that he is a " Servant to Messieurs Brain and Company". Unfortunately he does not mention where this company is located, or what type of business it is in. The Brain family of St. George and Bitton were involved in a number of business ventures including a paper mill, several coal mines, and a grocery business. In Bristol there was also a Joseph Brain who was a cooper and importer of liquor.

Stephen does not specify the location of his employers, which could be taken to mean that the company was located where he lived, i.e. was a St. George business. If this is so, then it is likely that he worked for William Brain and Company, later his son, George Brain & Company. The company had several pits at various times. In 1842, the main collieries were Cork Pit, Deep Pit, and Starveall Pit<sup>73</sup>. These were located in St. George north of the Bristol-London Road.

George Brain seems to have been involved in other enterprises as well. In the 1851 census he is described as a grocer – and a fairly well-to-do one at that as he employs three domestic servants. However, George Brain and Company is also listed in Bristol directories as proprietors of the "Kingswood Lodge Collieries and Railway"<sup>74</sup>, Upper Wharf, Back of West Street".<sup>75</sup>

*A Bristol Mirror Advertisement, July 12, 1856*

George Brain & Co., Kingswood Collieries near Bristol beg to thank their friends & the public generally for the liberal support amended to them for the last 33 years & inform them they have sunk their Deep Pit to a vein of very superior house coal unsurpassed for strength, durability and income; Best House Coal 16s (80p) per ton delivered; Seconds, ditto 14s (70p), Half & Half ditto 12/6 (62p), Housekeepers Small 8s (40p)

<sup>69</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Deaths Dec 1896, Guest Charlotte 70 Barton Regis [includes St. George] 6a 81

<sup>70</sup> *St. George's Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucester, England*, (LDS films # 1596528 and 1596488), 1851 census

<sup>71</sup> *Will of William Leonard, 1856*, Bristol Record Office

<sup>72</sup> Aaron and Charlotte are living alone in the censuses of 1851 to 1891. No baptisms were found in any of the records searched for St. George or Bitton, including non-conformist churches.

<sup>73</sup> Report By Elijah Waring, Esq., on the Employment of Children and Young Persons in the Collieries of South Gloucestershire and on the State, Condition, and Treatment of such Children and Young Persons  
<http://www.cmhrc.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk/glou.htm>

<sup>74</sup> Many collieries developed their own railways: "In the days of stage coaches, the roads were usually in a very bad state with lots of potholes and ruts in them, and in winter they were covered with pools of water, often quite deep, which would be churned into mud by the coach wheels and horses' hooves. Indeed, the coaches and carts often became stuck in the mud and were only dragged out with great difficulty. This state of affairs was very bad indeed for carrying heavy cartloads of coal, and for horses carrying coal baskets on their backs. During the winter months it was usual for men to have to stop digging the coal because carts could not travel along the roads to carry it away.

"The owners of the coal mines decided in about the 1830s to use a new method of taking coal from the pits to wherever it was needed. This new method was known as the "rail way" - notice that this is in two words rather than one, though it was not quite the same railway that we know today. The carts, or wagons as they came to be known, were fitted with special wheels, with rims which ran along rails. At first these rails may have been just planks of wood, but later when they were made of iron and steel they were fastened down to either wooden or stone slabs called "sleepers". The ground had to be flattened and drained of water before the sleepers were laid on it. Now there was no fear of potholes or ruts in the road, and the "rail way" was not flooded as often as the roads. The main trouble was when the wagons came off the rails and had to be hauled back on again. In the early days of the railways in this district, the wagons were not pulled along by a steam engine, but by teams of horses." From *The a-history Group, Railways*, [www.a-history.co.uk](http://www.a-history.co.uk)

<sup>75</sup> *Mathew's Annual Bristol and Clifton Directory and Almanac 1851, Harrison, Harrod & Co's Bristol Post Office Directory and Gazetteer, 1859, Slater's Directory of Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Wales and Liverpool, 1859*, all viewed at [www.historicaldirectories.org](http://www.historicaldirectories.org).

From *A Sketch of the History of Kingswood [Methodist] Circuit* by Joseph Lovell.

Mr George Brain was proprietor of Kingswood Colliery. He was of a fine commanding physique, standing 6 feet two inches in height and proportionately built. He had a resonant voice. He could roar like thunder when denouncing wrong but as tender as a mother in encouraging the weak and struggling who were wishful to live a better life. As a preacher he was well received but his chief work was done as Superintendent of Zion Sunday School (Kingswood). In his later years he sustained financial losses but maintained his integrity. When he was urged to do something for his benefit to his estate, he flatly refused saying it would be wrong to do it.

In his journal<sup>76</sup>, Robert Leonard describes two accidents at the Brain & Co coal pit in St. George, both involving poorly maintained machines. It should be pointed out that, horrific as this sounds to those of us who expect safe working conditions, this kind of accident was not uncommon in the collieries of the time. The Kingswood colliery was likely no worse than its neighbours were.

“On Saturday morning the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1851 the Boiler of the Engine belonging the George Brain & Co Situate near a Pit called Starveall in the Parish of St George in the County of Gloucester Bursted and the following are the names of the Men as was Scalled and death

Francis Bryant 62 married Man

Joseph Long 46 Do

Wm Burchel 22 Do

James Ricketts 22, Do with Two children

Saml Bryant Do with nine children,

John Burchel Snr married seven children

John Burchel 16 unmarried,

Daniel Mountain 36 married with Eight children.

The two younger Burchels are Brothers and Sons of the Engineer John Burchel Senr An inquest was held at the Rose and Crown on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> before Joiner Ellis Esqr and the following verdict returned That the said Boiler Bursted for the want of care and attention of the Engineer John Burchel Snr NB That is tantamount to Manslaughter.”<sup>77</sup>

“On Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 1851 Eight Men and Boys were hauled up the deep Pit (Belonging to Brain & Co in the Parish of St George in the county of Gloucester) through the neglect of the Engineer they was hauled over the wheel three jumped out before they came to the wheel one of them fell down the pit 140 Fathoms was killed five was taken to the Infirmary. Coroner Inquest was held and an Inspector came from London. Verdict Manslaughter against John Stone the Engineer.”

In 1865 there was a strike by 150 employees of Brain & Co., but the issue was not working conditions, but rather wages. The wages for colliers in the Bristol area averaged 12 shillings per week, well below the national average of 21 shillings. The striking miners were summonsed for going on strike, but the case was decided in favour of the miners.<sup>78</sup>

<sup>76</sup> *A Record of Events at St George, Gloucestershire, 1790 – 1852*, by Robert Leonard, taken from a hand transcription by Bob Leonard, annotated and indexed by Dick Monks, 2001

<sup>77</sup> Also reported in the *Bristol Times* June 14, 1851, included in *Killed in a Coal Pit* by Patricia Lindegaard

<sup>78</sup> *Living Easton: Wages and Strikes*

[http://www.cems.uwe.ac.uk/~rstephen/livingeaston/local\\_history/coalmining/felix\\_road\\_pit.html](http://www.cems.uwe.ac.uk/~rstephen/livingeaston/local_history/coalmining/felix_road_pit.html)

**Generation No. 3***STEPHEN GUEST III AND ANN POWELL*

STEPHEN GUEST III (STEPHEN, STEPHEN) was baptized July 05, 1807, St. George's Parish Church, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England<sup>79</sup> and was buried March 21, 1839, also in St. George<sup>80</sup>. He married ANN POWELL April 03, 1832 in St. James Parish Church, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England<sup>81</sup>. She was born in St. George<sup>82</sup>, and probably<sup>83</sup> baptized in the Hanham church on July 8, 1810<sup>84</sup>, with parents GEORGE and SARAH POWELL. George was a coal miner living in Warmley, St. George in 1817<sup>85</sup>.

Like his parents and grandparents, Stephen Guest III lived on the Bath Road in St. George. He had three sons, Isaac, Charles and George, and one daughter, Charlotte. Like his grandfather, Stephen died very young, leaving his wife with four young children. In 1851, Ann was supporting herself as a shoemaker, presumably with help from her oldest son Isaac, who was a butcher, and lived in the same household.<sup>86</sup>

Ann married CHARLES JOHN CLARKE, a widower with two daughters, in the last quarter of 1854. Although born about 1806 in Portsmouth, Portsea, Wales, by 1851 Charles Clarke was a widower and shoemaker living in Pyle Marsh, St. George, next door to his former father-in-law THOMAS ROGERS<sup>87</sup>. Charles had apparently been living in St. George since before 1846, as he had two children with his first wife, Sarah Ann, born in the late spring of 1846 and baptized June 18, 1843<sup>88</sup>, and Eliza, born December 11, 1845, and baptized March 29, 1846<sup>89</sup>, both at St. Phillip & St. Jacob, Bristol. The baptismal records indicate that Charles

### The Boot and Shoe Industry in East Bristol

Work in the boot and shoe industry, both in factories and outwork, replaced pin making as a source of employment for many women in the East Bristol area.

This pattern of a growing mass-produced boot and shoe industry coinciding with the decline of older outwork trades also occurred in other areas like Leicester, Leeds, Norwich and Kettering.

From the middle of the 19th century the boot trade, along with coal mining were the most substantial industries in East Bristol. Boot making competed with the other English centres of the trade at Northampton, Leeds and Leicester.

Bristol goods were cheaper than elsewhere because of the greater dependence on outworkers who were paid much less than factory workers and who saved proprietors expensive overheads.

From *Pin Making in East Bristol in the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Centuries*

<http://weldgen.tripod/pin-making/index.html>

<sup>79</sup> *St. George's Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucester, England*, (LDS Film # 1596488) Baptisms: 1807, July 5, Stephen, son of Stephen and Elizabeth Guest

<sup>80</sup> *St. George's Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucester, England*, (LDS film #1596529): Burials: 1839, March 21, Stephen Guest, age 32, of "near White's Hill"

<sup>81</sup> *St. James Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucester, England*, (LDS film #1596544)

<sup>82</sup> 1851 census of Bristol: Ann is age 41.

<sup>83</sup> The marriage record for Stephen Guest and Ann Powell does not give father's name, but the baptismal date and location fit. I have been unable to find another birth of baptism that fits the age for Ann given in the 1851 census.

<sup>84</sup> *Register of Chapelry of Hanham-Abbotts, Bitton, Gloucestershire*, (LDS Film # 1849449): Baptisms: 1810, July 8, Ann, daughter of George and Sarah Powell

<sup>85</sup> *Register of Chapelry of Hanham-Abbotts, Bitton, Gloucestershire*, (LDS Film # 1849449): Baptisms: 1817, October 5, Sarah, age 14 years and 2 months, daughter of George and Sarah Powell, coal miner, Warmley

<sup>86</sup> *Census of St. George, Bristol, 1851*

<sup>87</sup> 1851 census of Bristol.

<sup>88</sup> *St. Phillip & St. Jacob Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England*, (LDS film # 1596778), Baptisms: 1843, June 18, Sarah Ann, daughter of Charles John and Eliza Clark, 7 weeks, from St. Georges, cordwainer

<sup>89</sup> *St. Phillip & St. Jacob Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England*, (LDS film # 1596778), Baptisms: 1846, March 29, Eliza, daughter of Charles John and Eliza Clark, born 11 Dec 1845, from St. Georges, cordwainer

was a cordwainer (shoemaker) and lived in St. George. By 1858, Charles was the District Registrar for St. George, and his name is on the probate records for the will of Ann's father-in-law Stephen Guest II.

In 1871, Charles is still working as a cordwainer and Ann and his two daughters are living at Victoria House on the Bath Road. Charles must have been making a good income as none of the three women are listed as having an occupation, even though the two girls are 25 and 27 years of age.

In both 1871 and 1881, there is also a William Guest in the household, born about 1861 in Kingswood. He is given as a "visitor" in 1871, but a grandson in 1881. His surname would suggest he is Ann's grandson from one of the children with Stephen Guest. If this is so, the only known possibility is William Frederick Guest, eldest son of Isaac and Ellen Guest. However, in the 1871 census, he is recorded with his parents and siblings, although not in 1881. So, either William is recorded twice in the 1871 census, once with his parents and once with his grandmother, or there is another, unknown William born in 1861. It is also unknown why he would be living with his grandmother and step-grandfather, rather than his natural family.

Children of STEPHEN GUEST and ANN POWELL are:

- i) ISAAC GUEST, born about 1833, St. George<sup>90</sup>  
 Residence 1851: Living with mother on Bath Road, St. George, Bristol  
 Residence 1871: 2 Waterloo Place, Bristol St Philip & Jacob In, Gloucester, England  
 Residence 1881: Old Market St, Bristol St Philip & Jacob In, Gloucester, England  
 Residence 1891: 123 Burrow Lane, St. Philip & St. Jacob Out, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England  
 Occupation 1851 - 1891: Butcher<sup>91</sup>  
 Died before the end of December 1893 in Barton Regis (includes St. George), Gloucestershire<sup>92</sup>  
 Married November 06, 1859 in St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol<sup>93</sup> to ELLEN P. WOTTON.  
 She was born between 1840 - 1841<sup>94</sup> Kingswood, Bitton, Gloucestershire  
 Residence 1901: Living with daughter Ellen F. Brooks in Potternewton, Leeds<sup>95</sup>  
 Occupation 1881: Butcher<sup>96</sup>  
 Died after 1901 (she is recorded in the 1901 census)

Children of Isaac and Ellen:

- 1) WILLIAM FREDERIC GUEST born before July 07, 1861<sup>97</sup>, Bristol
- 2) ELLEN FLORENCE GUEST  
 Born about 1866,<sup>98</sup> St. George, Bristol  
 Married before June 30, 1886<sup>99</sup> in Bristol to WILLIAM B. MENDELSSOHN BROOKS  
 He was born about 1866<sup>100</sup> Bristol  
 Occupation 1901: Chief Inspector of Assurance Agents - Insurance office

Children:

- 1st) Winifred Florence Brooks born about 1890<sup>101</sup> Eastville, Bristol

<sup>90</sup> 1851 census of Bristol, age 18; 1881 census, age 48; 1891 census, age 58.

<sup>91</sup> 1851, 1871, 1881 and 1891 censuses

<sup>92</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Deaths, Dec 1893 Guest Isaac 60 Barton R. 6a 115 [Barton Regis is the civil registration district that includes St. George]

<sup>93</sup> *St. Phillips & St. Jacob Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England* (LDS Film #1596924): Marriages: 1859, November 6, Isaac Guest, age 26, father Stephen Guest, and Ellen P. Wotton, age 19, father Joseph Wotton

<sup>94</sup> 1851 census, age 10; 1881 census, age 41; 1891 census, age 50; 1901 census, age 62; married in 1859, age 19

<sup>95</sup> 1901 census

<sup>96</sup> 1881 census

<sup>97</sup> *Temple Church Parish Registers, Temple, Bristol*, (LDS Film # 1597124): Baptisms, 1861, July 7, William Frederick, son of Isaac and Ellen Guest

<sup>98</sup> 1881 census, age 15, 1901 census, age 35

<sup>99</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Marriages: Jun 1886, BROOKS William Mendelssohn, Guest Ellen Florence, Bristol 6a 69

<sup>100</sup> 1901 census, age 35

- 2nd) ALBERT WILLIAM BROOKS born before September 30, 1892<sup>102</sup> Eastville, Bristol
- 3rd) GERTRUDE ELLEN BROOKS born before June 30, 1894<sup>103</sup> Eastville, Bristol
- 4th) ELLA DOROTHY BROOKS born before September 30, 1896<sup>104</sup> Plymouth, Devonshire
- 5th) REGINALD G. BROOKS born about 1899<sup>105</sup> Kingswood, Gloucestershire
- 3) FRANCES (FANNY) GUEST born about 1870<sup>106</sup> St. George, Bristol
- Married FRANCIS [OR FREDERICK] HAM
- He was born about 1869<sup>107</sup>
- Residence 1891: Francis/Frederick and Fanny were living with Fanny's parents Isaac & Ellen Guest in St. George, Bristol
- Occupation (Francis) 1891: Tailor
- Child:
- 1st) Violet Ham born about 1890<sup>108</sup> Bristol
- 4) HENRY (HARRY) MARDEN GUEST born between before March 31, 1873<sup>109</sup> St. Philip Out, Bristol
- Residence 1891: Living with parents in Bristol
- Residence 1901: Bristol
- Occupation 1891: Shopman Colonial Butchers
- Occupation 1901: Cattle dealer<sup>110</sup>
- Married: before June 30, 1895<sup>111</sup> in Barton Regis, Bristol
- ROSINA (ROSE) MILES (born about 1877<sup>112</sup> Bristol)
- Residence 1891: Living with parents in St. George, Bristol
- Occupation 1891: Shoe maker<sup>113</sup>
- Children:
- 1st) WINIFRED GUEST born about 1897<sup>114</sup> Bristol
- 2nd) MABEL GUEST born about 1898<sup>115</sup> Bristol
- 3rd) BRENDA GUEST born about 1900<sup>116</sup> Bristol

<sup>101</sup> 1901 census, age 11, born in Eastville, Bristol

<sup>102</sup> 1901 census, age 8, born in Eastville, Bristol; *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Births Sep 1892, Brooks Albert William, Barton Regis 6a 181

<sup>103</sup> 1901 census, age 6, born in Eastville, Bristol; *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Births Jun 1894, Brooks Gertrude Ellen, Barton Regis 6a 179

<sup>104</sup> 1901 census, age 4, born in Plymouth, Devonshire; *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Births Sep 1896, Brooks Ella Dorothy, Plymouth 5b 222

<sup>105</sup> 1901 census, age 2, born in Kingswood

<sup>106</sup> 1881 census, age 11

<sup>107</sup> 1891 census has name Francis, but also has wife Frances born in Bath and of wrong age, suggesting confusion by census taker. In 1901, there is a Violet Ham, born in Bristol, with father Frederick. More research required to confirm one way or another. If the Frederick in the 1901 census is the correct person, then there are two more children, Frederick, age 9, born in Bristol, and Ivor, age 4, born in Buckinghamshire. Frederick is a 33-year-old travelling jewelry salesman living in St. Pancras, London. Frances is not with the family.

<sup>108</sup> 1891 census, age 1

<sup>109</sup> 1881 census, age 8; 1901 census, age 29; *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Births Mar 1873, Guest Henry Mardon, Clifton 6a 138

<sup>110</sup> 1891 and 1901 censuses

<sup>111</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Marriages Jun 1895, Guest Henry Mardon, Miles Rosina Barton Regis 6a 291

<sup>112</sup> 1901 census, age 25, name is Rose

<sup>113</sup> 1891 census

<sup>114</sup> 1901 census, age 4

<sup>115</sup> 1901 census, age 3

<sup>116</sup> 1901 census, age 1

- ii) CHARLES GUEST, born December 06, 1834, in St. George, baptized January 18, 1835, Independent Church, Kingswood, Bristol<sup>117</sup>  
 Residence 1881: 6 Victoria Villas, Stapleton Road, Bristol St. George, Bristol Residence 1891: 3 Victoria Building, St. George, Bristol, England  
 Residence 1901: 401 Stapleton Rd., St. Mark's Easton, Bristol, England  
 Occupation 1881: Commercial clerk, wholesale grocer  
 Occupation 1891: Mercantile Clerk  
 Occupation 1901: Confectioner's clerk<sup>118</sup>
- Married EMMA AMELIA CLARISSA<sup>119</sup> [SURNAME UNKNOWN] (born about 1839<sup>120</sup> Crewkerne, Somersetshire)  
 Occupation 1891: Shopkeeper (Draper)  
 Occupation 1901: Marker of dresses (on own account)<sup>121</sup>
- Children of CHARLES and EMMA:
- 1) EMMA C. GUEST born before March 31, 1859<sup>122</sup> St. Paul's, Bristol  
 Residence 1881: Living with parents in St. George, Bristol  
 Occupation 1881: Draper<sup>123</sup>
  - 2) ELLEN EMILY LOUISA GUEST baptized April 14, 1861<sup>124</sup> Holy Trinity, Bristol  
 Residence 1881: Living with parents in St. George, Bristol  
 Occupation 1881: Assistant School Mistress<sup>125</sup>
  - 3) ALICE MAUD MARY GUEST, born December 14, 1862, baptized January 11, 1863,<sup>126</sup> Redfield Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, St. George, Bristol  
 Residence : 1881-1901 Living with parents in St. George  
 Occupation 1891: Draper's assistant  
 Occupation 1901: Private school teacher (on own account)<sup>127</sup>
  - 4) CHARLES STEPHEN GUEST, baptized October 16, 1864 Redfield Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, St. George, Bristol  
 Residence 1881: Living with parents in St. George, Bristol  
 Residence 1891: Villa St. Just, Trewithen Rd., Madron  
 Occupation 1891: Employee of the Super. Life Assurance Co.<sup>128</sup>  
 Occupation: between 1901 - 1902 Inspector Life Insurance, Norwich Union Life Insurance Society<sup>129</sup>
- Married before December 31, 1890<sup>130</sup> in Bristol, ADA EMMA BEANE (born before December 31, 1865<sup>131</sup> Bristol)

<sup>117</sup> *Independent Church (Kingswood, near Bristol, Gloucestershire)*, (LDS Film # 0595449) Baptisms: 1835, January 18, Charles, son of Stephen and Ann Guest, born December 6, 1834

<sup>118</sup> 1881, 1891, 1901 censuses

<sup>119</sup> Name from baptismal records of children

<sup>120</sup> 1881 census, age 41; 1891 census, age 51; 1901 census, age 61

<sup>121</sup> 1891 and 1901 censuses

<sup>122</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Births mar 1859, Guest, Emma C, Clifton 6a 76, 1881 census, age 22, born in St. Pauls, Bristol

<sup>123</sup> 1881 census

<sup>124</sup> *Holy Trinity Church, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England, Parish Registers*, (LDS Film #1596359): Baptisms, 1861, April 14, Ellen Emily Louisa, daughter of Charles and Emma Guest

<sup>125</sup> 1881 census

<sup>126</sup> *Wesleyan Methodist Church, Redfield, St. George, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England* (LDS Film # 1565222) Baptisms: 1863, January 11, Alice Maud Mary, daughter of Charles and Emma Amelia Clarissa Guest, born December 14, 1862

<sup>127</sup> 1881, 1891, 1901 censuses

<sup>128</sup> 1891 census

<sup>129</sup> 1901 census; *Kelly's Directory*, Bristol, 1902, p. 300, "Norwich Union Life Insurance Society (P. L. Hughes-Garbett, district manager; C. Stephen Guest, inspector), 56 Corn street".

<sup>130</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Marriages Dec 1890, BEANE Ada Emma, Guest Charles Stephen Bristol 6a 154

<sup>131</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Births Dec 1865, Beane Ada Emma, Bristol 6a 45

## Children:

- 1st) EDWIN GUEST, born about 1892<sup>132</sup> Penzance, Cornwall  
 2nd) DORIS GUEST, born about 1899<sup>133</sup> Bristol
- 5) GEORGE WILLIAM GUEST, baptized October 28, 1866<sup>134</sup> Redfield Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, St. George, Bristol  
 Residence 1881: Living with parents in St. George, Bristol<sup>135</sup>
- 6) CAROLINE CHARLOTTE ANN GUEST, born October 15, 1868, baptized March 14, 1869<sup>136</sup>, Redfield Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, St. George, Bristol  
 Residence 1881: Living with parents in St. George, Bristol<sup>137</sup>
- 7) ANNIE ELIZA GUEST born January 08, 1871, baptized April 9, 1871<sup>138</sup>, Redfield Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, St. George, Bristol  
 Residence 1891: Living with parents in Bristol  
 Occupation 1891: Draper's assistant<sup>139</sup>
- 8) EDITH GRACE GUEST born December 24, 1872, baptized March 2, 1873<sup>140</sup>, Redfield Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, St. George, Bristol  
 Residence: between 1891 - 1901 Living with parents in Bristol  
 Occupation 1891: Draper's assistant  
 Occupation 1901: Domestic assistant<sup>141</sup>
- 9) BERTHA ANN GUEST born before March 31, 1876<sup>142</sup> St. George, Bristol  
 Residence: between 1891 - 1901 Living with parents in Bristol  
 Occupation 1901: Voluntary school teacher (worker)<sup>143</sup>
- 10) WILLIAM POWELL GUEST born before March 31, 1880<sup>144</sup> St. George, Bristol  
 Residence: between 1891 - 1901 Living with parents in Bristol  
 Occupation 1901: Merchant's clerk (worker)<sup>145</sup>
- 11) ARTHUR POWELL GUEST before June 30, 1882<sup>146</sup> St. George, Bristol  
 Residence 1901: Living with parents in Bristol  
 Occupation 1901: Voluntary school teacher (worker)<sup>147</sup>
- 12) HERBERT POWELL GUEST born before June 30, 1884<sup>148</sup> St. George, Bristol

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<sup>132</sup> 1901 census, age 9

<sup>133</sup> 1901 census, age 2

<sup>134</sup> *Wesleyan Methodist Church, Redfield, St. George, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England* (LDS Film # 1565222) Baptisms: 1866, October 28, George William, son of Charles and Emma Guest

<sup>135</sup> 1881 census

<sup>136</sup> *Wesleyan Methodist Church, Redfield, St. George, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England* (LDS Film # 1565222) Baptisms: 1869, March 14, Caroline Charlotte Ann, daughter of Charles and Emma Guest, born October 16, 1868

<sup>137</sup> 1881 census

<sup>138</sup> *Wesleyan Methodist Church, Redfield, St. George, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England* (LDS Film # 1565222) Baptisms: 1871, April 9, Annie Eliza, daughter of Charles and Emma Guest, born January 8, 1871

<sup>139</sup> 1891 census

<sup>140</sup> *Wesleyan Methodist Church, Redfield, St. George, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England* (LDS Film # 1565222) Baptisms: 1873, March 2, Edith Grace, daughter of Charles and Emma Amelia Guest, born December 24, 1872

<sup>141</sup> 1891 and 1901 censuses

<sup>142</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Births Mar 1876, GUEST Bertha Ann Clifton 6a 122; 1881 census, age 5; 1891 census, age 15; 1901 census, age 25

<sup>143</sup> 1891 and 1901 censuses

<sup>144</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Births Mar 1880, GUEST William Powell Barton Regis 6a 107; 1881 census, age 1; 1891 census, age 11; 1901 census, age 21

<sup>145</sup> 1891 and 1901 censuses

<sup>146</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Births Jun 1882, GUEST Arthur Powell Barton Regis 6a 91; 1891 census, age 9; 1901 census, age 19

<sup>147</sup> 1901 census

<sup>148</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Births Jun 1882, GUEST Herbert Powell Barton Regis 6a 91; 1891 census, age 7; 1901 census, age 17

Residence 1901: Living with parents in Bristol  
Occupation 1901: Merchants clerk (worker)<sup>149</sup>

- iii) CHARLOTTE GUEST, born June 04, 1836, St. George, Baptized: July 24, 1836<sup>150</sup>, Independent Church, Kingswood, Bristol  
Occupation 1881: Beerhouse keepers wife<sup>151</sup>  
Occupation 1901: Beef and mutton retailer<sup>152</sup>

Married: June 16, 1869<sup>153</sup> in St. James, Bristol to WILLIAM TURNER

He was born between 1837 - 1839<sup>154</sup> Cheltenham, Gloucestershire  
Residence 1871: and 1891 2 Peel St., St. Philip & St. Jacob Out, Bristol  
Residence 1881: 83 Temple St., Temple, Bristol  
Occupation 1871: Unemployed gas fitter  
Occupation 1881: Beerhouse keeper  
Occupation 1891: Cellarman  
Occupation 1901: Collector Of Inland Revenue Excise<sup>155</sup>

Children:

- 1) Anne E. G. P. Turner born between 1873 - 1874<sup>156</sup> Bristol  
Residence 1891: Living with parents in Bristol  
Residence 1901: Living with mother in Bristol  
Occupation: between 1891 - 1901 none given
  - 2) CLARA J. TURNER, born about 1875<sup>157</sup> Bristol  
Residence 1891: Living with parents in Bristol  
Residence 1901: Living with mother in Bristol  
Occupation 1891: Pupil teacher school  
Occupation 1901: Teacher on board school<sup>158</sup>
  - 3) WILLIAM N. TURNER, born about 1877<sup>159</sup> Bristol  
Residence 1891: Living with parents in Bristol  
Residence 1901: Living with mother in Bristol  
Occupation 1891: Printer's Boy  
Occupation 1901: Cabinet maker<sup>160</sup>
  - 4) FRANK S. TURNER, born about 1878<sup>161</sup> Bristol  
Residence 1891: Living with parents in Bristol  
Residence 1901: Living with mother in Bristol  
Occupation 1901: Architect's draughtsman<sup>162</sup>
- iv) GEORGE GUEST, born between 1838 - 1839, St. George, Bristol<sup>163</sup>  
Residence: between 1871 - 1891 26 Sussex St., St. Philip & Jacob Out, Bristol

<sup>149</sup> 1901 census

<sup>150</sup> *Independent Church (Kingswood, near Bristol, Gloucestershire)*, (LDS Film # 0595449) Baptisms: 1836, July 24, Charlotte, daughter of Stephen and Ann Guest, born June 1, 1836

<sup>151</sup> 1881 census

<sup>152</sup> 1901 census

<sup>153</sup> *St. James Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucester, England*, (LDS film #1596544)

<sup>154</sup> 1871 census, age 32; 1881 census, age 42, 1891 census, age 52, 1901, age 64, married in 1869 age 31

<sup>155</sup> 1871, 1881, 1891 and 1901 censuses

<sup>156</sup> 1881 census, age 8; 1891 census, age 18; 1901 census, age 27

<sup>157</sup> 1881 census, age 6; 1891 census, age 16; 1901 census, age 26

<sup>158</sup> 1891 and 1901 censuses

<sup>159</sup> 1881 census, age 4; 1891 census, age 14; 1901 census, age 24

<sup>160</sup> 1891 and 1901 censuses

<sup>161</sup> 1881 census, age 3; 1891 census, age 13; 1901 census, age 23

<sup>162</sup> 1891 and 1901 censuses

<sup>163</sup> *Censuses of St. George, Bristol*: 1851: age 13; 1881; age 43; *1891 census of St. Phillip & St. Jacob, Bristol*; age 53; *St. James Church, Bristol* (LDS Film # 1596544): Marriages: 1869, Feb. 8, George Guest, age 30, father Stephen, married Jane Morgan Iles, age 29, father Samuel.

