

MATSON FAMILY OF EAST KENT

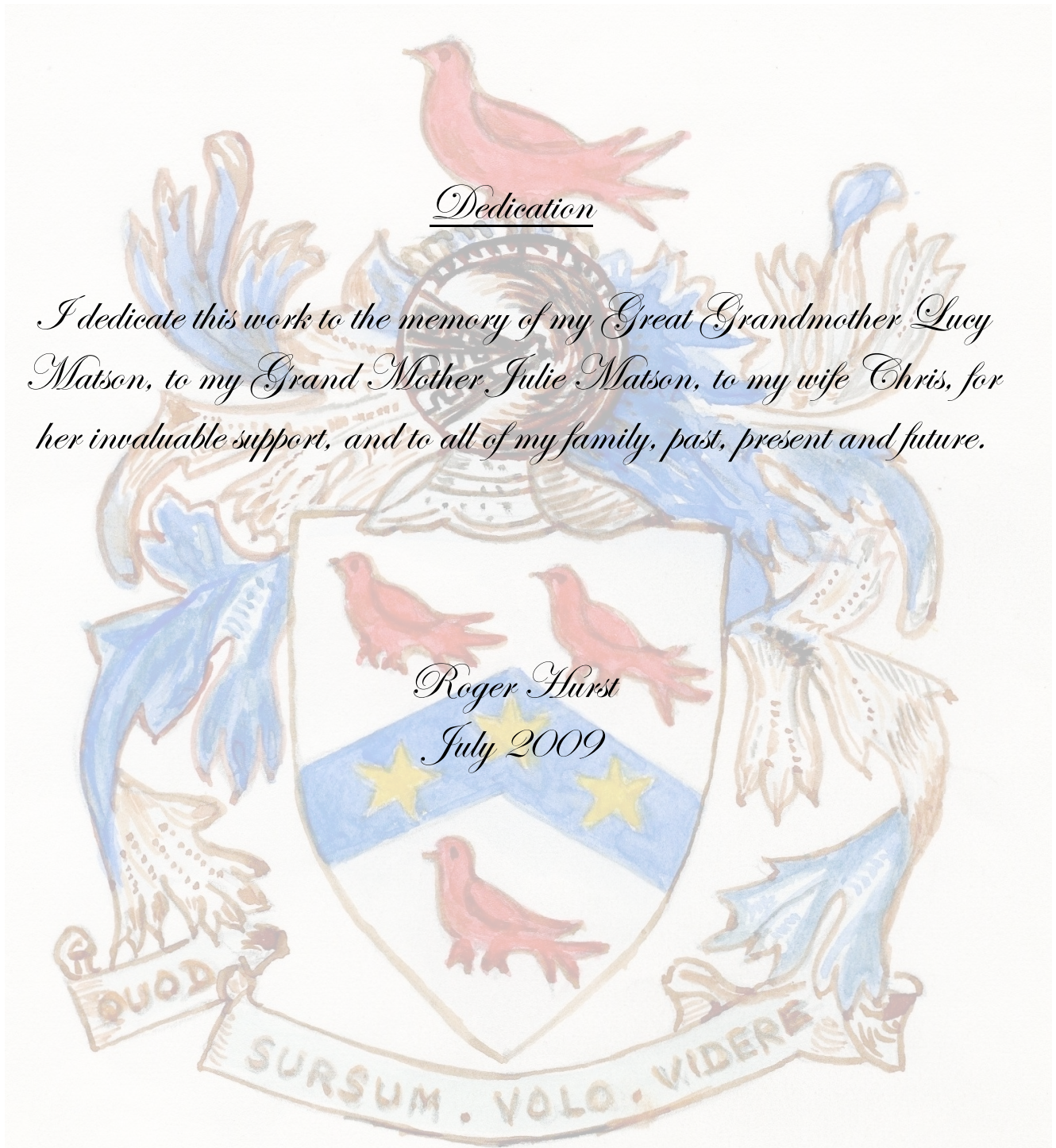


A FAMILY HISTORY

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Dedication

I dedicate this work to the memory of my Great Grandmother Lucy Matson, to my Grand Mother Julie Matson, to my wife Chris, for her invaluable support, and to all of my family, past, present and future.

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INTRODUCTION

For several years, during at least three decades, I have been engaged in researching my family history. Of special interest has been the Matson family of East Kent whose members contributed widely to the development of the area. Members of the family have been discovered in many parts of the world and their occupations are as varied as the characters that make up the history.

Although this work shows events and dates, I have also endeavoured to provide some insight into the people and their lives and have included brief notes and illustrations where that information was available.

The Matson Coat of Arms used here is based on the description given by Edward Hasted in his “The History and Topographical Survey of the County of Kent” published in 1800 and “The British Herald Cabinet of Armorial Bearings” by Thomas Robson, published in 1850. Where an individual is shown with the Coat of Arms, it purely indicates that they are members of my own direct ancestry.

Since 1538, clergy of the Church of England and in Wales have kept registers of church baptisms, marriages and burials. Where possible I have shown the date of birth and the date of baptism,

however sources may have given the date and place of baptism as the date and place of birth.

Civil registration of births, marriages and deaths began in England and Wales on the 1st July 1837. Copies of the register entries are kept by the Office for National Statistics and have been indexed. The indexes are organised alphabetically for each year in quarterly volumes to 1983.

Where I have not identified precise records for an event, I have included the quarter, year, registration district and reference from the indexes. An entry may therefore show a date such as *Jun 1845 Dover Registration District 1a 1234*. This does not mean that the event necessarily took place in the month of June 1845 or in Dover. It purely indicates that the event was registered in the period April/May/June 1845 and that the registration is within the Dover Registration District.

I would like to put on record my sincere thanks to all those responsible for making records available. The information comes from approximately 300 different sources (some outside the United Kingdom), including Canterbury Cathedral, The Kent County Council Archives, The National Archives, Churches, Cemeteries, Libraries, Museums and Parish Registers and, of course, that invaluable 21st Century source – The World Wide Web.

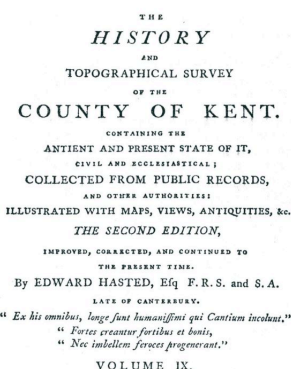
I wish to thank those other researchers who have also given time, advice and information – especially Linda Foreman (Surrey), Dawn Dyson (New Zealand), Betty Matson (Essex), and Maggie Fletcher – Nee Matson (Tasmania).

No document about the Matson Family would be complete without acknowledging the work of Major Colin Matson, who in 1962 published his “Domestic Pilgrimage – A story of the Matson Family”. My great-grandmother Lucy Matson (nee Hills) both met and corresponded with Major Colin and assisted in his work. Major Colin’s wife Dorothy produced the illustration on page two of this document and his “Domestic Pilgrimage” has been a real inspiration to me.

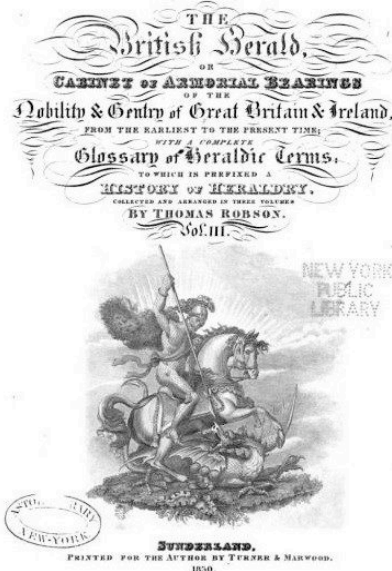
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As with all research, it is difficult to know when to stop! There is always the prospect of discovering something new, of finding that ‘missing link’ or the concern at having missed an important fact.

I have produced this Version 3 of the document first issued in April 2009, as information about a further branch of the Matsons, descended from Henry Matson of Wingham (1823-1892) and his wife Lucy Elizabeth Dodd, came to light just as I was in the process of distribution. As there are several branches of the family in the Antipodes and this research is being deposited as a resource in both Australia and New Zealand, I felt it was important to also include the recently discovered branch. I have also taken the opportunity to add some further illustrations and maps, which I hope, will assist the reader, together with some minor additions/corrections to entries.

I have records of other Matson people, discovered, but for the moment, unlinked to those covered here.

There are certainly Matsons from Kent who went to North America and this is one such family whose earlier origins I have been unable to trace -

John Matson, a Mariner/Fisherman from Milton had a son, John Bridge Matson, christened 16th March 1835 at Upchurch, Isle of Sheppey, married Emma Matilda Williams on the 24th December 1859 at Sittingbourne. The couple had ten children. The sixth child, John, was born in 1869 and died in 1870 in Sittingbourne. The couple’s next child, Frederick John, was christened in Toronto in The Dominion of Canada on the 14th July 1873. In the 1851 census, John records his occupation as a Lamplighter. In Toronto John became a building Contractor.

Whilst I have made every effort to ensure the accuracy of my research, this document must not be taken as a statement of fact. It should certainly not be taken as proof of any hereditary links.

Each person has a number preceding his or her name. The number inside parentheses represents the number of generations between the source couple and a descendant. Thus, the number (4) 1.3.2.5 means that the person is the 4th Generation and 5th child of the 2nd child of the 3rd child of the 1st of the source couple. Descendants with more than one spouse have a lowercase alphabet letter suffix for each of their marriages. For all succeeding generations, you can trace descendants to the correct ancestor by the letter suffix. Put another way, you can tell which ancestor's marriage produced which descendants by looking at the letter in the number.

Textual notes/quotations throughout the document are often opinions and views made by individuals either at the time of the events, or with the benefit of historical hindsight. These notes are given to aid in gaining a picture of the lives of the people concerned and, I hope, to add some glimpses into the world as it was at the time. The text is extracted from my research notes and should not be interpreted as fact.

I apologise for any errors or omissions that have been made.

My thinking is that this is a ‘live’ document and I welcome any corrections and additions that are found. If you have found anything that needs correction, or you have new information that could be added, then I would very much appreciate you contacting me either via the institution where you have obtained this, or via my email address –

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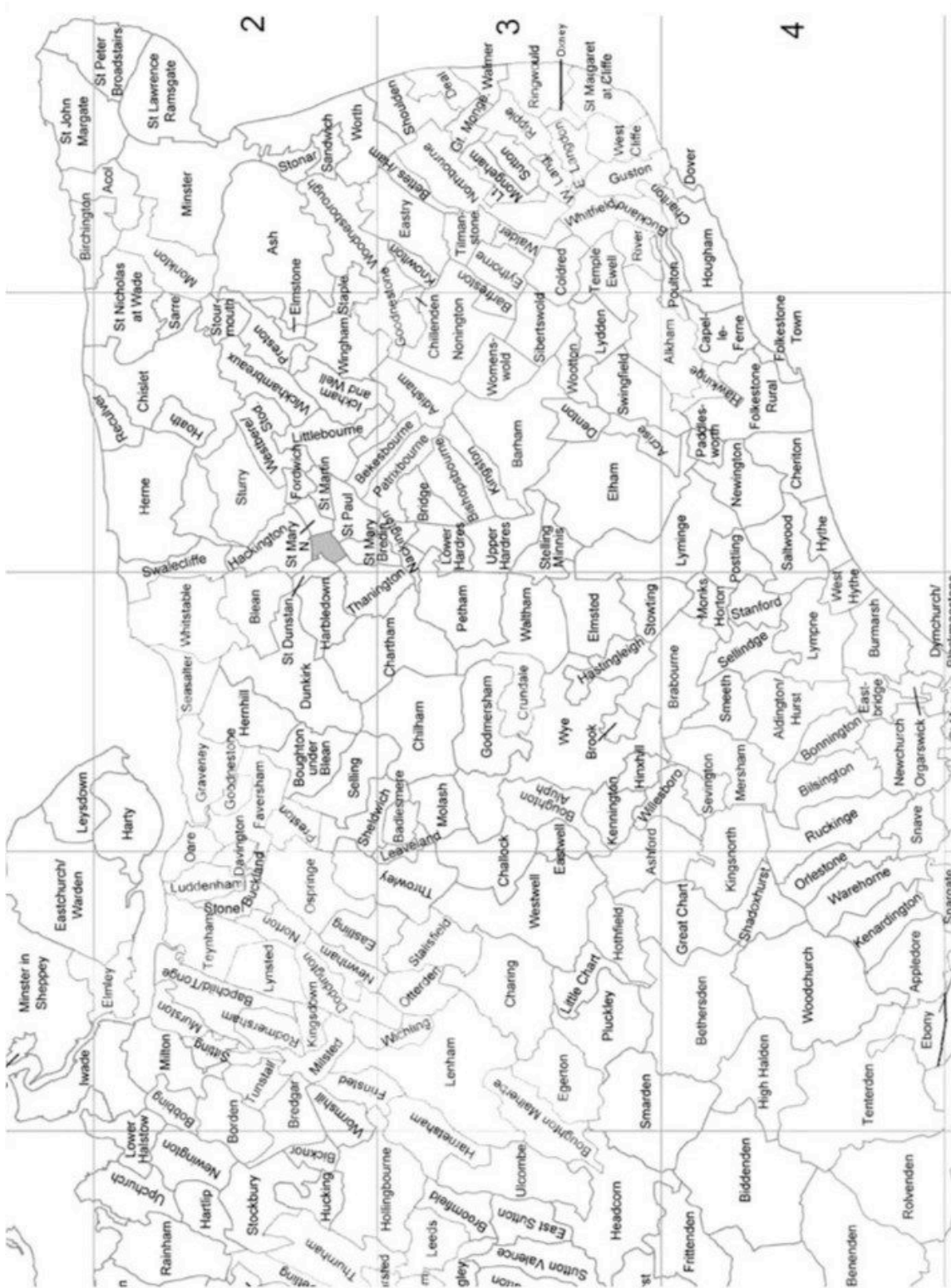
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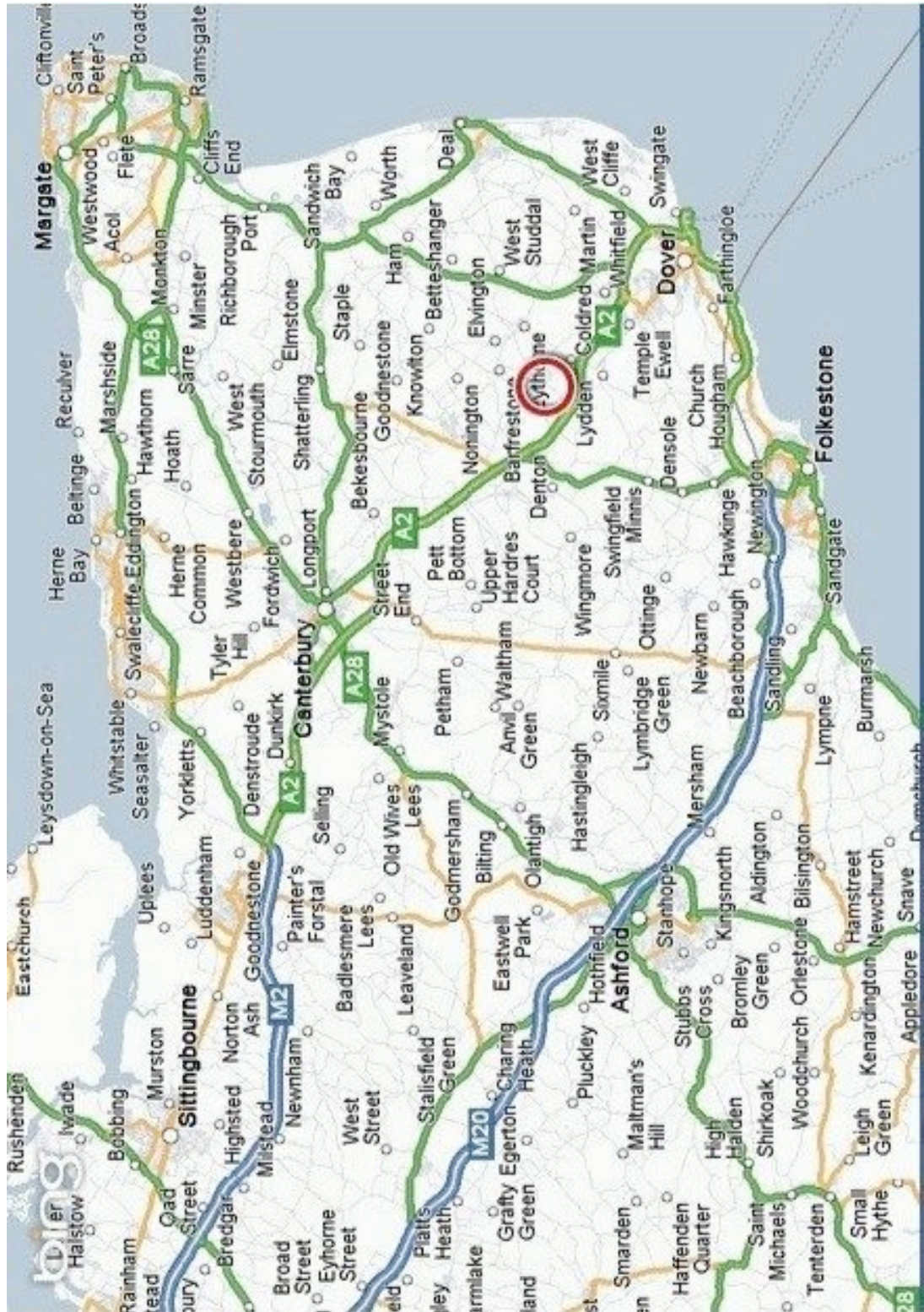
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Parishes of East Kent



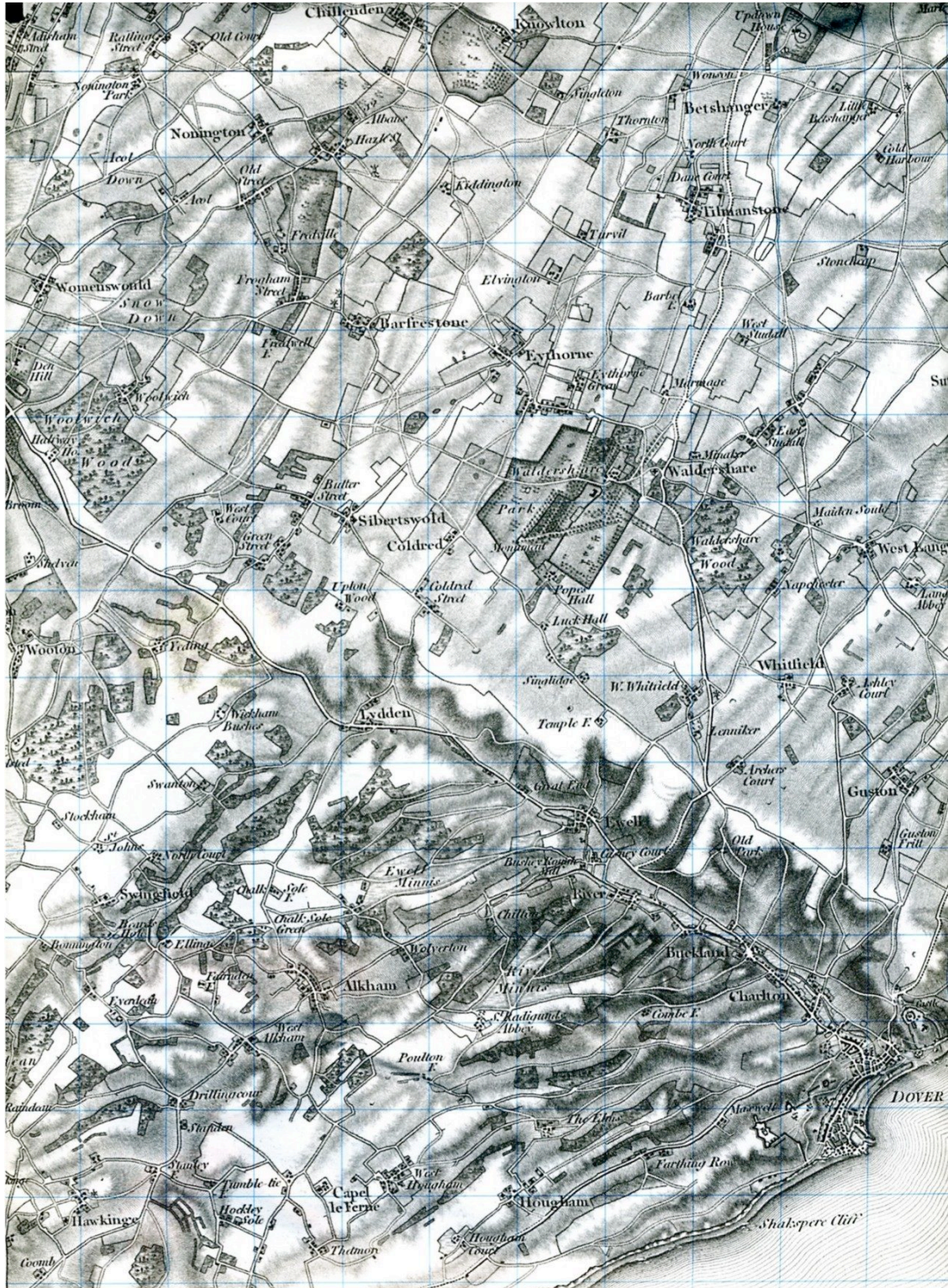
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Location of Sibertswold also known as Shepherdsweil – Marked by Red Circle



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Location of Sibertswold/Shepherdswell as shown in 1819



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Unknown Male MATSON

(1) 1 Unknown Male MATSON

Birth: app 1440

The reign of Henry VI (1422-1461) of the House of Lancaster.

The name Matson, in various forms, appears all over Scandinavia and Germany, but Matson seems specific to Denmark and Schleswig-Holstein, besides some families in Scotland and southeast England.



Sandwich Barbican and Toll Bridge.

As Sandwich was a busy port at this time, with well-established trading links, it seems very probable that our earliest Matson was a sailor or merchant who possibly came from Scandinavia and settled in the port town. There is a constant thread of maritime connection that runs through the members of the Matson family included in this document; including those adventurers who traveled and settled in the colonies and far reaches of the globe.

Children: John
Robert (-1500)

(2) 1.1 John MATSON

Robert Matson, will proved, or he died (not clear which), 13 January 1500/01. Wife Joan mentioned in will, also brother John, also son John not yet 14 years of age.

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Robert MATSON

(2) 1.2 Robert MATSON

Death: Jan 1500, Sandwich
 Death Memo: or 1501
 Burial: 1500, St. Clement’s, Sandwich, Kent
 Occ: Mariner

Probably born in the reign of Henry V1. He died in the reign of Henry V11.

Will dated 13th January 1500-1

Probate 23rd March 1501-2

Robert the Mariner died in 1500; so, it can be assumed that he was born in the first half of the 15th century. Under the terms of his will, he left specific bequests for "the repair of the Tower and upkeep of the High Altar of the "Church of St. Clement" - who, incidentally, was the patron saint of mariners. Both these parts of this interesting old church are in excellent order at the present day.



Church of St. Clement, Sandwich, Kent.

Matson the Mariner's Will, to reparation of the tower of St Clement's Sandwich 2 shillings. (I have more details of this Will from the Sandwich Archives but have not proved he is an ancestor). I'm afraid I don't know which Robert this refers to - Robert Matson, will proved, or he died (not clear which),

13 Jan 1500/01. Wife Joan mentioned in will, also brother John, also son John not yet 14 years of age.

We also have a partial transcription of the later will of this son John Matson, Mariner of Sandwich 13 Nov 1551, mentioning sons Nicholas and James not yet 16 and probable daughters Elizabeth and Ann not yet 21.

Therefore, it is just possible that this is our earliest James 1550-1593 but Major Colin said he could find no proof. These are before the days of parish records.

This is from "Domestic Pilgrimage" written by Major Colin Matson: -

The earliest record of a Matson in Kent is that of Robert of Sandwich, Mariner, who died in 1500. This will, in difficult Old English, has been examined at the County Archives at Maidstone, and as abstract was taken. Certain items were as follows:

- 2 shillings for repairs to the tower of St Clements Church, Sandwich.
- 1 shilling for upkeep of the high altar.

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- Money to the Carmelite Brothers for 13 masses.
- Wish to be buried in the chancel of St Clements.
- Mention of wife Joan and son John and appointment of Simon Ball as guardian of son John until the age of 14 years.

No record of any later descendants has been noted. Nor is any trace of association with the Direct Line to be found. Saint Clement was the patron of mariners, and the church dedicated to him is now the one parish church in Sandwich. We can consider the above-named Robert as living in the middle years of the 15th century - so that our collection of records extends over a period of 500 years.

Spouse: Joan

Robert Matson, will proved, or he died (not clear which), 13 Jan 1500/01. Wife Joan mentioned in will, also brother John, also son John not yet 14 years of age.

Children: John (>1486-1551)



John MATSON

(3) 1.2.1 John MATSON

 Birth: aft 1486
 Birth Memo: From fathers will
 Death: 1551 Sandwich
 Death Memo: or 1552
 Burial: St. Clement’s, Sandwich, Kent
 Occ: Mariner

Lived during the reign of Henry V111.

John Matson is recorded in the Chantry of Nicholas Burton. The founder was a wealthy merchant of Sandwich who died in 1494 and was buried in the nave of the church of St. George, between the Chapels of St. James the Apostle and the Chapel of St. Margaret. “... the profits coming from all those lands and tenements of his given for the support of one Perpetual Chantry in the same church”. (Canterbury C. Wills, Vol 3, f.368).

The details (Kent No.28 [51] 1548) record that in 1548, the Chantry called “Burtons Chantry” in the Parish of St. Clement, Sandwiche included “Land now in tenure of John Matson, at will yearly”.

The Chantry was sold on the 12th February 1549 to Thomas Horton of Iford, Wilts, esquire and Richard Bylett of Cossam, Wilts, gent (with other lands). Details given include “the lands in the several tenures of ... John Matson... all in the Parish of St. Clement and else where in Kent which belonged to Burtons Chantry and all other possessions of the same. Except bells and leaden roofs of the Chantry.”

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Robert Matson, will proved, or he died (not clear which), 13 Jan 1500/01. Wife Joan mentioned in will, also brother John, also son **John** not yet 14 years of age.
Johns' Will dated 13th November 1551 Probate 26th September 1552

Spouse: Margaret
Death: 1571
Burial: 30 Mar 1571, Ringwould, Kent

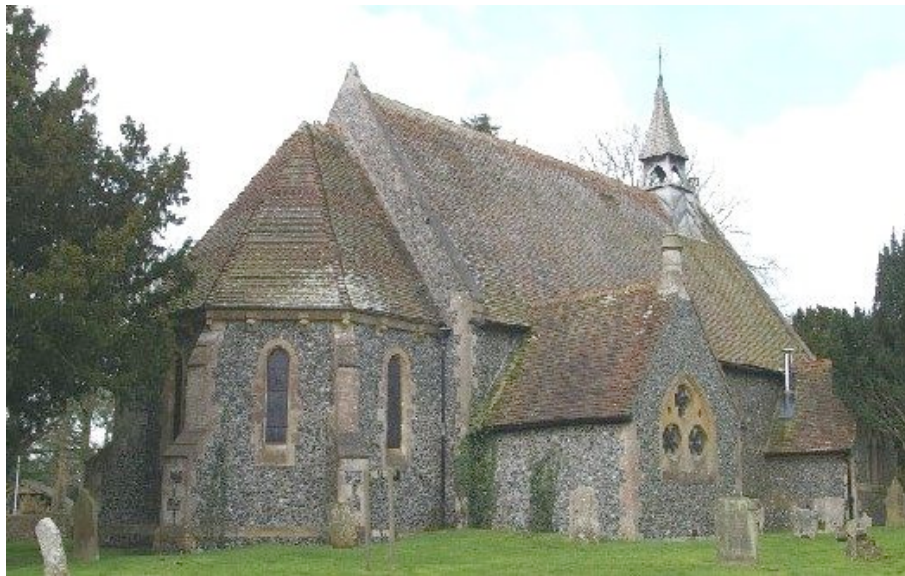
Children: James (1550-1593)
Nicholas (-1599)
Elizabeth
Ann



James MATSON

(4) 1.2.1.1 James MATSON

Birth: 1550, Sibertswold
Death: 1593, Sibertswold, Kent
Burial: 8 Feb 1594, Barfrestone, Kent
Occ: An Officer In The Queens Service. Churchwarden.



St. Andrews Church, Sibertswold, Kent

James was born in the reign of Edward VI. He lived through the reigns of Mary I and Elizabeth I. On 21 July 1588, when James was aged 38, the Armada, an invasion fleet sent by Philip II of Spain, was sighted off the coast of Cornwall - the prelude to one of the most famous naval engagements in British History. James lived at Sibertswold (Shepherdswell).

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Spouse: Alice PHILPOT
 Birth: 1554, Shepherdswell
 Death: 1612, Sibertswold
 Burial: 23 Jan 1612, Shepherdswell
 Father: Henry PHILPOT (1544-1603)

Please note that either her father’s date of birth or Alice’s is inaccurate as her father would have been aged only 10 when Alice was born.

In the Calendar of Assize Records 1595, there is an entry as follows: -

“2343. Spyre, Daniel, of Sibertswold, labourer, indicted for grand larceny. On 29th August 1595, he broke into the house of Alice Matson, widow, at Sibertswold and stole £17 in money from a chest. (Badly damaged). Confessed; allowed clergy.”

In July 1596, there is a further entry: -

“2365. Spyre, Daniel, of Sturry, labourer, indicted for grand larceny. On 2nd May 1596 at Stelling, he stole a pair of sheets (10s.), 4 bands (13s.4d.), 2 neckerchiefs (6s.8d), a pair of stockings (2s.), 2 shirts (2s.6d.) and 56s.8d. in money from Robert Betts. (R.F.). Guilty; to hang.”

‘Did not long survive her husband’ Info from Colin Matson.

Marr: 1575, Shepherdswell

Children: Thomas (1571-1629)
 Christopher (1573-<1624)
 Alice (1580-)
 Joanne (1582-)
 John (1584-1604)
 Margery (1586-)
 Robert (1588-1651)
 Stephen

(5) 1.2.1.1.1 Thomas MATSON

Birth: 1571, Kingston, Kent
 Chr: 1571, Shepherdswell
 Death: Sep 1629, Shepherdswell
 Burial: 11 Sep 1629, Shepherdswell



Wootton Court about 1790

Inherited £20 from his father in 1593. Lived at Wootton Court, near Dover. (Info from Colin Matson)

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Spouse: Elizabeth (Or Jane) FRANKLYNE
Death: 1630, Shepherdswell
Burial: 14 Feb 1630, Shepherdswell

The name Jane comes from a Matson Family Tree Marked E.G. Goldsmith 44, Marine Parade, Lowestoft and obtained from Society of Genealogists April 2007.
Marriage date could be 24th January 1599/1600.

Marr: 14 Jan 1600, Shepherdswell

Children: John (1601-)
Thomas (1601-)
Ann (1603-)
Marie (Or Mary) (1609-)
Jane (1611-)
Robert (1613-)
Katherine (1616-)
William (-1608)
Henry (-1617)
Judith (-1614)

(6) 1.2.1.1.1.1 John MATSON

Birth: 1601
Chr: 13 Dec 1601, Shepherdswell

(6) 1.2.1.1.1.2 Thomas MATSON

Birth: 1601, Shepherdswell
Chr: 5 Jul 1601, Shepherdswell

(6) 1.2.1.1.1.3 Ann MATSON

Birth: 1603, Shepherdswell
Chr: 2 Sep 1603, Shepherdswell

(6) 1.2.1.1.1.4 Marie (Or Mary) MATSON

Birth: Jul 1609, Dover, Kent
Chr: 16 Jul 1609, St. Mary The Virgin, Dover

(6) 1.2.1.1.1.5 Jane MATSON

Birth: Aug 1611
Chr: 28 Aug 1611, Shepherdswell

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(6) 1.2.1.1.1.6 Robert MATSON

Birth: 1613, Hougham, Kent
 Chr: abt 1613, Hougham, Kent
 Occ: Husbandman

The link to parents Thomas and Elizabeth Franklyne is 'best guess' only and unconfirmed.

Robert might be a son of Thomas Matson & Elizabeth Franklyn. They started in Shepherdswell and wandered through Dover and into Sellindge. Thomas died in 1629 so his wife would have been a widow in 1635. Only problem is I haven't got a baptism for a Robert around 1613. Thomas and Elizabeth were in Dover in 1609 and then pop up in Sellindge in 1614 so there is a five-year gap where I lose track of them. There could easily have been more children between 1609 and 1614.

Marriage by licence -
 Granted 21 March 1635

Robert MATSON b 22 husbandman of Hougham with the consent of Elizabeth MATSON wid = Dorothy TAILOR sp v 16 d/o John TAILOR with his consent as testified by Elizabeth TAILOR her mother. Nicholas SWAYNE husbandman of Hougham bondsman Ceremony to be at St George's Canterbury

Entry in record of Marriage Licences at Folkestone Library reads -

“Matson, Robert, of Hougham, husb.ba. about 22, with the consent of his mother Elizabeth Matson, w, and Dorothy Tailer, s.p., v., who consents, as is testified by Elizabeth Tailer mother of the said Dorothy. At S. George's, Cant. Nicholas Swayne of Hougham, husb., bonds, March 21, 1635”.

Spouse: Dorothy TAILOR (OR TAILER)
 Birth: 1619, Hougham, Kent
 Mother: Elizabeth
 Marr: 21 Mar 1635, St. George's, Canterbury
 Marr Memo: Marriage Licence.

Children: John (1637-)

(7) 1.2.1.1.1.6.1 John MATSON

Birth: Apr 1637, Barham, Kent.
 Chr: 22 Apr 1637, Barham, Kent.

(6) 1.2.1.1.1.7 Katherine MATSON

Birth: 1616, Sellindge, Kent
 Chr: 11 May 1616, Sellindge, Kent

(6) 1.2.1.1.1.8 William MATSON

Birth: Dover
 Death: 1608, Dover, Kent
 Burial: 5 Jul 1608, St. Mary The Virgin, Dover

This may be a reference to this William: -

William 26, 18 - another Archdeacon's visitation, to St John's in Thanet, Margate, 1581. William Matson withheld 6 shillings meant to be paid to the poor of the parish under the Will of John Hartye.

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(6) 1.2.1.1.1.9 Henry MATSON

Death: Jan 1617
Burial: 26 Jan 1617, Shepherdswell

(6) 1.2.1.1.1.10 Judith MATSON

Death: 1614, Sellindge, Kent
Burial: 4 Feb 1614, Sellindge, Kent
Burial Memo: or 14th Feb. 1614

Burial could have been 14th February 1614.

(5) 1.2.1.1.2 Christopher MATSON

Birth: 1573, Kingston, Kent
Chr: 19 Apr 1573, Barham, Kent
Death: bef 1624

Inherited £15 from his father James.

Spouse: Lydia

Christopher Matson Vol20, p15 - relict Lydia of Dedtford (sic) parish, > granted administration 17 May 1624/25.

(5) 1.2.1.1.3 Alice MATSON

Birth: 1580, Shepherdswell
Chr: 17 Jul 1580, Shepherdswell

Inherited £10 from her father in 1593.

(5) 1.2.1.1.4 Joanne MATSON

Birth: 18 Apr 1582, Shepherdswell

Inherited £10 from her father in 1593

Spouse: Iriah HUYBONE
Marr: 1 Apr 1611, Shepherdswell

(5) 1.2.1.1.5 John MATSON

Birth: 1584, Shepherdswell
Death: 1604, Shepherdswell
Burial: 29 Mar 1604, Shepherdswell

Inherited £10 from his father in 1593.

A Katherine Matson 'wife of John' is recorded as buried 27th October 1633 at Ringwould.

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Spouse: Katherine
 Death: Oct 1633
 Burial: 27 Oct 1633, Ringwould. This may not be accurate. It is a record in the Ringwould Parish register that might refer to the wife of this John Matson.

(5) 1.2.1.1.6 Margery MATSON

Birth: 1586, Shepherdswell
 Chr: 27 Mar 1588, Shepherdswell

Record of marriage in 1616 states that Israel Pownell of The Precincts of Ch.Ch.Can.G. Bonds.

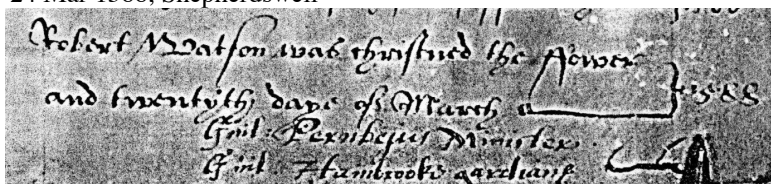
Spouse: Henry BULL
 Birth: Northbourne, Kent
 Occ: Yeoman
 Marr: 12 Dec 1616, All Saints, Canterbury



Robert MATSON

(5) 1.2.1.1.7 Robert MATSON

Birth: 24 Mar 1588, Shepherdswell. Year Of The Spanish Armada.
 Chr: 24 Mar 1588, Shepherdswell



Entry in Shepherdswell Parish Records

Death: 1651, Shepherdswell
 Occ: Yeoman And Land Owner

Born in the reign of Elizabeth 1 in the year of the Spanish Armada. He lived when James VI of Scotland (1567-1625) became James I of England & Scotland in 1603, during the Civil War, 1642-1649 and died during the time of Oliver Cromwell.

Nephew of Captain Thomas Philpott who owned Upton Court and became Guardian to the fatherless Matson Children. When Thomas Philpot became a widower, he lived at Upton Court, Sibertswold with his nephew Robert Matson.

Thomas Philpott was a son of Henry Philpott and brother of Alice Philpott who married James Matson (1550-1593).

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He inherited £10 from his father in 1593.

Lived at Upton Court, Sibertswold.

Will written 6th March 1650 and Probate 18th October 1650 (Prob/11/218).

Spouse: Joyce CHAMBERS
Birth: 12 Jul 1590, Coldred, Kent
Death: 1660, Shepherdswell Death Memo: Or possibly 1640?
Burial: 14 Nov 1660, Shepherdswell
Father: Edward CHAMBERS (-1596)
Mother: Ann

Will written 26th February 1655 and proved 1662.

Marr: 20 Nov 1611, Alkham, Kent Marr Memo: Info from Colin Matson

Children: William (1612-)
Elizabeth (1614->1651)
Judith (1617-)
John (1620-1686)
Bennet (1623->1686)
Robert (Died as Child) (1625-1631)
Hannah (1628->1651)
James (or Jacobi) (1630-1708)
Dorothea (1633->1662)
Robert (1635-)

(6) 1.2.1.1.7.1 William MATSON

Birth: Oct 1612, Shepherdswell Birth Memo: 1616 from Colin Matson
Chr: 25 Oct 1612, Shepherdswell
Occ: Yeoman And Churchwarden

Lived through the Civil War 1642-1649.

In March 1651, he was appointed 'Constable of Maidstone for Folkestone'

Yeoman at Hougham in 1685 and 1696.

Spouse: First Name Unknown KNOTT
Father: William KNOTT (-1659)
Mother: Sara

Daughter of William Knott of Coldred, Blacksmith with land at Eythorne. William died 1659.

Children: John (>1634-)
James (~1650-1730)
William (~1655-)
Robert (~1655-)
1 Of 2 Other Children - No Details Known
2 Of 2 Other Children - No Details Known
Elizabeth (-1694)

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(7) 1.2.1.1.7.1.1 John MATSON

Birth: aft 1634

Living in 1662.

Referred to in the will of grandfather William Knott dated 1663.

John MATSON b. aft 1634 son of William MATSON son of Robert MATSON & Joyce CHAMBERS of Shepherdswell

This is from 'Al' via RootsChat: -

The earliest MATSON family in my line was John MATSON & Elizabeth FOADE who had children in the Waltham and Chilham parishes between 1673-1694 approx. There are several possibilities for where he came from: -

1: - John MATSON b. aft 1634 son of William MATSON son of Robert MATSON & Joyce CHAMBERS of Shepherdswell

2: - John MATSON b. 1646 son of John MATSON & Mary (Not Mary BOREHAM/BOURMAN as he only married her in 1659) son of Robert MATSON & Joyce CHAMBERS of Shepherdswell

3: - Another John MATSON somewhere

Various names are repeated on certain of the MATSON lines; Robert and James are core family names. Christopher is important on my line. An oddity is Nathaniel who was one of the rich Dover merchant Matsons; the only other MATSON with this name that I have seen was one born to my John MATSON & Elizabeth FOADE in 1694. Perhaps this indicates that this John was closely related to the Dover Nathaniel? On the other hand, perhaps it was just a fashionable name between 1665 and 1694?

To further confuse things there was also a John MATSON & Judith MARTIN starting a family in Wye at the same time (maybe a little earlier) as John & Elizabeth. Perhaps as John & Judith started their family before John & Elizabeth it points to the John married to Judith as being the son of William in case 1 above leaving the John married to Elizabeth to be the son of John & Mary in case 2. Even combined with the Nathaniel name coincidence this is pretty tenuous.

(7) 1.2.1.1.7.1.2 James MATSON

Birth: app 1650, Worth?
 Birth Memo: Could be 1661. Info from Colin Matson
 Death: 1730

Possibly lived at Reach Court (info from Colin Matson)

There is a record in the 'Calendar of Assize Records' that shows that in July 1665 a James Matson of Bewsborough hundred was made a Constable, together with several others from all over Kent.

This could be that James.

Bewsborough hundred covered the areas of Buckland in Dover, Charlton, Coldred, Guston, Hougham, Lydden, Poulton, River, St Margaret's at Cliffe, Sibertswold, Temple Ewell, Westcliffe, West Langdon, Whitfield

Spouse: Sussana
 Death: 1724

(7) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3 William MATSON

Birth: abt 1655, Hougham, Kent
 Occ: Yeoman

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Shown as aged 30 and of Hougham, at time of marriage in 1685.

Living in 1662.

Referred to in the will of grandfather William Knott dated 1663.

A William Matson of Hougham, Yeoman is referred to in the will of Stephen Wood of Hougham, husbandman. Will dated 20th July 1696. Archdeaconry Court of Canterbury Vol79 F48. Probate 22nd July 1696.

Spouse: Ann UPTON
 Birth: abt 1663, Hougham, Kent

Ann Upton may have married twice, both to William Matson where she is shown as a spinster aged 22 in 1685 and to Nicholas Matson.

A George Upton, gent, of Canterbury owned Tancrey Island estate in Fordwich. He left it in his will to his relations, the Jennings.

Marr: 22 Dec 1685, Hougham Or St. James Dover.
 Marr Memo: (Cant. Marriage Licence)

Children: Anne (1696-)
 Susannah (1690-)
 Robert (1686-)

(8) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.1 Anne MATSON

 Birth: 7 Jul 1696, Hougham
 Chr: 7 Jul 1696, St. Lawrence, Hougham

(8) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.2 Susannah MATSON

 Birth: 10 Aug 1690, Hougham
 Chr: 10 Aug 1690, St. Lawrence, Hougham

(8) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3 Robert MATSON

 Birth: Sep 1686, St. Lawrence, Hougham
 Chr: 20 Sep 1686, St. Lawrence, Hougham

Link to son shown is NOT confirmed. This is only an idea based on dates and locations, (May2007)

Children: Robert (-1768)

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1 Robert MATSON

 Death: 14 Aug 1768, Ringwould, Kent
 Occ: Victualler

Link to father shown is NOT confirmed. Only an idea as at May 2007.

Ringwould Parish Register has this entry for a burial - 788 1768 Aug 14 Robert MATSON.

Will dated 6th July 1768. Probate 21st January 1769 at Prerogative Court of Canterbury. (Prob 11/945)

Source: Prerogative Court of Canterbury, Probate 21 Jan 1769

Robert Matson of Ringwould, victualler, will dated 6 Jul 1768

Wife Jane, executrix

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Children Hannah, Jane, Ann, Mary, William and Robert Matson
Brother in law Stephen Gibbon of Ringwould, shopkeeper
Witnesses John Cranbrook, Joh. Foord, John Cannon Jun'r Clk to Mr. Roby Att'y at Deal.

Note that there is also this will recorded: -

Will of Robert Matson, Labourer of Ringwould, Kent 23 January 1768 PROB 11/935

Spouse: Jane GIBBON
Birth: ? Ringwould
Death: 1783, Ringwould
Burial: 31 Aug 1783, Ringwould*
Father: Unknown Son GIBBON

*Ringwould Parish Register has this entry for a burial that may be Jane. 923 1783 Aug 31 Jane MATSON

Children: Jane (1754-<1841)
Ann (~1757-<1841)
Mary (1759-)
William (1762-1826)
Robert (1764-1842)
Hannah (1750-<1841)
Mary (-<1841)

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.1 Jane MATSON

Birth: 1754, Ringwould, Kent
Birth Memo: of East Langdon on Marriage record
Chr: 21 Apr 1754, Ringwould, Kent
Death: bef 1841

Information in will of Robert Matson of 1842 shows Jane as deceased.

Spouse: William STRINGER
Birth: East Langdon, Kent

An Ann Matson married Stephen Stringer at Westcliffe in 1770.
A Mary Stringer is referred to as a 'Widow of the City of Canterbury' in the will of Mary Matson (1695-1766) who was the wife of Samuel Dell. Perhaps she was Williams' mother?

Marr: 4 Apr 1780, East Langdon, Kent
Marr Memo: Banns

Children: Jane (-<1841)

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.1.1 Jane STRINGER

Death: bef 1841

Info from will of John Matson 1842 prob 11/1959

Children: Jane

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.1.1.1 Jane STRINGER

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Birth: Ringwould, Kent

Spouse: Richard REDMAN
 Birth: Ringwould, Kent

Named on marriage record as father. Info from will of Robert Matson 1842 prob 11/1959

Children: William

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.1.1.1.1 William MATSON

Birth: Ringwould, Kent

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.2 Ann MATSON

Birth: abt 1757, Ringwould, Kent
 Chr: 5 Mar 1757, Ringwould, Kent
 Death: bef 1841, Ringwould, Kent

Shown as aged 24 on marriage licence.

Wm Lilley of Ringwould mariner bach (24) & Ann Matson of the s sp (24). 21 Jun 1781.

Shown as deceased on brother Roberts' will dated 6th November 1841.

Spouse: William LILLY
 Birth: abt 1757, Ringwould, Kent
 Death: Sep 1838, Ringwould, Kent
 Death Memo: Eastry 5 73
 Occ: Mariner - 'Marver'? (On Marriage Licence)

Shown as aged 24 on marriage licence.

Shown as deceased in wife's brother Roberts' will 6th November 1841.

Marr: 23 Jun 1781, Ringwould, Kent
 Marr Memo: By Licence

Children: William (~1818-)
 Richard Matson (~1818-)

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.2.1 William LILLY

Birth: abt 1818, Ringwould, Kent

1841 census shows aged 20 (born about 1821)
 Info from will of Robert Matson 1842. Prob 11/1959

Spouse: Harriet
 Birth: abt 1820, St. Margaret's-At-Cliffe, Kent

1841 census shows the family living with the family of John and Harriet Sutton both of whom are aged 30.

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Children: William (Died as Infant) (~1841-<1851)
 Sarah (~1843-)
 Richard Frederick (~1845-)
 Frances (~1847-)
 Harriet (~1849-)
 James (~1852-)
 Hannah (~1853-)
 William (~1858-)

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.2.1.1 William LILLY

Birth: abt 1841, Ringwould, Kent
 Death: bef 1851

1841 census shows aged 3 months
 1851 census does not record William

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.2.1.2 Sarah LILLY

Birth: abt 1843, Ringwould, Kent

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.2.1.3 Richard Frederick LILLY

Birth: abt 1845, Kingsdown, Kent Birth Memo: 1881 census
 Occ: Mariner

1851 census shows aged 6
 1861 census shows aged 10
 1881 census aged 36, born about 1845, living in Kingsdown. Born in Ringwould.

Spouse: Lucy Annie ARNOLD
 Birth: 27 Mar 1858, Kingsdown, Kent
 Father: Jarvist ARNOLD (1815-)
 Mother: Henrietta FRIEND (1817-)

1871 census shows Lucy aged 13, born Ringwould, and living with parents.
 1881 census shows Jarvist as aged 65 and a lodger with his daughter and son-in-law at Kingsdown. Also with the family are Edgar E. Arnold (29) Mariner, Edward R. Arnold (26) Mariner and a male visitor F. Pregnall aged 25 and of 'independent means'

Marr: Mar 1878, Dover Registration District Marr Memo: 2a 1111

Children: Henrietta Mary (1879-)

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.2.1.3.1 Henrietta Mary LILLY

Birth: May 1879, Kingsdown, Kent
 Birth Memo: 1881 census. Dover Registration District 2a 943

1881 census living in Kingsdown with parents.

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(12) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.2.1.4 Frances LILLY

Birth: abt 1847, Ringwould, Kent

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.2.1.5 Harriet LILLY

Birth: abt 1849, Ringwould, Kent

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.2.1.6 James LILLY

Birth: abt 1852, Ringwould, Kent

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.2.1.7 Hannah LILLY

Birth: abt 1853, Ringwould, Kent

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.2.1.8 William LILLY

Birth: abt 1858, Ringwould, Kent

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.2.2 Richard Matson LILLY

Birth: abt 1818, Kingsdown, Kent

Occ: Mariner

Spouse: Elizabeth UPTON OR WELLARD

Birth: abt 1819, Dover, Kent

The 1849 Marriage index has two Elizabeths in the September Quarter.
1891 census records a Calke Green aged 4, born Dover as a visitor.

Marr: Sep 1849, Dover Registration District

Marr Memo: 5 157

Children: Richard (~1861-)

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.2.2.1 Richard LILLY

Birth: abt 1861, Dover, Kent

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.3 Mary MATSON

Birth: 1759, Ringwould

Chr: 8 Apr 1749, Ringwould

Mary sp Oxney married William SMITH botp B Ringwould Jul 4 1780

Info on death from brother Roberts's will of 1842 Prob 11/1959.

Spouse: William SMITH

Birth: Ringwould, Kent

Marr: 4 Jul 1780, Ringwould, Kent

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Children: James
Jane (-<1841)

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.3.1 James SMITH

Info from will of Robert Matson 1842 prob 11/1959

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.3.2 Jane SMITH

Death: bef 1841

Death info from will of Robert Matson 1842. Prob 11/1959

Spouse: Unknown Male HARRISON

Info in will of Robert Matson 1842 prob 11/1959

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4 William MATSON

Birth: 1762, Ringwould, Kent
Birth Memo: Based on record of burial. Could be 1764
Chr: 22 Aug 1762, Ringwould
Death: Oct 1826, Middle Street, Deal, Kent
Burial: 25 Oct 1826, St. George's, Deal, Kent
Occ: Miller/Baker

Record of burial states aged 64.
(1826 25 Oct William MATSON, Middle street, 64 yrs)
This links to the record of birth at Ringwould.
Kent, Surrey, London: - Canterbury Marriage Licences, 1781-1809
Volume 32 fol 29 1781
Wm Matson of Deal baker bach & Mary Hyder of the s sp. 13 Oct 1781.
A J Willis' book: 'Canterbury Marriage Licences 1781-1809 - page 21 -
"Wm MATSON of Deal baker bach & Mary HYDER of the s sp. 13 Oct'
1781 14 Oct William MATSON, otp to Mary HYDER, otp by Licence.
Witnesses; Richard MOCKETT, Edward FOREMAN.

1792 Deal Directory has William Matson, Baker

Deal Levee en masse 1803:

William MATSON miller, Class 3, In Captain Poynter's Troop Army of Deal Reserve:
William MATSON, exempt. Because in Captain Poynter's Group
William MATSON, miller, liable to serve
William MATSON, carpenter, liable to serve
(From fiche KFHS Deal militia

There is a record in Ringwould Parish Register for a burial - 1165 1804 Sep 30 Willm MATSON. This William has not been identified, but may explain the two entries for William Matson in the Deal Levee of 1803.

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1824 Deal directory -

Wm MATSON, Middle St, baker

..... MATSON, Alfred Square, miller

Owned Upper Deal Mill and this was passed on to his son William.

Probably the grandson of William Matson born 1695 (see separate entries for the family).

1824 Pigot's Directory - Deal

Matson ... Miller Alfred Sq Deal

Bushell James ... Miller Alfred Sq Deal

Alfred Square marks the north end of the

"old town" of Deal. It links Middle Street

and High Street on the south side,

Sandown Road and College Road on the

north side. Cavendish House, on the

corner of North Street and Sandown Road,

was once a bakery. This *may* have been

the premises referred to in Pigot's

Directory.

It certainly looks as if Mary Hyder is the

same person as the Mary Matson in the

1841 census. I had a look at the St

Leonard's records in Deal Library looking

at the baptisms around 1758-1760 on the

basis that at least one of the couple was

around twenty years of age at their

marriage, but no luck.

Perhaps even more significantly, there was no sign of anyone by the name of Matson or Hyder - one might have thought that at least one sibling from either family might be born around that time - again no luck. So I tried the Independent (Congregational) records on the basis that if they were non-conformists they would have had to marry in an Anglican Church because of Hardwick's Marriage Act, which was then in force. No luck there either.

Although there are a few Matsons, and a few more Hyders in the phone book, none are in Deal. There are some Hyders in the Dover/Canterbury area.

The entry for the 1781 marriage shows both parties as being "of this parish", but that doesn't mean too much anyway!

Curling is quite a well-known name in Deal.

There is a record of a Will at Archdeaconry Court 1784-89 119 Book 101 for William Matson Walmer. Will Proved 12th April 1785.

Note: - David Wright's guide to East Kent Parishes notes that St George was formerly a Chapelry to St Leonard's. The St George registers date from 1852 and previous entries are copies of St Leonard registers.

Spouse: Mary HYDER
 Birth: 1760, Bethersden, Kent
 Chr: 4 May 1760, Bethersden, Kent
 Father: Thomas HYDER (~1731-1813)
 Mother: Ann BURVILLE (~1733-1795)



Cavendish House, Alfred Square, Deal

Cavendish House, Deal

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Pigot's 1839 Deal Directory

*Mrs. MATSON, Market Street (under nobility, gentry & clergy)

**Mary MATSON, baker, 21 Middle Street

Phillip MATSON, baker, Duke Street

George MATSON, miller, Upper Deal

* This is Mary MATSON (Nee Flint) age 80 living in Market Street in the 1841 census (independent means - born Kent).

** This is Mary Ann Matson who carried on the baker's business in Middle Street, Deal after the death of her father. 1841 Census also records a Harriet Hyder aged 15, born about 1826 in Deal, living in Deal at the same address as 25 year old Jane Barwick who is also from Deal.



Upper Deal Mill

“Watermills & Windmills”

This book states that in 1840 Upper Deal Mill was owned by a widow, Mrs. Matson and that the new smock mill was built for her son.

According to a directory of that date, Fred Matson was the miller in 1878, and he held it as late as 1894.

Without dates, the same book refers to George Matson as the miller. It says that this family continued to use it for a great number of years and that Frederick Matson was the miller in 1878 and had it as late as 1894. It was demolished in March 1929, the land being acquired for the construction of dwellings for men employed in Betteshanger Colliery. (Mill Hill Estate).

‘The Mills Archive - Directory of Kent Mill People’

MATSON Frederick (MATTERSON) male, miller 1852-1894 Deal smock mill Kent built by Mrs. (Mary MATSON for her son.

MATSON George (MATTERSON) male, miller 1839 Deal Upper Post mill Kent

MATSON Mrs. M (MATTERSON) widow female, miller 1840 & 1845 Deal Upper Post mill Kent

Deal Tithe Award Schedule - 30th January 1843

Owner - Whitewood. Occupier - Mrs. Matson. Number - 43. Description - Upper Deal Mill House and premises. Quantities - 0.2.12. Rector - 0.14.8.

A Hannah Hyder born about 1818 in Bridge married a John Lawrence who was born about 1817 in Littlebourne (info from Ken Perry on Genes Reunited).

Marr: 14 Oct 1781, St. Leonard's Church, Deal,

Marr Memo: By Licence. Canterbury Marriage Licences, 1781-1809 Volume 32, fol 29 1781

Children: Mary Ann (1781-1823)
 William (1784-1842)
 Thomas (1785-)
 Richard Hyder (1787-1855)
 John (1789-1873)
 Harriet (Died as Infant) (1791-1793)
 Elizabeth (Died as Infant) (1793-1793)
 Harriet (1794-1862)
 Caroline (1799-1874)
 Elizabeth Ann (1801-)

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(11) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.1 Mary Ann MATSON

Birth: 1781, Deal, Kent
 Chr: 23 Dec 1781, St. Nicholas, Sholden, Near Deal
 Death: Oct 1823, Deal, Kent
 Burial: 10 Oct 1823, St. George's, Deal
 Occ: Baker (1830)

Mary Ann was the second wife of William Cavell as their marriage licence of 31 Dec 1803 shows him as a widow and her as a spinster.

In 1800, Mary Ann was a witness at the marriage of James HOLMES and Maria BURVILLE in Walmer.

Mary Ann's signature is on the marriage entry for James HOLMES and Maria BURVILLE in 1800. She has a flowing hand and was probably literate, so likely to have been middle class, which fits with her being the daughter of a mill owner. James HOLMES was a master plumber, his father a victualler (at the Green Dragon in Dover), and Maria BURVILLE's father was a farmer with land at St Margaret's-at-Cliffe.

Interestingly, two granddaughters (sisters) of James and Maria both married COLLARDS (probably brothers) in 1868 and 1869, but this is probably just coincidence.

The Parish records show that Mary Ann Cavell was aged 41 and buried 11th October 1823. Her address is given as Middle Street, Lower Deal.

1839 Deal directory

*Mrs. Matson, Market Street (under nobility, gentry & clergy)

**Mary MATSON, baker, 21 Middle Street

Phillip MATSON, baker, Duke Street

George MATSON, miller, Upper Deal

* This is Mary MATSON (Nee Flint) age 80 living in Market Street in the 1841 census (independent means - born Kent).

** This is Mary Ann Matson who carried on the baker's business in Middle Street, Deal after the death of her father.

Spouse: William CAVELL
 Birth: Apr 1776, Deal, Kent
 Chr: 14 Apr 1776, Deal, Kent
 Death: 21 Nov 1859, Deal, Kent
 Occ: Carpenter
 Father: John CAVELL (1758-)
 Mother: Elizabeth ALLEN

The IGI at Family Search suggests that William Cavell could have been baptised in Deal in 1776, son of John Cavell and Elizabeth (nee Allen) who married at Deal in 1771 - these entries were on forms submitted by a member of the LDS, so ideally should be checked using PRs.

Widower of this parish (Deal) at the time of his marriage to Mary Ann Matson 1804.

Canterbury Marriage Licences vol 34 fol 59 1804 Kent

Wm Cavell of Deal carp wid and Mary Ann Matson of the s. sp 31st December 1803

13th Dec 1815 Henry Slaughter son of William & Mary Ann CAVELL. Note: Middle St. Carpenter. Rev. M.P

22nd Oct 1820 Thomas Hyder* son of William & Mary Ann CAVELL. Note: Middle St. Carpenter. (P.A) Rec M.P

Marr: 4 Jan 1804, St. Leonard's, Deal, Kent
 Marr Memo: Licence

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Children: William Matson (1804-1879)
 Mary Ann (1807-1825)
 Elizabeth Ann (1807-)
 Emma Eliza (Died as Child) (1810-1821)
 John Matson (Died as Child) (1811-1815)
 Henry Slaughter (Died as Infant) (1815-1816)
 Thomas Hyder (Died as Infant) (1820-1821)

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.1.1 William Matson CAVELL

Birth: Nov 1804, Deal, Kent
 Chr: 28 Nov 1804, St. George's, Deal
 Death: May 1879, Deal, Kent
 Death Memo: June Quarter/Eastry 2a 559
 Burial: 24 May 1879, Hamilton Road Cemetery, Deal, Kent
 Occ: Mayor Of Deal, Director Of "The Downs Docks Company Limited"

DEAL BOATMEN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

Sir,—As your columns are always open to any case of real distress which claims more than mere local sympathy, I hope you will kindly permit me to lay before the public a melancholy case which has thrown a gloom on the town of which I have the honour to be chief magistrate.

The lugger *Fawn*, manned by four of our boatmen (whose valuable services are so well known all over the world), was run down on the night of the 1st of August by a steamer near the Downs, and all hands in a moment perished. They have all left families, and there are 12 orphans deprived of every means of support; while to increase the misery, if possible, one of the poor widows daily expects her confinement.

The inhabitants of Deal, ever ready in the cause of charity, will do their best to alleviate the sufferings thus entailed; but as the subscription list for a similar casualty at Kingsdown, a village close to us, has but just closed, I feel that we may hope to enlist the sympathies of some who, though strangers to us, have learned to value the services of men who are always ready to risk their lives in saving those of their fellow-creatures. To those who know not the Deal boatmen, the fact that these widows and fatherless children are thus suddenly left destitute will be, I feel sure, warrant sufficient for my appeal, and any subscriptions will be most thankfully received and acknowledged by,

Sir, your obedient servant,
WILLIAM MATSON CAVELL, Mayor of Deal.
 St. Patrick's-road, Deal, Aug. 19.

P.S.—The following banks have kindly undertaken to receive subscriptions:—London and Westminster Bank, 41, Lothbury; London and County Bank, 21, Lombard-street; City Bank, Threadneedle-street; and National and Provincial Bank of England, Deal.

On the 22nd August 1864, William had a letter published in 'The Times' raising an appeal for the families of lost Deal boatmen which is signed William Matson Cavell, Mayor of Deal.

William Matson Cavell Esq. Mayor of Deal is listed as a Director of "The Downs Docks Company Limited" in The Examiner (London, England), Saturday, June 17, 1865; Issue 2994

1880 record of death states aged 74.

Record of burial describes William as 'gent'. of Union Road, Deal.

Spouse: Mary HUGGETT
 Birth: abt 1814, St. John, Margate

Canterbury Marriage Licences vol 36 fol 31 1830 Kent
 Wm Matson Cavell of St John Margate bach and Mary Huggett of the s (16, no guard) 25th April 1830

Marr: 25 Apr 1830, St. John, Margate

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.1.2 Mary Ann CAVELL

Birth: Jan 1807, Deal, Kent
 Chr: 30 Jan 1807, St. George's, Deal
 Chr Memo: or the 3rd (Terence)
 Death: Nov 1825, Deal, Kent
 Burial: 2 Dec 1825, St. George's, Deal

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(12) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.1.3 Elizabeth Ann CAVELL

Birth: 1807, Deal, Kent
 Chr: 3 Jan 1808, St. Leonard's, Deal, Kent

In 1824, Mary Ann's daughter Elizabeth Ann CAVELL married James and Maria's son William Burville HOLMES at St Leonard's, Deal.

Spouse: William Burville HOLMES
 Marr: 1824, St. Leonard's, Deal

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.1.4 Emma Eliza CAVELL

Birth: Aug 1810, Deal, Kent
 Chr: 15 Aug 1810, St. Leonard's, Deal, Kent
 Death: 1821

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.1.5 John Matson CAVELL

Birth: Nov 1811, Deal, Kent
 Chr: 30 Nov 1811, St. George's, Deal
 Chr Memo: or 30th October 1811 at St. Leonard's
 Death: 1815, Deal, Kent
 Burial: 3 Mar 1815, St. George's, Deal

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.1.6 Henry Slaughter CAVELL

Birth: Dec 1815, Deal, Kent
 Chr: 13 Dec 1815, St Leonard's, Deal, Kent
 Death: Jan 1816, Deal, Kent
 Burial: 16 Jan 1816, St. George's, Deal

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.1.7 Thomas Hyder CAVELL

Birth: May 1820, Deal, Kent
 Chr: 28 May 1820, St Leonard's, Deal, Kent
 Death: Jul 1821, Deal, Kent
 Burial: 20 Jul 1821, St. George's, Deal

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2a William MATSON*

Birth: Jan 1784, Deal, Kent
 Birth Memo: or 1774
 Chr: 11 Jan 1784, St. Leonard's, Deal, Kent
 Death: Jun 1842, Deal, Kent
 Death Memo: Eastry 5 93 or Blean 5 24
 Occ: Miller At Upper Deal Mill

May have been born in 1794.
 Inherited Upper Deal Mill from his father.

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1803 Matson W miller at Deal: - Finch's Directory

Shown as a widower at time of marriage to Mary Whitewood in 1813.

1813 28 Oct William MATSON widower, otp to Mary WHITEWOOD, sp, otp by Licence. Witnesses; W. COLLARD, Mary AKHURST.

“The Times” of Thursday April 24th, 1817 has the following report: -

At about half-past eight on the evening of Wednesday se’nnight, as Mr Matson, baker, of Walmer, was returning home from Upper Deal, hew was stopped by two men in the dress of marines, armed with pistols and cutlasses, who with horrid imprecations demanded his money: being informed that he had bt two shillings and sixpence about him, and which he gave to them, they immediately proceeded to search his pockets, but not finding any more (one farthing excepted, which they took from him), directed Mr. M. to cross some fiieldsaway from the road, that he might not have an opportunity of making an alarm, until they could get a sufficient distance to prevent detection.