Occupation: between 1871 - 1901 Butcher<sup>164</sup>  
 Married February 08, 1869<sup>165</sup> in St. James, Bristol  
 JANE MORGAN ILES (born about 1840<sup>166</sup> St. George, Bristol), daughter of Samuel Iles and Jane Morgan<sup>167</sup>  
 Children:

- 1) ALBERT GEORGE GUEST, born March 04, 1870, baptized June 5, 1870<sup>168</sup>, Emmanuel's Church, Bristol
- 2) FRANK GEORGE GUEST, baptized November 26, 1871<sup>169</sup>, Emmanuel's Church, Bristol  
 Residence 1891: Living with parents in Bristol  
 Residence 1901: Bristol  
 Occupation 1891: Butcher  
 Occupation 1901: Living on own means<sup>170</sup>  
 Married: before June 30, 1900<sup>171</sup> in Bristol, ROSA SWANN (born about 1879 Bath, Somerset<sup>172</sup>)
- 3) ANNIE JANE GUEST, born about 1874<sup>173</sup> St. Philips, Bristol
- 1) ALICE MORGAN GUEST, born about 1876<sup>174</sup> St. Phillips, Bristol  
 Residence 1891:-1901 Living with parents in Bristol  
 Occupation 1891:-1901 Draper's assistant<sup>175</sup>
- 2) CLARA ELIZA GUEST, born about 1879<sup>176</sup> St. Phillips, Bristol  
 Residence 1891:-1901 Living with parents in Bristol  
 Occupation 1901: Draper's assistant<sup>177</sup>
- 3) FLORENCE R. GUEST, born about 1882<sup>178</sup> St. Phillips, Bristol  
 Residence 1901: Living with parents in Bristol  
 Occupation:1901 Draper's assistant<sup>179</sup>



*MARTHA GUEST AND WILLIAM BARRETT*

MARTHA GUEST (STEPHEN, STEPHEN) was baptized July 30, 1809<sup>180</sup>, in St. George's Parish Church. She married WILLIAM BARRETT May 20, 1833<sup>181</sup> at St. Nicholas parish church, Bristol. He was born about 1814<sup>182</sup> in Bitton, Gloucestershire, and died between 1851 and 1861<sup>183</sup>.

<sup>164</sup> 1871, 1881,1891 and 1901 censuses

<sup>165</sup> *St. James Church, Bristol* (LDS Film # 1596544): Marriages: 1869, Feb. 8, George Guest, age 30, father Stephen, married Jane Morgan Iles, age 29, father Samuel.

<sup>166</sup> 1851 census, age 11; 1881 census, age 41; 1891 census, age 51; 1901 census, age 61; married 1869, age 29

<sup>167</sup> *St. James Church, Bristol* (LDS Film # 1596544): Marriages: 1869, Feb. 8, George Guest, age 30, father Stephen, married Jane Morgan Iles, age 29, father Samuel; *Temple Church Parish Registers, Temple, Bristol*, (LDS Film # 1596296): Marriages, 1830, March 1, Samuel Iles and Jane Morgan

<sup>168</sup> *Emmanuel's Church, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England*, (LDS Film # 1596358); Baptisms, 1870, June 5, Albert George son of George and Jane Guest, born March 4, 1870

<sup>169</sup> *Emmanuel's Church, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England*, (LDS Film # 1596358); Baptisms, 1871, November 26, Albert George son of George and Jane Morgan Guest

<sup>170</sup> 1891 and 1901 censuses

<sup>171</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Marriages Jun 1900, Guest Frank G, Swann Rosa, Bristol 6a 293

<sup>172</sup> 1901 census, age 22

<sup>173</sup> 1881 census, age 7

<sup>174</sup> 1881 census, age 5, 1891 census, age 15; 1901 census, age 25

<sup>175</sup> 1891 and 1901 censuses

<sup>176</sup> 1881 census, age 2, 1891 census, age 12; 1901 census, age 22

<sup>177</sup> 1891 and 1901 censuses

<sup>178</sup> 1891 census, age 9; 1901 census, age 19

<sup>179</sup> 1901 census

Early in his life, William Barrett was a labourer, initially living in Hanham, but he was living with his family at 54 York Street, in an area of St. Philips parish, Bristol, known as Dings by 1844<sup>184</sup>. He was still there, but was working as a butcher in 1851.

William and Martha had six children that I know of, three boys and three girls. One of the girls, Caroline, died in infancy.

Martha was a widow at an early age, and in 1861 she was living at 6 St. Margaret's Place, Westminster, Surrey (near London), and was supporting herself as a "proprietress of houses"<sup>185</sup>. Her eldest son was away from home, but her next two children, Samuel and Harriet were helping support the family working as perfumers. Nineteen-year-old Emma was a milliner (hat maker), and 13-year-old Alfred George was employed as a butcher, as his father had been. Two of her sister Sarah's children, Sarah and Henry Dark, were living with her, as was a 3 month old granddaughter, Ellen H. Barrett, about whom I have been able to find nothing more, including who her parents were.

Martha died before the 1871 census was taken. Her son Samuel had married, moved back to Clifton, Bristol, and returned to selling poultry, his occupation in 1851. Harriet was living with her eldest brother William, both of them describing their occupations as "travellor" – presumably travelling salespeople, but what they were selling is unknown.

Children of MARTHA GUEST and WILLIAM BARRETT are:

- i) WILLIAM BARRETT, born about 1836<sup>186</sup>, in St. George, Bristol. He married MARY ANN, surname unknown, who was born about 1833 in Bristol, and was a dressmaker in 1871<sup>187</sup>.  
Occupation 1851: Butcher<sup>188</sup>  
Occupation 1871: Traveller<sup>189</sup>  
Residence 1871: 4 Park Side St., Battersea, Surrey, England

Children of WILLIAM BARRETT and MARY ANN<sup>190</sup> are:

- 1) MINNIE BARRETT, born Abt. 1862, Westminster, Middlesex, England.
- 2) WILLIAM BARRETT, born Abt. 1864, Westminster, Middlesex, England.
- 3) Annie Barrett, born Abt. 1867, Middlesex, England.
- 4) ERNEST BARRETT, born Abt. 1870, Battersea, Surrey, England.
- ii) SAMUEL BARRETT, born before September 30, 1837<sup>191</sup>, St. George, Bristol.  
Residence 1871:: 2 Cumberland Place, Clifton, Bristol<sup>192</sup>  
Occupation 1851: and 1871: Poultry dealer<sup>193</sup>  
Occupation 1861: Perfumer

<sup>180</sup> *St. George's Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucester, England*, (LDS film #1596488): Baptisms, 1809, July 30, Martha, daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth Guest

<sup>181</sup> *Marriage Certificate /Registration, Marriages*, St. Nicholas, Bristol, William Barrett, of this parish, and Martha Guest, of this parish, were married in this church by banns, this 20th day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three.

<sup>182</sup> 1851 census, age 37

<sup>183</sup> 1861 census: his wife Martha is a widow

<sup>184</sup> Baptismal records of children, in Hanham in 1840, St. Philip in 1844 and 1846, birth registration of son Alfred George in 1846 gives address as 54 York St., St. Philips, Bristol

<sup>185</sup> 1861 census

<sup>186</sup> 1851 census, age 15

<sup>187</sup> 1871 census

<sup>188</sup> 1851 census

<sup>189</sup> 1871 census

<sup>190</sup> 1871 census

<sup>191</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Births Sep 1837 Barrett Samuel Clifton 11 199; 1881 census, age 13

<sup>192</sup> 1871 census

<sup>193</sup> 1851 census

He married HARRIET WAKE in 1866<sup>194</sup> in Bath, Somerset. Harriet was born about 1847<sup>195</sup> in Tiverton, Somerset.

Children:

- 1) ALICE BARRETT, born about 1867, Clifton, Bristol<sup>196</sup> is the only child I have found a record of to date.
  - iii) HARRIET BARRETT, born about 1839<sup>197</sup>, St. George, Bristol.  
Occupation 1861: Perfumer  
Occupation 1871: Traveller  
Residence 1861: Living with mother in Westminster, Surrey, England  
Residence 1871: Living with brother William in Battersea, Surrey, England
  - iv) EMMA BARRETT, born before June 30, 1842<sup>198</sup>, St. George, Bristol.  
Occupation 1861: Millner  
Residence 1861: Living with mother in Westminster, Surrey, England
  - v) CAROLINE BARRETT, baptized July 7, 1844<sup>199</sup>, aged 3 weeks, at St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol, buried May 06, 1845, at St. George church, Bristol
  - vi) ALFRED GEORGE BARRETT, probably born Sept. 21, 1846<sup>200</sup>, St. Phillip, Bristol, and baptized Oct. 18, 1846<sup>201</sup> at the church of St. Philips & St. Jacob, Bristol. He married EMILY ROSINA (ROSE) EMBLEY Feb 24, 1872 in St. Augustine the Less, Bristol, daughter of GEORGE EMBLEY. She was born about 1853 - 1854 in Bristol.  
Occupation 1861: Butcher  
Occupation 1881: Fishmonger & Poulterer  
Residence 1861: Living with mother in Westminster, Surrey, England  
Residence 1881: 11 Chandos Rd., Westbury On Trym, Gloucester
- The only child of ALFRED BARRETT and EMILY EMBLEY that I know of is:

- 1) SIDNEY SAMUEL BARRETT, born Abt. 1879, Bristol.

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#### JAMES GUEST AND HANNAH

JAMES GUEST (STEPHEN, STEPHEN) was baptized September 27, 1812<sup>202</sup> in St George, Bristol, and died before December 30, 1893<sup>203</sup>. He married HANNAH (surname unknown). She was born about 1815<sup>204</sup> in Bitton, Gloucestershire, and died after 1901<sup>205</sup>.

<sup>194</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), "Electronic," Marriages Jun 1866 BARRETT Samuel Bath 5c 1161 Wake Harriet Bath 5c 1161

<sup>195</sup> 1871 census, age 24

<sup>196</sup> 1871 census

<sup>197</sup> 1871 census, age 12; *Register of Chapelry of Hanham-Abbotts, Bitton, Gloucestershire*, (LDS Film # 1849449): Baptisms: 1840, July 5, Harriet, daughter of William & Martha Barrett, Hanham, labourer

<sup>198</sup> 1871 census, age 10; *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Births Jun 1842 BARRETT Emma Clifton 11 287; *St. Phillip & St. Jacob Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England*, (LDS film # 1596778), Baptisms: 1844, July 7, Emma, 2 yrs, daughter of William and Martha Barrett, Dings, labourer

<sup>199</sup> *St. Phillip & St. Jacob Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England*, (LDS film # 1596778), Baptisms: 1844, July 7, Caroline, 3 wks, daughter of William and Martha Barrett, Dings, labourer

<sup>200</sup> On Alfred's baptismal record of Oct. 18, 1846, it states that he is 3 weeks old. His birth registration, however, states that he was born Oct. 21, 1846. The most likely explanation for this contradiction is that there was a fine at that time for registering a birth more than 6 weeks after it occurred. The registration was done on Dec. 1, well over the deadline. Most likely, Alfred's mother "adjusted" the date by a month in order to avoid the fine. Assuming that Martha would most likely have kept the day when she changed the month, that gives a birth date of Sept. 21.

<sup>201</sup> *St. Phillip & St. Jacob Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England*, (LDS film # 1596778), Baptisms: 1846, October 18, Alfred George, 3 wks, parents William and Martha, Dings, labourer

<sup>202</sup> *St. George's Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucester, England*, (LDS film #1596488): Baptisms, 1812, September 27, James, son of Stephen and Elizabeth Guest

<sup>203</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Deaths Dec 1893 Guest James 78 Barton R. 6a 84

<sup>204</sup> 1851 census age 36, 1871 census, age 54, 1881 census age 66, 1891 census age 76

James and Hannah had five children, two sons and three daughters. Their eldest son, James, died in childhood, and a later child was also named James.

When James' and Hannah's first child was baptized in 1837, they were living in St. George, and James was employed as a cordwainer<sup>206</sup> (shoemaker), but by 1843 he was working as a labourer<sup>207</sup>. In 1851 and 1861, he and his family were living next door to his parents on White's Hill, St. George<sup>208</sup>. James was now employed as a railway engine cleaner, but there is no mention of which railway he was employed by. In 1861 his 17-year-old son Alfred had the same occupation. (I am inclined to think they worked for the Great Western Railway as there is some evidence that his son James was employed by the GWR between 1872 and 1874. – see page 41)

Hannah was a town hawker, very likely jointly with her mother-in-law Elizabeth, who had the same occupation in 1851.

In 1871, James and his surviving son James were both working as labourers at a wagon works, and the family was living at #14 Redfield Place, St. George.

By 1881, James, Hannah, their daughter Mary and her illegitimate daughter Alice were living at the Moorsfield Shop in St. George, Bristol. James was working as a labourer while Hannah and Mary worked in the shop. Alice worked for the Fry's Cocoa Factory.<sup>209</sup>

James died before the end of 1893<sup>210</sup>, but the family was apparently comfortably well off, as both Hannah and Mary have retired and are living on their own means in St. George by 1901<sup>211</sup>.

Children of JAMES GUEST and HANNAH are:

- i) MARY GUEST, born baptized May 29, 1837<sup>212</sup>, Hanham, Bitten, Gloucestershire  
 Residence 1881: Living with parents at Moorsfield Shop, St. George, Bristol  
 Residence 1901: Living with mother in Bristol  
 Occupation 1881: Shop assistant  
 Occupation 1901: Living on own means<sup>213</sup>  
 Child of Mary (illegitimate)
  - 1) Alice GUEST, born about 1861<sup>214</sup> St. George, Bristol, Gloucester, England  
 Occupation 1881: Fry's Cocoa Factory<sup>215</sup>
- ii) JAMES GUEST, baptized April 29, 1843<sup>216</sup>, Hanham, Bitten, Gloucestershire, probably died before 1851 as he is not with his family in the census
- iii) ALFRED GUEST, born between 1843 - 1845<sup>217</sup>, Bristol  
 Residence: between 1870 - 1874 Slough, Buckinghamshire,  
 Residence 1881: Hencroft St 12 Reindeer Terrace, Upton Cum Chalvey, Buckinghamshire

<sup>205</sup> 1901 census

<sup>206</sup> *Register of Chapelry of Hanham-Abbotts, Bitton, Gloucestershire*, (LDS Film # 1849449): Baptisms: 1837, May 29, Mary, daughter of James and Hannah Guest, cordwainer, of St. George

<sup>207</sup> *Register of Chapelry of Hanham-Abbotts, Bitton, Gloucestershire*, (LDS Film # 1849449): Baptisms: 1843, April 2, James, son of James and Hannah Guest, labourer, of St. George.

<sup>208</sup> *1851 and 1861 Censuses of St. George, Bristol*

<sup>209</sup> 1881 census

<sup>210</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Deaths Dec 1893 Guest James 78 Barton R. 6a 84

<sup>211</sup> *1901 Census of Bristol, England*

<sup>212</sup> *Register of Chapelry of Hanham-Abbotts, Bitton, Gloucestershire*, (LDS Film # 1849449): Baptisms: 1837, May 29, Mary, daughter of James and Hannah Guest, cordwainer, of St. George

<sup>213</sup> 1881 and 1901 censuses

<sup>214</sup> 1861 census, age 8 months, 1881 census, age 20

<sup>215</sup> 1881 census

<sup>216</sup> *Register of Chapelry of Hanham-Abbotts, Bitton, Gloucestershire*, (LDS Film # 1849449): Baptisms: 1843, April 2, James, son of James and Hannah Guest, labourer, of St. George.

<sup>217</sup> 1951 census, age 36, 1881 census, age 36, married in 1863 age 20 (St. James Parish Register)

Residence 1891: Farnham Royal, Buckinghamshire  
 Occupation 1861: Railway engine cleaner<sup>218</sup>  
 Occupation 1870: Labourer  
 Occupation 1874: Engine Driver  
 Occupation 1881: Locomotive Engineer, possibly E&M Railway<sup>219</sup>  
 Occupation 1891: Gas Engine Man

Married: January 04, 1863 in St. James, Bristol

ELLEN TAYLOR born between 1834 - 1839 Swansea, Glamorgan, Wales

Children of Alfred and Ellen:

- 1) ELLEN HANNAH GUEST born about 1863 Bristol
  - 2) EMMA GUEST born about 1866 Bristol  
 Residence 1891: Living with parents in Buckinghamshire,  
 Occupation 1891: Dressmaker
  - 3) ELIZABETH GUEST born before May 08, 1870 Slough, Upton Cum Chalvey, Buckinghamshire  
 Residence 1891: 109 Tavistock St., St. Paul, Bedford, Bedfordshire,  
 Occupation 1891: Dressmaker
  - 4) ALBERT JAMES GUEST born before January 11, 1874 Upton Cum Chalvey, Buckinghamshire,  
 Residence 1891: 13 Market Place Hertford, Hertfordshire, England  
 Occupation 1891: Draper's Assistant
- iv) EMMA GUEST, born between January - March 1848<sup>220</sup>, St. George, Bristol

Married: April 03, 1869 in St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol

ALFRED WEBB born between 1844 - 1845 St. George, Bristol  
 Residence: between 1881 - 1891 27 Redfield Rd, St. George, Bristol,  
 Residence 1901: 24 Wellington Rd., Horfield, Gloucestershire  
 Occupation: between 1881 - 1891 Mason  
 Occupation 1901: Building contractor (employer)

Children of EMMA and ALFRED WEBB:

- 1) ELIZABETH WEBB born about 1871 St. George, Bristol  
 Residence 1901: Living with parents in Horfield, Gloucestershire  
 Occupation 1891: Dressmaker  
 Occupation 1901: none given
- 2) FLORENCE HARRIET WEBB baptized September 22, 1872 St. George, Bristol  
 Residence 1901: Living with parents at Horfield, Gloucestershire  
 Occupation: between 1891 - 1901 Dressmaker (own account, at home)
- 3) ELLEN HANNAH WEBB baptized July 12, 1874 St. George, Bristol  
 Occupation 1891: Paper bag maker
- 4) EMMA WEBB baptized May 10, 1877
- 5) WILLIAM JAMES WEBB born between July - September 1877 St. George, Bristol  
 Residence 1901: Living with parents at Horfield, Gloucestershire  
 Occupation 1891: Post office boy  
 Occupation 1901: Building clerk (worker)
- 6) ALFRED "GEORGE" WEBB baptized: March 10, 1881 St. George, Bristol
- 7) CRISY OR CHRISSIE BLANCHE WEBB baptized September 12, 1883 Bristol  
 Residence 1901: Living with parents at Horfield, Gloucestershire  
 Occupation 1901: Dressmaker (own account, at home)
- 8) ERNEST WEBB baptized July 14, 1886\* Bristol
- 9) MINNIE WEBB baptized July 14, 1886\* Bristol
- 10) SIDNEY ERNEST WEBB born about 1888 Bristol

<sup>218</sup> 1861 census of St. George

<sup>219</sup> In 1881 he had 2 boarders who were employees of the E&M Railway

<sup>220</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Births Mar 1848, GUEST Emma, Clifton 11 377; 1851 census of St. George, Bristol, age 3; 1881 census, age 33

- 11) BERTHA "MINNIE" WEBB baptized February 12, 1890 Bristol
  - 12) ARTHUR WEBB born about 1892 Bristol
  - 13) REGINALD N. WEBB born about 1894 Bristol
- \* These may have been twins, but I think it is more likely that the younger of the two was simply not baptized earlier, and so was "done" the same day as the younger sibling.
- v) ELIZABETH GUEST, born 1851<sup>221</sup>.
  - vi) JAMES GUEST, born in before June 30, 1853<sup>222</sup> in St. George, Bristol, and baptized September 18, 1853, St. Phillip & St. Jacob, Bristol  
 Residence 1871: #14 Redfield Place., St. George, Bristol.  
 Residence 1881: 7 Brook St., St. George, Bristol.  
 Residence 1891: 1 Brook St., St. George, Bristol  
 Residence 1901: Jeffries Hill, Hanham, Gloucestershire  
 Occupation 1871:: Labourer, Wagon works  
 Occupation 1881: Warehouseman  
 Occupation 1891: Cart haulier  
 Occupation 1901: Pig dealer<sup>223</sup>

He married DORCAS MATINGLEY before Dec 31, 1874<sup>224</sup> in Lambeth, London. She was born about 1855<sup>225</sup> in Wokingham, Berkshire, England, and in 1871 was working as a servant in Bethyl Green, London.

There is some evidence that James worked briefly for the Great Western Railway in the London area. In 1872, a James Guest was added to the staff records for Slough, Buckinghamshire, as an engine cleaner. Shortly thereafter he was transferred to Uxbridge with a wage rate of 2/6d, then moved to Paddington, Middlesex, as a fireman at a wage of 3/6d rising to 3/9d on February 28, 1874. Later that same year, on November 21, James returned to Bristol<sup>226</sup>. Unfortunately, I have so far been unable to confirm that the James employed by the GWR was, indeed, this James, but I think that it is likely since he married a London girl in 1874.

In 1881 DAVID ILES, 19, of Bitton, grocer's assistant, is living with the family as a boarder. I do not know if he was a relative, or if there was another reason he was living there.

Children of JAMES GUEST and DORCAS are:

- 1) HENRY JAMES GUEST, born about 1876<sup>227</sup>, St George, Bristol.
- 2) WALTER GUEST, born about 1880<sup>228</sup>, St George, Bristol.
- 3) ELIZABETH GUEST, born about 1883<sup>229</sup>, St George, Bristol.
- 4) EDITH ROSE GUEST, born before June 30, 1886<sup>230</sup>, St George, Bristol.

<sup>221</sup> 1851 census of St. George, Bristol, age 6 weeks

<sup>222</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Births Jun 1853 Guest James, Clifton 6a 87

<sup>223</sup> All residences and occupations from censuses of 1871, 1881, 1891, 1901

<sup>224</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Marriages Dec 1874 Guest James and Mattingley Dorcas Lambeth 1d 618

<sup>225</sup> 1871 census, age 17, born in Wokingham, Berks

<sup>226</sup> *Great Western Railway Records*, (in the National Archives at KEW), Wages Records for Common Oak Region RAIL264/135, as transcribed by Martin Buck.

Page 24 Slough: Guest Jas - date of entry 31 Aug 1872 - occupation cleaner but the details are crossed out

Page 68 Slough: Guest Jas - date of entry Aug 1872 - wage 2/3d "To Uxbridge"

Page 25 Uxbridge: Guest Jas - date of entry given as "From Slough" occupation = cleaner, wage 2/6d

Page 67 Uxbridge: Guest Jas - date of entry given as "From Slough", occupation = cleaner, wage 2/6d, Remarks states "To Fireman"

Page 38 Paddington: Guest Jas - date of entry 1/3/7? - occupation = fireman, wage 3/6d, rising to 3/9d on 28/2/1874 Remarks column says "To Bristol 21/11/1874"

<sup>227</sup> 1881 census, age 5, 1891 age 15

<sup>228</sup> 1881 census, age 1, 1891 age 11

<sup>229</sup> 1901 census age 18

<sup>230</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Births Jun 1886 Edith Rose Guest Barton Regis 6a 100; 1901 census, age 14



- iii) HANNAH DARK, was born before March 31, 1842<sup>239</sup>, and baptized April 25, 1842<sup>240</sup>, St. George, Bristol
- iv) SARAH DARK, born about 1845<sup>241</sup>, St. George, Bristol
- v) HENRY DARK, born before June 30, 1847<sup>242</sup>, St. George, Bristol, and baptized at the age of 5 on January 4, 1852 in the church of St. Phillips & St. Jacob, Bristol.
- vi) ALBERT DARK, born about October, 1851, and baptized Jan 4, 1852, aged 13 weeks 1852 in the church of St. Phillips & St. Jacob, Bristol.



*SAMUEL GUEST AND HANNAH STONE*

SAMUEL GUEST (STEPHEN, STEPHEN) was baptized July 28, 1822 in St. George, Bristol<sup>243</sup>, and died August 17, 1880, in an accident while at work at the railway station in Slough, Buckinghamshire<sup>244</sup>. He married HANNAH STONE February 12, 1843 in the Parish Church of St. Paul, Bristol<sup>245</sup>, probably daughter of JAMES STONE and ANN (surname so far unknown), and baptized August 25, 1816 in St. George<sup>246</sup>. She died before March 31, 1888<sup>247</sup>.

Grandparents of  
Winnifred Guest

Samuel entered service with the Great Western Railway at Slough, Buckinghamshire, in July, 1838 as an Inspector with a wage of 55 shillings a week and a weekly expense allowance of 5 shillings<sup>248</sup>. In various records, he described himself as an engineer, engine driver and, by 1880, a locomotive foreman.

Samuel appears to have been working from Buckinghamshire, but maintained ties with his family in Bristol. He was married in Bristol in 1843, five years after the railway hired him in Slough. At that time he gave his address as Norfolk Street, St. Paul's, Bristol. Undoubtedly this was facilitated by the fact that the rail line went directly from London to Bristol, and, as an engine driver, Samuel would have traveled back and forth regularly. It is interesting also that while the railway records make no mention of his living anywhere but Slough, his first three children were baptized in St. George, and he gave his address for the baptism record as St. George, Bristol.

<sup>239</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Births, Mar. 1842, DARK Hannah, Clifton 11 285

<sup>240</sup> *St. George's Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucester, England*, Baptismal register, (LDS Film # 1596528) 1842, April 25, Hannah, daughter of Samuel and Sarah Dark, labourer, Nagshead Hill

<sup>241</sup> 1851 census, age 6

<sup>242</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Births Jun 1847, Dark Henry, Clifton 11 978, 1851 census, age 3

<sup>243</sup> *St. George's Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucester, England*, Baptismal register, (LDS Film # 1596488): Baptisms: 1822, July 28, Samuel, son of Stephen and Elizabeth Guest, labourer, of Bath Road

<sup>244</sup> *Registration of death, General Record Office*: Registration District Eton, Bucks, 1880, Death in the sub-district of Burnham in the County of Bucks, No. 413, 17 August 1880 on Great Western Railway, Stoke Poges, Bucks, Samuel Guest, male, 58 years, Locomotive foreman on the Great Western Railway, accidentally killed by being knocked down by an engine on the Great Western Railway, information received from Frederick Chaisley, coroner for Bucks, Inquest held 18 August 1880, registered 19 August, 1880, Thomas Jones, Registrar

<sup>245</sup> *Registration of Marriage, General Record Office*: 1843, Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church of St. Paul in the County of Bristol. Februry 12, Samuel Guest, of full age, bachelor, Engineer, of Norfolk Street, St. Paul's, father Stephen Guest, Collier, and Hannah Stone, of full age, spinster, dressmaker, of the same place, father James Stone, Quarryman

<sup>246</sup> *St. George's Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucester, England*, Baptismal register, (LDS Film # 1596488): 1816, August 25, Hannah, daughter of James and Ann Stone, well sinker, White's Hill. We know that Hannah's father's name was James from her marriage registration – which does not include her mother's name. There are a number of Stone families in the area and since both James and Hannah are very common names, I have so far found no way to be certain that this baptism is the correct one. The evidence I have so far collected suggests that this is the right person.

<sup>247</sup> *Free Births Deaths and Marriages, Deaths* Mar 1888 GUEST Hannah 66 Eton 3a 440

<sup>248</sup> *Great Western Railway Records*, (in the national Archives at KEW), Wages Records for Common Oak Region RAIL264/135, as transcribed by Martin Buck. Page 24 Slough; Guest Sam - date of entry July 1838 - Inspector - wage 55/- a week plus 5/- expenses a week

In the first part of 1849, a son, Samuel (possibly middle initial L<sup>249</sup>) was born in Paddington, Middlesex. Emily Martha, baptized in 1853, was the first baptized in Buckinghamshire. While it is difficult to determine where Samuel's wife and children were living, Samuel was described in his father's will, written in 1851, as being "of Paddington, Middlesex" – just a few miles down the railway from Slough. And when Samuel's father's will was probated in 1858, Samuel says his address was 8 Herchel Street, Slough, Buckinghamshire.

Samuel was accidentally killed, August 17, 1880, "by being knocked down by an Engine on the Great Western Railway", at the railway station at Slough, Buckinghamshire.<sup>250</sup> The newspaper article (see page 45) published in the local newspaper reported that the inquest determined that Samuel had failed to hear the whistle of an oncoming train because the sound was obscured by the whistle of another train which was coming in the opposite direction at the same time.

Samuel's death must have been very hard on his family, especially as it came only months after the deaths of two daughters, Alice and Emily, who both died very close together in the spring of 1880, of enteric fever, an intestinal infection.

Hannah Stone was a dressmaker before her marriage. She also gave her place of residence as St. Paul, Bristol, when she was married. After her husband died, she went to live with her son Walter in Slough, Buckinghamshire. She died in early 1888.<sup>251</sup>

Children of SAMUEL GUEST and HANNAH STONE are:

- i) WILLIAM STONE<sup>5</sup> GUEST, baptized July 02, 1843, St. George, Bristol<sup>252</sup> (see page 48) He married twice, first Emma Colton, then Charlotte Carter.
- ii) GEORGE GUEST, baptized June 08, 1845, St. George, Bristol<sup>253</sup>. George was the railway station master at Ealing, London, in 1871<sup>254</sup>. At that time he was unmarried and lived in the station house with the signalman and his family. I have been unable to determine what became of him after that.
- iii) MARTHA ELIZABETH GUEST, baptized August 22, 1847, St. George, Bristol<sup>255</sup>, died in 1848.
- iv) SAMUEL GUEST, born before March 31, 1849, Paddington, Middlesex.<sup>256</sup> He married Minnie Glover. (see page 50)
- v) EMILY MARTHA GUEST, baptized June 12, 1853, Upton Cum Chalvey, Buckinghamshire<sup>257</sup>, Died unmarried April 4, 1880 in Slough, Buckinghamshire<sup>258</sup> of enteric fever.
- vi) WALTER GUEST, born April 29, 1855<sup>259</sup>, Wellington Road, Slough, Upton\*, Eton, Buckinghamshire; baptized June 10, 1855, Upton Cum Chalvey,

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 : Parents of :  
 : Winnifred Guest :  
 : ..... :

<sup>249</sup> In the transcribed version of the 1881 census, he is Samuel L. Guest, but no other records found to date use the middle initial.

<sup>250</sup> *Registration of Death, General Record Office*: Registration District Eton, Bucks, 1880, Death in the sub-district of Burnham in the County of Bucks, No. 413, 17 August 1880 on Great Western Railway, Stoke Poges, Bucks, Samuel Guest, male, 58 years, Locomotive foreman on the Great Western Railway, accidentally killed by being knocked down by an engine on the Great Western Railway, information received from Frederick Chaisley, coroner for Bucks, Inquest held 18 August 1880, registered 19 August, 1880, Thomas Jones, Registrar

<sup>251</sup> *Index of Registration of Death, General Record Office*: Deaths, Deaths Mar 1888 GUEST Hannah 66 Eton 3a 440

<sup>252</sup> *St. George's Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucester, England*, Baptismal register, (LDS Film #1596528): Baptisms: 1843, July 2, William Stone, son of Samuel and Hannah Guest, stoker, of White's Hill

<sup>253</sup> *Ibid*: Baptisms: 1845, June 8, George, son of Samuel and Hannah Guest, Engineer, Bath Road, Free BMD Births Jun 1845 GUEST George Clifton 11 279

<sup>254</sup> *1871 Census of England*

<sup>255</sup> *St. George's Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucester, England (LDS Film # 1596528)*: Baptisms: 1847, August 22, Martha Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel and Hannah Guest, Engineer, Air Balloon Hill

<sup>256</sup> *Registration of Birth, General Record Office*: 1849, 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, Guest, Samuel, Kensington III 4 11

<sup>257</sup> *Register of the Parish of Upton Cum Chalvey, Buckinghamshire, England (LDS microfilm #0919252)*: Baptisms: 1853, June 12, Emily Martha, daughter of Samuel and Hannah Guest, Engine driver, of Slough

<sup>258</sup> *Index of Registration of Death, General Record Office*: Deaths, 1880, 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, Guest, Emily, 25, Eton 30 293; *Registration of Death*

<sup>259</sup> *Registration of Birth, General Record Office; Register of the Parish of Upton Cum Chalvey, Buckinghamshire, England (LDS microfilm #0919252)*: Baptisms: 1855, June 10, Walter, son of Samuel and Hannah Guest, Engine driver, of Slough

- Buckinghamshire\*. He married Charlotte Elizabeth Taylor, and died Oct. 27, 1920<sup>260</sup>. (see page 51)
- vii) ALICE MARY MARIA GUEST, baptized March 13, 1859<sup>261</sup>, Upton Cum Chalvey, Buckinghamshire, Died unmarried in the spring of 1880 in Slough, Buckinghamshire<sup>262</sup>, most likely of the same illness as her sister Emily.

*\* Here is an example of the confusing methods of naming places in England. The problem is that there are both ecclesiastical and civil divisions of land, and they overlap. The largest division is Counties (most county names end in "shire", thus Buckinghamshire is a county – but it is often omitted or the name abbreviated further, i. e.,. Buckinhamshire is often referred to as Bucks). Some cities, such as Bristol, are their own county, but are sometimes referred to as being within the larger county surrounding them, i.e., sometimes you will see "Bristol, Gloucestershire". Parishes are smaller, usually less than five miles in diameter, and usually contained within only one county – but some cross county boundaries. There are both ecclesiastical and civil parishes, which may or may not have the same boundaries. Civil parishes are sometimes referred to as townships. A parish often includes a town or large village with the same name as the parish, but smaller boundaries. There may also be other villages within the parish.*

*In case this is not confusing enough, there are larger civil divisions called registration districts, which seem to have little connection to either counties or parishes, but are used to group civil registrations of births, marriages and deaths. The registration district is often named for a parish or town, but usually overlaps more than one parish and often straddles county boundaries.*

*In the above case, Upton Cum Chalvey is the ecclesiastical parish which includes Slough, thus the church baptismal registration uses that. The birth registration uses the registration district of Eton (which includes Upton Cum Chalvey, amongst others). You also need to know that Upton Cum Chalvey means that it includes both Upton and Chalvey (and possibly others), and the birth registration indicates that Slough was in Upton.*

This is a simplified description and I have omitted mention of Hundreds and Boroughs, and various other intricacies. There is a discussion of British Counties, Parishes, etc. for Genealogists at <http://homepages.nildram.co.uk/~jimella/counties.htm>

For my purposes, I have used the division appropriate to the record I am quoting: civil registrations are given with civil locations, church records use ecclesiastical locations.

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<sup>260</sup> *Registration of Death*

<sup>261</sup> *Register of the Parish of Upton Cum Chalvey, Buckinghamshire, England* (LDS microfilm #0919252): Baptisms: 1859, March 13, Alice Mary Maria, daughter of Samuel and Hannah Guest, Engine driver, of Slough

<sup>262</sup> *Index of Registration of Death, General Record Office: Deaths, 1880, 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, Guest, Alice, 21, Eton 30 293*

### FATAL ACCIDENT.

On Wednesday morning F. Charsley, Esq., coroner for South Bucks, held an inquest at the Reindeer Inn, Slough, as to the death of Samuel Guest, aged 58, of the locomotive department of the Great Western Railway. The following officials of the railway company were present:—Mr. A. Higgins, Divisional Superintendent; Mr. Kirtley, Superintendent of the Locomotive Department, Paddington; Mr. P. MacStevenson, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. C. Noble, Chief Inspector; and Mr. Pearse, Station-Master at Slough. Mr. Law was chosen foreman of the jury. The body had been removed to the private house of deceased, and, after it had been viewed, the following evidence was adduced:—

William Reading said: I live at Paddington, and am an engine-driver on the Great Western Railway. I was the driver of the 5.10 train passing through Slough yesterday. The train was from Oxford to London. I was driving through Slough at the rate of 45 miles an hour. I did not observe the deceased till after he was knocked down. I did not see the blow struck. My mate called my attention to it, as he was on that side of the train. My mate's name is Henry Woodley. He said we had knocked Mr. Guest down. I stopped the train about half a mile from the spot where we struck him. I looked over that side of the engine and saw the body. I went back to the guard at the tail of the train, but he had not seen what occurred. After a consultation with the guard, and knowing there were parties on the spot that would attend to the deceased, I thought it useless to go back or to stop there any longer, and therefore proceeded. Before coming to the Slough Station I opened my whistle at the usual place, and kept it

open for some distance. We expect anybody would hear it. They would hear it anywhere in the station. I was on the up main line of rails. To sound our whistle as I have stated are our instructions with all fast through trains, and I am sure that I did it yesterday.

The Coroner: It is quite right that it should be so. Witness continued: When I examined my engine, I saw marks of blood and flesh on the left-hand corner of the engine. I always treated the deceased as my foreman when years in the employ of the Company, and would know the ins and outs of the railway perfectly well. The down northern express passed us on the other line, of rails below Bragg's-bridge.

Mr. Kirtley remarked that the noise of the down train would no doubt obstruct the sound of the whistle of the up train being heard.

The Coroner: Deceased would know as a fact that these trains generally meet there!—Mr. Kirtley: Yes.

Henry Woodley said: I live at London, and am a fireman in the employ of the Great Western Railway Company. We left Oxford as an express train at 4.5 p.m. yesterday. Before we reached Slough station the driver sounded the whistle, just past the bridge before you get to Slough station, near the Windsor junction. We passed the train going the other way between the bridge at the junction and the Slough station. I saw Mr. Guest walking from the up siding to the up main line. Seeing him, I at once blew the whistle myself. He did not notice it whatever. The engine struck him on the side of the head and the shoulder and

the arm, as far as what I could see of it. It knocked him right back into the siding where he came from. I told my mate that we had knocked Mr. Guest down, and we stopped the train. I could see it was Mr. Guest before we hit him. I could just see on the engine where the paint had been grazed. After the train was stopped a consultation took place with the guard, and then we went on. He was not above eight or nine yards from the up main line when I saw him, and not more than 20 yards from the engine when I whistled. He appeared to be looking after the down train, not thinking of another one. I think the sound of the down train must have drowned the sound of our whistle.

Henry Anstey said: I reside at Slough, and am a carriage and waggon examiner on the Great Western Railway. Yesterday, about 5 o'clock in the afternoon, deceased was in the yard, and was speaking to Mr. Kirtley when I saw him. I gave him a report respecting a waggon, and he said he should see it. There was something that wanted repairing with the waggon, and it was on the siding. Deceased crossed over into the siding with me. He looked at the waggon, and I read the report to him. He went on towards the line, and I said, "Mind the down train; there's a down train signalled." He said, "All right." He was in the siding then off the main line. The down train passed. I did not observe that the up train was coming till I heard the whistle blowing. After the down train had passed I heard the whistle of the up train. The down train seemed to take away the attention from the up train altogether. Deceased was about 50 or 60 yards off me, and was standing still in the up-siding. He never looked round. He made just one step, and the engine caught him and knocked him sideways, turning him over twice. The carriages caught his left foot and knocked his shoe right off as he went over. I ran to him as soon as ever I saw what had happened, but he never moved hand or foot, and never seemed to breathe a bit. He was cut across the mouth.

Mr. Kirtley said the foot where the shoe was knocked off was not injured.

Anstey also said: He was quite dead, and the body was removed to the North Star. Deceased knew the railway well, and had been accustomed to it for a great length of time. I think that both trains coming at the same time prevented deceased hearing the whistle of the up train.

In answer to a question from the Coroner, Mr. Kirtley said deceased was not at all deaf.

Anstey further said: I was in the same siding with the deceased. Deceased had told a man named Wilder to mind the down train, and Wilder said, "Mind the up train," but I don't think deceased heard him.

A Juryman said he believed the whistles of the two trains were going at the same time, and that was probably why deceased did not notice the up train coming. There was no doubt that deceased was intent upon warning some one of danger from the down train, and lost his own life in consequence.

The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death."

Deceased was very much liked and respected, and his shocking death has produced a very painful sensation in the town. Mr. Guest leaves a widow, for whom the deepest sympathy has been universally expressed, it being the more generally felt in consequence of a distressing bereavement which the family had recently suffered.

Slough Railway Station about 1891

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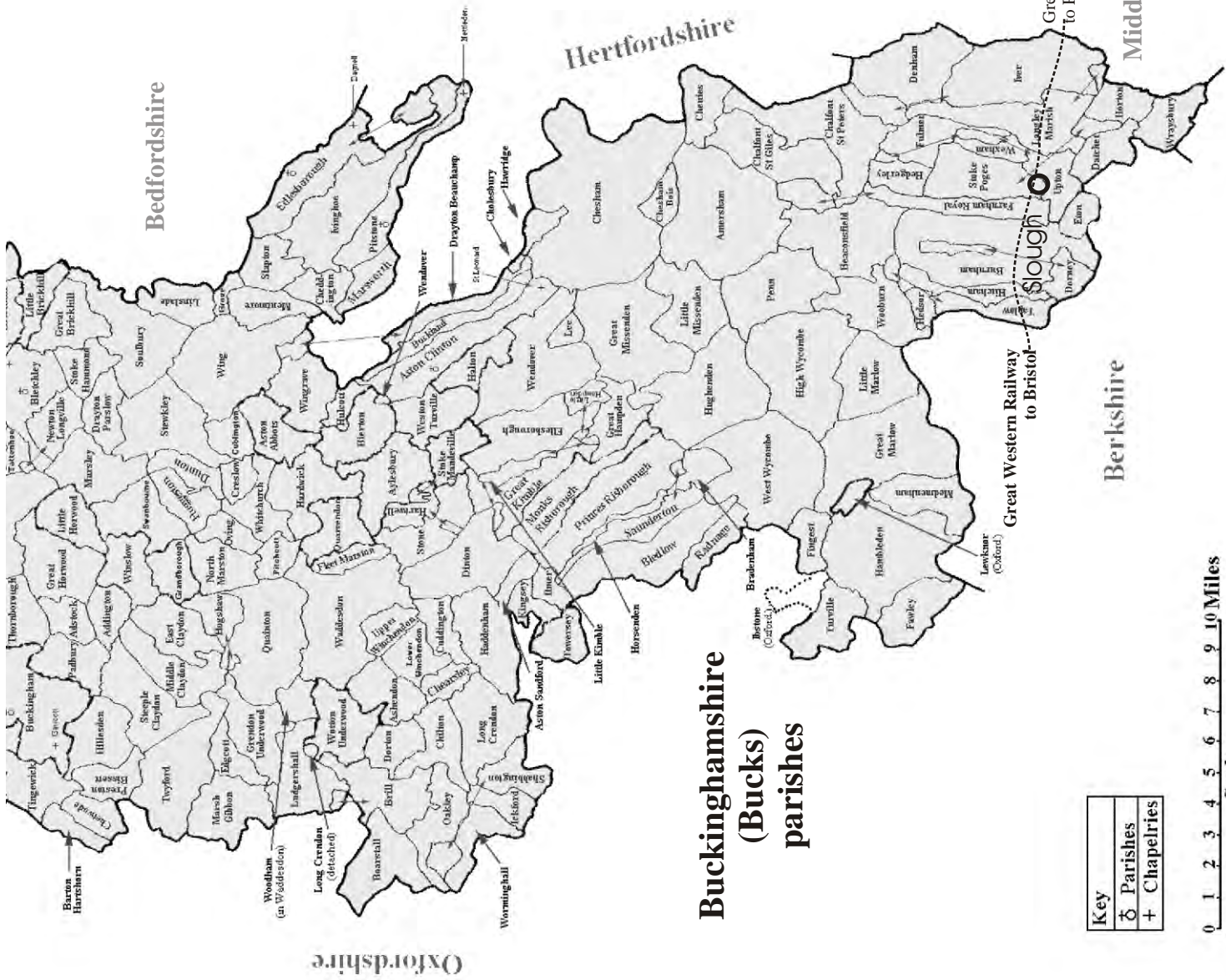
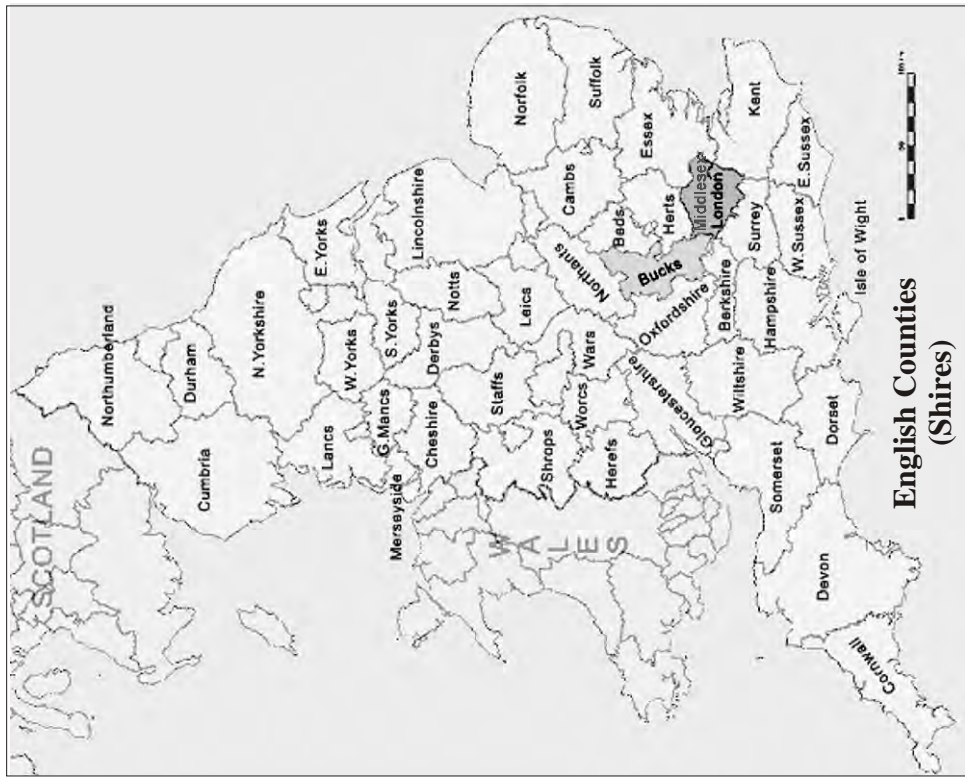
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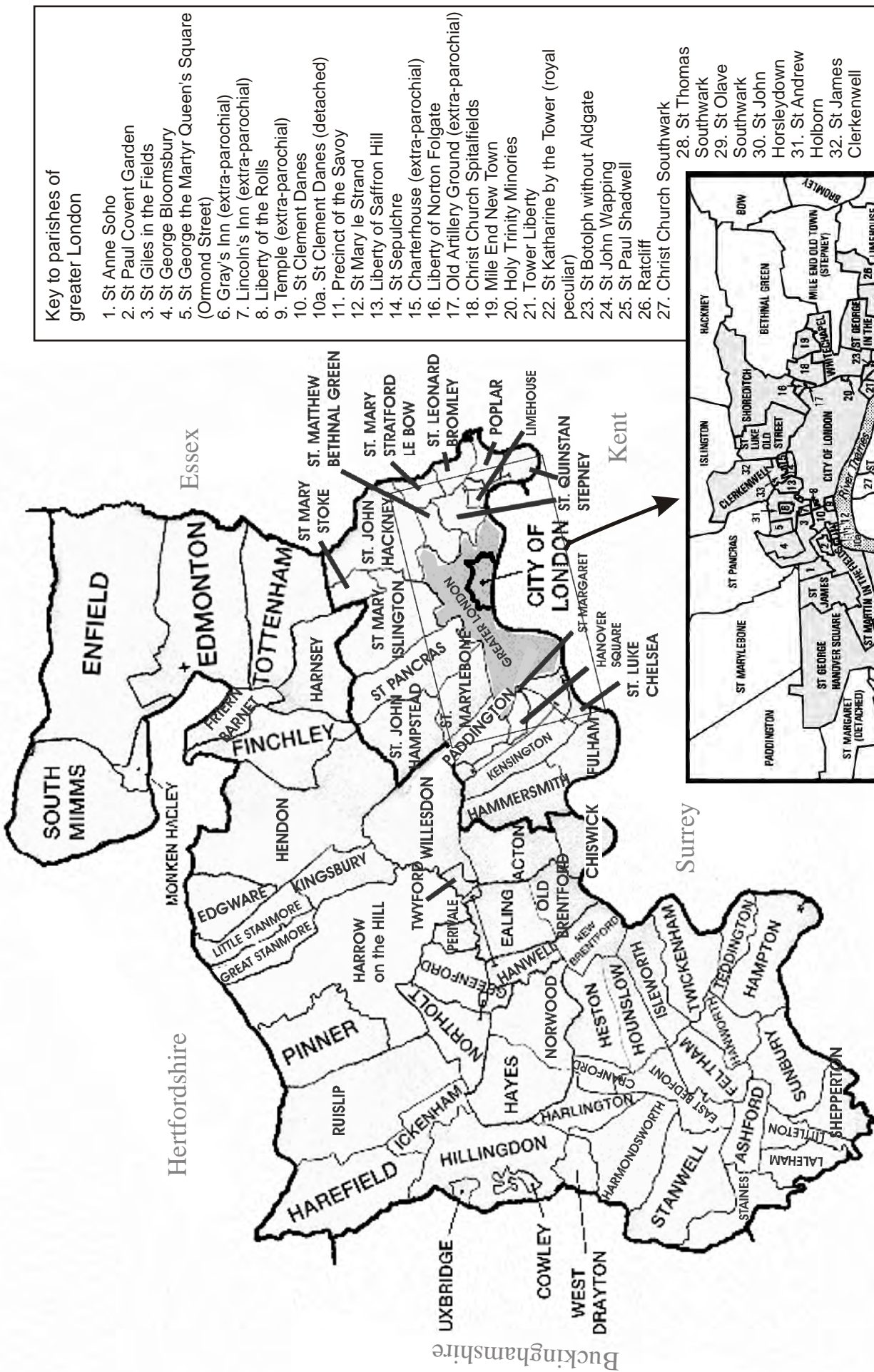


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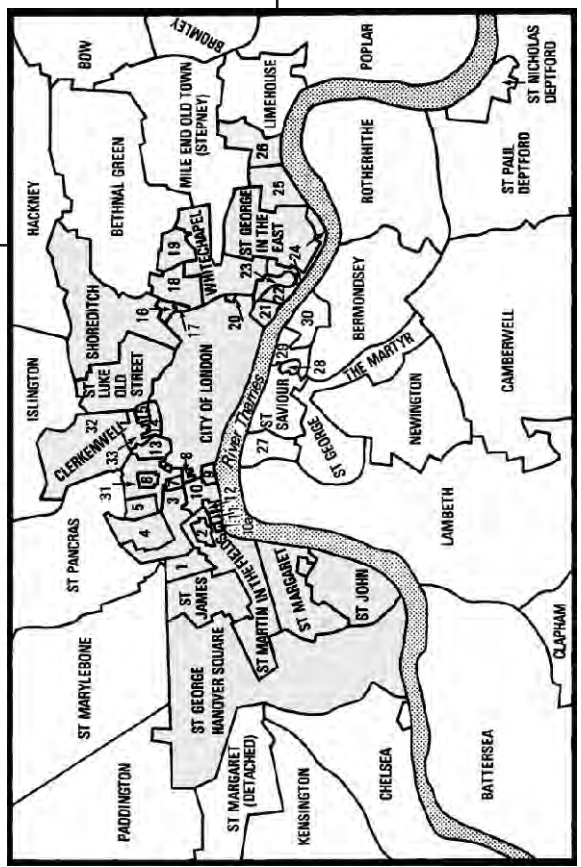
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Key to parishes of greater London

1. St Anne Soho
2. St Paul Covent Garden
3. St Giles in the Fields
4. St George Bloomsbury
5. St George the Martyr Queen's Square (Ormond Street)
6. Gray's Inn (extra-parochial)
7. Lincoln's Inn (extra-parochial)
8. Liberty of the Rolls
9. Temple (extra-parochial)
10. St Clement Danes
- 10a. St Clement Danes (detached)
11. Precinct of the Savoy
12. St Mary le Strand
13. Liberty of Saffron Hill
14. St Sepulchre
15. Charterhouse (extra-parochial)
16. Liberty of Norton Folgate
17. Old Artillery Ground (extra-parochial)
18. Christ Church Spitalfields
19. Mile End New Town
20. Holy Trinity Minorities
21. Tower Liberty
22. St Katharine by the Tower (royal peculiar)
23. St Botolph without Aldgate
24. St John Wapping
25. St Paul Shadwell
26. Ratcliff
27. Christ Church Southwark
28. St Thomas Southwark
29. St Olave Southwark
30. St John Horsleydown
31. St Andrew Holborn
32. St James Clerkenwell



Parishes of the County of Middlesex and City of London

**Generation No. 4***WILLIAM STONE GUEST AND HIS TWO WIVES*

WILLIAM STONE GUEST (Samuel, Stephen, Stephen) was born before June 30, 1843<sup>263</sup> in St. George, Gloucestershire. He married (1) EMMA COLTON March 24, 1864<sup>264</sup> in St. Martin In The Fields, Westminster, London. She was daughter of SAMUEL AND JUNE COLTON, and born about 1845<sup>265</sup> in Torquay, Devonshire, and died in 1874 in Cardross, Dunbarton, Scotland.<sup>266</sup> He married (2) CHARLOTTE CARTER before December 31, 1878<sup>267</sup> in Strand, Middlesex. She was born about 1851 in Ramsgate, Kent.<sup>268</sup>

William was working as a railway clerk in Slough, Buckinghamshire – a position he may have acquired through his father – in January of 1871<sup>269</sup>. Within a few months, William obtained a position as an assistant secretary to a private company<sup>270</sup> – unfortunately, I do not know which one – and the family moved to Norwood, St. Mary Lambeth, London<sup>271</sup>. Within a year, there was a further move to Glasgow, Scotland, where William was secretary to a trading company<sup>272</sup> – probably the same one that he worked for in London, but again, I don't know.

While apparently successful at work, William and Emma suffered more than the normal amount of family tragedy. Two of their five children had died before the 1871 census, and before the end of June, 1871<sup>273</sup>, another two children had died. Only Mabel Louise was left of their family, and she died within the next year<sup>274</sup>. By that time there was a sixth child, William Seymour Guest<sup>275</sup>, who was the only child to live into adulthood. They had two more daughters, Edith Winifred and a child who died at birth in January of 1874<sup>276</sup>. Emma also died in 1874 at the age of 29<sup>277</sup> – very likely in childbirth. Edith died later that same year<sup>278</sup>, leaving William Stone Guest and his three-year-old son William Seymour as the only surviving members of the family.

William married Charlotte Carter in Strand, Middlesex before December 31, 1878<sup>279</sup>, and by 1881 he had left the company he worked for in Glasgow and become a provisions dealer in Ramsgate, Kent<sup>280</sup>. William and Charlotte were living at 1 Sussex St., Ramsgate, with Charlotte's grandmother, Mary J.

<sup>263</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Births Jun 1843 Clifton 11 273.

<sup>264</sup> IGI

<sup>265</sup> 1881 Census of England

<sup>266</sup> *Index to Deaths in Scotland, 1874*

<sup>267</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Marriages: Dec 1878: CARTER Charlotte; GUEST William Stone; Strand 1b 974

<sup>268</sup> 1881 Census of England

<sup>269</sup> *Register of the Parish of Upton Cum Chalvey, Buckinghamshire, England* (LDS microfilm #0919252): Baptisms: Baptisms: 1871, January 19, Maddeline Constance, daughter of William and Emma Guest, of Slough, Railway clerk

<sup>270</sup> 1871 Census of England

<sup>271</sup> 1871 census

<sup>272</sup> *Register of the Parish of Upton Cum Chalvey, Buckinghamshire, England* (LDS microfilm #0919252): Baptisms: 1872, April 22, (private) Mabel Louise, daughter of William Stone and Emma Guest, of Glasgow, N. B. Secretary to Trading Corp<sup>n</sup> Comp

<sup>273</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>),

<sup>274</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>),

<sup>275</sup> *Register of births, marriages and deaths of Scotland*, (compiled by British Reference of the Family History Library, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Salt Lake City, Utah), Fiche #6035516: Row, Dunbarton, Scotland, 1871, October 29, William Seymour, son of William Stone Guest and Emma Colton

<sup>276</sup> *Index to Deaths in Scotland*, Females, 1874, page 175, Guest, ----, age 0, Central District, Glasgow, Lanark, Scotland 106

<sup>277</sup> *Index to Deaths in Scotland*, Females, 1874, page 175, Guest, Emma, age 29, Cardross, Dunbarton, Scotland 20

<sup>278</sup> *Index to Deaths in Scotland*, Females, 1874, page 175, Guest, Edith Winifred, age 2, Cardross, Dunbarton, Scotland 59

<sup>279</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Marriages Dec 1878 CARTER Charlotte, GUEST William Stone Strand 1b 974

<sup>280</sup> 1881 census

Carter, an independently wealthy widow living on income from rental houses. They had an 11-month-old infant son, Ernest, living with them, William's older son William Seymour Guest was living elsewhere – I have not been able to find him, but he married in 1902.