Record of Will in 1842 Archdeaconry 652 Book 110 Hackington.

Thomas MATSON apprenticed to Thomas RAMMELL of Deal, Baker 1771, fee £12. 15s. (Ref: 67/213 Inland Revenue records at PRO)

There is a Thomas Rammell who was born in Tilmanstone in 1733 and died 1803, also in Tilmanstone.

Unfortunately, I have no record of his occupation but it seems likely that there is a link with Thomas Matson. The info I have is that he was the son of Edward Rammell and Margaret Ladd. He was baptised Eastry and died 1725. I don't have a marriage for him.

The following people may prove to be a relation: -

Deal Levee en masse 1803:

William MATSON miller, Class 3, In Captain Poynter's Troop

Army of Deal Reserve:

William MATSON, exempt. Because in Captain Poynter's Group

William MATSON, miller, liable to serve William MATSON, carpenter, liable to serve.

From fiche KFHS Deal Militia

1841 census shows William aged 67, Mary aged 57, Thomas aged 22, Mary aged 19 and Frederick aged 16. The family is in Bewsborough Hundred in Deal. In the same household is Thomas Whitewood aged 22 and a servant.

1841 census Matson William miller aged 67 Upper Deal mill

Thomas Whitewood 22 yr. old Male Servant working for William Matson on the mill. 1861 Census has an entry that might be one and the same.

No wife listed though it does not state Wid., and daughters Elizabeth,? Kitty, Mary, Fanny and Harriet PLUS importantly Mary Knowler Marr. aged 40 occ. Housekeeper born Deal PLUS Marr/Lodger William Knowler aged 42 occ. Carter born Sandwich

This might be Mary Matson Collard Whitewood marr to William Knowler.

Note: - David Wright's guide to East Kent Parishes notes that St George was formerly a Chapelry to St Leonard’s.

The St George registers date from 1852 and previous entries are copies of St Leonard registers.

Spouse:	Elizabeth Eve COLLARD
Birth:	abt 1783, Deal, Kent
Birth Memo:	From burial record
Chr:	21 Oct 1774, Deal, Kent
Death:	4 Jun 1810, Deal, Kent
Mother:	Mary Ann

Wm Matson of Deal miller bach & Eliz Eve Collard of the s sp. 07 Apr 1801.

1801 2 Apr William MATSON, b otp to Elizabeth Eve COLLARD, sp otp

Witnesses; Jeremiah CHURCH, Elizabeth FAGG, J. COLLARD.

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Mary Ann's (Elizabeth Eve's mother) signature is on the marriage entry for James HOLMES and Maria BURVILLE in 1800. She has a flowing hand and was probably literate, so likely to have been middle class, which fits with the suggestion that she was the daughter of a mill owner. James HOLMES was a master plumber, his father a victualler (at the Green Dragon in Dover), and Maria BURVILLE's father was a farmer with land at St Margaret's-at-Cliffe.

Interestingly, two granddaughters (sisters) of James and Maria both married COLLARDs (probably brothers) in 1868 and 1869, but this is probably just coincidence.

(As their third son was born in 1810, it would seem likely childbirth death for her)

1810 4 June Elizabeth Eve MATSON wife of William, Upper Deal Mill, 27 yrs

Marr: 8 Apr 1801, Deal, Kent
 Marr Memo: By Licence

Children: Charles (1802-)
 William (1804-1873)
 Philip (1806-1854)
 Eliza (1809-1896)
 William Collard (1810-1817)

Other spouses: Mary WHITEWOOD

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2a.1 Charles MATSON

Birth: Feb 1802, At The Mill/ St, George's, Deal
 Chr: 24 Feb 1802, St. Leonard's Deal, Kent
 Occ: Miller At Upper Deal

From Registers of St. Leonard's Church, Deal. - Charles & Elizabeth, Upper Deal, Miller
 A John Matson married another Elizabeth Boxall in 1776 at St Peter, Sandwich.
 1841 census aged 40 and at Upper Deal.

Spouse: Elizabeth BOXALL
 Birth: abt 1811, Deal, Kent
 Occ: Laundress (1861)

1841 census aged 30, born about 1811
 1861 census Elizabeth Matson aged 52 is recorded as Head of Household at Upper Deal. She is recorded as a Laundress.

Marr: 17 Jul 1828, Deal, Kent

Children: Eliza (1828-)
 William John (1829-1888)
 Charles (1832-)
 Charles (~1832-)
 Sarah Elizabeth (Died as Child) (1834-1843)
 Mary Jane (1836-)
 Caroline (1838-)
 Edward (1845-)

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(13) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2a.1.1 Eliza MATSON

Birth: 1828, Deal, Kent
 Chr: 3 Aug 1828, St. Leonard's Deal, Kent

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2a.1.2 William John MATSON

Birth: 1829, Sturry, Kent
 Birth Memo: From Marriage record
 Chr: 30 Jan 1830, St. Leonard's Deal, Kent
 Death: Dec 1888, Sturry, Kent
 Death Memo: Blean 2a 439
 Occ: Journeyman Miller (1881)

1841 census aged 11, born about 1830 and living with mother and siblings

Married by banns at the parish church of Chislet, which I think is St Mary's. William John Matson, 30, miller, of Sturry (father, Charles, a miller) to Mary Ann Harlow 27, svt, of Chislet, dau of John (Lab) took place there also on 5th Nov 1859. Therefore, according to this, if correct, William's father was a Charles Matson

1861 census living at Sturry Mill aged 30 Miller born Deal. Living in Sturry.

The 1851 census showed John Harlow, widwr, age 48, living at Chislet Park and again he showed as an AgLab. I believe there was a Chislet mill that somehow figured into the family as John Harlow's shaving mug has been passed down in the family and has a painted picture of that mill. John Harlow's will of 1869 appointed William Matson along with his son, John, as executors of his estate. In the will, he mentioned his dau, Mary and her husband William Matson, miller of Sturry.

1871 census records aged 40, born about 1831 in Deal. Living in Sturry

1881 census records aged 51 born in Deal, living at Herne Street, Herne and a Journeyman Miller

1888 record of death states aged 58.

SEE ALSO RECORD OF OTHER MATSON MILLERS AT UPPER DEAL AND A THOMAS MATSON LINKED TO THOMAS RAMMELL - ALL REMAIN TO BE LINKED.

There is also an 1851 census record for Sarah Matson aged 26, born about 1825 in Sturry who is a Housemaid in Minster-in-Thanel at the home of Stephen Collard (50) who is a widowed farmer of 28 acres, employing 6 labourers. He has 3 children recorded with him.

Spouse: Mary Ann HARLOW
 Birth: 1834, Chislet, Kent
 Birth Memo: From marriage Record
 Death: Mar 1917, Sturry, Kent
 Death Memo: Blean 2a 1638
 Occ: Servant (1859)
 Father: John HARLOW (1802-1869)
 Mother: Sarah EDWARDS (1807-1839)

1841 census shows aged 8

1859 marriage record states aged 27

1861 census living at Sturry Mill aged 27 born Chislet

1871 census shows age 38, born about 1833 in Chislet

1917 record of death states aged 84

Marr: 5 Nov 1859, St. Mary's Church, Chislet, Kent
 Marr Memo: Blean 2a 1003

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(13) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2a.1.3 Charles MATSON

 Birth: 1832, Deal, Kent
 Chr: 1 Jul 1832, St. Leonard's Deal, Kent

1841 census aged 8. Two children named Charles recorded

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2a.1.4 Charles MATSON

 Birth: abt 1832, Deal, Kent
 1841 shows two children named Charles

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2a.1.5 Sarah Elizabeth MATSON

 Birth: 1834, Deal, Kent
 Chr: 19 Oct 1834, St. Leonard's Deal, Kent
 Death: Mar 1843, Eastry Registration District. Death Memo: 5 101

1841 census aged 7

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2a.1.6 Mary Jane MATSON

 Birth: 1836, Deal, Kent
 Chr: 18 Oct 1836, St. Leonard's Deal, Kent

1841 census shows aged 5 and name as Jane.

1861 census aged 24 and a servant at the house of 55-year-old Margaret Karney in Walmer. At the same house is her sister Caroline Matson aged 22 and also a servant

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2a.1.7 Caroline MATSON

 Birth: Dec 1838, Deal, Kent Birth Memo: Eastry 5 122

1841 census aged 2

1861 census aged 22 and a servant at the house of 55-year-old Margaret Kaney in Walmer. Caroline's sister Mary is also a servant at the same address

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2a.1.8 Edward MATSON

 Birth: Dec 1845, Ringwould, Kent
 Chr: 25 Dec 1845, Ringwould, Kent

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2a.2 William MATSON

 Birth: Sep 1804, Deal, Kent
 Chr: 21 Sep 1804, St. George's, Deal
 Death: Mar 1873, Isle Of Thanet Registration District Death Memo: 2a 508

1841 census aged 40

Record of death may not be this William. However, aged at death is recorded as 68.

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(12) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2a.3 Philip MATSON

Birth: 1806, Upper Deal, Kent
 Chr: 30 May 1806, St. Leonard's Deal, Kent
 Death: Jun 1854, Eastry Registration District
 Death Memo: FreeBMD Eastry 2a 372
 Occ: Baker



Deal 1825 by J.M.W. Turner

Pigot's 1839 Deal Directory

*Mrs. MATSON, Market Street (under nobility, gentry & clergy)
 **Mary MATSON, baker, 21 Middle Street
 Phillip MATSON, baker, Duke Street
 George MATSON, miller, Upper Deal
 * This is Mary MATSON (Nee Flint) age 80 living in Market Street in the 1841 census (independent means - born Kent).
 ** This is Mary Ann Matson who carried on the baker's business in Middle Street, Deal after the death of her father.

1841 census shows the family as living in Bewsborough Hundred in Parish of Deal. Philip is recorded as aged 30. 1851 census shows Philip as a 45-year-old lodger with Richard Prescott, a 65-year-old farm labourer, and Mary Prescott, aged 6, at Ringwould, and a widower. The 1854 record of death shows middle name as Brandon.

Spouse: Mary Ann HAYWARD
 Birth: abt 1811, Deal, Kent
 Death: Sep 1844, Deal, Kent
 Death Memo: Eastry 5 80

St. Leonard's Church, Deal - Baptisms

1830 28 Feb Mary Ann d/o Philip & Mary MATSON, Duke Street, Baker.
 1831 19 Oct Charles William s/o Philip & Mary MATSON, Duke Street, Baker.

Marr: 12 Nov 1828, Deal, Kent

Children: Charles William (1831-1904)
 Mary Ann (1830-1901)
 Jane (~1835-)

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2a.3.1 Charles William MATSON

Birth: Oct 1831, Deal, Kent
 Chr: 19 Oct 1831, St. Leonard's Deal, Kent
 Death: Jun 1904, Thanet Registration District
 Death Memo: 2a 1046
 Occ: Apprentice Coach Maker (1851)

1851 census shows Charles W. Matson as aged 19 and an Apprentice Coach Maker "Brother" living at 24, Duke Street, Deal with William T. Woodruff, a 25-year-old Baker employing 1 man, a Mary Ann Woodruff, aged 21, Louisa J. Woodruff aged 1 and Elizabeth A. Riley aged 14, a House Servant. All born in Deal.

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1861 census aged 29 and living in St. Pancras, Middlesex.
 1871 census aged 39 and a Coach Makers clerk living in St Pancras. The family has Charles's mother-in-law and a visitor, Harry Gibbon 28 -year-old County Court Clerk; born in Ripple, Kent as well as Annie Taylor who is a 16 -year-old domestic servant born in Camden Town.
 1901 census aged 69, born Deal and living in Ealing, Middlesex
 1904 record of death states age as 72

Spouse: Rosetta AKLHURST
 Birth: abt 1830, Margate, Kent
 Death: Dec 1923, Thanet Registration District
 Death Memo: 2a 1214
 Mother: Elizabeth (~1805-)

1861 census aged 31. Mary Ward aged 25, born about 1836 is recorded as sister.
 1901 census living in Ealing, Middlesex
 1911 census aged 82, born about 1829 and living in Thanet
 1923 record of death shows aged 95

Marr: Dec 1856, St. Luke, Holburn, Middlesex
 Marr Memo: 1b 755

Children: Rosa Louise Marian (1860-)
 Charles George (1861-1949)

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2a.3.1.1 Rosa Louise Marian MATSON

Birth: Dec 1860, Camden Town, London
 Birth Memo: Pancras Registration District 1b 100

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2a.3.1.2 Charles George MATSON

Birth: Dec 1861, Camden Town, London
 Birth Memo: Pancras 1b 102
 Death: 25 Jan 1949, 12, Freeland Road, Ealing Common
 Burial: 29 Jan 1949, Highgate Cemetery, Swains Lane

1901 census aged 39 and living in Ealing with parents

Spouse: Emma Charlotte ELLIOTT
 Birth: abt 1862, Cuckfield, Sussex

1901 census aged 39 and at the home of her father-in-law.

Marr: Dec 1893, St. George Hanover Square, London
 Marr Memo: 1a 779

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2a.3.2 Mary Ann MATSON

Birth: Feb 1830, Deal, Kent
 Chr: 28 Feb 1830, St. Leonard's Deal, Kent
 Death: 18 Jan 1901, Deal, Kent

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William T. Woodruff, a 23 year old Baker employing 1 man, a **Mary Ann Woodruff, aged 21**, Louisa Woodruff aged 1 and Elizabeth Riley aged 14. a House Servant.

All born in Deal

1901 record of death states that Mary is a widow.

Spouse: William Tipper WOODRUFF
 Birth: abt 1828, Deal, Kent
 Death: bef 1901
 Occ: Baker

1851 census aged 25 and living in Deal

Marr: Sep 1849, Hackney, Middlesex Marr Memo: 3 161

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2a.3.3 Jane MATSON

Birth: abt 1835, Deal, Kent

1841 census aged 6 born Bewsborough and living with parents

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2a.4a Eliza MATSON*

Birth: 1809, Walmer, Kent. Birth Memo: or possibly Barham (Michael Gandy)
 Chr: 5 May 1809, St. Leonard’s Deal, Kent
 Death: Jun 1896, Brentford, Middlesex Death Memo: 3a 39

1841 census shows Eliza aged 30. Ancestry Web Site has a note that Eliza may have been Seath and not Matson.

1851 census aged 41 and born Walmer, Kent.

1861 census shows aged 52 and born Walmer, Kent.

1871 census shows Eliza Marsh a 64-year-old widow living in Church Street, Walmer. In the same household, of which she is head, is Thomas Matson described as ‘brother’ and occupation Miller, who is 53 years old and born in Deal.

There is a Matson family in Deal in the early 1800s that probably owned Upper Deal Mill.

I have shown all the Reakes births entries up to and including 1860. Not all these will have been children of this couple. The reason is to help with discovering how the Henry Tritton Reakes painting came into our (the authors’) family, where it was believed that he was a relative. The back of the painting had a worn inscription, which reads “ Verso. Henry Tritton Reakes. Born Jan-13 1790. This likeness taken Nov-18-11” Henry Tritton Reakes' appears in 1823, 1824 and 1826 directories with an academy/school at High Street, Ramsgate. Walnut Tree House Academy, Ramsgate.

(There is also a marriage of a Jane Reakes to George Phillips Pearce in the December 1859 quarter - Bridge 2a 937) The census returns give her as born 1809, Walmer, Kent. There is an ELIZA REAKES born 1809 whose death is given by FreeBMD as 2nd. quarter 1896, Brentford District, Middlesex. Vol. 3a, Page 39.



Henry Tritton Reakes

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Painted November 1811

Spouse: James REAKES
 Birth: abt 1806, Barham, Kent.
 Birth Memo: 1805
 Death: 14 Mar 1879, Barham, Kent
 Death Memo: Bridge 2a 509
 Occ: Smith (1841)
 Father: Thomas REAKES (1769-1816)
 Mother: Jane

Could this be the link to the painting of Henry Tritton Reakes born 13th January 1790-? and painted in November 1811?

1841 census shows 35-year-old James Reakes and family at Denne Hall Cottage, Barham, Kent. In the same household are Thomas Tritton, Smith (J) aged 20 and Emma Matson aged 14, (F.L.).

1847 Bagshaw General History of Kent records James as a Blacksmith at Barham.

1851 census aged 46 and Blacksmith employing 1 man.

1861 census aged 56, born Barham and living at Smiths Cottage, Barham. Also recorded at the same household is Andrew Stephenson who is 18-year-old Journeyman Smith from Northiam, Newcastle.

1871 census no record found.

1879 record of death shows aged 74. Died at Providence Cottage, Barham

Marr: 2 May 1833, Barham, Kent.

Children: Eliza (~1834-)
 Daniel (~1836-)
 Jane Pilcher (1838-)
 John (1840-1867)
 Ann (E) (1849-)
 James (1851-)
 Amelia (1839-)
 Daniel (1839-)
 Jane (~1838-1839)
 Alfred (Died as Child) (1842-1849)
 James (1842-1865)
 Joseph Thomas (Died as Infant) (1842-1843)
 Elizabeth (1843-)
 Emma (Died as Child) (1845-1849)
 Elizabeth (Died as Infant) (1847-1849)
 George (-1851)
 George (-1855)
 Louisa Jane (1856-)

Other spouses: Charles MARSH

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2a.4a.1 Eliza REAKES

Birth: abt 1834, Barham, Kent.
 Occ: Household Servant (1851)

1841 census shows aged 7.

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1851 census shows Eliza as a 17-year-old House Servant in the household of Benjamin Harrison who is a 55-year-old Proprietor of Houses and who lives at Blackheath Park, Charlton, Kent.
 May have died in June Quarter 1875 aged 39. Bridge 2a 439

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2a.4a.2 Daniel REAKES

Birth: abt 1836, Barham, Kent.
 Occ: Schoolmaster

1841 census aged 5.
 1851 census aged 15 and a Pupil Teacher in an Industrial School.
 1871 census a 35-year-old widower living at School House, Wardour, Wiltshire with his daughter. Also at the same house is Anna M. Harvey, born Chilmark, Wiltshire who is his 34-year-old sister-in-law and recorded as an unmarried scholar.
 There are several Reakes families in this area of the UK at the time.

Children: Elizabeth A. (~1860-)

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2a.4a.2.1 Elizabeth A. REAKES

Birth: abt 1860, East Peckham, Kent

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2a.4a.3 Jane Pilcher REAKES

Birth: Mar 1838, Barham, Kent.
 Birth Memo: Bridge 5 23

1851 census shown as aged 13.

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2a.4a.4 John REAKES

Birth: Jun 1840, Barham, Kent.
 Birth Memo: Bridge 5 37
 Death: Mar 1867, Barham, Kent
 Death Memo: Bridge 2a 420
 Occ: School Master

1841 census shows aged 1.
 1851 census shows aged 10.
 1861 census shows aged 20, living with parents at Barham.

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2a.4a.5 Ann (E) REAKES

Birth: Dec 1849, Barham, Kent.
 Birth Memo: Bridge 5 41

1851 census shows aged 1.

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2a.4a.6 James REAKES

Birth: Dec 1851, Barham, Kent. Birth Memo: Bridge 5 48

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(13) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2a.4a.7 Amelia REAKES

Birth: Mar 1839, Barham, Kent.
 Birth Memo: Bridge 5 26

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2a.4a.8 Daniel REAKES

Birth: Dec 1839, Barham, Kent.
 Birth Memo: Bridge 5 37

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2a.4a.9 Jane REAKES

Birth: abt 1838
 Death: Dec 1839, Barham, Kent
 Death Memo: Bridge 5 4

1841 census aged 3.

This cannot be Jane Pilcher as she appears in the 1841 census.

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2a.4a.10 Alfred REAKES

Birth: Jun 1842, Barham, Kent. Birth Memo: Bridge 5 41
 Death: Jun 1849, Barham, Kent. Death Memo: Bridge 5 27

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2a.4a.11 James REAKES

Birth: Jun 1842, Barham, Kent.
 Birth Memo: Bridge 5 42
 Death: Jun 1865, Barham, Kent
 Death Memo: Bridge 2a 364

The date of death could refer to the other James Reakes, however I have taken this one as his twin also died.

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2a.4a.12 Joseph Thomas REAKES

Birth: Sep 1842, Barham, Kent.
 Birth Memo: Bridge 5 38
 Death: Dec 1843, Barham, Kent
 Death Memo: Bridge 5 25

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2a.4a.13 Elizabeth REAKES

Birth: Sep 1843, Dover, Kent
 Birth Memo: 5 133

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2a.4a.14 Emma REAKES

Birth: Jun 1845, Barham, Kent.
 Birth Memo: Bridge 5 *
 Death: Mar 1849, Barham, Kent Death Memo: Bridge 5 34

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(13) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2a.4a.15 Elizabeth REAKES

Birth: Sep 1847, Barham, Kent.
 Birth Memo: Bridge 5 3
 Death: Mar 1849, Barham, Kent
 Death Memo: Bridge 5 34

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2a.4a.16 George REAKES

Death: Mar 1851, Dover, Kent
 Death Memo: 5 77

1847 Bagshaw General History of Kent records a George Reakes as a Farrier at Staple.

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2a.4a.17 George REAKES

Death: Jun 1855, Barham, Kent.
 Death Memo: Bridge 2a 346

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2a.4a.18 Louisa Jane REAKES

Birth: Mar 1856, Barham, Kent.
 Birth Memo: Bridge 2a 537

Probably the daughter of Thomas Reakes and Elizabeth Levers who married in Bridge in September Quarter 1854 - 2a 753

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2a.4b Eliza MATSON* (See above)

Spouse: Charles MARSH
 Marr: Dec 1848, Deal, Kent
 Marr Memo: Eastry 5 229

Other spouses: James REAKES

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2a.5 William Collard MATSON

Birth: 1810, Deal, Kent
 Chr: 6 Oct 1810, Deal, Kent
 Death: 1817, Deal, Kent
 Burial: 28 Apr 1817, St. Leonard's Deal, Kent

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2b William MATSON* (See above)

Spouse: Mary WHITEWOOD
 Birth: abt 1784, Tilmanstone, Kent
 Chr: 9 Jan 1784, Tilmanstone, Kent
 Death: Dec 1862, Eastry Registration District
 Death Memo: 2a 442

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Father: Michael WHITEWOOD (1743-1822)
Mother: Sarah HATHAWAY

1841 census aged 57, born about 1784. Thomas (22), Frederick (16) and Mary (19) Matson are all shown at the same address

Deal Tithe Award Schedule - 30th January 1843

Owner Whitewood Tenant Mrs. Matson (Number 43 on Tithe Award) Upper Deal Mill house and premises. Also, she has tenancy of West Furlong Arable Land from Mrs. Boxall, West Furlong Arable Land from James Gartrelll, West Furlong Arable Land from John Henderson and West Furlong Arable Land from Mrs. Walters.

1845 Post Office Directory

Matson Mrs. Mary Upper Deal mill

1847 Deal directory

Mary MATSON, corn miller, Upper Deal

Mary MATSON, farmer, Upper Deal

1851 census

Mary MATSON head wid 67 born Tilmanstone

Thomas Matson son Unm 32 farmer Deal

Frederick “ son Unm 26 Miller Deal

Mary Ann “ dau Unm 28 Millers daughter b. Deal

Thomas WHITEWOOD visitor widr 70 Retired Carpenter b. Eastry*

Ann SUTTON un 18 Millers Ap. B. Whitfield

(DEAL, Upper Deal Mill House 1851 Census, page 8, fol.640, No.34)

1859 & 1862 Post Office Directory

Matson Mrs. Mary Upper Deal mill

1861 Census

At Upper Deal Mill House, Deal.

Mary Matson Hd. Widr. aged 76 yrs. occ. Millering Business born Tilmanstone, Son Thomas still unmarried aged 43 yrs. occ. Labourer

Daughter Mary A. also unmarr. aged 39 yrs. occ. Dressmaker Plus a House Servant 17 year old Mary A. Johnson born Ringwould.

Mary MATSON widow built replacement smock mill for her son, Deal
(Bygone Kent, Vol.1 No.12, page 743 onwards, Deal's Windmills)

* The Thomas Whitewood living with her was her brother, the executor of her inheritance!

An Ann Whitewoods' death is recorded in the March Quarter of 1844 in Eastry Registration District (5 123), which includes Tilmanstone where Mary was born

Marr: 28 Oct 1813, St. Leonard's Deal, Kent

Children: Thomas Whitewood (Died as Infant) (1814-1817)
John (Died as Infant) (1816-1820)
Thomas (1818-1878)
William Henry (1820-1835)
Mary Ann (1822-)
Frederick (1824-1893)
Jane (Died as Child) (1826-1832)
John (~1736-<1790)

Other spouses: Elizabeth Eve COLLARD

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(12) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2b.1 Thomas Whitewood MATSON

Birth: Dec 1814, Deal, Kent
 Chr: 26 Dec 1814, St. Leonard's, Deal, Kent
 Death: 28 Apr 1817, St. Leonard's Deal, Kent
 Occ: Farmer
 There is a Chr. listed on IGI for a Thomas Whitewood Matson on 26 Dec 1814

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2b.2 John MATSON

Birth: 1816, Deal, Kent
 Chr: 21 Jul 1816, St. Leonard's Deal, Kent
 Death: Sep 1820, Deal, Kent
 Burial: 12 Sep 1820, St. Leonard's Deal, Kent

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2b.3 Thomas MATSON

Birth: 1818, Deal, Kent
 Chr: 18 Mar 1818, St. Leonard's Deal, Kent
 Death: Mar 1878, Eastry Registration District Death Memo: 2a 567
 Occ: Miller/Farmer

1841 Census

Resident at Upper Deal Mill, Deal, Kent. Living with parents.
 Thomas aged 22 yrs. occ. Miller Yes, born in County

1851 Census

Resident at Upper Deal Mill, Deal
 Thomas Son aged 32 Unmarried occ. Farmer

1861 Census

Aged 43 and Resident at Upper Deal Mill House, Deal
 (Mary Matson Hd. Widr. aged 76 yrs. occ. Millering Business b Tilmanstone)
 Thomas Son Unmarr. aged 43 yrs. occ. Labourer born Deal

1871 Census

Aged 53 and living in Church Street, Walmer with sister Eliza Marsh head of household who describes Thomas as 'brother'. Thomas is recorded as unmarried and blind. His occupation is Miller.
 Eliza Marsh is aged 64, (wrongly transcribed as 61) and therefore born about 1805 (1810 in transcript) in Deal.
 A record of death for Eliza Marsh exists. March 1871 Eastry District 2a 495. Age at death 62
 The household has two lodgers, John H. Hadley (66) and William Suttun (72).
 Next door there is a Mary Marsh who is a 20-year-old General Servant, born Great Mongeham, who may be a relative.

1878 record of death says aged 59.

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2b.4 William Henry MATSON

Birth: 1820, Deal, Kent
 Chr: 9 Apr 1820, St. Leonard's Deal, Kent
 Chr Memo: or 30th June 1820
 Death: Jul 1835, Deal, Kent
 Burial: 18 Jul 1835, St. Leonard's Deal, Kent

1820 30 Jun William Henry MATSON s/o William and Mary Deal (LDS)

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(12) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2b.5 Mary Ann MATSON

Birth: 1822, Deal, Kent
 Chr: 20 Feb 1822, St. Leonard's Deal, Kent
 Occ: Lodging House Keeper (1881)

1841 Census

Resident at Upper Deal Mill, Deal, Kent
 Mary aged 19 yrs. Living with parents. Yes, born in County

1851 Census

Resident at Upper Deal Mill, Deal
 Mary Dau. aged 28 Unmarried with brothers Thomas and Frederick still at home

1861 Census

Resident at Upper Deal Mill House, Kent
 Mary A. Matson Dau. Unmarr. aged 39 yrs. occ. Dressmaker born Deal
 The household has two lodgers, John H. Hadley (66) and William Suttun (72).

1871 Census

Recorded at 112 Beach Street, Deal as a Lodging House keeper. There is also a general servant Elizabeth Jane Lawrence who is aged 16.

1881 Census

Listed in 112 Beach St., Deal as an Unmarr. 58 yr. old Lodging House Keeper

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2b.6 Frederick MATSON

Birth: 1824, Deal, Kent
 Chr: 31 Oct 1824, St. Leonard's Deal, Kent
 Death: 31 Oct 1893, Deal, Kent Death Memo: Aged 69. Eastry 2a 594
 Occ: Miller

Owned Upper Deal Mill.

A Frederick Matson is recorded in the list of Gentry and Clergy at Wingham in Pigot's 1839 Directory. This seems likely to be a relation.

There is a book 'Watermills and Windmills' relating to Kentish Mills.

Without dates, it refers to George Matson as the miller, but says that Mrs. Matson, widow, was the owner in 1840. This means, I guess that George died 1839/40 and that the new smock mill was built for her son. It says that this family continued to use it for a great number of years. Frederick Matson was the miller in 1878 and had it as late as 1894. It was demolished in March 1929, the land being acquired for the construction of dwellings for men employed in Betteshanger Colliery.

1841 Census

Aged 16 and living with parents

1851 census

Resident at Upper Deal Mill.
 Frederick Matson son Unmarried aged 26 Occupation Miller

1852 Kelly

Matson Frederick Upper Deal mill

Circa 1855 Matson Frederick miller Upper Deal smock mill: Coles Finch p192

1855 Matson Frederick miller Upper Deal smock mill built: East Kent Mills (20-08-1932)

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1861 census William's son Frederick Matson aged 36 yrs. born Deal, working as a Miller at Down Hill, Sandwich, Eastry district, with wife Elizabeth aged 37 born Canterbury, son Frederick W. aged 3 born Walmer, daughters Elizabeth A. aged 2 born Walmer, Ellen aged 4 months born Walmer. In addition, Servant/Housemaid Mar E. Williams aged 15 born Mongeham.

1862, 1866 & 1870 Post Office Directory

Matson Frederick miller Upper Deal

1871 census same names and birthplaces

Resident at Mill House, Deal

Frederick aged 46 yrs. occ. Miller (...)? Same as before

Elizabeth aged 46 yrs.

Frederick aged 13 yrs. Scholar

Elizabeth aged 12 yrs. Scholar

Ellen aged 10 yrs. Scholar

1874 Post Office Directory

Matson Frederick miller Upper Deal

1878 Directory

Matson Frederick miller Upper Deal mill: Coles Finch p192 & Kelly

1881 census records Frederick as aged 56, born about 1825, and a "C Miller" living at Mill House, Deal.

The family are all together on the 1881 Census at the Mill House in Deal and son Frederick is a Miller, excepting Ellen who is not with them, she is in Middlesex London employed as a Servant /Nursery Governess Unmarr. aged 19 yrs.

1891 Census

Still living at The Mill House in Deal -

Fredk. Hd. aged 66 yrs. occ. Miller & Dairy Farmer b. Deal

Elizabeth Wife aged 67 yrs. b. Canterbury

Son Fredk.W. Son Unmarr. aged 33 yrs. occ. Farmer's Son b. Walmer

1891 Matson Frederick miller Upper Deal mill: Coles Finch p192 & Kelly

1894 Matson Frederick miller Upper Deal mill: Coles Finch p192

Spouse: Elizabeth HOPKINS
Birth: abt 1824, Canterbury, Kent

Marriage entry has Elizabeth Hopkins or Elizabeth Ann Joad as alternatives however Hopkins fits the date of birth, which Joad doesn't.

1861 census aged 37 and born Canterbury. The household also has a Servant/Housemaid, Mary E. Williams aged 15 and born Mongeham.

Marr: Sep 1853, Deal, Kent
Marr Memo: Eastry2a 911

Children: Frederick William (1857-1897)
Elizabeth A. (~1859-)
Ellen (~1861-)
Elizabeth (~1804-)

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(13) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2b.6.1 Frederick William MATSON

Birth: Sep 1857, Walmer, Deal, Kent
Birth Memo: Eastry 2a 64
Death: 28 Mar 1897, Deal, Kent
Death Memo: aged 39 Eastry 2a 612a

1861 census records aged 3 and born Walmer
1881 census records aged 23 and a Miller living with parents
1891 census records aged 33 Framers son born Walmer living with parents

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2b.6.2 Elizabeth A. MATSON

Birth: abt 1859, Walmer Kent.

1861 census records aged 2 and born Walmer
1881 census records aged 22 and living at the Mill House with parents

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2b.6.3 Ellen MATSON

Birth: abt 1861, Walmer, Kent
Occ: Servant/Nursery Governess

1861 census

Records aged 4 months and born Walmer

1881 Census

Ellen is in Middlesex London employed as a Servant /Nursery Governess Unmarr. aged 19 yrs.

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2b.6.4 Elizabeth MATSON

Birth: abt 1804, Gravesend, Kent

1851 census aged 47 and living in St. Michael Bassishaw, London City North, Middlesex. 3 children are recorded.
Sister Ellen Matson. 32, is a visitor

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2b.7 Jane MATSON

Birth: Oct 1826, Deal, Kent
Chr: 1 Oct 1826, St. Leonard's Deal, Kent
Death: Mar 1832, Deal, Kent
Burial: 23 Mar 1832, St. Leonard's Deal, Kent

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.2b.8 John TUCKER

Birth: abt 1736
Death: bef 1790, Hougham
Occ: Blacksmith

1757 marriage witnessed by Ingram Bromley, Susanna's brother.

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Spouse: Susannah BROMLEY
 Birth: Dec 1736, Capel-Le-Ferne, Kent
 Chr: 12 Dec 1736, St. Mary, Capel-Le-Ferne, Kent
 Father: Ingram BROMLEY (1697-1784)
 Mother: Ann BURGESS (1699-1757)
 Marr: 28 Jul 1757, St. Laurence, Hougham
 Marr Memo: by licence

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.3 Thomas MATSON

Birth: Jul 1785, Walmer, Kent
 Chr: 13 Jul 1785, St. Leonard's Or St. George's, Deal, Kent
 Occ: Baker

Father William owned Upper Deal Mill, which was passed onto Thomas's brother William who was a baker in Deal.

Spouse: Elizabeth SEATH (S)
 Birth: Walmer, Kent
 Death: abt 1831, Walmer, Kent

There is a record of a will in Archdeaconry Court 1831 363 Book 108 Elizabeth Matson of Walmer.

Marr: 13 Oct 1807, Walmer, Kent
 Marr Memo: Banns

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.4 Richard Hyder MATSON

Birth: 1787, Deal, Kent
 Chr: 21 Mar 1787, St. Leonard's, Deal, Kent
 Death: Mar 1855, Eastry Registration District. Death Memo: 2a 513
 Occ: Baker

Lived in Deal. Father William owned Upper Deal Mill and passed it on to Richards' brother William. Brother Thomas was a baker in Walmer.

Pigot's 1839 Directory records Richard Hider (sic.) Matson as a baker at 21, Middle Street, Deal.

1841 census shows aged 50 born about 1791. Living in Middle Street, Deal and a Baker

1851 census shows Richard aged 64

Spouse: Jane LARKIN (S)
 Birth: abt 1809, Barfrestone, Kent

1841 census shows aged 30 born about 1811

1851 census shows aged 42 born Barfrestone

1881 census shows aged 70 born Barfrestone about 1811 and a servant at 'The Hill Top', Brenchley, Kent. She is a widow. The house is that of Caroline Waterhouse who is a schoolmistress born in Scarborough, Yorkshire and who lives with her brother John A. Waterhouse a 46-year-old Merchants Clerk.

Marr: 3 Dec 1833, Deal, Kent

Children: Richard Henry Hyder (Died as Child) (1838-1843)
 Francis Thomas (1842-1918)

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(12) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.4.1 Richard Henry Hyder MATSON

Birth: Mar 1838, Deal, Kent
 Birth Memo: Eastry 5 134
 Chr: 23 Mar 1838, St. George's, Deal
 Death: Jun 1843, Deal, Kent Death Memo: Eastry 5 95

1841 census shows aged 3
 Name in death record is Richard Henry Hyder Matson

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.4.2 Francis Thomas MATSON

Birth: May 1842, Deal, Kent
 Birth Memo: Eastry Registration District June
 Chr: 4 May 1842, St. George's, Deal
 Death: Sep 1918, Biggleswade Registration District
 District: Death Memo: 3b 312
 Occ: Clothes Shopman/Drapers Assistant

1851 census shows aged 9 and born Deal
 1861 census aged 18 and a servant in the home of 33-year-old John Hudson Willden in Deal
 1881 census shows aged 38 born about 1843 in Deal and living at 43 Randall Street, Maidstone
 On the 23rd February 1888, Francis, a William Hudson and George Edney appeared at Gloucester Court, charged with conspiracy to obtain goods by fraud. Francis and Hudson were sentenced to 12 months imprisonment with hard labour, and Edney to 6 months imprisonment.
 1891 census shows Francis living at 2, Market Square, Biggleswade, Bedford. He is a 49-year-old Tailor Outfitter
 1901 living at 31, Sun Street, Hitchin, Hertfordshire. A Drapers assistant
 1918 record of death states aged 74.

OXFORD CIRCUIT.

At Gloucester, yesterday, before the Lord Chief Justice, FRANCIS THOMAS MATSON, WILLIAM HUDSON, and GEORGE EDNEY were charged with conspiring together in October last to obtain by fraud a quantity of goods from Messrs. Holloway, clothiers, Stroud. Mr. Underhill, Q.C., and Mr. J. D. Stuart Sim prosecuted; and Mr. Jelf, Q.C., and Mr. A. T. Lawrence appeared for the defendants Matson and Hudson; and Mr. Stroud for Edney. The evidence showed that Matson and Hudson were employed as buyers by Messrs. Dennis Paine and Co., ready-made clothiers at Maidstone, and it was alleged that Edney, who was a salesman employed by Messrs. Holloway, had, in concert with the others, entered in invoices and the books of the firm false descriptions of goods which he sent to Matson and Hudson, the goods so sent being superior in quality and price to what was stated in the invoices. There were about 11 transactions in all, extending over a month, and the total loss to Messrs. Holloway by the difference was about £290. For the defence it was contended that although the descriptions in the invoices might not be correct, yet the price paid was adequate for the reason that the goods sent were job lots, and being antiquated or soiled were depreciated in value, and witnesses were called who proved that when job lots were purchased in the trade it was not usual to compare them very closely with the invoices. The trial lasted two days, and in the result the jury found the prisoners Guilty. His Lordship sentenced Matson and Hudson to 12 months' imprisonment with hard labour, and Edney, who had acted as the cat-paw of the other prisoners, to six months' imprisonment. The Grand Jury made a presentment to Lord Coleridge to the effect that in their opinion it was desirable that the system of grouping counties for the purpose of Assizes should be discontinued. His Lordship said that he had had presentments of a similar nature from the grand juries of Worcestershire, the city of Worcester, and the city of Gloucester, and he would take care to forward them to the proper authorities.

Spouse: Emma Jane REED
 Birth: abt 1839, Ramsgate, Kent
 Death: Sep 1912, Biggleswade Registration District
 Death Memo: 3b 306

1881 census records that 43 Randall Street has a number of other lodgers
 1881 census shows Emma Jane aged 53 in Biggleswade.
 1901 census aged 60 in Hitchin. The family has a 20-year-old general domestic servant named Rebekkah Hill.
 1912 record of death states aged 72.

Marr: Dec 1880, Leeds Registration District
 Marr Memo: 9b 628
 Children: Florence (Illegitimate) (1871-)

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(13) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.4.2.1 Florence MATSON

Birth: Dec 1871, Maidstone, Kent
 Birth Memo: 2a 577
 Occ: Hosier's Assistant

1881 census aged 9 and living with parents
 1891 census aged 19 and living with parents

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.5 John MATSON

Birth: Nov 1789, St. Margaret's-At-Cliffe, Kent
 Chr: 25 Nov 1789, St. Leonard's Deal, Kent
 Death: Mar 1873, Dover Registration District
 Death Memo: 2a 528

1841 census recorded at St. Margaret's-at-Cliffe, Kent aged 50 born about 1791 Bewsborough Hundred. At the same household are Hannah Matson aged 15 born about 1826 and Esther Hammond aged 18 and born about 1823
 1851 census shows John aged 60 born about 1791 and married to Hannah aged 56 and born about 1795 in Upchurch, Kent.
 1873 record of death shows aged 82.

Spouse: Hannah
 Birth: abt 1795, Upchurch, Isle Of Sheppey, Kent

1851 census gives Hannah as born Upchurch and aged 56
 1881 census shows Hannah as an 86 -year-old widow living at 'Cottage', St. Margaret's-at-Cliffe. She is an Annuitant. There is a visitor Ann P. Pearce who is aged 62 (born about 1819 in St. Margaret's-at-Cliffe and also an Annuitant.

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.6 Harriet MATSON

Birth: Dec 1791
 Chr: 28 Dec 1791, St. Leonard's Deal, Kent. Chr Memo: or 12th or 29th December 1791
 Death: Dec 1793
 Burial: 6 Dec 1793

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.7 Elizabeth MATSON

Birth: Aug 1793
 Chr: 2 Aug 1793, St. George's, Deal
 Death: Dec 1793
 Burial: 6 Dec 1793

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.8 Harriet MATSON

Birth: Dec 1794, Deal, Kent
 Chr: 12 Dec 1794
 Death: Jan 1862, Thanet Registration District
 Death Memo: March Quarter 2a 425
 Burial: 18 Jan 1862

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Spouse: Charles Denn DUNKIN
 Birth: Deal, Kent
 Death: 10 Jun 1838, Isle of Thanet Registration District
 Death Memo: 5 339
 Marr: 15 May 1816, Deal, Kent

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.9 Caroline MATSON

Birth: 2 Jan 1799, Deal, Kent
 Chr: 23 Jan 1799, St. Leonard's, Deal, Kent
 Death: May 1874, Thanet Registration District
 Death Memo: June Quarter 2a 475
 Burial: 26 May 1874, St. John, Margate

1851 census living in Margate at 4, St. John's Street.

1861 Caroline is a widow and a fund holder (another name for private income) and living with her daughter Helen Mary Gover nee Broome she married Henry Gover in the April quarter of 1851, Henry is a Barrister at Law and they are living in Somerset.

Name: Caroline Broome Date of Burial: 26 May 1874: Age 75
 Abode: Vicarage Crescent Margate Parish Church: Margate St John
 Ceremony Performed By W Benham Vicar, Parish: Thanet.

Caroline and John had eleven children and they all were given second names, which was generally not the usual custom in the 1820-30s. Second names like Maria, Richard, Robert and Edmond can be expected, as can Matson and Cavill.

However, they did have a daughter - Elizabeth Burville Broome born in 1824.

Thus, it would appear that Caroline gave her grandmothers maiden name as a second name to her daughter

Spouse: John BROOME
 Birth: abt 1795, Margate, St. John, Thanet
 Death: Jun 1851, Thanet Registration District
 Death Memo: 5 342
 Occ: Master Tailor (1851)

John was a tailor and had a shop in the High St., Margate
 Their Children were all born in Margate except for Robert John.

Marr: 15 Apr 1819, St. Leonard's Church, Deal, Kent

Children: Helen Mary (~1833-)
 Thomas Hyder (1835-1914)
 Alfred Edmund (1838-1861)
 Caroline Maria Broome (1820-)
 John Matson (1821-1839)
 Mary Culmer (1823-1824)
 Elizabeth Burville (1823-1824)
 Sidney Richard (1826-1898)
 William Cavell (1828-1902)
 Frank Skelton (1830-1914)
 Robert John (1838-1842)

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(12) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.9.1 Helen Mary BROOME

Birth: abt 1833, St. John's In Thanet, Margate, Kent

1861 Caroline is a widow and a fund holder (another name for private income) and living with her daughter Helen Mary Gover nee Broome who had married Henry Gover in the April quarter of 1851, Henry is a Barrister at Law and they are living in Taunton, St. James, Somerset

Spouse: Henry GOVER
 Birth: abt 1827
 Occ: Barrister-At-Law
 Marr: 24 Apr 1851, Margate, Kent
 Marr Memo: Thanet Registration District 5 603

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.9.2 Thomas Hyder BROOME

Birth: 26 Aug 1835, Margate, Kent
 Death: 7 Sep 1914, Bairnsdale, Victoria, Australia

Couple emigrated to Australia after their marriage.

Spouse: Charlotte Elizabeth HUMPHREY

Sister of Frances Adelaide, the wife of William Cavell Broome.

Marr: 11 Aug 1860, Southborough, Kent

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.9.3 Alfred Edmund BROOME

Birth: 9 Feb 1838, Margate, Kent
 Birth Memo: Thanet 5 417
 Death: 5 Jan 1861, Matarikoriko Pa, New Zealand
 Burial: 5 Jan 1861, Waitara Cemetery, New Zealand
 Occ: Sailor In Royal Navy

Alfred Edmund Broome was the son of John BROOME and his wife Caroline nee MATSON Alfred was born at Margate on 9 Feb 1838 and joined the Royal Navy on 17th Dec 1852.

In 1860 he was a member of the crew of HMS Pelorus a steam corvette under the command of Captain Beauchamp Seymour on the Australasian station. They were sent to NZ to take part in the Taranaki War.

Alfred was part of the Naval Brigade from that ship who were involved in the battle for Matarikoriko Pa. On Saturday 29th Dec 1860 he was severely wounded and died the following Saturday 5 Jan 1861.

He was buried in the Waitara Cemetery the following day 6th

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.9.4 Caroline Maria Broome BROOME

Birth: 9 Jan 1820, Margate, Kent

Spouse: Richard MOYLE
 Marr: St George's Church, Cape Town, South Africa

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(12) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.9.5 John Matson BROOME

Birth: 27 Mar 1821, Margate, Kent
 Death: 26 Jun 1839, Porto Rico, West Indies
 Burial: 1839, Porto Rico, West Indies

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.9.6 Mary Culmer BROOME

Birth: 25 Jan 1823, Margate, Kent
 Death: 17 Nov 1824, Margate, Kent

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.9.7 Elizabeth Burville BROOME

Birth: 25 Jan 1823, Margate, Kent
 Death: 17 Nov 1824, Margate, Kent

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.9.8a Sidney Richard BROOME*

Birth: 16 May 1826, Margate, Kent
 Death: 1898

Spouse: Mary Ann
 Death: 1882

Other spouses: Sarah EDWARDS

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.9.8b Sidney Richard BROOME* (See above)

Spouse: Sarah EDWARDS

Other spouses: Mary Ann

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.9.9 William Cavell BROOME

Birth: Jan 1828, Margate, Kent
 Death: 8 Jun 1902, Nicholsun, Victoria, Australia
 William Cavell Broome was my Great Grandfather – Rick Hinde, Mittagong, Australia.

Spouse: Frances Adelaide HUMPHREY
 Sister of Charlotte Elizabeth, the wife of Thomas Hyder Broome.

Marr: 22 Jun 1857, Victoria, Australia

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.9.10 Frank Skelton BROOME

Birth: 19 Nov 1830, Margate, Kent
 Death: 5 May 1914, Bairnsdale, Victoria, Australia

Emigrated to Australia in 1849.

Spouse: Helen McNeil

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(12) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.9.11 Robert John BROOME

Birth: 1838, Margate, Kent
 Death: 1842, Margate, Kent
 Burial: 19 Jan 1842, Margate, Kent

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.10 Elizabeth Ann MATSON

Birth: Dec 1801, Deal, Kent
 Chr: 26 Dec 1801, St. Leonard's, Deal, Kent

Shown as 'of Deal' in marriage licence of 1826.

1851 census shows aged 49, born about 1802 in Deal and living in Elham

1881 census shows aged 70, born about 1811 in Ramsgate and living at 110, Harges Street, Ramsgate.

Spouse: John MILLER
 Birth: abt 1803, Halsted, Kent
 Occ: Shoemaker

Shown as 'of Deal' on marriage licence of 1826.

1851 census shows living in Elham and aged 48

1881 census shows aged 74, born about 1807 in Ramsgate. Living at 110, Harges Street, Ramsgate.

Marr: 30 Mar 1826, Deal, Kent
 Marr Memo: Licence 25th March 1826

Children: Joseph Matson (~1829-1899)
 Henry (~1842-)
 William Cavill (~1847-)

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.10.1 Joseph Matson MILLER

Birth: abt 1829, Deal, Kent
 Death: Jun 1899, Isle of Thanet Registration District
 Death Memo: 2a 574
 Occ: Hay Trusser (Agl)

1851 census living with parents in Elham

1881 census living in Tothill Street, Minster in Thanet. Aged 52, born about 1829 in St. Peters, Kent.

1899 record of death states aged 70.

Spouse: Sarah BROCKMAN
 Birth: abt 1832, Minster-In-Thanet Kent
 Death: Jun 1913, Isle of Thanet Registration District
 Death Memo: 2a 1190

1881 census records two 'nurse children' in the household

1913 record of death states aged 81.

Marr: Dec 1849, Isle of Thanet Registration District Marr Memo: 5 645

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(12) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.10.2 Henry MILLER

Birth: abt 1842, Ashford, Kent

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.4.10.3 William Cavill MILLER

Birth: abt 1847, City Riad, Middlesex

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.5 Robert MATSON

Birth: 1764, Ringwould, Kent
 Chr: 14 Oct 1764, Ringwould, Kent
 Death: Mar 1842, Ringwould, Kent
 Occ: Yeoman Of Ringwould

Will dated 6th November 1841. Proved 16th March 1842. Prob 11/1959.

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.6 Hannah MATSON

Birth: 1750, Ringwould, Kent
 Birth Memo: 1750/1 in Parish records
 Chr: 24 Mar 1750, Ringwould, Kent
 Chr Memo: 1750/1 in Parish records
 Death: bef 1841
 Death Memo: From will of brother Robert in 1841

Living in Deal at time of marriage.
 Unable to confirm date of death.

Spouse: William LAWRENCE
 Birth: Ringwould
 Birth Memo: From marriage record
 Marr: 14 Oct 1775, Ringwould
 Marr Memo: Banns

Children: Susannah
 Jane (<1841)
 John (<1841)

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.6.1 Susannah LAWRENCE

Info from will of Robert Matson 1842 Prob 11/1959

Spouse: Daniel PRITCHARD

Info from will of Robert Matson 1842 Prob 11/1959

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(11) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.6.2 Jane LAWRENCE

Death: bef 1841

Information from will of Robert Matson 1842. Prob 11/1959
Name of Jane's husband undecipherable in will.

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.6.3 John LAWRENCE

Death: bef 1841

Info from will of Robert Matson 1842. Prob 11/1959

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.1.3.3.1.7 Mary MATSON

Birth: Oxney, Kent
Death: bef 1841

Info on death from brother Roberts's will of 1842 Prob 11/1959.

(7) 1.2.1.1.7.1.4 Robert MATSON

Birth: abt 1655, Boughton Aluph
Chr: 20 Sep 1656, Hougham, Kent
Occ: Yeoman

Shown as aged 23 at time of marriage in 1678.
Alive in 1662.
Christening record shows Robert as son of William.
Referred to in the will of grandfather William Knott dated 1663.

Spouse: Mary CATLETT
Birth: abt 1657, Challock

Shown as aged 21 at time of marriage in 1678.
The marriage licence says that John Catlett of Challock, spinster (sic) surety.

Marr: 30 Sep 1678, St. Mildred, Canterbury
Marr Memo: by licence

(7) 1.2.1.1.7.1.5 1 Of 2 Other Children - No Details Known MATSON

(7) 1.2.1.1.7.1.6 2 Of 2 Other Children - No Details Known MATSON

(7) 1.2.1.1.7.1.7 Elizabeth MATSON

Death: May 1694, St. Lawrence, Hougham
 Burial: 22 May 1694, St. Lawrence, Hougham

Living in 1662.

Referred to in the will of grandfather William Knott dated 1663.

Spouse: Unknown Male MOORE
 Name from burial record of his wife Elizabeth.

(6) 1.2.1.1.7.2 Elizabeth MATSON

Birth: Sep 1614, Shepherdswell, Kent
 Chr: 18 Sep 1614, Shepherdswell
 Death: aft 1651

Spouse: William HUGBON OR GRIFFEN
 Marr: 25 Jul 1633, Shepherdswell

(6) 1.2.1.1.7.3 Judith MATSON

Birth: May 1617, Shepherdswell
 Chr: 4 May 1617, Shepherdswell

Marriage date and place could also be 8th July 1641 at St. Mary's, Dover.

Spouse: Robert DAY
 Birth: Dover
 Marr: 28 Jul 1641, Shepherdswell, Or St. Mary's Dover, Kent

(6) 1.2.1.1.7.4 John MATSON

Birth: Mar 1620, Shepherdswell
 Chr: 16 Mar 1620, Shepherdswell
 Death: Oct 1686, Dover, Kent
 Burial: 27 Oct 1686, St James Church, Dover.
 Occ: Merchant Of St James Dover, Ship-Owner And Landowner. Jurat And Mayor Of Dover

Born during the reign of James 1. He lived through the Civil War, 1642-1649, and died during the reign of James 11. There is this reference to 'Jean' Matson recorded at the French Church at Dover: - 'Jean Matson Godfather at christening of Marie Paul 3rd November 1650. God Mothers Marie Loeme and Susanne Ward.'

This probably refers to this John Matson: -
 '[HYTHE HAVEN](#)' by Duncan Forbes 1982

By 1654, Hythe Town accepted the fact that the harbour was disappearing, & impossible to maintain it as a trading port so it was decided to enclose 'innings'. John MATSON of Dover in 1664 was leased 2 acres of the Hythe Harbour, which he was to 'in' (as in Innings) out of the 500 acres of salt and beach, lands owned by Hythe Town. However, the townsmen reserved their rights to continue to catch shrimps & lobsters, and ships could continue to land goods on the beach.

John MATSON:

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1664 Two acres of Hythe Harbour were leased to John MATSON from Dover - which he was to "in" himself and enclose (500 acres of salt and beach lands belonged to Hythe corporation and as the harbour was drying out the corporation were leasing land to individuals - called "Innings".

TITLE Leases by the Corporation - ref. Hy/T/4 (From Hythe town records)

FILE - Two acres of land - ref. Hy/T/4/9 - date: 12 Jul 1664 [from Scope and Content] For inning or enclosing by the lessee at any place or places on the Town outlands, salts and beachy lands (500 acres) and in the occupation of Thomas Stroud and Thomas Little: to John Matson of Dover, merchant, for 21 years

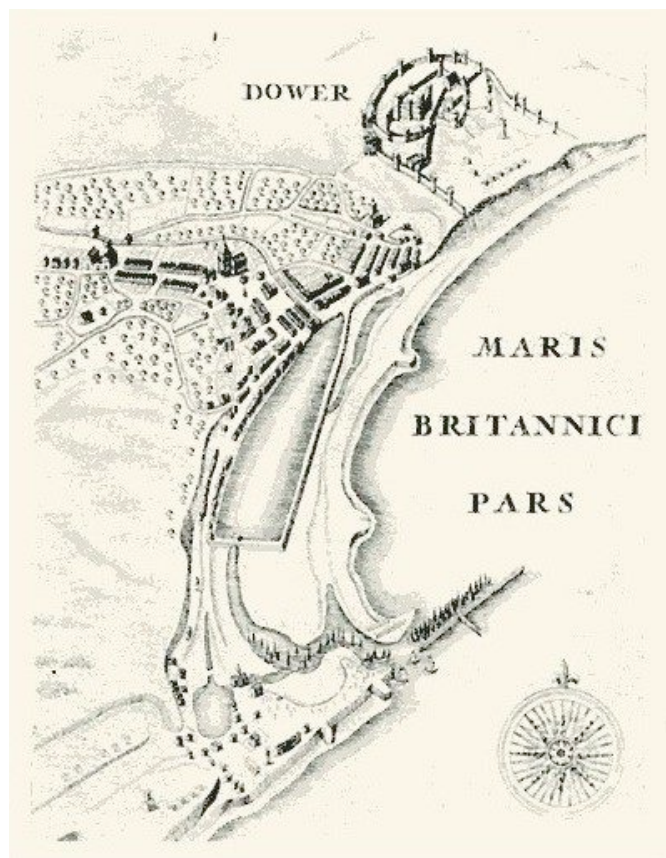
1666 An entry in St.James Church of Dover parish register 'The Plague'.

Mayor of Dover 1668/1669/part of 1670. During the Reign of Charles II.

There is a record of a riot in 1670 and that John Matson was elected Mayor but not installed.

The 14th February 1678 record of son Daniels admission to becoming a Freeman, records that John was 'one of the Jurats'.

Admitted to Freeman of Dover 3rd January 1672.



Map of Dover in the Late 16th Century

1676 The Barons of the Exchequer appointed John with 5 others, the mayor, Captain William Stokes, R.N., Messrs. Giles Dunston, Richard Breton, Walter Braems and James Houseman to 'point out the limits of the Port of Dover seaward, and also the quays and wharves in the Harbour'. They reported that on the 20th January 1676 and on several following days, they went to view the open bays on the coast, and they described the limits of the Port of Dover.

Included in their report is 'John Matson's Quay, which measured on the western side of his warehouse 45 feet'.

"History of the Town and Port of Dover" - Lyon 1813/14, describes John Matson's quay as "... on the west side of his warehouse, forty-five feet, and from thence, toward the north, thirty-five feet." Note - A subscriber to this publication is recorded as "R. Matson Esq., of Sandwich."

However, the inquiry by the Barons of the Exchequer led to nothing. The state of the harbour went from bad to worse. (p111 & p332)

In course of time the private quays came under the control of the Harbour Commissioners/Dover Harbour Board and the road along them became public

The "Annals of Dover" by John Bavington-Jones (1938) -refers to John (naming him "Richard" in error) when it records that at the beginning of January, 1679 John (recorded as Richard) Matson, Edward Dell, Samuel Tavener, Nathaniel Barry, Symon Yorke and Anthony Street were summoned to attend the Privy Council, and were to be reprimanded for attending Conventicles and unlawful meetings. These men who were called..... were all of good standing in Dover. John (recorded as Richard), the Mayor, was a wealthy Dover ship-owner who owned considerable estates in East Kent.

Will Probate 15th December 1686. (Prob 11/385)

He was clearly a man of character, ability and integrity. From a modest start, he became a successful Merchant,

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Ship-owner, and Landowner. He was twice Mayor of Dover; and in 1662 he was described as "one of the rulers of the Town." At the time of John's death, his estate was valued at £11,000, which was a useful figure then, and would be represented by approximately £110,000 at the present time (1962). (Information from Colin Matson).

The church of St. James in Dover where John was buried was destroyed during WW2. It has been left as a ruin as a monument. The tombstone lays in the aisle exposed to the elements. The inscription, which I recorded in the 1970's when it was already difficult to read, and which may not therefore be entirely accurate, was " Here lieth the body of John Matson merchant of parish eldest son of John Matson merchant who departed life the 10th Nov(October) Anno Domini 1699 in the 53d yr of age. Also here lieth the body Daniel Matson merch of parish 4th Sonn of the above intered Matson Departed life 15th Sept Anno Domini 1709 age 54 years". Note that the year on the inscription, 1699, is different to that recorded in the parish records, 1686. The dates for Daniel agree however.

From John Strype's "A Survey of the Cities of London and Westminster"

In the Body of the Church (Hackney), upon a flat white Stone, this Inscription:

Here lyeth the Body of Robert Matson, Citizen and Salter of London. Departed the 18th of Novemb. 1695. Aged 44.
The Body of Edward Matson, Citizen and Grocer of London. Departed the 30th of Sept. 1688. Son of John Matson of Dover, and Mary his Wife.

Spouse: Mary BOREMAN (OR BOURMAN OR BOREHAM)
Death: Nov 1712, Dover, Kent
Burial: 28 Nov 1712, St James Church, Dover.

As well as a reference to 'Jean Matson', there is this reference to 'Marie' Matson in the French Church of Dover: -
'Marie Matson Godmother at christening on the 11th February 1655 of Daniel Paul (born 20th January 1655).
Godfather Daniel Portin (father of the child's mother).'

Mary, signed, sealed and delivered her will on the 1st September 1712.

Two of the witnesses were - Philip Yorke, (died 1721) Attorney of Dover (doubtless the man who had drawn up the will) and Philip Yorke (1690-1764) the son of the above Philip. The latter was appointed Recorder of Dover in 1718 and continued to hold this post until his death. At age 29, he was appointed Solicitor-General, Attorney General four years later and Lord High Chancellor of England in 1736. (Information from Colin Matson).

Mary's will went to probate 2nd May 1713 (Prob 11/533).

Sarah BOREMAN daughter-in-law of John MATSON? WATSON buried 1st May 1662 at Sandwich.

The marriage entry is from the Society of Genealogists List obtained in 1982 and may or may not refer to the wife of this particular John Matson. There are several John and Mary Matsons and the ages of the children raise doubts.

John and Mary definitely had 10 sons and 2 daughters included in parish records and all those wills.

RADNOR MANUSCRIPTS Catalogue Ref. EK-U270 Creator(s): Robartes family, Earls of Radnor Bouverie family, Earls of Radnor Pleydell-Bouverie family, Earls of Radnor

Bouverie, Pleydell-, family, Earls of Radnor

LEGAL Foreshore Rights

FILE - Bill of complaint of Jacob des Bouverie and answer of Mary Matson as to rent due for the right to take copperas from the beach - ref. EK-U270/L22 - date: 1701

Marr: 25 Oct 1659, St. Paul, Canterbury, Kent,
Marr Memo: This may not be the same John,

This may not be the correct marriage or it may be a second marriage. There are several confirmed children born before this marriage date.

Children: John (1646-1699)
Margaret (1648->1719)
Robert (1651-1695)
Edward (<1653-1688)

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Daniel (1655-1709)
 Mary (1655-)
 Christopher (1661->1731)
 Thomas (1662-<1686)
 Nathaniel (1665-1719)
 Nicholas (1667-<1709)
 Henry (~1667-1721)
 James (1674->1722)

(7) 1.2.1.1.7.4.1 John MATSON

Birth: Mar 1646, St. James, Dover
 Chr: 13 Mar 1646, St.James, Dover
 Death: Oct 1699, Dover, Kent
 Burial: 13 Oct 1699, St James Church, Dover.
 Occ: Merchant

Living in 1662.

Will signed 19th September 1698. Probate 15th July 1700 (Prob 11/456) Executors were his mother Mary and brothers Daniel and Nathaniel.

This note from 'Al' on RootsChat: -

The earliest MATSON family in my line was John MATSON & Elizabeth FOADE who had children in the Waltham and Chilham parishes between 1673-1694 approx. There are several possibilities for where he came from: -

1: - John MATSON b. aft 1634 son of William MATSON son of Robert MATSON & Joyce CHAMBERS of Shepherdswell

2: - John MATSON b. 1646 son of John MATSON & Mary (Not Mary BOREHAM/BOURMAN as he only married her in 1659) son of Robert MATSON & Joyce CHAMBERS of Shepherdswell

3: - Another John MATSON somewhere

Various names are repeated on certain of the MATSON lines; Robert and James are core family names. Christopher is important on my line. An oddity is Nathaniel who was one of the rich Dover merchant MATSONs; the only other MATSON with this name that I have seen was one born to my John MATSON & Elizabeth FOADE in 1694.

Perhaps this indicates that this John was closely related to the Dover Nathaniel? On the other hand, perhaps it was just a fashionable name between 1665 and 1694?

To further confuse things there was also a John MATSON & Judith MARTIN starting a family in Wye at the same time (maybe a little earlier) as John & Elizabeth. Perhaps as John & Judith started their family before John & Elizabeth it points to the John married to Judith as being the son of William in case 1 above leaving the John married to Elizabeth to be the son of John & Mary in case 2. Even combined with the Nathaniel name coincidence this is pretty tenuous.

(7) 1.2.1.1.7.4.2 Margaret MATSON

Birth: Feb 1648, St. James, Dover
 Chr: 26 Feb 1648, St. James The Apostle, Dover
 Death: aft 1719
 Death Memo: Died after 1719

Recorded as aged 34 at time of marriage in 1681.

Living in 1662.

Inherited £10 from her brother Robert on 17th November 1695.

A beneficiary of brother Johns' will in 1698.

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Spouse: James HOUSEMAN
 Birth: Dover, Kent
 Death: aft 1698
 Occ: Gentleman

Widower at time of marriage in 1681 according to Canterbury Marriage Licenses.
 A beneficiary of brother Johns' will in 1698.

Marr: 24 Jan 1681, Hougham, St Margaret's-At-Cliffe Or Shepherdswell

Children: James

(8) 1.2.1.1.7.4.2.1 James HOUSEMAN

 A beneficiary of the will of his uncle John Matson in 1698.

(7) 1.2.1.1.7.4.3 Robert MATSON

 Birth: May 1651, Dover, Kent
 Birth Memo: Christening record
 Chr: 10 May 1651, St.James the Apostle Dover.
 Chr Memo: Or 18th May
 Death: 18 Nov 1695, Hackney, Middlesex
 Burial: St Augustine's Alias St. John's, Hackney
 Occ: Victualler/Salter

Living in 1662.

Lived at Ringwould.

From John Strype's "A Survey of the Cities of London and Westminster"
 Appendix 1 > Chapter 14: The Circuit Walk on the North and North West
 Parts bordering upon LONDON (page 128, paragraph 21).

In the Body of the Church, (Hackney) upon a flat white Stone, this
 Inscription:

*Here lyeth the Body of Robert Matson, Citizen and Salter of London.
 Departed the 18th of Novemb. 1695. Aged 44.*

Appendix 1 > Chapter 14: The Circuit Walk on the North and North West
 Parts bordering upon LONDON (page 128, paragraph 22).