I have been unable to find out what happened to William, Sr., and Charlotte – I cannot find any matching families in the 1891 or 1901 censuses of England. It is very possible that William returned to Scotland, a possibility that needs more research. There was a William Stone Guest born in Derby, Derbyshire, in 1893 and who died in 1896, and, logically, this should be a relative, but I cannot say for certain.

Children of WILLIAM GUEST and EMMA COLTON are:

- i) BERTHA COLTON<sup>5</sup> GUEST, born about 1863, Torquay, Devonshire, England; died before June 30, 1871, Lambeth, London<sup>281</sup>.
- ii) WILLIAM GEORGE GUEST, born May 23, 1865, Ealing, Middlesex, England; died before June 30, 1871, Lambeth, London. William was baptized twice: once shortly after birth, on June 8, 1865 at Christ Church, Ealing, Middlesex, close to where he was born, and again on September 1 of the same year. He may have been a sickly child, and baptized early in case he died, and later with more ceremony when he survived.
- iii) AGNES MAUD GUEST, born October 23, 1866; baptized January 18, 1867, St. Martin In The Fields, Westminster, London; died before 1871<sup>282</sup>.
- iv) MABEL LOUISE GUEST, born between 1868 - 1869, Slough, Buckinghamshire, baptized April 22, 1872, Upton Cum Chalvey, Buckinghamshire<sup>283</sup>; died before June 30, 1872, Eton, Buckinghamshire<sup>284</sup>.
- v) MADELINE CONSTANCE GUEST, born before December 31, 1870<sup>285</sup>, Eton, Buckinghamshire, baptized January 19, 1871, Upton Cum Chalvey, Buckinghamshire<sup>286</sup>; died 1871<sup>287</sup>.
- vi) WILLIAM SEYMOUR GUEST, born October 29, 1871, Row, Dunbarton, Scotland<sup>288</sup>; baptized April 28, 1872, Upton Cum Chalvey, Buckinghamshire<sup>289</sup>; married THERESA JANET H. MALLETT, before September 30, 1902, in Edmonton, Middlesex.
- vii) EDITH WINIFRED GUEST, born December 13, 1872, Cardross, Dunbarton, Scotland<sup>290</sup>; baptized March 02, 1873, Upton Cum Chalvey, Buckinghamshire<sup>291</sup>, died 1874, Cardross, Dunbarton, Scotland<sup>292</sup>.
- viii) UNNAMED GUEST, born January 14, 1874, Central District, Glasgow, Lanark, Scotland<sup>293</sup>, died 1874, Central District, Glasgow, Lanark, Scotland<sup>294</sup>.

<sup>281</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Deaths Jun 1871 Guest Bertha Colton Lambeth 1d 359 died age 8

<sup>282</sup> *1871 census*

<sup>283</sup> *Register of the Parish of Upton Cum Chalvey, Buckinghamshire, England* (LDS microfilm #0919252): Baptisms: 1872, April 22, (private) Mabel Louise, daughter of William Stone and Emma Guest, of Glasgow, N. B. Secretary to Trading Corp<sup>n</sup> Comp.

<sup>284</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Deaths: Jun 1872 Guest Mabel Eton 3a 64, died age 4

<sup>285</sup> *Ibid*: Births Dec 1870 Guest Madeline Constance Eton 3a 434

<sup>286</sup> *Register of the Parish of Upton Cum Chalvey, Buckinghamshire, England* (LDS microfilm #0919252): Baptisms: 1871, January 19, Maddeline Constance, daughter of William and Emma Guest, of Slough, Railway clerk

<sup>287</sup> *1871 census*

<sup>288</sup> *Register of births, marriages and deaths of Scotland*, (compiled by British Reference of the Family History Library, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Salt Lake City, Utah), Fiche #6035516: Row, Dunbarton, Scotland, 1871, October 29, William Seymour, son of William Stone Guest and Emma Colton

<sup>289</sup> *Register of the Parish of Upton Cum Chalvey, Buckinghamshire, England* (LDS microfilm #0919252): Baptisms: 1872, April 22, (private) Wiliam Seymour, son of William Stone and Emma Guest, of Glasgow, N. B. Secretary to Trading Corp<sup>n</sup> Comp.

<sup>290</sup> *Register of births, marriages and deaths of Scotland*, (compiled by British Reference of the Family History Library, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Salt Lake City, Utah), Fiche #6035516: Cardross, Dunbarton, Scotland, 1872, December 13, Edith, daughter of William Stone Guest and Emma Colton.

<sup>291</sup> *Register of the Parish of Upton Cum Chalvey, Buckinghamshire, England* (LDS microfilm #0919252): Baptisms: 1873, March 2, Edith Winifred, daughter of William Stone and Emma Guest, of Glasgow, secretary to a company.

<sup>292</sup> *Index to Deaths in Scotland*, Females, 1874, page 175, Guest, Edith Winifred, age 2, Cardross, Dunbarton, Scotland 59

<sup>293</sup> *Register of births, marriages and deaths of Scotland*, (compiled by British Reference of the Family History Library, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Salt Lake City, Utah), Fiche #6035516: Central District, Glasgow, Lanark, Scotland; 1874, January 14, daughter of William Stone Guest and Emma Colton

Child of WILLIAM GUEST and CHARLOTTE CARTER is:

- ix) ERNEST GUEST, born before June 31, 1880, Ramsgate, Kent<sup>295</sup>.



*SAMUEL GUEST II AND MARY ASHTON (MINNIE) GLOVER*

SAMUEL GUEST II (SAMUEL, STEPHEN, STEPHEN) was born early in 1849 in Paddington, Middlesex, and died before 1891. He married MARY ASHTON GLOVER, known as MINNIE, March 6, 1879 in Twickenham, Middlesex, England, daughter of JOHN ASHTON GLOVER<sup>296</sup>. Minnie was born about 1850 in Ireland.

In *The Times* (of London), on March 12, 1879, in the Marriages column, it says: "On the 6<sup>th</sup> inst. [just passed], at Twickenham parish church, by the Rev. H. F. Limpus, M. A., Samuel Guest, third son of Samuel Guest, Esq., of Slough, Bucks, to Minnie, daughter of the late John Ashton Glover, of Copewood, Esq.<sup>297</sup>, county Cork, and grandniece of the late Sir Rowland Smyth, K. C. B<sup>298</sup>."

In the 1881 census, Samuel and Minnie are living at 53 Livingstone Rd., Battersea, Surrey, and Samuel's occupation is given as "agent". They have one child, Victoria C. F. Guest, born in Brockley, Kent. I have not, as yet, discovered what became of Samuel, but in the 1891 census, Minnie is a widow living at 549 York Rd., Wandsworth, London and her occupation is wardrobe dealer – that is, a dealer in secondhand clothing. There are now two children Carla V. (presumably she is using Carla instead of Victoria), age 11, and Harold, age 10. In 1901, Minnie is still a wardrobe dealer; Carla is a 21-year-old chorus girl and Harold is a musician. They are living at 54 Kensington Rd., Lambeth, London.

One has to wonder what the conservative Guest family made of Samuel II's family. A dealer in second hand clothing with children in the theatre are not likely to have been considered respectable.

Children of SAMUEL GUEST and MINNIE GLOVER are:

- i) VICTORIA CARLA FLORENCE<sup>5</sup> Guest, born before December 31, 1879, New Cross. London, or Brockley, Kent;
- ii) HAROLD GUEST, born 1881-1882, Putney, London

<sup>294</sup> *Index to Deaths in Scotland*, Females, 1874, page 175, Guest, ----, age 0, Central District, Glasgow, Lanark, Scotland 106

<sup>295</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Births Jun 1881 GUEST, Ernest, Thanet 2a 920; 1881 census, Ernest Guest, son, age 11 months.

<sup>296</sup> *Registration of Marriage, General Record Office*: 1879, 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, Samuel Guest and Mary Ashton (or Minnie) Glover, Brentford 3a 95; *The Times*, Mar 12, 1879, pg 1, Marriages

<sup>297</sup> To date, I have been unable to find this person. Copewood is part of the Irish Barony of Fermoy, parish of Bridgetown, and was the property of the Smythes of Widenham.

<sup>298</sup> Sir Rowland Smyth, Knight, (1804-1873) was the fifth son of Grice Smyth of Ballynatray, county Waterford. He had a number of military honours to his credit, much of his career being in Canada and India.

*WALTER GUEST AND CHARLOTTE TAYLOR*

WALTER GUEST (SAMUEL, STEPHEN, STEPHEN) was born April 29, 1855<sup>299</sup> on Wellington Road, Slough, Eton, Buckinghamshire, baptized June 10, 1855, Upton Cum Chalvey, Buckinghamshire, and died April 2, 1920<sup>300</sup>.



He married CHARLOTTE ELIZABETH TAYLOR April 12, 1879<sup>301</sup> in Kensington, Middlesex, England, daughter of GEORGE TAYLOR and ELIZA COOK (see page 77). Charlotte was born December 20, 1856<sup>302</sup> on Wherstead Road, St. Mary Stoke, Ipswich, Suffolk.

Walter followed in his father's footsteps and worked for the Great Western Railway. He first entered the service of the railway in February of 1870 as an apprentice in the Locomotive department at Paddington, Middlesex, just a short trip down the rail line from Slough. He was transferred to Slough when he was promoted to Leading Fitter, March 26, 1881. Five years later, on March 15, 1886, he was promoted to Foreman of the Locomotive Department at Slough.<sup>303</sup>

When they were first married, Walter and Charlotte lived in Paddington, Middlesex (greater London), where they met. When, in 1881, Walter was promoted and transferred to Slough, they moved to Victoria Street, Slough. Later, sometime before 1891, they moved to Wellesley Place, on Wellington Street, Slough, the same street Walter where was born.

Walter was a person with many interests outside his work – in fact, one would wonder if his real interests lay in his leisure-time painting, calligraphy, and inventing. From his retirement notice in the May, 1919, Great Western Railway magazine, we have:

“A man of many parts as well as of charming disposition is Mr. Walter Guest, who held the position of district Locomotive and Carriage Department foreman at Slough for 23 years, and resigned on March 24th. He entered the Company's service as a fitter's apprentice in February, 1870, and his railway career, therefore, exceeded 49 years. Unfortunately his health has been indifferent for a long time past, and this hastened his retirement. Mr. Guest is an artist of considerable ability, especially in water colour, and has produced a number of notable illuminated addresses, two of them having been presented by the Slough Urban District Council to Queen Victoria on the occasions of her Jubilee in 1887 and her Diamond Jubilee in 1897, respectively. He recently illustrated Gray's poem “Elegy in a Country Churchyard,” forming a book of 34 pages. He has also been a successful beekeeper; for some years acted as an adviser to the South Bucks Bee Association, and made a study of hybridizing queen bees. Amongst his other hobbies he included horticulture, photography, and microscopy, in each of which he was also very successful. In his earlier days he was a member of the Slough Fire Brigade for about 10 years. It is very much regretted that Mr. Guest's health has not enabled him to remain longer at work among his associates, who entertain for him the greatest esteem.”

Various members of his family have written similar comments about him.

<sup>299</sup> *Birth registration:* Eton, Bucks, Twenty-ninth April 1855, Wellington Road, Slough, Upton, Walter, boy, parents Samuel Guest and Hannah Guest, formerly Stone, father's occupation: engine driver G. W. R., informant, Hannah Guest, mother, Slough, Sixteenth June, 1855

<sup>300</sup> *Death registration:* Twenty-seventh October 1920, 10 Wellesley Villas, Wellington Street, Slough, U. D., Walter Guest, Male, 65 years, Retired superintendent Railway Locomotive Department, Chronic Phthisis, No PM, Certified by H. Fraser, MRCS, Informant: Gwendoline Guest, daughter, 10 Wellesley Villas, Wellington Street, Slough, registered twenty-seventh October 1920.

<sup>301</sup> *Marriage registration:* Marriage solemnized at Register office in the District of Kensington in the County of Middlesex, Twelfth April, 1879, Walter Guest, 23 years, bachelor, Engineer, of 3 Great Western Terrace, father Samuel Guest, Engineer, and Charlotte Elizabeth Taylor, 22 years, spinster, of 2 Rosemary Terrace, Mortlake, father George Taylor, Private Secretary, by certificate, witnesses Wm W. Robinson and Harriett Larmuth

<sup>302</sup> *Birth registration:* Birth in Saint Matthew Ipswich in the County of Suffolk, Twentieth December 1856, Wherstead Road, St. Mary Stoke, Ipswich, Charlotte Elizabeth, girl, parents George Taylor and Eliza Taylor formerly Cook, father's occupation, domestic servant, informant George Taylor, father

<sup>303</sup> *RAIL 264/246. Register of weekly paid staff. Loco & Carriage Dept., Great Western Railway:*

*as transcribed by Martin Buck:* 378 in the index, Walter Guest, Born April 1855, Entered Service Feb 1870, Employment 1) Apprentice - Loco Dept - at Paddington 2) Leading Fitter (26/3/1881) - Loco Dept – Slough, 3) Foreman (15/3/1896) - Loco Dept – Slough, Wages 55/- on 16/3/1896, Wages 60/- on 25/4/1898

". . . Walter Guest . . . was a man of many interests, an accomplished artist and calligrapher. It was said that he once wrote the Lord's Prayer on the head of a drawing pin, a feat not many would care to attempt! Also an inventor, he made a model seaplane with floats, and this when aircraft design was in its infancy."<sup>304</sup>

"Walter Guest was an artist -- amateur only. I have an oil painting of Windsor Castle by him, very Victorian and a bit melodramatic. Also a watercolour of a sea scene and a very charming and atmospheric watercolour of the Thames in winter."<sup>305</sup>

Walter's wife, Charlotte Taylor was the daughter of George Taylor, who was born in Yarmouth, Norfolk, and was a domestic servant and private secretary. By 1871 he was employed by a surgeon, but by 1881 was an attendant in an insane asylum. Charlotte's mother, Eliza Cook, was born in Lowestoft, Suffolk. George and Eliza appear to have met in Ipswich, Suffolk, where George was in service on Wherstead Road, and where their first three children, including Charlotte, were born – although the first two children died young. By 1861, the family was living in Chiswick, London, and by 1863, in Hammersmith, London. Still later, about 1870, they moved to West Kensington Park, London, then to 2 Rosemary Terrace, Mortlake, Surrey, not far from the Paddington Station where Walter Guest began work, also in 1870. George and Eliza Taylor had a large family – Charlotte had seven siblings who lived to adulthood – and Eliza worked as a dressmaker, and later took in boarders. (see page 77 for more about George and Eliza's families)

Charlotte was primarily a mother and housewife, but also did some work as a private school teacher. She and Walter had four daughters and one son. Their third daughter, Lillian Maria, died of consumption in 1905. Walter died of chronic lung consumption 15 years later – perhaps a different form of the decease that killed his daughter.

Children of WALTER GUEST and CHARLOTTE TAYLOR are:

- i) EMMELINE "MURIEL" GUEST, born about 1881, Paddington, London<sup>306</sup>. She was a school teacher in 1901,<sup>307</sup> and married WILLIAM (BILL) PINNIGER<sup>308</sup>.

Her nephew Anthony Guest says of her, "She was an artist of, among others, watercolours and I do have a watercolour of an Indian scene by her."<sup>309</sup> "Muriel was very shy and retiring. She married late in life for companionship. She must then have been well past the age of childbearing"<sup>310</sup> Muriel lived at 10 Wellington St., Slough, the home of her parents.

- ii) ETHEL "WINNIFRED" GUEST was born October 27, 1883 in Slough, Eton, Buckinghamshire, and died May 24, 1953 in Tofino, British Columbia, Canada<sup>311</sup>. She married ROBERT "FLORIAN" BERNARD LECHMERE GUPPY November 30, 1906<sup>312</sup> in England, son of ROBERT GUPPY and ALICE ROSTANT. He was born April 25, 1882<sup>313</sup> in Trinidad, West Indies, and died September 12, 1972<sup>314</sup> in Cayman Brac, Cayman Islands, West Indies.

<sup>304</sup> his grandson Anthony Guppy in "The Tofino Kid" page 20

<sup>305</sup> his grandson Anthony Gordon Guest in an e-mail, Feb. 23, 2003

<sup>306</sup> 1881 Census, age 6 months, 1891 census, age 10, 1901 census, age 20.

<sup>307</sup> 1901 census

<sup>308</sup> Anthony Gordon Guest

<sup>309</sup> Anthony Guest, e-mail Feb. 24, 2003

<sup>310</sup> Anthony Guest, e-mail Mar. 10, 2003

<sup>311</sup> *Gravestone in Seaview Cemetery, Tofino, BC*, "In Memory of Ethel Winnifred Guppy, Loving Wife and Mother, 1883-1853, Rest in Peace."; *Registration of Death, BC Vital Statistics*.

<sup>312</sup> *Marriage Registration*, Marriage solemnized at the Church of St. Lawrence in the parish of Upton cum Chalvey in the County of Bucks, Nov. 3, 1906, Robert Florian Lechmere Guppy, age 24, bachelor, Indian Civil Service, Datchet Road, Slough, father: Robert John Guppy, Inspector of Schools, and Ethel Winifred Guest, age 23, spinster, Wellington Street, Slough, father: Walter Guest, Engineer, Married after banns, witnesses Joseph Henry Hampshire and Emmeline Muriel Guest

<sup>313</sup> *Rev. Dr. John Platt, Archivist, Pembroke College, Cambridge, England*: "We have Florian [Guppy] as having been born on the 25th April 1882 in Trinidad ."; *Child of the Tropics: Victorian Memoirs*, by Yseullt Bridges ed. by Nicholas Guppy, (Collins and Harvill Press, London, 1980).

<sup>314</sup> *Child of the Tropics: Victorian Memoirs*, by Yseullt Bridges ed. by Nicholas Guppy, (Collins and Harvill Press, London, 1980);

- iii) LILIAN MARIA GUEST, born about 1886<sup>315</sup> in Slough, Buckinghamshire; and died of pulmonary consumption July 23, 1905.
- iv) BERTHA GWENDOLINE (GWEN) GUEST born before September 30, 1895<sup>316</sup>, Eton, Buckinghamshire; died before 1953<sup>317</sup>, married REGINALD WHITMARSH<sup>318</sup>.

"Gwen had no children. I think probably from choice. Relations with her husband Reg were strained and for some period of time they lived apart (I think he may have had another woman). After her death he remarried."<sup>319</sup> Gwen lived two places after she moved away from home, Burkins Lane, Little Chelfont St. Giles, Buckinghamshire, and Lavendar Cottage, Chesham Bois, Amersham, Buckinghamshire.<sup>320</sup>

- v) GORDON WALTER LESLIE GUEST, born September 20, 1897<sup>321</sup>, Eton, Buckinghamshire; married ALICE "MARJORIE" HOOPER on March 28, 1924<sup>322</sup> in the parish of Knowle, Bristol. She was born in Wokingham, Berkshire on October 20, 1901<sup>323</sup>, and was the child of FREDERICK HOOPER. Marjorie died in January of 1995, and Gordon died February 19, 1981<sup>324</sup>. They had a son, ANTHONY GORDON GUEST, born February 8, 1930<sup>325</sup>, who is a lawyer in London.

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<sup>315</sup> 1891 census, age 5

<sup>316</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Births, Sept 1895, Guest, Bertha Gwendoline, Eton 3a 693

<sup>317</sup> *Walter Guppy*, "Gwen had separated from her husband. . . . She died of cancer quite young; I can remember Mother talking about it." (Walter's mother, Winnifred, died in 1953)

<sup>318</sup> Anthony Gordon Guest

<sup>319</sup> Anthony Gordon Guest, e-mail, Mar. 10, 2003

<sup>320</sup> Anthony Gordon Guest

<sup>321</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Births, Dec. 1897 Guest, Walter Leslie G. Eton 3a 726

<sup>322</sup> Anthony Gordon Guest

<sup>323</sup> Anthony Gordon Guest; *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Births Dec 1901 Hooper Alice Marjorie Wokingham 2c 399

<sup>324</sup> Anthony Gordon Guest

<sup>325</sup> Anthony Gordon Guest

THE QUEEN'S RECEPTION AT SLOUGH.

The Queen's arrival at Slough on Wednesday will be for ever remembered by those who witnessed it as one of the most interesting events in their lives, and as a most brilliant and unique spectacle. It had been anxiously looked forward to for months previously, and been the subject of general conversation with adults, and longing-hope by the children. Every possible measure had been taken to give her Majesty a hearty, loving, and respectful welcome, and to make this brief journey through Slough agreeable to her.

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The following was the address presented by the Slough Local Board:—

To Her Most Excellent Majesty, Victoria by the Grace of God, Queen of Great Britain and Ireland.  
 May it please your Majesty,  
 We, your Majesty's faithful subjects, the Chairman and Members of the Local Board for the District of Slough in meeting assembled, desire humbly to approach your Majesty with our most loyal and cordial congratulations upon the completion of the fiftieth year of your Majesty's glorious reign.

We deeply appreciate your Majesty's most gracious permission to offer in person the assurance of our loyal and dutiful greeting, our thankful acknowledgement of the signal blessings of your benevolent rule, and our sincere devotion to the Throne.  
 During half a century of the most eventful period in the history of the nation, your Majesty has exhibited the deepest concern for the true welfare and best interests of all classes of your Majesty's subjects.  
 It is our humble and fervent prayer that by the blessing of Almighty God your Majesty's life may long be spared to rule the destinies of this Great Empire, and to reign in peace and happiness, secure in the loving allegiance of a prosperous, united, and loyal people.

Given under our Common Seal at a meeting of the Slough Local Board on the 21st day of June, one thousand eight hundred and eighty seven.  
 J. HANCOCK NASH,  
 Chairman.

To the address of the Board her Majesty returned the following reply:—“I receive with great satisfaction your loyal and dutiful address on the occasion of the completion of the fiftieth year of my reign. I rejoice that the inhabitants of Slough, like the rest of my people, have taken advantage of the opportunity to express their sense of the many blessings with which it has pleased God to favour this nation since I have ascended the Throne.”

The address of the Local Board as prepared and mounted was truly a very pretty and useful work of art. It was on vellum, 36 inches by 18 inches, and illuminated in the early 16th century style. The border was of pale blue with white hair line markings, and edged with two gold lines, interlaced at corners with leafage of acanthus patera with raised silver markings, and carried down the left and right-hand sides. The Royal Arms were in the centre of the top, surmounted with the same leafage as already described above. The initial letters were of blue, raised on shields of most gold diapered, the remainder of the address being engrossed in dead black. The artist was Mr. Walter Guest, of Slough, and great is due to him. The address

was enclosed in a Royal blue velvet roll case, lined with quilted white satin, having the Royal Arms neatly worked in gold near the opening on the outside, with gold tassels at the corners, and gold lace as fasteners. This case was supplied by Mr. H. Moore, and certainly did credit to Slough.  
 Messrs. J. H. Spokes and E. Singer, the mover and seconder of the address from the Local Board, were also presented to her Majesty by the Lord Lieutenant. The Queen then received from Miss Isabel Young, a young daughter of the Rev. of Upton-cum-Chalvey, a beautifully arranged bouquet of delicate and choice flowers. Her Majesty then left the station, and the following was the Royal Procession from the station:—  
 Advanced Guard.  
 Right Troop Leader, Escoort.  
 Lieut. C. Combs.  
 Left Troop Leader, Squadron Leader,  
 Lieut. V. Ferguson. Major Lord Kilmarnock, Standard.  
 First Carriage.  
 THE QUEEN.  
 The Crown Princess of Germany.  
 Princess Christian.  
 Duke of Edinburgh.  
 Lieut. Colonel Hon. W. Major General Du Carrington Plat, C.B.  
 (Esquerry in Waiting).  
 General the Right Hon. Sir Henry Ponsonby, K.C.B.  
 Escoort.  
 SECOND CARRIAGE.—Princess Louise, Princess Beatrice, Duchess of Edinburgh, and Duke of Coburg.  
 THIRD CARRIAGE.—Duchess of Connaught, Princess Victoria of Prussia, Duke of Connaught, and Prince Albert Victor of Wales.  
 FOURTH CARRIAGE.—The Lady in Waiting, the Dowager Duchess of Roxburgh; the Lady in Waiting on the Crown Princess of Germany, Countess Poronober; the Lord in Waiting, General Viscount Bridport, K.C.B.; the Ombudsman in Waiting on the Duke of Saxe-Coburg, Colonel von Schrabach.  
 FIFTH CARRIAGE.—The Maids of Honour (Hon. Evelyn Moore, Hon. Harriet Phipps), the Lady in Waiting on Princess Christian, Miss Loch; the Groom in Waiting, Lord Burghley.  
 SIXTH CARRIAGE.—The Lady in Waiting on the Princess Beatrice, Hon. Lady Biddulph; the Esquerry in Waiting on the Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel Poore; the Esquerry in Waiting on the Duke of Connaught, Major Egerton.  
 SEVENTH CARRIAGE.—The Lady in Waiting on the Duchess of Edinburgh, Lady Emma Osborne; the Lady in Waiting on the Duchess of Connaught, Hon. Mrs. A. Egerton; the Esquerry in Waiting on Prince Albert Victor of Wales, Captain Hon. A. Greville.

THE QUEEN.

The band of the Rifle battalion played the National Anthem, the children sang the same, and the spectators loyally and heartily cheered, handkerchiefs being enthusiastically waved by the ladies. The procession passed along Mackenzie-street, through a portion of the High-street, down the Windsor road, and so on to Eton. The whole of the route through the Slough district was gaily decorated with Venetian masks, shields with groups of flags, banners, and festoons of brightly-coloured bunting. The Queen was everywhere received with hearty cheers, and respectful proofs of loyal affection. The sun shone brightly, the bells of the Parish Church rang a joyous peal, and everything passed off well. The Police at the railway station were under the direction of Mr. Chief Inspector Noble, and were assisted by a contingent of the Metropolitan police under Chief Inspector Giles. The Chief Constable of Bucks superintended the County Police arrangements, assisted by Mr. Superintendent Dunham, their being a contingent of the Metropolitan Police on duty. The officials at the railway station had a very hard day's work, but they did their duties admirably. Mr. A. Pearson, the station master, was courteous

Walter Guest and his Illuminated Manuscripts

First and last part omitted

It was skilfully executed by Mr. Walter Guest and was quite a work of art. The case, which was of handsome red morocco, lined with white satin, was supplied by Mr. Charles Loff, Dr. Charley handed it to the Queen and it read as follows:—  
 TO HER MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY VICTORIA BY THE GRACE OF GOD QUEEN OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.  
 May it please your Majesty,  
 We your Majesty's faithful subjects the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Members of the Urban District Council of Slough in the County of Buckingham, in Council assembled, desire humbly to approach your Majesty with our most loyal and dutiful congratulations upon the completion of the fiftieth year of your Majesty's glorious reign which throughout its happy duration to a length of years unique in our history has been so especially marked by progress in scientific knowledge and education generally and in prosperity peace and happiness throughout your Majesty's vast Empire.  
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 We desire to join with all your Majesty's subjects in every part of the United Kingdom the Empire of India and every Colony under your Majesty's rule in the humble and fervent prayer that by the blessing of Almighty God your Majesty's benign influence may long be continued to us, and that supported by the love of your Sons and Daughters, and secure in the ever-deepening loyalty and attachment of your people, your Majesty may long be preserved to health, peace, and happiness.  
 Given under the Common Seal of the Urban District Council of Slough at a meeting held on the 14th day of June, 1887.

Walter Guest's talent for manuscript illumination was recognised by his home community of Slough. He created vellum manuscripts illuminated in a 15th century style which were presented to Queen Victoria during the celebrations in Slough for her Golden and Diamond Jubilees.

Here are excerpts from the articles printed in the local newspaper describing the events. The 1887 article (left) describes the manuscript in detail, the 1897 article (right) simply notes "it was skilfully executed by Mr. Walter Guest and was quite a work of art."

# AMONG THE STAFF

Good wishes from a wide circle of friends inside and without the railway service will follow Mr. J. Wynn Cope, station master at Wolverhampton, into his retirement, upon which he recently entered. He will be greatly missed from his late position where his energetic nature and genial personality made him popular with everyone. Mr. Cope began his railway career forty-seven years ago at Cefn. Later he worked at Llangollen, Chester, and Oswestry, and in May, 1897, became station master at Bala. Subsequently he had charge successively of Llangollen, Dudley, and Leamington before his appointment at Wolverhampton eight years ago.



Mr. Wynn Cope.



Mr. A. Davidson.

"I AM proud of my connection with the Great Western Railway," said Mr. Archie Davidson, on the occasion of an inevitable function that followed his retirement after fifty-three years' service, and there was a ring of genuineness in the way he said it. For the past quarter-of-a-century, Mr. Davidson had been a member of the Material Inspecting staff of the Chief Mechanical Engineer. He was widely known and everywhere held in high esteem. Many ex-Swindon men, now holding responsible positions in the engineering world, joined their former Great Western colleagues in subscribing for a presentation. This took the form of a handsome clock, appropriately inscribed, and a parcel of Treasury notes. The gifts were made at a recent gathering at Swindon, by Mr. H. C. King (assistant to the Chief Mechanical Engineer), who was supported by Mr. W. A. Stanier (assistant manager of the locomotive works), Mr. J. J. Hall (chief inspector of materials), Mr. G. H. Burrows (chief draughtsman) and Mr. F. A. Lusty (secretary to the testimonial fund) and others. Mr. King spoke of Mr. Davidson's long service and bore personal testimony to his high character, trustworthiness and strict attention to duty. He said many letters had been received, expressing wishes for Mr. Davidson's continued good health and testifying to his uniform kindness to those who had worked under him as juniors. Mr. Davidson spoke of the many improvements in working in the shops and of the great strides made in the construction of locomotives, carriages, and wagons during his long period of service. After travelling for many years over most of the railways in the country he had no hesitation in saying that the Great Western was hard to beat.

FOR forty-five years Mr. John Smith worked at the Bristol goods station; he retired recently at the age of 65, from the position of clerk-in-charge of the Temple Meads delivery office. Under the presidency of Mr. C. H. Savage (assistant goods superintendent) his late colleagues met on March 24th and presented him with a gold signet ring and a tobacco pouch. Several present

spoke of Mr. Smith's courtesy and straightforward disposition and the loss to themselves and the Company by his retirement.

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Mr. John Smith.



Mr. W. Guest.

So satisfied and pleased were the public with the Great Western bus service between the Town and Junction stations at Stourbridge, provided for the last four years while the Stourbridge branch was closed, that a local gentleman, Mr. L. G. Dann, organised a collection for the benefit of the drivers, whose efficiency had won general approbation; and on March 8th, Drivers F. J. Spare and G. Loveday were presented with Treasury notes, and received many compliments upon their work. During the four years the buses ran 69,263 miles and carried 398,206 passengers.

WHEN walking alongside the Swansea Canal on his way home from work, a little while ago, Lock-keeper W. Meredith had his attention arrested by a splash in the water, and ran to discover the cause, when he saw the arm of a little girl rise above the surface. This was close to the lock gates near Ystalyfera station, where the water is 7 ft. deep. Mr. Meredith climbed down the gates, but found that the child was beyond his reach, whereupon he immediately plunged in. His movements in the water were greatly impeded by a heavy overcoat he was wearing, but after a hard struggle he succeeded

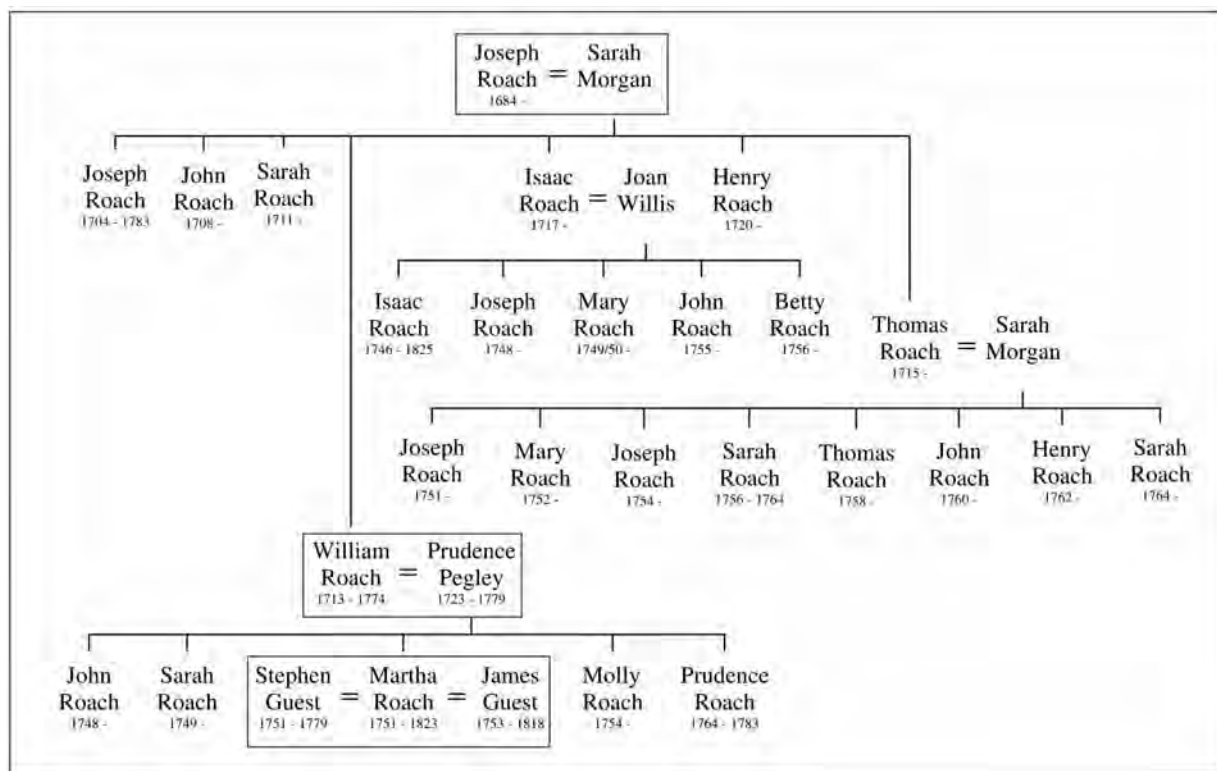
## Chapter 2: Our Roach And Pegley Ancestors

Although I have so far been unable to push the Guest line back beyond the Stephen Guest who was born about 1749, I had no difficulty finding information on the ancestors of Martha Roach – although what is here should be considered to be only preliminary – it is likely that more information can be found, and future research may show that some of the following is in error. Bearing that in mind, here is a glimpse of two industrious eighteenth-century families of Bristol.

William Roach and  
Prudence Pegley are the  
3<sup>rd</sup> Great Grandparents of  
Winnifred Guest

The Roach and Pegley families were both tradespeople who had resided in the eastern part of the parish of St. Phillip & St. Jacob, Bristol, since at least the mid 1600s. I have been able to find more about the Pegley family as it is an extremely uncommon name in the area, and everyone is descended from a John Pegley born about 1676. The Roach family is more difficult, as there are several families all using the same names, and William was the first to become a burgess, and therefore have his occupation recorded.

Martha Roach's mother, Prudence Pegley, came from a family of skilled tradesmen. Her father, John, was a house carpenter<sup>326</sup>, and two of his sons, John and Joshua, brothers of Prudence, followed him in the trade. Another of Prudence's brothers, Henry, became a shipwright. (see page 57 for the Pegley family)



<sup>326</sup> Bristol Burgess Book, LDS film #1597440, William Roach, mariner, was admitted to the liberties of the City of Bristol on 29 June 1747, by virtue of his having married Prudence, the daughter of John PEGLEY, house carpenter; John Pegley, house carpenter, was admitted to the liberties of the City of Bristol on Oct. 31, 1739, as he is the son of John Pegley, house carpenter; Joshua Pegley, house carpenter, was admitted to the liberties of the City of Bristol on Feb. 25, 1756, as he is the son of John Pegley, house carpenter; Henry Pegley, shipwright, was admitted to the liberties of the City of Bristol on June 27, 1747, as he is the son of John Pegley, house carpenter.

*THE ROACHES*

There are a large number of Roach families in the area, but similarities in locations, parish register entries, etc., suggest that the William Roach who married Prudence Pegley belonged to this family.

**Descendants of Joseph Roach<sup>327</sup>**

JOSEPH ROACH was born probably born before 1684. He married SARAH MORGAN 02 Dec 1703 in St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol, Gloucester, England.

Children of JOSEPH ROACH and SARAH MORGAN are:

- i) JOSEPH ROACH, baptized 01 Oct 1704, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol, buried 30 Oct 1783, St. George
- ii) JOHN ROACH, baptized 05 Dec 1708, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol
- iii) SARAH ROACH, baptized: 22 Apr 1711, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol
- iv) WILLIAM ROACH was baptized 05 Jul 1713, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol. He married PRUDENCE PEGLEY 07 Jun 1747 in St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol. She was baptized 21 Jul 1723, St. Phillips & St. Jacob, Bristol, and buried 14 Apr 1779, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol. (see page 57 for her family)  
Occupation: Mariner; 27 Jul 1747, Admitted to the liberties of Bristol

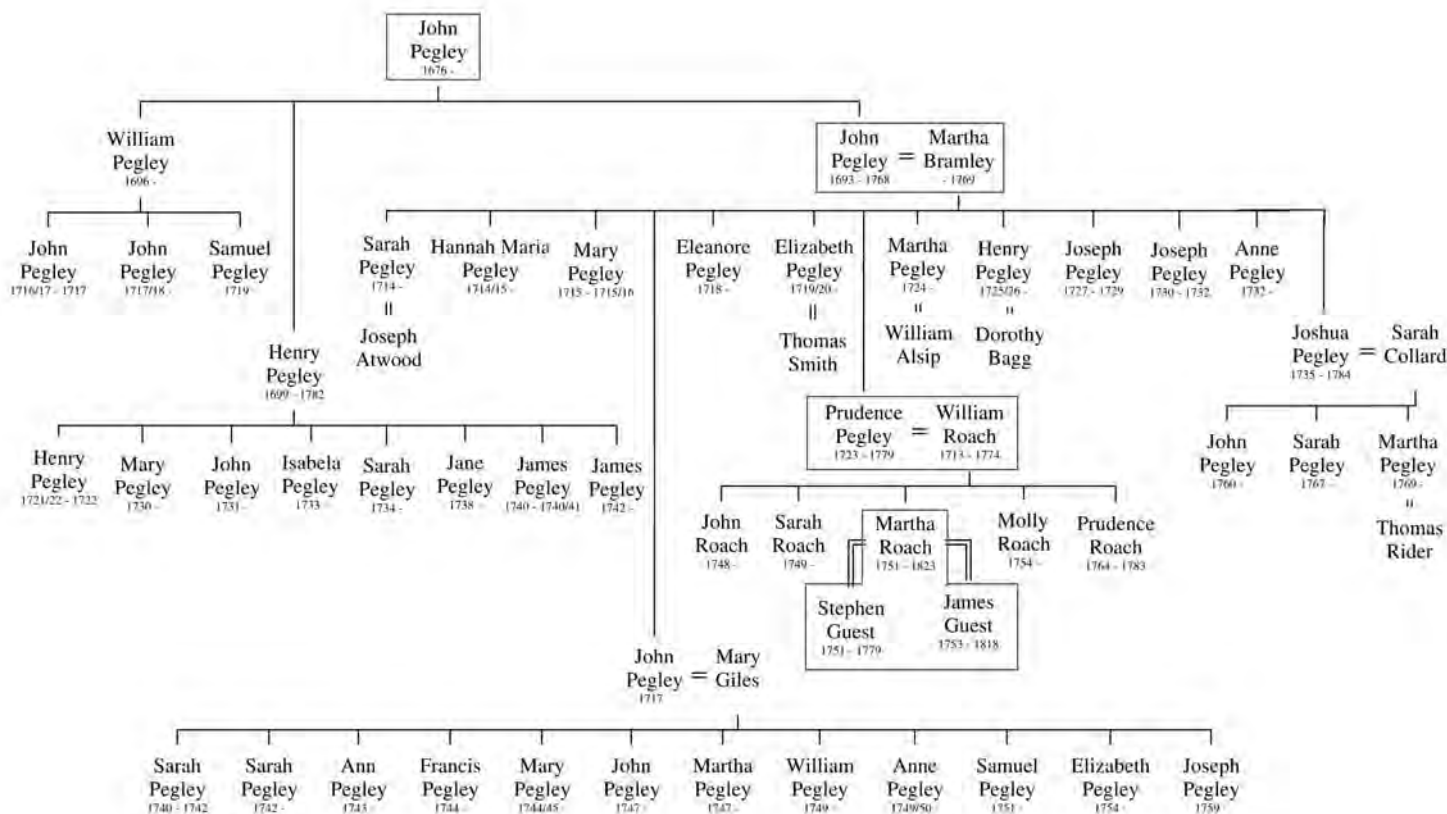
Children of WILLIAM ROACH and PRUDENCE PEGLEY are:

- 1) JOHN ROACH, baptized: 10 Apr 1748, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol  
Occupation1774: Gardener; 05 Oct 1774, Admitted to the liberties of Bristol
  - 2) SARAH ROACH, baptized 18 Jun 1749, St. Phillip & St. Jacob, Bristol
  - 3) MARTHA ROACH was baptized 07 Jul 1751, and buried 09 May 1823. She married (1) STEPHEN GUEST 24 Feb 1771. She married (2) JAMES GUEST. (see page 20)
  - 4) MOLLY ROACH, baptized 24 Nov 1754, Bristol, Gloucester
  - 5) PRUDENCE ROACH, baptized 08 Jul 1764, St. Georget; buried: 23 Apr 1783, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol
- v) ISAAC ROACH was baptized 17 Nov 1717, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol. He married JOAN WILLIS 22 Oct 1744 in St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol, Gloucester, England.  
Residence: 1746, White hall  
Children of ISAAC ROACH and JOAN WILLIS are:
- 1) ISAAC ROACH, baptized 07 Sep 1746, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol, buried 05 Jun 1825, St. George, Bristol
  - 2) JOSEPH ROACH, baptized 24 Jul 1748, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol
  - 3) MARY ROACH, baptized 04 Feb 1749/50, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol
  - 4) JOHN ROACH, baptized 23 Jul 1755, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol
  - 5) BETTY ROACH, baptized 23 Jun 1756, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol.
- vi) HENRY ROACH, baptized19 Jun 1720, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol
- vii) THOMAS ROACH was baptized 16 Oct 1715, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol. He married SARAH MORGAN 08 Jul 1750 in St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol  
Residence: Bet. 1756 - 1758, Near the church, St. George, Bristol  
Children of THOMAS ROACH and SARAH MORGAN are:
- 1) JOSEPH ROACH, baptized: 21 Apr 1751, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol
  - 2) MARY ROACH, baptized 31 Jul 1752, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol
  - 3) JOSEPH ROACH, baptized22 Feb 1754, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol
  - 4) SARAH ROACH, baptized: 15 Dec 1756, St. George, Bristol
  - 5) THOMAS ROACH, baptized May 1758, St. George, Bristol
  - 6) JOHN ROACH, baptized 08 Mar 1760, St. George, Bristol
  - 7) HENRY ROACH, baptized 14 Mar 1762, St. George, Bristol
  - 8) SARAH ROACH, baptized 29 Jul 1764, St. George, Bristol

<sup>327</sup> Sources for baptisms, marriages and burials are the parish registers of the church indicated, which is also the source for residence information. Occupation information is from the Bristol Burgess Book.

THE PEGLEYS<sup>328</sup>

There is an interesting mystery about the Pegley name. Throughout the Bristol Burgess Book, the name is consistently spelled Pegley, and I have used it throughout to avoid confusion. There are a variety of spellings used in the parish registers, and some are not obvious misspellings. In the early records, the name is Pegly or Pegley, but after about 1720 or so, many of the younger members of the family begin to use Pegler instead. What little information I have been able to collect seems to indicate that the two names are the same, and certainly people who were baptised Pegler were admitted as burgesses with the name Pegley. In at least two places in the parish registers<sup>329</sup>, there are notes that the names are the same, i.e. in 1723, on July 21, it says: "Prudence ye daughter of John Pegly otherwise Pegler". Perhaps one day I'll find out why the name was changed. Most of the family was using Pegler by the late 1700s.



**Descendents of John Pegley**

1. JOHN PEGLEY was probably born before 1676, assuming he was at least 20 years old when his son William was born – which is also an estimate.

Children of JOHN PEGLEY are:

- i) WILLIAM PEGLEY, probably born before 1696. (see 2 following)
- ii) HENRY PEGLEY, baptized 07 Nov 1699; buried. 14 Dec 1782. (see 3 following)
- iii) JOHN PEGLEY, b. Bef. 1693; d. Bef. 23 Nov 1768. (see 4 following)

<sup>328</sup> Sources for baptisms, marriages and burials are the parish registers of the church indicated, as are residence information. Occupation information is from the Bristol Burgess Book.

<sup>329</sup> St. Phillip & St. Jacob Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England, (LDS film # 1596656), Baptisms

2. WILLIAM PEGLEY was probably born before 1696 (based on dates of his children's baptisms). The name of his wife is so far unknown as parish registers did not give the mother's name on baptismal records until the second half of the 1700s, and I have not located the marriage record.

Children of WILLIAM PEGLEY are:

- i) JOHN PEGLEY, baptized 17 Mar 1716/17, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol; buried 27 Aug 1717, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol.
- ii) JOHN PEGLEY, baptized 16 Feb 1717/18, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol
- iii) SAMUEL PEGLEY, baptized 22 Nov 1719, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol

3. HENRY PEGLEY was baptized 27 Aug 1717, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol, buried 14 Dec 1782, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol

Residence 1: 1730, White hall  
 Residence 2: 1731, Donjons Cross (see over)  
 Residence 3: 1738, Blackmore Road  
 Residence 4: Bet. 1740 - 1742, Lower Easton

Children of HENRY PEGLEY are:

- i) HENRY PEGLEY, baptized 07 Jan 1721/22, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol; buried 11 Oct 1722, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol
- ii) MARY PEGLEY, baptized 30 Apr 1730, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol
- iii) JOHN PEGLEY, baptized: 04 Aug 1731, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol
- iv) ISABELA PEGLEY, baptized 19 Apr 1733, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol
- v) SARAH PEGLEY, baptized 20 Nov 1734, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol
- vi) JANE PEGLEY, baptized 17 May 1738, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol
- vii) JAMES PEGLEY, baptized 18 Jun 1740, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol; buried 21 Jan 1740/41, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol
- viii) JAMES PEGLEY, baptized 23 Jul 1742, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol

4. JOHN PEGLEY was probably born before 1693, and was buried 23 Nov 1768, St. George. He married MARTHA BRAMLEY 31 Aug 1712 in St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol. She was buried 21 Nov 1769, St. George.

Occupation: House carpenter  
 Residence 1723-1726: White hall  
 Residence 1827-1830: Donjons Cross

Children of JOHN PEGLEY and MARTHA BRAMLEY are:

- i) SARAH PEGLEY, baptized 04 July 1714, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol; married JOSEPH ATWOOD, 14 Jun 1736, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol  
 More About JOSEPH ATWOOD:  
 Occupation: 1739, Twine spinner; 08 Oct 1739, Admitted to the liberties of Bristol as he married Sarah, the daughter of John Pegley
- ii) HANNAH MARIA PEGLEY, baptized 23 Mar 1714/15, St. Phillips & St. Jacob, Bristol
- iii) MARY PEGLEY, baptized 13 Aug 1715, St. Phillips & St. Jacob, Bristol; buried 04 Mar 1715/16, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol
- iv) JOHN PEGLEY was baptized 16 May 1717, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol. He married MARY GILES 30 Mar 1741 in St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol.  
 Occupation: 1739, House carpenter; 31 Oct 1739, Admitted to the liberties of Bristol  
 Residence 1: 1742, Barton Road  
 Residence 2: Bet. 1743 - 1747, Lawrence Hill, Don John's Cross  
 Residence 3: 1750, Crews Hole  
 Residence 4: 1754, Upper Easton

Children of JOHN PEGLEY and MARY GILES are:

- 1) SARAH PEGLEY, baptized 10 Aug 1740, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol
  - 2) SARAH PEGLEY, baptized 28 May 1742, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol
  - 3) ANN PEGLEY, baptized 24 May 1743, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol
  - 4) FRANCIS PEGLEY, baptized 09 Sep 1744, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol
  - 5) MARY PEGLEY, baptized 10 Feb 1744/45, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol
  - 6) JOHN PEGLEY, baptized 20 Apr 1747, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol
  - 7) MARTHA PEGLEY, baptized 28 Jun 1747, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol
  - 8) WILLIAM PEGLEY, baptized: 27 May 1749, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol
  - 9) ANNE PEGLEY, baptized 04 Feb 1749/50, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol
  - 10) SAMUEL PEGLEY, baptized 09 Apr 1751, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol
  - 11) ELIZABETH PEGLEY, baptized 16 Apr 1754, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol
  - 12) JOSEPH PEGLEY, baptized 04 Jun 1759, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol
- v) ELEANORE PEGLEY, baptized 08 Jun 1718, St. Phillips & St. Jacob, Bristol,
- vi) ELIZABETH PEGLEY, baptized 01 Jan 1719/20, St. Phillips & St. Jacob, Bristol; married THOMAS SMITH, of Keynsham (near Hanham), 28 Aug 1740, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol.
- vii) PRUDENCE PEGLEY was baptized 21 Jul 1723, St. Phillips & St. Jacob, Bristol, and was buried 14 Apr 1779, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol She married WILLIAM ROACH 07 Jun 1747 in St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol, Gloucester, England, son of JOSEPH ROACH and SARAH MORGAN. (see page 56)
- viii) MARTHA PEGLEY, baptized 27 Sep 1724, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol; married WILLIAM ALSIP, 03 Jul 1745, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol.
- ix) HENRY PEGLEY, baptized 06 Feb 1725/26, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol; married DOROTHY BAGG, 03 Oct 1759, St. George, Bristol.  
Occupation: Shipwright; 27 Jun 1747, Admitted to the liberties of Bristol as his father was John Pegley
- x) JOSEPH PEGLEY, baptized 22 Oct 1727, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol; buried: 21 Sep 1729, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol
- xi) JOSEPH PEGLEY, baptized 06 May 1730, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol; burial: 05 Dec 1732, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol
- xii) ANNE PEGLEY, baptized 21 May 1732, Bristol
- xiii) JOSHUA PEGLEY was baptized 10 Aug 1735, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol, and died before 1784. He married SARAH COLLARD 14 Apr 1760 in St. George, Bristol  
Occupation: House Carpenter; 23 Feb 1756, Admitted to the liberties of Bristol
- Children of JOSHUA PEGLEY and SARAH COLLARD are:
- 1) JOHN PEGLEY, baptized 15 Jun 1760, St. George, Bristol
  - 2) SARAH PEGLEY, baptized: 01 Nov 1767, St. George, Bristol
  - 3) MARTHA PEGLEY, baptized 05 Sep 1784, St. George, Bristol, the same day as her cousin Prudence Guest; married THOMAS RIDER, a mariner, 23 Sep 1789, St. George, Bristol.

### The Story of Don John's Cross

Since time immemorial, and until it was removed to make way for the church of St. George the Martyr in the 1750s, there was a circular column of freestone raised on an octagonal base, presumably originally a cross, located at the place where the road to Bath branched off the London Road on the east side of Bristol. Today there is a nearby pub there called Don John's Cross, but the monument itself is gone.

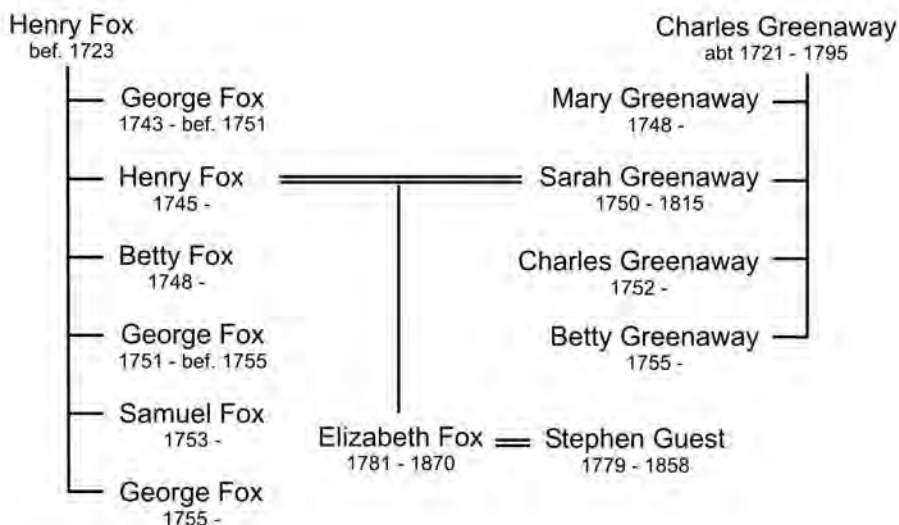
Originally the cross also marked the location of a Catholic shrine to St. Anthony

A story that is frequently quoted to explain the cross is that it marks the temporary resting spot of the body of a Spanish nobleman who was being transported elsewhere for burial. Many dispute this claim, largely because it doesn't really make much sense – why would anyone put a very large, and undoubtedly expensive monument up for such a reason on the east side of Bristol?

An alternate theory is that it isn't Don John's Cross at all, but rather donjon's cross. Donjon was an old word for a castle because of the dungeons attached to most castles. Support for this theory is that most of the references to the monument that I have found in the parish registers are spelled donjon or some variation, and seldom as Don John. Bristol was a walled city with a castle, and the cross is only about two miles from the old walls, and at the first major crossroads. It was considered to be the boundary marker for Kingswood Forest.

### Chapter 3: More Ancestors: Foxes and Greenaways

Two more families that need further research are our Fox and Greenaway ancestors. Stephen Guest II, the great grandfather of Winnifred Guest, married Elizabeth Fox<sup>330</sup>, the daughter of Henry Fox and Sarah Greenaway. A cursory search through the parish registers offers only one likely candidate for the identities of both Henry Fox and Sarah Greenaway. Subject to the possibility that one or both of these people came from outside the immediate area, it seems that these families are amongst our ancestors.



**Henry Fox, Sr. and his unknown wife**

HENRY FOX, Sr. was born before 1723 if we assume that he was at least 20 years old when his first son George was born – George must have been an important name in this Fox family as Henry gave the name to three of his sons – probably as the first two died young. We might speculate that Henry’s father was named George.

3<sup>rd</sup> Great  
Grandparents of  
Winnifred Guest

Unfortunately, because the information recorded in the early parish registers usually recorded only the name of the father of a child being baptized, and little other information of any kind, I do not yet know the name of Henry’s wife, or what he did for a living. In this case we are actually lucky in that the minister cryptically noted on the parish record of the first child’s baptism in 1743, “by Don X” (see previous page), and for the second child the residence of the family was more obviously noted as Kingswood.

Children of HENRY FOX are:

- i) GEORGE FOX, baptized before Feb. 13, 1742/43, in the church of St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol. Presumably he died before his younger brother George was baptized May 26, 1751.
- ii) HENRY FOX, baptized Jan. 6, 1744/45, in the church of St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol. Married SARAH GREENAWAY, Jan. 14, 1769, St. George, Bristol; she was baptized Mar. 25, 1750 and was buried at St. George on July 19, 1815. See page 62.
- iii) BETTY FOX, baptized Jan. 24, 1747/48, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol
- iv) GEORGE FOX, baptized May 26, 1751, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol; presumably died before his younger brother George was baptized Sept. 10, 1755.

2<sup>rd</sup> Great  
Grandparents of  
Winnifred Guest

<sup>330</sup> Assuming I am right that the Elizabeth who married Stephen Guest was Elizabeth Fox, daughter of Henry Fox and Sarah Greenaway (page 9)

- v) SAMUEL FOX, baptized 07 Jan 1753, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol. He may be the Samuel who was buried at St. Philip & St. Jacob on July 11, 1759.
- vi) GEORGE FOX, Sept. 10, 1755, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol.



**Charles Greenaway and his unknown wife**

CHARLES GREENAWAY was born about 1721, and was buried June 14, 1795, age 74, in St. George, Bristol. I have not yet discovered the name of his wife. We can see his name carried on in the children of his daughter Sarah Fox: she named two of her children Charles. See page 62

3<sup>rd</sup> Great  
Grandparents of  
Winnifred Guest

Children of CHARLES GREENAWAY are:

- i) MARY GREENAWAY, baptized Apr. 10, 1748, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol
- ii) SARAH GREENAWAY, baptized Mar. 24, 1749/50, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol; married Henry Fox, see page 62
- iii) CHARLES GREENAWAY, baptized Mar. 18, 1751/52, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol; married ANN; had at least one son:
  - 1) CHARLES GREENAWAY, baptized July 1, 1781 at St. George, Bristol
- iv) BETTY GREENAWAY, baptized Feb. 28, 1755, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol.



**Generation No. 2: Henry Fox, Jr. and his Wife Sarah Greenaway**

I am including a brief outline of one Fox family of St. George, Bristol, because two women of this Fox family married into the Guest family of St. George<sup>331</sup>, suggesting an ongoing connection between the Foxes and the Guests. There is an additional, if more indirect connection: AARON GUEST married CHARLOTTE LEONARD, and Charlotte's brother, ROBERT LEONARD, married SUSANNAH FOX, Aaron's first cousin.