*The Body of Edward Matson, Citizen and Grocer of London. Departed
 the 30th of Sept. 1688. Son of John Matson of Dover, and Mary his Wife.*

Will written 17th November 1695 and proved 22nd November 1695

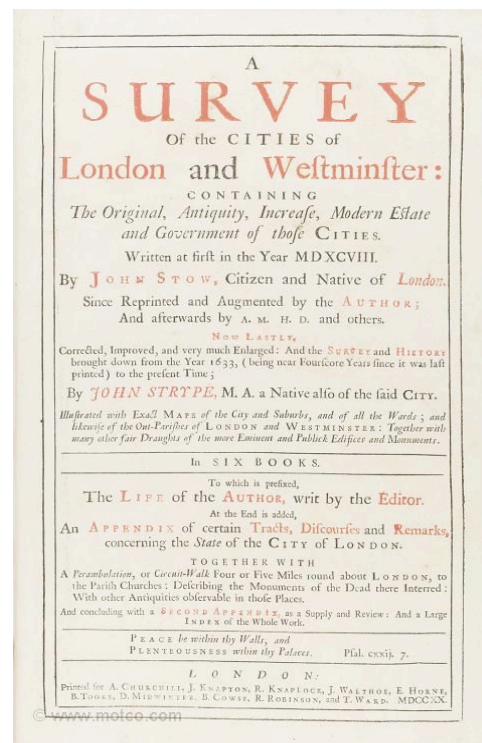
(7) 1.2.1.1.7.4.4 Edward MATSON

 Birth: bef 1653, Dover
 Death: 30 Sep 1688, Hackney, Middlesex
 Burial: St. Augustine's Alias St. John's, Hackney
 Occ: Grocer

Living in 1662.

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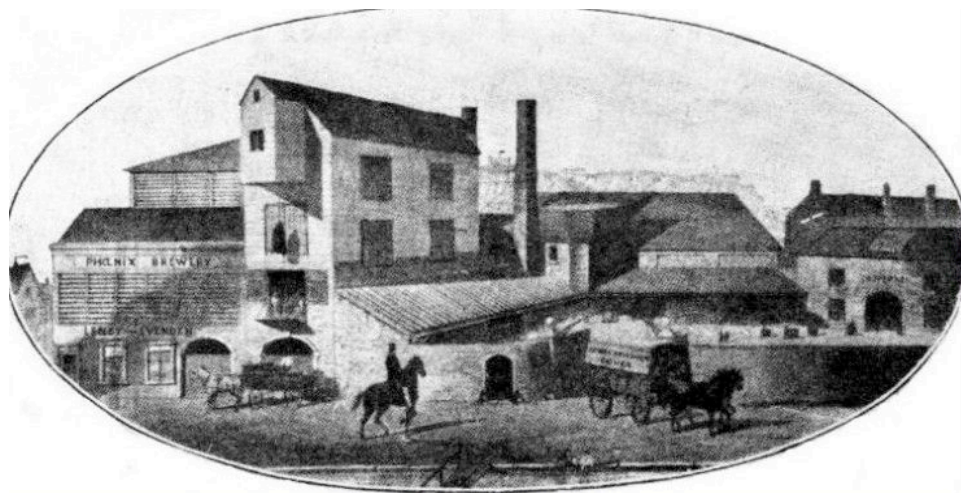
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 of Dover, and Mary his Wife.*

Spouse: Mary

(7) 1.2.1.1.7.4.5 Daniel MATSON

Birth: 1655, Dover
 Chr: 26 Apr 1670
 Death: 15 Sep 1709, Dover, Kent
 Occ: Merchant

Inherited £100 from his brother Robert in 1655.
 Believed to have lived at Digges Place, Barham in 1706. This was possibly owned jointly with his brother
 Christopher.
 Admitted to Freeman of Dover 14th February 1678 (Folio 52). “Son of John one of the Jurats”.



An undated view of the Phoenix Brewery, Dover

Daniel Matson is recorded as having a mortgage granted on Hatcher brewery in 1708. (Leneys’ Brewery) located in
 the area of Phoenix Lane, St. James and Dolphin Lane, Dover.
 Will dated 14th August 1709. Probate 27th March 1710. (Prob 11/514)

(7) 1.2.1.1.7.4.6 Mary MATSON

Birth: 1655, Dover Or Shepherdswell

Possible date of death 1763 at age 108?

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(7) 1.2.1.1.7.4.7 Christopher MATSON

Birth: 1661, Dover Birth Memo: Possibly 1672 according to the IGI?
 Death: aft 1731

The IGI record of the Mormon Church shows Christopher as born in 1672.
 The Alumni Oxoniensis: The Members of the University of Oxford 1500-1714 has an entry on page 990 - Matson, Christopher, s. John of Dover, Kent. Gent Trinity College. matric. 30 Oct., 1679, aged 17; BA 1683
 Inherited £100 from his brother Robert’s will in 1695.
 Born during the reign of Charles 11. He probably died during the reign of George 11.
 Christopher is still alive at the time of his cousin John’s will in 1730.
 In the will of John Matson dated 1730 there is an agreement referred to in which “my 4 sons and 4 daughters and their husbands promise that if they outlive our cousin Christopher Matson and him survive that whatsoever part or benefit that they gain and receive by their sister Smith’s death of the Dover Estate according to our cousin Henry Matson’s will deceased that they will give that said benefit to her 6 daughters or they of them then living”. (The latter refers to the children of Ann Matson who had died). There is a further agreement to cover division of benefit to the children of the other of John’s children.
 Although no firm evidence has yet been found, an article in the ‘Dover Express’ in November 1906 mentions a John Matson as a son of Christopher Matson.
 Julia Matson (later Searles) also says that Christopher had a son John who was a Mayor of Dover. This is thought likely to be confusion with Christopher Matson, 1723-1750 of Chilham. See other record.

(7) 1.2.1.1.7.4.8 Thomas MATSON

Birth: Dec 1662, St.James Dover.
 Chr: 12 Dec 1662, St.James, The Apostle, Dover
 Death: bef 1686
 There is a note in St James, Dover Parish Register - “1666 The Plague.”
 Children: John

(8) 1.2.1.1.7.4.8.1 John MATSON

Occ: Merchant

Admitted as Freeman of Dover on 31st January 1672 (Folio 30). The record shows him as son of Thomas.

(7) 1.2.1.1.7.4.9 Nathaniel MATSON

Birth: 24 Sep 1665, Dover
 Chr: 24 Nov 1665, St. Mary The Virgin, Dover
 Death: Nov 1719, Dover, Kent Death Memo: 5th September 1719 in Arch Cant DVD.
 Burial: 7 Nov 1719, St James Church, Dover.
 Occ: Merchant

my ancestor Isaac Minet, then living at Dover, who says, 'Mr. Nathanael Matson died at Dover, 5th 9ber, 1719, and was buried 7th, and had a very pompous funeral, the bearers being [*inter alios*] Mr. William Vealle, Controller of the Customs.' A Mr. Henry Matson dies in 1721, when Mr. Vealle is again named among the bearers at the funeral, though on this occasion he is not said to be Controller. The same writer, however, again mentions him in 1724, and as holding the same post.

He inherited a Malthouse from his father John Matson. Also £500 from his brother Robert in 1695.

Believed to have jointly owned property at Barham with his brother Daniel in about 1706. Will dated 26th April 1713. Probate 8th July 1720. (Prob 11/575) Arch Cant

Extract from Daniel DeFoe and Kent -1719

(Isaac Minet again, then living at Dover) says: 'Mr Nathaniel Matson died 5th 9ber and was buried 7th and had a very pompous funeral'

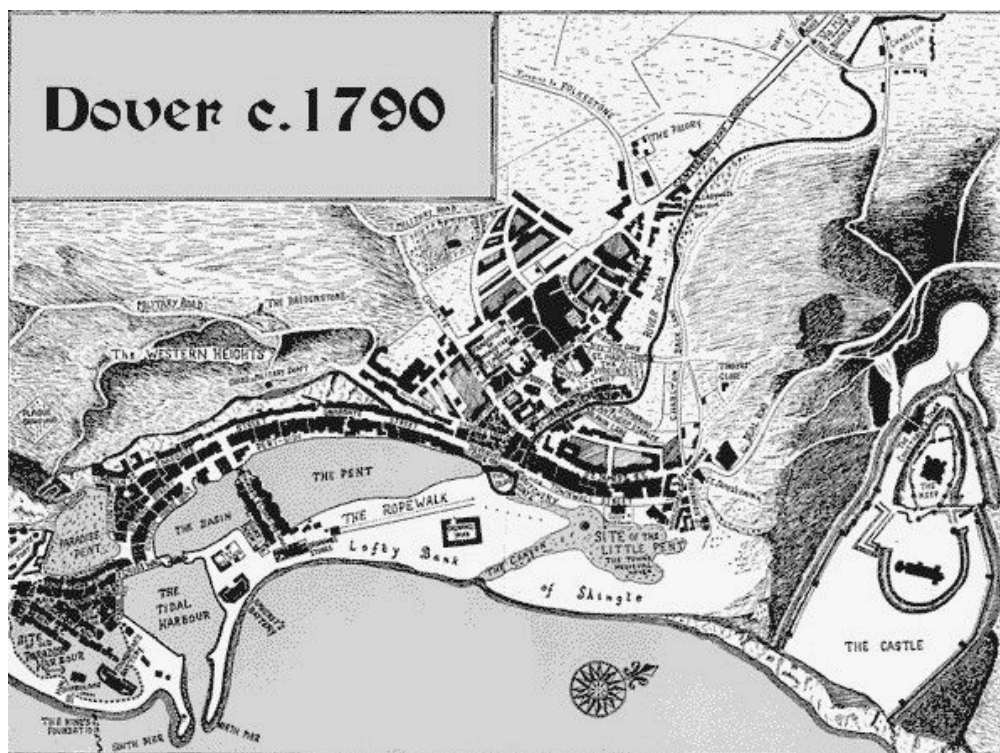
(7) 1.2.1.1.7.4.10 Nicholas MATSON

Birth: 1667, Hougham
 Birth Memo: From marriage licence
 Chr: 4 Oct 1667, St. James The Apostle, Dover
 Death: bef 1709
 Death Memo: Between 1700 & 1709
 Occ: Gentleman

Admitted to Freeman of Dover 12th July 1690. On which occasion he is described as a 'Gent'.

(7) 1.2.1.1.7.4.11 Henry MATSON

Birth: app 1667
 Chr: 26 Apr 1670, St James The Apostle, Dover
 Death: Mar 1721, Dover, Kent
 Burial: 11 Mar 1721, St James Church, Dover.
 Occ: Merchant



Batchelor who left large part of his estate to Warden and Assistants of Dover Harbour. Including Solton Farm. The property was eventually sold in 1861 to meet expenses.

He inherited £100 from his brother Robert.

He was left property by his brother John including the 'Golden Lyon' in Dover and stables at Limekiln in 1700. Also a special bequest of "£40 per annum to be applied for the relief of my poor relatives of ye name Matson, whenever they shall be in want of it".

Probate 1722.

Henry MATSON "late of Dover, merchant, by Will dated 12 Oct 1720 (Prob 11/584), left to the Wardens and Assistants of Dover Harbour £150 a year" etc.... ("Soulton Farm and Diggs Place were allotted to this, although not mentioned in this will - Court of Chancery 1722" (Prob11/584) (info in "A Sketch of Dover" by G. Ledger, 1799 page 56)

Henry (1667-1721) was the youngest of ten sons: became a Merchant in succession to his Father and three of his Brothers; and eventually succeeded to the bulk of the family estate. He was a bachelor and an eccentric who, under the terms of his will, bequeathed a large portion of his estate to the Warden and Assistants of Dover Harbour. According to an item in the "Dover Express" of November 1906 - "*Mr Henry Matson appears to have played the part of a fine gentleman rather than that of a merchant. He used to walk around the harbour sporting a gold-headed cane, which he greatly valued; and during one of his walks, that precious cane slipped from his hand through a trunnel-hole in one of the planks of the wooden pier and was lost at sea.. This so distressed him that when he made his will soon after he bequeathed to the Harbour and annuity of £150 a year... and a proviso that once a year all the*

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trunnel-holes in the planks on the pier should be plugged up, failing which the estates would be lost to the Harbour."

“After the decease of my said Brother Christopher it is my mind and will that my Executors shall purchase or convey the value of 150 pounds pa in Lands unto and in the name of Warden and Assistants of Dover Harbour for the time being for the use and repair of the said Harbour for ever and to be made good from his death until a proper purchase of Lands can be got.

But as I have observed a very great defect in the workmen of Dover Harbour in not stopping the Trunnell holes in the piles of the said Harbour whereby they are worn out and broken asunder in half the time they would otherwise stand I do hereby for the benefitt and service of the said Harbour declare this Legacy to be upon Condition that the Warden and Assistants of Dover Harbour shall upon notice hereof take care to have all the Trunnell holes stopt and constantly kept so and the pins cutt of close and even or else this gift to be void”

My (Colin Matson) interest in this extravagant bequest has led to pleasant friendships with the senior executives of Dover Harbour Board. Henry also made a special bequest of "£40 per annum to be applied for the relief of my Poor Relations of ye name of Matson, whenever they shall be in want of it." This fund has continued to be administered during the subsequent 240 years; and it has been the Writer's (Colin Matson) pleasant privilege to introduce certain deserving cases to The Trustees of the Henry Matson Charity.

There has been a great deal more of family interest in this historic town: some of it is included in 'Domestic Pilgrimage.' and the remainder is noted in the Family Records. Quite apart from that point of view, Dover is a fascinating Town and Port, with its 2,000 years of British History behind it, and its enterprising and energetic present. (Quote from Colin Matson).

(7) 1.2.1.1.7.4.12a James MATSON*

Birth: 1674, Dover
 Birth Memo: Before 1700
 Death: aft 1722
 Occ: Maltster And Jurat Of Dover

James and Elizabeth are cousins.

Inherited £100 from his brother Robert in 1695.

James became a Freemason of Dover on the 4th March 1700 (Folio 109) by marriage to Elizabeth the daughter of John Shortwilliam.

Still living 1718.

Spouse: Elizabeth SHORTWILLIAM
 Father: John SHORTWILLIAM

Other spouses: Elizabeth MATSON

(7) 1.2.1.1.7.4.12b James MATSON* (See above)

Spouse: Elizabeth MATSON
 Birth: abt 1666
 Father: James (or Jacobi) MATSON (1630-1708)
 Mother: Mary PETTIT (1641-1714)

Children: James (>1686-)
 Susannah (1703-)

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Elizabeth (1707-1707)

John (1701-1752)

Other spouses: Elizabeth SHORTWILLIAM

(8) 1.2.1.1.7.4.12b.1 James MATSON

Birth: aft 1686

Inherited £50 from his uncle Robert Matson in 1695.

(8) 1.2.1.1.7.4.12b.2 Susannah MATSON

Birth: 1703, Dover, Kent

Chr: 25 Dec 1703, St. Mary's, Dover

1724 Living at Dover at time of Marriage.

According to notes sent from Society of Genealogists and received 30th April 2007, the marriage record shows the bride as "MRS Susanna Matson". This may be an error. She is shown as 'of Dover'.

Shown as Spinster on marriage licence entry supplied by Joan JDbb1.

Spouse: John DALGLEISH

Occ: Captain Of A Naval Packet On The Dover Station And Mayor Of Dover 1738 & 1746.

Mayor of Dover 1738 and 1746.

John 32, 280 - (in an article written 1917 about Isaac Minet, Merchant of Dover) Isaac wrote 1738 'Captain DalGLISH was yesterday elected Mayor. Cela fait plaisir a John Matson.'

Marr: 9 Jul 1724, Shepherdswell Or Charlton

(8) 1.2.1.1.7.4.12b.3 Elizabeth MATSON

Birth: 1707

Chr: 1707, Dover, Kent

Death: 1707

Burial: 18 Jul 1707, Shepherdswell

Note from Society of Genealogists list received 30th April 2007 - Shepherdswell Burial 18th July 1707 Elizabeth, Dau of Mr James Matson of Dover.

(8) 1.2.1.1.7.4.12b.4 John MATSON

Birth: 1701, Dover, Kent

Chr: 1701, Dover, Kent

Death: 30 Nov 1752, Dover, Kent

Burial: Dec 1752, St Mary's Church, Dover.

Occ: Agent Victualler. Mayor of Dover.

CORRESPONDENCE Sackville family Lionel, 1st Duke of Dorset, 1687-1765

Correspondence concerning the 1733-4 parliamentary election campaign in Kent

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FILE - Letter from Capt. James Lambe, John Matson, Henry Henshaw and Robert Wellard, at Dover, to Sackville Bale - ref. U269/C148/30 - date: 10 Nov. 1733

1735 Living at Maison Dieu House, Dover.

In 1746, at the time of marriage John is recorded as ‘of Dover’.

Probably born during the reign of George 1. He died in the reign of George 11.

Mayor of Dover 1735. He was Agent Victualler at Dover; His salary from the Crown was £200.

DOVER - 'Annals of Dover' by Bavington-Jones1938 - second edition

In 1735 Mayor of Dover and an Agent Victualler at Dover. His salary paid by the Crown £200 p.a. In 1745, whilst still in office, a great part of the Victualling Office in the premises of the Maison Dieu was destroyed by fire. It was rebuilt at a cost of £1719 & John's salary was reduced to £150 p.a. He died 4 years later in 1751 (p336).

St. Mary’s Church, Dover records Burial of Mr John Matson Jurat and Agent Victualler on 30th November 1752.

Will dated 28th March 1751 and proved 29th December 1752 at Canterbury Consistory Court. (Probate 11/798)

An article about the Matson family in an edition of the ‘Dover Express’ in November 1906 refers to Christopher Matson having a son named John.

Julia Matson (later Searles) also says that John who was Mayor of Dover was the son of Christopher. In addition, she says that ‘Mayor’ John had a son called John who died at Snargate Street in 1868 and who was the father of William who was at Buckland Farm and died in 1857.

Male children are unconfirmed.

The “John” descendant could be from John, William or Henry.

Spouse: Lucy VEEL
 Birth: Dover, Kent
 Death: 27 Jul 1768, Dover, Kent
 Burial: Jul 1768, St. Mary The Virgin, Dover

At the time of marriage in 1746 Lucy is recorded as ‘of St. James, Dover.’
 Marriage licence is for S.J. Lydden or S.M. Bredman, Cant May 13th, 1746.
 Probate 1763?

Marr: 28 Jul 1746, St. J. Lydden
 Marr Memo: Marriage licence 13th May 1746

Children: Lucy (Died as Infant) (1749-1750)
 Susanna (1747-)

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.4.12b.4.1 Lucy MATSON

Birth: Dec 1749, St. Mary The Virgin, Dover
 Birth Memo: Christening record
 Chr: 27 Dec 1749, St. Mary The Virgin, Dover
 Death: 17 Aug 1750, St. Mary The Virgin, Dover
 Death Memo: or 14th August
 Burial: 17 Aug 1750, St. Mary the Virgin, Dover
 Burial Memo: May have been 27th July

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.4.12b.4.2 Susanna MATSON

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Birth: Oct 1747, Dover
Chr: 23 Oct 1747, St. Mary the Virgin, Dover

Alive at time of fathers' will in 1752.

(6) 1.2.1.1.7.5 Bennet MATSON

Birth: 15 Jul 1623, Shepherdswell
Chr: 25 Jul 1623, Shepherdswell
Death: aft 1686

Living in 1662.

Spouse: John OYNE (OR POSSIBLY PINE)

Note on will of John dated 1686 that John Oyne is "missing".
May have been names 'PINE'?

Children: Fich (->1686)
Joyce (->1686)

(7) 1.2.1.1.7.5.1 Fich OYNE

Death: aft 1686

(7) 1.2.1.1.7.5.2 Joyce OYNE

Death: aft 1686

Spouse: Unknown Male GARDYNER

(6) 1.2.1.1.7.6 Robert MATSON

Birth: Oct 1625, Shepherdswell
Chr: 11 Oct 1625, Shepherdswell
Death: Oct 1631, Shepherdswell
Burial: 16 Oct 1631, Shepherdswell

Info from Colin Matson.

(6) 1.2.1.1.7.7 Hannah MATSON

Birth: 12 May 1628, Shepherdswell
Chr: 22 May 1628, Shepherdswell
Death: aft 1651

Spouse: Robert HALES

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James (or Jacobi) MATSON

(6) 1.2.1.1.7.8a James (or Jacobi) MATSON*

Birth: Jun 1630, Shepherdswell
 Chr: 17 Jun 1630, Shepherdswell
 Chr Memo: Parish records - see file.
 Death: 20 Jun 1708, Shepherdswell
 Death Memo: Shepherdswell Monumental inscription
 Burial: 23 Jun 1708, Shepherdswell
 Occ: Yeoman and Churchwarden

The Archbishop of Canterbury ceased to be lord of the manor, and lost his residence here in 1538, when Edward Cranmer exchanged away the manor house and lands, with Henry VIII., for other land, which the king failed to give. So it continued in the hand of the crown until Charles I., in 1630, granted the site called **Wingham Court, with the lands belonging to it, unto trustees for the use of the City of London, at the yearly fee farm rent of £27 6s. 8d., and at the end of this same reign it was conveyed to Sir William Cowper. But the manor itself, with the royalties, profits of courts, etc. remained with the crown, and in 1650 were valued at £134 4s. 7d.; since which time the right to hold the courts, receive the fines, reliefs, &c. and the privilege of holding the manor courts, has belonged to the Oxenden family, who hold the “manor court” at the present day—(Hasted III).**

Lived at Wingham Court and through the Civil War of 1642 -1649. Shown as a Yeoman, Batchelor aged 30 at time of marriage in 1661. Appointed as Constable of Maidstone in 1665.

Excerpt from “Chronicles of Wingham” – A.Hussey 1896

Will dated 26th March 1708. Archdeaconry Court of Canterbury Vol 81 F113 Probate 17th July 1708.
 Archdeaconry Court of Canterbury Will Index 1708/1708 PRC17/81/113b
 Source: Archdeaconry Court of Canterbury Vol 81 f.113, Probate 17 Jul 1708
 James Matson of Shepherdswell, yeoman, will dated 26 Mar 1708
 Wife
 Sons John and Robert
 Daughter Sarah Mereweather

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Daughter Mary wife of Thomas Sladen
 Daughter Elizabeth wife of James Matson
 Grandson John son of James Matson
 Servant Thomas Marsh

Witnesses Henry Pemble, Anne Mereweather, Thomas Gold

Monumental Inscription in Shepherdswell Church reads: -

He lieth the body of Mary the wife of Mr James Matson she died April 13th 1714 aged 73 years. Here also lieth the body of Mr James Matson, late of this Parish who had issue by Mary his wife 3 sons and 2 daughters Robert, Sarah, Mary, James and John. He died June 20th 1708 after a long sickness of the stone aged 78. Imitate him in this life who never fell from God for any pains of death.

Spouse: Elizabeth WILLIAMS

Other spouses: Mary PETTIT



James (or Jacobi) MATSON

(6) 1.2.1.1.7.8b James (or Jacobi) MATSON* (See above)

Spouse: Mary PETTIT
 Birth: 1641, Coldred
 Chr: 4 Apr 1641, Coldred
 Death: 13 Apr 1714, Shepherdswell
 Burial: 16 Apr 1714, Shepherdswell
 Father: George PETTIT (1603-1663)
 Mother: Sarah JENKIN (1607-1649)

Daughter of George Pettit of Coldred.

Shown as Virgin of Coldred aged 21 and upwards and daughter of George Pettit S.P. Yeoman who consents.

Edward fellow, Clerk Surrogate bonds 1661.

John Pettit and Mary Matson married 8th December 1719 at Shepherdswell. John Matson is recorded as Churchwarden.

Death recorded as the widow of James in parish records.

Monumental Inscription in Shepherdswell Church reads: -

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John Matson witnessed the will of her (Mary's) cousin Sarah Pettit (daughter of George) of Shepherdswell in 1733.

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Marr: 6 Feb 1661, Eythorne or Shepherdswell
 Marr Memo: Canterbury Marriage Licence - Surrogate Bonds - see file.

Children: Robert (1662-1716)
 Sarah (1664-1737)
 Elizabeth (~1666-)
 Mary (1666-<1712)
 James (1668-1707)
 John (1671-1731)

Other spouses: Elizabeth WILLIAMS

(7) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1 Robert MATSON

Birth: 8 Nov 1662, Shepherdswell
 Chr: 23 Nov 1662, Shepherdswell
 Death: 8 Feb 1716, Shepherdswell
 Death Memo: Shepherdswell Monumental Inscription
 Burial: 12 Feb 1716, Shepherdswell
 Burial Memo: Could be confusion over revised calendar or 12th December 1716.
 Occ: Farmer at West Court

Lived at West Court, this was once a rest house for the monks of St. Radigunds Abbey near Dover.

A full appraisal of Robert's estate is dated 3rd December 1716.

Monumental Inscription on flat stone in Church reads: -

“Here lieth the body of Mr. Robert Matson who had issue by Joanna his wife 3 sons and 5 daughters: whereof 2 sons and 4 daughters survived. He died Feb 8th 1715/16 aged 53 years. In addition, James Matson their son died July 14th 1716 aged 18 years. They lived beloved and died lamented.”

Spouse: Joan (Na) MARCH
 Birth: May 1675, Chillenden, Kent
 Chr: 26 May 1675, Deal, Kent
 Death: May 1730, Shepherdswell
 Burial: 20 May 1730, Shepherdswell
 Father: David MARCH

1696 Marriage Licence records that Joan March is ‘of Chillenden’.

Baptised 17th April 1709 at Shepherdswell at the same time as daughter Hanna.

There may be another daughter named Mary born 1698. She appears on the IGI but we have no Parish Record confirmation.

Marr: 24 May 1696, Chillenden, Kent

Children: James (1697-1716)
 Mary (1699-)
 Robert (Died as Infant) (1701-1702)
 Sarah (1703-1779)
 Esther (Died as Infant) (1705-1705)
 Hester (1707-1761)
 Hannah (1709-1727)

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Robert (1712-1746)

(8) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.1 James MATSON

Birth: 27 Nov 1697, Shepherdswell
 Chr: 2 Dec 1687, Shepherdswell
 Death: 14 Feb 1716, Shepherdswell
 Burial: 16 Jul 1716, Shepherdswell

John Matson recorded as Churchwarden in burial record.

(8) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.2 Mary MATSON

Birth: 15 Feb 1699, Shepherdswell
 Birth Memo: A 5th daughter referred to in inscription for Robert
 Chr: 16 Feb 1699, Shepherdswell

Appears on IGI and the Monumental Inscription from Shepherdswell for Robert refers to 3 sons and 5 daughters of whom 2 sons and 4 daughters survived.
 Sibertswold Parish record confirms marriage.

Spouse: John PETTIT
 Birth: 1691, Shepherdswell, Kent
 Father: Edward PETTIT (~1671-)
 Mother: Susannah

Parish record has a note that John Matson is Churchwarden.

Marr: 8 Dec 1719, Shepherdswell
 Children: Sarah (1720-)

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.2.1 Sarah PETTIT

Birth: 1720, St. Lawrence, Thanet
 Spouse: John WOOD
 Birth: abt 1719, Possibly In Thanet

(8) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.3 Robert MATSON

Birth: 1701, Shepherdswell
 Chr: 8 Aug 1701, Shepherdswell
 Death: Jul 1702, Shepherdswell
 Death Memo: Died as baby.
 Burial: 20 Jul 1702, Shepherdswell

(8) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.4 Sarah MATSON

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Birth: Oct 1703, Shepherdswell
 Chr: 20 Oct 1703, Shepherdswell
 Death: 29 Jan 1779, Deal, Kent
 Burial: 4 Feb 1779, Deal, Kent

Record of marriage in St. Alphage Parish record states that Sarah is 'of Sibertswould'

Spouse: William GURNEY
 Birth: May 1694, Elham, Kent
 Chr: 10 May 1694, Elham, Kent
 Death: Mar 1779, Deal, Kent
 Burial: 25 Mar 1779, Deal, Kent

Record of marriage in St. Alphage Parish record states that William is 'of Deal'.

Marr: 9 May 1737, St. Alphage, Canterbury.

(8) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.5 Esther MATSON

Birth: Oct 1705, Shepherdswell
 Chr: 14 Oct 1705, Shepherdswell
 Death: Oct 1705, Shepherdswell
 Burial: 22 Oct 1705, Shepherdswell

(8) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.6a Hester MATSON*

Birth: Sep 1707, Shepherdswell
 Birth Memo: From IGI
 Chr: 24 Sep 1707, Shepherdswell
 Chr Memo: or 3rd June 1707
 Death: Oct 1761, Shepherdswell
 Death Memo: or 1765
 Burial: 6 Oct 1761, Shepherdswell

Some confusion about Hester. Did she also marry a John Marsh? Were there 2 Hesters? Is there another Hester parents unknown, married to a John Marsh?

Marriage to John Marsh does link to Mothers family of Marsh.

The will of Ann Matson (Nee Boys) of 1759, records "John Matson of Sibbertswold in the County of Kent and Hester his wife" as beneficiaries.

IGI shows Robert/Joanna Marsh without Hester.

IGI also shows John Matson 1698-1724 as married to Hester 1707-1724 the daughter of Robert and Joanna Marsh.

There is a Hester Matson born about 1712 in Shepherdswell according to Janet Martin on Genes Reunited.

Spouse: John MATSON
 Birth: 1698, Eastry
 Chr: 7 Jun 1698, Eastry
 Death: 1779 Death Memo: 'Of Decay'
 Burial: 14 Nov 1779, Shepherdswell
 Occ: Farmer at West Court
 Father: John MATSON (1671-1731)

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Mother: Mary GOLDFINCH (1672-1701)

His father, John, left him his house and orchard in Shepherdswell (Sybertswould), which was occupied by Peter White, together with £50 and a silver tankard that “was my father Goldfinches”. John was the Churchwarden at Sibertswold 1725-1726. (Parish records). John is also recorded as Churchwarden in the record of the birth of his son John 1st December 1729.

Marriage licence, 26th January 1724, says “of Shepherdswell” and is for Shepherdswell, Coldred or Wingham. Also referred to in the will of his sister Mary (Dell).

Marr: 31 Jan 1724, Shepherdswell Marr Memo: Canterbury Marriage Licence issued 26th January 1724

Children: Robert (Died as Infant) (1725-1725)
 Mary (1727-)
 Sarah (Died as Infant) (1728-1728)
 John (1729-1806)
 Ann (E) (1733-)
 Sarah (Died as Infant) (1736-1737)
 Elizabeth (Died as Infant) (1739-1739)
 Elizabeth (Died as Infant) (1740-1740)
 Susanna (Died as Infant) (1742-1742)

Other spouses: John MARSH

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.6a.1 Robert MATSON

 Birth: Feb 1725, Shepherdswell
 Chr: 4 Feb 1725, Shepherdswell Chr Memo: Recorded as 1725-6
 Death: Feb 1725, Shepherdswell
 Burial: 24 Feb 1725, Shepherdswell Burial Memo: Recorded as 1725-6

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.6a.2 Mary MATSON

 Birth: 1727, Shepherdswell, Kent
 Chr: 6 Apr 1727, Shepherdswell

Mary spotp George RIGDEN b Coldred L Shepherdswell Oct 23 1754

Spouse: George RIGDEN
 Birth: abt 1724, Coldred, Kent

At time of marriage, George was living in Coldred Court, Kent.

Marr: 23 Oct 1754, Shepherdswell. Kent

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.6a.3 Sarah MATSON

 Birth: Nov 1728, Shepherdswell
 Chr: 9 Nov 1728, Shepherdswell
 Death: Dec 1728, Shepherdswell
 Burial: 18 Dec 1728, Shepherdswell

A Sarah daughter of John and Hester buried 3rd February 1736.

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.6a.4 John MATSON

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Birth: Nov 1729, Shepherdswell
 Chr: 1 Dec 1729, Shepherdswell
 Death: 15 Nov 1806, St. Margaret's-At-Cliffe, Kent
 Occ: Yeoman

John MATSON, died on Nov 15 at St Margaret's at Cliffe, in his 77th year; a most sincere Christian; much regretted by his acquaintance (Kentish Gazette Nov 28 1806, back page)

John MATSON (in Ruth Nicol's St Margaret's at Cliffe STRAYS INDEX 1861 census, her page No.1)

Will dated 8th June 1793 and proved 22nd December 1806. (Prob 11/1453)

Property left to: - Nephew John Rigden, Maltster, of Wingham. Sister-in-Law Sarah, wife of John Rigden of Sittingbourne and formerly Sarah Rigden sister of the said John Rigden. Also Mary Boker daughter of James Boker of Westcliffe and servant Susanna Knott.

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.6a.5 Ann (E) MATSON

Birth: Apr 1733, Shepherdswell
 Chr: 10 Apr 1733, Shepherdswell Chr Memo: or 1739

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.6a.6 Sarah MATSON

Birth: Sep 1736, Shepherdswell
 Chr: 8 Sep 1736, Shepherdswell
 Death: Feb 1737, Shepherdswell
 Burial: 3 Feb 1737, Shepherdswell Burial Memo: Recorded as 3rd February 1736

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.6a.7 Elizabeth MATSON

Birth: Apr 1739, Shepherdswell
 Chr: 22 Apr 1739, Shepherdswell
 Death: Apr 1739, Shepherdswell
 Burial: 27 Apr 1739, Shepherdswell Burial Memo: Or could be 22nd April 1739 or 16th April 1739

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.6a.8 Elizabeth MATSON

Birth: Apr 1740, Shepherdswell
 Chr: 4 Apr 1740, Shepherdswell Chr Memo: or 24th February 1740
 Death: May 1740, Shepherdswell
 Burial: 16 May 1740, Shepherdswell Burial Memo: Recorded as 1740-41

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.6a.9 Susanna MATSON

Birth: May 1742, Shepherdswell
 Chr: 16 May 1742, Shepherdswell Chr Memo: Recorded as 1742-43
 Death: Jul 1742, Shepherdswell
 Burial: 10 Jul 1742, Shepherdswell Burial Memo: Recorded as 1742-43

(8) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.6b Hester MATSON* (See above)

Spouse: John MARSH
 A Richard Marsh married Susanna Bromley in 1790 at Hougham. Possibly a relative?

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In addition, a James Marsh married Catherine Matson in 1780 at Monkton.

Marr: 1731
 Other spouses: John MATSON

(8) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.7 Hannah MATSON

Birth: Apr 1709, Shepherdswell
 Chr: 17 Apr 1709, Shepherdswell
 Death: Nov 1727, Shepherdswell
 Burial: 11 Nov 1727, Shepherdswell

(8) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8 Robert MATSON

Birth: 1712, Shepherdswell, Kent
 Chr: 29 Sep 1712, Shepherdswell, Kent
 Death: Jul 1746
 Burial: 30 Jul 1746, Swingfield, Kent

Inherited £500 from his cousin Nathaniel Matson in 1720.
 Recorded as 'of Shepherdswell' in Marriage Licence at time of marriage in 1733. Licence record shows 27th September 1733.
 Robert, bapt 29/9/1712, is mentioned in the famous 1722 will of Henry Matson of Dover, 1670-1722, when he would have been not quite 10, and received a legacy of £500 'in case he live to be of the age of 21 years'.
 The record for Swingfield Parish sadly shows both the baptism of daughter Matilda and burial of her father Robert on the same page.

Spouse: Matilda WESTON OR WANSTALL?
 Birth: Lydden, Kent
 Death: 1773, Swingfield, Dover, Kent
 Burial: 9 Feb 1773, Swingfield, Dover, Kent
 Father: Edward WA(N)STALL (1710-)
 Mother: Sarah

Recorded as 'of Lydden' in Marriage Licence at time of marriage in 1733.
 Swingfield Parish record records burial of Mrs. Matilda Matson 9th February 1773.
 In the Swingfield Parish register there is also the burial of William **Wanstall** on the 3rd January 1773.

Marr: 4 Oct 1733, Lydden, Kent Marr Memo: by licence
 Children: Matilda (1746-1800)
 Robert (1735-1820)

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.1 Matilda MATSON

Birth: May 1746, Swingfield, Dover, Kent
 Chr: 22 May 1746, St. Peter, Swingfield, Kent
 Death: Dec 1800, Westcliffe, Kent
 Burial: 10 Dec 1800, Westcliffe, Kent

There is a record in the Death Duty Registers 21st February 1801 (IR 26/298) as follows: - Administration letter of Matilda Matson, Spinster of Westcliffe, Kent. Proved in the Court of Canterbury.

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2 Robert MATSON

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Birth: Feb 1735, Swingfield Or Delce Farm, Wingham, Kent
 Chr: 24 Apr 1735, St. Leonard's, Deal
 Death: 1820, Swingfield, Dover, Kent
 Occ: Yeoman

Hoath, Chislet and Westbere are all in the Blean Registration District.

There is also another Matson family at Hoath. John Matson and Elizabeth Cock who married in 1797

Will record at Archdeaconry Court 1820 163 Book 106 Robert Matson Swingfield.

Will written 25th March 1783 and proved 17th October 1820. Entire estate left to widow Elizabeth. No mention of children or other relatives. Will proved by widow and relic Elizabeth. KCC Reference PRC 17/106 163.

Spouse: Elizabeth PILCHER
 Birth: Aug 1750, Elham Or Swingfield, Kent
 Chr: 26 Aug 1750, Elham, Kent
 Father: Jesse PILCHER (1725-)
 Mother: Elizabeth

Canterbury Marriage Licences 10th November 1781

Robert Matson of Swingfield aged 40 yeoman bachelor and Eliz. Pilcher spinster of the same parish aged 30

There are several records for the Pilcher family in the Swingfield Parish registers back to at least 15th October 1690 with the marriage of John Pilcher and Anne Fallow, and also some in the Hawkinge Parish registers. The latter includes a reference to a Margaret, the wife of Benjamin Pilcher of the Parish of Acrise who was buried 8th March 1708 at Hawkinge the name of Elizabeth occurs within these families. For example, an Elizabeth Pilcher buried 7th February 1756. However, no birth found for an Elizabeth about 1751.

There is also a record of a Thomas Pilcher "from Dover" being buried at St. Peter's, Swingfield on the 23rd January 1795/6.

Marr: 15 Nov 1781, St Peter's, Swingfield, Kent

Children: Elizabeth (~1784-1858)
 Robert (1785-1865)
 Mary (1788-1858)

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.1 Elizabeth MATSON

Birth: abt 1784, Swingfield, Dover, Kent
 Death: Dec 1858, West Ashford Death Memo: 2a...

1851 census records born 'Swingfield'

Shown as 'of East Langdon' at time of marriage in 1813.

Witnesses at marriage were Stephen Gibbons and Elizabeth Gibbons.

The 1851 census shows an Elizabeth Knott aged 37, born about 1814 in Ashford, as a visitor at Rochester to the home of Robert and Elizabeth Matson.

Spouse: John Cullen KNOTT
 Birth: abt 1783, Ashford, Kent
 Occ: Superintendent Of Gas Works, Ashford

Shown as 'of Ashford' at time of marriage in 1813.

1851 census HO107 1621 folio 320

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Bridge Street Ashford Kent
 John C Knott 68 Head Married Superintendent Gas Works Ashford Kent
 Elizabeth Knott 67 Wife Married Swingfield Kent
 Mary Matson 63 Sister-in-law Unmarried Annuitant Swingfield Kent

Marr: 22 Apr 1813, East Langdon, Kent

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2 Robert MATSON

Birth: Jul 1785, Swingfield, Dover, Kent Birth Memo: Marriage record says Ringwould.
 Chr: 10 Jul 1785, St. Peter, Swingfield, Kent
 Death: 6 Jul 1865, Rochester, Kent Death Memo: Sept.1865 Medway 2a 225
 Occ: Farmer. Gentleman

Mr R. MATSON, Dover married 11 August at Dover to Miss E. MOON
 (Kentish Gazette Fri 19 Aug 1808 p.4 col.4)
 1841 census aged 55, born about 1786 and living in Parish of St. Margaret, Rochester City.
Charles Dickens writes in "The Pickwick Papers": -

We do not find, from a careful perusal of Mr. Pickwick's notes of the four towns, Stroud, Rochester, Chatham, and Brompton, that his impressions of their appearance differ in any material point from those of other travellers who have gone over the same ground. His general description is easily abridged.

'The principal productions of these towns,' says Mr. Pickwick, 'appear to be soldiers, sailors, Jews, chalk, shrimps, officers, and dockyard men.

The commodities chiefly exposed for sale in the public streets are marine stores, hard-bake, apples, flat-fish, and oysters. The streets present a lively and animated appearance, occasioned chiefly by the conviviality of the military. It is truly delightful to a philanthropic mind to see these gallant men staggering along under the influence of an overflow both of animal and ardent spirits; more especially when we remember that the following them about, and jesting with them, affords a cheap and innocent amusement for the boy population. Nothing,' adds Mr. Pickwick, 'can exceed their good-humour. It was but the day before my arrival that one of them had been



A view of Rochester across the River Medway – Note the Cathedral Spire and Castle

most grossly insulted in the house of a publican. The barmaid had positively refused to draw him any more liquor; in return for which he had (merely in playfulness) drawn his bayonet, and wounded the girl in the shoulder. And yet this fine fellow was the very first to go down to the house next morning and express his readiness to overlook the matter, and forget what had occurred!

'The consumption of tobacco in these towns,' continues Mr. Pickwick, 'must be very great, and the smell which

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pervades the streets must be exceedingly delicious to those who are extremely fond of smoking. A superficial traveller might object to the dirt, which is their leading characteristic; but to those who view it as an indication of traffic and commercial prosperity, it is truly gratifying.'

St Margaret's Rochester Tithe award schedule - signed 30th May 1845

With names of landowners, occupiers and fieldnames with acreages, and tithe payments has this entry: -

Owner - The Wardens of Rochester Bridge

Occupier - Robert Matson

Number, Description, Quantity and Vicarial Appropriator

185 Middle Hill. Wood. 4.0.37. 0. 7. 9.

225 Hothfield Pigeon Field & Cookhams. Arable 68.1. 3. 7. 6 6. 23. 0. 3.

226 Upper Meadow. Meadow 4. 1.28 1. 4.7

227 Little Delce. Garden. 0.2.20 0 .6.3.

228 Homestead. 1. 1. 16 0.15. 6

229 Lower Meadow. Meadow. 3. 2. 7. 0.19. 8.

258 Shoulder Mutton Fld. Arable 3. 1.16 . 0. 6. 9. 1. 0.10.

260 Bank Field. Arable. 14. 0. 5. 1. 4. 9 1. 0.10.

261 Shaw - 0. 1.0

262 Further Gorse Field. Arable. 48. 0.30 5. 5. 9. 17. 5. 6.

289 --- . Arable. 11. 0.31. 0.19. 3 3. 1. 2.

Total Quantities 159.1.33

Total Vicarial Appropriator 18.16. 9. 48. 4. 4

1851 census HO107 1610 folio 138?

Upper Delce Maidstone Road Rochester Kent

Robert Matson 65 Head Married Farmer 160? acres employing 11 labourers Swingfield Kent

Elizabeth Matson 63 Wife Married Dover Kent

Robert Matson 41 Son Unmarried Rochester Kent

James M Matson 40 Unmarried Rochester Kent plus 1 visitor (Elizabeth Knott aged 37, born abt 1814 in Ashford, Kent, and five servants. It's probable that Elizabeth is a daughter of John Cullen Knott and Elizabeth Matson of Ashford.

1861 census recorded as aged 75. The family is recorded with 4 servants.

MATSON.

New Zealand Herald, 3rd October 1865.

On the 6th July, at Rochester, Kent, England, Robert Matson, in the 80th year of his age.

When Robert died, his son Robert took over the farm: -

1871 census RG10 903 folio 8

Maidstone Road, Rochester shows Number 1 Matson Cottages occupied by John Willis, a 40-year-old Agricultural Labourer, and his wife Emily, a 33-year-old farm servant and their 5 children.

The widowed John Potter who is Farm Bailiff occupies number 2 Matson Cottages.

Upper Delce Farm Maidstone Road Rochester

Robert Matson Head Unmarried 62 Farmer of 150 acres employing 6 men and 1 boy Rochester Kent

Elizabeth Matson Mother Widowed 83 Farmer's widow Dover Kent

4 servants

George Matson Son Visitor Widower 53 Retired Banker Rochester Kent

Spouse: Elizabeth MOON

Birth: 9 Jan 1788, Ringwould Or Swingfield

Note - Although the place of birth for both Robert and Elizabeth is recorded as Wingham and their marriage was at Dover, the family christened their children at St. Margaret, Rochester and are recorded in the 1841, 1851 and 1861

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census as living at Upper Delce Farm, St Margaret's Rochester. As son James has the middle name 'Moon', this is confirmation of mother.

1841 census aged 53

1851 census shows Elizabeth as aged 63 and born about 1788 in Dover, Kent

1861 census aged 73 and born Swingfield.

1871 census RG10 903 folio 8

Upper Delce Farm Maidstone Road Rochester

Robert Matson Head Unmarried 62 Farmer of 150 acres employing 6 men and 1 boy Rochester Kent

Elizabeth Matson Mother Widowed 83 Farmer's widow Dover Kent

4 servants

George Matson Son Visitor Widower 53 Retired Banker Rochester Kent

Marr: 11 Aug 1808, St. Mary, Dover, Kent

Marr Memo: By Licence

Children: Robert (1809-1894)
 James Moon (1810-1881)
 James (~1811-1879)
 John (1812-1888)
 Henry (1814-1885)
 George (1817-1898)
 Martha Mary (~1818-1904)

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.1 Robert MATSON

Birth: 22 May 1809, Rochester, Kent
 Chr: 12 Jun 1809, St. Margaret, Rochester, Kent
 Death: Sep 1894, Eastry Registration District
 Death Memo: 2a 487
 Occ: Retired Farmer (1881)

Robert was at home with his parents in Rochester on the 1851 census; George was probably at that time in Australia. Robert was also there on the 1841 census when he is recorded as aged 30, so it looks as if his time in Australia was shorter in the early 1840s

1851 census aged 41 born about 1810 and unmarried, living with parents in Rochester

1861 aged 51 and recorded with parents.

1864 On the 1st of December a Balloon Ascent took place from Woolwich Arsenal. After four hours and 25 minutes it landed at Delce farm, near Rochester and 'The Times' reported, in a full description of the flight made by the occupants that "(we) received assistance from Mr. Matson, whose farm joined that on which we fell, for which we beg to thank him.

1871 census RG10 903 folio 8

Upper Delce Farm Maidstone Road Rochester

Robert Matson Head Unmarried 62 Farmer of 150 acres employing 6 men and 1 boy. Born Rochester Kent

Elizabeth Matson Mother Widowed 83 Farmer's widow. Born Dover Kent

4 servants

George Matson Son Visitor Widower 53 Retired Banker. Born Rochester Kent

1881 noted as a Retired Farmer 'Annuitant'. aged 71. Living at 16, Blenheim Road, Deal.

1891 census aged 81 and living in Chillenden, Eythorne Parish, Kent. The family has 67-year-old Charlotte Clark, born Tilmanstone, as a boarder

1894 record of death states aged 85.

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Spouse: Francis Emily MATSON
 Birth: 24 Nov 1824, St. James, Dover
 Chr: 25 Dec 1824, St.James The Apostle, Dover
 Death: 9 Jan 1895, 107, Gloucester-Terrace, Hyde Park, London
 Father: Edward MATSON (1791-1873)
 Mother: Mary Francis (or Ann) FECTOR (~1796-1848)

1861 census aged 36 and living with father and stepmother
 1881 census aged 50 and living at 16, Blenheim Road, Deal.
 1891 census Frances is aged 58, born about 1833 and living with Robert at Chillenden.
 1884 "The Times" of January 12th has this notice in the Deaths section - On the 9th inst, at 107, Gloucester-terrace, Hyde Park, Frances Emily Matson, younger daughter of the late Major-General Matson. R.E. aged 69.

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.2 James Moon MATSON

Birth: 26 Jul 1810, Rochester, Kent
 Chr: 27 Aug 1810, St. Margaret, Rochester, Kent
 Death: 1881
 Occ: Quarry & Landowner

On the Matson/Manifold/Litster/Thomas family tree J.T.Matson (Henry's son) states: 'My father (Henry Matson).....resigned his appointment under the Tasmanian Government, and on Sept 22, 1838, left for Port Phillip and became one of the early settlers. His brother James preceded him by a few months....'
 "The Historical Records of Victoria Vol.1" record that James Moon Matson's shepherd had been murdered at the property near Colac on 22 Jan 1839.
 James Moon Matson was a Subscriber to The Presbyterian Church in Melbourne. 1838-1839 paid One Pound One shilling, resident of Port Phillip.
 An item in "The Henty Journals - a Record of Farming, Whaling and Shipping at Portland Bay 1834 - 1839." records this whaling trip: -
 21 May 1839, Tuesday - 8 Whale in, 2 killed by Mansfields part, 1 by Sinclair, 1 by J.Long and 1 by Matson with the spare boat and pick up crew..... Fine day, Wind light from Eastwd.
 The Hentys were 1st settlers to Victoria, and were friends of both James and Henry - so which Matson - is uncertain, however it seems most likely to be James Moon Matson as Henry was back in Tasmania at this stage.
 1851 census shows the name of James M. Matson aged 40, unmarried and living with parents in Rochester, Kent, England. Perhaps a visit home or simply recording the family's children?

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Sarah Jane d/o James Matson and Martha Graham	b Edge	1870
James Graham s/o " " "	b Malmsbury	1873
Margaret Marie d/o " " "	b Tr Ar	1875
Isaac Carroll s/o " " "	b Tr Ar	1878
Martha Catherine d/o " " "	b Morw	1885

W.J. Manifold has written of his family's settlement in Victoria in "The Wished for Land" He includes some material about Henry Manifold MATSON s/o of Henry (1814-1885) who managed their farm for some time.
 From the book -
 Alice MANIFOLD d/o William MANIFOLD and Mary (BARNES) born 06 Sep 1813
 Family arrived Tasmania 09 Dec 1831 on 'Brenda' Alice aged 18
 Married Henry Matson 21 Mar 1837 in Tasmania
 In 1844, Alice MATSON and her children came to stay at Purrumbete. Her husband Henry Matson had first gone with his brother James Matson to Bacchus Marsh and the first three children, Mary Elizabeth, Henry Manifold and

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Alice Barnes had been born at Kelso. [Tasmania] A fourth child Robert William had been born in Geelong but sadly had died within a year of his birth, in January 1845.

John Thomas was born at Purrumbete in March 1845

Alice died of apoplexy 1861

In 1851, Henry Manifold Matson went to Mr Butterfield’s school in Melbourne ... after a while he went to school in Tasmania through his Uncle George Matson who was manager of the Bank of Australia there for something like 30 years.

The Matson stone quarry was started by James Moon Matson (see note below), Henry Manifold Matson’s uncle who wrote -

‘... took some land in Bacchus Marsh in 1854 ...My Brother Henry then joined me...’

Note: - The original book is now agreed as incorrect and the uncle of Henry Manifold Matson was James Moon Matson not Henry Moon Matson as stated in “The Wished For Land”. Certainly by 1860, James Moon Matson was appointed secretary to the board of agriculture in Victoria. Though James was on the 1851 census with his parents in Rochester he was missing from England thereafter and before 1851 from the information of the wrecking of the Isabella, in Melbourne in 1844 at the time of the shipwreck - published in the Port Phillip Herald).

MATSON, Jas Moon

Father: Unknown

Mother: Unknown

Age at Death: 62 (I think the death entry for James Moon Matson may just be a mistake with his age actually 72 not 62. You are looking at a transcription of the indexed entry not the actual entry or the death certificate itself. On the 1851 census in Rochester James Moon was aged 40.)

Death Place: Kew

Reg Year: 1881 Reg State: Victoria

Ref Number: 10900

James Moon Matson did not marry.

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.3 James MATSON

Birth: abt 1811, Chatham, Kent
 Death: Mar 1879, Faversham Registration District Death Memo: 2a 547
 Occ: Agricultural Labourer

1841 census shows aged 30 and living in Ospringe Lane.

1861 census widower aged 50 born Chatham Living at Hawthorn Place, Blind Lane, Milton with 43-year-old sister Martha (born Faversham), son 19-year-old Charles (born Faversham), son 14-year-old Thomas (born Teynham) and son 8-year-old James (born Teynham). The family has a 20-year-old boarder, agricultural labourer Edward Jenner

1871 census aged 59 Head of Household, living at Barrow Green, Teynham with 53-year-old sister Martha, Nephew James aged 5, and son Thomas aged 24

1879 record of death states aged 67.

Spouse: Ann
 Birth: abt 1816, Faversham, Kent
 Death: bef 1861

1841 census shows aged 25

Children: Charles (~1842-)
 Thomas (~1847-)
 James (~1853-)

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(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.3.1 Charles MATSON

Birth: abt 1842, Faversham, Kent
 Occ: Agricultural Labourer

1861 census aged 19 and living with parents

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.3.2 Thomas MATSON

Birth: abt 1847, Teynham, Kent
 Occ: Agricultural Labourer

1861 census aged 14 and living with parents

1871 census recorded as son aged 24 living with father James and fathers sister Martha and James Matson aged 5.

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.3.3 James MATSON

Birth: abt 1853, Teynham Kent
 Occ: Brickmaker

1861 census shows aged 8 and born about 1853 in Teynham. Living with father James and fathers' sister Martha (aged 43 born about 1818 Faversham)

1871 census aged 18 and living at the Farmhouse Conyer Green, Teynham, and home of Farm Bailiff 47 year old John Howland who also has two other men living at the house. (Note that the census transcription wrongly shows James as a son and not servant)

1881 census aged 27 and living at 108. Upper Brents, Preston next Faversham

1891 census aged 38, born Teynham and living at 9, Beckett Street, Faversham.

Spouse: Elizabeth LEWIS
 Birth: abt 1855, Teynham, Kent

1881 census shown as aged 26

1891 census shows Mary A. Overy aged 38 as Mother. It also records a James Daykes aged 36, born Bukhall, Suffolk as a visitor and Genieve Cornford aged 23 as a servant.

Marr: Sep 1874, Faversham Registration District
 Marr Memo: 2a 1105

Children: William M. (1869-)
 Lucy (1875-)
 Ernest T. (Or Arthur) (1876-)
 James George (1881-)
 Alfred Thomas (1884-)
 Edmond H. (~1890-)

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.3.3.1 William M. MATSON

Birth: Dec 1869, Milton Next Sittingbourne
 Birth Memo: Faversham 2a 733

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(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.3.3.2 Lucy MATSON

 Birth: Dec 1875, Teynham, Kent
 Birth Memo: Faversham Registration District 2a 750

1881 census shown as aged 3

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.3.3.3 Ernest T. (Or Arthur) MATSON

 Birth: Sep 1876, Thanet Registration District Birth Memo: 2a 849

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.3.3.4 James George MATSON

 Birth: Mar 1881, Preston, Faversham Registration District
 Birth Memo: 2a 853

1881 census living with parents. 4 months old

1891 census aged 10

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.3.3.5 Alfred Thomas MATSON

 Birth: Dec 1884, Faversham, Kent
 Birth Memo: 2a 862

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.3.3.6 Edmond H. MATSON

 Birth: abt 1890, Faversham, Kent

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.4 John MATSON

 Birth: 26 Jan 1812, Rochester, Kent
 Birth Memo: or 26th May 1812
 Chr: 3 Mar 1812, St. Margaret, Rochester, Kent
 Death: Dec 1888, Penge, Surrey Death Memo: Croydon 2a 121
 Occ: Clerk In Admiralty Office

Gentleman's Magazine September 1844

At River Kent John Matson esq. of the Admiralty, third son of Robert Matson esq. of Rochester Kent to Catharine-Witherden only daughter of the late Simon Horton of Ewell Surrey.

1851 census - John Matson was married with a wife and two daughters and living in Camberwell, Surrey. At the time of the 1851 census John was a clerk in the Admiralty Office.

Family of Robert Matson - John Matson m. Kate Horten'

Kate, Alice, Kate - and 2 empty apples (no dates) (This is from the Australian family tree of John Thomas Matson.)

1881 census John is aged 68 and living at Borodon Road, Lyndhurst Villa, Penge, Surrey. He is recorded as a Retired Clerk.

1888 record of death shows aged 75.

Spouse: Catherine Witherden HORTON
 Birth: abt 1827, Ewell, Kent
 Death: Dec 1899, Paddington Registration District Death Memo: 1a 26
 Father: Simon HORTON (-<1844)

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In 1851 living in Camberwell with two daughters. The family has a nurse and two female servants.
 1881 census shown as aged 54. The family has a 20 -year-old servant - Louisa Rayment from Grays in Essex
 1899 record of death states aged 73.

Marr: 5 Jul 1844, River, Near Dover, Kent
 Marr Memo: September Quarter 5 167

Children: Kate Marian (1850-)
 Alice Horton (1851-)

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.4.1 Kate Marian MATSON

Birth: Mar 1850, Camberwell, Surrey
 Birth Memo: 4 52

1881 census 'Kate M.' is recorded as aged 30 and living with her parents

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.4.2 Alice Horton MATSON

Birth: Jun 1851, Camberwell, London Birth Memo: 4 52



Henry MATSON
 (Drawn by Maggie Fletcher nee Matson)

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a Henry MATSON*

Birth: 17 Jul 1814, Rochester, Kent
 Birth Memo: or 17th June 1814
 Chr: 12 Aug 1814, St. Margaret, Rochester, Kent
 Death: 24 Oct 1885, Bligh's Road, Christchurch. New Zealand
 Burial: 27 Oct 1885, Papanui, Christchurch, New Zealand
 Occ: Royal Navy. Landowner & Farmer In Tasmania & New Zealand. Gentleman.

The MacDonald Dictionary of Biographies in Christchurch New Zealand states, "Matson, Henry (1814-85) was a son of Robert Matson of Delce Farm, WINGHAM, Kent"

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“The Times” 13th April 1835 has an item from the “Hampshire Gazette” -
Portsmouth, Saturday, April 11. Promotions and Appointments...Mr Henry Matson. late Mate of the Curlew (for his conduct whilst employed on a particular service on the coast of Africa, in which he displayed great coolness, courage, and decision), to the rank of Lieutenant...

The following item is from “Our Environment”, Christchurch City Council’s Environmental Newsletter, Issue 31, Winter 2002. : - “The Matson Cottages, situated on Harewood Road and Matson Road, and built by Henry Matson in 1883, are an interesting group of late Victorian workers cottages. Though their survival has had a precarious history in recent years, happily five of the original six are still standing (one was demolished in 1963)... Builder of the cottages, Henry Matson, was born in Kent in 1814 and emigrated with his brother to Australia in 1835. Shipwrecked off Tasmania, he settled there working as a harbour master and investing in two stations and a quarry. Many early Melbourne buildings were built of stone from the quarry. Living between Tasmania and Melbourne for almost 30 years, Matson decided to emigrate to Christchurch in 1862 following the death of his first wife. Here he founded H. Matson and Co, one of the largest stock and station firms at the time. Matson’s offices were in the Torlesse building in Cathedral Square designed by Maxwell Bury in 1864 and demolished in 1916. Henry Matson owned property on Harewood Road where he built a dwelling he named Delce. The first dwelling was damaged by fire but the second still stands today.

In 1882, he began the subdivision of Matsons Road, building six identical workers cottages in 1883. Two cottages fronted Harewood Road and four on Matsons Road. Following Matson’s death in 1885, his second wife Edith and son Conway Matson inherited the estate. Conway Matson was the builder of the Edwardian Horse Bazaar of 1903 on the corner of Bedford Row, Madras and Lichfield Streets, which is currently (2002) being conserved and restored for a new use.

The cottages are modest but well built with stone piles, timber framing and kauri weatherboards. Between each cottage was a shared well, water tank stand and washhouse.

Today (2002) the cottages remain in reasonably original condition.

Perhaps their survival is due in part to the ownership of the cottages remaining in the Matson family until the 1920s and subsequent ownership tending to remain within families over the past eight decades.

Jenny May Director, “Our City”

There seems to be a possible disparity in dates when the wreck of the “George 111” is compared to the report of Henry’s promotion in “The Times” of April 1835 (see above) unless Henry was promoted on the day before the wreck.

“GEORGE III 394 tons Convict ship 14.12.1834 dep London 205 convicts, Capt W.H. Moxey. 12.4.1835 Hit rocks (D’Entrecasteaux Channel) Derwent R 133 lost, 161 survivors included Henry Matson, first mate.”

Writings in NZ about Henry's part in the disaster state that the "convicts who were unshackled made for the deck and were shot; those who were shackled were drowned" (St Paul’s, Papanui Cemetery records).

Don Matson in NZ - from Henry's direct line has a copy of the court proceedings and says that Henry was cleared of any misconduct.

Henry went on to experience character defamation from William Lushington Goodwin - who referred to him as 'tactless aggressive and rude'. Possibly suffering from paranoia William Goodwin had applied for the job taken by Matthew Curling Friend and was bitter as a result - and it seems that Henry got caught by cross fire!

Henry suffered the loss of several children including a teenage daughter, and the sudden death of his wife who was referred to as 'the flower of the crop' (The Wished for Land - John Manifold).

His obituary in the Lyttelton Times 'He was a man of most amiable disposition and was greatly liked and respected by all who knew him.'

1838 Bought land in Georgetown Tasmania and on the 31st December 1838 bought land in Colac, Victoria, Australia.

On the Matson/Manifold/Litster/Thomas family tree J.T.Matson (Henry's son) states: 'My father (Henry Matson)...resigned his appointment under the Tasmanian Government, and on Sept 22, 1838, left for Port Phillip and became one of the early settlers. His brother James preceded him by a few months....'

1839 Mr MATSON will fill in for Matthew Curling FRIEND - Port Office duties - Georgetown.

After being Port Officer at George Town, Tasmania, Henry moved to Australia.

1843 Mrs. Matson and 4 chdn dep Port Phillip

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The Wreck of the "Isabella"

On The 18th June 1844, the "Isabella" left Melbourne headed for London, England and Leith, Scotland. She was a 422-ton barque under the command of Captain J. F. Hardie. Her journey had started in Sydney and since arriving at Melbourne on the 6th April 1844 had loaded a cargo of wool.

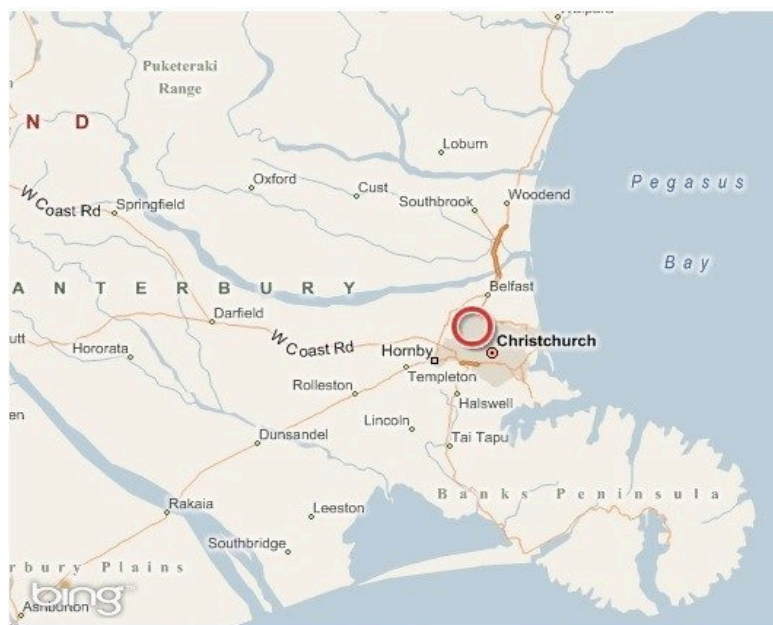
When she left Melbourne there was a strong fair wind and thick weather, which had increased, to a hurricane by 21st June when land was sighted. Captain Hardie mistakenly thought this to be part of the Kent Group of islands and tried to navigate through what he believed to be a well-known channel of those islands. Unfortunately, the land was actually part of Flinders Island and the ship ran aground on a reef of rocks on the morning of 22nd June 1844.

All the passengers and crew were able reach shore safely before the ship broke up. After some days they made contact with a party of sealers and a few days later reached the "Flying Fish" which was on the other side of Flinders Island and about to sail for Melbourne. They were all taken aboard the "Flying Fish" and arrived at Melbourne on 2nd July 1844.

On 9th September 1844, the Postmaster, Henry D. Kemp, issued a list of some letters he was holding at the Melbourne Post Office. He said that these letters had been rescued from the wreck of the "Isabella" and would be re-forwarded to London in the first direct mail. This list, with addresses abbreviated for privacy reasons, was published in the "Port Phillip Herald" on 17th September 1844 and included MATSON, Robert - Rochester, Kent, England 1844 Henry went with his brother James Matson to Bacchus Marsh

1847 Port Phillips Directory - MATSON Henry - settler, Acheron River, Western Port.

1848-9 Henry Matson sold Acheron and moved to Bullengarooke Station near Bacchus Marsh. (From "Wished For Land")



Location of Papanui indicated by Red Circle

Alice died in 1861. Henry moved to Christchurch in January 1862 and re-married, on 24th June 1867, at St. Michael's, to a much younger woman, Edith Dearden. They settled on a 29-acre estate in Papanui, 'Delce Farm' towards the Papanui end of Harewood Road and raised a second family.