Perhaps of incidental interest, one of this Fox family also married a Guppy – although, as far as we can determine, there is no close connection between the Guppy who married Winnifred Guest and the one who married Wilmot Fox – although it is somewhat coincidental that both marriages happened in the London area, far from the birthplaces of either Guppy – but it does seem to be a true coincidence.

Another family that keeps appearing is the Dark family of Hanham, Bitton. Three descendents of William and Sarah, of Oldland, Bitton appear in these pages: The Wilmot Fox mentioned above was the child of Charles Fox and Wilmot Dark (page 67), Wilmot Dark's 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin Isaac married Charlotte Fox (page 72), and I believe that the Samuel Dark who married Sarah Guest (page 41) was Wilmot's brother.

HENRY FOX, JR. was born in Kingswood, St. George, Bristol, and baptized Jan 06, 1744/45, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol<sup>332</sup>. He married SARAH GREENAWAY January 14, 1769<sup>333</sup> in St. George, Bristol. She was baptized Mar 24, 1749/50, St. Philip & St. Jacob<sup>334</sup>, and was buried July 19, 1815<sup>335</sup>, St. George, Bristol. Henry and Sarah lived near Dundry Farm<sup>336</sup>, on the Hanham edge of St. George.

2<sup>nd</sup> Great  
Grandparents of  
Winnifred Guest

<sup>331</sup> assuming that I am correct that Stephen Guest married Elizabeth Fox -- see appendix page 9

<sup>332</sup> Assuming he was at least 20 years old when he married

<sup>333</sup> *St. George's Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England (LDS film # 1596528)*: Marriages: 1769, Jan. 14, Henry Fox, of St. George, married by banns, Sarah Greenaway, spinster, of St. George

<sup>334</sup> Died in 1815, age 65

<sup>335</sup> *St. George's Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England (LDS film # 1596529)*: Burials, 1815, July 19, Sarah Fox, age 65, lived near Dundry Farm

Children<sup>337</sup> of HENRY FOX, JR. and SARAH GREENAWAY<sup>338</sup> are:

- i) ANNE FOX, baptized Jun 11, 1769, St. George; married EDWARD MARTIN, Sep 09, 1792, St. George, Bristol
- ii) HENRY FOX, baptized August 18, 1771, St. George, Bristol. (see page 65)
- iii) SARAH FOX, baptized: April 10, 1774, St. George, Bristol. She may be the Sarah Fox who married Thomas Muntin 08 Sept 1799<sup>339</sup> in St. George.
- iv) SAMUEL FOX, baptized September 29, 1775, St. George, Bristol (see page )
- v) EDWARD FOX, baptized January 10, 1779, St. George, Bristol
- vi) ELIZABETH FOX, baptized: September 02, 1781, married STEPHEN GUEST. (see page 25.)
- vii) CHARLES FOX, baptized April 04, 1784; Buried. November 07, 1784<sup>340</sup>, in St. George, Bristol.
- viii) CHARLES FOX, baptized August 06, 1786, St. George, Bristol
- ix) JOHN FOX, baptized February 15, 1789, St. George, Bristol
- x) JOANNA CLARK FOX, baptized March 04, 1792, St. George, Bristol
- xi) AMY FOX, baptized January 22, 1793, St. George, Bristol
- xii) ISAAC FOX, baptized December 21, 1794. (see page 66)



<sup>336</sup> *St. George's Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England (LDS film # 1596529):* Burials, 1815, July 19, Sarah Fox, age 65, lived near Dundridge Farm

<sup>337</sup> Please note, that while I think all these children belong in this family, Henry Fox III, born 1771, married Sarah Wiltshire in 1792. The result of this appears to be that there were two Henry and Sarah Fox families having children at the same time – and unfortunately the minister did not distinguish between the two in the records. The census has assisted with determining which children belong to which couple, but there is still the possibility of error for some of the children.

In fact, to make it more confusing, there may have been other Henry and Sarah Fox families. I found William Fox, baptized August 30, 1761, before the wedding date of Henry Fox, Jr. and Sarah Greenaway. Perhaps this was Henry, Sr., and we have three generations of Henry and Sarah?!!

Then there may have been another Henry and Sarah who were living in Crew's Hole, St. George, and had a child Elizabeth, baptized June 11, 1815 in St. George. She died at the age of 9 and was buried October 19, 1823. It is possible that this Henry and Sarah were Henry III and Sarah Wiltshire -- but that would assume that there were two living children called Elizabeth in the family. While this is not impossible, it seems unlikely. I could find no other children of Henry and Sarah Fox of Crew's Hole, but there was Henry Fox IV, son of Henry and Sarah Wiltshire, also a waterman, of Crew's Hole who, with wife Elizabeth, had a child Henry baptized May 1, 1825. Perhaps there is an error in the record and Elizabeth's parents should have been recorded as Henry and Elizabeth Fox? For the purposes of this book, I have omitted the Elizabeth born 1815 altogether.

<sup>338</sup> *St. George's Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England: Baptisms*

- 1769, June 11, Anne, daughter of Henry and Sarah
- 1771, Aug. 30, Henry, son of Henry and Sarah
- 1774, April 10, Sarah, daughter of Henry and Sarah
- 1775, Sept. 29, Samuel, son of Henry and Sarah
- 1779, Jan. 10, Edward, son of Henry and Sarah
- 1781, Sept. 2, Elizabeth, daughter of Henry and Sarah
- 1784, April 4, Charles, son of Henry and Sarah
- 1786, Aug. 6, Charles, son of Henry and Sarah
- 1789, Feb. 15, John, son of Henry and Sarah
- 1792, Mar. 4, Joanna Clark, daughter of Henry and Sarah
- 1793, Jan 22, Amy, daughter of Henry and Sarah
- 1794, Dec 21, Isaac, son of Henry and Sarah

<sup>339</sup> *St. George's Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England (LDS film # 1596528):* Marriages: 08 Sep 1799, married by banns, Muntin, Thomas, of St. George, and Fox, Sarah, Spinster, of St. George

<sup>340</sup> *St. George's Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England (LDS film # 1596528):* Burials, 1784, Charles Fox, son of Henry and Sarah, 8 months old

*I have so far been unable to determine the fate of most of these children, largely because there were many Fox families in the area and they all used the same given names for their children. Perhaps one day I will do more research and find the answers.*

**Generation No. 3**

*HENRY FOX III AND SARAH WILTSHIRE*

HENRY FOX III (HENRY, HENRY) was baptized August 18, 1771<sup>341</sup> in St George, Bristol. He married SARAH WILTSHIRE September 10, 1792<sup>342</sup> in St. George, Bristol. She was born about 1773<sup>343</sup> in St. George, Bristol.

Henry and Sarah were living on White's Hill in 1851. The family does not seem to have been financially successful as Henry and Sarah were living on parish relief with two daughters, Ann and Elizabeth in 1851.

Children of HENRY FOX III and SARAH WILTSHIRE<sup>344</sup> are:

- i) ANN FOX, born February 14, 1793, St. George, Bristol, baptized January 18, 1795, St. George, Bristol, almost certainly never married as was single and living with parents in 1851 (age 56)<sup>345</sup>.
- ii) SAMUEL FOX baptized January 18, 1795, St. George, Bristol.
- iii) HENRY FOX, baptized October 08, 1797, St. George, Bristol, buried Nov. 2, 1798<sup>346</sup> in St. George, Bristol.
- iv) HENRY FOX IV, b. Bef. Sep 08, 1799, St. George, Bristol (see page 67)
- v) SARAH FOX, baptized March 13, 1803, St. George, Bristol
- vi) ELIZABETH FOX, baptized November 10, 1805, St. George, Bristol, almost certainly never married as was single and living with parents in 1851 (age 46)<sup>347</sup>.
- vii) HARRIET FOX, baptized October 30, 1808; buried. December 24, 1815<sup>348</sup>.
- viii) CHARLES FOX, baptized December 22, 1811, St. George, Bristol. (see page 67)



*SAMUEL FOX AND ANN WATKINS*

SAMUEL FOX (*HENRY, HENRY*) was baptized Sep 29, 1775, St. George. He married ANN WATKINS Sep 06, 1802 in St. George, Bristol, Gloucester, England. In 1837 he was a labourer living in Cosins Hole, St. George.

Children of SAMUEL FOX and ANN WATKINS are:

- ix) HENRY FOX, baptized Jan 29, 1803, St. George, Bristol

<sup>341</sup> *St. George's Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England (LDS film # 1596528)*: Baptisms, 1771, Aug, 30, Henry, son of Henry and Sarah

<sup>342</sup> *Ibid*, Marriages, 1792, Sept 10, Henry Fox, of St. George, married by banns, Sarah Wiltshire, spinster, of St. George

<sup>343</sup> 1851 census, age 58

<sup>344</sup> *Ibid*: Baptisms:

1795, Jan. 18, Ann, daughter of Henry and Sarah Fox, born Feb. 14, 1793

Samuel, son of Henry and Sarah Fox

1797, Oct. 8, Henry, son of Henry and Sarah Fox

1803, Mar. 13, Sarah, daughter of Henry and Sarah Fox

1805, Nov. 10, Elizabeth, daughter of Henry and Sarah Fox

1808, Oct. 30, Harriot, daughter of Henry and Sarah Fox

1811, Dec. 22, Charles, son of Henry and Sarah Fox

<sup>345</sup> 1851 census

<sup>346</sup> *St. George's Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England (LDS film # 1596528)*: Burials, 1798, Nov. 2, Henry, son of Henry and Sarah, age 18 months

<sup>347</sup> 1851 census

<sup>348</sup> *St. George's Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England (LDS film # 1596529)*: Burials, 1815, Dec. 24, Harriot Fox, of Crew's Hole, age 7

- x) ELIZABETH FOX, baptized Jun 01, 1806, St. George, Bristol,
- xi) ANN FOX, baptized Apr 04, 1809, St. George, Bristol; married JAMES BARRETT, Aug 22, 1829, St. George, Bristol
- xii) SAMUEL FOX, baptized. May 10, 1812.



#### *ISAAC FOX AND ELIZABETH*

ISAAC FOX (HENRY, HENRY) was baptized December 21, 1794 in St. George, Bristol. He married ELIZABETH, surname unknown.

Like his brother Henry, Isaac initially worked as a waterman, but by 1828 was a haulier. He was living in Crew's Hole in 1815, near Dundridge Farm in 1818, but by 1820 he had moved near next door to his parents-in-law, Stephen and Elizabeth Guest, on White's Hill. His wife, Elizabeth, was a town hawker in 1851, and, perhaps more revealingly, called herself a vegetable saleswoman in 1861. It seems probable that she and her neighbours were part of the thriving garden market sector in the area.

Children of ISAAC FOX and ELIZABETH are:

- i) SARAH FOX, baptized February 05, 1815, St. George, Bristol,  
Buried August 13, 1837, St. George, Bristol.
- ii) ISAAC FOX, baptized March 08, 1818, Hanham, Bitton  
Buried March 16, 1853, Hanham, Bitton (see page 70)
- iii) THOMAS FOX, baptized July 09, 1820, St. George, Bristol (see page 71)
- iv) HARRIET FOX, baptized April 27, 1823, St. George, Bristol.
- v) ELIZABETH FOX, baptized May 22, 1825, St. George, Bristol;  
Buried March 19, 1828, St. George, Bristol.
- vi) CAROLINE FOX, baptized January 27, 1828.  
Residence 1851: Living with parents at White's Hill, St. George, Bristol
- vii) ELIZA FOX, born about 1832
- viii) SUSANNA FOX, born about 1835, married Robert Leonard, brother of Charlotte Leonard, the wife of Aaron Guest, son of Stephen and Elizabeth Guest. (see page 25, for the Guest connection; page 74 for Robert Leonard's family)
- ix) CHARLOTTE FOX, born about 1837.



He married ELIZA ANN WOOD, daughter of MARK WOOD and ELEN OR ELEANOR ROOK<sup>353</sup>, of Sellack, Herefordshire, England, on 13 May 1855<sup>354</sup>, in the church of St. Augustine the Less, Bristol.

How Charles met his wife is an obvious question, given the relative geographic distance between Herefordshire and Bristol. We can see a probable answer in the 1851 census which shows Charles working as a general servant for surgeon Augustin Prichard in St. Augustine parish, Bristol, as was 27-year-old MARY WOOD, of Sellack, Herefordshire, presumably a relative of Eliza Ann.

They were married in 1855, and by 1861, Charles and Eliza Ann were living in St. George, at a place described in the census as at the "top of the steep foot path back of the Bull Public House." Charles is a grocer's porter.

In 1881<sup>355</sup> Charles was visiting his daughter MARY ELLEN FOX, a school mistress in Newent, Gloucestershire. Eliza Ann was at home on Jeffries Hill in Hanham. Charles listed his occupation as warehouseman, as he had in 1871. By 1891<sup>356</sup> he was foreman of the warehouse and he and Eliza Ann are living in Hanham.

Children of Charles Fox and Eliza Ann Wood are:

- 1) MARY ELLEN FOX, born before June 30, 1856<sup>357</sup>, in Hanham, Bitton, Gloucestershire  
Occupation 1881, School teacher  
Residence 1881, Cliffords Mesne, Newent, Gloucestershire<sup>358</sup>
- 2) Margaret Eliza Fox, born about 1859<sup>359</sup>  
Died before March 31, 1867 at the age of 8<sup>360</sup>
- 3) ALFRED CHARLES FOX, born before Mar 31, 1864, baptized June 07, 1864<sup>361</sup>, Hanham, Bitton  
Died before March 31, 1878<sup>362</sup>, in the district of Keynsham [includes Hanham], Gloucestershire
- ii) HARRIET FOX, baptized February 14, 1836<sup>363</sup>, Hanham, Bitton, Gloucestershire  
Harriet probably never married. In 1881, age 45, she was still single and visiting her younger sister Wilmot Fox Guppy in London, and her occupation was given as domestic servant<sup>364</sup>.
- iii) ELLEN FOX, baptized September 09, 1838<sup>365</sup>, in Hanham, Bitton, Gloucestershire. Probably she is the Ellen Fox who died in the last quarter of 1855<sup>366</sup> as she is not in the 1861 census.
- iv) WILMOT FOX, baptized April 11, 1841<sup>367</sup>, Hanham, Bitton married WILLIAM JAMES GUPPY<sup>368</sup> in St. Bartolph Without Aldersgate, London, on May 3, 1867. He was born October 6, 1830, and baptized October 31, 1830, in St. Giles Cripplegate, London, to parents JAMES and ISABELLA GUPPY<sup>369</sup>.

<sup>353</sup> *Vital Records Index*, Marriage, WOOD, Mark, and Elen ROOK, 21 Apr 1823 Sellack, Herefordshire, England, Source: FHL Film 992446; Also, baptismal record of a brother of Eliza Ann which gives the mother's name as Eleanor.

<sup>354</sup> *St. Augustine the Less Parish Registers, Bristol Gloucestershire, England (LDS Film # 1596351)*: Marriages, 1855, May 13, Charles Fox, father Charles Fox, married Mary Ann Wood, father Mark Wood

<sup>355</sup> 1881 census

<sup>356</sup> 1891 census

<sup>357</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Births Jun 1856 Fox Mary Ellen Clifton 6a 90

<sup>358</sup> 1881 census

<sup>359</sup> 1861 census, age 2

<sup>360</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Deaths Mar 1867 Fox Margaret Eliza 8 Keynsham 5c 550

<sup>361</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Births Mar 1864 FOX Alfred Charles Bristol 6a 11; *St. George's Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England (LDS film # 1596528)*: Baptisms: 1864, June 7, Alfred Charles, son of Charles and Eliza Ann Fox

<sup>362</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Deaths Mar 1878 Fox Alfred Charles age 14 Keynsham 5c 538

<sup>363</sup> *Register of Chapelry of Hanham-Abbotts, Bitton, Gloucestershire, (LDS Film # 1849449)*: Baptisms, 1841, April 11, Wilmot, daughter of Charles and Wilmot Fox

<sup>364</sup> 1881 census

<sup>365</sup> *Register of Chapelry of Hanham-Abbotts, Bitton, Gloucestershire, (LDS Film # 1849449)*: Baptisms, 1838, September 9, Ellen, daughter of Charles and Wilmot Fox

<sup>366</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Deaths Dec 1855 Fox Ellen Keynsham 5c 458

<sup>367</sup> *Register of Chapelry of Hanham-Abbotts, Bitton, Gloucestershire, (LDS Film # 1849449)*: Baptisms, 1836, Feb. 14, Harriet, daughter of Charles and Wilmot Fox



*SAMUEL FOX AND ELIZA MORGAN*

SAMUEL FOX (*SAMUEL, HENRY, HENRY*) was baptized May 10, 1812, St. George, Bristol. He married ELIZA MORGAN Sep 10, 1837 in Bitton, Gloucestershire, daughter of GEORGE MORGAN.

Like others of his family, Samuel worked as a waterman and lived in Cosins Hole, St. George.

Child of SAMUEL FOX and ELIZA MORGAN is:

- i) EMMA FOX, born May 05, 1848, St. George, baptized Jun 08, 1848, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol



*ISAAC FOX II AND MARY ANN HICKS*

ISAAC FOX (*ISAAC, HENRY, HENRY*) was baptized March 08, 1818 in Hanham, Bitton, and was buried March 16, 1853 in Hanham, Bitton. He married MARY ANN HICKS<sup>384</sup> before December 31, 1840. She was born about 1817<sup>385</sup> in Hanham, Bitton.

Isaac was a grocer and draper and he and Mary Ann lived on Jeffries Hill in Hanham<sup>386</sup>.

Children of ISAAC FOX and MARY ANN HICKS are:

- i) MARTHA FOX, baptized October 24, 1841<sup>387</sup> in Hanham, Bitton. She married Charles Curtis, a porter, son of John Curtis and Hester Goodenough on July 22, 1862<sup>388</sup>.
- ii) DEBORAH FOX, baptized October 30, 1842<sup>389</sup> in Hanham, Bitton.
- iii) ALICE ELIZABETH FOX, baptized January 21, 1844<sup>390</sup>, Hanham, Bitton. She married ABRAHAM GUEST (see page 87)
- iv) ISAAC FOX, baptized August 02, 1846<sup>391</sup>, Hanham, Bitton. He married EMMA JANE BURNELL before June 30, 1874<sup>392</sup>. He was an engineer at a brick works in 1881<sup>393</sup>, and living on Mount Hill, Oldland, Bitton.

Children of Isaac Fox and Emma Jane Burnell are:

- 1) LOUIS FOX, born about 1876<sup>394</sup> in Bitton. In 1901 he was in Kingswood working as a boot packer.
- 2) WALTER FOX, born about 1877<sup>395</sup> in Bitton.
- 3) GEORGE BURNELL FOX, born about 1879 Bitton. In 1901 he was working as a shoemaker and living in Kingswood.
- v) JOHN FOX, born about 1848<sup>396</sup>, Hanham, Bitton.

<sup>384</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Marriages, Dec 1840, FOX Isaac, Hicks Mary Ann, Bristol 11 190

<sup>385</sup> 1851 census, age 34

<sup>386</sup> 1851 census; *Register of Chapelry of Hanham-Abbotts, Bitton, Gloucestershire*, (*LDS Film # 1849449*): Baptisms of children.

<sup>387</sup> *Register of Chapelry of Hanham-Abbotts, Bitton, Gloucestershire*, (*LDS Film # 1849449*): Baptisms, 1841, Oct. 24, Martha, daughter of Isaac and Mary Ann Fox, Hanham, shop keeper; 1851 census, age 9

<sup>388</sup> *Register of Chapelry of Hanham-Abbotts, Bitton, Gloucestershire*, (*LDS Film # 1849449*): Marriages, 1862, July 27, Charles Curtis, above legal age, bachelor, porter, of Hanham, father John Curtis, gardener, married by banns, Martha Fox, above legal age, spinster, of Hanham, father Isaac Fox, deceased, grocer, witnesses Arthur B. Fry, Deborah Fox

<sup>389</sup> *Register of Chapelry of Hanham-Abbotts, Bitton, Gloucestershire*, (*LDS Film # 1849449*): Baptisms, 1842, Oct. 30, Deborah, daughter of Isaac and Mary Ann Fox, Jeffries Hill, Grocer; 1851 census, age 8

<sup>390</sup> *Register of Chapelry of Hanham-Abbotts, Bitton, Gloucestershire*, (*LDS Film # 1849449*): Baptisms, 1844, Jan 21, Alice Elizabeth, daughter of Isaac and Mary Ann Fox, Hanham, grocer; 1851 census, age 6

<sup>391</sup> *Register of Chapelry of Hanham-Abbotts, Bitton, Gloucestershire*, (*LDS Film # 1849449*): Baptisms, 1846, Aug 2, Isaac, son of Isaac and Mary Ann Fox, Hanham St., grocer; 1851 census, age 4

<sup>392</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Marriages Jun 1874 BURNELL Emma Jane Fox Isaac Keynsham 5c 1255

<sup>393</sup> 1881 census

<sup>394</sup> 1881, 1891, 1901 censuses

<sup>395</sup> 1881 census, age 4

<sup>396</sup> 1851 census, age 3

- vi) JAMES FOX, born about 1850<sup>397</sup>, Hanham, Bitton. He married Susan. In 1881 he was living at 2 Lansdown Terrace, St. George and working as a coach smith<sup>398</sup>.

Children of JAMES FOX and SUSAN are:

- 1) ROSE E. FOX, born about 1877 in St. George, Bristol. She was working as a boot machinist and living with her parents in 1891.
  - 2) ANNIE FOX, born about 1879 in St. George, Bristol.
  - 3) ADA FOX, born about 1881 in St. George, Bristol.
  - 4) HENRY FOX, born about 1883 in St. George, Bristol.
- vii) SAMUEL FOX, born about 1851<sup>399</sup>, Hanham, Bitton.



*THOMAS FOX AND MARY*

THOMAS FOX (ISAAC, HENRY, HENRY) was baptized July 09, 1820<sup>400</sup> in St. George, Bristol. He married MARY, SURNAME UNKNOWN. She was born about 1824<sup>401</sup> in St. George, Bristol.

Thomas was a licensed victualer living on Nagshead Hill in 1851. His wife Mary was a shopkeeper, presumably working with her husband<sup>402</sup>. After 1851 I haven't been able to find this family.

Children of THOMAS FOX and MARY are:

- i) CHARLES FOX, born about 1844<sup>403</sup>, St. George, Bristol.
- ii) ISAAC THOMAS FOX, born about 1846<sup>404</sup>, St. George, Bristol
- iii) GEORGE FOX, born about 1847<sup>405</sup>, St. George, Bristol
- iv) CHARLOTTE FOX, born about 1850<sup>406</sup>, St. George, Bristol



*SUSANNA FOX AND ROBERT LEONARD*

SUSANNA FOX (ISAAC, HENRY, HENRY) was born about 1835 in St. George, Bristol, and died in the first half of 1890 in St. George. She married ROBERT LEONARD, son of WILLIAM LEONARD and ELIZABETH. He was baptized Apr 17, 1831 in St. George, and died in 1893 in St. George, Bristol. (se page for more about the Leonard family)

Robert was a horse dealer like his father, and lived in Pile Marsh, St. George. In 1871 and 1881 Robert and Elizabeth were living next door to Robert's brother William Leonard, who was also a horse dealer.

Children of SUSANNA FOX and ROBERT LEONARD are:

- v) ROBERT WILLIAM LEONARD, born 1859, St. George, Bristol  
 Residence 1861, Staying with grandparents Isaac & Elizabeth Fox  
 Occupation: 1891, Horse dealer  
 Residence 1891, Living with father
- vi) SARAH LEONARD, born about 1862.  
 Occupation: 1881, Stay maker

<sup>397</sup> 1851 census, age 1

<sup>398</sup> 1881 census

<sup>399</sup> 1851 census, age 4 months

<sup>400</sup> *St. George's Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England (LDS film #1596488)*: Baptisms, 1820, July 9, Thomas, son of Isaac and Elizabeth Fox, White's Hill, waterman

<sup>401</sup> 1851 census, age 27

<sup>402</sup> 1851 census

<sup>403</sup> 1851 census, age 7

<sup>404</sup> 1851 census, age 5

<sup>405</sup> 1851 census, age 4

<sup>406</sup> 1851 census, age 1

- Residence: 1881, Living with mother
- vii) ALBERT LEONARD, born about 1864.  
Occupation: 1891, Carter  
Residence: 1891, Living with father
- viii) CHARLES LEONARD, born about 1866.  
Occupation: 1891, Carter  
Residence: 1891, Living with father
- ix) ELIZABETH LEONARD, born about 1868.  
Occupation: 1891, Housekeeper  
Residence: 1891, Living with father
- x) TOM LEONARD, born 1872.  
Occupation: 1891, Carter  
Residence: 1891, Living with father



*CHARLOTTE FOX AND ISAAC DARK*

CHARLOTTE FOX (*ISAAC, HENRY, HENRY*) was born between 1837 - 1838 in St. George, Bristol. She married ISAAC DARK Aug 05, 1861 in St. James, Bristol, son of SAMUEL DARK and MARY. He was baptized June 19, 1836 in St. George, Bristol.

Here is another of the intermarriages between families. Charlotte's first cousin Charles married Wilmot Dark (page 67), who is a second cousin of this Isaac Dark. If my theory about the identity of the Samuel Dark who married Sarah Guest is correct (see page 41), then Isaac and Samuel are also second cousins.

Isaac was a gas fitter and he and Charlotte lived on White's Hill, St. George

Children of CHARLOTTE FOX and ISAAC DARK are:

- i) SAMUEL DARK, born about 1862, St. George, Bristol He married ANNIE. She was born about 1860 in Hanham, Bitten.  
Occupation: Bet. 1881 - 1901, Labourer  
Residence 1891, St. George, Bristol  
Residence 1901, White's Hill, St. George  
ANNIE's occupation 1891, Staymaker

Children of SAMUEL DARK and ANNIE are:

- 1) BERTIE G. DARK, born about 1890, Bryant Hill. St. George.
- 2) FREDERICK DARK, born about 1893, Bryant Hill. St. George.
- ii) MARY DARK, born about 1863, St. George, Bristol.  
Occupation: 1881, Cotton Weaver
- iii) DARK, born about 1866, St. George, Bristol, married SARAH GUNTER, Dec 25, 1888, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol; she was born about 1866, St. George, Bristol.  
Occupation 1881, Shoemaker  
Occupation 1891, Chemical labourer  
Residence: 1891, Kingswood, Hanham, Bitton
- iv) GEORGE DARK, born about 1868, St. George, Bristol.
- v) ELIZABETH DARK, born about 1872, St. George, Bristol.
- vi) ALBERT DARK, born about 1874, St. George, Bristol. He married MARY. She was born about 1874 in Bristol.  
Occupation 1901, Chemical works labourer  
Residence 1901, St. George, Bristol

Children of ALBERT DARK and MARY are:

- 1) NELLIE DARK, born about 1895, St. George, Bristol.
- 2) EDITH DARK, born about 1897, St. George, Bristol.

- 3) ELISE DARK, born about 1899, St. George, Bristol.
- vii) FLORENCE DARK, born about 1877, St. George, Bristol.
- viii) ALICE DARK, born about 1880, St. George, Bristol.



**Cross Connections:**

*THE LEONARDS*

**William and Elizabeth Leonard**

WILLIAM LEONARD was baptized October 26, 1791 in St. George, Bristol He died young and was buried at the Redfield Methodist Church in St. George on June 29, 1856. He married ELIZABETH (uncertain surname). She was born about 1802 in St. George, Bristol.

William was a horse dealer living in Pyle Marsh – an area of St. George between White’s Hill and Bristol. After his death in 1856, Elizabeth supported herself as a marketwoman, and her sons undoubtedly helped. The eldest son, Robert, took over the horse dealership, and the younger son, William Albert, was a butcher’s apprentice, but later also became a horse dealer.