He built large stock and station firm and auctioneering business. In New Zealand Henry Matson's estate was called 'Delce'.

Ames Triggs was born in Suffolk and, in 1859, arrived on the Clontarf with his wife, Sarah Ann, and family. Triggs bought a farm just west of the railway crossing at Papanui next door to Henry Matson's estate, Delce. He worked as a dairy farmer and, later, grew fruit trees. .

Row F No. 86 Matson

This is a large oblong block with 20 nameplates inserted round the outside edging.

People buried here include the 'grandfathers' of the family, Henry Matson, 71, who died on 24 October 1885, and John Thomas, 80, who died on 1 March 1897.

Henry Matson was born at Delce Farm, Wingham, eastern Kent, the son of Robert Matson. He went to sea and, at 20, was an officer on the George III, a vessel that was to transport 200 convicts and 40 homeless boys to Australia.

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Two miles from Tasmania, in a big sea, the ship ran on a submerged and uncharted rock and ripped her bottom. Those convicts who were unshackled made for the deck and were shot; those who were shackled were drowned. There were few survivors, most of these being soldiers and crewmembers.

Henry Matson worked at various jobs on the waterfront at Georgetown, Tasmania, eventually receiving the coveted appointment of harbour master. At last, he could propose marriage to his intended, a Miss Manifold of Kelso, across the Tasman River. She accepted him. When the marriage was celebrated, Henry was 30.

Henry Matson and his wife moved to Victoria with Mrs. Matson’s family who were sheep and farming folk. Henry proved himself skilled at buying and selling sheep and, later, dealt in gold.

Mrs. Alice Matson died in 1861; four of the couple’s nine children pre-deceased her. In the spring of 1862, the widower, 48, came across to Christchurch and met Charles Torlesse, nephew of Edward Gibbon Wakefield and one of those who had surveyed the settlement for the Canterbury Association. Torlesse thought Matson not one of your keen moneymakers. I believe him to be a good man in every way. We are both agreed to do an honest straightforward business and depend more on faithfulness, diligence and quick dispatch rather than any wonderful shrewdness or business ability.

Thus did Matson and Torlesse establish themselves as real estate agents and sheep importers. Torlesse felt that he must frequently write to his parents in England assuring them that, in the colonies, gentlemen must stoop to occupations such as this that would be beyond the pale at home.

The business started in a wooden building on the western side of Colombo Street between Hereford and Cashel streets. A disastrous fire at the property and the fact that the partners had different temperaments meant that Torlesse moved into the building which had replaced that which had been burnt out, while Matson worked from a stone building (which the business had got Maxwell Bury to design) about where Kiwibank now stands in the south-west corner of Cathedral Square Henry Matson maintained his links with the Manifolds and emphasized that he could import sheep from Australia to order. Torlesse brought to the business his longstanding contacts with the province’s pioneering farming fraternity. Eventually Torlesse moved back to England where he died – but not before the firm had become well known.

Henry Matson remained in Christchurch. On 24 June 1867, at St. Michael’s, he married a much younger woman, Edith Dearden, settled on a 29 acre estate in Papanui, ‘Delce Farm’ towards the Papanui end of Harewood Road and raised a second family.

St. Paul’s Papanui Cemetery 2007

The death certificate records that Henry died of Paralysis and Old Age. It also records that he had been in New Zealand for 20 years at the time of his death. Will dated 5th February 1879.

The “Evening Post” of 1st October 1886 records in the lists of estates of deceased persons in Wellington District that have been finally certified to 30th September, and stamp duty paid on net value - Henry Matson, Canterbury, £4805.

Spouse:	Alice MANIFOLD
Birth:	6 Sep 1813, Cheshire
Chr:	10 Oct 1813, Bromborough, Cheshire
Death:	26 Jul 1861, ‘Of Apoplexy’ Bullengarooke, Victoria, Australia
Father:	William J. MANIFOLD (~1764-1847)
Mother:	Mary BARNES (~1780-1851)

“... the lady who researched the Bostock Diaries discovered that three of her Bostock male family members, married three of Alice Manifold (Matson)'s sisters - ”

W.J. Manifold has written of his family's settlement in Victoria in "The Wished for Land" He includes some material about Henry Manifold MATSON son of Henry (1814-1885) who managed their farm for some time. .

From the book -

”Alice Manifold daughter of William Manifold and Mary (Barnes born 6th Sep 1813

Family arrived Tasmania 9th Dec 1831 on ‘Brenda’. Alice aged 18.

Married Henry Matson 21st Mar 1837 in Tasmania

Referred to as “Miss Manifold of Kelso, across the Tamar River at George Town” - the harbour known then as Port Dalrymple.

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In January 1844, Alice Matson and her children came to stay at Purrumbete, while her husband ‘went off looking for country to settle down on’.

Her husband Henry Matson had first gone with his Uncle James Matson to Bacchus Marsh and the first three children, Mary Elizabeth, Henry Manifold and Alice Barnes had been born at Kelso. [Tasmania] A fourth child Robert William had been born in Geelong but sadly had died within a year of his birth, in January 1845.

John Thomas was born at Purrumbete in March 1845 “

In 1851, Henry Manifold Matson went to Mr Butterfield’s school in Melbourne ... after a while he went to school in Tasmania through his Uncle George Matson who was manager of the Bank of Australia there for something like 30 years.

The Matson stone quarry was started by James (Note: - NOT Henry as stated in the book) Moon Matson Henry Manifold Matson’s uncle who wrote - ‘.... took some land in Bacchus Marsh in 1854 ...My Brother Henry then joined me...’

1843 Mrs. Matson and 4 chdn dep Port Phillip

1847 Port Phillip Directory - Matson Henry - settler, Acheson River, Western Port

1848-9 Henry Matson sold Acheron and moved to Bullengarooke Station Near Bacchus Marsh.”

Alice died of apoplexy 1861 when she was aged 47 and just having an afternoon rest.

Marr: 25 Mar 1837, Launceston, Tasmania, Australia



Location of Launceston, Tasmania – Shown by Red Circle

- Children:
- Mary Elizabeth (1838-1857)
 - Henry Manifold (1839-1927)
 - Alice Barnes (1841-)
 - Robert William (Died as Infant) (1843-1844)
 - John Thomas (1845-1895)
 - Emma Jane (1847-1920)
 - William Robert (Died as Child) (1848-1854)
 - Kate Julia (Died as Infant) (1851-1852)
 - Conway George (1853-1930)
- Other spouses: Edith DEARDON

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a.1 Mary Elizabeth MATSON

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Birth: 3 Mar 1838, Kelso, Tasmania
 Death: 4 Mar 1857, Tasmania



Henry Manifold MATSON

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a.2 Henry Manifold MATSON

Birth: 22 Sep 1839, Kelso, Tasmania
 Death: 4 Nov 1927, Papanui, Christchurch, New Zealand
 Burial: Papanui Cemetery, New Zealand
 Occ: Farm Manager Of Purrumbete In Victoria, Australia

In 1851, Henry Manifold Matson went to Mr Butterfield’s school in Melbourne ... after a while he went to school in Tasmania through his Uncle George Matson who was manager of the Bank of Australia there for something like 30 years.

I am glad to say my nephew Henry Manifold Matson is doing well at school. He's getting quite a name at the school St Andrews. I pay for his schooling. Henry Manifold Matson is a son of my Nephew William Matson, brother



Location of Purrumbete, Australia shown by Red Circle

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a.3 Alice Barnes MATSON

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Conway's Eldest son he died at Timaru N.Z and left his wife Bessie badly off with her son Henry aged 16 years in September & a dear little girl Mary Matson aged 5 years aged. I gave Willie Matson the house in Timaru 5 years ago when Mary was born. The house cost.1000 pounds. Bessie lets this in fact it is her only income so I help... Managed the farm of William J. Manifold for some time. Henry Manifold Matson managed the 100, 000 acre estate Purrumbete for some years for the Manifold family. Purrumbete is some distance west of Geelong in the state of Victoria. The Manifolds were there until 1982.

Birth: 25 May 1841, Kelso, Tasmania

“...my sister Mrs. Walton who was over from New Zealand under Dr in Melbourne, & Mr Walton who was over to take my sister back with him by a certain steamer”
 In 1894 witnessed the will of John Thomas, her brother.

Spouse: Richard WALTON
 Marr: 1865

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a.4 Robert William MATSON

Birth: 27 Feb 1843, Geelong, Victoria, Australia
 Death: 17 Jan 1844, Geelong

A fourth child Robert William had been born in Geelong but sadly had died within a year of his birth, in January 1845.



John Thomas MATSON

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a.5a John Thomas MATSON*

Birth: 30 Mar 1845, Purrumbete, Goulbourne, Victoria, Australia
 Death: 15 Apr 1895, Christchurch, New Zealand
 Burial: Apr 1895, St. Paul’s Papanui Cemetery (2007 29)
 Occ: Farmer, Auctioneer

Farmer at Papanui, Christchurch, New Zealand

On the Matson/Manifold/Litster/Thomas family tree J.T.Matson (Henry's son) states: 'My father (Henry Matson).....resigned his appointment under the Tasmanian Government, and on Sept 22, 1838, left for Port Phillip and became one of the early settlers. His brother James preceded him by a few months....'

Took over father’s Stock Station/Broking business in 1877

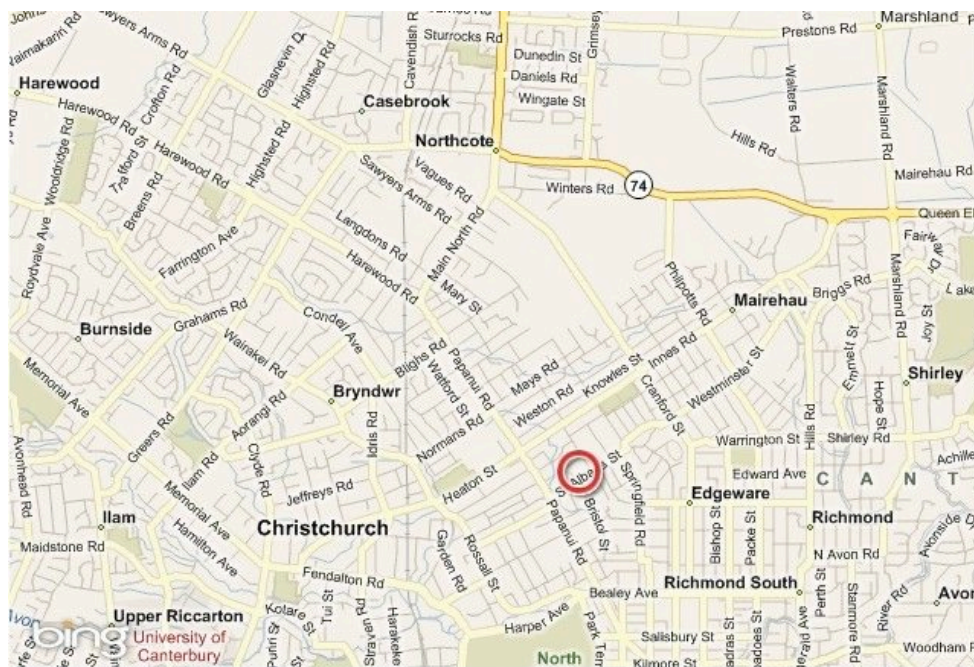
John Thomas Matson, son of Henry Matson and his first wife, was born in Victoria on 30 March 1845, and started his working life in the Warnambool branch of the Bank of Australasia. In 1862, he came to Christchurch with his father. Soon after he returned to Australia and, in 1864, married the girl whom he had left behind, Marion or ‘Min’ Thomas of Oakfield, Pentland Hills, Victoria. After farming in a remote district in partnership with his wife’s brother, he returned to Christchurch and joined his father’s business. It was John who added an auctioneering branch to the firm. He imported from England an iron store in sections and had it erected in Lichfield Street where bales of wool were collected and displayed. John was a superb salesman and conducted the first wool sale in the province. H. Matson and Co. ‘became one of the largest stock and station businesses in the colony’.

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In the first decade and a half of the Canterbury Settlement wool was taken by bullock dray to Ferrymead and then, by small craft, over the Sumner Bar and round to Lyttelton where the squatter would enjoy a ‘shipboard dinner’ as his product was loaded on a London-bound vessel. With the opening of the Lyttelton railway tunnel in 1867, the Matsons introduced wool sales in Christchurch, after which the wool was sent to London at the expense of the buyer rather than the seller.

In 1873, there was a slap-up champagne lunch, after which the Matsons managed the sale, which terminated the Kermode-Moore partnership at Glenmark. Father and son worked together till the former retired in 1879. Henry Matson died on 24 October 1885 ‘after a most painful illness of long duration’.



The J. T. Matsons had ‘Islesworth Farm’ on Harewood Road and a fine estate, ‘Springfield Farm’, on the east side of Papanui Road, St. Albans, in the Innes Road-Murray Place-Browns Road area. It has been stated that ‘Springfield’ was the second-to-largest house in Christchurch – ‘Holly Lea’ in Manchester Street being the largest – and that the ‘grounds leading up to the house were immense’.

St. Albans Street (Red Circle) Papanui Road, Harwood Road, Christchurch, N.Z. Today (2009)

Marion, the soul of generosity had 40 people to Sunday lunch after church. Sometimes the numbers were so large that the meal had to be eaten in several sittings. Many balls took place at ‘Springfield. The Matsons had a large family, ‘the three girls ... [having] more than their share of good looks’.

The “Evening Post” of 26th May 1882 has an article revealing another side of life in Papanui. - “Whether it be owing to the International Exhibition or to other causes, Christchurch appears to be infested just now by a gang of ruffians, and it would seem if they were acting under an organised system. A local solicitor was driving into town last week with his wife, when he was set upon and dragged to the ground. The sudden appearance upon the scene of several passers-by however, prevented the completion of further outrage. This attack, it must be said, was done in broad daylight. Several of the residents of Papanui, a suburb of Christchurch, received nightly visitations of the gang, but in each case, the inmates being on the alert, but little plunder was secured or damage done. Among others, the houses of the Hon. J.T. Peacock, Messrs. J. Evans brown and J.T. Matson were singled out. Several cases of sticking-up are also reported, where the sufferers were severely beaten and everything of value torn from them” Humble locals marveled at the wonders of ‘Springfield Farm’, which included a running track on the land facing Browns Road; the Matson boys were all good runners. Then there were the animals, which included llamas, monkeys, and alpacas. William Barnard Rhodes of Wellington had sent alpacas to his brother, Robert Heaton Rhodes of ‘Elmwood’ in the hope that they might be farmed for their wool. The experiment did not succeed and Robert was happy to pass them to J. T. Matson. There was much bird life including peacocks, parrots, parakeets and kookaburras.

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Another novelty appeared at the Matson properties. In 1886, John read an article in the Australian about the arrival, in Adelaide, of a consignment of South African ostriches. It was intended that the feathers would be used in the manufacture of women's hats and fans. Matson sent a telegram across the Tasman and managed to secure four of the best specimens of the flock. A male was killed on the voyage and a female so badly injured that she too died. The remaining pair survived, thrived and, on 30 December 1886, there were hatched, at Matson's property, the first ostrich chicks to be born anywhere in New Zealand. When the chicks matured, long white feathers were taken from their wings and made into fans. These the Governor presented to Queen Victoria and her daughter-in-law, Princess Alexandra.

Eventually John Matson had 43 birds, some at Harewood Road, some at St. Albans. People came to admire the spectacle of the birds marching solemnly, especially John's prize pair whom he named 'Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone'. They also gawked at other birds, which careered at full speed with outstretched necks. On one occasion tourists returned to Warner's Hotel and, to the amazement of fellow guests who were not in the know toasted 'Success to Mr. Matson and the ostriches'.

Matson's neighbours complained of the male birds becoming temperamental in the mating season. One day there was much commotion when a bird escaped and was trapped only when it reached Sydenham. A groom armed with a pitchfork had to steer the creature home.

The Canterbury times commented:

The credit of introducing ostriches into New Zealand must be given to Mr. John Matson of Christchurch and it is not too much to say that the introduction of such an important industry as that of ostrich farming is deserving of more substantial recognition than the mere mention of the fact in the columns of a newspaper. One has only to inquire at any of the soft goods merchants and note the amount of money that is currently sent out of the country for ostrich feathers to have some conception of the value of these birds as an adjunct to the income of any one who wishes to make a business of feather growing We hope it is only a matter of time – and a short time at that – when ostrich farms will be seen in every province and many hundreds of pounds that are now annually sent away for feathers will be kept here to enrich and reward those who are enterprising enough to follow so bold a leader as the man we have just named.

John Matson supported St. Paul's and, each Sunday, the family coach, complete with livery, would arrive at the front door after breakfast. Marion would step out in the latest fashion and the coach could be seen traveling up Papanui Road to the church.

The "Timaru Herald" of the 1st January 1885 reports that *on the 11th December the promoters of the West Coast Railway have appointed a committee to endeavor to arrange for the construction of lines by coming to terms with the Government and then inducing London capitalists to take up the contract. Included in the membership of this committee is J. T. Matson.*

The "Tuapeka Times" of the 15th December 1888 has this item - *" Mr J.T.Matson says that he invested for a client in England £400 in Christchurch city properties 31 years ago, and since then he has remitted in principal and interest £69,323 and he has over £10, 000 yet to realise"*

John's health collapsed and, about 1893, he handed the business to his three surviving sons.

The "Wanganui Herald" of 30th October 1894 has this report -

New Plymouth, October 30. Te Whiti has been publicly presented with a handsome Kaiapoi rug on which was woven "Te Whiti, Parihaka, from John T. Matson, Canterbury, 1894". The chief on receiving it said he appreciated the gift because it was pleasant to him to think that Mr Matson's and Te Whiti; s short acquaintance and the humorous reception he gave to the party who visited Parihaka shoul be recognised in such a handsome manner. He accepted the present in the spirit in which it was given. The rug was then put on a young chieftainess' back with the inscription outwards and she promenaded the settlement with it on for the inspection of the natives.

Late in 1894 he fell ill. 'For some little time ... Mr. Matson ... [was] confined to his room with the disease to which he ...succumbed', aged 50, on 15 April 1895. The bells at St. Paul's church rang a muffled peal in his honour and Bishop Churchill Julius took the funeral service.

Will dated 8th December 1894 leaves everything to wife Marion. Witnessed by Alice Barnes Matson, his sister.

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The conservative Press commented: *For many years Mr. Matson's vigorous personality, push and energy made him well-known, not only in his own immediate locality but all over the colony. He had a wonderful vigour of character and, once he took up a line, he adhered to it with unflinching pertinacity, despite all opposition. Indeed, it seemed that opposition only increased and redoubled his efforts Kindly to a fault ... he will be missed by many.*

The Lyttelton times, which shared John's world view, stated that *the auctioneer ... was a man of large heart and undaunted energy and ... always foremost in assisting in any movement that he conceived to be for the benefit of the colony, often to his own personal disadvantage.*

Spouse: Marion THOMAS
 Birth: 1842, Glasgow, Scotland
 Death: 23 Nov 1917, New Zealand
 Father: John THOMAS (1817-1897)

Marion Matson was 'a woman of strong personality and force of character' whose ... influence was felt within a large circle of friends. Her knowledge of the Bible was far above the average and her faith such that made her religion practical.

In her younger day Marion 'was ever in the front in doing all that was in her power to help in the church's work' though 'the infirmities of age' meant that, later, she could not take an active part in church matters. Despite this she was, for over 50 years 'a staunch supporter of St. Paul's, Papanui'.

Marion, 75, died on 23 November 1917.

John Thomas came to New Zealand 'in 1895, to spend his last days amongst his family, all of whom, with the exception of one daughter, are in Canterbury'. Thomas settled into the household of his widowed daughter, Marion Matson.

Marr: 30 Jun 1864, Pentland Hills, Victoria, Australia

Children: John Thomas (Aka Jack) (1865-1892)
 Marion Manifold (1868-)
 Leicester (1869-1942)
 Alice Emma (1870-)
 David Thomas (1872-1946)
 Helen Hamilton (Aka Nellie) (1873-)
 Walter Douglas (1875-1882)
 Ernest (1877-1923)
 Peter Manifold (Died as Child) (1878-1885)
 Henry Richard Tracey (Aka Harry) (1867-1918)

Other spouses: Grace Hannah VICKERY



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John Thomas (Aka Jack) MATSON

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a.5a.1 John Thomas (Aka Jack) MATSON

Birth: 25 Dec 1865, Pentland Hills, Victoria, Australia
 Death: 9 Nov 1892, Papanui, Christchurch, New Zealand
 Death Memo: of Typhoid
 Burial: 1892, St. Paul's, Papanui Cemetery. New Zealand.
 Occ: Auctioneer For The Firm Of H. Matson And Co

John Thomas – Jack – Matson, eldest son of John Thomas and Marion Matson, was born in 1865 and was a man of promise. The Lyttelton times wrote that ... at school, at college and ... as an auctioneer for the firm of H. Matson and Co., Jack Matson was admired and respected by all who came in contact with him. In his business career, he showed a more than ordinary fitness for his avocation, into which he threw his whole energy. A cheerful disposition aided him greatly to achieve success as an auctioneer and his good-humoured banter and smart repartee with which he was wont to enliven otherwise dull gatherings did much to make him one of the most popular auctioneers in the district.

Jack, 'the life and soul of the social circle at Papanui', was ably supported by his wife, Louise. Alas, he fell ill with typhoid and, although his 'very large circle of friends' was led to believe that the critical stage of the illness had passed, he died, at 27, on 9 November 1892. He left behind 'a sorrowing young widow, two fatherless children, loving parents and brothers and sisters, to whom ... [he] was a brother in the fullest sense of the term'.

About 600 people representing 'every class and ... every age' followed Jack to his last resting place. Immediately behind the hearse came 'the well known gig and horse used by the deceased'. Next came carriages occupied by family members and then friends and 'leading businessmen of Christchurch'. One very handsome wreath bore the inscription 'From his brother salesmen'.

St. Paul's Papanui Cemetery 2007 30

Spouse: Lousia WATSON

The "Otago Witness" of 8th April 1887 has this - "The following item of interest to ladies is from a Melbourne paper of the 18th March. A fashionable wedding took place on Wednesday March 9th at St. Mary's Church, Sunbury, Mr J.T. Matson, of Christchurch, New Zealand, was married to Miss Louisa Watson, ward of Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart... Mr Manifold of Purrumbete acted as best man. After the ceremony, the guests adjourned to Rupertswood, the residence of Sir W.J. Clarke, where the dejeuner was held in the new ballroom.

Marr: 9 Mar 1887, St. Mary's Church, Sunbury, Melbourne, Australia

Children: Janet Beatrice Esme (1888-1907)
 William Ivo (Died as Infant) (1891-1891)

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a.5a.1.1 Janet Beatrice Esme MATSON

Birth: 19 Feb 1888, New Zealand
 Death: 5 May 1907, Nelson, New Zealand

Lyttelton times has the following:

Matson – May 5, at Nelson, Janet Beatrice Esma, the only daughter of the late John Thomas Matson jun., of Christchurch; aged nineteen years.

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(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a.5a.1.2 William Ivo MATSON

Birth: 7 Sep 1891, Christchurch, New Zealand
 Death: 21 Nov 1891, Christchurch, New Zealand

One of Jack’s children, William Ivo, predeceased his father, dying at 10 weeks on 21 November 1891. The 6 May 1907 Lyttelton times has the following:
 Matson – May 5, at Nelson, Janet Beatrice Esma, the only daughter of the late John Thomas Matson jun..., of Christchurch; aged nineteen years.

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a.5a.2 Marion Manifold MATSON

Birth: 24 Jan 1868, Rockbank, Victoria, Australia
 Spouse: William Francis WATSON
 Birth: abt 1870, Victoria, Australia
 Marr: 6 Feb 1896



Leicester MATSON

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a.5a.3 Leicester MATSON

Birth: 9 May 1869, New Zealand
 Death: 24 Jan 1942, New Zealand
 Occ: Farmer & Auctioneer

Leicester’s school days were broken up by a period of ill health, which necessitated his leaving the Boys' High School in 1883. He was sent to his relatives, the Manifolds, in Australia, and worked as a station hand on Purrumbete, Danedite, and Coomete stations. The former place carried 10,000 head of cattle and 53,000 sheep, and in one year 900 head of fat stock realized at the Ballarat and Melbourne markets £14 10s. per head. Returning with renewed health to Christchurch, he went to Christ's College, to find that his enforced absence was the means of placing him in the lowest form. By close attention, he speedily made up for lost time, and reached the middle fifth before leaving early in 1887, when he joined Matson, Cox and Co., at Ashburton, as a junior. After two years he returned to Christchurch, becoming grain clerk in the business, and continuing in various positions till 1891, when he joined Mr. David Thomas, of Ashburton, as auctioneer and stock manager. This position he held till 1892, when on the death of his eldest brother, he was called on to fill the vacant position in the business of H. Matson and Co.,

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then associated with the National Mortgage and Agency Company, Ltd. His was a most difficult task (as the late Mr. Jack Matson was admitted to be the best all-round man in the stock trade in Canterbury), but constant perseverance has brought its usual reward. - The Cyclopedia of New Zealand (Canterbury Provincial District)

The “Evening Post” of the 11th December 1889 has this report - Christchurch this day. Gideon Withers, well known in business circles here, and manager for Matson and Co., was found dead in his office early this morning, shot through the heart. Later. Mr Withers’ death is a case of deliberate suicide. A letter was found saying that he had taken three bottles of laudanum, and not having any effect, he had shot himself at 6.45 a.m. When found, the body was warm and sitting on a sofa, with the breast bare. Withers had been at his office all night.

The “Evening Post” of the 19th March 1913 reports this - Christchurch 18th March. Before the Compensation Court, the action brought by Leicester Matson on behalf of M. Matson and Co., against the Minister for Railways, for £1478 compensation for land taken by the Railway Department at Addington...After evidence the Court.... awarded the claimant £550 compensation, together with interest on that sum from the date of the proclamation.

The “Grey River Argus of Saturday the 11th October 1919 has this report -

“A Press Association message from Christchurch states that the Land Purchase Board has bought from Mt Leicester Matson a farm of 1520 acres adjoining the Hawarden railway station for soldiers. The property is partly dairying land and partly sheep and cropping land. The board will not take possession until March.”

Spouse: Daisy Estelle ALLEN
 Birth: 9 May 1868, New Zealand
 Death: 24 Jan 1942, New Zealand
 Marr: 29 Dec 1896, St. Mary’s Merivale, Papanui, New Zealand

Children: John Thomas (1897-1961)
 Allan Leicester (1902-1957)
 Leicester William (1909-)
 Valmai (1900-)
 Rhona Estelle (1905-)

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a.5a.3.1 John Thomas MATSON

Birth: 16 Dec 1897, New Zealand
 Death: 11 Apr 1961, New Zealand

Spouse: Nancy Nellie MAY



Allan Leicester MATSON

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a.5a.3.2 Allan Leicester MATSON

Birth: 1 Apr 1902, Christchurch, New Zealand
 Death: 7 Nov 1957, Christchurch, New Zealand

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Occ: Stock Auctioneer



Mr Matson who was a son of Mr Leicester Matson, was born in Christchurch, and was educated at Christ's College from 1916 to 1919, playing for the college first fifteen in his last year. He then joined the stock and station agency firm of H Matson and Company, and from 1930, after the death of his father, conducted the business with his brothers, Messrs Jack T Matson and L W Matson. In March of that year, the business was merged with the New Zealand National Mortgage and Agency Company, Ltd., but the identity of the Matson firm was not lost, clients continuing to deal with the firm under the old name, and Mr Matson remained in the business. The firm of H Matson and

Company was built on the personality of the founder and his family successors, and Mr Allan Matson carried on the tradition. - NZ Trotting Calendar 20th December 1957

For 28 years he was connected with trotting, first as an enthusiast and then as the youngest member to be elected to the committee of the New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting Club - that was 20 years ago, after being a steward for eight years - and from then on rising to the club's presidency and the presidency of the New Zealand Trotting Conference. He was also a horse owner.

Spouse: Winifred Elizabeth
 Birth: 29 Jan 1904
 Death: 15 Sep 1978

Children: Fay Estelle (1926-)
 Henry (Aka Don)

(15) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a.5a.3.2.1 Fay Estelle MATSON

Birth: 4 Oct 1926, Russell Street, Christchurch, New Zealand

This couple had two daughters. One is married and named Jo Seager.

Spouse: Martyn WELLWOOD

Children: Jo

(15) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a.5a.3.2.2 Henry (Aka Don) MATSON

Lives in New Zealand.

Children: Sara

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Allan
Mary

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a.5a.3.3 Leicester William MATSON

Birth: 19 Oct 1909

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a.5a.3.4 Valmai MATSON

Birth: 9 Oct 1900, Holly Road, Christchurch, New Zealand

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a.5a.3.5 Rhona Estelle MATSON

Birth: 24 Aug 1905

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a.5a.4 Alice Emma MATSON

Birth: 28 Oct 1870, New Zealand

Spouse: George FISHER
Birth: abt 1861, Beckenham
Marr: 3 May 1894



David Thomas MATSON

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a.5a.5 David Thomas MATSON

Birth: 6 Jun 1872, New Zealand
Death: 29 Sep 1946, New Zealand
Occ: Auctioneer

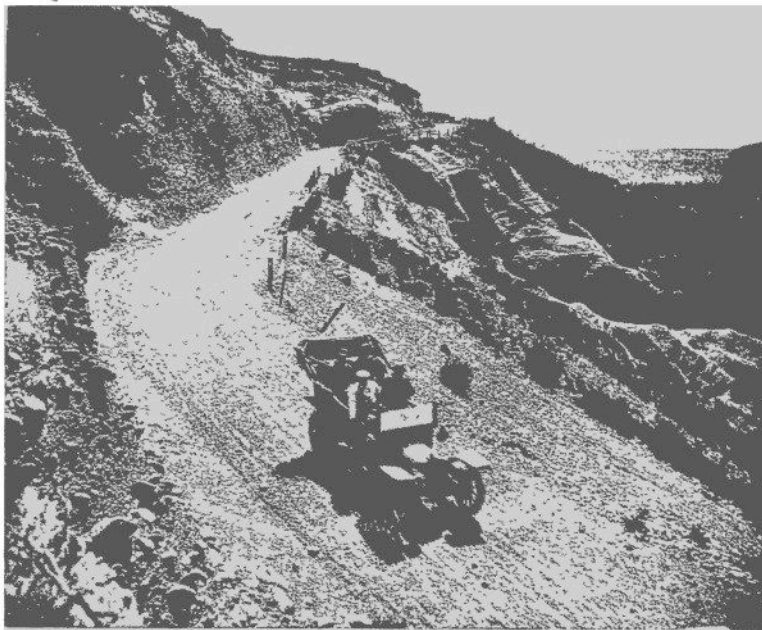
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report:—First day non-stop; second day, 10 seconds missing gear on hill near Kartigi; third day, non-stop; fourth day, 5 minutes in water-race near Mayfield. Stoppage owing to water on plugs. Awarded 994 marks. This car is two years old, having been driven over 50,000 miles. The car came through the trial without any mechanical or tyre troubles, and the stops were not due to any fault in the car, and for all practical purposes the run was non-stop so far as machinery defects were concerned. We can supply from stock at once "Talbot" cars same as illustrated. Prices and catalogues on application.

(3). OPEN CLASS.—15 h.p. gold medal 4-cylinder "Talbot" car (Royal Automobile Club rating, 20 h.p.), driven by Mr. R. M. Macdonald. Automobile Club observer (first day), Mr. H. A. Soanes. The following is the judges' report :—First day, non-stop, second day, non-stop; third day, non-stop; fourth day, non-stop. Maximum marks, 1000. Awarded first prize and gold medal. In the petrol consumption test this car gained third place with 20 miles to the gallon. This car came through without any stoppages for tyre troubles. We can supply from stock at once "Talbot" cars same as illustrated. Prices and catalogues on application.

(4). PRIVATE OWNERS' CLASS.—Mr. David Matson's gold medal 15 h.p. 4-cylinder "Talbot" car (Royal Automobile Club rating, 20 h.p.). Car entered and driven by owner. Automobile club observer (first day), Mr R. McCready. The following is the judge's report —First day, non-stop; second day, non-stop; third day, non-stop, fourth day, non-stop. Maximum marks, 1000. Awarded first prize and gold medal. This car came through without any stoppage for tyre troubles. We can supply from stock at once "Talbot" cars, same as illustrated. Prices and catalogues on application.



(9) MR. DAVID MATSON'S TALBOT CAR COMING DOWN THE RAKAI GORGE

David was educated at Christ's College, where he distinguished himself in athletics, winning the school cup and breaking the school records at the 120 yards hurdles. After leaving college, he represented New Zealand in Wellington, won the quarter mile hurdles and gained the championship of the Colony. The following year he visited the Australian Championship Meeting, won the 440 yards hurdles, and put up the world's record. His first appointment in commercial life was at the Bank of New South Wales, which, however, he left to join his uncle, Mr. David Thomas, of Ashburton. It was not long before he became an auctioneer and joined his two brothers in the present business at the beginning of 1894. - The Cyclopedia of New Zealand (Canterbury Provincial District)

Spouse: Florence HALE
 Birth: 20 Dec 1872
 Death: 12 Sep 1946
 Marr: 1 Aug 1895, New Zealand

Children: Esca Neil David (Died as Infant) (1896-1896)
 Keith David (1898-1952)
 Florence Rita (1900-)
 Enid Florence (1910-)

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a.5a.5.1 Esca Neil David MATSON

Birth: 13 Jun 1896, New Zealand
 Death: 13 Jun 1896, New Zealand

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a.5a.5.2 Keith David MATSON

Birth: 2 Dec 1898, New Zealand
 Death: 1952, New Zealand

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(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a.5a.5.3 Florence Rita MATSON

Birth: 5 May 1900, New Zealand

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a.5a.5.4 Enid Florence MATSON

Birth: 1 Jun 1910, New Zealand

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a.5a.6 Helen Hamilton (Aka Nellie) MATSON

Birth: 20 Dec 1873, New Zealand

The "Observer" of 25th July 1896 has this - The engagement in Christchurch of Miss Nellie Matson, youngest daughter of the late Mr J. T. Matson, to Mr Septimus Keith Garrick, of St. Albans'.

Spouse: Septimus Keith GARRICK
Marr: 27 Apr 1899, St. Mary's, Merivale, Papanui, New Zealand

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a.5a.7 Walter Douglas MATSON

Birth: 31 Dec 1875
Death: 6 Aug 1882, St. Paul's, Papanui, Christchurch, New Zealand



Ernest MATSON

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a.5a.8 Ernest MATSON

Birth: 6 Feb 1877, New Zealand
Death: 2 Feb 1923, New Zealand
Occ: Hand Stock Agent

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(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a.5a.9 Peter Manifold MATSON

Birth: 27 Nov 1878, Papanui, New Zealand
 Death: 30 Dec 1885, Papanui, New Zealand
 Burial: St Paul's' Papanui, New Zealand



Henry Richard Tracey (Aka Harry) MATSON

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a.5a.10 Henry Richard Tracey (Aka Harry) MATSON

Birth: 12 Jan 1867, Papanui, Christchurch, New Zealand
 Death: 9 Mar 1918, Papanui, Christchurch, New Zealand
 Death Memo: Suicide
 Occ: Stock Manager

The Cyclopedia of New Zealand [Canterbury Provincial District] -
 Mr. Harry Matson was educated at the Boys' High School, Christchurch, and at the Geelong Grammar School. While at the former he was captain of the football and cricket clubs, and won the school cup at the sports for two years running. At Geelong, he became captain of the school team, and the best football player in the Victorian schools. He was also interprovincial player for Victoria for two years. In 1885, he joined the business as a junior, and two years later became account sales clerk and cashier at Addington. In 1889 he took the position of manager of Tattershall's and stock manager, which he held till the dissolution between the National Mortgage Company and the firm of Matson and Co. Mr. H. Matson is a first-class judge of stock, and for many years has handled and drafted the sheep at Addington sale yards, as well as booked the sales as made, thus gaining an experience invaluable to clients of the firm.

The "Grey River Argus" of the 12th March 1918, has this sad report -
 "A press message from Christchurch states: - On Saturday, Henry R. T. Matson aged 51 years formerly a member of the firm of H. Matson and Co, was found dead in his house. Three unlighted gas jets in the room were turned on. At the inquest a verdict that death was due to asphyxiation, deceased having committed suicide while temporarily insane was returned."



John Thomas MATSON

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a.5b John Thomas MATSON* (See above)



Grace Hannah VICKERY

Spouse: Grace Hannah VICKERY
Birth: 23 Sep 1852, Riccarton, New Zealand
Death: Christchurch, New Zealand

Grace was related to W.G.Grace -and her family came to New Zealand on the 5th ship to come to New Zealand - "The Isabella Hercus" - should have been the 4th, but was kept in quarantine.

Status: Unmarried
Children: Peter (1872-1953)
Other spouses: Marion THOMAS

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Peter MATSON

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a.5b.1 Peter MATSON

 Birth: 6 Jun 1872, New Zealand
 Chr: 6 Jul 1872, New Zealand
 Death: 21 Jul 1953, Christchurch, New Zealand
 Occ: Draper

The story I (Margaret Fletcher - nee Matson) was told from the Murphy family was that Peter Matson was born Patrick Sarsfield Murphy 6 June 1872, and baptised Peter Matson 6 July 1872. The story goes that the family was upset when John Thomas Matson bought my Grandfather a house when he married as they were hurt by the public acceptance of Peter.

Draper - guess it is a bit unusual - my memories are of a very tall (6'3") man - slightly stooped with highly polished black shoes and pin striped suit -- he was the money behind the drapery firm of Black Beattie -retired fairly young and lived off investments - my Dad (Harold Mervyn) managed his estate. He was a very "upright" grandfather - the stories he told were for information.

Spouse: Clara HAWORTH
 Birth: 14 Nov 1871, Christchurch, New Zealand
 Death: 2 May 1954, Blenheim, New Zealand
 Father: Richard HAWORTH
 Mother: Mary HOYLE

Aged 25 on marriage certificate.

Marr: 12 May 1897, St. Mary's Addington, Christchurch, New Zealand

Children: Harold Mervyn (1904-1978)

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Harold Mervyn MATSON

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a.5b.1.1 Harold Mervyn MATSON

Birth: 20 Oct 1904, Christchurch, New Zealand
 Death: 8 Nov 1978, Blenheim, New Zealand
 Occ: Chartered Accountant And Teacher

Harold was born and educated in Christchurch, New Zealand. He lectured at Christchurch Technical College where he became a full-time commercial teacher in 1944.

Harold saw war service with the Royal New Zealand Air Force and held the rank of Flight Lieutenant. After the war, Harold was a keen supporter of the Air Training Corps.

In 1958, he became head of the commercial department of Marlborough College, retiring in 1965.

Harold was a fellow of the New Zealand Society of Accountants and an Associate of the New Zealand Institute of Management.

He took an active interest in community affairs, being President of the Chamber of Commerce for three years, involved in the Marlborough Art Society, Travel Society and Historical Society; together with which he was a keen photographer and fisherman. (Summarised 'The Marlborough Express - November 1978)



Elsie Olive KEEN

Spouse: Elsie Olive KEEN
 Birth: 29 Jun 1905, Studholme Junction, New Zealand
 Death: 4 Mar 2001, Blenheim, New Zealand
 Occ: Hairdresser/Salon Owner And Singer
 Father: Albert KEEN
 Mother: Lilly GRAHAM

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Elsie Keen was born on 29 June 1905 at Studholme, South Canterbury, New Zealand, the daughter of Lily Graham, and Albert Keen.

As her father was an accomplished musician, a band leader and a member of Dr. Buckingham's traveling Circus and Minstrel troupe, it seemed natural that Elsie would show a natural ability in the performing arts; she was also an accomplished swimmer and diver, she won The High Dive Prize at Waimate District High School.

A pupil of Professor Lund, she was a live singer on Christchurch Radio, and sang with the Crawford Orchestra on 3YA's first broadcast.

This multi talented lady trained as a hairdresser and ran her own business, 'Salon Celia', where she became well known for her ability with the Marcel Wave.

She married Harold Matson in Christchurch on 23 March 1932 and they had 4 daughters, the first child, Diane, (said Dee-ar-nay, only lived for 2 hours.

Elsie Died in Blenheim on 4 March 2001 in her 96th year.

Marr: 23 Mar 1932, St. John' Church, Christchurch, New Zealand

Children: Diane (Died as Infant) (1934-1934)
Elizabeth Ann (1937-)
Prudence Jane (1940-)
Margaret Ruth (1945-)

(15) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a.5b.1.1.1 Diane MATSON

Birth: 26 Sep 1934, Christchurch, New Zealand
Death: 26 Sep 1934, Christchurch, New Zealand



Elizabeth Ann MATSON

(15) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a.5b.1.1.2 Elizabeth Ann MATSON

Birth: 30 Jun 1937, Christchurch, New Zealand

Spouse: John David Anthony SCOTT
Marr: 3 Nov 1956, Christchurch, New Zealand

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Prudence Jane MATSON

(15) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a.5b.1.1.3 Prudence Jane MATSON

Birth: 26 Dec 1940, Christchurch, New Zealand

Spouse: Nevil Leon MATTHEWS

Marr: 28 Mar 1959, Blenheim, New Zealand



Margaret Ruth MATSON

(15) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a.5b.1.1.4a Margaret Ruth MATSON*

Birth: 17 Jan 1945, Christchurch, New Zealand

Occ: Hairdresser, Book Shop Owner, and Artist

Just to put myself in the picture, I am an artist, Margaret Fletcher - now married to an Australian - moved to Oz in 1996 from New Zealand, where I had had Grenada Hair Fashions in North Shore Auckland, and came to Tasmania in 2002. You won't find my Matson family line on any family tree as my great grandmother was married to someone else when she had my Grandfather Peter Matson, by John Matson, farmer of Papanui, Christchurch. John Thomas Matson's son Leicester and my grandfather Peter, claimed to be half brothers - and we grew up believing my great-grandmother had been married twice - so this is why I keep my history on for this family on a general interest basis - although we were brought up knowing the oral history of the family, and since I have met the families of Henry Matson's wife Alice Manifold here in Tasmania - it is obvious who I look like - the family look is there and they accept us.

I lived close to Waipu in New Zealand -I had a bookshop 20 mins away at Mangawhai.

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Note from Roger Hurst –

This document includes a drawing of Henry Matson (1814-1885) by Maggie. I have also referred to the World Wide Web as 'that invaluable 21st Century source' in my introduction. By co-incidence Maggie has just (March 2009) completed a work depicting the way the World Wide Webb links people together and its seems appropriate to include it here: -

OVER THE BACK FENCE



The world is my backyard. From when I first sailed out of Wellington Harbour in New Zealand in 1967 to explore the world my ancestors had left nearly 140 years earlier, the world has been my home. Sweden, England, Canada, America, New Zealand and Australia are home to me; my friends live in these countries as well as the many other global communities I have visited since. My family - sisters, daughters and grandsons live in New Zealand and Australia for now, but they also have a global consciousness and their passports are always at the ready - as are the travel documents of the international students who have lived with our family over the years, and for many years I ached for them; then came

the internet. Now I chat over the back fence as women for generations before me have done - only *my* back fence is the computer keyboard and web cam - baby sitting, doing homework with grandchildren across the oceans; sharing photos of newborns, moments of joy and tears of grief as we reach out across the new back fence of technology to our global family.



Lionel Robert Gillespie FLETCHER

Spouse: Lionel Robert Gillespie FLETCHER
Birth: 16 Mar 1937, Australia
Marr: 30 Apr 1999, Bathurst, New South Wales, Australia

Other spouses: Peter Austin JUDKINS

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Margaret Ruth MATSON

(15) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a.5b.1.1.4b Margaret Ruth MATSON* (See above)



Peter Austin JUDKINS

Spouse: Peter Austin JUDKINS
Birth: 7 Mar 1941, Dunedin, New Zealand
Marr: 28 Mar 1964, Blenheim, New Zealand
Div: 1999, New Zealand

Children: Teresa Anne (1969-)
Sharon Marie (Aka Shahni) (1971-)
Fiona Michelle (1972-)

Other spouses: Lionel Robert Gillespie FLETCHER

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a.6 Emma Jane MATSON

Birth: 1 Mar 1847, Acheron Bay, Victoria, Australia. Birth Memo: or 1841
Death: 1920, Camperdown, Victoria, Australia

Spouse: John Henry Blake CRIDLAND
Birth: abt 1843
Death: 21 Dec 1893, Wellington, New Zealand
Marr: 17 May 1865, Australia
Children: Alice May (1866-1920)

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a.6.1 Alice May CRIDLAND

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Birth: 31 Mar 1866
 Death: 16 May 1920, Purrumbete, Goulbourne, Victoria, Australia

Spouse: William Thomas MANIFOLD
 Birth: 5 Jan 1861, Purrumbete, Goulbourne, Victoria, Australia
 Death: 20 Oct 1922, Purrumbete, Goulbourne, Victoria, Australia
 Marr: 5 Aug 1886
 Children: John

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a.6.1.1 John MANIFOLD

This tune was in the Penguin Songbook, collected by John Manifold, a nephew of Henry Matson's wife Alice Manifold - son of William Manifold and Alice May Cridland (NZ) -

Drover's Dream

*One night while traveling sheep, my companions lay asleep
 There was not a star to illuminate the sky,
 I was dreaming, I suppose, for my eyes were nearly closed
 When a very strange procession passed me by.
 First there came a kangaroo with his swag of blankets blue
 A dingo ran beside him for a mate;
 They were traveling mighty fast, and they shouted as they passed
 "We'll have to jog along, it's getting late."*

*The pelican and the crane, they came in from off the plain
 To amuse the company with a Highland Fling
 The dear old bandicoot played a tune upon his flute
 And the native bears sat round them in a ring.
 The drongo and the crow sang us songs of long ago
 While the frill-necked lizard listened with a smile;
 And the emu standing near with his claw up to his ear
 Said, "Funniest thing I've heard for quite a while."*

*The frogs from out the swamp where the atmosphere is damp
 Came bounding in and sat upon the stones;
 They each unrolled their swags and produced from out their bags
 The violin, the banjo and the bones
 The goanna and the snake and the adder wide awake
 With the alligator danced "The Soldier's Joy."
 In the spreading silky oak the jackass cracked a joke
 And the magpie sang, "The Wild Colonial Boy,"*

*Some brolgas darted out from the tea-tree all about
 And performed a set of Lancers very well.
 Then the parrot green and blue gave the orchestra its cue
 To strike up "The Old Log Cabin in the Dell."
 I was dreaming, I suppose, of these entertaining shows
 But it never crossed my mind I was asleep;
 Till the Boss beneath the cart woke me up with such a start
 Yelling, "Dreamy, where the hell are all the sheep?"*

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(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a.7 William Robert MATSON

Birth: 2 Dec 1848, Bacchus Marsh, Melbourne, Australia
 Death: 14 Oct 1854, Goulburn River, Victoria, Australia

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a.8 Kate Julia MATSON

Birth: 6 Feb 1851, New Zealand
 Death: 15 Feb 1852

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a.9 Conway George MATSON

Birth: 9 Apr 1853, Victoria, Australia
 Death: 22 Jan 1930, Bligh's Road, Papanui, Christchurch, New Zealand
 Occ: Manger Of Bank Of Australia In Tasmania

Henry Matson decided to emigrate to Christchurch in 1862 following the death of his first wife. Here he founded H. Matson and Co, one of the largest stock and station firms at the time. Matson's offices were in the.... Following Matson's death in 1885, his second wife Edith and son Conway Matson inherited the estate.

The "Otago Witness" of 14th September 1893 records that at the annual meeting of the Papanui Athletic Club, Mr. C.G. Matson, chairman, read the report and balance sheet and that J.T. Matson was one of the elected vice-presidents.

His daughter, Marion died in January 1902. Conway Matson had already lost his wife and eldest son and this 'led him into what was then called melancholia'.

Spouse: Margaret Bainbridge THOMAS
 Birth: app 1858
 Death: 11 Jan 1919
 Marr: 9 Apr 1879

Children: Marion Hamilton (1882-1901)
 William Manifold (1880-1922)
 Lancelot Conway (1889-1940)
 Thomas Douglas (1884-1962)

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a.9.1 Marion Hamilton MATSON

Birth: 23 Jan 1882
 Death: 21 Jan 1901, St. Paul's, Papanui, Christchurch, New Zealand

There is a sad story about Marion Hamilton Matson -

... was chosen to be one of the ladies-in-waiting for the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall [later King George V and Queen Mary] when they visited Christchurch. This was considered a great honour. For some reason the royal couple were late and the girls were kept waiting. Since it was a cold night ... Marion caught a chill. This later turned to pneumonia and she died at the age of 19. There was a very large funeral as she was very popular.

Marion died in January 1902. Her father, Conway Matson, had already lost his wife and eldest son and this 'led him into what was then called melancholia'.

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(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a.9.2 William Manifold MATSON

Birth: 6 Jan 1880
 Death: 25 Oct 1922, Timaru, New Zealand

... I gave Willie Matson the house in Timaru 5 years ago when Mary was born. The house cost 1000 pounds. Bessie lets this in fact it is her only income so I help her all I can. Bessie lives here & is our housekeeper. I tell Bessie I gave Willie the House and land & not to think to sell it, if things went wrong here, she would have a home to go to, that she can call her own & and if let has something coming in. Here she has a lot to do, Brother Conway being a big charge to look after he is no better & no worse, & and will not try to help himself in any way. It (is) hard to say what the end will be. His other two sons live here they are in business in Christchurch on the own a/cs. So in the house there are all told 7 all told. (sic) Brother Conway the biggest charge of the lot. We have to keep him in a room away from the house we have to do this or just put him in a Home. I feel sure they would not have him at any Home he will keep calling out & in no pain day & night. So you see Bessie Watson has her troubles
 Henry Manifold Matson 30th June 1926.



Location of Timaru, marked with Red Circle, on South Island, New Zealand

Spouse: Bessie FEAR
 Marr: 26 Nov 1908
 Children: Henry Manifold (~1909-)
 Margaret Mary Georgina (1921-)

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a.9.2.1 Henry Manifold MATSON

Birth: abt 1909, Timaru, New Zealand
 Death: Christchurch, New Zealand
 Occ: Farm Manager, New Zealand

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I am glad to say my nephew Henry Manifold Matson is doing well at school. He's getting quite a name at the school St Andrews. I pay for his schooling. Henry Manifold Matson is a son of my Nephew William Matson, brother Conway's Eldest son, he died at Timaru N.Z and left his wife Bessie badly off with her son Henry aged 16 years in September & a dear little girl Mary Matson aged 5 years - Henry Manifold Matson, 30th June 1926, 44, Bligh's Road, Papanui, Christchurch, New Zealand

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a.9.2.2 Margaret Mary Georgina MATSON

Birth: 23 May 1921, Timaru, New Zealand

Henry Manifold Matson is a son of my Nephew William Matson, Brother Conway's Eldest son he died at Timaru N.Z and left his wife Bessie badly off with her son Henry aged 16 years in September & a dear little girl Mary Matson aged 5 years. Henry Manifold Matson 30th June 1926.

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a.9.3 Lancelot Conway MATSON

Birth: 12 Jul 1889
 Death: 12 Sep 1940
 Occ: Clerk

During the First World War Lancelot joined the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. His embarkation unit was the 11rh Reinforcements New Zealand Field Artillery, Number 1 Field Battery. The unit embarked on the 1st April 1916 from Wellington and sailed to Suez, Egypt on vessel Maunganui or Tahiti WWI Serial No 2/3043 Driver.

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5a.9.4 Thomas Douglas MATSON

Birth: 25 Jul 1884
 Death: 29 Nov 1962



Henry MATSON
 (Drawn by Maggie Fletcher nee Matson)

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5b Henry MATSON* (See above)

Spouse: Edith DEARDON
 Death: 4 Dec 1921

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Father: Henry DEARDON (~1814-1885)

"Henry Matson remained in Christchurch. On 24 June 1867, at St. Michael's, he married a much younger woman, Edith Dearden, settled on a 29 acre estate in Papanui, 'Delce Farm' towards the Papanui end of Harewood Road and raised a second family."

Henry's death certificate records that he was married in Christchurch in 'about '54' to Edith Dearden.

Marr: 24 Jun 1867, St. Michael's, Christchurch, New Zealand

Children: Charles Fferand Deardon (1868-1955)
 Edith Julia Theodora (1875-)
 Madeline Angela Clara (Or Clare) (1878-)
 Florence Gertrude Axila (Or Acile) (1881-)
 Henry Deardon

Other spouses: Alice MANIFOLD

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5b.1 Charles Fferand Deardon MATSON

Birth: 10 May 1868
 Death: 19 Aug 1955, Christchurch, New Zealand
 Burial: Waimairi Cemetery, Christchurch, New Zealand (AN15 43)

Also had another wife - Maude Stubbs.

GEORGE MATSON (born about 1821 - died 25th February 1857- brother of A.K.Matson was sponsor at Christening of Charles Fferand Matson. p.321 Journal of Henry Sewell.

The Christchurch City Council Cemeteries database gives Charles's second name as "Efferand". His address at time of death is recorded as 15, Office Road, Christchurch. Occupation and place of birth are recorded as 'unknown'.

Spouse: Florence Amy Fferand VAN DER HEYDE
 Birth: 1875
 Death: 26 Apr 1939, Christchurch, New Zealand
 Burial: 28 Apr 1939, Waimairi Cemetery, Christchurch, New Zealand (AN15 43)
 Father: G. VAN DER HEYDE

The Christchurch City Council Cemeteries database records Florence's address at time of death as 114, Wairarapa terrace, Christchurch. Both occupation and place of birth are recorded as unknown.

Marr: 6 Jun 1900

Children: Howard Dearden (1905-)

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5b.1.1 Howard Dearden MATSON

Birth: 7 Aug 1905, 10, Berry Street, Christchurch
 Occ: Royal Australian Air Force

These records are available at The National Archives of Australia: -

Primary description of item 5247542

Title MATSON HOWARD DEARDEN: Service Number - 10272: Date of birth - 07 Aug 1908: Place of birth - CHRISTCHURCH NEW ZEALAND: Place of enlistment - MELBOURNE: Next of Kin - MATSON CHARLES

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Spouse: Maude STUBBS

Alternatively, was Maude Stubbs a second wife of Charles Fferand Dearden Matson?

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5b.2 Edith Julia Theodora MATSON

 Birth: 19 Jun 1875

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5b.3 Madeline Angela Clara (Or Clare) MATSON

 Birth: 11 Jan 1878

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5b.4 Florence Gertrude Axila (Or Acile) MATSON

 Birth: 8 Oct 1881

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.5b.5 Henry Deardon MATSON

 Birth: Christchurch, New Zealand
 Occ: Major The King's Own (RL) Regt.

Educated Sevenoaks School, Kent; joined King's Liverpool Regt.,
 Believed to have gone to Natal.

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.6a George MATSON*

 Birth: 5 Dec 1817, Rochester, Kent
 Chr: 3 Feb 1818, St. Margaret, Rochester, Kent
 Death: 22 Jul 1898, Brighton, Sussex
 Occ: Banker In Tasmania And Australia

According to the Governor's minutes of the 13th September 1839, George was a memorialist to the establishment of the provision of a Harbour Master and 2 pilots at Port Phillip Bay.

On the 13th May 1842, "The Port Phillip Herald" reported that a branch of the Bank of Australasia was to be established in Geelong. George Matson who was Manager for 2 years and was succeeded by George Faircloth first opened the local branch in July 1846.

Major Cricket teams - Tasmania George MATSON 1853-1859 born 5 Dec 1817

This record for George looks as if he was in Australia since he played cricket for Tasmania in the 1850s. Teams: - Tasmania (Main FC: 1853/54-1857/58)

~Archives, Hobart, People Index~

George Matson married Frederica Christine Sievwright, Holy Trinity 15.7.1858

Mrs. George at the Bank of Australia, a son 12.11.1860 (Pioneer Index)

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Tasmanian Archives: -

BDMGeorge MATSON m 1858 Hobart Frederika Christina SIEVEWRIGHT

Children: -

Charles George MATSON 1859 (no children listed)

Frederick Manley MATSON 1860 (no children listed)

Robert Stephen Cliss MATSON 1863 (no children listed)

BANK OF AUSTRALASIA - Auckland Branch - Manager - George MATSON 1 Mar 1864

1867-8~New NZ Directory~G Matson, Manager Bank of Australasia, Auckland; residence Remuera

1871 census RG10 903 folio 8

Upper Delce Farm Maidstone Road Rochester

Robert Matson Head Unmarried 62 Farmer of 150 acres employing 6 men and 1 boy Rochester Kent

Elizabeth Matson Mother Widowed 83 Farmer's widow Dover Kent

4 servants

George Matson Son Visitor Widower 53 Retired Banker Rochester Kent

1881 census George was living in Brighton and recorded as a 63 year old retired banker at 42, Park Crescent.

1885 notice of marriage of son Charles, published in 'The Times' on January the 9th, 1885 records George as being 'of Auckland, New Zealand'.

This death notice posted in Rochester, Kent England.

1891 census records living in Brighton with Louisa.

Died 22 July 1898 Brighton, Sussex England

1898 George Matson Brighton, Surrey Gentleman d 22.7.1898

Probate 6158 W AK filed 20 8 1898 h/o Louisa F/O Charles George Matson of Watford England

Owned South Western portion of allotment 131 of parish of Tautaroa County of Whangarei 40 acres valued at £40 left to wife Louisa

Full name: George Matson

Born: 5th December 1817, Rochester, Kent, England

Died: 22nd July 1898, Brighton, Sussex, England

1898 George Matson Brighton, Surrey Gentleman d 22.7.1898

Probate 6158 W AK filed 20 8 1898 h/o Louisa F/O Charles George Matson of Watford England

Spouse: Frederika Christine SIEVWRIGHT

Birth: abt 1832

Death: 31 Mar 1863, Tasmania

Death Memo: George is recorded as a Widower.

Father: C.W. SIEVWRIGHT (-<1858)

I thought I had seen an early death date for Frederika Christina so below could be the same George with a 2nd wife. MATSON, Frederika Christina

Age at Death: 31

Death Date: 31 Mar 1863 Tasmania Ref Number: 3829

BANK OF AUSTRALASIA - Auckland Branch - Manager - George MATSON 1 Mar 1864

1867-8~New NZ Directory~G Matson, Manager Bank of Australasia, Auckland; residence Remuera

Marr: 17 Jul 1858, Holy Trinity, Hobart, Tasmania

Children: Charles George (1859-1914)
Frederick Manley (Died as Child) (1860-1868)
Robert Stephen Cliss (1863-)

Other spouses: Louisa WALTER

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(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.6a.1 Charles George MATSON

Birth: 1859, Hobart, Tasmania
 Death: 10 Sep 1914, Warren Down, Guildford
 Burial: St. Nicholas Church, Guildford
 Occ: Lieut Royal Marines Light Infantry Tasmania

1881 census RG11 889 folio 25

Visitor on board the night of Sunday 3rd April 1881 HMS Pembroke Kent

Charles G. Matson 21 Lieut RMLI Tasmania

1895 31st December Captain C.G.Matson promoted Major at Plymouth.

In 1898 when his father's will is proved, Charles is recorded as 'of Watford'.

1898 George Matson Brighton, Surrey Gentleman d 22.7.1898

Probate 6158 W AK filed 20 8 1898 **h/o Louisa** F/O Charles George Matson of Watford England

The London Gazette of 31st October 1900, reports that Major C.G. Matson is permitted to retire at his own request on a gratuity.

Charles was living with his widowed stepmother Louisa on the 1901 census.

In February 1906 "The Tatler", which was a weekly publication, had this item on its front page - "Motoring as the sport of the 20th Century will be an important feature and its many interests and phases will be dealt with by Major C.G. Matson."

In July 1907 The Times has an advertisement for Rolls-Royce 'The Silent Six-Cylinder' which includes this "Major Matson, author of the book on 'Motoring for Men of Moderate means', in the Daily Mail, says: - "Anything more perfect in the way of freedom from vibration and general luxuriousness, considered as a touring carriage pure and simple, is difficult to imagine"

1911 Major C.J.Matson appointed honorary secretary of The Royal Surrey County Hospital.

"The Times" of 26th February 1919 reports in the list of subscribers to the Dover Patrol Memorial that Major C. Matson gave £1.

1929 Kelly's Directory for Thanet has an entry for Charles George Matson at 2, Pembroke Avenue, Westbrook, Thanet

Spouse: Ellen (Aka Nellie) COLLINS
 Death: 27 Dec 1913, Warren Down, Guildford
 Father: George COLLINS

Notice of marriage in "The Times" 9th January 1885 describes Nellie as 'widow of the late E.E.Aldridge.

Marr: 7 Jan 1885, Hove Parish Church, Brighton

Children: Agatha (1897-)
 Robert
 Elise

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.6a.1.1 Agatha MATSON

Birth: 11 Dec 1897, The Old Vicarage, Rochester
 The notice of birth does not record a name.

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.6a.1.2 Robert MATSON

From the notice of death of Major Charles

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(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.6a.1.3 Elise MATSON

From the notice of death of Major Charles.
 Recorded as youngest daughter of the late Major Charles George Matson and the late Mrs. Matson of Warren Down, Guildford, in the notice of marriage 25th February 1918

Spouse: Allen DAVENPORT
 Occ: Lieutenant In East Lancashire Regiment (1918)
 Father: Arthur DAVENPORT

Notice of marriage records that Allan had the Military Cross and that he was the eldest son of Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Davenport of St. Kilda, Melbourne, Australia.

Marr: Apr 1914

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.6a.2 Frederick Manley MATSON

Birth: 1860, Hobart, Tasmania
 Death: 6 Apr 1868, New Zealand

Notice in "Daily Southern Cross" of 2nd May 1868 states ' On April 6, Frederick Manley, second son of George Matson Esq. Aged 7 years.

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.6a.3 Robert Stephen Cliss MATSON

Birth: 1863, Hobart, Tasmania

MATSON, Robert Stephen C Death
 Father: George
 Mother: Sievwright Frederic
 Birthplace: Tasm
 Reg Year: 1863 Reg State: Victoria Ref Number: 9382

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.6b George MATSON* (See above)

Spouse: Louisa WALTER
 Birth: abt 1824, Grimsby, Lincoln

BANK OF AUSTRALASIA - Auckland Branch - Manager - George MATSON 1 Mar 1864
 1867-8~New NZ Directory~G Matson, Manager Bank of Australasia, Auckland; residence Remuera
 1881 census records Louisa as aged 57 and living in 42, Park Place, Brighton with George. Interestingly the record shows Louisa as a Retired Banker as well!
 1898 George Matson Brighton, Surrey Gentleman d 22.7.1898
 Probate 6158 W AK filed 20 8 1898 **h/o Louisa** F/O Charles George Matson of Watford England
 Stepson Charles G. Matson was living with his widowed stepmother Louisa on the 1901 census.

Marr: Jun 1880, Kensington Registration District Marr Memo: 1a 43

Other spouses: Frederica Christine SIEVWRIGHT

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(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.2.7 Martha Mary MATSON

Birth: abt 1818, Faversham, Kent
 Death: Mar 1904, Milton Registration District Death Memo: 2a 636
 Occ: Domestic Servant

1841 census shows aged 18 and living in Leysdown. No other Matsons are shown on the same page.
 1861 census shows living with 50-year-old brother James in Faversham
 1871 census shows aged 53, born about 1818, living with 59-year-old brother James
 1881 census shows Martha aged 63, born about 1818 in Faversham and living at Barrow Green, Teynham. Martha is recorded as a 'former domestic servant'. At the same address are John Matson aged 20 born Preston, Kent a nephew, and James Matson aged 15 born in Borden who is also a nephew. Her sister Ann Allen aged 55 and born about 1826 in Preston, Kent who is a widower and a former Laundress is also at the house.
 1891 census has a record of a Mary M. Matson aged 73 living in Teynham where she is described as 'sister' of Ann Ellen aged 65. In the same household is 'nephew' Thomas R. Matson aged 34.
 1904 record of death states aged 86.

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.1.8.2.3 Mary MATSON

Birth: Apr 1788, Swingfield, Kent
 Chr: 29 Apr 1788, St. Peter, Swingfield, Kent
 Death: May 1858, West Ashford Death Memo: Quarter. ended June 2a 345
 Burial: 10 May 1858, Ashford, Kent

1851 census HO107 1621 folio 320
 Bridge Street Ashford Kent
 John C Knott 68 Head Married Superintendent Gas Works Ashford Kent
 Elizabeth Knott 67 Wife Married Swingfield Kent
 Mary Matson 63 Sister-in-law Unmarried Annuitant Swingfield Kent

(7) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.2 Sarah MATSON

Birth: Mar 1664, Shepherdswell
 Chr: 18 Mar 1664, Shepherdswell Chr Memo: or 1663
 Death: 4 Sep 1737, Shepherdswell
 Burial: 11 Sep 1737, St Andrews Church, Sybertswold.

Beneficiary and witness to will of John Matson in 1731.



St. Andrews Church, Shepherdswell

The coat of arms of the Merriwether/Matson family is from the description of the Merryweather/Matson memorial in St Andrews Church, Shepherdswell which is given in Hasteds History of Kent 1800.
 "Merriweather impaling argent, on a chevron, azure, three mullets, or, between three martlets, gules; for Matfon."
 In the vestry safe is a large-size Silver Paten, "The Gift of Mrs. Merryweather, Ao 1772." This lady was undoubtedly the Sarah Matson mentioned above. The Vicar informed us (Colin Matson) that the paten is insured now for £400.

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Spouse: William MERRYWETHER
 Birth: abt 1651, Shepherdswell
 Death: 9 Jun 1702 Death Memo: From History of Kent by Edward Hasted,
 Burial: 12 Jun 1702, St. Andrews Church, Sybertswold.
 Occ: Gentleman

Marriage Banns show William was aged 35 in April 1686.
 Also, show “Meriweather of the City of London, Haberdasher and Johnathan Bately of same city ‘upholder’ bonds”.
 Lived at Place House (also known as Sibertswold Place), this was burnt down in 1921.
 Will - Consistory Court of Canterbury Vol57 F225 Probate August 1702.
 Source: Consistory Court of Canterbury Vol 57 f.225, Probate Aug 1702
 William Merriwether of Shepherdswell, gent.
 Friend Captain Henry Marsh
 Father and mother Matson
 Brothers Robert, James and John Matson
 Brother Thomas Sladden
 Daughters Mary, Anne and Sarah Merriwether
 Son Richard, minor
 'In Memory of William MERRYWETHER Gent, who died in the Faith and Fear of God, on the 9th Day of June 1702 in the 52d. Year of his Age. He married Sarah, eldest Daughter of Mr James MATSON, of this Parish of Sybertswold'

Marr: 24 Apr 1686, Shepherdswell Marr Memo: Marriage Banns/or 29th April

Children: Ann (1687-1735)
 Mary (1691-1716)
 Richard (1693-1720)
 Sarah (Died as Child) (~1693-1703)

(8) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.2.1 Ann MERRYWETHER

Birth: 1687, Sibertswold
 Chr: 14 Jul 1687, Shepherdswell
 Death: 16 Nov 1735, Sibertswold Death Memo: or possibly 1734

Spouse: John LOWNDES
 Birth: 1682
 Death: 30 Jun 1734

Of Overton, County Chester.

Marr: 7 Mar 1714, Sibertswold Marr Memo: or 1713

Children: Sarah (1714-)

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.2.1.1 Sarah LOWNDES

Birth: 1714

Spouse: Awnsham CHURCHILL

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(8) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.2.2 Mary MERRYWETHER

Birth: 1691, Sibertswold
 Chr: 20 Dec 1691, Shepherdswell
 Death: Sep 1716, Sibertswold
 Burial: 10 Sep 1716, Shepherdswell

Did not marry

(8) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.2.3 Richard MATSON-MERRYWETHER

Birth: 1693, Sibertswold
 Birth Memo: Or 1687
 Chr: 25 Jun 1693, Shepherdswell
 Death: 26 Oct 1720, Sibertswold
 Burial: 31 Oct 1720, Shepherdswell
 Occ: Gentleman

Info, from Major Colin Matsons notes.

Hasted refers to the monument in St. Andrews Church, Shepherdswell as being for “Richard Matfon, gent, the last male heir of the family, obt. 1720,act. 27”

(8) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.2.4 Sarah MERRYWETHER

Birth: abt 1693
 Chr: 12 Apr 1696, Shepherdswell
 Death: 1703, Shepherdswell
 Burial: 24 May 1703, Shepherdswell

Possibly died aged 5

(7) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.3 Elizabeth MATSON

(See duplicate branch above)

(7) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.4 Mary MATSON

Birth: Jan 1666, Shepherdswell
 Chr: 23 Jan 1666, Shepherdswell
 Chr Memo: or 1665
 Death: bef 1712

Spouse: Thomas SLADEN
 Birth: Willesborough
 Occ: Yeoman
 Marr: 15 Jun 1696, Shepherdswell Or Eythorne.
 Marr Memo: Canterbury Marriage Licenece

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James MATSON

(7) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5 James MATSON

Birth: Mar 1668, Shepherdswell, Kent
 Chr: 11 Mar 1668, Hougham, St.Lawrence, Kent. Chr Memo: or 1667?
 Death: 15 Jul 1707, Dover
 Burial: 19 Jul 1707, Shepherdswell, Kent
 Occ: Yeoman

Possibly died 19th July 1707. A James Jurat” is recorded buried at St Mary’s Church, Dover.

James Matson of Dover is also recorded as buried 15th July 1707 at Shepherdswell.

James (Jacobi) Matson, the father of this James, is recorded as died 20th and buried 23rd June 1708 according to the church monumental record and Canterbury Cathedral Archives.

This record probably refers to son William and shows that the family also had connections with St. Margaret’s-at-Cliffe: -

William MATSON (son of James MATSON of St Margaret’s at Cliffe, yeoman) by Indenture 1 May 1714 with consent of his father was apprenticed to Robert HATTON of Dover, Baker, for 7 years; consideration £15 paid to the master. Inrolled 4 Jan 1714-15 (Dover Apprentice Enrolments, Kent Co. Archives)



St Mary the Virgin Church, Dover possibly about 1750(?)

Spouse: Susanna
 Birth: Hougham, St.Lawrence, Kent

The Matson Family Tree held at the Society of Genealogists and compiled by Dr. E.O. Goldsmith of Lowestoft records that James married an Elizabeth. This is unconfirmed.

Children: Sara (1689-)
 Susanna (1691-)

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James (Died as Infant) (1693-1693)
 Stephen (Twin) (1693-)
 William (1695-)
 James (1698-)
 Nathaniel (1701-)
 Jane (1703-)
 Mary (Died as Infant) (1706-1706)
 Elizabeth (Died as Infant) (1706-1706)

(8) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.1 Sara MATSON

Birth: Aug 1689, St.Lawrence, Hougham
 Chr: 7 Aug 1689, St.Lawrence, Hougham

(8) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.2 Susanna MATSON

Birth: Jul 1691, St.Lawrence, Hougham
 Chr: 19 Jul 1691, St.Lawrence, Hougham

(8) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.3 James MATSON

Birth: Jul 1693, St.Lawrence, Hougham
 Chr: 25 Jul 1693, St.Lawrence, Hougham. Chr Memo: Twin with Stephen
 Death: 1693, St.Lawrence, Hougham
 Burial: 1693, St.Lawrence, Hougham

Hougham St. Lawrence Parish register as transcribed by Susan Lees shows James burial as 28th February 1693. I believe this to be an error as another James is christened in 1698.

(8) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.4 Stephen MATSON

Birth: Jul 1693, St.Lawrence, Hougham
 Chr: 25 Jul 1693, St.Lawrence, Hougham Chr Memo:Twin with James

(8) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.5 William MATSON

Birth: Dec 1695, Hougham, Kent
 Chr: 5 Dec 1695, St.Lawrence, Hougham
 Occ: Baker

William MATSON (son of James MATSON of St Margaret’s-at-Cliffe, yeoman) by Indenture 1 May 1714 with consent of his father was apprenticed to Robert HATTON of Dover, Baker, for 7 years; consideration £15 paid to the master. Inrolled 4 Jan 1714-15 (Dover Apprentice Enrollments, Kent Co. Archives)
 A William Matson (Baker) is made a Freeman of Dover on the 26th July 1722 by apprenticeship (Folio 3).
 It’s possible that William Matson, who married Mary Hyder in 1781, and who was christened in Ringwould in 1762, may be the grandson of this William as he was a Baker and Miller at Upper Deal. (See separate entries).

Spouse: Mary

Mary is purely based on the entry below from the Parish register of St. Mary's, Walmer: -
 10 Feb 1750 William s/o William & Mary MATSON.

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Children: William (1750-)

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.5.1 William MATSON

Birth: 1750, Walmer, Kent
 Chr: 10 Feb 1750, St. Mary's, Walmer, Kent

This connection is not confirmed and is purely based on 'best guess'.
 From Parish register of St. Mary's, Walmer: - 10 Feb 1750 William s/o William & Mary MATSON.



James MATSON

(8) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6 James MATSON

Birth: Oct 1698, Hougham or St. Margaret's-at-Cliffe
 Chr: 6 Oct 1698, St. Lawrence Church, Hougham
 Occ: Farmer At Souton Farm

1728 Record of marriage states James of St. Margaret's-at-Cliffe bachelor.

WHereas *George Butler, Farrier, living in* the Town of DOVOR, (from General *Hawley's Regiment of Dragoons*) having by his acquired Skill and Knowledge in that Buſineſs, proved his Abilities in Cures, eſpecially of the Diſtemper that now reigns among the Horſes; for the Satisfaction of the Publick in general, we whoſe Names are hereunto ſubſcribed, think it our Duty to acknowledge his Performances; and that he is able to perform either internal or external Cures, to the entire Satisfaction of all who ſhall pleaſe to employ him, being very reaſonable in his Demands.

We have hereunto ſet our Hands this 1ſt Day of *March 1760*.

Mr. *Randall*, Carrier, in Dovor — Mr. *Loud* of Wifley Farm --- Mr. *Baker* of St. Margaret's --- Mr. *Matſon* of Souton Farm --- Mr. *Jenkins* of Oxney Farm --- Mr. *Hammon* of Langdon Farm --- Mr. *Allen* of Eere Farm. --- Mr. *Wood* of Wanſey Farm.

NB. In the great Number of Horſes he has had under his Care for theſe two Years paſt, not one has fail'd a Cure; however, he don't pretend to be infallible in Diſorders.

There is a record of satisfaction with George Butler, a Farrier, living in the town of Dover, dated 1st March 1760 which is signed by Mr. Randall, Carrier, in Dover - Mr Loud of Wifley Farm - Mr Baker of St. Margaret's - **Mr Matson of Souton Farm**- Mr Jenkins of Oxney Farm - Mr Hammon of Langdon Farm - Mr Allen of Eere Farm and Mr Wood of Wanſey Farm.

A note has been added - *In the great Number of Horſes he has had under his Care for theſe two Years paſt, not one has fail'd a Cure; however, he don't pretend to be infallible in Diſorders.*

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Soulton (Solton) Farm Location and aerial photograph as it is today, in the 21st Century.

Spouse: Elizabeth GARDINER/GARNER
 Birth: Ringwoud, Kent

1718 record of marriage states Eliza. Garner of Ringwoud, Spinster at S.M. or R.
 Date of marriage may have been 21st December 1728.
 The IGI (Mormon) Record has an alternative surname - 'Garner'.
 The record of burial for daughter Bennet in St. Nicholas, Ringwoud Parish register states that the couple is 'from West Cliffe'

Marr: 27 Dec 1728, Ringwoud, Kent
 Marr Memo: 19th December 1728 licence

Children: Sarah (Died as Infant) (1730-<1736)
 Sarah (1736-)
 James (1738-)
 Bennet (Died as Child) (<1740-1740)
 Bennet (Died as Child) (1741-1741)
 Elisha (1743-)

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.1 Sarah MATSON

Birth: Feb 1730, Westcliffe, Kent
 Chr: 26 Feb 1730, Westcliffe, Kent
 Death: bef 1736, Westcliffe, Kent

Probably died before 1736 as second Sarah christened 8th February 1736.

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.2 Sarah MATSON

Birth: Feb 1736, Westcliffe, Kent
 Chr: 8 Feb 1736, Westcliffe, Kent

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James MATSON

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3 James MATSON

Birth: Sep 1738, Westcliffe, Kent
Chr: 3 Sep 1738, Westcliffe, Kent Chr Memo: 448
On the Christening record of son James in 1779, parents James and Ann are described as Parishioners of St. James, Dover.

Spouse: Ann ARNOLD
Birth: East Langdon, Kent

James Matson botp Ann ARNOLD spotp B East Langdon Dec 7 1767

Note -

Ann ARNOLD of East Langdon

Married 21st Feb 1786 in East Langdon

To William SOLES of Nonnington.

Ann was buried at Nonnington on 26 May 1799, but no age was given in the Parish Register.

Could both these Anns be related?

Marr: 7 Dec 1767, East Langdon, Kent
Marr Memo: Banns

Children: Sarah (1768-)
Susannah (Died as Infant) (1770-1770)
Ann (1772-)
James (1774-)
Susanna (1780-1856)
Richard (1783-1851)
Mary (Died as Child) (1787-1791)
Elizabeth (-1837)

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3.1 Sarah MATSON

Birth: Jan 1768, Guston, Kent
Chr: 16 Jan 1768, Guston, Kent Chr Memo: 10th January 1767 or 1768 - Dover Library

Possibly married Thomas Horne in 1788.

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(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3.2 Susannah MATSON

Birth: May 1770, Guston, Kent
 Chr: 19 May 1770, Guston, Kent
 Chr Memo: oe 19th May 1771. Dover Library Record.
 Death: Jun 1770, Guston, Kent
 Burial: 12 Jun 1770, Guston, Kent
 Burial Memo: or 12th June 1771. Dover Library Record

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3.3 Ann MATSON

Birth: Jan 1772, Guston, Kent
 Chr: 12 Jan 1772, Guston, Kent

Recorded as 'of West Langdon' at time of Marriage.

Spouse: Thomas BEER
 Birth: West Langdon, Kent

Recorded as 'of West Langdon' at time of marriage in 1792.

Marr: 13 Oct 1792, East Langdon, Kent
 Marr Memo: Banns 13th October 1792

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3.4 James MATSON

Birth: Nov 1774, Whitfield, Dover, Kent
 Chr: 6 Nov 1774, Whitfield, Dover, Kent
 Occ: Pauper

On the Christening, record parents James and Ann are recorded as Parishioners of St. James, Dover.
 1851 Surnames index for Dover shows James in Union Workhouse, Buckland, Dover aged 81.
 1851 census shows James aged 81 in Dover Union Workhouse.
 1861 census records James as a resident in Buckland Union Workhouse in Dover. He is 90 years old and shown as born in Whitfield.



Susanna MATSON

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3.5a Susanna MATSON*

Birth: Apr 1780, Guston, Kent
 Birth Memo: 1778 from 1851 census.1774 from Burial record
 Chr: 9 Apr 1780, Whitfield, Dover, Kent
 Death: Oct 1856, Alkham, Kent
 Death Memo: Dover 2a 414 Dec 1856
 Burial: 10 Oct 1856, Alkham, Kent
 Burial Memo: Aged 79.
 Occ: Grazier (1841)

The Christening record for 1780 Whitfield shows the name as Susanne.
 The census records confirm that Susanna would have been born about 1778 to 1781.
 There is a reference by Colin Matson to William Matson being the child of a Matson Lady. My research has revealed a christening record for 1800 in St. Mary’s Church, Dover where a “William” is born to a William Finch and a Susanna whose surname is not recorded.
 I can find no christening record for a William Matson born in or around 1800.
 The Finch family was near neighbours of the Matsons. William Matson and William Finch had nearby farms at Barham and Alkham. The Will of George Finch of Dover, gent. dated 26th May 1684 (probate 3rd November 1684) refers to “Friend John Matson the younger of Dover”.
 The marriage record of 1803 records William Doves of Buckland and Susan Matson spinster of this parish (e.g. Whitfield).
 The 1841 census shows Sarah Doves as a 60-year-old Grazier and having 4 Matson children, Alice (11), William (8), Jane (5) and George (3) living with her.
 The record of the Alkham Poor Rate of 17th October 1846 to 17th January 1848 has this entry: -
 Mrs. DOVES occupier P.L.FECTOR owner 'Buildings & land 19a 1r 14p
 Gross estimated rent £20-11-6 Rateable value £18-10-0
 Poor Rate paid - 9/3 in Oct 1846
 12/4 in Jan 1847 & Apr 1847
 18/6 in Jan 1848
 The 1851 census shows Susanna Doves, a widow aged 73, living next door to the William Matson family at Drelingore. With Susanna are 3 Matson grandchildren. Alice, Jno (John) and Mary. There is also a William Hills a 69 -year-old widower who is recorded as a Servant with occupation Labourer and born Alkham.
 No record found in 1861 census or of any Dove(s) at Guston in 1841 census.

Spouse: William DOVES
 Birth: abt 1774, Buckland, Dover. Birth Memo: From Burial record

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Death: Oct 1836, Alkham, Kent
 Burial: 10 Oct 1836, Alkham, Kent

The IGI has a record of a marriage on 11th October 1786 at Buckland by Dover of Samuel Streting and Mrs. Susanne Doves.

Marr: 26 Apr 1803, Whitfield, Dover, Kent. Marr Memo: Banns. Bride recorded as Susan by Michael Gandy.

Children: Sarah (~1781-)

Other spouses: William FINCH

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3.5a.1 Sarah

 Birth: abt 1781, Kent

1841 census has Sarah aged 60 born about 1781 and living in Alkham.
 At the same property are - Alice Matson aged 11 born about 1830, George Matson aged 3 born about 1838, Jane Matson aged 5 born about 1836 and William Matson aged 8 born about 1833.

The marriage record of 1803 records William Doves of Buckland and Susan Matson spinster of this parish (e.g. Whitfield).

The 1841 census shows Sarah Doves as a 60-year-old Grazier and having 4 Matson children, Alice (11), William (8), Jane (5) and George (3) living with her.

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Spouse: William DOVES
 Birth: abt 1774, Buckland, Dover.
 Birth Memo: From Burial record
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 Burial: 10 Oct 1836, Alkham, Kent

The IGI has a record of a marriage on 11th October 1786 at Buckland by Dover of Samuel Streting and Mrs. Susanne Doves.



Susanna MATSON

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3.5b Susanna MATSON* (See above)

Spouse: William FINCH
 Birth: Aug 1776
 Chr: 4 Aug 1776, St. Mary the Virgin, Dover
 Death: Sep 1854, Alkham, Kent
 Death Memo: Dover 2a 56
 Burial: 3 Oct 1854, Alkham, Kent
 Occ: Farmer
 Father: John FINCH (-1844)
 Mother: Susannah

Farmer at Malmains Farm, Alkham. Probably from 1795 when Hogbrook Farm was divided and sold by the Graydon family. The land to the north side of the Alkham Valley becoming Malmains Farm. The Finch family built a farmhouse and farmed there until 1866.

William Gambrell who was the husband of Ann Finch purchased the remainder of the land to the south side, known as Hogbrook

Although William Matson's father, William Finch, was NOT married to Susannah Matson when William Matson was born in 1800.

1841 Census shows William Finch, born Alkham about 1781 and his family as farmer at Church Hougham.

1851 Census shows William Finch, born about 1777 and his family, as farmer at Malmains Farm, Church Alkham. Farmer of 140 acres employing 5 labourers.

William Finch Junior, born about 1807 and his family as a farmer at Norton Farm, Church Alkham.

Daniel Finch, born about 1817, and his wife as farmers at Chalksole Green Farm. Alkham.

1861 Census shows William Finch, born abt 1809 in Alkham, and his family as a farmer of 130 acres at Church Alkham.

William was quite a wealthy farmer. He owned Norton Farm and was listed in the 1871 census as having a servant and 150 employees

Status: Unmarried
 Children: William Finch (Illegitimate) (1800-1879)
 Other spouses: William DOVES

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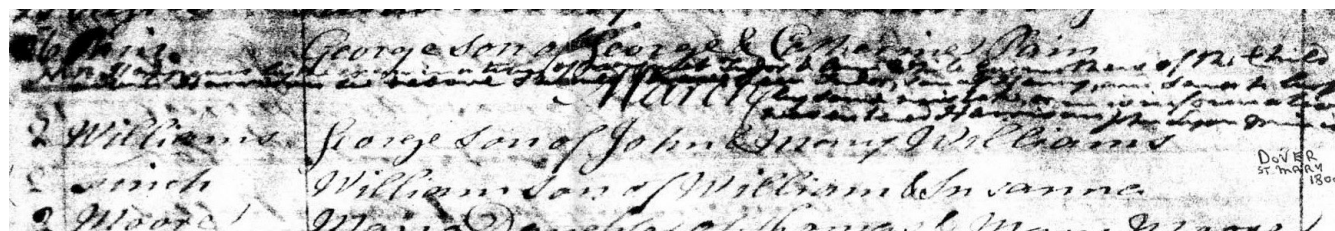
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William Finch MATSON

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3.5b.1 William Finch MATSON

Birth: Feb 1800, Alkham.



Entry in the register of St. Mary the Virgin, Dover.

Birth Memo: Said to be “The natural son of a Miss Matson. Member of a big farming family in East Kent” according to Colin Matson who researched the family.
 Chr: 2 Mar 1800, St. Mary The Virgin, Dover
 Chr Memo: Recorded as son of William Finch and Susanna
 Death: 15 Aug 1879, Whitehall Dairy Farm, Buckland Bottom
 Burial: 20 Aug 1879, St. Anthony, Alkham, Kent. Burial Memo: Resident of Buckland, Dover
 Occ: Farmer At Soles Farm, Nonington (1841), Drelingore (1851), Buckland (1861-)

Born in the reign of George 111. He lived during the Industrial Revolution, the Napoleonic Wars and died during the reign of Queen Victoria.

It’s probable that William added the middle name Finch (in the Baptism record of daughter Caroline 1848 and in the Birth Certificate of James 1841) as it was his father’s family name.

However a note from Julia Matson (later Searles) says that ‘Grandfather believed he was the son of William or Henry Matson who in turn was the son of John Matson the Mayor of Dover’ (died in 1752). There is also a letter from Julia in which she says that William may have been born at Buckland or somewhere in the ‘Old Pier District’ in the Public House called ‘The Golden Fleece’. ‘The Golden Fleece’ was at 56, Snargate Street, Dover and closed in 1870. (1858 List).

Finch was William’s **Fathers** name and the St. Mary’s, Dover record (2nd March 1800) of the christening of William son of William Finch and Sussanna, refers to Susanna Matson and the lady unknown referred to by Colin Matson in his research.

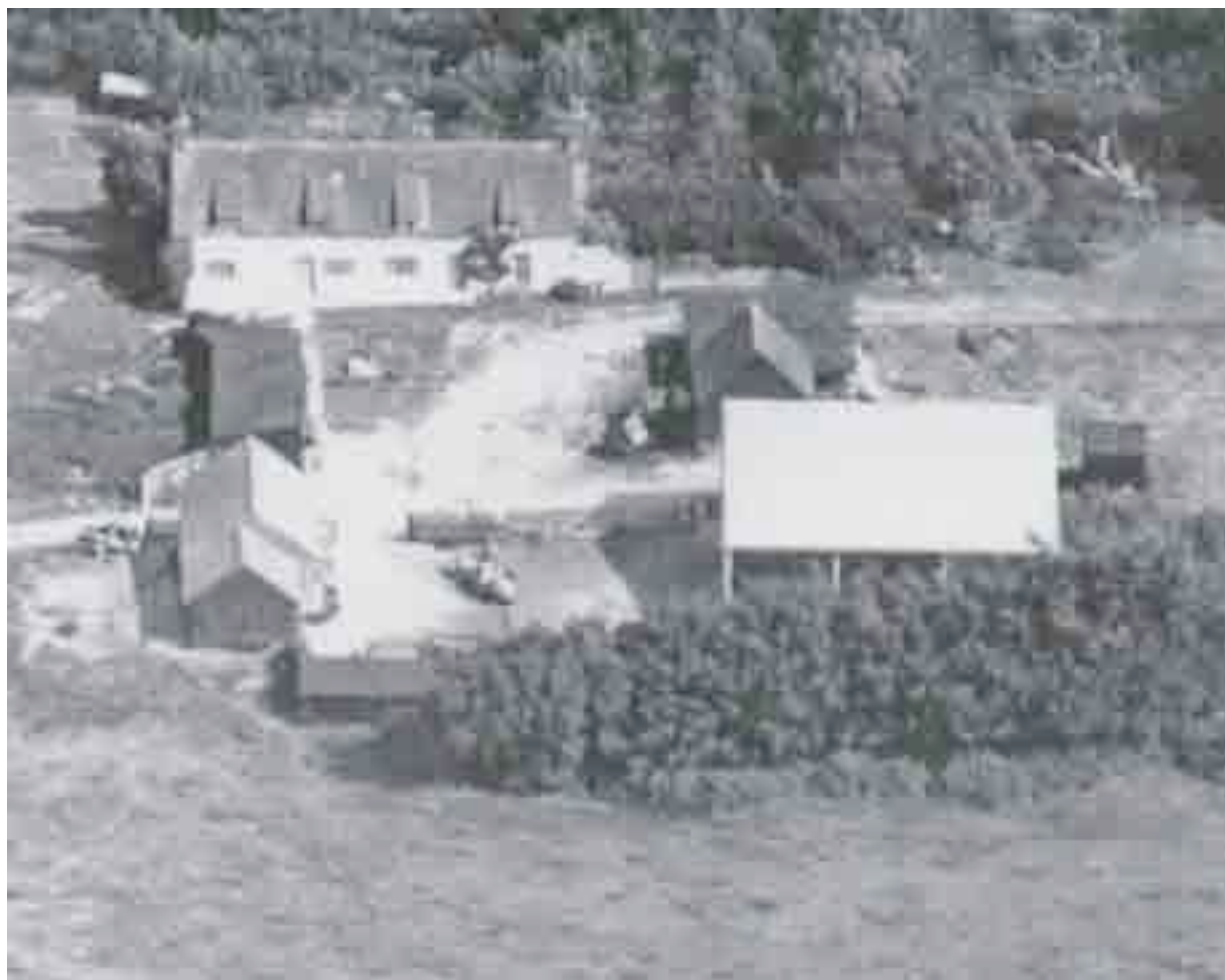
Matson was his **Mothers** name. He was brought up as Matson and added Finch when he was told who his father was.

Tithes for Alkham (1830s/1840s) show William Matson as a tenant farmer of Peter Lane Fector. Also William Finch as Owner Occupier of nearby Malmains Farm.

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“Matson and Others” are tenants of a house owned by Peter Hobday in Barham Parish in the same Tithes. The Dover Newspaper of 1835 has this entry: - Mr William MATSON, Ellinge Farm, Alkham - auction of farming stock etc (Dover Telegraph 3 Oct 1835 p.1 col.3)
Soles Court Farm is located near the hamlet of Frogham on the southern edge of the parish of Nonington. One of the oldest settlement sites in Nonington it was once a thriving estate but now just consists of some modern farm buildings.



Soles Court Farm in the 1980's

The old farmhouse, probably late 17th century but with much more ancient origins was demolished in the 1980's having been unoccupied since the late 1950's. Its farmland was amalgamated into the adjoining Frogham Farm. The name Soles derives from the O.E. sol: meaning mud or mire, and in Kentish dialect meant a pond or pool of muddy water. The suffix “sole” is very common in Kentish place names; near to Soles Court are Nethersole and Ropersole. Originally a manor in its own right dating back to pre-Conquest times Soles Court was recorded in the Domesday Book as follows: *Ansfrid holds Soles (Court) from the bishop (Odo, Bishop of Dover and Bayeaux and Earl of Kent, half brother of William I with whom he later fell out with and who stripped Odo of his lands and titles). It answers for one sulung. Land for... In lordship 2 ploughs; 8 villagers with ½ plough. Value before 1066, 100 shillings; later 20 ahillings; now £6. Aelmer held it from King Edward.*

Soles has the suffix "Court" because the manor held a Court Baron. These courts were introduced into the post-Conquest feudal system in the 1090's. The Court Baron was the principal type of manorial court, and was the court of Reasearched, Compiled & Written by Roger Hurst
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the chief tenants of a manor. It was responsible for the internal regulation of local affairs within the manor, and was attended by all those free tenants whose attendance at court was a condition of their tenure, and by customary tenants. Customary tenants held land by an agreement made at the manor court, which was entered on its roll, a 'copy' of which was his regarded as proof of title. The court dealt with such matters as the transfer of land, the organisation of the common fields and meadows, the abatement of nuisances' (defective hedges, blocking of paths, straying beasts, etc) and anything concerning the occupations of the inhabitants, which in most manors were agricultural. The Steward, who ran the court for the lord, kept a watchful eye over the lord's rights, including rentals, heriots and boon work.

Records include: -

1250. 38th Henry III. (From Arch Cant. Vol 12, p 210). Hundred of Eastry. Hamo de Soles tenet dimid feod in Soles de Ricardo Rokesle - nota bene Johanes de Soles tenet dimid in eodem de eodem. which translates as: [H de Soles holds half from Richard Rokesle (Richard de Rokestle)- note well, Johanes de Soles holds halfin the same place in the same conditions.

1528. 19th Henry VIII.) Thomas Norton sold to John Boyes, ¼ of the manor of Soles, with 200 acres of land, 200 pasture and 60 acres of woodland in Nonington & Barfrestone for £40.

1637. Manor, messuage, farm and lands called Soles, about 140 acres. Land occupied by Nich. Creake.

1664. First mention of Soles barn as separate entity, approx 6 score (120) acres.

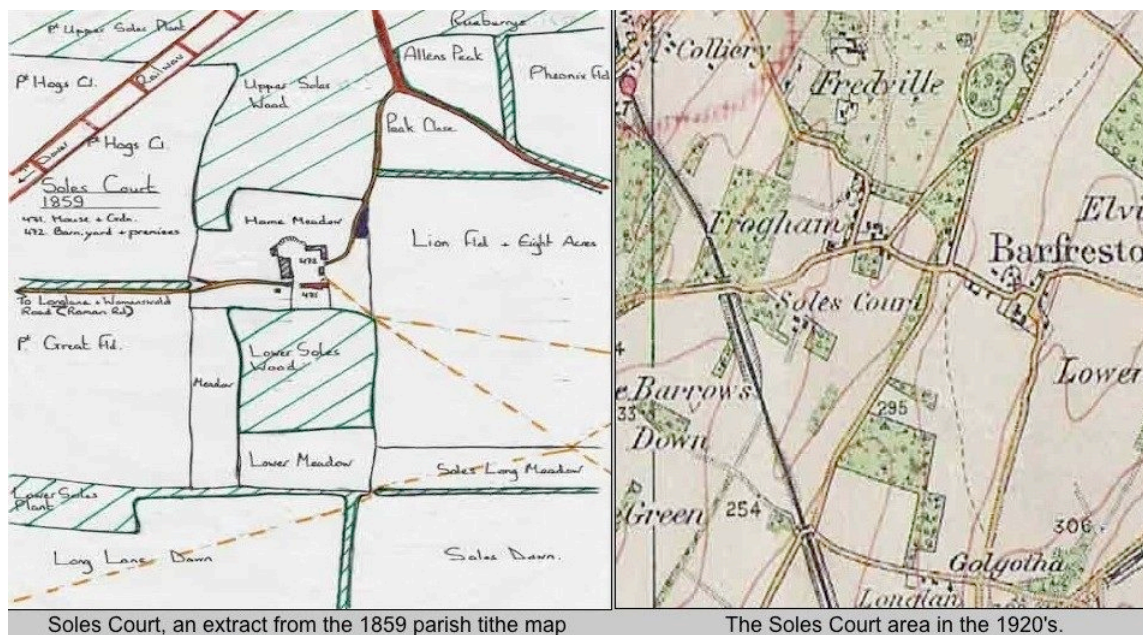
1660's. Sold by John Boys to Sir Anthony Percival of Dover. Manor of Soles, barnes, messuages, lands, tenements, meadows, pastures, woods, grounds and hereditaments.

1698. Mentioned: manor or lordship of Soles and said barne, mess lands, tenements and hereditaments thereunto.

1700. Soles manor and Soles barne, approx. Six score acres, arable, pasture, woods and downs.

1704 Occ Laurence Austen (also at the White Horse, Church St., Nonington.), late Wm. Sharpe. Soles Field abuttg to the S.W. 12 acres occ Thos. Osbourne.

1760. One messuage, two barns, two stables, one orchard, one hundred and fifty acres of land, ten acres of meadow, ten acres of pasture and thirty acres of wood.



Soles Court, an extract from the 1859 parish tithe map

The Soles Court area in the 1920's.

1841 census shows at Soles Court Farm, Nonington. William aged 40, born about 1801 Kent, Farmer. Jane aged 35, Elizabeth 15, Susannah 9, John 6, Mary Ann 1, and Jas.B 6 months. All stated as born Kent. Also shows 3 Agricultural Labourers, John Beer 30, Thomas Beer 20 (wrongly transcribed as John Ben Matson) and Thomas Gilham 25 all born in Kent.

1842 Alkham Tithe Apportionment shows Peter Lane Fector as property owner and William Matson as occupier of

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Plot Numbers 441-449. A total acreage of 19a-1r-14p.

There are extensive records for Drelingore Farm, Alkham in Ambrose Collard's Account Book for 1839-1851. They include the sale of Sheep, Wheat, Oats and Barley.

1851 census states: - Drelingore, Alkham.

William Matson aged 51 Farmer of 140 acres employing 4 labourers, William Mount, R.D.Mount and probably John Ayon and his wife Catherine Ayon. William is shown as born ALKHAM.

1851 census also shows that at the next house there are 3 Matson children, Alice, Jno. and Mary A., who are the grandchildren of Susanah Dove, a farmers' widow

1851 census also shows William Finch aged 74 married to wife Judith aged 70 with 3 children living at Malmain Farm in Alkham,

1861 census states: - Buckland in Hougham Parish, 9 Union Road, Farm House.

William Matson aged 61 Farmer of 7 acres, born Kent, Dover.

1871 census shows, William aged 71 Farmer, and Head of Household, at Whitehall Dairy Farm at Buckland Bottom, Dover. At the same address are recorded Jane aged 65, William aged 39, James aged 30, Caroline aged 23. In addition, an Ann Kean, Widow, aged 73.

Julia Matson states that William was a 'Gentleman Farmer' who rode to hounds.

Record of burial states that William was a resident of Buckland, Dover.

Spouse:	Jane BROMLEY
Birth:	Feb 1806, Hougham, Kent
Chr:	16 Feb 1806, St. Laurence, Hougham, Kent
Death:	16 Sep 1883, Alkham, Kent
Death Memo:	Dover 2a 581
Burial:	7 Apr 1883, St Anthony, Alkham, Kent
Burial Memo:	Resident of Buckland, Dover
Father:	William BROMLEY (1766-1833)
Mother:	Alice ANDREWS (1771-1831)

1841 census shows Jane, aged 35 and born about 1806, William and children Elizabeth, Jas. B., John, Mary Ann, Susannah and Thomas Ben living at Soles Court Farm, Nonington.

The same census shows Sarah Doves, a Grazier, aged 60, living at Alkham with Alice Matson aged 11, William Matson aged 8, Jane Matson aged 5 and George Matson aged 3. I cannot find any other people named 'Doves' in the 1841 census in Kent although there are entries in the name 'Dove'.

1851 census shows Jane, (47) William and children Caroline, Charles, George, Jane, Susanah and William together with Granddaughter Abbey, aged 2 and born Nonington, all at Drelingore, Alkham.

(Note: - Drelingore Farm was home to the Bromley family and is next to Hockley Sole which was home to the Fagg family who were notorious smugglers. Daniel Fagg was hanged in 1822 at Penenden Heath.)

Alkham Poor Rate 17th October 1846 - 17th January 1848. Mrs. Doves occupier P.L.Fector (Peter Lane Fector) owner 'Buildings & Land 19a 1r 14p. Gross estimated rent £20-11-6. Rateable Value £18-10-0.

1851 census also shows at the adjacent residence: -

Susanah Doves head of house. Farmers Widow aged 73, born Guston.

Alice Matson granddaughter unmarried aged 20 born Alkham. (Possible that Alice married Henry Martin an Agricultural Labourer and lived in Alkham.)

Jno. Matson grandson aged 15 born Nonington. (He could be Jno Matson, a bricklayer, who, on the 1861 census is shown at 8, New Street, Milton, Sittingbourne with wife Emma, 22, and daughter Matilda aged 9 months. However, this Jno gives his place of birth as Upchurch, Kent.)

Mary A. Matson granddaughter aged 9 born Nonington. Possible that Mary married a Mr. Chapman and lived with sister-in-law at Barnshill, Staple.

A William Wells is also shown as an Agricultural Labourer.

I cannot find any other people named 'Doves' in the 1851 census although there are entries in the name 'Dove'.

1861 Census: - Jane Matson aged 57. Born Hougham, Nr. Dover.

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Also records as living at the same address Ann Keen sister aged 63 born Hougham and Susan Souter cousin age 72 born Hougham.

Record of burial states that Jane was a resident of Buckland, Dover.

1871 census shows aged 65. Ann Kean is recorded as aged 73.

Marr: 14 Jan 1830, Hougham, Kent

<i>William Matson</i>		of <i>his</i> Parish
and	<i>Jane Bromley</i> of <i>his</i> Parish	
were married in this <i>Church</i> by <i>Bennet</i> with Consent of		
this <i>fourteenth</i> Day of		
<i>January</i> in the Year one Thousand eight Hundred and <i>thirty</i>		
By me <i>Ch. Gwynne</i>		
This Marriage was solemnized between us { <i>William Matson</i> & <i>Jane Bromley</i>		
In the Presence of { <i>Wm Bromley</i> & <i>David Coxwell</i>		
No. <i>23</i> .		

Entry in Hougham Parish register

- Children:
- Alice (1830-1869)
 - Susannah (1831-)
 - Jane (1837-)
 - William (1833-)
 - John (1835-1888)
 - George Bromley (1838-)
 - Mary Ann (1840-1886)
 - James Bromley (1841-1882)
 - Sarah Anne (Died as Infant) (1843-1844)
 - Charles (1844-1915)
 - Henry Bromley (Died as Infant) (1845-1846)
 - Caroline (1848-)

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3.5b.1.1 Alice MATSON

Birth: Oct 1830, Alkham, Kent
 Chr: 10 Oct 1830, St. Anthony, Alkham, Kent
 Death: Jun 1869, Alkham, Kent
 Burial: 6 Jun 1869, Alkham, Kent

1841 census has Alice aged 11 born about 1830 living with 60 year old Sarah Doves

1851 census Alice is living with her Grandmother Susanna Doves.

Alice is recorded as 'of Buckland' in 1856 marriage record.

Witnesses at marriage are Mary Ann Rigden and Thomas Tunbridge.

[NB Alice, dau of Wm and Jane MATSON chr. 10 Oct 1830 Alkham, farmer.

William MATSON of Buckland buried 20 Aug 1879 aged 79;

Jane MATSON of Buckland buried 7 Apr 1883 aged 82]

[NB. 1841 and 1851 Census: Alice MATSON lives with her grandmother Susanna DOVES at Drellingore -

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possibly a cottage on father's farm.
1861 census aged 30 and married.

Spouse: Henry MARTIN
Birth: Jul 1819, Alkham, Kent
Chr: 18 Jul 1819, Alkham, Kent
Occ: Agricultural Labourer
Father: Thomas MARTIN (1795-1844)
Mother: Charlotte Ann (1794-1871)

From Alkham Parish Registers (info from S. Lees):
16 Nov 1856 Married: Henry MARTIN ba adult, labr of Alkham (son of Thomas MARTIN labr) married Alice MATSON spr adult at Buckland (d.o. Wm MATSON farmer) wits: Mary Ann RIGDEN (signed x) and Thos TUNBRIDGE.
1861 census aged 37. Living at Lower Alkham.

Marr: 16 Nov 1856, Alkham, Kent
Children: Frederick (Died as Child) (1858-1862)

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3.5b.1.1.1 Frederick MARTIN

Birth: 25 Apr 1858, Alkham, Kent
Death: Apr 1862, Alkham, Kent
Burial: 27 Apr 1862, Alkham, Kent

1861 census aged 3

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3.5b.1.2 Susannah MATSON

Birth: Nov 1831, Alkham, Kent
Chr: 20 Nov 1831, St. Anthony, Alkham, Kent

1841 census aged 9
1851 census aged 19, living with parents, and shown as “Farmers Daughter”.

Children: Abigail (Aka Abbey) (Illegitimate) (1849-1865)

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3.5b.1.2.1 Abigail (Aka Abbey) MATSON

Birth: 1849, Nonnington, Kent
Chr: 13 May 1849, St Anthony's Church, Alkham, Kent
Death: Jun 1865, Alkham, Kent
Death Memo: Dover 2a 473

Abigail MATSON, baptised 13 May 1849 at St Anthony's Church, Alkham, Kent. The illegitimate daughter of Susannah MATSON. No father's name mentioned
1851 census shows as “Abbey” aged 2 and “Grand-daughter” at home of William Matson (1800-1879)

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3.5b.1.3 Jane MATSON

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Birth: Mar 1837, Nonington
Chr: 26 Mar 1837, St. Mary, Nonington, Kent

1841 census has Jane aged 5 born about 1836 and living with 60 year old Sarah Doves
1851 aged 14

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3.5b.1.4 William MATSON

Birth: Jul 1833, Alkham, Kent
Birth Memo: 1861 census shows him as a lodger in Dover
Chr: 7 Jul 1833, Alkham, Kent
Occ: Labourer (1861), Farmer (1871)

1841 census has William aged 8 born about 1833 and living with 60-year-old Sarah Doves.
1851 aged 18
1861 census shows as a 28-year-old lodger at the “Prince of Orange” New Street Dover.
1871 census shows aged 39 and living with parents.



John MATSON

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3.5b.1.5 John MATSON

Birth: Sep 1835, Nonington/Frogham
Birth Memo: Alkham on 1871 census
Chr: 27 Sep 1835, Nonington, Kent
Death: 6 Aug 1888, 3, Park Place, Dover
Burial: 11 Aug 1888, Charlton Cemetery, Dover
Burial Memo: Gravestone says aged 56. Register 1671 Folio 85
Occ: Farmer, Contractor, Publican, and Greengrocer.

Portrait shown is an oil painting, which for many years belonged to Julia Matson. It is believed to be John’s portrait, but this unconfirmed. A letter from Julia dated 21st September 1980 refers to ‘the painting of Granddad’, but does not say Matson or Hills. The collar and tie may show it to be from a later period.
Born in the reign of William IV. Died when Queen Victoria was on the throne.
Baptism records for St. John the Mariner, Dover show John as of Dover Labourer/Publican/General Dealer and Carrier.

1841 census aged 6 and born about 1835, living with parents William and Jane.

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1851 census shows John (Jno) aged 15 and living with his Grandmother Susanna Doves who is a widow. Also at the same household are Alice Matson his 30-year-old sister, Mary Matson his 9-year-old sister and William Wells a 69-year-old Servant.

1861 census has a John Matson aged 28 recorded as born in Dover who is working as a labourer ‘at sewer?’ and lodging at 80, Railway Grove, Deptford.

1871 census shows 33 year old Farmer of 66 Acres at Little Palmstead Farm, Stelling. Has 3 “Farm Servants”. Gives birthplace as Alkham.

1881 census shows aged 46 and gives birthplace as Frogham, Kent. The family, Alice (17), Eleanor (44), Georgina (6), John (46), Louis (3), Susan (15) and William (13) is living at 3 Park Place, Dover which is his greengrocers shop.

Known to be living at Snargate Street Dover when son was born on 13th January 1868.

Owned several pubs in the Pier District of Dover including “The Perseverance Inn” at 161, Snargate Street (1862), where in 1864 his brother George was Landlord, “The Golden Fleece” at 55, Snargate Street, Dover and lastly owned a Greengrocers shop in Park Street, Dover.

Landlords of the “Golden Fleece” include: -

1828 - Sarah Harvey - Pigots Directory

1832 - John Rose - Pigots Directory

1840 - William Lake - Pigots Directory

1858 - Stephen Saunter - Post Office Directory

1861 Census - George Goodman - Victualler aged 46 Born Saltash, Cornwall,

Mary Goodman - Wife aged 42 Born Falmouth, Cornwall,

William Goodman - Son - Carpenter Aged Approx. 18 Born Dover, Kent

Sarah A Goodman - Daughter - Barmaid Aged 16. Born Dover, Kent.

Alfred G Goodman - Son. Merchants Clerk Aged 14 Born Dover, Kent.

Elizabeth J Goodman - Daughter. Aged 11 Born Horsham, Surrey.

William Daimon - Lodger. Master Mariner Aged 50 Born Swanage, Dorset.

1862 - G Goodman - Post Office Directory

1865-1868 John Matson

John lived at 2, Dour Street, Dover where William John and Louis were both born and also in 3, Park Place where he died.

Will made 3rd December 1884 and proved 8th October 1888.



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Eleanor PILCHER

Spouse: Eleanor PILCHER
 Birth: 1837, Midley, Romney Marsh, Kent
 Death: Jun 1919, Bridge, Kent
 Death Memo: Bridge 2a 990
 Burial: 1919, Charlton Cemetery, Dover
 Burial Memo: Daughter Georgina’s gravestone spells name as Elenor.
 Occ: House Servant (1861) Shepherd, Carrier/Farmer
 Father: William PILCHER (~1790-1857)
 Mother: Harriet RICHT (~1807-1890)

1851 census aged 14 and living with parents at Poor House, Midley, Kent.
 1861 census shows ‘Elen’ visiting her widowed mother in Midley.
 1871 census gives name as ‘Ellen’ and birthplace as Medley, Kent. app.1839.
 1881 aged 44 and living at 2, Dour Street, Dover with Romney Marsh shown as place of birth.
 1891 census records Eleanor as a Widow and gives Lydd as her place of birth.
 1901 census shows living at 8 Milais Road, Dover.
 Later lived above Louis’s shop in central Dover with Louis and Alice.
 In 1775, Ingram Bromley purchased £99 worth of land from a William Pilcher - possibly a relative of Eleanor?
 One of Eleanor’s brothers was a policeman and lived in Dour Street, Dover.
 1919 record of death shows as aged 83.

Marr: Dec 1862, Dover
 Marr Memo: Dover 2a 1367

Children: Alice (1863-1918)
 Susanah Kate (1866-1893)
 William John (1868-1906)
 John (Died as Child) (1870-1874)
 George (Died as Infant) (1872-1874)
 Louis (1877-1946)
 Georgina (1877-1894)



Alice MATSON

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3.5b.1.5.1 Alice MATSON

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Birth: Dec 1863, Dover Birth Memo: Dover 2a 751. Shown as aged 36 on 1901 census
 Death: 15 Jun 1918, Dover, Kent
 Burial: Charlton Cemetery, Dover Burial Memo: Gravestone says aged 54
 Occ: Dressmaker

1871 census aged 7.
 1891 census aged 27 and living with widowed mother at 2, Dour Street, Dover.
 Lived above Louis Matson shop in central Dover with Louis and Eleanor. Shown as a widow on 1901 census.

Spouse: Ernest George FORD
 Birth: Dec 1865, Dover, Kent Birth Memo: 2a 796
 Death: 22 Sep 1899, Dover, Kent Death Memo: Soon after marriage. Dover 2a 732
 Burial: Charlton Cemetery, Dover Burial Memo: Gravestone says aged 33
 Occ: Bakers Assistant (1891), Contractor.
 Father: Robert FORD (1838-1919)
 Mother: Amelia REID (1841-1903)

The gravestone in Charlton Cemetery states that George was aged 33 when he died. The marriage record reveals his name as Ernest George.
 1891 census records Ernest George as aged 25 and living at 39, Snargate Street, Dover with his parents. He is an assistant in his father's bakery.
 Ernest died tragically in an accident with a horse just after his marriage to Alice.

Marr: Jun 1899, Dover, Kent Marr Memo: 2a 2079

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3.5b.1.5.2 Susanah Kate MATSON

Birth: Apr 1866, Dover, Kent
 Chr: 25 Apr 1866, St. John The Mariner, Dover
 Death: 9 Oct 1893, 2, Dour Street, Dover. Death Memo: Dover Registration District 2a 599
 Burial: 13 Oct 1893, Charlton Cemetery, Dover. Note - Gravestone 'aged 27' R.2392 Folio 18
 Occ: Dressmaker

1871 Census aged 4.
 1891 Census shows aged 25 and living with widowed mother at 2, Dour Street, Dover.
 Died a spinster.



William John MATSON

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3.5b.1.5.3 William John MATSON

Birth: 13 Jan 1868, Hardres
Birth Memo: Father given on birth certificate as John Matson, Snargate Street.
Chr: 12 Feb 1868, St. John The Mariner, Dover
Death: 22 Nov 1906, Tower Hamlets Road, Dover
Burial: 26 Nov 1906, Charlton, Dover
Burial Memo: 'Number 18 buried'
Occ: Carrier (1894), Carter Carm (1901 Census), Wood Merchant

Born during the reign of Queen Victoria. He died with Edward VII on the throne. Thought to have committed suicide due to business problems and suffering from asthma. It was believed by his granddaughter (Jacqueline) that he put a gun in his mouth and shot himself. However, his daughter (Julie) wrote that he died in an accident with his gun in his office at Tower Hamlets, Dover. 1871 census recorded as aged 2 and living with parents at 2, Dour Street, Dover.



1881 census shows aged 13 and living at 3, Park Place, Dover with parents.

Number 3, Park Place (Chinese Take-away), Dover (May2008)

1891 census aged 23, a Carters Assistant and living at 2, Dour Street with his widowed mother and his siblings.
1901 census shows William aged 33, Lucy aged 29 and Julie aged 6 living at 1, Dour Street, Dover, close to the Electric Light Works. George Pilcher, who was an uncle of William, lived at 42, Dour Street.
As well as 1, Dour Street William owned other houses including some in Park Place. He was in the process of buying 2, Dour Street (the address he gives on the marriage certificate) when he died at number 1.



Numbers 3, 2 & 1 Dour Street, Dover (May2008)

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Lucy Harriet HILLS

Spouse: Lucy Harriet HILLS
 Birth: 13 May 1871, Wentworth Woodhouse, Wentworth, Rotherham
 Birth Memo: Father (John) was the Huntsman.
 Death: 28 Jan 1965, Woodside, Kearsney, Old People's Home, age: 93
 Death Memo: Dover 5b 663
 Burial: 1965, Barham Crematorium
 Occ: Pianist/Music Teacher. Played In Band.
 Father: John (Aka William-1871) HILLS (1837-~1923)
 Mother: Julia HILL (1849-1925)

1881 census shows aged 9, birthplace as Castor, Northamptonshire, and living at Waldershare Park with parents John and Julia.

When at Waldershare Park and about 7 years old, the Countess of Guildford thought she had a gift for music and gave Lucy lessons herself.

1891 census shows as aged 20 and Barmaid at her fathers' pub "The Guildhall Vaults", 2, Bench Street, Dover. (Photo taken about 1928)



"The Old Endeavour" June 2008

1894 marriage certificate gives address as 124, London Road," The Old Endeavour", Dover and father as a Licensed Victualler.

1901 census aged 29 and living at 1, Dour Street, Dover.

1911 census shows Lucy as Head of Household. Aged 38 and a Widow. She is a Pianist born at Peterborough, Northamptonshire. Living at 13, Military Road, Dover. Also with her are Julia Kate Matson her 16-year-old daughter who is a shop assistant and born Dover, and Julia Hills her 62-year-old mother, born Peterborough, Northamptonshire.

DOVER EXPRESS 1967

HOW HISTORY REPEATS

MORE than three-quarters of a century ago, the small daughter of the huntsman on the Earl of Guilford's estate, near Dover, tapped rhythmically on a tea tray. Not even the little girl's mother realised the significance of the childish pastime.

One day—in the best fairy tale tradition—her drumming was noticed by the lady of the house, Georgina, Countess of Guilford, great-grandmother of the present earl. She commented: "I think that child has a gift for music," and offered to teach her.

When the little girl grew into a pretty 18-year-old, music became the mainstay of her life, for she began giving lessons. Over the years, her teaching made her a well-known personality in Dover, for innumerable pupils—some of them sending first their children, then their grandchildren—learned the rudiments of playing the piano from her.

Now aged 93, Mrs. Lucy Matson has just moved into Woodside, Kearsney Old People's Home. "When this house was built, near the end of the last century, I never expected to live here myself. It belonged to Sir William Crundell—I think that was the name—and I used to play the piano at his garden parties," she said.

"When you get to my age, it seems strange the way history repeats itself. A striking instance of this is my great-grandson's recent appointment as whipsman to a famous Midlands hunt," she explained.

"This is reverting to the profession of my ancestors. My family were all hunting people, but for several generations only daughters were born, though evidently hunting stayed in our blood."

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Lucy had her own band in addition to which she earned her living teaching and playing at many people's homes. The 1920s were the era of silent cinema and Dover was to have four cinemas – The Kings' Hall (later the Gaumont), The Granada, The Odeon and, in the Metropole building, The Plaza (later The Essoldo). Lucy provided piano accompaniment to the films in The Granada and possibly in other cinemas until the 'talkies' arrived.

The family link with cinema was maintained as Lucy's son-in-law, William (Jack) Searles provided poster display advertising from his business “East Kent Picture Services”.

Lucy copyrighted a system for teaching the piano using a series of card overlays. It was sold through Woolworth's as well as other shops.

After her husband died, she lived for a while in Western, Bristol with her brother George.

Lived at a number of Dover addresses including Dour Street, 13 Military Hill, 4a (during 1934) then 3b (during 1938) Metropole Flats, Cannon Street, 11 Harold Terrace (destroyed by shellfire), and 34 Farthingloe Road.

Throughout her life, Lucy kept a diary of which the section from 1939, up to her last entry, is kept in Dover Museum archives who have also produced a transcript. The diary provides an insight of the daily life of the family during World War 2 in 'Hellfire Corner', as Dover became known. Unfortunately the earlier parts of the diary which included life in Dover during WW1, are now lost.

Lucy owned an oil painting of Henry Tritton Reakes who may have known either her father John, possibly via Waldershare Park or may have had connections to the Matson family. It is also possible that as children of Henry Tritton Reakes were christened at the Zion Chapel where Lucy was married, members of the two families knew each other as members of the congregation. However, Lucy's marriage in 1894 is many years after the record of the Reakes christenings in the period 1814/16. A record of Henry is kept within this computer system but as yet no direct relationship has been found. Julia Kate always thought that Henry was an ancestor.



Lucy, on the piano, with her Band. Probably photographed about 1920 on Dover Seafront perhaps near the Promenade Pier.

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About the Zion Chapel -

When William III ascended the throne, there were three bodies of non-conformists in Dover, the Baptists, the Society of Friends and the Presbyterian followers of the Rev. John Davies, who had been ejected from St James's Church. They met in part of an old Malthouse in Last Lane.



Zion Chapel on the site of the old Malthouse, at the junction of Last Lane and Queen Street, then came into existence. Apparently the small congregation of Presbyterians that had gathered around Mr. Davis had occupied the old Malthouse on sufferance, and in the year 1703, the year following the death of Mr. Thomas Papillion MP, his son Philip, who was a candidate for the representation of Dover, purchased and leased the old Malthouse to the Presbyterians who transformed it, without much structural alteration, into a chapel.

The Zion Chapel, Dover photographed in the 1960's prior to demolition

In 1708, when David Papillion succeeded Philip as Member of Parliament for Dover, he gave them the chapel and helped to improve it. But Presbyterians, being few in Dover, the congregation dwindled, and the chapel was closed from 1769 to 1771.

Then some preachers of the Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion re-opened it, and re-built it, with the exception of the north wall, in 1782. In 1802 the chapel was handed over to the Congregationalists, the Rev. W. Mather being the minister. In 1814 the chapel was re-built and enlarged. When the new church in the High Street opposite the Maison Dieu, was opened on 7 September 1904, Zion Chapel, the original home of the Dover Congregationalists, was disposed of to a Baptist congregation.

Marr: 21 Jan 1894, Zion Chapel - Countess Of Huntingdon, Last Lane, Dover
 Marr Memo: Recorded as Congregational Church.
 Children: Julia Kate (1894-1990)

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Julia Kate MATSON

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3.5b.1.5.3.1 Julia Kate MATSON

Birth: 12 Dec 1894, Dover
 Death: 13 Aug 1990, Nursing Home, Folkestone Road, Dover
 Burial: 17 Aug 1990, Charlton Cemetery, Dover
 Occ: Manager Of Restaurant. Royal Navy (WW1). Nurse

When a little girl Julia and her parents lived in Western, Bristol with ‘uncle’ George for a while. Julia also wrote that as a child she stayed at Elham when her Grandfather was Huntsman. She believes this was with the East Kent Hunt. He was also with the West Kent Hunt. I believe she is actually referring to her Great-Grandfather Thomas Hills.

1901 census aged 6 and living with parents at 1, Dour Street, Dover.

1911 census aged 16 and living with mother and grandmother at 13, Military Road, Dover

Lived at a number of addresses in Dover including 13, Military Hill (now demolished), Dour Street, 4a Metropole Flats (during 1934) then 3b Metropole Flats (during 1938) Cannon Street, 11, Harold Terrace (destroyed by shellfire) and 34, Farthingloe Road.

1918 Marriage certificate shows aged 23 and living at 13, Military Hill, Dover.

Later the family lived in the Metropole Building in Dover where ‘Jack’ had his business studio.

After Julia and William separated, Julia and her two daughters moved to Harold Terrace, Dover and in the early part of World War 11, to 34, Farthingloe Road, Maxton, Dover.

Julia served in the Women’s Royal Navy Service at HMS Wasp in Dover.

Coastal Force Base Ship - WASP (Act/Cdr J Sanders at Dover.)

DOVER COMMAND

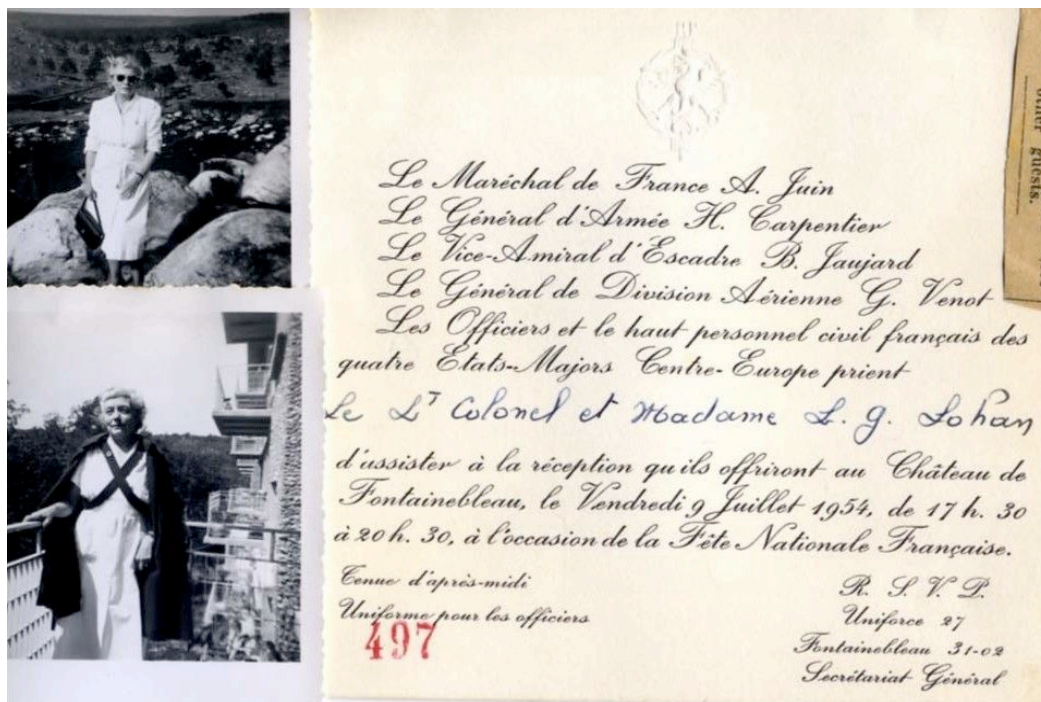
(Vice Admiral Dover Vice Admiral Sir Bertram H Ramsay KCB, MVO Rtd ashore)

After the war, Julia became a nurse in hospitals at Dover.

The wedding took place on Wednesday, Oct. 2, at St. Mary’s church, Dover, of Miss Julie Matson, daughter of the late Mr. W. Matson, and of Mrs. Matson, of 13 Military road, Dover, to Cpl. Mec. Jack Searles, R.A.F., son of Mr. Searles, of Lowestoft. The Vicar, Rev. G. Elnor, was the officiating clergyman. The bride, who was given away by Mr. G. Hogbin, wore a dress of white taffeta silk and carried a shower bouquet of white roses. The bridesmaid was Miss Nell Brett, and the best man Mr. Joe Searles, brother of the bridegroom. Mr. and Mrs. J. Searles were the recipients of many useful presents, including a wedding cake from Messrs. Igglesden and Graves. The honeymoon was spent in London.

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Julia in Fontainebleau, France in the early 1950's

In the early 1950's she went to work as a nurse for Lt. Col L.G. Lohan at the Strategic Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force (SHAEF) in Fontainebleau, France.
 Julia returned to live in Dover in the late 1950's.



John William Bendall SEARLES

Spouse: John William Bendall SEARLES
 Birth: 29 Oct 1895, Lowestoft, Suffolk - :Birth Cert. Entry 203 Reg 25 Kensingland Sub-district
 Death: 12 Jun 1943, Long Sutton, Hants
 Death Memo: Died in Park Prewelt Hospital, Sherbourne St. John, Basingstoke.1
 Occ: Motor Driver (1915), Seaplane Pilot (WW1), Commercial Artist, Fish Merchant, Chef.
 Father: Robert John SEARLES (1870-)
 Mother: Mary Priscilla PRATT (1870-)

Born during the reign of Queen Victoria. Died during the Second World War.

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A Great-Grandfather was named John BENDALL Reeve.

1901 Census shows aged 5 and living with Grandparents at 38, Lorne Park Road, Kirkley, Lowestoft.



1911 census shows single aged 15 a Merchants Clerk in a Fish Business Born Lowestoft, Suffolk. Living with parents at 170, London Road, Lowestoft. 13th July 1915 joined the Royal Naval Air Service. Service number F6481. Served with the 'President 11', at Daedalus - the RNAS Shore base for seaplanes at Lee-On-Solent opened in 1917 and still used until 1996, and the 'Little Chalin' seaplanes at Dover where he was a pilot.



RNAS Insignia

President II and Daedalus were administrative processing shore bases for the RNAS and could cover actual locations from the Shetlands down to France! In the early years of the war, the central registers do not always record the exact location. Unfortunately, the more detailed card index has been weeded.

The Seaplane Service was transferred as part of the Royal Naval Air Service into the newly formed Royal Air Force and John was transferred on the 31st March 1918.

'Jack' in RNAS Flying Kit - 1917

1918 Marriage certificate shows age 22.

Played drums in Lucy Hills (nee Matson) band.

In 1923, he is shown as a Fish Merchant on Jacqueline's birth certificate.

John, or 'Jack', as he was known, was lent the money to start up the Commercial Artists business (East Kent Poster Service by Lucy Matson (Hills) who also lent him further money. There is a record of a £50 loan given on the 21st December 1935. The business was situated in the Metropole Building, Cannon Street in central Dover where the family also lived in a flat.



East Kent Poster Service Studio in the Metropole Building, Dover

Played drums in Lucy Hills (nee Matson) band.

During the late 1930s, 'Jack' and Julia separated.

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He is shown as a Poster Artist on Jacqueline’s wedding certificate of August 1943. He produced artwork and advertising for Cinemas and billboards for companies such as Moore O’Farrell.

Death certificate (registered in Basingstoke) shows occupation as Chef at Lord Wandsworth College, Long Sutton, Hants.

Family from Lowestoft. Others in Bristol and Plymouth.

Marr: 2 Oct 1918, St. Mary’s Church, Dover

Marr Memo: 2a 2585

Children: Josephine Mary (1919-~1993)

Jacqueline Julie (1923-2009)



Josephine Mary SEARLES

(15) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3.5b.1.5.3.1.1 Josephine Mary SEARLES

Birth: Dec 1919, Dover

Birth Memo: Dover 2a 2107

Death: app 1993, Herne Bay, Kent

Occ: Wren In Royal Navy During WW11

Educated at St. Ursula’s Convent School, Park Avenue, Dover.

Served in the Women’s Royal Navy Service at Dover including service at the headquarters located in the cliffs beneath Dover Castle.

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(Vice Admiral Dover Vice Admiral Sir Bertram H Ramsay KCB, MVO Rtd ashore)

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John T. SALTER

Spouse: John T. SALTER
Birth: Sep 1916, Poplar, London
Birth Memo: 1a 788
Occ: Petty Officer Royal Navy WW11. Insurance Underwriter Lloyds Of London
Father: Unknown Male SALTER
Mother: Unknown Female SOUTHALL

Lived in Potters Bar, Middlesex then in Herne Bay, Kent.

Birth in Edmonton September quarter 1915. Mothers name 'Bland'. 3a 1064

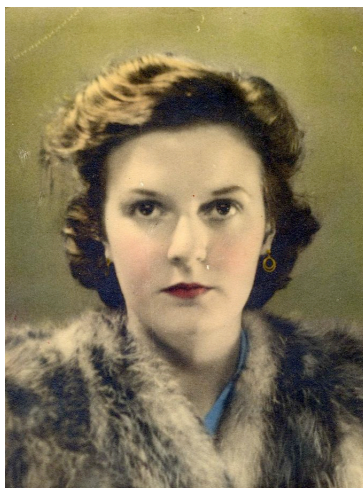
This may or may not be the correct record. Note that brother Leonard has a record with mothers name as 'Fulford' in 1923.