Children of WILLIAM LEONARD and ELIZABETH are:

- i) MARY ANNE LEONARD, baptized: 20 Jun 1824, St. George Parish Church, St. George, Bristol. She married a ROBERT LEONARD from another branch of the family.
- ii) CHARLOTTE LEONARD, baptized: 18 Dec 1826, St. George, Bristol. died in 1896; married AARON GUEST (see page 25)
- iii) SUSANNAH LEONARD, baptized: 29 Apr 1829, St. George, Bristol
- iv) ROBERT LEONARD, born before 17 Apr 1831, St. George, Bristol; died before 30 Jun 1893, St. George, Bristol. Married SUSANNA FOX (see page 66)
- v) HARRIET LEONARD, baptized: 26 Jan 1834, St. George, Bristol, Gloucester  
Residence 1851: Living with parents in Pyle Marsh, St. George, Bristol
- vi) ESTHER LEONARD, baptized: 24 Jul 1836, St. George, Bristol
- vii) ESTHER LEONARD, baptized: 26 Aug 1838, St. George, Bristol
- viii) WILLIAM ALBERT LEONARD, baptized: 21 Mar 1841, St. George, Bristol  
Occupation 1871: Horse dealer  
Residence 1871: Pile Marsh, next door to brother Robert



*THE DARKS*

**Descendents of William and Sarah Dark**

1 William Dark Residence: Oldland, Bitten, married Sarah

- i) John Dark Baptized: Oct. 21, 1753 Oldland, Bitten, married Willmot Hook Mar 02, 1777 in St. George, Bristol. Burial: May 14, 1817 Bitton
  - 1) George Dark Baptized: May 16, 1779 Hanham, Bitton
  - 2) Elizabeth Dark Baptized: May 13, 1781 Hanham, Bitton
  - 3) Willmot Nott Dark Baptized: May 20, 1787 Hanham, Bitton, married Michael Passco Feb. 17, 1811 in St. George, Bristol. Residence: 1851 White’s Hill, St. George, Bristol Occupation: 1851 Cordwainer
    - 1st) Willmot Passco Residence: 1851 Living with father on White's Hill, Bristol Occupation: 1851 Laundress
  - 4) John Dark Baptized: July 24, 1791 Hanham, Bitton Residence: Mount's Hill, Hanham, Bitton Occupation: Mason, married Sarah
    - 1st) Samuel Dark Baptized: July 15, 18 10 Hanham, Bitton Burial: Oct. 16, 1816 Bitton
    - 2nd) Ann Dark Baptized: Jan 19, 1812 Hanham, Bitton
    - 3rd) John Dark Burial: Jun 20, 1819 Bitton
    - 4th) Mary Dark Burial: Sept. 26, 1820 Bitton
    - 5th) Samuel Dark Baptized: Dec. 01, 1822 Hanham, Bitten Burial: Dec. 06, 1829 Bitton

- 6th) John Dark Baptized: Sept. 19, 1824 Hanham, Bitten Burial: Jan 23, 1825 Bitton
- 7th) Harriet Dark Baptized: May 14, 1826 Hanham, Bitten Burial: Sept. 05, 1827 Bitton
- 5) Josiah Dark Baptized: Aug. 07, 1785 Hanham, Bitton Residence 1: 1855 Jeffries Hill, Bitton  
Residence 2: 1851 Living next door to son Josiah in Jeffries Hill, Hanham, Bitton Occupation:  
1851 Agricultural labourer Burial: Jan 07, 1855 Christchurch, Hanham
- 1st) Josiah Dark Residence 1: Bet. 1837 - 1871 Jeffries Hill, Bitton Residence 2: 1881 Living  
with daughter Hannah and son-in-law James Hooper Occupation 1: Bet. 1837 - 1839  
Stonecutter Occupation 2: Bet. 1841 - 1844 Mason Occupation 3: Bet. 1851 - 1861  
Stone mason Occupation 4: 1871 Quarry master Occupation 5: 1881 Stone dresser  
married Sarah
- 2nd) Willmot Dark Occupation: 1861 green grocer; married Charles Fox baptized: Dec. 22,  
1811 St. George, Bristol Residence: Jeffries Hill, Hanham, Bitton Occupation: 1851  
Carpenter (see page 67)
- ii) 2 George Dark Baptized: May 15, 1757 Oldland, Bitten
- iii) 2 William Dark Baptized: Apr. 06, 1760 Oldland, Bitten
- iv) 2 Samuel Dark Baptized: Dec. 06, 1761 Oldland, Bitten Residence: Hamlet of Hanham, Bitton Occupation:  
Labourer, married Jennie or Jane<sup>407</sup>
- 1) Elizabeth Dark
- 2) Elizabeth Dark
- 3) Nancy Dark
- 4) David Dark
- 5) Thomas Dark
- 6) Harriet Dark
- 7) Betsey Dark
- 8) Solomon Dark Baptized: Nov. 03, 1811 Hanham, Bitton Residence: 1851 Oldland, Bitten  
Occupation 1: Labourer Occupation 2: 1857 Stone mason Burial: Jan 19, 1853 Christchurch,  
Hanham, married Sarah
- 1st) Elizabeth Dark Baptized: May 27, 1836 Hanham, Bitten Occupation: 1851 Shoe binder,  
married William Milsom Sept. 13, 1857 in Hanham Abbots, Bitton Residence: St.  
Michael's Two Mile Hill, St. George, Bristol Occupation: 1857 Collier
- 2nd) Louisa Dark Occupation: 1851 Servant
- 3rd) Ellen Dark, married Isaac Godfrey May 18, 1862 in St. George, Bristol Residence:  
1881 Oldland, Bitten Occupation: 1881 Coal miner
- 4th) Mary Ann Dark
- 5th) Henry Dark
- 6th) Emma Dark married James Pincott May 26, 1874 in Hanham Abbots, Bitton
- 7th) Solomon Dark Residence 1: 1881 20 Air Balloon Hill, Bristol St. George Residence  
2: 1901 Hanham, Bitten Occupation 1: 1881 Horse Dealer's servant Occupation 2:  
1901 Horse dealer Occupation 3: 1901 Horse dealer, married Mary Williams
- 8th) Tamer Dark
- 9th) Alice Dark
- 9) Josiah Dark Baptized: Nov. 13, 1813 Hanham, Bitten Residence: 1881 21 Llanthony  
Cottages, South Hamlet. Gloucester Occupation: 1881 Railway policeman, married Ann
- 1st) Frances Dark Occupation: 1881 Dressmaker
- 2nd) Thomas Dark Occupation: 1881 Lath render
- 10) Isaac Dark
- 11) Giles Dark Baptized: Sept. 16, 1817 Hamlet of Hanham, Bitton (private) Burial: Aug. 12,  
1819 Bitton

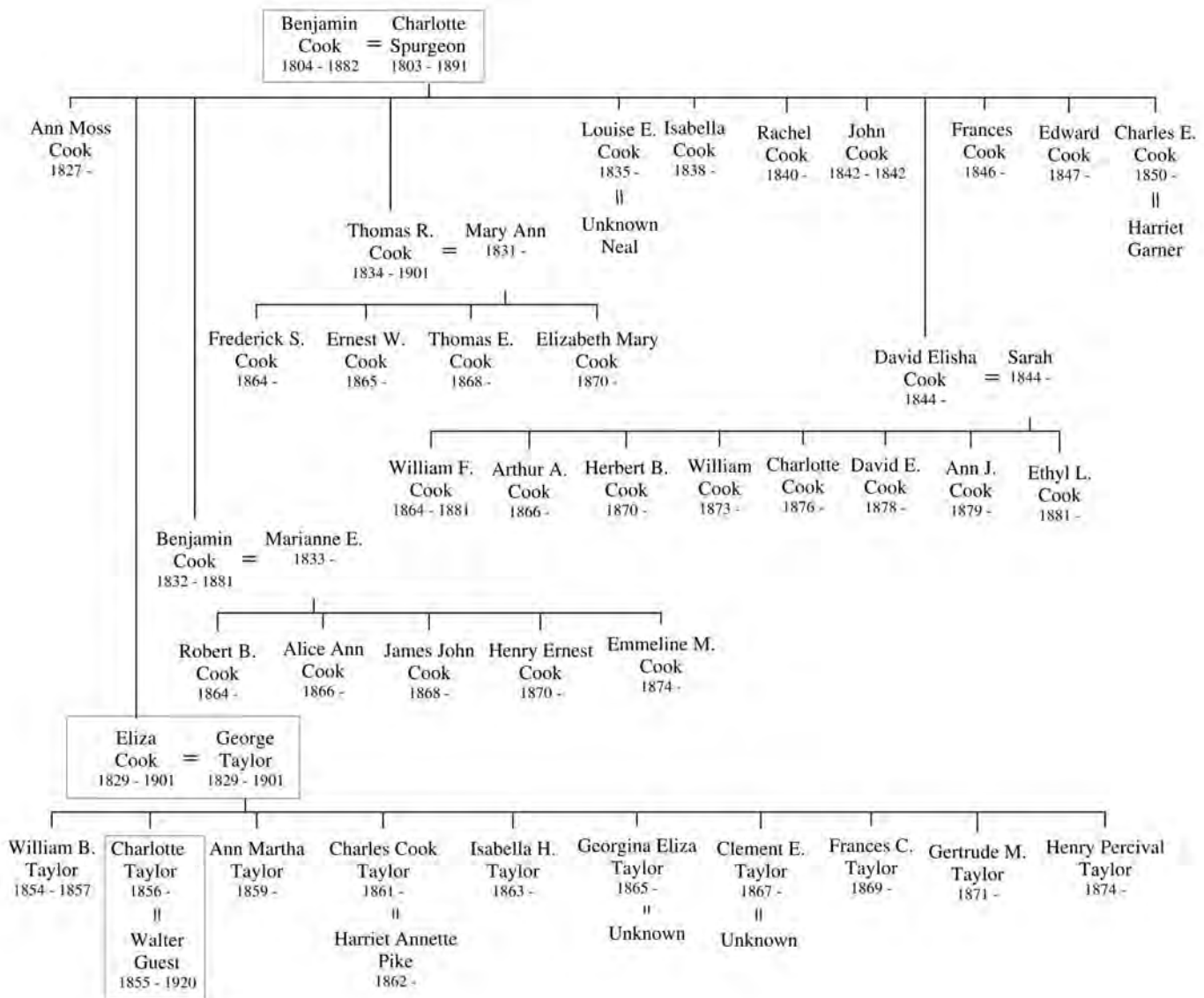
<sup>407</sup> Note that I have assumed that Jennie and Jane are the same person, but it is possible there were two different families, both with husband Samuel Dark. The baptismal records sometimes use Jennie and sometimes Jane, but otherwise it looks like the same family.

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- 12) Samuel Dark Residence 1: 1821 St. George, Bristol Residence 2: Bet. 1824 - 1836 Hanham, Bitten Residence 3: 1829 Jeffries Hill, Bitton Residence 4: 1841 Dundry, St. George, Bristol Residence 5: 1871 Living with daughter Harriet and her family (Brittain) Occupation 1: Labourer Occupation 2: 1851 Paver, married Mary
- 1st) William Dark Residence 1: 1838 near Dundry Farm Residence 2: 1841 Living with parents in St. George, Bristol Occupation 1: 1838 Labourer Occupation 2: 1841 Labourer, married Sarah
- 2nd) Hannah Dark Baptized: Sept. 09, 1821 Hanham, Bitten Burial: Oct. 26, 1834 St. George, Bristol
- 3rd) David Dark Residence: 1841 Living with parents in St. George, Bristol Occupation: 1841 Labourer
- 4th) Henry Dark Baptized: July 25, 1824 Hanham, Bitten Residence 1: Bet. 1845 - 1847 Harford St. Residence 2: 1851 Bath Road, St. George Residence 3: Bet. 1881 - 1891 Air Balloon Hill Public House, St. George, Bristol Occupation 1: Bet. 1845 - 1849 Labourer Occupation 2: 1851 Gas Works Labourer Occupation 3: 1861 Labourer at gas works and beer seller Occupation 4: 1881 Gas pipe layer Occupation 5: 1891 Beer retailer, married Sarah Carey married: May 06, 1845 in St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol
- 5th) Thomas Dark Baptized: Nov. 11, 1827 Hanham, Bitten Residence 1: 1851 Living with parents in St. George, Bristol, England Residence 2: 1861 Living with mother-in-law on Holmes Hill, St. George Residence 3: 1891 St. George, Bristol Residence 4: 1901 St. George, Bristol Occupation 1: 1851 Carter Occupation 2: 1861 - 1891, stone paver, married Caroline Hopes married Nov. 20, 1853 in St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol
- 6th) Harriet Dark Baptized: May 10, 1829 Hanham, Bitten, married Samuel Britton in 1847 in Keynsham, Bitton
- 7th) George Dark Baptized: Feb. 05, 1831 Hanham, Bitten Residence: 1861 Bath Road, St. George, Bristol Occupation: 1861 Fireman, married Ellen Ford Nov. 17, 1850 in Hanham Abbots, Bitton
- 8th) Isaac Dark Baptized: before Jun 19, 1836 Hanham, Bitten Residence: 1871 White's Hill, St. George, Bristol Occupation: 1871 gas fitter, married Charlotte Fox Aug. 05, 1861 in St. James, Bristol (see page 72)
- 9th) Samuel Dark Baptized: Jun 19, 1836 Hanham, Bitten,
- v) Sarah Dark Baptized: Jan 18, 1767 Hanham, Bitton
- vi) Betty Dark Baptized: Jan 18, 1768 Hanham, Bitton
- vii) Jonathon Dark Baptized: Oct. 01, 1768 Hanham, Bitton, married Mary
- 1) 3 Elizabeth Dark
- 2) 3 Jonathon Dark
- viii) Elizabeth Dark Baptized: Jan 02, 1771 Hanham, Bitton
- ix) Mary Dark Baptized: Nov. 16, 1788 Hanham, Bitton
- x) Nancy Dark Baptized: Nov. 16, 1788 Hanham, Bitton

## Chapter 4: Our Taylor And Cook Ancestors

WALTER GUEST married CHARLOTTE ELIZABETH TAYLOR, the daughter of GEORGE TAYLOR and ELIZA COOK. So far I have been unable to any information about George's family beyond the fact hat his father was a tanner and his name was ROSSER TAYLOR. George himself was born about 1829 in Yarmouth, Norfolk, on the northeastern coast of England. Unfortunately I have so far been unable to locate any further information about George's family.

Grandparents of Winnifred Guest



ELIZA COOK was the daughter of BENJAMIN COOK and CHARLOTTE SPURGEON (or SPURDEN), and was born in Lowestoft, Suffolk, due south along the coast from Yarmouth. Benjamin was born Nov. 26, 1804 in Lowestoft, Suffolk, and died early in 1882 in Lowestoft, Suffolk. He married Charlotte Spurgeon (sometimes spelled Spurden) on Aug. 20, 1825 in Lowestoft, Suffolk. She was born 18 Nov 1803 in Lowestoft, Suffolk, and died in the first half of 1891 in Lowestoft, Suffolk.



Great Grandparents of  
Winnifred Guest

Benjamin was the owner of a bathing facility and seems to have owned Cook's Building, which included the bathing area and several apartments on the beach at the north end of Lowestoft. Benjamin rented out that uniquely Victorian contraption, the bathing machine. This was a bottomless vehicle which was towed into the sea, and which allowed people to bathe without being seen by others on the beach.

Lowestoft was a fashionable bathing spot, competing with other seaside resorts such as Brighton. This was undoubtedly a welcome addition to the local economy as historically Lowestoft was a fishing port, largely dependent on the whims of the sea for its livelihood. Many of Charlotte's male relatives were mariners or fishermen, at least at some time in their lives. Her female relatives were dressmakers, domestic servants, etc.

BENJAMIN and CHARLOTTE's children are:

- i) ANN MOSS COOK, baptized 07 Oct 1827<sup>408</sup> in Lowestoft.  
Occupation 1851: Dressmaker
- ii) ELIZA COOK, baptized 14 Oct 1829 in Lowestoft, married GEORGE TAYLOR, November 17, 1853 in Lowestoft. (see page 80)
- iii) BENJAMIN COOK, born about 1832<sup>409</sup> in Lowestoft.; died between 1881 and 1891. He married MARIANNE ELIZABETH<sup>410</sup> (surname unknown), who was born about 1833 in Norwich, Norfolk.  
Occupation 1861: Mariner  
Occupation 1871 – 1874: Postal telegraph officer  
Occupation 1881: Foreman Postal Telegraph  
Residence 1871: 51 Chapel Lane, Lowestoft, Suffolk  
Residence 1881: 3 Prospect Place, Woolwich, Kent

Children of BENJAMIN COOK and MARIANNE are:

- 1) ROBERT BENJAMIN COOK, born about 1864<sup>411</sup>, Lowestoft.  
Occupation 1881-1891: Stationers assistant
- 2) ALICE ANN COOK, born about 1866<sup>412</sup>, Lowestoft.  
Occupation 1881: Dressmakers apprentice  
Occupation 1891: Dressmaker
- 3) JAMES JOHN COOK, born before 31 Mar 1868<sup>413</sup>, Lowestoft.  
Occupation 1891: Commercial clerk
- 4) HENRY ERNEST COOK, born before 31 Mar 1870<sup>414</sup>, Lowestoft.  
Occupation 1891: Messenger at chemical works
- 5) EMMELINE MARY COOK, baptized 04 Oct 1874<sup>415</sup>, St. Margaret's Church, Lowestoft  
Occupation 1891: Dressmaker

<sup>408</sup> *Vital Records Index - British Isles - Second Edition*, COOK, Ann Moss, Birthplace: Lowestoft, Christening: 7 Oct 1827, Recorded in: Suffolk, England, Bishops Transcripts, Father: Benjamin COOK, Mother: Charlotte SPURGEON, Source: FHL Film 918511.

<sup>409</sup> 1861 census, age 29, born in Lowestoft, living with parents

<sup>410</sup> *St. Margaret's Church parish registers, Lowestoft, Suffolk, England*, (LDS Film # 1526139), Baptism of daughter

<sup>411</sup> 1871 census, age 7, born in Lowestoft

<sup>412</sup> 1871 census, age 5, born in Lowestoft

<sup>413</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Births Mar 1868 Cook James John, Mutford 4a 7\*6

<sup>414</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Births Mar 1870 Cook Henry Ernest, Mutford 4a 767

<sup>415</sup> *St. Margaret's Church parish registers, Lowestoft, Suffolk, England*, (LDS Film # 1526139)

- iv) THOMAS ROUNCE COOK was born about 1834<sup>416</sup> in Lowestoft., and died before 30 Sep 1901 in Lowestoft. He married MARY ANN. She was born about 1831 in Oundle, Northampton.  
 Occupation 1861: Pleasure boat proprietor  
 Occupation 1871: Fisherman  
 Occupation 1881 – 1891: Warehouseman  
 Occupation 1901: Bathing machine owner  
 Residence 1871-1891: 60 Whaplead Road, Lowestoft  
 Residence 1901: 15 Maideline Road, Lowestoft

Children of THOMAS COOK and MARY are:

- 1) FREDERICK SOUTHWELL COOK, born Before 31 Mar 1864, Lowestoft.
  - 2) ERNEST W. COOK, born about 1865, Lowestoft.
  - 3) THOMAS E. COOK, born about 1868, Lowestoft.
  - 4) Elizabeth MARY COOK, born 1870, Lowestoft.
- v) LOUISE ELIZABETH COOK, born 30 Apr 1835 in Lowestoft, married a NEAL, first name unknown
- vi) ISABELLA COOK, baptized 04 Mar 1838 in Lowestoft.
- vii) RACHEL "HANNAH" COOK, born 27 Jan 1840 in Lowestoft.
- viii) JOHN COOK, baptized 05 Mar 1842 in Lowestoft, died 09 Mar 1842 in Lowestoft
- ix) DAVID ELISHA COOK was born 02 Nov 1844, and baptized 02 Feb 1845<sup>417</sup> in Lowestoft. He married SARAH. She was born about 1844 in North Cove, Lowestoft.  
 Occupation 1871: Beachman  
 Occupation 1881: Fisherman  
 Residence 1881: 2 Cooks Building Beach, Lowestoft.

Children of DAVID COOK and SARAH are<sup>418</sup>:

- 1) WILLIAM F. COOK, born about 1864, Hulver; died before 1881.
  - 2) ARTHUR A. COOK, born before 31 Mar 1866<sup>419</sup>, Lowestoft.  
 Occupation 1881: Fishing lad
  - 3) HERBERT B. COOK, born about 1870, Lowestoft.
  - 4) WILLIAM COOK, born about 1873, Lowestoft.
  - 5) CHARLOTTE COOK, born about 1876, Lowestoft.
  - 6) DAVID E. COOK, born about 1878, Lowestoft.
  - 7) ANN J. COOK, born about 1879, Lowestoft.
  - 8) ETHYL L. COOK, born about 1881: Lowestoft.
- x) FRANCES (FANNY) CHARLOTTE COOK, born 27 Nov 1846 in Lowestoft.
- xi) EDWARD COOK, born about 1847 in Lowestoft.
- xii) CHARLES EDWARD COOK, born about 1850 in Lowestoft, married HARRIET GARNER in the spring of 1870.

<sup>416</sup> 1861 census, age 27, born in Lowestoft

<sup>417</sup> *Vital Records Index - British Isles - Second Edition*, COOK, David Elisha, Birth Date: 2 Nov 1844, Christening Date: 2 Feb 1845, Father: Benjamin COOK Mother: Charlotte, Source: Bishops Transcripts, Lowestoft, Suffolk, England, FHL Film 918665

<sup>418</sup> Approximate birth dates based on ages in the 1881 census

<sup>419</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Births Mar 1866 COOK Arthur A Mutford 4a 746

The Family of George Taylor & Eliza Cook

GEORGE TAYLOR (*father* ROSSER TAYLOR) was born about 1829 in Yarmouth, Norfolk, England, and died after 1901. He married ELIZA COOK Nov 17, 1853 in the parish church, Lowestoft, Suffolk, England, daughter of BENJAMIN COOK and CHARLOTTE SPURGEON. She was baptized Oct 14, 1829 in St. Margaret's church, Lowestoft, Suffolk and died after 1901.

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We can only speculate as to how George and Eliza met, but George moved around a lot later in life, and perhaps that began before he married Eliza. In any case, the marriage took place in St. Margaret's Church, Lowestoft, on Nov. 17, 1853. On their marriage registration, George gives his occupation as carpenter, and, oddly, his residence as St. Mary's, Islington, which is a parish of London. By the time their first child was born George was a private secretary and the family is living on Wherstead Road on the south side of Ipswich, Suffolk, a large port south of Lowestoft. The first two children, WILLIAM BENJAMIN, who died at the age of three, and CHARLOTTE ELIZABETH, later the wife of WALTER GUEST, were born there.

Sometime before the birth of the next child about 1859, the family moved to Chiswick, Middlesex, northwest of London. In the 1861 census, Eliza and three children are living at 9 Osmund Terrace, Chiswick, but George seems to have been missed by the census. Presumably he is working as a servant in someone's home near his family. Eliza's sister ISABELLA COOK, a 23-year-old milliner, is visiting her sister, perhaps providing help to Eliza, as her youngest child, CHARLES COOK TAYLOR, is only two months old.

By about 1863, the family was living in Hammersmith, Middlesex. The 1871 census found George working as a servant to George Bell Irving, surgeon, in Great Stanmore, Middlesex. Eliza is at home on Alexander Road, Hammersmith, Middlesex, and is a dressmaker. The family now has seven living children: Charlotte, the oldest at 14, lists her occupation as "pupil teacher".

The last three children in the family were born in Kensington Park, Middlesex, but by the time Charlotte marries Walter Guest in 1879, family has moved to 2 Rosemary Terrace, Mortlake, Surrey. The 1881 census once again misses George, but Eliza says she is the wife of an asylum attendant. In 1891 George is living at home, and is an attendant in the insane institute. There are two boarders living with them and five remaining single children. For the first time they also have a servant.

By 1901 all but two of the children have moved away, and Eliza has four borders living with her. I have been unable to locate George in this census, but Eliza says she is married, so presumably he was missed by the census again.

Children of GEORGE TAYLOR and ELIZA COOK are:

- i) WILLIAM BENJAMIN TAYLOR, baptized Feb 01, 1857, St. Mary Stoke, Ipswich, Suffolk, died: Dec 02, 1857, Ipswich, Suffolk
- ii) CHARLOTTE (LOTTIE) ELIZABETH TAYLOR, born Dec 20, 1856, Wherstead Road, St. Mary Stoke, Ipswich, Suffolk, married WALTER GUEST. (see page 51)
- iii) ANN MARTHA TAYLOR, born 1859, Chiswick, Middlesex<sup>420</sup>, probably died before 1871 as she is not in the census of that year.
- iv) CHARLES COOK TAYLOR, born early in 1861, Chiswick, Middlesex<sup>421</sup>. He married HARRIET ANNETTE PIKE in the summer of 1882<sup>422</sup> in Richmond, Surrey. She was born about 1862 in Mortlake, Surrey.  
 Charles was stationer's assistant in 1881, and in 1891 and 1901 he is a letterpress printer and ancillary postman. Harriet was contributing to the family income as a dressmaker in 1901. The family is living in Mortlake at 2 Queens Road Villas in 1891, and #72 Sheen Lane in 1901.

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<sup>420</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Births Sep 1859 Taylor Ann Brentford 3a 51; 1861 census, age 2

<sup>421</sup> 1861 census, age 2 months born in Chiswick, Middlesex; 1871, age 10, 1881, age 20

<sup>422</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Marriages Sep 1882: Richmond S. 2a 585, Pike Harriet Annette, Taylor Charles Cook

Children of CHARLES TAYLOR and HARRIET PIKE are:

- 1) HARRY PIKE TAYLOR, born before Dec 31, 1885<sup>423</sup>, Richmond, Surrey  
Occupation: 1901, Brass Finisher Apprentice
  - 2) ETHEL MAY TAYLOR, born May 22, 1886<sup>424</sup>, Richmond, Surrey; probably died 1893<sup>425</sup>
  - 3) KATIE DORA TAYLOR, born 1890<sup>426</sup>, Mortlake, Surrey
  - 4) PERCY TAYLOR, born about 1896<sup>427</sup>, Mortlake, Surrey.
- v) ISABELLA HANNAH TAYLOR, born about 1863<sup>428</sup>, Hammersmith, Middlesex, England.  
Occupation 1881: Pupil Teacher  
Residence 1881: Living with parents at 2 Rosemary Terrace, Mortlake, Surrey
  - vi) GEORGINA ELIZA TAYLOR, born about 1865<sup>429</sup>, Hammersmith, Middlesex. She was married in 1894 in Richmond, Surrey but I have so far been unable to find the name of her husband<sup>430</sup>.  
Occupation 1881: Dressmakers Assistant  
Occupation 1891: Dressmaker  
Residence 1881-1891: Living with parents at 2 Rosemary Terrace, Mortlake, Surrey
  - vii) CLEMENT EDWARD TAYLOR, born about 1867<sup>431</sup>, Hammersmith, Middlesex. He married in 1904, but again I am uncertain as to the name of his wife<sup>432</sup>.  
Occupation 1891: Day school teacher  
Residence 1881-1891: Living with parents at 2 Rosemary Terrace, Mortlake, Surrey
  - viii) FRANCES CHRISTIANA TAYLOR, born 1870<sup>433</sup>, West Kensington Park, Middlesex,  
Occupation 1891: Draper's assistant  
Occupation 1901: School mistress  
Residence 1881-1901: Living with parents at 2 Rosemary Terrace, Mortlake, Surrey
  - ix) GERTRUDE MAUDE TAYLOR, born in the last quarter of 1871<sup>434</sup>, West Kensington Park, Middlesex  
Occupation 1891: Dressmaker  
Residence 1881-1891: Living with parents at 2 Rosemary Terrace, Mortlake, Surrey
  - x) HENRY PERCIVAL TAYLOR, born early in 1874<sup>435</sup>, West Kensington Park, Middlesex.  
Occupation 1891: Barrister's Clerk  
Occupation 1901: Post office letter sorter  
Residence 1881-1901: Living with parents at 2 Rosemary Terrace, Mortlake, Surrey

<sup>423</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Births Dec 1884 Taylor Harry Pike, Richmond, S. 2a 374

<sup>424</sup> *International Genealogical Index* (<http://www.familysearch.org>): Ethel May Taylor, Birth: 22 APR 1886; Christening: 28 MAY 1886, Richmond, Surrey, England ; Parents: Father: Charles Cook Taylor; Mother: Harriet Annette Taylor; *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Births Jun 1886 TAYLOR Ethel May, Richmond S. 2a 377

<sup>425</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Deaths Mar 1893 Taylor Ethel May age 6 Richmond, S. 2a 290; In 1901 she is not in the census.

<sup>426</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Births Dec 1890 Taylor Katie Dora, Richmond S. 2a 364 ; 1891 census, age 7 months; 1901 census, age 10

<sup>427</sup> 1901 census, age 5

<sup>428</sup> 1871 census, age 8; 1881 age 18

<sup>429</sup> 1871 census, age 6; 1881, age 16

<sup>430</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Marriages Sep 1894, Richmond, S. 2a 712 :Carter Claude Herbert , Field Harriet, Gray Herbert Willard , Taylor Georgina Eliza. The vital statistics books have two marriages on each page. The index tells you who was married, but not which bride married which groom. From the index, all we can tell is that Georgina married either Herbert Willard Gray or Claude Herbert Carter. I have not been able to find either couple in the 1901 census.