Marr: 13 Jun 1942, Edmonton
Marr Memo: 3a 2264

Children: Lionel John (1943-)

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Jacqueline Julie SEARLES

(15) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3.5b.1.5.3.1.2 Jacqueline Julie SEARLES

Birth: 1 Jan 1923, Metropole Building, Dover
 Death: 16 Jun 2009, Kent And Canterbury Hospital, Canterbury
 Burial: 21st July 2009. Ashes scattered on husband’s grave in St James’s cemetery, Dover. By coincidence, a Spitfire was giving a display for the anniversary of Louis Bleroit’s flight.
 Occ: Drapers Assistant, Shop Assistant, Land Army, Photographer Royal Air Force



Lived through the Second World War.
 Educated at St. Ursula’s Convent School, Park Avenue, Dover.
 Given the additional name of “Bernadette” when ‘confirmed’ in the church.
 Worked in the drapery department of “Hatton’s” large store in Biggin Street, Dover and then a sweet shop near to the Town Hall before moving to work in a sweet shop in the Market Square, Dover.
 Joined the Land Army and worked on a chicken farm at Shepherdswell for about a year before joining the Women’s Auxiliary Air Force. Posted to Lossiemouth in Scotland.
 In July 1940, when Jacky was just 17 years old, her boy friend ‘Bill Beresford, who was a telegrapher, was badly wounded on HMS Boreas when his ship was bombed by Stuka bombers. ‘The Times’ casualty list 6 August 1940. Includes “Beresford, W. Teleg:” "Teleg" would be an abbreviation for Telegrapher or Telegraphist. He would have been involved with ship's communications as a non-commissioned naval rating.
 Jacky recalled that when she went to visit “Bill” in hospital in Dover, she was prevented from seeing him by his mother, who said that “Bill “ was too badly wounded/disfigured and to see him would cause too much distress. He is recorded dying in the list of the 6th August.
HMS Boreas - June 1940 20th. - Took passage to Dover for detached service with 1st Destroyer Flotilla for Channel convoy defence.

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July - Channel deployment in continuation.

25th - Under air attack off Dover during passage to intercept E-Boats with HMS BRILLIANT. Disabled by near misses, which also caused slow flooding aft. After repair proceeded at 17 knots using emergency steering, in a subsequent attack, hit in bridge area by two bombs and badly damaged. 21 fatal casualties and ship taken in tow to Dover.

Excerpt from “Naval Warfare in the English Channel 1939-1945” by Peter C. Smith: -

25th July 1940.

At 16.45, a flotilla of E-boats was seen heading on a westerly course to attack the stragglers of convoy CW8.... The destroyers Boreas and Brilliant along with two MTBs were sailed out, from Dover, to attack the enemy flotilla. ... as the destroyers pressed home their attack, the German shore batteries, thought to be 4-inch calibre, opened fire in their turn upon the British ships... which were ordered to break off the action and retire forthwith, which they did at 1751.....The destroyers were returning to Dover at high speed when about 18.00 hours they were attacked by Ju87 dive bombers. The first wave brought Boreas to a dead stop. The second wave of Stukas achieved a direct hit on HMS Boreas’s bridge wing which penetrated the thin plating and exploded in the galley flat, causing many casualties, fifteen men being killed and twenty-nine wounded, some seriously, The effect of this hit was to damage all her boiler room fans and main cooler castings, which meant she was unable to make steam. HMS Brilliant took two bombs in her stern... Eventually tugs had to be sent to tow both destroyers back to Dover.

26th - Repair arranged at commercial shipyard in London.

28th - Tow to Millwall Dock.

30th - Taken in hand for repair.

August to December - Under repair.

RAF Lossiemouth opened in May 1939 with 15 FTS operating Harts, Oxfords and Harvards. In June 1940 the Wellingtons of 20 OTU, which trained thousands of bomber, crews until the end of the war in 1945 replaced the FTS.

Lossiemouth was one of the forward bases used to attack shipping in Norwegian waters. The station also housed 46 MU, which prepared thousands of aircraft for operational use.

Jacky then transferred to Medmenham in Buckinghamshire where she worked in the photographic section developing air reconnaissance photographs including those of the famous ‘Dam Busters’ raid.

RAF Medmenham is a Royal Air Force base near Medmenham, in Buckinghamshire, United Kingdom. RAF Medmenham at Danesfield House was to Imagery Intelligence, what Bletchley Park was to Signals Intelligence. It was once the home of the RAF Intelligence Branch.

In April 1941, an RAF Photographic interpretation Unit (PIU) moved to Danesfield House, Medmenham, and was renamed the Central Interpretation Unit (CIU) as its previous location at Wembley was short of space. Later that year the Bomber Command Damage Assessment Section was absorbed, and amalgamation was completed when the Night Photographic Interpretation Section of No 3 PRU, Oakington, was integrated with CIU in February 1942. During 1942 and 1943, the CIU gradually expanded and was concerned in the planning stages of practically every operation of the war, and in every aspect of intelligence. In 1945 daily intake of material averaged 25,000 negatives and 60,000 prints. By 'VE' day the print library, which documented and stored world-wide cover, held 5,000,000 prints from which 40,000 reports had been produced.

The CIU developed the technique and application of interpretation, centralised the extraction of intelligence from air photographs, co-ordinated the knowledge already possessed and was responsible for the dissemination of photographic intelligence by means of reports, detailed maps and plans, models, mosaics and prints to the intelligence departments of the three services. With the entry of the United States into the war, it incorporated some



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125 interpreters and 79 other ranks of the U.S.A.A.F. and became a truly inter-Allied Unit. On VE-Day, it had the strength of some 326 R.A.F. and W.R.A.F. interpreters, 1,000 other ranks, as well as 16 officers from the Royal Navy and 76 from the British Army, in addition to the American contribution above mentioned. The strategic American reconnaissance forces were also integrated with 106 Group i.

During WW2 Churchill's daughter Sarah was at RAF Medmenham interpreting aerial photographs in 1943. Constance Babington-Smith, and her colleagues at R.A.F. Medmenham discovered the German rockets in 1943 in recon photographs of Peenemünde"

Film "The Dam Busters" (1955). The models of the dams seen in the film are the actual briefing models made by the PRU at RAF Medmenham.



Jacky met "Jack" at the 'Leas Cliff Hall' in Folkestone in about 1942.

They married on the 14 Aug 1943 at St Paul's RC Church, Dover.



Roger John (Aka Jack) HURST

Spouse: Roger John (Aka Jack) HURST
 Birth: 29 Apr 1920, Stanton Harcourt, Oxfordshire
 Birth Memo: Thame 3a 2338
 Chr: 20 Jun 1920, Great Milton, Oxfordshire
 Death: 25 Feb 1992, Buckland Hospital, Dover
 Burial: 1 Mar 1992, St James, Cemetery, Dover
 Occ: Royal Navy Chief Petty Officer In World War 11. Marine Engineer Ferries From Dover
 Father: Roger Frank HURST (1886-1925)
 Mother: Emily AKERS (1891-1966)

Born during the reign of George V. He lived through the Second World War and died when Elizabeth II was Queen.

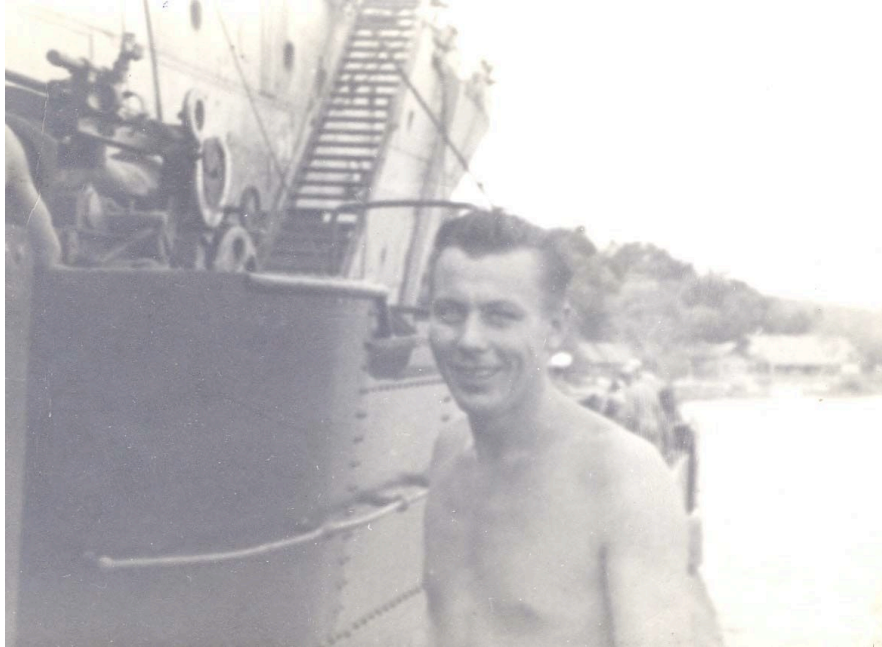
After his father died in 1925, Roger lived with his cousin at Stanton Harcourt, as his mother, Emily, was unable to

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look after him due to her commitments as housekeeper at “The Priory”, Great Milton.
When aged 10 in 1930 he won the prize for ‘General Perfection’ at Stanton Harcourt, School.
On leaving school, he served an apprenticeship in Oxford before volunteering to join the Royal Navy in about 1942. He served at Chatham Dockyard and later transferred to Dover where he worked on the Motor Torpedo Boats including gunnery repair and providing instruction.

1943 Marriage certificate shows as P.O. Royal Navy Ordnance Engineer.

He joined HMS Maidstone and in January 1944 sailed for Trincomalee. He remained there until January 1946 when he left Trincomalee on HMS Cleopatra and arrived in Portsmouth in February.



On submarine at Trincomalee, Sri Lanka (then Ceylon) 1944 or 1945



Maid of Orleans in Dover Harbour during the 1960's

After discharge from the Royal Navy, he worked for the Southern Railway on the cross channel ferries from Dover and Folkestone.

At the outbreak of the Korean War in 1950, he joined the Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve and returned for service at Chatham after which he went back to working on the cross channel ferries.

Working at first for the Southern Railway, on ships such as the “Invicta” and the “Maid of Orleans” etc., British Rail then Sealink.

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Motor Gun & Torpedo Boats based at Dover under Nore Command

2nd Motor Gun Boat Flotilla (alternate base Ramsgate) - MGB.6 at Poole, paid off repairing to comp 20 Jan, MGB.7 (Ty/Sub Lt R A Duder RNZNVR) at Poole repairing to comp 14 Jan, MGB.8 (SO, Lt G D K Richards) at Dover, MGB.9, MGB.10, both at Poole, paid off repairing to comp 31 Jan, MGB.11 (Ty/Lt T G Fuller, RCNVR) at Thames repairing to comp 4 Jan, MGB.13 at Poole, paid off repairing to comp 31 Jan, MGB.74 (Ty/Lt G B Boissard RANVR) temporarily attached, at Dover

14th Motor Gun Boat Flotilla (part) - MGB.322 (Ty/Lt J H Hodder RNVR) at Dover, MGB.324 (SO, Lt K A Cradock-Hartop), MGB.328 (Ty/Lt H P Cobb RNVR), MGB.330 (Ty/Lt D C Sidebottom RNVR), all at Dover

Senior Officer's Motor Torpedo Boat - MTB.49 at Southampton repairing to comp 12 Jan

11th Motor Torpedo Boat Flotilla - MTB.50 at Weymouth, MTB.51 (Sub Lt W I C Ewart RNVR) at Dover, MTB.52 at Weymouth, MTB.53 at Southampton repairing, MTB.54 (Ty/Sub Lt R B Adams RNVR) at Dover, MTB.55 at Weymouth, MTB.56 (Norwegian crew) at Dover, MTB.102 at Portsmouth, MTB.103 at Northam, MTB.105 at Portsmouth paid off.

12th Motor Torpedo Boat Flotilla (on completion of working up at Dartmouth to be laid up at Portsmouth) - MTB.327 (Ty/Sub Lt F L Tomlinson RNVR), MTB.328 (Ty/Sub Lt A D Foster RNVR), MTB.329 (Ty/Lt L F Ramsey RNVR), MTB.330 (Lt M J A Keyworth), MTB.331 (Ty/Lt D G H Wright RNVR), MTB.345 (Ty/Sub Lt D Mortimer RNVR), all at Dartmouth



Peter Scott, the famous ornithologist and painter, was a flotilla leader of MGBs and a Lieutenant Commander. Unlike the Coastal Forces boats, which were simply known by an identifying number, Peter Scott characteristically sought and obtained Admiralty permission to name his flotilla after birds. His own boat was known as "Grey Goose"

MTB "Grey Goose" on 1942

"Jack" served on H.M.S. Maidstone a "MAIDSTONE" Class Submarine Depot ship.



1942 - Deployed at Gibraltar for submarine support duties.
 (Note: Many operations were planned on board including those which were associated with the allied landings in North Africa.)
 The escort destroyer PORCUPINE, damaged 9th December 1942, Western Mediterranean, NE of Oran, Algeria (c 36-30'N, 0-00'W) - by 1 torpedo from German U.602. Escorting depot ship 'Maidstone' from Gibraltar to Algiers. Not repaired (French North African Campaign)
 1943 - Transferred to Qran in continuation of submarine support duties.

Nominated for service with Eastern Fleet submarines based in Ceylon,

1944 - January Took passage to Ceylon via Suez and Aden. February 18th - At Massawa.

19th - Sailed from Massawa for Ceylon with call at Aden.

March 3rd - Arrived at Trincomalee and joined Eastern Fleet for support of 8th Submarine Flotilla.

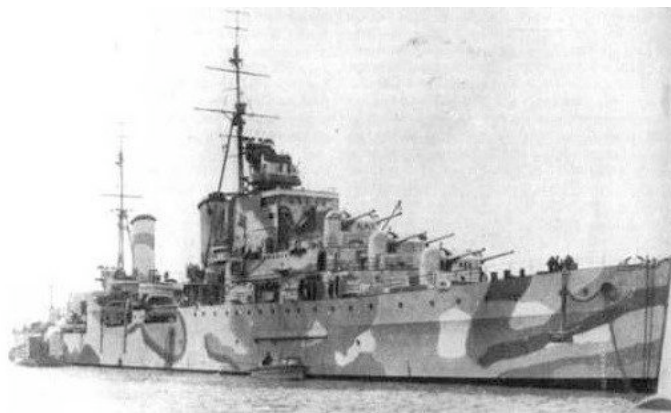
(Note: Flotilla then comprised 8 "S" Class submarines but increased in July when four T" Class, six "S" Class and the Dutch "019" were being supported). April to July -Deployed at Trincomalee.

August - Transferred to Fremantle to support submarines of 8th Flotilla for operations in sea areas around Indonesia and East Indies.

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Served on H.M.S. Cleopatra a "DIDO" Class cruiser'



1945 January to April - Cleopatra under refit. Carried out post refit trials. In April she was nominated for duty in Eastern Fleet and began work-up in Clyde.

May 3rd - Took passage from Clyde to Mediterranean for further working-up in Malta with ships of Mediterranean Fleet.

12th May - Arrived in Malta.

June - Deployed in Malta. Sailed from Malta on completion to join 5th Cruiser Squadron in Eastern Fleet.

July - Passage in Red Sea and Indian Ocean.

July 12th - Arrived at Colombo. Joined 5th Cruiser

Squadron, East Indies Fleet

August - Deployed for exercises with ships of Eastern Fleet in preparation for planned landings in Malaya

15th - At Colombo. Nominated for duty as Flagship for Re-occupation of Singapore (Operation TIDERACE.)

27th - Embarked CinC Eastern Fleet for passage to Penang via Sabang. Passage from Colombo.

September 1st - At Penang for surrender ceremonies.

2nd - Covered minesweeping operation during passage in Malacca Strait to Singapore.

3rd - Arrived at Singapore with HM Minesweeper BENGAL (RIN) and remained for landing of re-occupation forces,

9th - Covered landings at Port Swettenham with HM Battleship NELSON, French battleship RICHELIEU, ships of 21st Escort Aircraft Carrier Squadron, HM Cruisers NIGERIA, CEYLON and 15 Fleet Destroyers. (Operation ZIPPER.

12th - Attended Formal Surrender at Singapore.

17th - Released from ZIPPER and took return passage to Trincomalee.

Following the marriage in 1943, 'Jack' and Jacky lived with Jacqueline's mother Julie and her grandmother Lucy, at 34, Farthingloe Road, Maxton, Dover.



Children: Roger William (1945-)

In 1951, following the grant of the Building License, the family moved to number 48, Farthingloe Road, Dover



Jacky with "Judy" in 1960

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(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3.5b.1.5.4 John MATSON

Birth: 1870, Stelling, Kent
Chr: 8 Jun 1870, St John The Mariner, Dover
Death: Sep 1874, Dover Registration District Death Memo: 2a 495

1871 census shown as aged 11 months. Living with parents,
1873 record of death shows aged 4

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3.5b.1.5.5 George MATSON

Birth: Jun 1872, St John The Mariner, Dover
Chr: 5 Jun 1872, St John The Mariner, Dover
Death: Jun 1874, Dover Registration District Death Memo: 2a 512

1874 record of death states age as 2.



Louis MATSON

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3.5b.1.5.6 Louis MATSON

Birth: Dec 1877, St. John The Mariner, Dover. Memo: -Dover 2a 921 Shown as aged 22 on 1901 census.
Chr: 19 Dec 1877, St John The Mariner, Dover
Death: 2 Jan 1946, Dover Registration District
Occ: Gentleman's Outfitter

1891 census aged 13 and living with widowed mother at 2, Dour Street, Dover.
Shown as aged 22 on 1901 census and living at 8 Milais Road Dover with his mother Eleanor, Alice Ford (his sister) and John Ambler a "boarder".
1911 census aged 34 and in Dover district.
Owned Gentleman's Outfitters in Tenterden and large shop in Dover facing the central Post Office.

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He was a member of the East Kent Yeomanry, where by co-incidence he may have known John Charles Hawkes who was related to another branch of the Matson family.
Also known to the family as “Titch”.

This records a car accident in April 1914: -
9.11am train this morning collided with a Motor Car on the Level Crossing at Biddenden Station. The Motor Car when I first saw it, was traveling at a fast speed, and on the Engine Driver whistling again just by the signal. The car belonged to Merchant & Tubb, Outfitters, Maidstone. The occupants were – Geo. Bowles, Driver, Lewis Matson, Herbert John Bowers and Clarence R Cole.
The injuries were as follows:
Geo. Bowles - Fractured skull and was delirious.
Lewis Matson – Scalp wound & back injured.
Herbert John Bowers – Face and knee slightly injured.
(Allowed to go home from hospital)
Clarence R Cole – Nose scratched and hand.
(This man did not go to Maidstone Hospital)
This accident caused a stir. Not least because the car’s occupants, although clearly speeding by the standards of the day round a shallow blind bend on the approach to a built up area decided to sue the railway! After appeal, the Railway won the case.



Hilda Grace ARNOLD

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Spouse: Hilda Grace ARNOLD
 Birth: Dec 1880, Eastry, Kent
 Birth Memo: Eastry, Kent. GRO Ref, Eastry, 2a, 879.
 Father: Jarviah Frederick ARNOLD (~1847-1912)
 Mother: Esther Jemima ROGERS (1855-)

1881 census living at 11, Blenheim Road, Deal and aged 5 months. Daughter of Trinity House Pilot.
 Died in Deal (or Walmer).
 In 1799, a Charles Arnold married Elizabeth Matson at St Margaret's-at-Cliffe.
 Possibly a relation?
 In 1767, Ann Arnold married James Matson at East Langdon.

Marr: Dec 1915, Eastry, Kent
 Marr Memo: 2a 3291

Children: Ida (1921-1955)

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3.5b.1.5.6.1 Ida MATSON

Birth: Dec 1921, Tenterden, Kent
 Death: 10 Oct 1955, Deal, Kent
 Death Memo: Dover 5b 481 and 483

Prior to marrying Edwin Bragg, Ida lived with someone else - name unknown.
 This couple had no children.

Spouse: Edwin Arthur BRAGG
 Birth: 11 Oct 1885
 Birth Memo: Born 11th October???? (Reference in old diary)
 Death: 23 Jul 1949, Canterbury, Kent
 Death Memo: 5b 210

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3.5b.1.5.7 Georgina MATSON

Birth: Dec 1877, St John The Mariner, Dover
 Birth Memo: Died as a child.
 Chr: 19 Dec 1877, St John The Mariner, Dover
 Death: 11 Apr 1894, Dover
 Burial: Charlton Cemetery, Dover
 Burial Memo: Gravestone says aged 8

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3.5b.1.6 George Bromley MATSON

Birth: 28 Jul 1838, Nonington
 Birth Memo: Eastry 5 127
 Occ: Licensed Victualler

1841 census has George aged 3 born about 1838 and living with 60-year-old Sarah Doves in Alkham. Also at the same house are Alice Matson (11), Jane Matson (5) and William Matson (8)
 1851 census aged 10 staying with Sarah DOVES at Drellingore, Alkham
 1864 Landlord of "The Perseverance Inn", 161, Snargate Street. (Brother John had this Inn in 1862) and also "The

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Queen Victoria” in Middle Row/Blenheim Square, Union Street.

1871 census aged 60, born about 1811 in Nonington, and landlord of the “Lord Nelson” in St. James Lane, Dover. His wife is recorded as Colleen aged 55 and born Charlton, Dover.

George MATSON:

Sat. June 29th 1872 Dover Standard report on a fire at “The Lord Nelson” includes:

(In evidence by Joseph Henry PARKS):

"There is an old-fashioned public house, principally constructed of wood, called the Lord Nelson and used as a common lodging-house, was occupied by a person named George MATSON and he had 11 or 12 lodgers, housekeeper named Ellen SEDGWICK and her niece living in his house....At ten minutes to one the niece discovered the lower of the house being in flames.



“The Lord Nelson” Flying Horse Lane/St James Lane. June 2008

. (a long report follows)... the Coroner referred to the very active courageous and humane character of the exertions of Mr PARKS... testimonial to be presented to Mr PARKS...

...at 12. 30 a.m. the 24th inst. Police Sergeant Barton reported that a fire had broken out in “The Lord Nelson” public house St. James Lane occupied by Mr. George Matson. The brigade immediately conveyed the fire escape and apparatus to the spot where the house was found to be in flames from the top to the bottom. The engine was then sent for a good supply of water was instantly procured from the Waterworks and the hose of the fire apparatus was got to work in about ten minutes. On the arrival of the brigade Mr. Joseph Parks had with the assistance of a man named Read rescued seven persons from the roof of the building by means of a ladder obtained from Mr. Middleton, painter, St. James Lane.

A man name unknown fell from the roof while endeavouring to escape from the burning building. He was very severely injured about the head and was conveyed to the Hospital where he died at 4 a.m. A woman named Eliza Clough servant to Mr. Matson was unable to make her escape and perished in the flames. Her remains were recovered about 3 a.m. and conveyed to the Dead House. An inquest was held on the bodies at the “Flying Horse” Inn at 3 p.m. the same day when a verdict of “accidental death” was returned. (excerpt from Dover Fire Brigade report of 27th June 1872)

Spouse: Kezia ROGERS

1871 census shows wife as “Colleen” aged 55.and born in Charlton, Dover. The family has 1 domestic servant, 30-year-old Louise Wilkins born Dover and 10 lodgers

Marr: Mar 1863, Dover

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(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3.5b.1.7 Mary Ann MATSON

Birth: Mar 1840, Nonington
 Chr: 15 Mar 1840, St. Mary, Nonington, Kent

No. 689.	1840.	Mary-Ann	William	Nonington	Farmer.	M. H. Lloyd
	March	15 th	Finch	Nonington	Farmer.	Private.
No. 690.	1840.	Thomas	Thomas			M. H. Lloyd
	April					

Entry in Hougham Parish Register

Death: Jun 1886, Hougham, Kent
 Death Memo: Dover 2a 551
 Burial: 1886, Hougham, Kent

1841 census aged 1
 1851 census recorded as aged 9, born about 1842 and living with her Grandmother Susanna Doves.
 Record of death shows aged 46.

Spouse: William BROMLEY
 Birth: 1833, Hougham, Kent
 Death: Mar 1886, Hougham, Kent
 Death Memo: Dover 2a 717 Died aged 53.
 Burial: 1886, Hougham, Kent
 Occ: Farmer
 Father: William BROMLEY (1804-1865)
 Mother: Sarah Ann PARTRIDGE (1805-1875)

Name shown as William Partridge Bromley in marriage record.
 A farmer at Hougham of 70 acres in 1881.
 Record of death shows aged 52.

Marr: Sep 1857, Dover
 Children: Franklin William (1858-)
 Herbert George (1874-1925)
 Walter

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3.5b.1.7.1 Franklin William BROMLEY

Birth: Dec 1858, Hougham, Kent
 Birth Memo: Dover 2a 653

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(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3.5b.1.7.2 Herbert George BROMLEY

Birth: 1874, Hougham, Kent
 Death: 1925, Hougham, Kent
 Burial: 1925, Hougham, Kent
 Burial Memo: Aged 61.

Unable to confirm in BMD.

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3.5b.1.7.3 Walter BROMLEY

Birth: Hougham, Kent

Unable to confirm in BMD

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3.5b.1.8 James Bromley MATSON

Birth: 5 Feb 1841, Soles Court Farm, Nonnington
 Birth Memo: Birth certificate shows William Finch Matson as Father.
 Death: 18 Mar 1882
 Burial: 1882, Charlton, Dover
 Burial Memo: Register 920 Folio 47
 Occ: Farmer (1871). Farm Labourer Then Gold Prospector In The Klondike.

Birth registered at Eastry March Quarter 1841 5.140 (which fits the district as Nonnington is in Eastry District).
 Birth certificate shows William Finch Matson as Father.

1841 census shows aged 5 months.

1851 census aged 8

1871 census aged 30 and living with parents.

1881 census living at Guston Village. A Farm labourer. Married and shown as "Subject to Fits".

According to a letter from Julie, he went out to the Klondike to meet both Kate and his "brother" John when the gold rush was on. However there does not appear to be a brother John other than the one recorded as being in business at Dover and who did NOT go to the Yukon.

There were actually two Klondike Kates during the gold rush. The most famous was Kathleen Rockwell aka Klondike Kate. Born in Junction City, Kansas in 1876, Kate began her career as a chorus girl while in her mid-teens. Kate arrived in Dawson City in 1900 and first worked as an entertainer at the Palace Grand. There is some confusion as to whether she stayed on until 1902 or 1904. In any case, during her time here she worked as a variety entertainer and dance hall girl. With her red hair and ability to sing and dance, she was very popular, especially with the miners. Kate soon became involved with Alexander Pantages, the owner of Dawson's Orpheum Theatre (on Front Street). Regrettably, their attachment ended about 1905 in a breach of promise suit (she apparently sued him for \$25,000). Kate left, only to return after a series of broken marriages.

Matson, a Norwegian who had spent the majority of his adult years mining in the Klondike, featured next in Kate's tumultuous life. Stories tell us of Johnny being smitten with her for over thirty years but, being a shy man, took that long to finally tell her about his love for her. In 1931, when the Alaska-Yukon Sourdoughs held a reunion in Portland, Oregon he decided that this was the opportunity to write and remind her of their meeting back at the turn of the century. Then began a strange correspondence which lasted two years and finally led to their marriage in 1933. Johnny Matson died in 1946, and Kate once again remarried after this. Kate continued actively to promote herself and the gold rush legends of which she was a part and had helped to create, until her death in 1957 at age 81. There is an uncle John (brother of the father William).

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James lived in Dour Street for a while with Lucy Harriet when Julie was aged around 10.

Spouse: Sarah WEBSTER
 Birth: Dec 1845, St Martin le Grand, London, Surrey.
 Birth Memo: 1 107
 Death: Sep 1914, Dover, Kent
 Death Memo: Dover 2a 1156
 Occ: Dressmaker (1901)
 Mother: Elizabeth (~1820-)

Unable to confirm earlier entries. The entry for Elizabeth as mother is a best guess based solely on the 1891 and 1901 census entries and is solely a possibility.
 1881 census shows Sarah married and aged 35, born London, Surrey.
 1891 census shows Sarah as a 45-year-old widow, born Surrey, and living with a widow, Elizabeth Stockwell and her son James Stockwell, at Primrose Road, Buckland, Dover.
 James H. Matson aged 16 and a Barbers Apprentice is shown as Grandson.
 1901 census living at 3, Primrose Road with son James Henry.
 Record of death in 1914 shows aged 70.

Marr: Jun 1874, Dover, Kent
 Marr Memo: Dover 2a 1534

Children: James Henry (1875-1962)

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3.5b.1.8.1 James Henry MATSON

Birth: 10 Mar 1875, Guston, Kent
 Chr: 25 Apr 1875, Wesleyan Methodist, Buckland, Dover
 Chr Memo: 2a 871
 Death: Sep 1962, Dover, Kent
 Death Memo: 5b 436
 Occ: Barbers Apprentice (1891) Shoe and Boot Repairer (1901)

1881 census aged 6, born Dover, and living with parents, John and Sarah
 1891 census aged 16 and with his widowed grandmother 71 year old Elizabeth Stockwell and 45 year old Sarah, his mother in Primrose Road, Buckland, Dover
 1901 census living at 3, Primrose Road, Buckland with his widowed mother.

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3.5b.1.9 Sarah Anne MATSON

Birth: 1843, Alkham, Kent
 Birth Memo: Eastry Registration District Jun 1843 5 133
 Chr: 5 May 1843, St. Mary, Nonington, Kent
 Death: Feb 1844, Alkham, Kent
 Burial: 7 Feb 1844, St. Anthony, Alkham, Kent

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3.5b.1.10 Charles MATSON

Birth: 18 Apr 1844, Nonington
 Birth Memo: 861 census states age 15
 Death: Dec 1915, Dover, Kent

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Death Memo: 2a 1446

1851 census aged 6 and at Drellingore, Alkham.

1891 census records a Charles Matson aged 49 Bricklayers Labourer born Buckland, Dover

1911 census records Charles Matson, born 1841, aged 70 in Dover

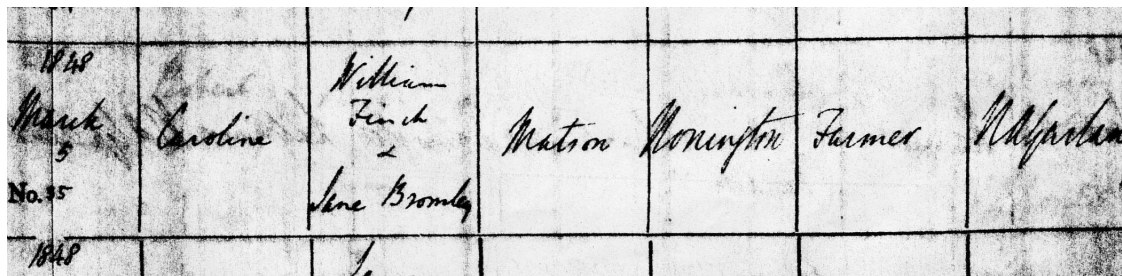
(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3.5b.1.11 Henry Bromley MATSON

Birth: 14 Sep 1845, Alkham, Kent
 Birth Memo: Eastry Registration District Sep. 1845 5 137
 Death: Feb 1846, Alkham, Kent
 Burial: 4 Feb 1846, St. Anthony, Alkham, Kent

Record of burial says residence is Nonington

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3.5b.1.12 Caroline MATSON

Birth: 1848, Nonington
 Chr: 5 Mar 1848, St. Mary, Nonington, Kent



Entry in Hougham Parish Register

There is a record of birth in Eastry District for March 1848 Eastry 5 146 which may be for Caroline.

1851 census aged 4

1871 census aged 23 and living with parents.

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3.6 Richard MATSON

Birth: Dec 1783, Whitfield, Dover, Kent
 Chr: 14 Dec 1783, Whitfield, Dover, Kent
 Death: Jun 1851, Dover, Kent
 Death Memo: 5 69

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3.7 Mary MATSON

Birth: Sep 1787, Whitfield, Dover, Kent
 Chr: 23 Sep 1787, Whitfield, Dover, Kent
 Death: Mar 1791, Whitfield, Dover, Kent
 Burial: 20 Mar 1791, Whitfield, Dover, Kent

The death may not be accurate. It is a record in the parish register for Whitfield that may refer to this Mary Matson.

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(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3.8 Elizabeth MATSON

Birth: St. Margaret's-At-Cliffe, Kent
 Death: Dec 1837, St. Margaret's-At-Cliffe, Kent
 Death Memo: Dover 5 83

A Joseph Beer married Mary Ashman 1819 in Coldred, Kent. Not recorded in 1841 census
 Had 8 children

Spouse: Charles ARNOLD
 Birth: 17 Apr 1775, St. Margaret's at Cliffe, Kent
 Birth Memo: Possibly born at Dover
 Chr: 30 Apr 1775, St. Margaret's-At-Cliffe, Kent
 Death: Sep 1865, St. Margaret's-At-Cliffe, Kent
 Death Memo: Dover 2a 481
 Father: James ARNOLD (1740-1810)
 Mother: Margaret Foreman KINGSFORD (1738-1821)

Possibly born at Dover
 1841 census shows aged 60, born about 1781
 1851 census shows aged 76, born about 1775
 1861 census shows aged 86, born about 1775 and lodging with Richard and Sarah Hood and their family in the parish of Kingsdown St. John, Ringwould.

Marr: 6 Apr 1799, St. Margaret's-At-Cliffe, Kent
 Marr Memo: Banns

Children: Ann (1801-)
 John (1804-)
 Sarah Foreman (1806-)
 James Matson (1808-1834)
 Charles (1811-)
 Foreman Kingsford (1813-)
 Elizabeth (1816-)
 Susannah (1818-)

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3.8.1 Ann ARNOLD

Birth: 13 Dec 1801, St. Margaret's-At-Cliffe, Kent

Ann born 1801 is the daughter of Charles Arnold and Elizabeth Matson.

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3.8.2 John ARNOLD

Birth: 1804, St. Margaret's-At-Cliffe, Kent

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(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3.8.3 Sarah Foreman ARNOLD

Birth: 1806, St. Margaret's-At-Cliffe, Kent
 Chr: 29 Jun 1806, St. Margaret's-At-Cliffe, Kent

Spouse: John ABBOTT
 Birth: abt 1806

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3.8.4 James Matson ARNOLD

Birth: 31 Dec 1808, St. Margaret's-At-Cliffe, Kent
 Chr: 12 Feb 1809, St. Margaret's-At-Cliffe, Kent
 Death: 1834, Drowned

The National Archives has this record -

Name Arnold, James Matson

Official Number: 55990

Place of Birth: Dover, Kent

Date 1855

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(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3.8.5 Charles ARNOLD

Birth: 22 Feb 1811, St. Margaret's-At-Cliffe, Kent
 Chr: 31 Mar 1811, St. Margaret's-At-Cliffe, Kent

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3.8.6 Foreman Kingsford ARNOLD

Birth: 1813

Spouse: Sarah DYER
 Birth: 1814, Dover, Kent

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3.8.7 Elizabeth ARNOLD

Birth: 1816, St. Margaret's-At-Cliffe, Kent

1841 census living with father and sister or daughter Margaret who is aged 3.

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.3.8.8 Susannah ARNOLD

Birth: 1818, St. Margaret's-At-Cliffe, Kent

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(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.4 Bennet MATSON

Birth: bef 1740
 Death: Jun 1740, Ringwould, Kent
 Death Memo: or 1741
 Burial: 22 Jun 1740, Ringwould, Kent
 Burial Memo: or 19th September 1741

There are 2 dates of burial recorded in the Parish Register for St. Nicholas, Ringwould. 19th September 1741 and 22nd June 1740.

617 1740 Jun 22 Bennet MATSON D/o James & Eliz, from Westcliff

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.5 Bennet MATSON

Birth: Feb 1741, Westcliffe, Kent
 Chr: 19 Feb 1741, Westcliffe, Kent
 Death: Sep 1741, Ringwould, Kent
 Burial: 19 Sep 1741, Ringwould, Kent

627 1741 Sep 19 Bennet MATSON D/o James, from Westcliff

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.6.6 Elisha MATSON

Birth: Dec 1743, St. Margaret's-At-Cliffe (West Cliffe) Kent
 Chr: 11 Dec 1743, St. Margaret's-At-Cliffe (West Cliffe) Kent

(8) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.7 Nathaniel MATSON

Birth: May 1701, St.Lawrence, Hougham
 Chr: 11 May 1701, St.Lawrence, Hougham

(8) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.8 Jane MATSON

Birth: Jun 1703, St.Lawrence, Hougham
 Chr: 6 Jun 1703, St.Lawrence, Hougham

Spouse: Thomas ROGERS
 Birth: St. Margaret's at Cliffe (West Cliffe) Kent
 Marr: 16 Oct 1729, St. Margaret's at Cliffe (West Cliffe) Kent

(8) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.9 Mary MATSON

Birth: Apr 1706, St.Lawrence, Hougham
 Chr: 7 Apr 1706, St.Lawrence, Hougham
 Death: Apr 1706, St.Lawrence, Hougham
 Burial: 18 Apr 1706, St.Lawrence, Hougham

Twin of Elizabeth.

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(8) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.5.10 Elizabeth MATSON

Birth: Apr 1706, St.Lawrence, Hougham
 Chr: 7 Apr 1706, St.Lawrence, Hougham
 Death: Apr 1706, St.Lawrence, Hougham
 Burial: 18 Apr 1706, St.Lawrence, Hougham

(7) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6a John MATSON*

Birth: Apr 1671, Shepherdswell
 Chr: 25 Apr 1671, Shepherdswell
 Chr Memo: or 1670 or 28th April Parish record - see file
 Death: 27 Oct 1731, Wingham
 Death Memo: Recorded as from Parish of Wingham
 Burial: 31 Oct 1731, Shepherdswell
 Occ: Yeoman Farmer And Landowner. Churchwarden.

Yeoman Farmer and Landowner of Sibertswold and lastly Wingham.
 Shown as aged 21 at time of first marriage in 1692.
 Marriage bans 22-6-1703 say John Matson of Eastry yeoman, widower and Anne Boys of Ham widow.
 1692 Lived at Westcliffe, probably at Solton Farm.
 1703 Lived at Eastry.
 1705 lived at Sibertswold in Upton Court.
 Inherited £100 from his father's cousin Nathaniel Matson in 1720.
 Moved with wife Anne from Sibertswold to Wingham in 1723.
 Became Freeman of Dover 21st July 1727 (Gent.) by birth. Folio 22.
 Shepherdswell Parish Register shows, in the burial record, that John was from the Parish of Wingham. John Matson was recorded as a Churchwarden of the Parish of Wingham in 1725-1726.
 There were social problems always there to worry the citizens. We read in a Court report of 1721 a complaint that Mr. Matson, a Farmer in Wingham? Street, was giving lodging to large numbers of rogues and vagabonds and wandering Idle Persons. He was ordered to put locks on his barns and outhouses and the rogues and vagabonds were ordered to be whipped in the sight of Mr. Matson and sent away.
 Will Probate dated 3rd January 1731. Consistory Court of Canterbury Vol 61 F613. Will transcript in Matson info. File. refers to Michael Wood as "brother". Left property to son Charles.
 Source: Consistory Court of Canterbury Vol 61 f.613, Probate 3 Jan 1731
 John Matson of Wingham, will dated 6 Jun 1729
 To be buried at Sibbertswold with my son James, deceased.
 Sons John, Robert, Charles and Thomas
 Occupiers Peter White of Sibbertswold, James Dixon, Richard Dixon
 Sister Meriwether, br> Sir Robert Furnese
 Mary, Elizabeth, Ann, Susanna, Hester and Sarah Smith, daughters of my daughter Ann
 Daughter Mary wife of Samuel Dell
 Daughter Elizabeth wife of Michael Wood
 Daughter Dorothy Matson
 Cousin Christopher Matson
 Daughter Ann wife of James Smith
 Wife Ann, executrix
 Brother William Wood and his son Michael, trustees and overseers
 Witnesses Sarah Merriwether, Mary Pettit, David Campredon?
 Codicil 4 Jun 1730

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Daughter Ann Smith now deceased

Daughter Susanna wife of Paul Kirby

Monumental Inscription in Shepherdswell Church reads: -

Here lieth the body of Mr John Matson late of Wingham who first married Mary daughter of Stephen Goldfinch of Eastry by whom he had two sons and two daughters. His second wife Anna, relict of Thomas Boyse of Betteshanger by whom he had three sons and three daughters of which 4 sons and 4 daughters survived him. He died October 27th 1731 aged 60 years.

Spouse: Mary GOLDFINCH
 Birth: 1672, Eastry
 Chr: 20 Oct 1672, Eythorne, Kent
 Death: 22 May 1701, Eastry, Kent
 Father: Stephen GOLDFINCH (~1639-1722)
 Mother: Ann

Shown as a Spinster of Eastry aged 20, at time of marriage in 1692, whose father consents?

Mary, wife of John MATSON, and only child of Stephen GOLDFINCH, died 22nd May 1701 aged 29.

Marr: 24 Oct 1692, Eastry, Eythorne or Knowlton Marr Memo: Cant. Marriage Licence
 Or 15th November 1692 at Eythorne.

Children: Anne (1693-<1730)
 Mary (1695-1766)
 John (1698-1779)
 James (Died as Infant) (1699-1712)

Other spouses: Anne BOYS (BOYSE)

(8) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6a.1 Anne MATSON

Birth: 8 Oct 1693, Shepherdswell
 Death: bef Jun 1730
 Chr: 8 Oct 1693, Eastry

Father left her £50 in his will (1729). This was revoked 4th June 1730 as Anne had died. Her father, John, then left £50 to his 6 granddaughters - Mary Smith, Elizabeth Smith, Ann Smith, Susanna Smith, Hestor Smith and Sarah Smith to be divided equally among them.

Spouse: James SMITH
 Birth: Ashford
 Death: aft 1759
 Occ: Yeoman

Living in Guston at the time of his step-mother-in-law's will in 1757.
 Referred to in sister-in-law Mary's will.

Marr: 4 Nov 1712, Shepherdswell

Canterbury Marriage Licence 1st November 1712

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Children: Mary (<1729->1730)
Elizabeth (<1729->1730)
Ann (<1729->1730)
Susanna (<1729->1730)
Hester (<1729->1730)
Sarah (<1729->1730)

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6a.1.1 Mary SMITH

Birth: bef 1729
Death: aft 1730

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6a.1.2 Elizabeth SMITH

Birth: bef 1729
Death: aft 1730

Anyone know who the John Harlow who married Elizabeth Smith 20 Jan 1739 at St Laurence belongs to?

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6a.1.3 Ann SMITH

Birth: bef 1729
Death: aft 1730

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6a.1.4 Susanna SMITH

Birth: bef 1729
Death: aft 1730

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6a.1.5 Hester SMITH

Birth: bef 1729
Death: aft 1730

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6a.1.6 Sarah SMITH

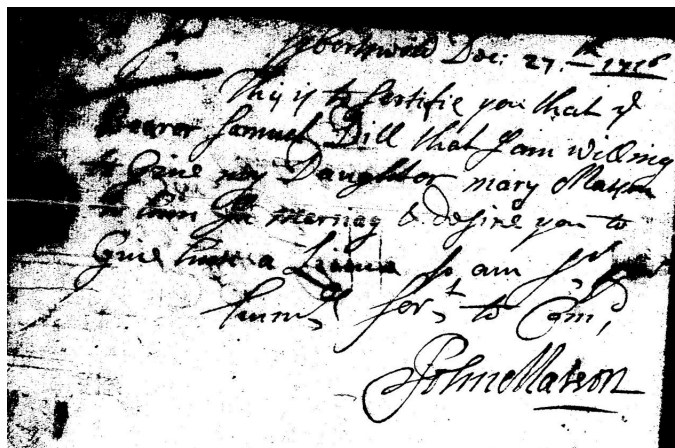
Birth: bef 1729
Death: aft 1730

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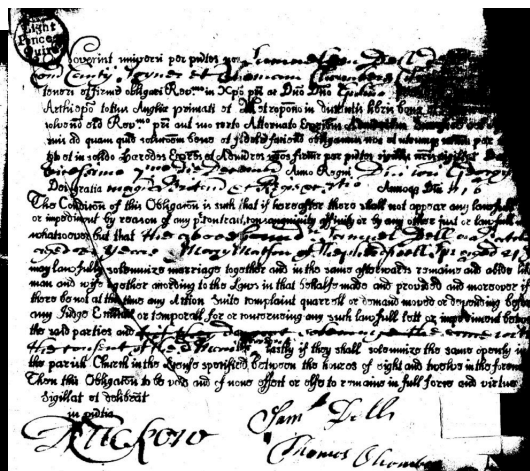
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(8) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6a.2 Mary MATSON

Birth: May 1695, St, Margaret-at-Cliffe (West Cliffe)
 Chr: 23 May 1695, St. Margaret-at-Cliffe (West Cliffe)
 Death: Jul 1766, Dover, Kent



Marriage Obligation signed by Mary's father John



Marriage Permission signed by Mary's father John

Shown as "of Shepherdswell" on marriage licence 27th December 1710.

Father left her £50 in his will (1731).

Describes herself as a Widow in her Will dated 18th April 1763. Codicil added 12th March 1764. Further Codicil added 16th July 1766, *after Mary's death*, on the oath of Mary Stringer, Widow of the City of Canterbury and Sampson Farbrace of the Town and Port of Dover. Proved 17th July 1766.

A William Stringer was married to Jane Matson in 1780. Jane was a descendant of William Matson and Ann Upton. It's probable that this is the same Stringer family.

Spouse: Samuel DELL
 Birth: 1693, Dover Birth Memo: Probably
 Death: 1761, Dover, Kent
 Occ: Joiner
 Father: Thomas DELL (~1650-1718)

There were so many Samuel Dells about at that time that I cannot as yet be certain of his birth, but I think he was the Samuel born Dover 1693, parents Thomas Dell and Elizabeth Harris.

Marriage licence of 27th December 1710 says "of Dover".

Living in Dover at time of Ann, his step-mother-in-law's will in 1757.

Marr: 3 Jan 1716, Shepherdswell
 Marr Memo: Marriage licence 27th Dec 1710. Parish record is 1716-17.
 Children: John

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6a.2.1 John DELL

(8) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6a.3 John MATSON

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(See duplicate branch above)

(8) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6a.4 James MATSON

Birth: 1699, Eastry
 Chr: 2 Jan 1700, Eastry, Kent
 Death: 17 Jan 1712, Shepherdswell
 Death Memo: Died as child
 Burial: 21 Oct 1712, Shepherdswell
 Burial Memo: or 21st December 1712

Monumental Inscription in Shepherdswell Church -
 'On Another. James, Son of Mr John MATSON died Jan. 17 1712-13. Aged 12 Years.'

(7) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b John MATSON* (See above)

Spouse: Anne BOYS (BOYSE)
 Birth: 1669, Kingston or Ham, Kent
 Chr: 24 Jan 1669, Kingston, Barham, Kent
 Death: 11 Feb 1759, Wingham
 Death Memo: Aged 90. Relict of Mr John Matson. Sheperdswell Parish record
 Burial: 21 Feb 1759, Shepherdswell
 Father: Sir Robert (Robart) BOYS (BOYSE) (1624-1705)
 Mother: Mary FRIEND (1636-1709)

Her husband, John, left her £200 in his will (1731).
 Robert Boys, in his will of 1704, left his daughter Anne ‘Twenty Pounds to be paid at one half at six months and the other half at twelve months next after my decease’
 Youngest of 4 daughters (and 2 sons) of Sir Robert Boys (1622-1703) who farmed at Kingston in the Elham Valley and later at Home Farm, Betteshanger.

Anne’s will dated 6th August 1757. Probate 24th February 1759. Consistory Court of Canterbury Vol64 F245.
 Source: Consistory Court of Canterbury Vol 64 f.245, Probate 24 Feb 1759

Anne Matson of Wingham, widow, will dated 6 Aug 1757
 Bequests in her will are to “sons-in-laws and their wives John Matson of Sibbertswold in the County of Kent and Hestor his wife, Samuel Dell of Dover in the said County and Mary his wife and James Smith of Guston in the said County...”

James Smith was the husband of Ann Matson who was a daughter of John Matson (Anne’s husband) and his first wife Mary Goldfinch.

In addition, beneficiaries are: -
 “...my Son-in-Law Michael Wood and Elizabeth his wife...the children of my late son Charles Matson deceased...their mother Judith Matson widow...”
 “...Son-in-Law Thomas Dowker and Susannah his wife...”
 “...Son-in-Law John Spratt and Dorothy his wife...”
 Sons Robert and Thomas are both beneficiaries and executors
 Children of my late son Charles Matson, deceased and his widow Judith
 Son in law Thomas Dowker and his wife Susannah
 Son in law John Spratt and his wife Dorothy
 Witnesses Jo Pomfret Junr. Thomas Browne

Marr: 22 Jun 1703, S.Alphage or S.M. Bredin, Canterbury

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Marr Memo: Canterbury Marriage Bans - see file
 Children: Elizabeth (1704-)
 Susanna (1705-1760)
 Robert (1707-1778)
 Charles (1709-1749)
 Thomas (1711-1781)
 Dorothy (1713->1738)

Other spouses: Mary GOLDFINCH

(8) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.1 Elizabeth MATSON

Birth: 22 Apr 1704, Shepherdswell
 Chr: 28 Apr 1704, Shepherdswell
 Chr Memo: Parish record - see file

Marriage licence 4th September 1723 is for “W. or Stodmarsh”.
 Died after 1731

Spouse: Michael WOOD
 Birth: 1696, Wingham
 Death: 1775
 Burial: 1775, Littlebourne
 Occ: Maltster, Churchwarden
 Father: William WOOD

Referred to in will of both his father-in-law John Matson and his widowed mother -in-law Anne.
 Michael Wood was a Maltster, his brother a Rector in Canterbury, but he became insolvent (listed as debtor in Kent Archives) and retired to Ash then was buried at Littlebourne.
 This was from a letter written by a C H Wood in 1988 to Mrs. Rouse, a Matson descendant now deceased, whose widower copied me (Linda Foreman) some papers in February 2005. These included part of the Matson Red Book, which got us on the track of Major Colin.
 Apparently, Mrs. Rouse never discovered where she fitted in the family tree, and her widower made it clear he had sent me all he had and was not very interested himself. She may be from the same branch as you or Terry Matson. Possible father is Stephen Wood who died in 1696.
 Michael had a brother who was a Rector in Canterbury.
 A Michael Wood is recorded as Churchwarden of the Parish of Wingham in 1733-1734 and 1744-1747. In addition, a Thomas Wood was Churchwarden in 1722 to 1724.
 Stephens’ will dated 22nd July 1696 mentions William Matson, Yeoman of Hougham.

Marr: 15 Oct 1723, Wingham, Kent Marr Memo: By licence Canterbury Marriage licence 4-9-1723

Children: Elizabeth (1725-)
 Thomas (1727-1797)
 Ann (1729-)
 Michael (1740-1753)
 Mary (1733-1760)

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.1.1 Elizabeth WOOD

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Birth: 22 Mar 1725, Wingham

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.1.2 Thomas WOOD

Birth: 20 Nov 1727, Wingham
 Chr: 20 Nov 1727, Wingham
 Death: 1797
 Occ: Churchwarden

Thomas Wood is recorded as Churchwarden of the Parish of Wingham in 1762-1763.

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.1.3 Ann WOOD

Birth: 16 Oct 1729, Wingham

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.1.4 Michael WOOD

Birth: 4 Mar 1740, Wingham
 Death: 5 Sep 1753, Ash-Next Sandwich

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.1.5 Mary WOOD

Birth: 4 Oct 1733, Wingham
 Death: 8 Aug 1760

(8) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.2a Susanna MATSON*

Birth: Aug 1705, Shepherdswell
 Chr: 3 Dec 1705, Shepherdswell
 Death: 1760, Stourmouth, Kent

The 1729 marriage record shows Paul of St. Peter's, Thanet and Susanna of this (Wingham) parish by licence.
 The 1739 marriage record shows Thomas Dowker of Beakesbourne and Susan (?) Kirby of this parish by licence.
 Her father left her £200 in his will (1731).

The sources of both Thomas Dowker and Paul Kirby are from wills of her parents John Matson and Ann Boys.

Spouse: Paul KIRBY
 Birth: Sep 1696, St. Peters, Thanet
 Chr: 14 Sep 1696, St. Peters, Thanet
 Death: 3 Oct 1735, St. Peters, Thanet
 Father: Paul KIRBY (~1655-1730)
 Mother: Hannah THOMLIN (-1721)

Paul Kirby is named in the will of John Matson dated 6th June 1729 Canterbury Consistory Court Vol61 F613 Probate 3rd January 1731, which refers to Daughter Susanna wife of Paul Kirby.

However, the will of Ann Matson dated 6th August 1757 and probate 24th February 1759 refers to Son in law Thomas Dowker and his wife Susannah.

Marr: 6 Jan 1729, Wingham, Kent Marr Memo: by licence
 Children: John (1730-)

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Other spouses: Thomas DOWKER

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.2a.1 John KIRBY

Birth: Nov 1730, St. Peters Church, Thanet Birth Memo: From transcribed Parish Register
 Chr: 6 Nov 1730, St. Peters Church, Thanet

(8) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.2b Susanna MATSON* (See above)

Spouse: Thomas DOWKER
 Birth: Wingham, Kent
 Death: 20 Apr 1760, Wingham, Kent
 Father: Stephen DOWKER (1709-1763)
 Mother: Mary (1673-1747)

Thought to be Susannas' second husband. At the time of his marriage to Susan (?) in 1739 he is recorded as of Beakesbourne.

He is referred to in the 1759 will of his mother-in-law Anne (Nee Boys).

The will of Thomas Dowker has no mention of Susannah. She must have pre-deceased him. He died 20th April 1760 in Wingham. His will made 23rd March 1760 was proved 14th June 1760 leaving his estate to his three sons.

Thomas Dowker is referred to in the will of Anne Matson, widow, dated 6th August 1757 Consistory Court of Canterbury Vol64 F245 Probate 24th February 1759 - Thomas Dowker and his wife Susannah.

These are inscriptions from Wingham Church: -

3. HS with elaborate frame 3 cherub's heads above – a cherub's head within the frame. Here lieth the body of Mr. Stephen DOWKER late of this parish who died March 20th 1763 in the 54th year of his age.

4. HS Cherub's head Here lieth ye body of Mary DOWKER of ys parish widdow she died December ye 30 1747 aged 74 years. She had issue 6 children and left surviving John, Thomas and Stephen.

5. HS scull and crossbones Here lieth interr'd ye body of William DOWKER who departed this life September ye 20 1707 aged 38 years.

Marr: 12 Jun 1739, Wingham, Kent

Children: Thomas
 William
 Robert

Other spouses: Paul KIRBY

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.2b.1 Thomas DOWKER

Birth: Bekesbourne, Kent

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.2b.2 William DOWKER

Birth: Bekesbourne, Kent

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.2b.3 Robert DOWKER

Birth: Bekesbourne, Kent

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(8) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a Robert MATSON*

Birth: 21 Apr 1707, Shepherdswell
 Chr: 27 Apr 1707, Shepherdswell
 Death: 25 Sep 1778, Borden
 Occ: Yeoman And Farmer

At the time of his marriage in 1728 to Susanna Winter he lived at Staple.

His father left him and his heirs forever “that 4 acres of land called Cardrout and that piece of land formerly belonging to Mr Buck of Dover and in the occupation of James Dixon”. Also £40.

At the time of his marriage in 1752 to Susan Seager, he lived at Nonnington and is shown as a Widower. He also lived at Borden.

Canterbury Cathedral Archives: -

Level file RefNo CCA-DCb-J/P/A/266

Title: - Penance performed by Phene Prebble wife of Thomas Prebble of Nonnington

Date: - 26 May 1756

Description: - Spoken divers disgraceful and defamatory words against Robert Matson

Extent: -1 doc

One of the daughters married Stephen Gibbon.

He was an executor of his mother Ann’s will together with his brother Thomas.

Will of Robert Matson, Gentleman of Borden, Kent. 21st January 1778. (Prob 11/1038)

Spouse: Susannah WINTER
 Birth: 1699, Wingham, Kent
 Death: 18 Mar 1737, Wingham, Kent
 Burial: 23 Mar 1737, Wingham, Kent
 Father: Thomas WINTER (1672-1741)
 Mother: Mary

Marriage could also have been 22nd June 1728 at St. Mary, Wingham.

Recorded as ‘of Wingham’ at time of marriage.

Marr: 25 Jun 1728, Wingham, Kent
 Marr Memo: From Canterbury Marriage Licences.

Children: John (1730-1776)
 Ann (e) (1732-)
 Mary (1734-)
 Thomas (Died as Infant)

Other spouses: Susanna SEAGER

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1 John MATSON

Birth: 1730, Sibertswold Birth Memo: From marriage record
 Chr: Staple
 Death: 29 Mar 1776, Possibly Fell From A Horse
 Death Memo: Info from Tombstone/Colin Matson
 Occ: Yeoman And Land Owner

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Lived at Gore Court, Eastry and, from 1775, at Borden Parsonage.
Shown as aged 30 at time of marriage in 1765.

Spouse: Elizabeth WA(N)STALL
 Birth: 1736, Eastry
 Birth Memo: From marriage record
 Chr: 14 Nov 1736, Eastry
 Death: 1827
 Father: Edward WA(N)STALL (1710-)
 Mother: Sarah

Shown as aged 24 at time of marriage.

John Matson of Eastry yeo bach (30) & Eliz Wastell of the s sp (24), at E. 24 Jun 1765.

There is a record in the Swingfield parish register of William **Wanstall** buried 3rd January 1773. Mrs. Matilda Matson is also in the same Parish record as being buried on the 9th February 1773.

Marr: 8 Jul 1765, Eastry
 Marr Memo: By Licence

Children: Mary (1766-1833)
 Susanna (1766-)
 Robert (1767-1841)
 John (1769-1860)
 Elizabeth (1771-)
 Edward (1772-1855)
 Sarah (1774-)

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.1 Mary MATSON

Birth: 1766, Borden, Kent
 Death: Jun 1833, Borden, Kent

Remained a Spinster. (Info from Colin Matson).

Will of Mary Matson, Spinster of Borden, Kent. 13th June 1833. (Prob 11/1817)

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.2 Susanna MATSON

Birth: 1766, Eastry or Borden
 Chr: 1 Aug 1766, Eastry, Kent

Marriage licence records name as Susan Matson ‘of Borden’ and also that her mother was Elizabeth and father John deceased.

Rob Whitnall of Milton by Sittingbourne wid & Sus Matson of Borden minor (moth Eliz M, fath John M decd), at B. 03 Jun 1787.

Spouse: Robert WHITNALL
 Birth: Milton by Sittingbourne

Recorded as Widower on marriage licence in 1787.

5th December 1779 William Matson married Susanna Whitnall.

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Marr: 4 Jun 1787, Borden, Kent Marr Memo: IGI. By Licence
(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3 Robert MATSON

Birth: 1767, Eastry
 Chr: 8 Oct 1767, Eastry
 Death: 15 Dec 1841, Dover, Kent Death Memo: 5 69
 Occ: Yeoman Farmer and Land Owner

Recorded as 'of Borden' at time of marriage in 1789.

Lived at Bredgar Chantry and Borden Hall. Members of the Matson family lived in this latter house for a period of 70 years during 1752-1822.

In 1816 left Borden for Lambeth Mates, Hammersmith.

In 1815 owned considerable property at Borden, Bredgar and Chitney Marsh, Isle of Sheppey.

It is of interest to note that Robert's brother John also married into the Murton family.

1841 census records Robert and his wife Elizabeth at the same address as Emma, their daughter and her husband Robert Archer in Ossulstone, Kensington Parish, Hammersmith.

Will proved 6th January 1842. Record of Will in 1842 at Archdeaconry Court 616 Book 110.

Archdeaconry Court of Canterbury Will Index

Matson Robert Ringwould 1841 1842 PRC17/110/616a

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MATSON Robert Dover 5 69

Spouse: Elizabeth MURTON
 Birth: 1767, Wingham or Bredgar
 Death: Jun 1848, Bridge, Kent
 Death Memo: 5 28
 Father: William MURTON (1736-1804)
 Mother: Mary

Second daughter of William Murton (1736-1804) of Dambridge Farm, Wingham and later of Bredgar Parsonage. At the time of her marriage she is recorded as 'of Borden.' Also 'of Sittingbourne' on Marriage licence.

Rob Matson of Borden bach & Eliz Murton of Sittingbourne sp, at S. 27 Apr 1789.

Sister of Mary who married John, the brother of Robert.

Children's Christening information from Parish Records

Marr: 2 May 1789, Bredgar Chantry, Sittingbourne
 Marr Memo: Licence

Children: Robert (1790-1853)
 Edward (1791-1873)
 Mary Ann (1793-1861)
 George William (1794-1857)
 William G. (1796-1864)
 Charles (1797-1874)
 Elizabeth (1799-1818)
 John (1800-1865)
 John (1800-)
 Alfred (1802-1864)
 Sarah (1804-1818)
 Henry (1807-)
 Frank (Died as Infant) (1809-1809)

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Emma (1811-)

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.1 Robert MATSON

Birth: 1790, Bredgar
 Chr: 3 Feb 1790, Bredgar, Kent
 Death: Dec 1853, Prescott, Lancashire
 Death Memo: 8b 246
 Burial: 1853, Prescott, Lancashire
 Occ: Attorney

1805 Articled at Maidstone. Practiced at Sandwich, Bishops' Castle, Salop. Rugsley, Staffordshire, Oundle, Northamptonshire and Prescott in Lancashire.

1851 census states aged 54, born about 1797 in Kent. Living in Farnworth, Prescott, Lancashire

Spouse: Charlotte GOSLEY
 Birth: 1795, Mortonsire, Monmouthshire, Wales
 Death: Sep 1877, Everton, Liverpool
 Death Memo: West Derby 8b 235
 Father: Unknown Male GOSLEY

1851 census says aged 47, born about 1804 in Mortonsire, Monmouthshire, Wales
 Possibly of Deal or Parish near. Info. From Colin Matson.

Marr: abt 1825

Children: Robert (1826-1881)
 William Gosley (1839-1892)
 Mary Ann (~1833-)
 Henry F. (~1848-)
 Adopted (?) (Adopted)

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.1.1 Robert MATSON

Birth: 1826, Rugeley, Staffordshire
 Chr: 24 Feb 1826, Parish Church of Rugeley, Staffordshire
 Death: Mar 1881, Brighton, Sussex
 Death Memo: 2b 148
 Occ: Teacher, Clerk In Holy Orders

At Piddington, Oxon from 1826 to 1881. Spent time in Antigua in British West Indies. Although a Schoolmaster before becoming a Clerk in Holy Orders, he concentrated on the Church. A temperamental and disappointed man handicapped by dire poverty and unhappy marriage according to Colin Matson.

Record of death shows aged 54.

1861 census recorded at Wingham. Age not given. At the same household are Emily Jane Collard, an 18-year-old servant, Edith Matson, 6-year-old granddaughter and Lucy Matson aged 8.

Spouse: Anna BIDWELL
 Birth: abt 1826, Devizes, Wiltshire
 Father: Leonard BIDWELL (1785-1839)
 Mother: Anna (~1786-1845)

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Lived at Devizes, Wiltshire.
Not shown in 1861 census

Marr: Jun 1850, Devizes, Wiltshire Marr Memo: 8 64

Children: Robert Bidwell (1851-1936)
Leonard (1852-1912)
Edward (1860-1930)
Lucy (~1853-~1935)
Ann (~1855-~1875)

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.1.1.1 Robert Bidwell MATSON

Birth: 1851, Wilby, Northamptonshire
Death: 23 Mar 1936, Worthing, Sussex
Burial: 28 Mar 1936, Durrington Church, Worthing
Occ: Schoolmaster And Clerk In Holy Orders

Lived at East Grinstead, Sussex. Like his father, Robert was a Schoolmaster and Clerk in Holy Orders. However, he concentrated more on the school. Like his father, Colin Matson describes him as ‘ a temperamental and disappointed man, handicapped by dire poverty and an unhappy marriage’.

1877 to 1880 headmaster of the Training College at Zonneblaem, Cape Town, South Africa. Returned to England and Curate at various places until his marriage when settled at Piddington.

‘The Times’ of 2nd June 1885 records that Robert Bidwell Matson, B.A., Merton College; Oxford was ordained as a priest at Winchester.

In October 1886, he is recorded as Rector of Worthing, licensed preacher in the diocese of Chichester.

1911 census has an Osmund Matson aged 17, born about 1894 in Maidstone, Kent

Record of death says aged 34.

Spouse: Mary Maria BROWN
Birth: Jun 1858, Piddington, Oxfordshire
Birth Memo: Bicester 3a 529
Death: 1941
Father: Thomas BROWN (1820-1891)
Marr: Jun 1885, Oxford
Marr Memo: Info from Colin Matson. Headington 3a 1017

Children: Harold Browne (1886-1947)
Ronald (Died as Child) (1887-1892)
Eulalie Karin (1889-1969)
Colin (1890-1965)
Osmund (1893-1969)
Ruth (~1895-1967)

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.1.1.1.1 Harold Browne MATSON

Birth: 1886
Death: 1947
Occ: Numerous jobs in UK, South Africa, Canada and North Africa.

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Did not marry.

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.1.1.1.2 Ronald MATSON

Birth: 1887
 Death: 1892, Typhoid Fever

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.1.1.1.3 Eulalie Karin MATSON

Birth: Jul 1889, East Preston Registration District (Sussex)
 Birth Memo: 2b 340 September Quarter 1889
 Death: 1969
 Occ: Headmistress at Petersfield, Hants.

Living in Eastbourne in 1965.
 Did not marry.
 Info from Colin Matson.

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.1.1.1.4 Colin MATSON

Birth: 30 Nov 1890, “Ellaland”, Milford-on-Sea
 Birth Memo: Info from Colin Matson
 Death: 1 Feb 1965, Crawley, Sussex
 Death Memo: Cremated at Barham, Kent
 Occ: Major Grenadier Guards/The Gloucester Regiment

Lived at Crawley, Winchester, Hampshire.
 Articled to a Solicitor in Reading.
 Enlisted to First Grenadier regiment of Foot Guards in 1913. Promoted to Commission for Service in the Field in 1915 and gazetted to the Royal Dublin Fusiliers. Seconded to the Machine Gun Corps. Awarded Military Cross as reported in “The Times” of the 4th April 1919. ‘Military Cross. Major Colin Matson, Royal Dublin Fusiliers.’
 Mentioned in dispatches. 1922 Northwest Frontier India.
 1930-1935 worked for Shell Petroleum Company.
 1936-1951 Poultry Farmer at Newpond Farm, Cockburn, Cross-in-Hand, Sussex.
 1951 retired to Pern’s Cottage, Crawley, Near Winchester, Hampshire.
 Compiled extensive history of the Matson family entitled “A Domestic Pilgrimage”

Spouse: Dorothy Cockburn HYDE
 Birth: Mar 1899, Colne, Lancashire
 Birth Memo: Burnley 8c 281 Info from Colin Matson
 Death: bef 1980
 Father: William HYDE (1870-1944)
 Mother: Hannah COCKBURN

From Colne, Lancashire. Colin Matson gives date of birth as 1888.
 The engagement of Dorothy and Colin was announced in “The Times” on Monday the 9th January 1928.

Marr: 1929
 Marr Memo: Info from Colin Matson

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Children: David Earle (1931-)
(15) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.1.1.1.4.1 David Earle MATSON

Birth: 1931, Horsfield, Bristol
 Birth Memo: Info from Colin Matson
 Occ: Captain, The Gloucestershire Regiment

Living in St Cyr, Brittany, France where he was the British Liaison officer at the French Military Academy with the rank of Temporary Major in 1965. Info from Colin Matson.

Spouse: Cecilia Marguerite FARRANT
 Father: C.E.S. FARRANT

The engagement notice, 5th July 1958, states that Cecilia is the daughter of the late Captain C.E.S. Farrant, R.N. and Mrs. V. Chamberlain-Andrews of Milford, Fleet, Surrey.

Marr: 22 Nov 1958, Oxford

Children: Sarah Celia (1959-)
 Crispin David Farrant (1961-)
 Edward Pierre Hyde (1966-)

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.1.1.1.5 Osmund MATSON

Birth: 1893
 Death: 1969
 Occ: Bank Manager, Vancouver, Canada.

1915 served with Canadian Forces, 28th Saskatchewan Rifles. Severely wounded in the leg. Joined the Royal Flying Corps and became a ground test pilot.

Had 'several' children. Info from Colin Matson.

Spouse: Doreen MURPHY

Was a 'young widow' at time of marriage. (info from Colin Matson).

Marr: 1930

Children: Philip (1931-)
 Jullian (1935-)
 Suzanne

(15) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.1.1.1.5.1 Philip MATSON

Birth: 1931
 Occ: Clerk in Bank of Montreal

(15) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.1.1.1.5.2 Jullian MATSON

Birth: 1935
 Occ: Engineer in Pulp and Paper Factory, British Columbia.

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(15) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.1.1.1.5.3 Suzanne MATSON

Occ: Clerk in Bank of England

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.1.1.1.6 Ruth MATSON

Birth: abt 1895
 Death: 1 Jan 1967, Eastbourne Nursing Home
 Burial: 5 Jan 1967, St. Mary's Parish Church, Eastbourne
 Occ: Head Mistress Chichester Girls High School

Retired to Eastbourne. Did not marry.

CHICHESTER: Girl's High School Governors: Miscellaneous FILE - Memorandum of Agreement appointing Ruth Matson as Headmistress - ref. E/35H/8/5 - date: March 1928

Head teacher: Letters FILE - Letters from Miss Lane to Miss Matson concerning the new library and gymnasium, the development of the school compared with others, outside school activities and the school curriculum - ref. E/35H/17/1 - date: 1932-1936

Head teacher: Miscellaneous FILE - Order of service and address for memorial service to Miss Matson, Headmistress - ref. E/35H/19/29 - date: 1928 - 1953, 1967

Address given in notice of death as 63, Summerdown Road, Eastbourne

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.1.1.2 Leonard MATSON

Birth: 4 Aug 1852, Piddington, Oxfordshire
 Death: Jun 1912, Bedford
 Death Memo: 3b 319
 Occ: Clerk in Holy Orders. Schoolmaster.

In 1895, he succeeded William Joseph Baron as Vicar of Withybrook in Warwickshire.
 Later lived at Stevington, Bedfordshire.

Spouse: Catherine Suckling BARON
 Birth: 1865, Withybrook, Warwickshire
 Death: 1940
 Father: William Joseph BARON (1828-1895)
 Mother: Fanny Jane SUCKLING

From Withybrook, Warwickshire.

Marr: 2 Jan 1893, Monks Kirby, Lutterworth, Leicestershire
 Marr Memo: March Quarter 1893 7a 21

Recorded as of The Modern School, Bedford at the time of marriage.

Children: Charles Leonard (1893-1974)
 Arthur William (1895-1962)
 Edwin Bidwell (Died as Infant) (1896-1896)
 Edith Helen (1897-1961)
 Bernard Nelson (1908-1944)

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(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.1.1.2.1 Charles Leonard MATSON

Birth: 1 Oct 1893, Bedford
 Death: 14 Apr 1974, Benfleet
 Burial: 17 Apr 1974, St. Mary's Church, Benfleet
 Occ: Clerk-in-Charge, Westminster Bank, Hadleigh, Essex.

The marriage notice in "The Times" of 8th August 1918, records ' Lieutenant Charles Leonard Matson, M.C., Lancashire Fusiliers and Royal Air Force, eldest son of the late Reverend Leonard Matson, M.A. and of Mrs. A.C.Holthouse to Katherine Agnes, only child of Charles Julian Holthouse and Mrs. Holthouse of South Benfleet. (A little ambiguous!).

Awarded the Military Cross.

Lived in Bedfordshire then Elm Tree Cottage, St. Mary's Road, South Benfleet, Essex. (1943)

Record of death shows aged 80.

Spouse: Katherine Agnes HOLTHOUSE
 Birth: 1895
 Death: 1974
 Father: Charles Julian HOLTHOUSE

From South Benfleet, Essex.

"The Times" of the 7th August 1968 carried a notice of the Golden Wedding of Charles and Katherine

Marr: 7 Aug 1913, South Benfleet, Essex
 Marr Memo: Info from Colin Matson

Children: Agnes Joan (1919-)
 Betty Nora (1922-)

(15) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.1.1.2.1.1 Agnes Joan MATSON

Birth: Sep 1919, Rochford Registration District
 Birth Memo: 4a 1084

Did not marry.

(15) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.1.1.2.1.2 Betty Nora MATSON

Birth: Mar 1922, Rochford Registration District Birth Memo: 4a 1272
 Occ: Horticulturist, Teacher.

Lived and worked in Bedfordshire and also at Didcott in Oxfordshire before moving to South Benfleet in Essex.

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.1.1.2.2 Arthur William MATSON

Birth: Mar 1895, Bedford Birth Memo: 3b 339
 Death: 1962
 Occ: Sales Engineer

During the First World War, he served from 1915 to 1919. The last twelve months were spent as a prisoner of war in

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Germany.

They had no children. Info from Colin Matson.

Spouse: Kathleen Wortlay SEABROOK
 Birth: abt 1895
 Death: 1972

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.1.1.2.3 Edwin Bidwell MATSON

Birth: May 1896
 Death: Jun 1896

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.1.1.2.4 Edith Helen MATSON

Birth: Dec 1897, Foleshill District, Warwickshire
 Birth Memo: 6d 529
 Death: 1961

Spouse: Geoffrey Alwyn Joseph SCHOFIELD
 Birth: abt 1895
 Occ: Lt. Commander Supply Branch Royal Navy
 Father: Earnest SCHOFIELD (-<1930)

Described as Paymaster Lieutenant Commander Royal Navy, elder son of the late Ernest Schofield in the notice of marriage.

Marr: 7 Jun 1930, St. Benedict's Church, Ealing

Children: John Geoffrey (1931-)
 Elizabeth Anne (1936-)

(15) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.1.1.2.4.1 John Geoffrey SCHOFIELD

Birth: 1931
 Occ: Lt. Commander (S) Royal Navy

Spouse: Rosemarie RITTNER

Children: Peter J. (1964-)
 Caroline Cecilia (1965-)
 Richard E. (1966-)
 Robert John

(15) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.1.1.2.4.2 Elizabeth Anne SCHOFIELD

Birth: 1936
 Spouse: R.W. GRIST

Children: John Walter (1969-)
 Alison (1970-)
 Helen Rosemary (1972-)

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(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.1.1.2.5 Bernard Nelson MATSON

Birth: Dec 1908, Bedford Birth Memo: 3b 265
 Death: 4 May 1944, India
 Occ: Wing Commander in Royal Air Force

1911 census shows aged 2 and living in Bedford.

The R.A.F. Appointments in 'The Times' of October 17th 1929, records that R.N.Matson is appointed as a Pilot Officer.

In 1944 while serving in India, he was suddenly smitten by Infantile Paralysis.

This is from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Record -

Name: MATSON, BERNARD NELSON

Initials: B N

Nationality: United Kingdom

Rank: Group Captain

Regiment/Service: Royal Air Force

Age: 35

Date of Death: 04/05/1944

Additional information:

Son of the Revd. Leonard Matson, M.A., and Catherine H. Matson; husband of Muriel Nellie Matson, of Andover, Hampshire.

Casualty Type: Commonwealth War Dead

Grave/Memorial Reference: 4. E. 12.

Cemetery: DELHI WAR CEMETERY

Spouse: Muriel Nellie ELDRIDGE

Described as 'of Putney' in marriage notice. Lived at Andover, Hampshire.

Marr: 21 Dec 1931, St. Margaret's, Putney

Children: Robin Anthony Leonard (1936-)
 Richard Edward Nelson (1940-)
 Mary Allannah (1942-)

(15) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.1.1.2.5.1 Robin Anthony Leonard MATSON

Birth: 9 Jul 1936, The Beechcroft, Alverstoke, Hants.
 Occ: Flying Officer in RAF.

Children: Sarah (1963-)
 Anne Laura (1967-)

(15) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.1.1.2.5.2 Richard Edward Nelson MATSON

Birth: 4 Jan 1940, Vernham Dean, Andover

Spouse: Patricia H. BALE

Children: Helen Victoria (1968-)
 Robert William (1970-)

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(15) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.1.1.2.5.3 Mary Allanah MATSON

Birth: 22 May 1942
 Occ: Secretary

Spouse: Patrick BRIGHTER

Children: Lisa (1970-)
 Julie Hannah (1971-)

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.1.1.3 Edward MATSON

Birth: 1860
 Death: 1930
 Occ: Clerk in Holy Orders in South Africa.

Lived in Robertson and Cape Town, South Africa.

Spouse: Susan HOOPER

Children: Kathleen (1886-1977)
 Arthur Lionel (1892-1970)
 Harold (~1895~1920)
 Ivy (~1890-1940)
 Leonard Hugh
 Henry Edward (1893-1924)

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.1.1.3.1 Kathleen MATSON

Birth: 24 Nov 1886
 Death: 27 Oct 1977

Spouse: J. SHIELL
 Birth: abt 1885
 Death: 1965

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.1.1.3.2a Arthur Lionel MATSON*

Birth: Jan 1892
 Death: 1970
 Occ: Branch Manager Standard Bank of South Africa, Lilongue, Nyasaland.
 In the first world war served with the South African Infantry and wounded in 1916 on the Somme.

Spouse: Isabel MUNRO
 Birth: 1890
 Death: 1940

Children: Basil Arthur (1935-1969)
 Raymond Edward (1928-2000)

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Other spouses: Unknown Female JEFFRIES

(15) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.1.1.3.2a.1 Basil Arthur MATSON

Birth: 1935
Death: 1969
Occ: Veterinary Surgeon

Spouse: Jane GRAY

(15) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.1.1.3.2a.2 Raymond Edward MATSON

Birth: 1928
Death: 2000
Occ: Bank Clerk In Southern Rhodesia.

No children.

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.1.1.3.2b Arthur Lionel MATSON* (See above)

Spouse: Unknown Female JEFFRIES

This couple had no children. Info from Colin Matson.

Other spouses: Isabel MUNRO

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.1.1.3.3 Harold MATSON

Birth: abt 1895
Death: abt 1920

Unmarried.

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.1.1.3.4 Ivy MATSON

Birth: abt 1890
Death: 1940

Spouse: Unknown Male RIDGERMAN

Children: John
Vernon (1922-1940)

(15) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.1.1.3.4.1 John RIDGERMAN

Died aged 18.

(15) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.1.1.3.4.2 Vernon RIDGERMAN

Birth: 1922

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Death: 1940

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.1.1.3.5 Leonard Hugh MATSON

Occ: Farmer

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.1.1.3.6 Henry Edward MATSON

Birth: 1893
 Death: 1924
 Occ: Bank Clerk

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.1.1.4 Lucy MATSON

Birth: abt 1853, Rainham, Kent
 Death: abt 1935

1861 census shows aged 8, born about 1853 in Rainham. Living in Wingham Parish in Ecclesiastical Parish of Bridge and Canterbury. Registration District Eastry. Sub District Wingham.

Unmarried.

Unable to confirm dates.

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.1.1.5 Ann MATSON

Birth: abt 1855
 Death: abt 1875
 Death Memo: only known that died in 18.... something.

Unmarried.

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.1.2 William Gosley MATSON

Birth: Jun 1839, Oundle, Prescot, Lancashire
 Birth Memo: 15 336
 Death: Mar 1892, Liverpool Registration District
 Death Memo: 8b 77

1851 census aged 11.

West Derby Registration District March Quarter 1865 8b 563 has a record of marriage for William Gosley, either to Jane Hide or Mary Ann Amelia Hurst.

1892 record of death states aged 53.

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.1.3 Mary Ann MATSON

Birth: abt 1833, Prescot, Lancashire

1851 census aged 18 and living with parents

Spouse: William CAMPBELL

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(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.1.4 Henry F. MATSON

Birth: abt 1848, Prescot, Lancashire

1851 census aged 3

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.1.5 Adopted (?) MATSON

Possibly adopted a 5th child.
Info from Colin Matson

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.2a Edward MATSON*

Birth: 1791, Dover, Kent Birth Memo: 1841 census gives 1798
Chr: 20 Sep 1791, Bredgar, Kent Chr Memo: or 16th April 1772 at Eastry
Death: 3 Sep 1873, 30, Norfolk Crescent, Hyde Park, London
Occ: Army Major-General in Royal Engineers

The census records show that Edward was born at Bredgar, Kent.

At the time of his marriage, Edward was a Lieut. Royal Engineers and was shown as living at St. James, Dover in the marriage licence.

In 1821 Christening record of daughter Anne Emma, Edward is recorded as 'Captain Royal Engineers'.

On the 26th November 1819 (Folio 415) Edward was made a Freeman of Dover by virtue of his marriage to Mary Francis, daughter of James Peter Fector.

Edward entered the Royal Academy, Woolwich, in 1807; and was gazetted as a Second Lieutenant in the Royal Engineers three years later. In 1856, he was placed on retirement with the rank of Major General. During his 46 years of service, he held various appointments in his Corps and at certain Headquarters; and he can be considered to have been a sound Sapper and capable Staff Officer. His last appointment was that of Deputy Adjutant-General at the War Office. His Active Service record included the Peninsular War, 1812-14, the Campaign in America, 1814-15, and the Campaign in the Netherlands, 1815-18. On a tablet at the West Doorway of Rochester Cathedral we can see the name of Lieut E.Matson, as one of those Officers who 'served without casualty' in the Peninsular Campaign. Before it, the Author (Colin Matson) has stood and paid his ready and sincere tribute to Great Grand-uncle Edward. In 1819, Edward was stationed at The Castle, Dover, for the second time; and during this tour of duty, he married Mary Frances, eldest daughter of James Peter Fector, a member of the Banker Firm, Minet and Fector. This lady brought with her a useful dowry, which was the subject of a marriage settlement. These two had issue one son and one daughter, who did not marry, and one daughter Jane, who was married to Lieut-General Sir Henry James (1803-77), a distinguished Officer in the Ordnance Survey Department. There are no descendants of Edward living at the present time - a genealogical fact that is regretted by this family historian. "Major-General Edward Matson died at his London home - 30 Norfolk Crescent, Hyde Park - on the 3rd Sept 1873, at 8 o'clock in the morning, at the age of 82 years; and his death was reported to the War Office by Sir Henry James (son-in-law) two days later," I should like to have met both these distinguished senior Officers. (Quote from Colin Matson).

1841 census shows Edward aged 45 living at the Royal Sappers and Miners barracks and Quarters in Charlton Next Woolwich, Kent. He is a Major in the Royal Engineers. His 45-year-old wife Mary is with him as well as Abbe E. Matson (20) and Frances Matson (15), Sophie Reid (15) and Frances Fector (70). The family has numerous servants including a Butler, Nurse, Cook, Coachman and House Staff.

1851 Surname index for Dover shows Edward Matson at St.James, Dover born Bredgar and aged 58. This is confirmed by the 1851 census, which shows Edward as a widower, and Gentleman aged 58. He is a Lieutenant Colonel in the Royal Engineers.

Peter Lane FECTOR (trust held by Edw.MATSON and Rustall DICKENSON) owns 313 acres 3 roods, 1 perch of land at Alkham (i.e. Three woods and Great Drellingore Farm) receives LOT 17 part of Chalksole Green Common,

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area 3 acres 23 perches (info from S. Lees)
 1861 census confirms Edward and Elizabeth at 30 Norfolk Crescent, Marylebone.
 In 1871 there is a record of a lease bt Anne Gillow of Canterbury and Christopher Taddy of London, to Edward Matson of Battersea, county Surrey of the manor house of Great Buckland and lands, buildings etc.

Spouse: Mary Francis (or Ann) FECTOR
 Birth: abt 1796, Dover, Kent
 Death: Sep 1848, Charlton, Barracks Woolwich Death Memo: Charlton 20 105
 Father: James Peter FECTOR

Shown as living at St James, Dover on the marriage licence.
 According to a marriage licence quoted by Susan Lees, Mary’s middle name may have been ‘Ann’. The Canterbury Marriage Licence dated 17th February 1819 confirms this.
 1841 census shows aged 45.

Marr: 18 Feb 1819, St. James, Dover Marr Memo: By licence

Children: Edward Fector (1820-)
 Francis Emily (1824-1895)
 Jane (<1848-)
 Anne Emma (1821-)

Other spouses: Elizabeth BOUVERIE

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.2a.1 Edward Fector MATSON

Birth: 8 Jan 1820, St.James Dover
 Chr: 4 Feb 1820, St. James the Apostle, Dover

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.2a.2 Francis Emily MATSON

(See duplicate branch above)

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.2a.3 Jane MATSON

Birth: bef 1848
 No further information found other than that from Colin Matson.

Spouse: Lieut-General Sir Henry JAMES
 Birth: 1803
 Death: 1877
 Occ: Officer in the Ordnance Survey Department. Info from Colin Matson.

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.2a.4 Anne Emma MATSON

Birth: 3 Jul 1821, Chilham, Kent
 Chr: 9 Jul 1821, St. James The Apostle, Dover

My G G Grandmother was Anne Matson who in all the early census named her birthplace as British Subject. It wasn't until the 1881 census she said Ireland, and in 1891 Co. Mayo.
 I've been unable to find her birth but guess she was born 1821.
 She was living in Chilham in 1841 and Richard Matson who I believe to be her father, died Jan 1841. Very

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annoyingly before the 1841 census!

She married Richard Keeler in 1842 and in the 1891 census had moved to Herne Bay with eldest son.

I believe the Matsons were a local family, but I have never been able to find why she was born in Ireland.

Spouse: Richard KEELER
 Birth: abt 1811, Chilham, Kent
 Death: Dec 1879, East Ashford District, Kent Death Memo: 2a 441

1879 record of death states aged 70.

Marr: 25 Jun 1842, Chilham, Kent
 Marr Memo: East Ashford District

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.2b Edward MATSON* (See above)

Spouse: Elizabeth BOUVERIE
 Birth: abt 1807, Scotland

A widow when she married Edward Matson.
 1861 census shows Elizabeth as aged 54.

Marr: Dec 1851, Kensington
 Marr Memo: 3 382

Other spouses: Mary Francis (or Ann) FECTOR

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.3 Mary Ann MATSON

Birth: 1793
 Chr: 2 May 1793, Bredgar, Kent
 Death: Sep 1861, East Ashford District, Kent Death Memo: 2a 337

1841 census shows Mary with her parents and sister Emma and her husband at Ossulstone, Kensington Parish, Hammersmith

1851 census shows Mary Ann aged 57, born at Borden, Kent and living in the parish of Notting Hill St. John, Kensington, Middlesex

The marriage is unconfirmed Mary may have died unmarried.

Spouse: William CAMPBELL

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.4 George William MATSON

Birth: 10 Aug 1794
 Chr: 20 Sep 1794, Bredgar, Kent
 Death: Sep 1857
 Occ: Captain, Commander (1830) In Royal Navy

1784 to 1887 (info from Colin Matson)

Entered the navy on the 12th June 1805.

The Naval Record States: - MATSON George William *Rank* - Cdr 1830 *Born* - 10 Aug 1794 *Entered On* - 12 Jun

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1805 Spouse- YEA Jane Newman Married - 07 Oct 1835

In April 1800, DAPHNE was cruising between St. Kitt's and Tortola. On 16 January 1801, Capt. MATSON observed a schooner escorting some coasters near the shore at Guadeloupe. He detached Lieut. Kenneth MACKENZIE, who was commanding a small sloop employed as tender to DAPHNE, with the boats of CYANE and they brought them all off. The next day they captured the French national schooner ECLAIR which was anchored under the batteries at Trois Rivieres.

“The Times” of September 27th 1830 has this report from the ‘Hampshire Telegraph’: - *Portsmouth, September 25th - His majesty's gun-brig, “Clinker”, Lieutenant G.W. Matson, which arrived from the coast of Africa on Monday, left the squadron on that station in perfect health. She sailed from Prince's Island on the 17th of July, and has brought home 12 invalids. Since she has been on the coast she has been very successful, having with her boats, under direction of Mr. W.L.Browne, the master, captured 1,043 slaves, and during that period (four years) has lost only two men by fever, although several have died which had been sent away in prizes.*

PORTSMOUTH, September 25.

(From the Hampshire Telegraph.)

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According to the Naval Record George was promoted: Commander: 22nd October 1830. “The King’s Levee” (From the Court Newsmen) in “The Times” of Thursday November 4th. 1830, has this entry: -

Yesterday the King held his second Levee, at his Palace in St. James...Among the presentations were the following: -Commander G.W. Matson on his promotion and return from the coast of Africa, by Viscount Melville.

The Wiltshire and Swindon Archives have this document - 754/123 1835

Contents: Settlement on the marriage of Commander George William Matson of Clifton, Glos. and Jane Newman Yea of Clifton. Third part of an annuity of £100 charged on the manor of Chiswick.

Parties: Matson, Yea, Rogers.

1851 census living at Clifton, Gloucestershire and aged 56.

George William Matson was born on 10 Aug 1794. He served in the Royal Navy.

His will is available from the National Records Office -

Will of George William Matson, Commander in the Royal Navy of Brighton , Sussex

Date 08 October 1857

Catalogue reference PROB 11/2259

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No children are referred to. Brother George William is an executor.

Spouse: Jane Newman YEA (OR DETTE)
 Birth: abt 1786, Cadbury, Somerset
 Death: 31 May 1869, Clifton, Gloucestershire
 Father: William Walter YEA

1851 census records Jane aged 62. There is a servant Charlotte Bingham aged 36.

1869 notice of death states ‘aged 83’.

Marr: 7 Oct 1835

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(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.5 William G. MATSON

Birth: 1796
 Chr: 12 Mar 1796, Bredgar, Kent
 Death: Sep 1864, Lambeth Registration District
 Death Memo: 1d 214
 Occ: Wine Merchant

Merchant at Water Lane. London. (info from Colin Matson).

The London Gazette of Friday December 15th 1826 includes under the heading “Partnerships Dissolved”, Samuel R. Dawson and William Matson, wine merchants.

The London Gazette of Tuesday February 20th 1827 records under the heading ‘Bankruptcy Superseded, “ Samuel Robinson Dawson and William Matson of Water Lane, Tower Street. Wine-merchants”

In 1857 William is named executor on his brother George William Matson’s will. William is shown as living at 48, Addison Road, Notting Hill, Kensington near London.

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.6 Charles MATSON

Birth: 1797
 Death: 1874
 Occ: Wine Merchant

1841 census shows Charles with his parents and sister Emma and her husband at Ossulstone, Kensington Parish, Hammersmith

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.7 Elizabeth MATSON

Birth: 1799
 Chr: 30 May 1799, Borden, Kent
 Death: 1818

Buried at Eltham, Kent.

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.8 John MATSON

Birth: 1800, Luddenham, Kent
 Chr: 26 Apr 1800, Borden, Kent
 Death: Jun 1865, Old Wives Lees, Kent
 Death Memo: West Ashford 2a 348
 Occ: Agricultural Labourer

1841 census says aged 40 “Borough of Bowesland Parish of Chilham.

1851 census says aged 50 Born Luddenham, Kent the family are living in the Aldington sub district of Ashford.

1861 census says John Widower aged 66 born about 1795 at Luddenham, Kent 1861 census again records the grandson Jesse now aged 13 born about 1848. Also, Eliza aged 10 is recorded as granddaughter.

1871 census records Eliza as daughter of daughter Caroline.

Lived at Rodmersham. Possibly lived at Isle of Man. (info Colin Matson).

Spouse: Mary BOWLES

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Birth: abt 1811, Chilham, Kent
 Death: Sep 1861, Chilham, Kent
 Death Memo: East Ashford 2a 237

1841 census says aged 30.

1851 census says aged 49 and born about 1802 at Chilham. It also records Jesse as a 3-year-old grandson born Chilham.

Marr: 19 Oct 1824, Chilham, Kent

Children: John (~1825-)
 Caroline (~1828-)
 Sarah (~1831-)
 George (~1833-)
 Mary (~1836-)
 Henry Alfred (~1837-1926)

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.8.1 John MATSON

Birth: abt 1825, Chilham, Kent
 Occ: Farm Labourer

1851 census has aged 26 and living with parents

1891 census aged 64, born about 1827, and a lodger with the family of Thomas Knott (36) and Ann (32) in Burham

1901 census shown as aged 76 and an Inmate of Malling Union Workhouse in West Malling, Kent

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.8.2 Caroline MATSON

Birth: abt 1828, Chilham, Kent
 Occ: House Keeper

1841 census has Caroline aged 13 born about 1828 Caroline MATSON unmarried 24 b. Chilham

With Charles MEAD, head married 56 Fruiterer - born Essex Elizabeth MEAD wife 50 b. Kent Dover

Fanny MORTLEY unmarried 28 b. Tenterden (DOVER, 30, Strond Street, 1851 Census)

1851 Surname Index shows Caroline at St. Mary's, Dover, aged 24, born Chilham.

1851 census shows son Jesse aged 3 months and with his grandparents John and Mary Matson at Chilham.

1861 census shows aged 34 born about 1827. Daughter living with 66 year old father John and siblings

1871 census shows Caroline as Head of Household aged 46 born about 1825 Chilham The household is shown as in the village of Old Wives Lees.

Children: Eliza (Illegitimate) (~1850-)
 Jesse (Illegitimate) (~1848-)

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.8.2.1 Eliza MATSON

Birth: abt 1850, Dover, Kent
 1861 census aged 10

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.8.2.2 Jesse MATSON

Birth: abt 1848, Chilham, Kent

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Occ: Platelayer

1851 census recorded as aged 3 and with grandparents John and Mary Matson at Chilham.
 1861 census aged 13 and Grandson with John Matson aged 66 in Chilham
 1881 census aged 32, born about 1849 in Chilham and living at 125, Stewarts Road, Battersea.

Spouse: Esther
 Birth: abt 1838, Greenwich, Kent
 Occ: Dyers Ironer

1881 census shows aged 43

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.8.3 Sarah MATSON

Birth: abt 1831, Chilham, Kent

1841 census has Sarah aged 10 born about 1831

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.8.4 George MATSON

Birth: abt 1833, Chilham, Kent
 Occ: Farm Labourer

1841 census has George aged 8 born about 1833 in Chilham
 1851 census shows aged 18 and living with parents

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.8.5 Mary MATSON

Birth: abt 1836, Chilham, Kent

1841 census has Mary aged 5 born about 1836
 1851 aged 15 and living with parents

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.8.6 Henry Alfred MATSON

Birth: abt 1837, Chilham, Kent
 Death: Dec 1926, Strood Registration District
 Death Memo: 2a 872
 Occ: Agricultural Labourer (1861), Foreman Plate Layer (1881), Inspector Engineer Dept Worker (1901)

1841 census has Henry aged 4 born about 1837
 1851 census aged 14
 1861 census shows Henry aged 24 and with parents as well as their grand children
 1871 census aged 34 living in Canterbury
 1881 census aged 43 and living at 11, Caledon Terrace, Canterbury
 1891 Census
 No 17 Greatness Road, 7 Oaks, Kent. Henry A Matson Head 54 Permanent Way Inspector b Chilham.
 Mary A Wife 50 b. Chilham
 Kate 20 b1871
 Alexander 15 b1876 Confectioner's Assistant Children all b Canterbury880 Louise Daur 11 b1880 Scholar

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Grace 4 b1887
 1901 Census
 Henry Matson 63 Inspector Engineer Dept Worker b Chilham
 Mary A 60 b Chilham
 Alexander 25 Railway Signalman Worker Children all b Canterbury
 Louisa 21
 Grace 14
 1911 census aged 73 and living in Strood
 Record of death in 1926 states aged 89

Spouse: Mary Ann HARLOW
 Birth: Dec 1841, Chilham, Kent Birth Memo: East Ashford Registration District 5 16
 Death: Mar 1926, Strood Registration District Death Memo: 2a 893
 Occ: Servant (1861)
 Father: William Thomas HARLOW (1794-1873)
 Mother: Sarah HARRIS (1798-1883)

1861 Census

Summerhill, Harbledown, Kent
 Mary Ann Harlow 20 Servant to Henry James Hobday 48, Proprietor of Houses and Land - & family
 1871 census aged 31
 1881 census aged 40 and born Chilham
 1926 record of death states aged 84.

Marr: Sep 1862, Canterbury Registration District Marr Memo: 2a 909

Children: Alfred Harry (1862-)
 George (1864-)
 Walter (1867-)
 Kate (1870-)
 Alexander (1875-)
 Louise (Louey) (1879-)
 Grace (1886-)

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.8.6.1 Alfred Harry MATSON

Birth: Sep 1862, Canterbury, Kent Birth Memo: 2a 555
 Occ: Bricklayers Labourer

1871 census aged 9 and living with parents
 1881 census aged 18
 1911 census aged 48 and living in Canterbury

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.8.6.2 George MATSON

Birth: Jun 1864, Canterbury, Kent Birth Memo: 2a 610
 Occ: Light Porter

1871 census aged 7
 1881 census aged 16 Living with parents
 1891 census aged 26 Living in Chatham

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1901 census aged 36

Spouse: Anne RAYNER
 Birth: abt 1865, Allhallows, Kent

1891 census shows aged 26
 1901 census aged 36

Marr: Dec 1887, Strood Registration District Marr Memo: 2a 863

Children: Gertrude E. (1888-)

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.8.6.2.1 Gertrude E. MATSON

 Birth: Sep 1888, Chatham, Kent Birth Memo: Medway 2a 577

1901 census aged 12. Living with parents.
 1911 aged 22 and living in Milton

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.8.6.3 Walter MATSON

 Birth: Mar 1867, Canterbury, Kent Birth Memo: 2a 686
 Occ: Light Porter

1871 census aged 5
 1881 census shows aged 14

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.8.6.4 Kate MATSON

 Birth: Dec 1870, Canterbury, Kent Birth Memo: 2a 664

1871 census shows aged 15 months
 1881 census shows aged 10
 1891 census shows aged 20

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.8.6.5 Alexander MATSON

 Birth: Sep 1875, Canterbury, Kent Birth Memo: 2a 727
 Occ: Confectioners Assistant (1891), Railway Signalman Worker (1901)

1881 census shows aged 5.
 1891 census shows aged 15
 1911 census aged 35 and living in Strood.

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.8.6.6 Louise (Louey) MATSON

 Birth: Sep 1879, Canterbury, Kent Birth Memo: 2a 771

Record of birth index shows name as 'Louey'
 1881 census shows name as 'Louie' and female aged 1
 1891 census shows aged 11

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(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.8.6.7 Grace MATSON

Birth: Sep 1886, Canterbury, Kent Birth Memo: 2a 835

1891 census shows aged 4
1911 census aged 24 and living in Strood

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.9 John MATSON

Birth: Apr 1800, Borden, Kent Birth Memo: Christening record.
Chr: 26 Apr 1800, Borden, Kent

Lived at Rodmersham. Possibly lived at Isle of Man. (info Colin Matson).

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.10 Alfred MATSON

Birth: 1802
Chr: 21 Apr 1802, Borden, Kent
Death: Mar 1864, Cheltenham Registration District Death Memo: 6a 342
Occ: Wine Merchant

Merchant at College Hall, London. (Info from Colin Matson).
1861 aged 59 and living in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire

Spouse: Charlotte Sophia ADAMS
Birth: abt 1811, Clifton, Gloucestershire
Death: Mar 1885, Bedminster Registration District Death Memo: 5c 569

1861 census aged 50. The family has one female servant.
1885 record of death shows aged 74.

Marr: Jun 1839, Clifton Registration District Marr Memo: 11 308

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.11 Sarah MATSON

Birth: 1804, Borden, Kent Birth Memo: Christening record.
Chr: 4 Apr 1804, Borden, Kent
Death: 1818

Buried at Eltham, Kent.

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(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.12 Henry MATSON

Birth: May 1807, Borden, Kent
 Birth Memo: Christening record.
 Chr: 2 May 1807, Borden, Kent

IGI has christening date of 2nd May 1807 at Borden for Henry who is son of Robert Matson and Elizabeth.

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.13 Frank MATSON

Birth: 1809, Borden, Kent Birth Memo: Christening record
 Chr: 8 Jan 1809, Borden, Kent
 Death: 1809
 Burial: 16 Mar 1809, Borden, Kent Burial Memo: Burial record

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.14 Emma MATSON

Birth: 1811
 Birth Memo: Christening record
 Chr: 23 Feb 1811, Borden, Kent

1841 census aged 27 and living in Ossulstone, Kensington Parish, Hammersmith, Middlesex.

1851 census aged 39 and living in St. Mary Parish, Marylebone

Spouse: Robert ARCHER
 Birth: abt 1806, Hillsborough, Ireland
 Occ: Wine Merchant
 Father: Unknown Male ARCHER

1841 census aged 35 and living in Ossulstone, Kensington Parish, Hammersmith, Middlesex.

Recorded with the family are Charles Matson aged 40, Mary Matson aged 45, Robert Matson aged 70 and Elizabeth Matson aged 75.

This is Robert and Elizabeth Matson who are Emma’s parents, and Charles and Mary who are a brother and sister of Emma.

Marr: Jun 1840, Brentford Registration District Marr Memo: 3 5

Children: William (~1841-)

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.3.14.1 William ARCHER

Birth: abt 1841, Ossulstone, Kensington Parish, Hammersmith, Middlesex

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1841 census shows aged 3 months.

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4 John MATSON

Birth: 1769, Eastry
 Chr: 3 Mar 1769, Eastry, Kent
 Death: 24 Jan 1860, Rodmersham, Kent
 Burial: 1860
 Occ: Yeoman Farmer And Land Owner Of Rodmersham



Farm at Rodmersham is “Matson’s”.
 Matsons House is a delightful Country House A Grade II Listed Building; Part of the house was built around the 14th century and started out as a Hall House. In the 18th century the Georgian part was added.
 The House is now (2009) a ‘Bed & Breakfast’ establishment.
 About 1790 John was established at a farm in the centre of Rodermersham Village, then Dambridge Farm, Wingham and later Bredgar Parsonage. Shown as ‘of Borden’ at time of marriage in 1791.
 It is of interest to note that John’s brother Robert also married into the Murton family.

‘Matson’s House, Rodmersham

1841 census shows aged 70 and living with son William and his family at St. Osyth, Tendring, Essex
 1851 census aged 82 and born “Easby”, Kent about 1769. Living at Rodmersham

Spouse: Mary MURTON
 Birth: abt 1770, Bredgar
 Death: 3 Feb 1857, Rodmersham, Kent
 Father: William MURTON (1736-1804)
 Mother: Mary

Daughter of William Murton of Bredgar Parsonage.
 Sister of Elizabeth who married Robert.

1851 census aged 80, born Wingham about 1771. The household has two servants, Mary Wood, 25 from Rodmersham and Jane Collins, 24 from Wichling.
 1857 notice of death states as ‘in her 87th year’

Marr: 26 Nov 1791, Bredgar, Kent Marr Memo: 23rd Nov. Canterbury Marriage Licence

Children: John (~1793-1880)
 William (1794-1876)
 George (1796-1868)
 Mary (1799-1850)
 Henry William (~1801-1848)

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.1 John MATSON

Birth: abt 1793, Rodmersham, Kent
 Birth Memo: or abt1794 or 1796
 Death: 1880
 Burial: 1880
 Occ: Farmer At Rodmersham

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1823 Marriage record says 'Of Eastchurch'.

1841 census says aged 45. Living at East Church, Isle of Sheppey

1851 census records John as aged 57 and born Rodmersham

The 1855 'Journal of The Royal Agricultural Society' records John Matson of Eastchurch in its list of members.

1861 census shows aged 67. In addition, Agnes Matson aged 23, born about 1838 in Witching is a visitor

Spouse: Hannah SWIFT

Birth: abt 1796, Minster, Isle Of Sheppey, Kent

1823 Marriage Record says 'Of Minster'.

Michael Gandy shows marriage date as 19th November 1823.

1841 census shows aged 40. Living at East Church, Isle of Sheppey

1851 census aged 55. The family has two servants (Charlotte Gambriel [21] and Mary Jenkins [13]) and a 24 year old visitor, Robert Chapman born in Luton, Bedfordshire

1861 census shows aged 64.

Agnes Matson aged 23 (born about 1838 at Witchling, Kent) is recorded as a visitor and relative.

Marr: 18 Sep 1823, Minster, Isle of Sheppey, Kent Marr Memo: Licence 17th November 1823

Marriage may have been 19th November 1823

Children: Mary Hewson (E?) (~1825-)

Hannah (~1832-1924)

John George (~1835-1867)

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.1.1 Mary Hewson (E?) MATSON

Birth: abt 1825, Eastchurch, Isle-Of-Sheppey, Kent

1851 census a visitor and "Niece" aged 26 at the home of George Matson in Lewisham.

Married 'her cousin' of North Court, Eastling. (Info Colin Matson).

1861 census living at Eastling, Teynham, Faversham and aged 36.

1881 census no entry for Mary. However the address records Marion Matson aged 30, John Matson aged 28 and Mary Murton aged 29, Daughter, as visitors.

1901 census shown as aged 78 and living at Bredgar with 3 servants and being visited by daughter Mary and her husband John Matson, together with sister Elizabeth Murton aged 31, born about 1870 at Bredgar.

Spouse: Baker MURTON

Birth: abt 1823, Bredgar, Kent

Occ: Farmer

Father: Unknown Male MURTON

Of North Court, Eastling.

1881 census states "Farmer 1140 Ac 30 Men 7 Boys"

1901 census records John Matson aged 48, born abt 1853 at Forest Hill, Kent, son-in-law and Mary Matson aged 39, born abt 1862 at Eastling, daughter and visitor.

Marr: Jun 1860, Milton, Kent Marr Memo: 2a 933

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Children: Mary (1861-)

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.1.1.1 Mary MURTON

Birth: Sep 1861, Eastling, Kent
 Birth Memo: Faversham 2a 593

1881 census shows Mary as 29-year-old daughter and visitor at her fathers' home.
 1901 census shows Mary (Matson) as aged 39, Daughter, and Visitor at her fathers' home in Rodmersham.

Spouse: John MATSON
 Birth: abt 1853, Forest Hill, Kent
 Death: Mar 1930, Elham District
 Death Memo: 2a 1570
 Occ: Merchant

1881 census John is a 28 -year-old visitor at North Court, Teynham. The home of Mary Murton's parents.
 1901 census John is aged 48 and shown as son-in-law at the home of Baker Murton in Rodmersham, Kent
 1930 record of death states aged 77

Marr: Jun 1882, Eastling, Faversham, Kent
 Marr Memo: 2a 1291

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.1.2 Hannah MATSON

(See duplicate branch below)

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.1.3 John George MATSON

Birth: abt 1835, Eastchurch, Kent
 Death: 15 Sep 1867, Rodmersham, Kent
 Burial: 1867

1841 census shows aged 6
 1851 census aged 15 living with parents
 1861 census shows aged 26
 Died unmarried.
 Notice of death records aged 32.

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.2 William MATSON

Birth: 1794, Rodmersham, Kent
 Death: 11 Feb 1876, St Osyth, Essex
 Death Memo: Tendring March Quarter 1876 4a 196
 Burial: 1876
 Occ: Farmer

Record of burial shows born in 1795.
 1838 The Times of Thursday July 19th 1838 has an advertisement for the sale of 'The valuable Copyhold Property called Bretts and Wigboroughs... the farmhouse and land in the tenure of Mr. William Matson.

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1841 census aged 45 and living in St. Osyth, Tendring, Essex
 1851 census states aged 56 and born in Rodmersham, Kent. Living in St. Osyth.
 The 1855 ‘Journal of The Royal Agricultural Society’ records William Matson of St. Osyth, Colchester, Essex in its list of members.
 1861 census aged 66 living in St. Osyth Lived at St. Asyth, Lancs.
 Daily News (London, England), Wednesday, December 14, 1864; Issue 5805.
 Under the heading Assize Intelligence, Home Circuit-Chelmsford. “John

William, 40, was charged with feloniously and maliciously setting fir to a stack of wheat and three stacks of straw, the property of William Matson.”

“The prosecutor is a farmer at St. Osyth, in the neighbourhood of Colchester and is a member of the society for the prosecution of felons in the district.”

The prisoner was found guilty and sentenced to be kept in penal servitude for fifteen years.

1871 census aged 76 and living at St. Osyth. Tendring, Essex

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The Bristol Mercury (Bristol, England), Saturday, February 19, 1876; Issue 4481.

Matson- February 11, at St. Osyth, Essex, William Matson. Esq. aged 83.

1876 record of death for March Quarter states aged 81.

Spouse: Mary
 Birth: abt 1806, St Osyth, Essex
 Death: Jun 1864, Billericay Registration District Death Memo: 4a 89

1841 census shows aged 35 born about 1806 St Osyth, Essex. 4 servants are shown in the house.

1851 census has no record for Mary. However, 3 female servants are shown in the household

1861 census no record for Mary. However, 4-year-old Arthur Green, born about 1857 in Little Clacton, Essex is recorded as a Grandson. Two female servants are also recorded.

1871 census has no record for Mary. However, 2 female servants are recorded

Children: William Bawtree (1825-1870)
 Georgina (~1829-)
 Hester Elizabeth (~1832-)
 Mary (~1833-1911)
 George Thomas (~1835-)
 Jenette (~1837-1924)
 Edward (1838-)
 Ellen (1841-)
 Emma (~1844-)
 Murton (1845-1936)

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(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.2.1 William Bawtree MATSON

Birth: 1825, St. Osyth, Tendring, Essex
 Death: 13 Oct 1870, Queen's Hotel, Hastings, Sussex

1861 census aged 35 and Head of Household in Croydon, St. James. Jane Pannell aged 20, born Farnham, Surrey is recorded as Daughter. The household has one servant.

The Ipswich Journal (Ipswich, England), Saturday, October 22, 1870; Issue 6849 records under Deaths that *on the 13th inst., at The Queen's Hotel, Hastings, William Bawtree, eldest son pf William Matson Esq., of St. Osyth, aged 70*

The notice of death in 'The Times' records that William was 'late of Thornton Heath, Croydon. 'The Times' also records, on the 17th December, 1870, that 'The will of Mr. William Bawtree Matson, of Bergholt, Suffolk, was proved under £35,000.'

Spouse: Jane MARTIN
 Father: J.E. MARTIN (-<1856)
 Marriage of daughter Mary in 1878 records Jane as of Walpole Lodge, Brighton.

Marr: 25 Mar 1856, Higham, Suffolk

Children: Mary (Aka Minnie) Jane (~1852-1903)
 Maud (1863-)

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.2.1.1 Mary (Aka Minnie) Jane MATSON

Birth: abt 1852
 Death: Dec 1903, Midhurst Registration District Death Memo: 2b 243

Notice of wedding records that Mary (Minnie Jane is the elder daughter of the late William Bawtree Matson and of Mrs. Matson of Walpole Lodge, Brighton.

Record of death states aged 51.

Spouse: Henry EDGAR
 Occ: Customs Officer In China
 Father: Richard EDGAR

Marriage record shows Henry as 'of Imperial Customs, China and second son of the late Richard Edgar of Edgarstown.

Marr: 20 Mar 1878, St. Peter's Church, Brighton.

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.2.1.2 Maud MATSON

Birth: Mar 1863, Croydon Registration District Birth Memo: 2a 481

Notice of marriage records Maud as 'youngest daughter of the late William Bawtree Matson and his widow, of Walpole Lodge, Brighton.

Spouse: John Roger Rush GODFREY
 Occ: Barrister-At-Law, Inner Temple

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Marr: 31 Dec 1888, St. Mary's Church, Brighton Marr Memo: Brighton Dec1887 2b 404
(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.2.2 Georgina MATSON

Birth: abt 1829, St. Osyth, Tendring, Essex

1841 census shows aged 12

1851 census aged 22, born about 1829 and living at Little Clacton, Essex.

Spouse: William GREEN
Birth: abt 1820, Boxford, Suffolk
Occ: Teacher

1851 census aged 31 and living at Little Clacton, Essex. The address has 6 male students and 3 servants. One of the pupils is Edward Matson aged 12 from St. Osyth, Essex

Marr: Jun 1848, Tendring Registration District Marr Memo: 12 389 and 12 387

Children: William Cooper (1849-)
Walter Matson (1850-)

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.2.2.1 William Cooper GREEN

Birth: Jun 1849, Boxford, Suffolk Birth Memo: Cosford Registration District 12 372

1851 census aged 1

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.2.2.2 Walter Matson GREEN

Birth: Dec 1850, Little Clacton, Essex Birth Memo: Tendring Registration District 12 277

1851 census aged 6 months

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.2.3 Hester Elizabeth MATSON

Birth: abt 1832, St. Osyth, Tendring, Essex

1841 census shows aged 10

1861 census aged 29

1871 census aged 39 and living at St. Osyth

1873 Tendring Registration District has a Marriage record in the December quarter for Hester Elizabeth Matson and either Hugh Green or Roger George Porter. 4a 509

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.2.4 Mary MATSON

Birth: abt 1833, St. Osyth, Tendring, Essex
Death: Jun 1911, Tendring Registration District Death Memo: 4a 327

1841 census aged 9

1851 census aged 18

1861 census aged 28

1871 census aged 37 and living at St. Osyth

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1911 record of death states aged 77.

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.2.5 George Thomas MATSON

Birth: abt 1835, St. Osyth, Tendring, Essex
 Occ: Farmer. The 1881 Census Records Accountant

1841 census aged 6 and living with parents in St. Osyth, Tendring, Essex
 1851 census aged 16 and living at St. Osyth, Tendring, Essex.
 George Matson as a fore Cabin passenger on the Steadfast -which we already knew but I hadn't seen it on a list before. George Matson also 1856 No. 25 160 25,000 acres earliest occupier with P.L.Francis on the Hunter Hills Run in the MacKenzie Country.
 1861 census aged 26, born about 1835.
 The Who's Who of NZ listed John Matson OBE as son of George. Otaio, Mt Nessing, Blue Cliffs, Makihikihi are all adjoining sheep stations near Timaru in NZ South Island - may have been one land grant at that stage. I will see what I can dig up. The dates seemed to be wrong - I had taken these from the NZ Archives and they were just as transcribed. (Info from Colin Matson.)
 1881 census records George as a 46-year-old accountant visiting the household of Thomas Trusselen, a 44-year-old Dairyman, in Sonning, Berkshire

Spouse: Margaret Anna DENNIS
 Birth: Dec 1839, Little Clacton, Essex Birth Memo: Tendring 12 241 and 12 341
 Death: Sep 1877, Barton Regis, Gloucestershire Registration Area Death Memo: 6a 97
 Father: John DENNIS (-<1860)

1861 census aged 21. Recorded with the family are Samuel J. Dennis aged 23 and Brother-in-Law and Eleanor M. Dennis aged 15, Sister-in-Law. The family has one servant, Susannah Smith.
 1877 record of death states aged 38.

Marr: 10 May 1860, All Saints, Colchester

Children: John (1876~1950)
 Ruth (1861-)

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.2.5.1 John MATSON

Birth: 14 Apr 1876, Bristol
 Death: abt 1950
 Occ: Lt. Col. Indian Army And New Zealand

There is an obituary for John Matson OBE Mt.Lt.Col. b. Bristol England. 14.4.1876. Lyttelton Times
 The Who's Who of NZ listed John Matson OBE as son of George. Otaio, Mt Nessing, Blue Cliffs, Makihikihi. John was a Lt. Col. Indian Army and in New Zealand. I believe he died about 1950 and he had a son named John Nicholas.
 The Lyttelton Times reference to John Matson OBE Mt.Lt.Col. b. Bristol, England 14.4.76 son of George Matson
 Obit. 26 Oct. - no date - but had a quick search on NZ sites for this - found George Matson as a fore Cabin passenger on the Steadfast -which we already knew but I hadn't seen it on a list before.
 George Matson also 1856 No. 25 160 25,000 acres earliest occupier with P.L.Francis on the Hunter Hills Run in the MacKenzie Country.
 Then the Buchanan family file - it is a PDF doc and won't copy and paste so I'll scan and attach - but George Matson's son Lt.Col.John Matson married Sylvia b. 1876. Two children 1. John Matson a Lawyer in N.Z., and

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Peregrine. Killed in England in WWII.



Silvia May BUCHANAN

Spouse: Silvia May BUCHANAN
 Birth: 1876, Paturau, Nelson, New Zealand
 Death: 14 Jun 1946, 24, Polstead Road, Oxford
 Father: Noel Lee BUCHANAN (1848-1925)
 Mother: Jane McLaren BATHGATE (-1944)

The record of Peregrine’s war grave has this note: -
 Son of Lt.-Col. John Matson, O.B.E.; formerly of the Indian Army, and Silvia Mary Matson, of Oxford.
 Notice of death records that Silvia was the elder daughter of the late Noel Buchanan of Nelson. New Zealand.

Children: John Nicholas (~1914~1955)
 Peregrine Makepeace Buchanan (1919-1942)

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.2.5.1.1 John Nicholas MATSON

Birth: abt 1914
 Death: abt 1955, New Zealand
 Occ: Lawyer In New Zealand

Had one son and one daughter. (Info from Colin Matson).
 John Nicholson Matson was a Rhodes scholar in Oxford in 1939

Spouse: Isobel
 Children: Virginia Mary
 Nicholas John Peregrine
 Arthur Julian Mark
 Oliver Broderick

(15) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.2.5.1.1.1 Virginia Mary MATSON

Spouse: Blakely

(15) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.2.5.1.1.2 Nicholas John Peregrine MATSON

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(15) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.2.5.1.1.3 Arthur Julian Mark MATSON

(15) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.2.5.1.1.4 Oliver Broderick MATSON

Children: Emma Kate
 Samuel James (?)
 Annabelle Rose
 Virginia Emma

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.2.5.1.2 Peregrine Makepeace Buchanan MATSON

Birth: 1919
 Death: 18 Apr 1942, Salisbury Plain
 Occ: Captain In Royal Artillery In WW2

Awarded the Military Cross. Killed in England during World War 2.
 The notice of death records that Captain P.M.R. Matson died as a result of an accident in 1942.
 This is from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Record: -
 Name: MATSON, PEREGRINE MAKEPEACE
 Initials: P M
 Nationality: United Kingdom
 Rank: Captain
 Regiment/Service: Royal Artillery
 Unit Text: 2 Field Regt.
 Age: 23
 Date of Death: 18/04/1942
 Service No: 77506
 Awards: M C
 Additional information:
 Son of Lt.-Col. John Matson, O.B.E.; formerly of the Indian Army, and Silvia Mary Matson, of Oxford.
 Casualty Type: Commonwealth War Dead
 Grave/Memorial Reference: Grave 812.
 Cemetery: SHAFTESBURY BOROUGH CEMETERY

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.2.5.2 Ruth MATSON

Birth: Mar 1861, East Mersea, Essex
 Birth Memo: Lexden 4a 263

1861 census shows aged 3 months

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.2.6 Jenette MATSON

Birth: abt 1837, St. Osyth, Tendring, Essex
 Death: Mar 1924, Colchester, Essex
 Death Memo: 4a 1061

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1841 census aged 4

1851 aged 14 and a pupil at the school of Charles Sisson aged 56 from Wootmill, Hertfordshire. The school is in Islington, Middlesex.

1861 census aged 24. Born about 1837 in Great Holland, Essex. A visitor to the home of Jane Ann Rabitt aged 57 in Bromley, Kent

1871 census aged 34 and living at St. Osyth

1924 record of death states aged 87.

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.2.7 Edward MATSON

 Birth: Sep 1838, St. Osyth, Tendring, Essex Birth Memo: 12 240

1841 census shows aged 2

1851 census aged 12 and a scholar at the address of 31-year-old William Green in Little Clacton, Essex.

1861 census aged 22 living with father

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.2.8 Ellen MATSON

 Birth: Mar 1841, St. Osyth, Tendring, Essex Birth Memo: 12 275

1841 census shows aged 4 months

1851 aged 10

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.2.9 Emma MATSON

 Birth: abt 1844, St. Osyth, Tendring, Essex

1851 census aged 7

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.2.10 Murton MATSON

 Birth: Dec 1845, St. Osyth, Tendring, Essex
 Birth Memo: Tendring Registration District 12 25(18)
 Death: 19 May 1936, Worthing, Sussex

1845 record of birth records name as 'Male'.

1851 census aged 5

1861 census aged 15

1871 census aged 25 and living at St. Osyth

Notice of death states that Murton left an estate of gross value £14.727 (£10,558 net)

Spouse: Emily Florence GREEN
 Birth: abt 1858
 Birth Memo: Based on record of death
 Death: Jun 1903, Tendring Registration District
 Death Memo: 4a 317
 Father: William Grave GREEN (-<1888)

Marriage notice states that Emily is the youngest daughter of the late William Grave Green of Nassington, Essex.
 1903 record of death states aged 45.

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Marr: 23 Apr 1888, St. Paul’s, Clacton-On-Sea, Essex Marr Memo: Tendring Jun 1888 4a 569

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.3 George MATSON

Birth: 1796, Rodmersham, Kent Birth Memo: or1797
 Death: Sep 1868, Sydenham Death Memo: Lewisham 1d 599
 Occ: Wholesale Tea And Coffee Merchant, London.

Lived at Dartmouth Lodge, Sydenham, Kent.
 1841 census aged 45 and wrongly transcribed as “Geener”. Living in Lewisham/Blackheath.
 1851 census aged 54, born about 1797 at Rodmersham, Kent and living in Lewisham. Niece Mary Hewson Matson, 26, is a visitor.
 1861 census aged 65 and living at Forest Hill, Christchurch, Lewisham.
 1868 record of Albert’s marriage records George as ‘of Forest Hill, Kent.’

Spouse: Charlotte BIRD
 Birth: abt 1811, Sydenham, Kent
 Father: George Martin BIRD

1841 census recorded as Caroline aged 31, Sarah Deekes aged 30 born about 1811 and Isabella Flemming also aged 30 born about 1811 in the same household
 1861 census aged 50. The family is shown with 3 servants

Marr: Jun 1838, Lewisham Registration District Marr Memo: 5 293

Children: George Murton (1840-1869)
 Walter Rae (1841-1901)
 Albert (1843-1896)
 Charlotte (1845-)
 Frank (1848-)
 Marian (1850-)
 John (1852-1930)

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.3.1 George Murton MATSON

Birth: Mar 1840, Lewisham, Kent Birth Memo: Lewisham 5 275
 Death: 29 Dec 1869, Dartmouth Lodge, Forest Hill Death Memo: Lewisham Dec. 1d 621

1841 census recorded as aged 1 month
 1861 census aged 21 living with parents
 Died Unmarried. Info Colin Matson.
 (Notice of death gives age as 30)
 Record of death gives age as 30.

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.3.2 Walter Rae MATSON

Birth: Dec 1841, Sydenham, Kent Birth Memo: Lewisham Registration District 5 257
 Death: Jun 1901, Newton Abbot Registration District Death Memo: 5b 93

1861 census aged 19 living with parents
 1901 record of death states aged 59.

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Died unmarried. Info. From Colin Matson.

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.3.3 Albert MATSON

Birth: Dec 1843, Sydenham. Kent Birth Memo: Lewisham 5 287
 Death: Jun 1896, Hereford Registration District Death Memo: 6a 308
 Occ: Farmer.

1851 census aged 7

Lived at Fencote Abbey, Leominster, (where he is recorded at time of marriage in 1868), Hertfordshire and Perton Stoke Edith, Hertfordshire. Info from Colin Matson.

1896 record of death shows aged 52.

Spouse: Elizabeth Mary VEVERS
 Birth: Sep 1846, Ledbury Registration District Birth Memo: 26 220
 Father: John Brace VEVERS
 Marr: 16 Jul 1868, Yarkhill Church, Hertfordshire Marr Memo: Ledbury 6a 749

Children: Albert Vevers (1869-1939)
 George Murton Alware (1871-1946)
 Mary Eveline (1873-1919)
 John Leonard (1887-)

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.3.3.1 Albert Vevers MATSON

Birth: Sep 1869, Leominster Registration District Birth Memo: 6a 511
 Death: 1939
 Occ: Branch Manager Of National Provincial Bank, Chester.

Lived at Gatesheath Hall, Tattenhal, Cheshire and Tarporley, Cheshire. Info. From Colin Matson.

1911 census aged 41 and living in Stamford, Lincolnshire.

Spouse: Hetty BRETT

Children: Richard Vevers (1905-1956)
 Robert Lancelot (1908-)

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.3.3.1.1a Richard Vevers MATSON*

Birth: Dec 1905, Cheshire
 Birth Memo: York Registration District 9d 13
 Death: 1 Mar 1956, General Hospital, Hereford
 Burial: 5 Mar 1956, Much Dewhurst

1911 census shows aged 5, born in 1906 and in Stamford, Lincolnshire

Had one daughter.

In January 1939, Mr.R.V.Matson is reported at the Herefordshire Hunt Club ball held at the Shire Hall, Hereford. Pilbeam's band played.

Spouse: Bridget FOSTER
 Father: Cuthbert Wellesley FOSTER (1887-)

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Recorded as younger daughter of Captain and Mrs. Cuthbert W. Foster of St. Raphael, Bournemouth in engagement notice of 12th November 1932.

Honeymoon was in Switzerland.

Marr: 10 Jan 1933, All Saints Church, Brockhampton

Children: Sheila Joan

Other spouses: Noel Joan HELME

(15) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.3.3.1.1a.1 Sheila Joan MATSON

Spouse: Peter CARDEN

Father: Paul CARDEN

Of Clotton Lane Cottage, Huxley, Chester

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.3.3.1.1b Richard Vevers MATSON* (See above)

Spouse: Noel Joan HELME

Birth: Mar 1905, Leominster Registration District Birth Memo: 6a 540

Father: William J. HELME (~1843-1928)

Of Strickstenning Hall, Much Birch, Hertfordshire. From notice of engagement 15th June 1945.

“The Times’ of 24th December 1964 has this notice -

Matson, Mrs. Noel Joan, of Little Birch, Herefordshire, widow of Richard Vevers Matson (gross £62,112 (duty paid £20,337).... £61,698.

Marr: 15 Feb 1946, Ross-On-Wye

Children: Unknown Female (1947-)

Other spouses: Bridget FOSTER

(15) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.3.3.1.1b.1 Unknown Female MATSON

Birth: 6 Jul 1947

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.3.3.1.2 Robert Lancelot MATSON

Birth: Jun 1908, Cheshire Birth Memo: Leeds 9b 516

Occ: Farmer, M.F.H., Justice of the Peace.

Robert Lancelot (b.1908) of Twemlows Hall, Whitchurch, county Salop. He is a Farmer on a large scale: has been Master and Joint-Master of Sir Watkin Williams-Wynn's Hunt for some years: is a Justice of the Peace for his County: is a well-known Judge at Horse Shows.

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Best man at brothers wedding in 1933

On November 27th 1959 Mr. R.L.Matson is recorded as having attended Sir W.W.Wttn’s Hunt ball at Cefn Park (held by permission of Colonel R.G.Fenwick Palmer.)

June 13th 1962 report on the Three Counties Show at Malvern, records “Prince’s Grace won her third hunter championship of the season, As reserve Mr R.L.Matson and Mr Dick Francis, of steeple chasing renown, selected Viking, who was also runner-up for the supreme honours of Bath and West.”

Spouse: Helen Rosemary HANSON
 Father: B.A. HANSON

Children: Peter Robert (1940-)
 Richard Tullis (1942-)
 Elizabeth Vevers (1944-)
 Diana Rosemary (1947-)

(15) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.3.3.1.2.1 Peter Robert MATSON

Birth: 1940
 Occ: Merchant

Best man at brother Richard’s wedding in 1964

Spouse: Grafyn Kristina-Michaela GRAF VON MERVELDT
 Father: Fredrich GRAF VON MERVELDT
 Mother: Mrs. S. J. SYMINGTON

Father is of Quinta de Cima, Portugal
 Mother is of Guilsborough Grange, Grailsborough, Northamptonshire.

Marr: 24 Oct 1970, Cathedral Of Our Lady And St. Thomas, Northampton

(15) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.3.3.1.2.2 Richard Tullis MATSON

Birth: 24 Sep 1942, The Twemlows, Whitchurch
 Occ: Farmer

Spouse: Petronella Vyvyan Anne EAMES
 Father: R.F.P. EAMES
 Marr: 9 May 1964, St. Andrew’s Chardstock, Somerset

Children: Unknown Male (1965-)

(15) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.3.3.1.2.3 Elizabeth Vevers MATSON

Birth: 17 Mar 1944, Sandbach Nursing Home, Wheelock, Cheshire
 Occ: Art Student

Bridesmaid at brother’s wedding in 1964

(15) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.3.3.1.2.4 Diana Rosemary MATSON

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Birth: 23 Jan 1947, Sandbach Nursing Home, Wheelock, Cheshire

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.3.3.2 George Murton Alware MATSON

 Birth: Mar 1871, Hereford Birth Memo: 6a 530
 Death: 20 Nov 1946, Hove-To Cottage, Itchenor Near Chichester
 Burial: 23 Nov 1946, Itchenor Parish Church, Near Chichester

Had 3 daughters. Info. From Colin Matson. Recorded as aged 76 at time of death.

Spouse: Dorothy Mary VEVERS
 Birth: Jun 1880, Ledbury Registration District Birth Memo: 6a 501
 Marr: Jun 1906, Wandsworth District Marr Memo: 1d 1096

Children: Kathleen (1909-)
 Barbara
 Meg

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.3.3.2.1 Kathleen MATSON

 Birth: 25 May 1909, "Peron", Osbourne Road, Walton On Thames

Spouse: Stanley JAMES
 Marr: Sep 1930, Ipswich Registration District 4a 2897

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.3.3.2.2 Barbara MATSON

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.3.3.2.3 Meg MATSON

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.3.3.3 Mary Eveline MATSON

 Birth: Mar 1873, Leominster Registration District Birth Memo: 6a 562
 Death: 1919

Died a spinster. Info. From Colin Matson.