<sup>431</sup> 1871 census, age 4; 1881, age 14

<sup>432</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Marriages Dec 1904, Kensington 1a 309; Adams Emily Ellenora, Hills Charles James, Starns Mary, Taylor Clement Edward

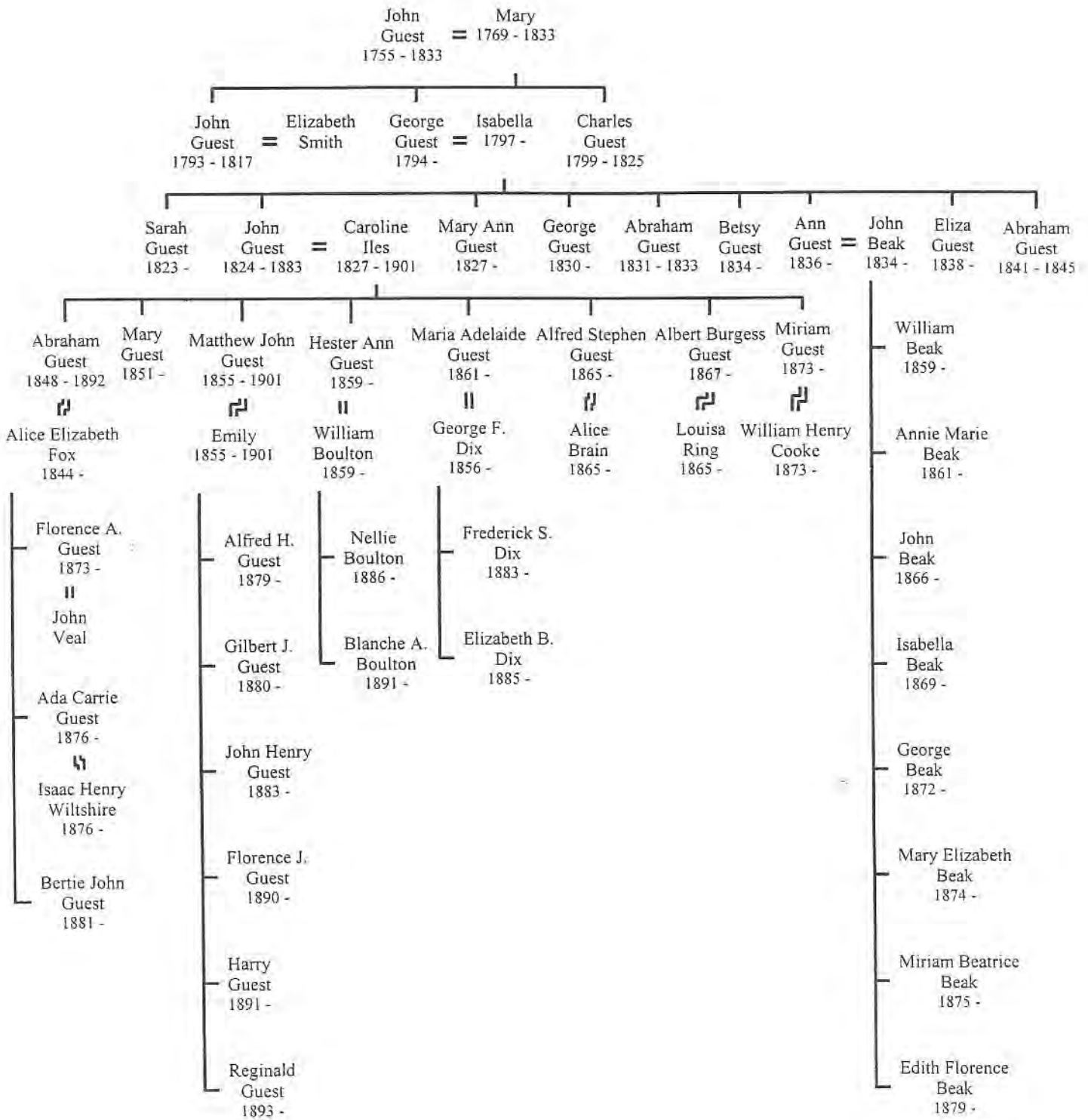
<sup>433</sup> 1871 census, age 2, 1881, age 11, 1891, age 21; 1901, age 31

<sup>434</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Births Dec 1871 Taylor Gertrude Maud, Kensington 1a 188, 1881 census, age 9; 1891, age 19

<sup>435</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Births Mar 1874 TAYLOR Henry Percival Kensington 1a 22{3,8}; 1881 census, age 7; 1891, age 17; 1901, age 27

## Chapter 5: Guest Cousins: Descendants Of John Guest (1755-1833) And Mary (1769-1833)

*Family Tree: Descendents of John and Mary Guest*





In 1851, Sarah, age 26, was living with her parents and working as a shoemaker.

- ii) JOHN GUEST, baptized December 26, 1824<sup>447</sup>, St. George, Bristol;  
Died before March 31, 1883, Barton Regis, Gloucestershire.(the civil registration district which includes St. George)
- iii) MARY ANN GUEST, baptized June 03, 1827<sup>448</sup>, St. George, Bristol  
In 1851, Mary Ann, age 24, was living with her parents and working as a shoemaker.
- iv) GEORGE GUEST, born about 1830<sup>449</sup>, St. George, Bristol  
In 1851, George, age 21, was living with his parents and working as a labourer
- v) ABRAHAM GUEST, baptized: December 25, 1831<sup>450</sup>;  
Buried July 11, 1833<sup>451</sup>, both at St. George, Bristol.
- vi) BETSY GUEST, baptized June 08, 1834<sup>452</sup>, St. George, Bristol  
In 1851, Betsey, age 17, was living with her parents and working as a shoemaker
- vii) ANN GUEST, born about 1836<sup>453</sup>, St. George, Bristol, married John Beak (see below)
- viii) ELIZA GUEST, baptized: February 18, 1838<sup>454</sup>, St. George, Bristol
- ix) ABRAHAM GUEST, baptized March 01, 1841<sup>455</sup>;  
Buried April 06, 1845<sup>456</sup>, both in St. George, Bristol

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<sup>447</sup> *Ibid* (LDS film #1596488): Baptisms: 1824, December 26, John, son of George and Isabella Guest, London Road, cordwainer

<sup>448</sup> *Ibid* (LDS film # 1596488): Baptisms: 1827, June 3, Mary Ann, daughter of George and Isabella Guest, London Road, shoemaker

<sup>449</sup> 1851 census, age 21

<sup>450</sup> *Ibid* (LDS film # 1596528 ): Baptisms: 1831, December 25, Abraham, son of George and Isabella Guest, London Road, cordwainer

<sup>451</sup> *Ibid* (LDS film #1596529 ): Burials: 1833, June 11, age 1 year 8 months, London Road

<sup>452</sup> *Ibid*, Baptisms, 1834, June 8, Betsey, daughter of George and Isabella Guest, London Road, shoemaker

<sup>453</sup> 1851 census, age 15

<sup>454</sup> *St. George's Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England* (LDS film #1596528 ): Baptisms: 1838, February 18, Eliza, daughter of George and Isabella Guest, London Road, cordwainer

<sup>455</sup> *Ibid* (LDS film # 1596528 ): Baptisms: 1841, March 1, Abraham, son of George and Isabella Guest, London Road, cordwainer

<sup>456</sup> *Ibid* (LDS film # 1596529): Burials: 1845, April 6, age 4, London Road

**Generation No. 3***JOHN GUEST AND CAROLINE ILES*

JOHN GUEST (GEORGE, JOHN) was baptized December 26, 1824<sup>457</sup> in St. George, Bristol and died before March 31, 1883<sup>458</sup> in Barton Regis [the civil registration district which includes St. George], Gloucestershire. He married CAROLINE ILES before December 31, 1846<sup>459</sup> in Bristol. She was born about 1827 in Bitton, Gloucestershire, and died after 1901.

John and Caroline lived in St. George on Two Mile Hill on the London Road. At first John worked as a coal miner and Caroline as a shoemaker<sup>460</sup>, but by 1871 John was a haulier and grocer<sup>461</sup>. By 1891, Caroline is living alone on the proceeds from the grocery business, with a 70-year-old widowed shoemaker, Eliza Iles (perhaps a sister-in-law?), living next door. In 1901 Caroline is living with her son Albert, his wife Louisa and their son, 1-year-old Raymond. She died in the last part of 1901<sup>462</sup>.

Children of JOHN GUEST and CAROLINE ILES are:

- i) ABRAHAM GUEST, born before March 19, 1848<sup>463</sup>, St. George. See page 87.
- ii) MARY A. GUEST, born about 1851<sup>464</sup>, St. George, who was living with her parents in 1871 working as a machinist. I have not discovered what became of her after that.  
ELEANOR GUEST, born in the first quarter of 1852, who was living with her parents in 1871 Her fate, also, is unknown.
- iii) MATTHEW JOHN GUEST, born about 1855<sup>465</sup>, St. George;  
Died before 1901. See page 87.
- iv) HESTER ANN GUEST, born about 1859<sup>466</sup>, St. George. See page 88.
- v) MARIA ADELAIDE GUEST, baptized March 24, 1861<sup>467</sup>, Kingswood, Bitten. See page 88.
- vi) ALFRED STEPHEN GUEST, baptized June 11, 1865<sup>468</sup>, St. George;  
Married ALICE BRAIN on December 26, 1887<sup>469</sup>, St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol; she was born about 1865, Bitton.  
In the 1901 census, Alfred was living with 8-year-old Carrie, presumably a daughter. He was working as a general dock labourer, but he was a bootmaker in 1881 and a haulier in 1891.
- vii) ALBERT BURGESS GUEST, baptized June 16, 1867, St. George, Bristol; was first married in the last quarter of 1891, to either MARY POOL OR LOUISA SMITH<sup>470</sup>, then for the second time to LOUISA RING, before June 30, 1897<sup>471</sup>, Keynsham, Bitton; born about 1865, Bitton, Gloucestershire.

<sup>457</sup> *St. George's Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England (LDS film #1596528)*: Baptisms: 1824, December 26, John, son of George and Isabella Guest, cordwainer, London Road

<sup>458</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Deaths Mar 1883 GUEST John 58 Barton Regis 6a 68

<sup>459</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Marriages, Dec 1846, Guest John, Iles Caroline, Bristol 11 206

<sup>460</sup> 1851 census

<sup>461</sup> 1881 census

<sup>462</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Deaths Dec 1901, Guest Caroline 74 Bristol 6a 108

<sup>463</sup> *St. George's Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England (LDS film # 1596528)*: Baptisms: 1848, March 19, Abraham, son of John and Caroline Guest

<sup>464</sup> 1851 census, age 3 months

<sup>465</sup> 1881 census, age 26

<sup>466</sup> 1881 census, age 24, 1891 census, age 34, married in 1884 age 25

<sup>467</sup> *St. George's Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England (LDS film # 1596528)*: Baptisms: 1861, March 24, Maria Adelaide, daughter of John and Caroline Guest

<sup>468</sup> *Ibid (LDS film # 1596528)*: Baptisms: 1865, June 11, Alfred Stephen, son of John and Caroline Guest

<sup>469</sup> *St. Phillip & St. Jacob Church Parish Registers, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England (LDS film # 1596925)*; Marriages: 1887, December 26, Alfred Stephen Guest, age 22, father John Guest, and Alice Brain, age 22, father Daniel Brain.

Albert first worked as a boot maker, but by 1901 he was a baker living in Bristol.

- viii) MIRIAM GUEST, born between 1873 - 1874, St. George, Bristol; married WILLIAM HENRY COOKE, before December 31, 1900, Keynsham, Bitton; born about 1873, Tredegar, Monmouth, Wales. Like some of her siblings. Miriam first worked as a bootmaker, as did her husband.



*ANN GUEST AND JOHN BEAK*

ANN GUEST (GEORGE, JOHN) was born about 1835 or 1836<sup>472</sup> in St. George, Bristol. She married JOHN BEAK December 02, 1855 in St. Philip & St. Jacob, Bristol, son of WILLIAM BEAK and HANNAH<sup>473</sup>. He was born about 1834.

Ann was working as a shoemaker and living with her parents in 1851, and four years later married John Beak. In 1871 John was an engine smith in a factory, but in 1881, John was working as an engineer for the Eastern & Midlands Railway, and the family was living on Bell Hill on the London Road in the Beer House Inn building<sup>474</sup>.

Children of ANN GUEST and married JOHN BEAK are:

- i) WILLIAM BEAK, born between 1859 - 1860<sup>475</sup>, St. George, Bristol, in 1881 is an engine fitter living on Stone Hill, St. George, with his grandparents, William and Hannah Beak. While the census does not say, it is probable that William was working for the E&M Railway, as did his father.
- ii) ANNIE MARIE BEAK, born about 1861<sup>476</sup>, St. George, Bristol.  
In 1881, Annie was living at home with her parents and working as a dressmaker
- iii) ADELAIDE BEAK, born at the end of 1862 in St. George, Bristol
- iv) LOUISA BEAK, born at the beginning of 1864 in St. George, Bristol.
- v) JOHN BEAK, born about 1866<sup>477</sup>, St. George, Bristol, and was blind by 1871. A scrawl in the margin of the 1871 census, may say "measles", suggesting that this may have been the cause of his blindness. He is still living at home in 1881, but his fate after that is unknown.
- vi) ISABELLA BEAK, born about 1869<sup>478</sup>, St. George, Bristol
- vii) SARAH ELIZABETH BEAK, born in the first part of 1871, being 3 months old when the census was taken, in St. George, Bristol
- viii) GEORGE BEAK, born about 1872<sup>479</sup>, St. George, Bristol
- ix) MARY ELIZABETH BEAK, born about 1874<sup>480</sup>, St. George, Bristol
- x) MIRIAM BEATRICE BEAK, born between 1875 - 1876<sup>481</sup>, St. George, Bristol
- xi) EDITH FLORENCE BEAK, born May 03, 1879<sup>482</sup>, St. George, Bristol

<sup>470</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Marriages Dec 1891 Albert Burgess Guest, Samuel Parker or Packer, Mary Pool and Laura Smith, Keynsham 5c 1173. Does not indicate which man married which woman.

<sup>471</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Marriages June 1897 Guest Albert Burgess, Ring Louisa, Keynsham 5c 1164

<sup>472</sup> 1851 census, age , 1881 census, age 45

<sup>473</sup> Marriage record of son John, and 1881 census: William and Hannah Beak, retired wheelwright, living on Stone Hill, St. George

<sup>474</sup> 1881 census

<sup>475</sup> 1881 census, age 21

<sup>476</sup> 1881 census, age 20

<sup>477</sup> 1881 census, age 14

<sup>478</sup> 1881 census, age 12

<sup>479</sup> 1881 census, age 9

<sup>480</sup> 1881 census, age 7

<sup>481</sup> 1881 census, age 5

<sup>482</sup> 1881 census, age 1

**Generation No. 4***ABRAHAM GUEST AND ALICE ELIZABETH FOX*

ABRAHAM GUEST (JOHN, GEORGE, JOHN) was baptized March 19, 1848 in St. George, Bristol, and died before March 31, 1892. He married ALICE ELIZABETH FOX before September 30, 1872 in Keynsham, Bitton, Gloucestershire, daughter of ISAAC FOX and MARY. She was baptized January 21, 1844 in Hanham, Bitton, Gloucestershire. (see page 70)

Abraham was living with his parents and working as a commercial traveller in 1871. Once married, Abraham and Alice lived in Hanham, probably taking over the grocer and draper's business from Alice's father Isaac Fox, as Abraham was a grocer and draper in both 1881 and 1891. It is also possible that Abraham combined his father-in-law's business with his father's grocery business on Two Mile Hill. In 1891 he was living at 133 Hanham Street, Hanham. There were three children of the marriage, and the two youngest were baptized on the same day, August 21, 1879 in the Wesleyan Methodist church in Hanham. Presumably the family converted to the Wesleyan Methodist church about that time.

After Abraham died in the early part of 1892, Alice lived with her son Bertie, who was a clothier's clerk in Kingswood in 1901 – undoubtedly using the knowledge gained as the son of a draper.

Children of ABRAHAM GUEST and ALICE FOX are:

- i) FLORENCE ALICE FOX GUEST, born May 16, 1873, Hanham, Bitton, and baptized August 21, 1879, Wesleyan Methodist, Hanham, Bitton. Married John Veal in 1895<sup>483</sup>
- ii) ADA CARRIE GUEST, born December 21, 1876, Hanham, Bitton, and baptized August 21, 1879, Wesleyan Methodist, Hanham, Bitton
- iii) BERTIE JOHN GUEST, born 1881, Hanham, Bitton.

*MATTHEW JOHN GUEST AND EMILY*

MATTHEW JOHN GUEST (JOHN, GEORGE, JOHN) was born about 1855<sup>484</sup> in St. George, Bristol, and died before 1901. He married EMILY (either LEAR or WEBB) before December 31, 1875<sup>485</sup> in Keynsham, Bitton. She was born about 1855<sup>486</sup> in Hanham, Bitton, and died after 1901.

Matthew was a haulier in 1881 and a labourer in 1891, while Emily worked as a staymaker. Matthew and Emily lived on Two Mile Hill, St. George, in 1881, and on Burchill's Green Road, St. George, in 1891. (As Burchill's Green Road intersects the London Road at Two Mile Hill, this may be the same location.)

Children of MATTHEW GUEST and EMILY are:

- i) ALFRED HENRY GUEST, born about 1879<sup>487</sup>, St. George, Bristol. Died before March 31, 1888<sup>488</sup>
- ii) GILBERT JOHN GUEST, born before Dec 31 1880<sup>489</sup>, St. George, Bristol
- iii) JOHN HENRY GUEST, born before March 31, 1883<sup>490</sup>, St. George, Bristol

<sup>483</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Marriages Sep 1895: Guest Florence Alice F, and Veal John; Keynsham 5c 1124

<sup>484</sup> 1881 census, age 26, 1891, age 36

<sup>485</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Marriages Dec 1875, GUEST Matthew John, Lear Emily. WEBB Emily, Keynsham 5c 1132. There was both an Emily Lear and an Emily Webb born in 1855. This would be resolved by ordering the appropriate marriage registration.

<sup>486</sup> 1881 census, age 26, 1891 census, age 36

<sup>487</sup> 1881 census, age 2

<sup>488</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Deaths Mar 1888, GUEST Alfred Henry, 9, Barton Regis 6a 73

<sup>489</sup> *Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths*, (<http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/>), Births Dec 1880 Gilbert John Guest Barton Regis 6a 91; 1881 census, age 1, 1891 census, age 10



## Appendix 1: Who Was Elizabeth (wife of Samuel Guest II)?

### *The Problem:*

We have clear evidence that Stephen Guest II, baptized September 5, 1779, married a woman named Elizabeth. In his will Stephen mentions his “dear wife Elizabeth Guest”, and the baptismal records of his children clearly state that the mother’s name is Elizabeth. The 1841 and 1851 censuses also show Stephen with his wife Elizabeth. Unfortunately, however, I have been unable to find a clear chain of evidence to prove exactly who Elizabeth was.

To complicate the issue, this can be divided into two parts: First, Elizabeth’s surname, and second, who her parents were.

### *Elizabeth’s Surname:*

Normally, the surname of a man’s wife is determined by referring to the registration of the marriage – in the early 1800s, before civil registration existed in England, that means finding the appropriate parish register. Most commonly, that is the parish church (Church of England) in the parish in which the woman resides. Occasionally the marriage may take place elsewhere, sometimes where the man resides, very occasionally another place altogether.

Marriages could legally be performed either by banns or by license. Banns was most common, and involved the parish minister announcing, for three weeks in a row, during the normal Sunday church service, that the couple intended to marry. Commonly the wedding would take place during the week following the final reading of the banns.

If, for some reason, reading of the banns was not desired, the groom could purchase a licence, entitling him to be married without banns. This was commonly done if the marriage was to take place outside the parish where the couple resided, if there was some haste about the marriage, or if the couple had another reason for not wishing to have the reading of the banns.

Based on this information, I searched the registers of St. George parish where both Stephen and Elizabeth resided, and where I found the baptisms of Stephen and of his children. No luck. I also searched the registers of a number of neighbouring parishes, and this was the only possibility I found:

From the parish register of St. Michael’s, Bristol: 1806, May 29, Stephen Guest, St. Michael’s, and Elizabeth Fox, St. Michael’s, by banns

Unfortunately, this makes no mention of the names of their parents or the ages of the bride and groom, or any other identifying information.

### **And . . .**

The register clearly states that both were of the parish of St. Michael’s, and the fact that banns were apparently read supports this. So, what was Stephen doing in St. Michael’s instead of at home in St. George? Is this another Stephen Guest?

One possibility is that only Elizabeth Fox was really of St. Michael’s, but I have been unable to find any Fox families in the parish. There is only a scattering of seven Fox marriages in the 1750-1800 time period, no Fox baptisms at all, and six burials in the entire 1700s. This is not typical for a family of regular church members. The fact that there are marriages but no baptisms suggests that the people were coming to marry, but baptized their children and buried their dead elsewhere. One likely reason is that British law required that marriages be registered with the Church of England, while baptisms and burials were unregulated. In that case, the Fox family may have lived in St. Michael’s but attended a non-conformist church (Methodist, Congregational, Quaker, etc.) where they baptized their children, or simply not been church-going people. So far I have been unable to find any sign that these Foxes in any of the non-conformist registers available to me on microfilm.

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<sup>503</sup> 1891 census, age 6

It is also possible that there was a sentimental reason for being married in St. Michael's, but this does not account for the reading of banns for three weeks in advance of the marriage. In this case it would have been more usual for the couple to have purchased a license. Unfortunately, I have not been able to find a microfilm of the register of banns for this time period. The LDS library has banns only for 1764-1773, and 1817-1954

Was it another Stephen Guest? This, of course, is possible. However, Guest was a fairly uncommon name in the Bristol area, and I have been unable to find any record of another Stephen who could have been the one who married Elizabeth.

Supporting evidence for this record being that of "our" Stephen and Elizabeth Guest is that the first baptism to be performed in St. George for this couple was on July 5, 1807, just over 13 months after the marriage date.

#### *Who were the parents of Elizabeth Fox?*

Assuming that Elizabeth was at least 15 years old in 1806, and not more than five years older than Stephen, we have a window of 1774-1791 as probable years for Elizabeth's birth. As already stated, she was not baptized in St. Michael's, so St. George and Bitton, or a Bristol non-conformist church are the likeliest possibilities.

This search produced three possibilities:

1. September 2, 1781, Elizabeth daughter of Henry and Sarah Fox was baptized in St. George.
2. June 21, 1789, Elizabeth d/o Edward and Joanna Fox was baptized in St. George
3. September 6, 1789, Elizabeth d/o Edward and Jane Fox was baptized in St. George

#### **Wills**

I was only able to obtain a copy of the will of the second Edward Fox (wife Jane). In it, Edward mentions sons Edward, Thomas, George, Henry and William, and two daughters, Sarah and Mary. Two other children who were baptized -- the Elizabeth above, and a son Francis -- are not mentioned. The likeliest reason is that those children died before the will was written in 1828. It is, of course, also possible that Elizabeth was omitted for another reason, but, none-the-less, there is some evidence here that this Elizabeth did not survive to adulthood.

#### **Vital records**

In an effort to determine what happened to the three Elizabeths, I searched for Elizabeth, Eliza, and Betty Fox in both marriage and burial registers for St. George and the surrounding parishes.

In St. George, a Betty Fox married a George Coleman in 1804 but both were previously married. It seems improbable that this is "our" Elizabeth.

In St. Michael's, a William Rogers (previously married) married an Elizabeth Fox in 1817; no other information. This seems more possible, especially for the two Elizabeth's born in 1789.

Searching for burials, to see if any of the three Elizabeth Foxes died before the 1806 marriage, I was unable to find any between one record in 1786 and one in 1809. The burial in 1786 was of a 71-year-old woman in St. Michael's -- could this be connected to the reason the marriage of Stephen and Elizabeth was held there? In any case, it is obviously not any of the Elizabeth Foxes we are looking for.

Remembering Elizabeth Fox, daughter of Edward, who was not in her father's will (above), the burial in 1809 (which was in Bitton) seems like a possibility, but there are no details given beyond the name and date.

Based on this vital record evidence, it is impossible to come to any solid conclusion, but we do have a possible death and marriage for two of the Elizabeths.

Searching the Civil Registration Index online, I found that Elizabeth Guest died in third quarter of 1870, aged 92. This gives a birth year of 1778 -- which is even earlier.

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Assuming this is the correct Elizabeth Guest (not confirmed), it seems unlikely that Elizabeth could be either of the daughters of the two Edward Foxes.

**Census:**

Complete censuses did not exist before 1841, but in spite of that our best clues come from the 1841, 1851 and 1861 censuses.

In 1841, Stephen and Elizabeth are both listed as age 60, and they have their sons Samuel and Aaron living with them, both given as age 15 – but the 1841 census has the peculiarity that for people over the age of 15, the ages were rounded down to the nearest 5 – so this means that Samuel and Aaron were between 15 and 19, and Stephen and Elizabeth between 60 and 64 years of age. This gives Stephen and Elizabeth birth dates of between 1777 and 1781. Next door is Isaac Fox, the brother of the Elizabeth who is the daughter of Henry and Sarah Fox (first one above) – and whose birthdate is 1781.

In 1851, Stephen and Elizabeth are living alone on White's Hill between their son James, on one side, and Isaac and Elizabeth Fox, on the other. The wives of all three men have the occupation "Town Hawker" (as did Elizabeth Fox in 1841). It seems quite possible that all three families are in business together, although some of their other neighbours also have the same profession.

This census gives the ages of both Stephen and Elizabeth as 60 – clearly an error, as they said they were 60 in 1841. Presumably, another member of the household provided the information, most likely someone in their son James's family, as the census notes that the two families live in a two-house unit.

In 1861, Stephen has died and Elizabeth is still living on White's Hill, now between her sons James and Aaron. In her home is her 16-year-old granddaughter Emma. Of interest here, though, is that her age is given as 81 – 21 years older than the age given 10 years earlier. Based on this, we get a birth year of 1780.

Conclusion: The census data provides support for the first Elizabeth in the list, the daughter of Henry and Sarah Fox, born in 1781, based on the ages given in the 1841 and 1861 censuses, and the proximity of their homes to Isaac Fox in 1841 and 1851.

**Conclusion:**

In spite of the unresolved questions around why Stephen and Elizabeth were married outside their home parish, I think it is most likely that Stephen Guest married Elizabeth Fox, daughter of Henry Fox and Sarah Greenaway.

## Appendix 2: Sources

Because the research for this story needed to be carried out from Cranbrook, British Columbia, Canada, far from the source material in Britain, the resources used were as follows:

### *Family*

Stephen Guest is my 4<sup>th</sup> great-grandfather, 2<sup>nd</sup> great-grandfather of my grandmother Winnifred Guest. Normally family records are the the best place to begin, but in this case the Canadian branch of the family had little information to provide as contact had been lost with all but one cousin living in London, England – and, in fact, there are few descendants of any branch at all. Anthony Guest kindly provided some information that assisted me in the beginning of the project including the marriage registration for Samuel Guest and Hannah Stone. The rest of the information in this study has been compiled “long-distance”, using the resources below.

### *Internet resources*

- LDS Family Search ([www.familysearch.com](http://www.familysearch.com)) and the International Genealogical Index (The IGI is a compilation of transcriptions of original records and contributed information from individuals researching their family trees. Happily, there are a lot of transcriptions of parish registers for the east Bristol area.)
- Free Births Marriages and Deaths ([rootsweb.freebmd.com](http://rootsweb.freebmd.com)): incomplete civil registration index, but useful none-the-less. Because of financial restrictions, very few official birth, marriage and death registrations were obtained. Using this civil registration index, supplemented by the microfilm indexes available through the Family History Centre, the registration numbers for many of these events were located, both to confirm dates arrived at through censuses, or to provide the information in case the actual registration is wanted.
- 1901 Census ([www.census.pro.gov.uk](http://www.census.pro.gov.uk)) and 1861, 1871, 1881, 1891, 1901 census on Ancestry.com
- Digital Directories ([www.historicaldirectories.org](http://www.historicaldirectories.org))
- Bristol & Avon Family History Society ([www.bafth.org.uk](http://www.bafth.org.uk)) Burial Index
- Bristol City Council's Will Index ([www.bristol-city.gov.uk](http://www.bristol-city.gov.uk))
- The many excellent webpages with historical maps, photos and transcribed newspaper articles detailing the history of the Bristol area

### *CDs*

- 1851 census of Bristol and of Gloucestershire transcribed and indexed by Gordon W. Beaverton. (from [www.mycensuses.com](http://www.mycensuses.com)). The Bristol CD also includes the digitized original images of the pages.
- Vital Records Index Vol. 2 from LDS Family Search ([www.familysearch.com](http://www.familysearch.com)) contains transcriptions of many Bristol parish registers.

### *Microfilm*

Microfilm from the LDS library ordered through the Cranbrook Family History Centre: Parish registers, Bishop's transcripts, 1841 census, Bristol Burgess Book, land records, civil registration index, etc. In many cases this was the only record available.

### *People contacted through genealogical e-mail lists*

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***Official sources***

- Wills were obtained either through the Bristol City Council's Will Index (see above Internet Resources), or requested from the Probate Office in York, England. Unfortunately, I was unable to locate wills for many people.
- Civil Registrations for a few births, marriages and deaths were obtained from the Public Records office.

Church Road,  
St. George, c. 1900



Bristol, 1899



Steep Street, Bristol, 1866

Railway station in  
Buckinghamshire,  
late 1800s