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.3.3.4 John Leonard MATSON

 Birth: Mar 1887, Hereford Birth Memo: 6a 474

Died unmarried. Info from Colin Matson.

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.3.4 Charlotte MATSON

 Birth: Jun 1845, Sydenham, Kent Birth Memo: Lewisham 5 31

1861 census aged 16 living with parents

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(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.3.5 Frank MATSON

Birth: Dec 1848, Sydenham, Kent Birth Memo: Lewisham 5 320

1851 aged 2
1861 census aged 12 living with parents

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.3.6 Marian MATSON

Birth: Sep 1850, Sydenham, Kent Birth Memo: Lewisham 5 320
Occ: Annuitant

1851 census name is transcribed as “Munan”. She is 2 months old.
1861 census aged 10 living with parents
1881 census shows Marion as a visitor at the home of Baker Murton in Teynham, Kent, where John Matson aged 26 is also a visitor.

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.3.7 John MATSON

Birth: Jun 1852, Sydenham Birth Memo: Lewisham 1d 571
Death: 1930

1861 census aged 8 living with parents
Died unmarried. Info. From Colin Matson.

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.4 Mary MATSON

Birth: 1799
Death: 15 Jan 1850, Rodmersham, Kent Death Memo: March Quarter Milton 5 298
Burial: 1850

1841 census Mary is recorded as aged 40, born about 1801 in Rodmersham.
At her home, she has 10-year-old Hannah Matson, born about 1811, daughter of John Matson and Hannah Swift, and 5-year-old Emma Matson daughter of Elizabeth Blanland (Matson) born about 1812 at Linstead.
Lived at Rodmersham. Died a spinster.
Information from Colin Matson.
1851 census records a Mary Matson aged 48, born in St. Osyth, as a visitor in the home of George Frederick Copper (53) at Wivenhoe, Lexden, Essex. At the same address is Cecilia Matson aged 16 and described as niece also born at St. Osyth.
‘The Times’ for Friday, January 5th, 1850 has notice of Mary’s death on the 15th inst at Rodmersham.

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.5 Henry William MATSON

Birth: abt 1801, Kent
Death: Dec 1848, Milton, Kent Death Memo: 5 318
Burial: 1848
Occ: Farmer At Kingsdown And Lynsted, Kent

1841 census records at Linstead, Teynham, Kent and aged 39.
Lived at Kingsdown, Lynsted, Kent.

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Children: Charles (~1835-)
 Agnes (~1837-)
 Edward (1838-)
 James (1841-1882)

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.5.1 Charles MATSON

 Birth: abt 1835, Kent

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.5.2 Agnes MATSON

 Birth: abt 1837, Wiching, Kent

1861 census shows Agnes Matson aged 23 born about 1838 at Wiching, Kent as a visitor in Rodmersham at the home of John Matson, 67, and his wife Hannah, 64.

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.5.3 Edward MATSON

 Birth: Sep 1838, Faversham Registration District
 Birth Memo: 5 166

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.5.4 James MATSON

 Birth: Mar 1841, Nonington, Kent
 Birth Memo: Eastry 5 140
 Death: Mar 1882, Dover Registration District
 Death Memo: 2a 620
 Occ: Farm Labourer

1841 census shows aged 9 months
 1881 census shows aged 41
 1882 record of death shows aged 42.

Spouse: Sarah WEBSTER
 Birth: abt 1846, St. Martin Le Grand, London, Surrey
 Death: Sep 1914, Dover Registration District
 Death Memo: 2a 1156
 Occ: Dress Maker

1901 census shows Sarah as aged 55 and Head of Household
 1914 record of death shows aged 70.

Marr: Jun 1874, Dover Registration District
 Marr Memo: 2a 1354

Children: James Henry (1875-)

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(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.4.5.4.1 James Henry MATSON

Birth: Jun 1875, Dover Registration District
 Birth Memo: 2a 871

1881 census shows aged 6 and living at Guston Village with parents
 1901 census shows James aged 26, born about 1875 in Dover and living with mother, Sarah aged 55, born about 1846.
 1911 census records James Henry as aged 30, born in 1881

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.5 Elizabeth MATSON

Birth: 1771, Eastry
 Chr: 24 Jan 1771, Eastry, Kent

Shown as 'of Borden' at time of marriage.

Spouse: John Amhurst WALTER
 Birth: Upchurch, Isle-Of-Sheppey, Kent
 Occ: Yeoman

Of Key Street, Bobbing.

Marr: 29 Nov 1794, Borden, Kent
 Marr Memo: By Licence

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.6 Edward MATSON

Birth: 1772, Eastry
 Chr: 16 Apr 1772, Eastry, Kent
 Death: Feb 1855, Rochester, Kent
 Occ: Agriculturist (1841)

Lived in Battersea. (Info from Colin Matson). Confirmed by notice of death of son James and daughters Louisa and Eliza.

"The Times" of Wednesday November 5th, 1834 has an article entitled "Attempt at Murder and Highway Robbery in Battersea Fields".

It is a detailed account of an attack on Mr Larter, a miller, and his wife, as they were crossing fields between the Nine Elms, Vauxhall and Battersea. The attack was by a number of drunken men in a go-cart. On Saturday morning, some men in the employ of Mr. Matson, the proprietor of Long Edge Farm, not far from where the outrage took place, discovered the cap and knapsack belonging to the soldier who had been one of the assailants.

1851 census HO107 1610 folio 265

3 Star Hill St Margaret Rochester Kent

Edward Matson 79 Head Widower Land and fund holder Eastry Kent plus 2 servants

Edward left a Prerogative Court of Canterbury will. When he died in 1855, he was late of Battersea then in Surrey and on the 1841 census he appears in Clapham (Surrey) as an agriculturist with what could be his three adult daughters - the younger two born Surrey.

Will of Edward Matson of Saint Margaret next the City of Rochester, Kent. 17th February 1855 (Prob 11/2206)

Spouse: Sophia TAYLOR

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Birth: Rodmersham, Kent
Marr: 5 Dec 1795, Borden, Kent

Children: James Gunsley (1805-1825)
Kate Francis (1806-)
Louisa (~1811-1827)
Martha (-1836)
Eliza (-1834)

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.6.1 James Gunsley MATSON

Birth: 1805, Borden, Kent
Chr: 24 Apr 1805, Borden, Kent
Death: 10 Sep 1825, Battersea
Death Memo: Notice in The Times

“The Times” for Wednesday September 21st, 1825 has this notice of Death: -
“*On Sunday, the 10th Inst., in the 21st year of his age, James Gunsley, youngest son of Mr. Matson, of Battersea*”

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.6.2 Kate Francis MATSON

Birth: 1806
Chr: 27 Apr 1806, Borden, Kent

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.6.3 Louisa MATSON

Birth: abt 1811
Death: 19 Apr 1827, Battersea

“The Times” of Saturday, April 21, 1827 has this item in the Deaths section: -
“*On the 19th inst., much lamented, in her 16th year, Louisa, the fourth daughter of Mt. Matson of Battersea*”

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.6.4 Martha MATSON

Death: 12 Jul 1836, Battersea
Notice of death of ‘youngest’ daughter of Edward in ‘The Times’ of 16th July 1836.

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.6.5 Eliza MATSON

Death: 24 Sep 1834, Dawlish, Devonshire

Notice of death in “The Times” 7th October 1834: -
“*On the 24th inst., much lamented, at Dawlish, Devonshire, where she had gone for the benefit of her health, Eliza, eldest surviving daughter of Mr. Matson of Battersea.*”

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(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.1.7 Sarah MATSON

Birth: 1774, Eastry
 Chr: 8 Feb 1774, Eastry, Kent

Recorded as spinster aged 31 of this parish e.g. Borden at time of marriage.

Spouse: Stephen STEELE
 Birth: abt 1782, Milton by Sittingbourne
 Occ: Gentleman

Of Strood.
 Shown as aged 25 at time of marriage in 1807.

Marr: 3 Nov 1807, Borden, Kent
 Marr Memo: By Licence

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.2 Ann (e) MATSON

Birth: Sep 1732, Nonnington
 Chr: 5 Sep 1732, Nonnington

Record of christening reads daughter of Richard and Susanna

Spouse: Thomas BOREMAN
 Birth: abt 1731, St John, Thanet

Marriage record states that Thomas was a bachelor of St. J. Thanet.

Marr: 27 Feb 1755, Nonnington, Kent
 Marr Memo: Licence

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.3 Mary MATSON

Birth: May 1734, Nonnington
 Chr: 31 May 1734, Nonnington

Spouse: Simon CHAPMAN
 Birth: Selling
 Birth Memo: From marriage licence
 Occ: Butcher

Marriage record says “of Selling”.
 (Colin Matson states ‘of Milton, near Sittingbourne’).
 On the 26th November 1777 Simon was resident in Borden, Kent.

Marr: 9 Dec 1761, Nonnington
 Marr Memo: Licence

Children: Robert

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Susannah

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.3.1 Robert CHAPMAN

Of Chillington (or Chilton) Manor, Sittingbourne.
Described in marriage notice as ‘late of Eastchurch, Isle of Sheppey.

Spouse: Hannah MATSON
 Birth: abt 1832, Eastchurch, Kent
 Death: Sep 1924, Milton Registration District Death Memo: 2a 936
 Father: John MATSON (~1793-1880)
 Mother: Hannah SWIFT (~1796-)

1841 census shows aged 10 and living with 40-year-old Mary Matson at Rodmersham who also has 5-year-old Emma Matson with her.

1851 aged 19 and wrongly transcribed in census as “Thomas”

1861 census shows aged 28

1924 record of death shows aged 91.

Marr: 18 Feb 1862, Rodmersham, Kent

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.3.2 Susannah CHAPMAN

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3a.4 Thomas MATSON

Birth: Wingham
 Burial: 3 Apr 1732, Wingham

Burial states 3rd April 1732 Thomas Matson, a child.

(8) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.3b Robert MATSON* (See above)

Spouse: Susanna SEAGER
 Birth: abt 1710, Borden, Kent
 Birth Memo: or 1712?
 Death: 25 Sep 1774, Borden, Kent
 Burial: 1774, Borden, Kent
 Father: Charles SEAGER

‘Of Borden’ at time of marriage.
 Shown as aged 40 on marriage licence of 11th November 1752.
 Linda Foreman has dob as 1710

Marr: 4 Dec 1752, Borden, Kent
 Marr Memo: 11th November 1752 on Marriage Licence

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Other spouses: Susannah WINTER

(8) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4 Charles MATSON

Birth: Apr 1709, Shepherdswell
 Chr: 17 Apr 1709, Shepherdswell
 Chr Memo: or 20th June 1709
 Death: Dec 1749, Wingham, Kent
 Burial: 24 Dec 1749, Wingham, Kent
 Occ: Yeoman Farmer At Wingham Court. Churchwarden And Overseer.

Recorded as ‘of Wingham’ at time of marriage in 1737.

Ch 1709-d12/1749 m Judith Nelson (confirmed by the current Sandwich archivist who is a Nelson descendant himself)

Was Churchwarden of the Parish of Wingham 1742-1743.

His father left him “4 acres lying in Sybertswould called Down Close towards Eithorn aside Sybertswould Down and between Sir Robert Furnesses land and my sister Meriwethers land joining to Back Lane and now in the occupation of Richard Dixonby lease” Also £360. Will Probate 15th May 1750 (Prob 11/779).

Spouse: Judith NELSON
 Birth: 1719, St. Peters, Sandwich
 Death: Dec 1785, Wingham, Kent
 Burial: 12 Dec 1785, Wingham, Kent
 Father: John NELSON (1688-)
 Mother: Judith WISE (~1690-)

Recorded as ‘of St. M. of Sandwich’ at time of marriage in 1737.

Judith was the daughter of John Nelson (b.1688) who was Mayor of Sandwich.

Judith is referred to in the will of her mother-in-law Anne (Nee Boys).

Will of Judith Matson, Widow of Wingham, Kent. 16th December 1785. (Prob 11/1136)

In her husband’s will of 1749, she inherited the lease of farm from husband Charles Matson.

Marr: 12 Nov 1737, Woodnesborough, Kent

Children: Judith (~1738-1822)
 Mary (1741-)
 Ann(e) (1742-1823)
 Elizabeth (Died as Infant) (1743-1744)
 Susanna (1745-1762)
 John (1746-1805)
 Henry (1749-1815)
 Charles (1750-1828)

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.1 Judith MATSON

Birth: abt 1738, Wingham
 Chr: 12 Sep 1738, Wingham, Kent
 Death: 3 Feb 1822

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Shown as aged 26 at time of marriage in 1766. Will Prob 11/1136

Spouse: Rev. Richard HARVEY
 Birth: 1735, Barfrestone
 Death: 1821
 Occ: Vicar Of St. Lawrence, Thanet And Eastry-With-Worth.
 Father: Richard HARVEY (1714-1798)
 Mother: Elizabeth NICHOLLS

Brother of Mary Roberta Harvey, wife of John Matson 1746 - 1805.
 Richard Harvey (1735-1821), M.A., J.P., was the eldest son. He entered the Church; and for many years held in plurality the two livings of St Lawrence (Ramsgate) and Eastry with Worth. He married Judith, eldest daughter of Charles and Judith Matson of Wingham Court. Three successive Richard Harveys followed as Ministers in the Church, the last one being Vicar of Sarisbury, Hants, who died without issue.
 The marriage record of 1766 records Richard as "Clerk aged 26 of Barfrestone". Witnesses were John Matson and Ann Matson Lic.

Marr: 17 Jul 1766, St. Mary, Wingham, Kent
 Marr Memo: By Licence

Children: Richard (1768-1836)

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.1.1 Richard HARVEY

Birth: 1768
 Death: 1836
 Occ: Clerk in Holy Orders

Succeeded his father as Vicar of St. Lawrence.

Spouse: Ann WADE
 Birth: 1771
 Death: 1827

Children: Richard (1796-)

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.1.1.1 Richard HARVEY

Birth: 1796

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.2 Mary MATSON

Birth: 1741, Wingham
 Chr: 26 May 1741, Wingham, Kent

Marriage recorded as 3rd December 1763 in Wingham Parish Records. Witness is Thomas Matson. Is Thomas brother to Charles?

Spouse: Robert KEELER
 Birth: 1737, St. Peters, Sandwich

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Occ: Admiral

Shown as aged 26 at time of marriage 28th November 1763.

Marr: 28 Nov 1763, Wingham, Kent

Marr Memo: Licence Possibly at Sandwich

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.3 Ann (e) MATSON

Birth: 1742, Wingham, Kent
 Chr: 15 Sep 1742, Wingham, Kent
 Death: 1823

Record of marriage states - Benjamin Sayer otp St Clement Sandwich bach to Ann Matson otp sp by licence 22nd August 1771, Witnesses Charles Matson (Ann's brother), Judith Harvey (Ann's sister), Mary Hester Keeler (Ann's sister) Elizabeth Sayer. All signed the register. The minister was R. Harvey the brother-in-law.

Spouse: Benjamin SAYER
 Birth: St. Clement, Sandwich
 Occ: Collector Of Customs For Sandwich And Deal.

A Stephen Sayer is recorded as Churchwarden of the Parish of Wingham in 1766-1777.

A possible descendant?

East Kent Times 24th Feb 1904

A Birchington Fatality.

Mr Thomas SAYER an old and highly respected resident of Birchington and who has for a long period acted as sexton of the parish church, died on Saturday from the results of a recent accident. Mr SAYER, who was 67 years of age, fell from a ladder in the church last week. He was picked up unconscious and died without recovery from that condition. At the inquest on Monday a verdict of "Accidental Death" was returned. It is possible that the Stephen Sayer from Wingham is an ancestor of Thomas. Thomas had a brother Stephen. His father was Henry (1796).

Marr: 22 Aug 1771, St. Mary, Wingham, Kent

Marr Memo: Licence 21st August 1771

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.4 Elizabeth MATSON

Birth: 1743, Wingham
 Chr: 29 Feb 1744, Wingham, Kent
 Death: Jun 1744, Wingham
 Burial: 22 Jun 1744, Wingham, Kent

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.5 Susanna MATSON

Birth: Apr 1745, Wingham, Kent
 Chr: 7 Apr 1745, Wingham, Kent
 Death: Jun 1762, Wingham, Kent
 Burial: 2 Jul 1762, Wingham, Kent

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John MATSON

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.6 John MATSON

Birth: 1746, Wingham Court
 Chr: 21 Jan 1747, Wingham, Kent
 Death: Jan 1805
 Burial: 22 Jan 1805
 Occ: Attorney, Town Clerk Of Sandwich, Later Chief Justice Of Bahamas, Then Dominica.

In 1750, John inherited '2 messuages in Newington and land in Shepherdswell, Staple, Woodnesborough and Ash-next-Sandwich.'

Marriage record states that John is "of St. Peters, Sandwich".

Enrolled as Freeman of Sandwich 29th September 1762 by Redemption. Mayor of Sandwich in 1777 paid £20.

(Reference - Sa/AC9.p.111: RF.46: Boys p.422: Board in Parlour)

Town Clerk of Sandwich 1768-1785. Mayor of Sandwich 1777 and Kings Bailiff.

John MATSON, Vincent PAGE and Thomas RAMMELL of Tilmanstone, attested the Settlement Cert. for Michael TERRY of Tilmanstone 3 Jan 1769 addressed to St Clement Sandwich. (Sandwich ref U3/173/13/7)

J Matson 20, 227 - Capt John Harvey gave some splendid dinners while Mayor of Sandwich 1774/75. He detailed the receipts and expenses, including 2 hares given by 'brother J Matson' (presumably his brother-in-law, Town Clerk John), and tips of a shilling each to Matson's servants who assisted.

Chief Justice of the Bahamas 1785-1788.

Chief Justice of Dominica 1789-1800.

In 1803, his cousin William Maundy Harvey (1774-1813) was also serving in Dominica.

John (1746-1805), an Attorney, was Town Clerk, King's Bailiff, and Mayor of Sandwich - all before his 40th birthday. During the period 1789-1800, he was Chief Justice of Dominica in the West Indies, Judge of the Vice-Admiralty Court, and President of the Legislative Assembly in that Island. For two separate years, John was acting as Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Dominica. He is considered to be quite a star-turn in our family; and the Writer is proud of this collateral ancestor. In the Council Chamber of the Guildhall at Sandwich hangs an excellent portrait painting of the Town Clerk and Chief Justice. (Quote from Colin Matson).

Spouse: Mary Roberta HARVEY
 Birth: Feb 1750, Barfreystone
 Chr: 25 Feb 1750, Barfrestone, Kent
 Death: 7 Oct 1812, Sandwich, Kent
 Father: Richard HARVEY (1714-1798)
 Mother: Elizabeth NICHOLLS

Sister of Richard Harvey, husband of Judith Matson 1738-1828.

The marriage record states that Mary Roberta was "of this parish (Barfreystone), spinster, a minor by licence with Reasearched, Compiled & Written by Roger Hurst

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consent of her father”

Marriage licence shows she was aged 17.

Will of Mary Roberta Matson, Widow of Sandwich, Kent. 19th November 1812. (Prob11/1538)

Marr: 16 Apr 1768, Barfreystone Marr Memo: Mary was a minor. By Licence 14th April 1768

Children: Elizabeth (1769-1798)
 Charles (1769-1856)
 Richard (1771-1848)
 John (1773-1858)
 Henry (1775-1827)
 Mary (1776-)
 Robert (Died as Infant) (1777-1778)
 Judith (1779-1794)
 Robert (1781-1798)
 Jane (1784-)
 Edward (1787-)

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.6.1 Elizabeth MATSON

Birth: 5 Jan 1769, Sandwich
 Chr: 11 Jan 1769, Sandwich Chr Memo: IGI
 Death: 1798

Children: George (Illegitimate) (1791-1792)

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.6.1.1 George MATSON

Birth: Jun 1791, Shepherdswell Birth Memo: Illegitimate son of Elizabeth Matson
 Chr: 10 Jul 1791, Shepherdswell
 Death: 1792, Shepherdswell (Possibly)
 Burial: 23 Sep 1792, Shepherdswell

The illegitimate son of Elizabeth Matson.

There is a record of a George Matson buried 23rd September 1792 at Shepherdswell.

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.6.2 Charles MATSON

Birth: 31 Dec 1769, Sandwich Birth Memo: Christening record.
 Chr: 26 Jan 1770, St. Peters, Sandwich
 Death: 1856
 Occ: Purser In Royal Navy. Retired Paymaster Royal Navy (1851)

1851 census aged 81, born about 1770 in Sandwich. Living at Seafeld Lodge, Warblington, Havant, Hampshire.

The family has three servants, a Footman, a Cook and a Housemaid.

Enrolled, as Freeman of Sandwich 8th December 1791 by Birth There is a note in the Enrollment record that Charles was in France in 1835. (Register reference Sa/AC9.p.384: RF.47: 1835 REGISTER)

Spouse: Elizabeth WHEELER
 Birth: abt 1773, Symington. Hampshire
 Death: Mar 1860, Warblington, Havant, Hampshire Death Memo: Havant 2b 250

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1851 census aged 78

Marr: 30 Jan 1808
 Children: Henry James (1810-1852)
 Jane Grascoolier (~1811-)
 Eliza

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.6.2.1 Henry James MATSON

Birth: 5 Apr 1810
 Death: 14 Dec 1852, Trinidad Of Yellow Fever
 Death Memo: or 23rd October 1845
 Occ: Royal Navy Commander In 1843

MATSON Henry James Rank- Cdr 1843 Born- 05 Apr 1810 *Joined-* 10 Jul 1823 *Spouse-* JOSLING Philadelphia S. *Married-* 12 Jun 1837

10th July 1823 Entered Royal Navy.
 8th April 1835 Lieutenant.

PRIZE MONEY.

London, July 1.

Notice is hereby given to the officers and company of Her Majesty's brig Waterwitch, Lieutenant Henry James Matson commanding, that they will be paid their respective proportions of slave and tonnage bounties for the undermentioned slave vessels, at No. 22, Arundel-street, Strand, on Thursday, the 1st of August next, where recalls will be made on Wednesdays and Thursdays only for the three following months.

Tonnage Bounties for Name unknown, supposed to be the Himmalech, seized the 10th of February, 1842.					
£. s. d.		£. s. d.		£. s. d.	
Flag	110 13 6	3d Class ..	42 0 9	6th Class..	9 6 10
Commander	207 10 4	4th Class ..	28 0 6	7th Class..	4 13 5
2d Class ..	84 1 6	5th Class ..	14 0 8		

Tonnage Bounties for the Gentil Africano, seized August 28, 1842.					
£. s. d.		£. s. d.		£. s. d.	
Flag	42 14 2	3d Class ..	13 17 2½	6th Class..	3 1 7
Commander	89 1 8	4th Class ..	9 4 9½	7th Class..	1 10 9½
2d Class ..	27 14 4½	5th Class ..	4 12 4½		

Slave and Tonnage Bounties for the Josefine, seized Nov. 12, 1842.					
£. s. d.		£. s. d.		£. s. d.	
Flag	71 44 11	3d Class ..	25 10 6½	6th Class..	5 13 5
Commander	134 10 6	4th Class ..	17 0 4½	7th Class ..	2 16 8½
2d Class ..	61 1 1½	5th Class ..	8 10 2½		

THOMAS STILLWELL and SONS,
 22, Arundel-street, Strand, Agents.

Item in 'The Times' 3rd July 1843 reports that Portsmouth, July 2nd. The Waterwitch, 10, Lieutenant-Commander H.J. Matson, has arrived at Portsmouth from the coast of Africa, and will be paid off, having been in commission upwards of four years.

8th May 1849 Promoted to Captain.

Item from 'The London Gazette' of July 5th 1844 reports that "the officers and company of Her Majesty's brig Waterwitch, Lieutenant Henry James Matson commanding, ... will be paid their respective proportions of slave and tonnage bounties for the undermentioned slave vessels...

Served on North America and West Indies, Cape of Good Hope and Coast of Africa.

Henry James Matson was son of Charles Matson esq., Paymaster and Purser, nephew of Admiral Richard Matson, grand-nephew of late Admiral Sir Henry Harvey KB and of Capt John Harvey, second cousin of G W Matson.

Richard Matson was son of late John Matson Esq. Chief Justice and Governor of Dominica, uncle of

Commander Henry Jas Matson, cousin of Commander Geo Wm Matson RN

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Justices of the Peace

Certificates of qualifications of justices - ref. Q27/3

FILE - Justice Captain Henry James Matson; Property, Messuages, lands and tenements at Warblington and Sandwich, Kent - ref. Q27/3/488 - date: 1851

1851 census recorded aged 41 and with his parents at Seafiled Lodge, Warblington, Havant, Hampshire. He is shown as a Captain Royal Navy on Half Pay.

"The Times" of Saturday, March 26th, 1853 reports 'that after having had the ill-fortune to touch at St. Thomas's in

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December last, where she received the seeds of yellow fever, which soon carried off her captain (H.J.Matson, a valuable officer, most deeply regretted by all on board, and a loss of no small consequence to the country generally, as he was acknowledged to be a first-rate sailor, a good officer and equally able with his pen as his sword to improve and uphold the naval service.’

His will is available from the National Archives -

Description - Will of Henry James Matson, Commander in Her Majesty's Royal Navy of Ulster Place Regents Park, Middlesex

Date 09 February 1853

Catalogue reference PROB 11/2167

Dept Records of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury

Series Prerogative Court of Canterbury and related Probate Jurisdictions: Will Registers

Piece Volume number: 3 Quire numbers: 101-150

Only child referred to is daughter Philadelphia. Main beneficiaries are sisters Jane and Eliza, who are also executors.

Spouse: Philadelphia Stephens JOSLING
 Birth: 1824
 Death: 23 Oct 1845, Westbourne Place, Eaton Square, London. Registration District
 Death Memo: 1 4
 Father: Thomas JOSLING

Daughter of Thomas Josling of Lisbon

Recorded as aged 26 in notice of death (23rd Oct.) - ‘The Times’ 25th October 1845.

Marr: 12 Jun 1837, Lisbon, Portugal

Children: Philadelphia S. (1844-)
 Edward Henry (Died as Infant) (1860-1863)

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.6.2.1.1 Philadelphia S. MATSON

Birth: 23 Dec 1844, Westbourne Place, Eaton Square, London.

‘The Times’ of 24th December 1844 has a notice of birth on the 23rd inst.

1851 census recorded as aged 7, born about 1844 and as Granddaughter with Charles (81) and Eliza Matson (78) in Warblington, Havant, Hampshire. “Paulea” is recorded as a scholar at house

1879 marriage record records the name as Philadelphia or Philla and I believe this is the same person.

Spouse: George Sayle PRIOR
 From 1870 Marriage record.

Marr: Jun 1870, Warblington, Havant, Hampshire Marr Memo: Havant 2b 590

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.6.2.1.2 Edward Henry MATSON

Birth: 1860
 Death: 15 Apr 1863, 13, Mornington Crescent, London

Notice in ‘The Times’ of 20th April 1863, states - ‘On the 16th Inst., at 13, Mornington Crescent, in the 3rd year of his age, Edward Henry Matson, eldest son of Captain Josling, Royal Navy.

This raises the question of Edward’s mother as Philadelphia had died in 1845.

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(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.6.2.2 Jane Grascooier MATSON

Birth: abt 1811, Westbourne, Sussex

Middle name from will of brother Henry James. She and her sister are both beneficiaries and executors of his will. 1851 census aged 40 and living with parents in Warblington, Havant, Hampshire

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.6.2.3 Eliza MATSON

Name from will of brother Henry James. She and her sister are both beneficiaries and executors of his will.

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.6.3 Richard MATSON

Birth: 16 Sep 1771
 Chr: 20 Sep 1771
 Death: 19 Mar 1848, 14, Cavendish Road, St. John's Wood, London Death Memo: 1 193
 Occ: Admiral Of The Blue 1847

Enrolled as Freeman of Sandwich 12th November 1792 by Birth. Recorded as in France in 1835 Register. (Reference - Sa/AC9.p.387: RF.47: 1835 REGISTER)
 MATSON Richard *Rank-* Adm 1847 *Joined-* 20 Mar1783

Entered the Navy 20th March 1783.

Henry James Matson was son of Charles Matson esq., Paymaster and Purser, nephew of Admiral **Richard Matson**, grand-nephew of late Admiral Sir Henry Harvey KB and of Capt John Harvey, second cousin of G W Matson.

Richard Matson was son of late John Matson esq., Chief Justice and Governor of Dominica, uncle of Commander Henry Jas Matson, cousin of Commander Geo Wm Matson RN

Notice of death in 'The Times' 21st March 1848 states died on 19th inst, in the 77th year of his life.

Spouse: Elizabeth PALMER
 Marr: 15 May 1804

Children: Melville Gore (~1805-1846)

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.6.3.1a Melville Gore MATSON*

Birth: abt 1805, Ness Cottage, Inverness Birth Memo: Info from IGI
 Death: 13 Feb 1846
 Occ: Captain Of The 39th Regiment

"The London Gazette" of Tuesday 8th June 1830 (reprinted in "The Times" 9th June 1830) has this entry: -
War Office June 8

55th Foot... Melville Gore Matson, grat. to be Ensign, by purchase. vice Wake.

"The Times" of 26th February 1836 has an article referring to Ireland. It quotes from the Tithe Committee of 1832, a statement from Ensign Melville Gore Matson about his duties as an officer assigned to accompany the military to chapel.

There are some mysteries about Lieutenant Matson's family. In 1848, 'The Times' carried a report from the Prerogative Court of Matson v. M'Grath in which his will was being disputed. There is a question over his marriage in Ireland 'to a lady named Charlotte Butler' on 10th November 1823. He is said to have had 4 children by her. His personal property is stated as being to the value of £1,800.

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Spouse: Unknown Female CUMMING

A guess based on daughter Elizabeth having the name ‘Cumming’ added into her name.

Children: Elizabeth Sarah Cumming (~1827-)

Other spouses: Charlotte BUTLER

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.6.3.1a.1 Elizabeth Sarah Cumming MATSON

(See duplicate branch below)

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.6.3.1b Melville Gore MATSON* (See above)

Spouse: Charlotte BUTLER
 Marr: 10 Nov 1823, Enniskillen, Ireland
 Children: Unknown Male
 Unknown Male
 Unknown Male
 John Melville (1843-1892)

Other spouses: Unknown Female CUMMING

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.6.3.1b.1 Unknown Male MATSON

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.6.3.1b.2 Unknown Male MATSON

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.6.3.1b.3 Unknown Male MATSON

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.6.3.1b.4 John Melville MATSON

Birth: 1843, Enniskillen, Ireland
 Death: 12 Apr 1892, ‘The Grange’, Surbiton-On-Hill

According to the report in ‘The Times’ of the Prerogative Court in 1848 at which the will of Lieutenant M.G. Matson is being disputed, this son is the youngest and became and was both born and became an imbecile in 1843. The notice of death records that John was the only son of the late Captain Melville Gore Matson H.M. 59th Regiment, and grandson of the late Admiral Matson. The place of death is recorded as “the house of his (John’s) friends Mr. and Mrs. Beaven. Age at time of death is given as 52.

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(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.6.4 John MATSON

Birth: 23 Aug 1773, Sandwich
 Chr: 27 Aug 1773, Sandwich Chr Memo: IGI
 Death: 14 Dec 1858, 283, Regent Street, London
 Occ: Secretary to Governor of Dominica

Copy of a LETTER from Mr. President MATSON to
 his Grace the Duke of PORTLAND; dated Dominica, 10th
 July 1797.

Dominica, 10th July 1797.

MY LORD,

BY the Packet which arrived Yesterday, I had the Honour to receive your Grace's Circular Duplicate Letter of the 6th of May, accompanied with a Resolution of the House of Commons of the 6th April last, respecting the Negroes in His Majesty's Plantations in the West Indies. I will not fail to avail myself of the earliest Opportunity of obeying His Majesty's Commands, by communicating the Resolution to the Council and Assembly of this Island, and recommending to their particular Attention and Consideration, the Formation of such a System of Measures as may appear to them best suited to the Attainment of the several important Objects which are therein specified.

Your Grace may rest assured, that while I remain in this Government I will not omit to transmit to your Grace, from Time to Time, Accounts of the Proceedings of the Legislature of this Island, in consequence of the above Communication.

I have the Honour to be, &c.

(Signed) J. MATSON.

His Grace the Duke of Portland, &c. &c. &c.

1851 census records a John Matson aged 77 and born about 1774 in Sandwich, as a lodger in the home of John Shipley, 64, at Golden Square, St. James, Westminster.

"The Times" Monday 20th December 1858 carries death notice that states -

'On the 14th inst., at his residence, 283, Regent Street, London, in the 83rd year of his age, John Matson, Esq., formerly Judge of the Admiralty Court at Dominica and son of the late John Matson, Esq., for many years Chief Justice of that Island.'

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(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.6.5 Henry MATSON

Birth: 16 May 1775, Sandwich
 Chr: 17 May 1775, St. Peter's, Sandwich Chr Memo: IGI
 Death: 1827 Death Memo: or 1815
 Occ: Commander then Post-Captain in Royal Navy

her to leeward and out-carrying her, and that by the wind she sails much faster than the Venus. I am, &c.
 W. O'B. DRURY

Sir: Venus, Cork Harbour, July 25.
 I have the satisfaction to acquaint you, that his Majesty's ship under my command, on the morning, at day-light, of the 10th inst. being in lat. 47 deg. 24 min. N. and about the long. 14 deg. W. gave chase to a sail bearing West; and, after a run of 66 miles W.N.W. with a fine breeze from the N.E. in six hours came up with and captured L'Hirondelle French privateer brig, belonging to Dunkirk, mounting 16 guns, four sixes, and the rest 3-pouncers; two of the former were thrown overboard in the chase, and having on board 90 men; left Gigeon, in Spain, 27th of last month, and has not since made any captures. This brig, on her former cruise, fell in with and took the Queen Charlotte packet (Capt. Mudge), after an action of two hours, on the 16th of May last, in the lat. 47 deg. 20 min. N. and long. 12 deg. 20 min. W. and captured several other vessels.

I have the honour to be, &c. H. MATSON

A List of Vessels captured, destroyed, and recaptured, by his Majesty's ships and vessels on the Jamaica station, under the command of Rear-Admiral Dorez, between the 1st of March and the 1st of June, 1805.

FRANCE.—Schooner Hazard, of 6 guns and 30 men, by the Blanche, Capt. Mudge; a national schooner (name unknown), of 1 brass long 12-pounder, 2 brass long 4-pouncers, 4 brass 3-pound snivels, and 96 men, destroyed by the Gracious tender, Mr. Smith, Midshipman of the Hercule; the schooner La Tup-a-Bord, of four 6-pouncers and 46 men, by the Unicorn, Capt. Hardyman; the ship General Erment, late his Majesty's sloop Lilly, of eighteen 12-pound carronades, two long 4-pouncers, 129 seamen, and 31 soldiers, sunk, and exploded in going down, by the Renard, Capt. Coghlan; the schooner Perseverance, of one 12-pounder, four 4-pouncers, and 84 men, by the Seine, Capt. Atkins; the schooner Desired, of one gun and 50 men, destroyed by the Hercule, Capt. Younghusband; and three trading vessels.

SPAIN.—The schooner Santa Rosa, of three guns, and 57 men, by the Hunter, Capt. Ingulfeld; the felucca Conception, of one gun and 25 men, by the Papillon, Capt. Woolsey; the schooner Santa Anna, of one long 12-pounder, four 6-pouncers, and 106 men, by the Pellicier, Capt. Lamborne; the schooner Refugio, of three guns, and 55 men, destroyed by the Surveillante, Capt. Bligh; the schooner San Felix y Socaroc, of one gun, and 40 men, by the Racoon, Capt. Crofton; the schooner Elizabeth, of 10 guns, and 47 men, by the Bacchante, Capt. Dashwood; and seven trading vessels.

DEREN.—The schooner Antelope, of five guns, and 54 men, by the Shark, Capt. Le Geyte; and two trading vessels.

Four Americans and three British vessels recaptured.

Capt. Atkins, of the Seine, in stating the capture of the Spanish schooner Conception, of two long 6-pouncers, and 10 men, observes, "that there were a number of passengers on board, who assisted in making some resistance; but that nothing could withstand the gallant attack of the Seine's burge, under the command of Lieut. Bland, of the Marines. The passengers escaped in a small boat."

ORDNANCE OFFICE, JULY 26.

An example of one successful naval action against the French was reported in a letter published by the "London Gazette" 27th July 1805 and which appeared in "The London Times" on the 29th July 1805. A similar success was reported in "The London Times" on 30th March 1807.

Henry was enrolled as freeman of Sandwich 30th September 1812 by Birth (Reference Sa/AC9.p.591: RF.48)

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.6.6 Mary MATSON

Birth: 25 Oct 1776, Sandwich
 Chr: 29 Oct 1776, Sandwich Chr Memo: IGI

There is a Will for Mary Matson of Sandwich at Archdeaconry Court 1810 532 Book 103.

This could be a link -

If Robert Matson of Swingfield had a brother John who married then equally he could be the father of Robert Matson of Rochester. This source might be a red herring or a possible record indicating this was a likely possibility.

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'Source: Archdeaconry Court of Canterbury Vol 106 f.260, Probate 20 Jan 1821

Richard Rogers of Elham, gent, will dated 18 May 1812

Sarah wife of Joseph Harvey of Dover, victualler

Stephen Knott late of Mongeham, labourer

Benjamin Bullard of Ewell, cordwainer

Mary Matson of Sandwich daughter of the late John Matson

Mary Dunn of Wootton daughter of David Dunn

Sophia Hollands wife of John Fletcher of Dover

Benjamin Agar of Acrise, blacksmith.'

Spouse: Thomas HUTCHINSON

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.6.7 Robert MATSON

Birth: 18 Dec 1777, Sandwich
 Chr: 19 Jan 1778, Sandwich Chr Memo: IGI
 Death: 1778

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.6.8 Judith MATSON

Birth: 3 Aug 1779, Sandwich
 Chr: 8 Aug 1779, St. Peter's, Sandwich
 Death: 26 Sep 1794, Roseau, Dominica

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.6.9 Robert MATSON

Birth: 20 Feb 1781, St. Peters, Sandwich
 Chr: 9 Mar 1781, Sandwich Chr Memo: IGI
 Death: 1798

There is a Robert Matson born 1781 and buried in 1799 in Surrey who may be this Robert.

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.6.10 Jane MATSON

Birth: 8 Jun 1784, Wingham Court, Sandwich
 Chr: 18 Jun 1784, Sandwich Chr Memo: IGI

Spouse: Edward FRASER
 Birth: 1 Jul 1780, Gortuleg, Inverness-shire Birth Memo: Info from IGI
 Death: 12 Apr 1827, Muirtown Locks, Caledonian Canal
 Occ: Captain in the H.E.I. Company's Madras European Regiment
 Father: James FRASER
 Mother: Jean SPALDING (~1749-)

John was Edward's brother. My information on Edward comes from the book "History of the Frasers of Lovat" which I know becomes less reliable the further back in time you go. However, I think that sort of period should be OK. However, that doesn't say Edward was a Reverend. It claims he was a Captain in the H.E.I. Company's Madras European Regiment and was born on the 1st of July 1780, married Jane Matson daughter of John Matson of Kent on 25th September 1815. Apparently, he "drowned in the Caledonian Canal, having fallen into it at Muirtown Locks, while landing from the steamer, on the 12th of April 1827."

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Marr: 25 Sep 1815, Kingsmills, Inverness, Invernesshire, Scotland
 Children: James (1816-1887)
 Edward (1817-1855)
 Thomas (1819-)
 John (1820-)
 Hugh Alexander (1822-)
 Mary (1824-)
 Jane (1825-)
 Katherine Elizabeth (Died as Infant) (1827-1827)

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.6.10.1 James FRASER

Birth: 4 Jul 1816, Maryfield, Inverness
 Death: Sep 1887, Woolwich Death Memo: 1d 721
 Spouse: Georgina Inglis CLEATHER
 Children: Edward Cleather
 Amy Georgina (1872-1964)

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.6.10.1.1 Edward Cleather FRASER

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.6.10.1.2 Amy Georgina FRASER

Birth: 1872
 Death: 1964
 Spouse: Stuart Moore BRODIE
 Birth: 1869
 Death: 1947
 Children: Vere Fraser (1896-1978)

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.6.10.1.2.1 Vere Fraser BRODIE

Birth: 12 Nov 1896
 Death: 7 Dec 1978
 Spouse: Bayard Sorby HISSEY
 Birth: 1898
 Death: 1965
 Marr: 31 Oct 1925
 Children: John Eric (1929-)

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.6.10.1.2.1.1 John Eric BRODIE HISSEY

Birth: 1929
 Spouse: Penelope Cranstoun TODD

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Birth: 1935
Marr: 1957
Children: Julia Elizabeth (1962-)

(15) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.6.10.1.2.1.1.1 Julia Elizabeth HISSEY

Birth: 1962
Spouse: Ian HENDERSON
Birth: 1958

Living at Tonbridge, Kent.

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.6.10.2 Edward FRASER

Birth: 19 Sep 1817, Ness Cottage, Inverness Birth Memo: Info from Susan Fraser
Death: 29 Dec 1855
Occ: Advocate at Scottish Bar, Sherrif-Substitue of Sutherlandshire

Died without issue. Information from “The Frasers of Lovat” and supplied by Susan Fraser.

Spouse: Elizabeth Sarah Cumming MATSON
Birth: abt 1827, Ness Cottage, Inverness
Father: Melville Gore MATSON (~1805-1846)
Mother: Unknown Female CUMMING
Marr: 19 Apr 1854 Marr Memo: From IGI.

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.6.10.3 Thomas FRASER

Birth: 24 Feb 1819, Ness Cottage, Inverness

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.6.10.4 John FRASER

Birth: 15 Jun 1820, Ness Cottage, Inverness

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.6.10.5 Hugh Alexander FRASER

Birth: 19 Jul 1822, Ness Cottage, Inverness-shire

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.6.10.6 Mary FRASER

Birth: 20 Mar 1824, Heath Cottage, Inverness-shire

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.6.10.7 Jane FRASER

Birth: 20 Nov 1825, Heath Cottage, Inverness-shire

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(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.6.10.8 Katherine Elizabeth FRASER

Birth: 16 Mar 1827, Heath Cottage, Inverness-shire
 Death: 1827

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.6.11 Edward MATSON

Birth: 17 Feb 1787, Sandwich
 Chr: 10 Mar 1787, St. Peter's, Sandwich Chr Memo: IGI

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.7 Henry MATSON

Birth: 1749, Wingham
 Chr: 27 Mar 1749, Wingham, Kent
 Death: 1815 Sandwich
 Burial: 7 May 1815, Northbourne, Kent
 Occ: Haberdasher/Woolen Draper Of Sandwich. Four Times Mayor Of Sandwich

Henry MATSON of St Peter Thanet linen draper ba Licence (dated 15.7.1776) to marry Jane HOILE of same, spr. To be at St Peter Thanet (Willis Licence lists)

Note - St Peter in Thanet is today in the town of Broadstairs, Thanet. Northbourne is about 14 miles away. St Peter, Sandwich is somewhere different and about 4 miles from Northbourne.

Enrolled as Freeman of Sandwich 27th February 1770 by Apprenticeship to Henry Wise and heirs. Articles. 24th March 1763-1770 Henry is recorded as having the following apprentices - John Tipper Woodward, William Drayson, James Matson (with John Carter) (Reference - Sa/AC9.p.169: RF.46: Boys p.422 + MSS entry in Hist.Soc.Boys: Board in Parlour)

Mayor of Sandwich in 1779, 1781, 1787, 1789.

H. MATSON, Sandwich, and John MATSON of Sandwich: Meeting re River Stour Navigation Project (Kentish Gazette Jun 8-11 1790 p.1 col.1)

H. MATSON, Sandwich: meeting at the New Inn to discuss River Stour navigation project (Kentish Gazette Jun 11-15 1790 p.1 col.2)

Henry MATSON Esq., Steward of Auricula Feast at Wingham (Kentish Gazette Tu 3 May 1808 p.1 col.2)

Spouse: Jane HOILE
 Birth: abt 1753, Northbourne, Kent
 Death: Oct 1798, Northbourne, Kent
 Burial: 22 Oct 1798, Northbourne, Kent
 Father: Valentine HOILE (~1712-)
 Mother: Mary DANTON
 Marr: 22 Jul 1776, St. Peter's, Sandwich

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(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8 Charles MATSON

Birth: 1750, Wingham
 Chr: 19 Aug 1750, Wingham, Kent
 Death: 2 Sep 1828, Wingham
 Burial: 8 Sep 1828, Wingham, Kent
 Occ: Farmer, Churchwarden And Overseer

Born after Fathers death. Lived at Wingham Court.



St Mary the Virgin, Wingham about 1807

Was Churchwarden of the Parish of Wingham 1778-1779, 1796-1797, 1809-1810 and 1816-1817.

Leased Wenderton Farm from the Oxenden Family who were Lords of the Manor and substantial landowners.

Believed that he continued to live at Wingham Court.

Charles also owned a house, cottages and an Oasthouse in Wingham and leased a warehouse in Sandwich. The Matson hop business shipped goods via Sandwich to London.

Charles was a collector of Land Tax and in 1798 is recorded as making payments on six properties in Wingham himself. Record of burial records Charles as aged 78.

After the death of Charles the properties were sold and the proceeds shared amongst his children.

Prerogative Court of Canterbury wills

Will of Charles Matson, Gentleman of Wingham, Kent 08 May 1832 PROB 11/1800

By the wording of his will it is clear that he disliked his son-in-law William Hart and did all in his power to ensure that Jane received her share of the Matson farm in Wingham and the family hop business in Sandwich. This was a time when married women normally had to give control of property to their husbands, so pages of the will contain detail of how Jane's brother Charles was to ensure the husband did not get her money.

Spouse: Sarah POWELL
 Birth: 1759
 Death: Aug 1845, Wingham
 Burial: 1 Sep 1845, Wingham, Kent

Record of marriage from St. Anne's in the Westminster Archives. Witnesses were Ar Craddock and Ann Craddock. There is definitely no Wingham marriage record, which fits Charles and Sarah. There is a St Anne's Westminster parish record. This is the most likely Sarah but cannot be absolutely confirmed. It is likely because the Matson family had a hop business that involved occasional travel to London.

In the East Kent Sessions Papers (Q/SBe/121 - Adjourned November 1830) there is this entry " a) Deposition of Robert Matson of Wingham, describing the breaking of his mother's threshing machine. c) Deposition of Robert Matson, stating that John Taylor was involved. Henry Andrews was also identified as concerned in the breaking by means of Deposition of others as well as Robert Matson These are dated 31st October 1830. Also Deposition of Caroline Matson of Wingham, concerning the breaking of her mother's machine - date 20th November 1830.

A James Powell was Churchwarden of the Parish of Wingham 1799-1801 and 1806-1807. This could possibly be a relation of Sarah.

1841 census Sarah Matson aged 80, born about 1761 and living in Wingham with daughters Anne, 30, and Caroline, 40.

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At time of burial, Sarah is recorded as aged 86.

Marr: 31 Mar 1778, St. Anne's, Soho.

Children: Harriet (1778-1853)
 Jane (1779-1861)
 Charles (1781-1856)
 Sarah (1783-1799)
 James (1785-1812)
 Mary (1787-1802)
 Robert (1788-1881)
 Henry (1790-1867)
 Thomas (Died as Infant) (1792-1794)
 Caroline (1794-1845)
 Ann (1796-1885)
 Eliza (1797-)
 Elizabeth (1799-1815)

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.1 Harriet MATSON

Birth: 29 Aug 1778, London
 Chr: 11 Sep 1778, Wingham
 Death: 31 Jan 1853, London

Shown as aged 22 at time of marriage in 1801.
 Record of marriage shows witnesses as Elizabeth M...(?) and William Baker.

Spouse: John HAWKES
 Birth: 12 Nov 1779, Wingham
 Birth Memo: Place from marriage record
 Death: 2 May 1824, Westminster. London
 Occ: Yeoman
 Father: William HAWKES (1741-1807)
 Mother: Elizabeth HILLS

Was Churchwarden of the Parish of Wingham possibly during 1803-1804, Churchwarden (Brook) 1813 and Churchwarden (Dene) 1812-1814. Hawkes is a common name with several branches around Wingham, and there are other references to Hawkes as churchwardens.

Shown as aged 22 at time of marriage in 1801.
 Five children of John and Harriet emigrated to Australia; Marianne, William Keeler, Elizabeth, John Charles and Charlotte.
 There are letters to Elizabeth Hawkes from Mary Matson, (1813-1871) her first cousin who lived in Essex.

Marr: 16 Nov 1801, Wingham, Kent Marr Memo: Banns

Children: Harriet (1802-1828)
 Marianne (1803-1846)
 William Keeler (1805-1882)
 Elizabeth (1806-1873)
 Caroline (1807-1827)

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Sophia (1808-1866)
 John Charles (1809-1857)
 Matson (1811-1859)
 Julia (1812-1832)
 Emily (1813-1846)
 Catherine (1815-1834)
 Joseph (Died as Child) (1817-1819)
 Charlotte (1819-1888)
 Josephine Amelia (1822-1837)

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.1.1 Harriet HAWKES

Birth: 24 Nov 1802, Wingham
 Chr: 28 Jul 1803, Wingham
 Death: 14 Jul 1828, London

Spouse: Charles CHURCHILL

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.1.2 Marianne HAWKES

Birth: 21 Dec 1803, Wingham
 Chr: 6 Feb 1804, Wingham
 Death: 7 Jan 1846, Franklin Village, Launceston, Tasmania
 Burial: St.James. SL03/0024-3, Franklin Village

Her sister Charlotte arrived in Franklin, Tasmania in 1844 as a companion and nurse to Marianne who had tuberculosis. Marianne was aged 41 and Charlotte was 25.



William Keeler HAWKES

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.1.3 William Keeler HAWKES

Birth: 27 Jan 1805, Wingham
 Chr: 31 Jul 1805, Wingham
 Death: 29 Sep 1882, Tasmania
 Burial: 2 Oct 1882, St James, SLo3/0024-1, Franklin Village.
 Occ: School Master & Member Of The Tasmanian Legislature

Picture shows William as a member of the Tasmanian Legislature in 1877 when William was aged 72.
 William Keeler Hawkes writing to cousin Eliza who I [Dawn Dyson] think is Robert's daughter mentions cousin

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Henry as being in England.

Charlotte and Marianne Hawkes went to live with their brother William Keeler Hawkes and their sister-in-law Martha at Franklin House with it's newly established school for boys.

Charlotte Hawkes says in a letter to her nephew John William HAWKES of the letter below -

This letter was written to our cousin Eliza Matson in Kent but never sent. She has long since been Married and I believe very comfortably off - her Sister, who came out with her Husband & Children to N. Zealand - years ago and were wrecked - never got on - and got to Melbourne where he never did well because he was given to intemperate Habits - so soon settled all good prospects - and died miserably poor - a Clever man but a bad Temper, a Gentleman born - but lost by bad habits. The sons are Steady good young men eaten up with pride - one is a Chemist at Sandhurst, the others were in wholesale light goods Warehouses - The two daughters teach - I have not heard from Cousin, their Mother, for 2 or 3 years

From Franklin Village March 9 1882 Perhaps W.K.Hawkes to Cousin Eliza (no address)

Dear Cousin Eliza, Your letter with Memorial Card of my Uncle reached me sometime in Dec'br. I was then ill -



Launceston Tasmania (Marked with Red Circle.)

- Maryann tells me your brother Henry's son wishes to come to these Colonies - if he makes up his mind so to do, tell him from me Every man here depends on his merits - (WKH died Sep 1882)

In his will, made six months before his death, he bequeathed £300 toward the establishment or maintenance of a sailor's home in Launceston and £100 for prizes at Launceston

Church Grammar School, where the Hawkes prizes have been awarded annually since 1889.

An article in the "Launceston Examiner" on the 10th September 1897 records that a Sailors' Home fund was established for the relief of seamen who had been left behind in hospital when their ship sailed and who, when discharged, were not strong enough to go to work or join a ship.

Spouse: Martha GREEN
 Birth: 1807, England
 Death: 18 Aug 1886, Tasmania

The parents of William Keeler Hawkes wife Martha - Martha's brother, Richard Green also emigrated to Tasmania, as did her sister Frances (married Dr, Matthias) and they owned adjacent land at Windermere on the Tamar - close to Henry Matson's land.

Marr: 1833, England

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.1.4 Elizabeth HAWKES

Birth: 19 Mar 1806, Wingham
 Chr: 22 Jul 1806, Wingham

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Death: 28 Aug 1873, Tasmania
 Burial: St James, SLo3/0024-4, Franklin Village.
 Occ: Teacher



Franklin House, Tasmania

The school where Elizabeth taught is Franklin House in Tasmania.
 Franklin House is a National Trust building, beautifully restored, and has a research area they will allow me (Maggie Fletcher) to access. They have very little knowledge of Elizabeth, other than the information that she was teaching in the school, and that she is buried in the church across the road from Franklin House.
 The Headstone of Elizabeth HAWKES. Died in 1873 aged 67yrs. Source: Franklin Village St James Anglican Church And Cemetery.

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.1.5 Caroline HAWKES

Birth: 31 Jul 1807, Wingham
 Chr: 30 Aug 1807, Wingham
 Death: 30 Jul 1827, Westminster, London

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.1.6 Sophia HAWKES

Birth: 3 Sep 1808, Wingham, Kent
 Chr: 4 Dec 1808, Wingham
 Death: 15 Jun 1866, Egham, Surrey
 Burial: Jun 1866, Woking Cemetery, Surrey

Grand-daughter of Charles Matson 1750-1828 and daughter of Harriet Matson 1778-1853
 This couple had no children (Info from Linda Foreman)

Spouse: Charles HART
 Birth: 7 Feb 1813, Drogheda, Ireland
 Death: 16 Mar 1886, Kew, Richmond, Surrey
 Burial: 1886, Mortlake cemetery, Surrey Burial Memo: Info from Thom Coventry
 Father: William HART (1775-1848)
 Mother: Jane MATSON (1779-1861)

At the 1851 Census Charles Heart (38) East India Merchant, is living at 2 Norman Terrace, Wellington Road, Lambeth. Living with him are wife Sophia (42) and his wife's mother, the widowed Harriett Hawks (72). At the 1861 Census his future second wife Caroline Hawkes (nee Tyrer) is a widow of (40) living with her daughters Louisa (7) and Harriet (4) at Churchfields, Cheshunt, Herts. with Caroline's widowed father James Tyrer (74) who is a Commission Agent. At the 1871 Census for Egham, Surrey, Charles Hart (58) is a farmer of 21 acres employing 1 man, 2 boys. He is also clerk to a corn merchant. He lives at Runnymede Farm, Hythe. His second wife Caroline L. (49) was born in London. His stepsons living with him are: William A. Hawkes (18) and Edwin C. Hawkes (16) who are both occupied on the farm. Also his step- daughters Louisa M. (17) Harriet E. (14). Buried Mortlake Cemetery.

Married on the 29 Mar 1845, Vincent Square, Westminster, London Marr Memo: Info from Thom Coventry

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(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.1.7 John Charles HAWKES

Birth: 12 Jul 1809, Wingham
 Chr: 12 Jan 1810, Wingham
 Death: 24 Oct 1857, Drowned In Sydney Harbour, Australia
 Occ: Pilot Captain

He moved from Wingham to London with his parents as a boy and joined the merchant navy about the time his father died in 1824.

He emigrated to Australia in 1838 and married Caroline Tyrer in Sydney on the 23rd July 1851. The evidence for this is in the family bible in his own writing, which I (Linda Foreman) still have.

I (Linda) also have the original death certificate and an original newspaper giving details of his drowning near Sydney heads, when he was a pilot on Sydney Harbour, on the 24th October 1857. His widow used the death grant (given by the NSW Government because of his position as a Harbour Pilot) to bring her 4 small children to England.

Spouse: Caroline Louise TYRER
 Birth: 1820, London
 Death: 24 Apr 1893, Richmond, Surrey

At the 1861, Census Charles Hart's future second wife Caroline Hawkes (nee Tyrer) is a widow of (40) living with her daughters Louisa (7) and Harriet (4) at Churchfields, Cheshunt, Herts. with Caroline's widowed father James Tyrer (74) who is a Commission Agent. At the 1871 Census for Egham, Surrey, Charles Hart (58) is a farmer of 21 acres employing 1 man, 2 boys. He is also clerk to a corn merchant. He lives at Runnymede Farm, Hythe. His second wife Caroline L. (49) was born in London. His stepsons living with him are: William A. Hawkes (18) and Edwin C. Hawkes (16) who are both occupied on the farm. Also his stepdaughters Louisa M. (17) Harriet E. (14). Buried Mortlake Cemetery.

Marr: 23 Jul 1851, Sydney, Australia

Children: William Augustus (1852-1894)
 Louisa M. (1853-1920)
 Edwin C. (1855-1881)
 Harriet E. (1856-1921)
 John C. (Died as Infant) (1858-1858)

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William Augustus HAWKES

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.1.7.1 William Augustus HAWKES

Birth: 21 Jun 1852, Sydney, Australia
Death: 17 Mar 1894, Richmond, Surrey
Occ: Sergeant of Artillery

William died of pneumonia and a recurrence of fevers suffered in India, and his sister Harriet wrote to her New Zealand cousin, John William Hawkes, that he was last conscious on the 4th birthday of his son (i.e. 13/03/1894) then went into a coma until Saturday 17th March. (Info from Linda Foreman).



Frances Isabel SEALE

Spouse: Frances Isabel SEALE
Birth: 9 Oct 1862, Manordivy, Pembrokeshire
Death: 26 Mar 1948, Herne Bay, Kent
Marr: 8 May 1889, Greenwich

Children: Harriet Edith May (1893-1972)
John Charles (1890-1953)
Caroline I. (1891-1967)

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Harriet Edith May HAWKES

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.1.7.1.1 Harriet Edith May HAWKES

Birth: 20 Feb 1893, Richmond, Surrey
Death: 13 Dec 1972, Hexham, Northumberland

Spouse: George Edwin FOREMAN
Birth: 7 Sep 1895, Rothbury, Northumberland
Death: 16 May 1974, Hexham, Northumberland
Marr: 15 Feb 1919, Herne Bay, Kent

Children: Edwin Barry (1922-)



Edwin Barry FOREMAN

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.1.7.1.1.1 Edwin Barry FOREMAN

Birth: 18 Sep 1922, Waterhead, Northumberland

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Blanche IRWIN

Spouse: Blanche IRWIN
 Birth: 22 Sep 1927, Hexham, Northumberland
 Marr: 31 May 1947, Hexham, Northumberland

Children: Linda Mary (1950-)

(15) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.1.7.1.1.1.1.1 Linda Mary FOREMAN

Birth: 1950
 Occ: Information Technology

They have one son.

Spouse: Geoffrey H. SEEL
 Birth: 1948
 Occ: Information Technology



John Charles HAWKES

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.1.7.1.2 John Charles HAWKES

Birth: 13 Mar 1890, Port Patrick, Wigtownshire
 Death: 30 Jan 1953, Tollesbury, Essex

Both Louis Matson and John Charles Hawkes were members of the East Kent Yeomanry. My father (Linda) recently gave me a small album that I had never seen. It includes this photo dated Nov 1914 and a few of his own father in WW1 and his mother as a clerk in the Army Pay Office at Canterbury, where they met when he returned wounded from the trenches. She lived at Herne Bay but moved to Northumberland after her marriage.

This is John Charles HAWKES 1890-1953 named after his grandfather the Captain.

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Spouse: Dora SPARROW
Marr: 1 Jul 1918, Chelmsford, Essex



Caroline I. HAWKES

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.1.7.1.3 Caroline I. HAWKES

Birth: 21 Jul 1891, Port Patrick, Wigtownshire
Death: 14 Jul 1967, Herne, Kent

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.1.7.2 Louisa M. HAWKES

Birth: 29 Nov 1853, Sydney, Australia
Death: 1920, Egham, Surrey

This couple had 4 children.

Spouse: Charles OADES
Birth: 1850, Egham, Surrey
Marr: 13 Dec 1879, Isleworth, Middlesex

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.1.7.3 Edwin C. HAWKES

Birth: 30 Mar 1855, Watsons Bay, New South Wales
Death: 26 Apr 1881, Straits of Magellan

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.1.7.4 Harriet E. HAWKES

Birth: 6 Nov 1856, Watsons Bay, New South Wales
Death: 26 Oct 1921, Canterbury, Kent

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(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.1.7.5 John C. HAWKES

Birth: 1 Jul 1858, Balmain, Sydney, Australia
 Death: 28 Nov 1858, Sydney, Australia

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.1.8 Matson HAWKES

Birth: 3 Mar 1811, Wingham
 Death: 19 Jan 1859, Madras, India. Died after 17 months illness. (Info from Dawn Dyson).
 Occ: Sergeant Of Artillery, Army Captain

Spouse: Elizabeth JOHNSON
 Birth: England
 Marr: 1834, England
 Children: John William (1836-1922)



John William HAWKES

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.1.8.1 John William HAWKES

Birth: 22 Jun 1836, London
 Death: 1 Aug 1922, Richmond, Nelson, New Zealand
 Burial: 3 Aug 1922, Richmond Cemetery, Nelson, N.Z.
 Occ: Farmer

This branch is now in New Zealand and descendants include Dawn Dyson whose assistance in researching this document is most gratefully acknowledged.

As these descendants are not relations of my own the line, no further details are included.

The photo is dated 1888 and is almost certainly John William Hawkes, aged 52, the nephew of William Keeler Hawkes. I think he is wearing the same suit as that in his uncle William's picture of 1872. We know from surviving letters that an aunt often sent him old clothing from Tasmania to New Zealand so this was a pleasing proof of Dawn's (Dyson) conjecture about the photo.

Note: In 1844 John lived at 3 Vincent Sq. Westminster, London with his grandmother. In August 1845, he arrived Tasmania on the barque "Renown". He lived after that with his uncle William Keeler Hawkes at Franklin House in Launceston Tasmania.

The following from Dawn Dyson -

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believe very comfortably off - her Sister, who came out with her Husband & Children to N. Zealand - years ago and were wrecked - never got on - and got to Melbourne where he never did well because he was given to intemperate Habits - so soon settled all good prospects - and died miserably poor - a Clever man but a bad Temper, a Gentleman born - but lost by bad habits. The sons are Steady good young men eaten up with pride - one is a Chemist at Sandhurst, the others were in wholesale light goods Warehouses - The two daughters teach - I have not heard from Cousin, their Mother for 2 or 3 years

From Franklin Village March 9 1882 Perhaps W.K.Hawkes to Cousin Eliza (no address)

Dear Cousin Eliza, Your letter with Memorial Card of my Uncle reached me sometime in Dec'br. I was then ill - Maryann tells me Yr brother Henry's son wishes to come to these Colonies - if he makes up his mind so to do, tell him from me Every man here depends on his merits - (WKH died Sep 1882)

Spouse: Mary BARNETT
 Birth: 18 Jul 1844, Bagnelastown, Co. Carlow, Ireland
 Death: 7 Jun 1927, Richmond, Nelson, New Zealand
 Burial: 8 Jun 1927, Richmond Cemetery, Nelson, N.Z.
 Father: Thomas BARNETT
 Mother: Bridget KELLY

This couple had 11 children including "William Matson Hawkes" whose details are shown as he carried the 'Matson' name. I have not included further details of the children or of the children's descendants as they are too far removed from our Matson Family Tree.

Marr: 8 May 1870, Bowen, Queensland, Australia
 Children: William Matson (1874-1962)

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.1.8.1.1 William Matson HAWKES

Birth: 23 Jan 1874, Dovedale, Nelson, New Zealand
 Chr: 21 Jan 1875, Dovedale, Nelson, New Zealand
 Death: 9 Mar 1962, Dovedale, Nelson, New Zealand
 Burial: 13 Mar 1962, Dovedale, Nelson, New Zealand

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.1.9 Julia HAWKES

Birth: 26 May 1812, Wingham
 Chr: 2 Jul 1812, Wingham
 Death: 13 Mar 1832, London

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.1.10 Emily HAWKES

Birth: 9 Nov 1813, Wingham
 Chr: 7 Oct 1814, Wingham
 Death: 1846
 Descendants of this couple: -
 Caroline Herring b: 1839 Poplar, Middx
 Bernard Stock b: 1830 Bow, Middx m: 1866
 Ethel M. Stock b: 1868 Kensington
 Bernard A. Stock b: 1870 Teddington
 Charles H. Stock b: 1874 Teddington
 Constance M. Stock b: 1876 Kingston-upon-Thames
 Evelyn Stock b: 1879 Kingston-upon-Thames
 Charles Herring b: 1842 d: 1881

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Son1 Herring
 Son2 Herring

Spouse: George HERRING
 Birth: Feb 1815, Poplar, Middlesex
 Death: aft 1881

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.1.11 Catherine HAWKES

Birth: 17 Feb 1815, Wingham
 Chr: 22 May 1815, Parish Church, Eastry, Kent
 Death: 29 Oct 1834, London

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.1.12 Joseph HAWKES

Birth: 19 Sep 1817, Lambeth, London
 Chr: 28 Mar 1818, Lambeth, London
 Death: 1 Mar 1819, Lambeth, London Or Wingham



Charlotte HAWKES

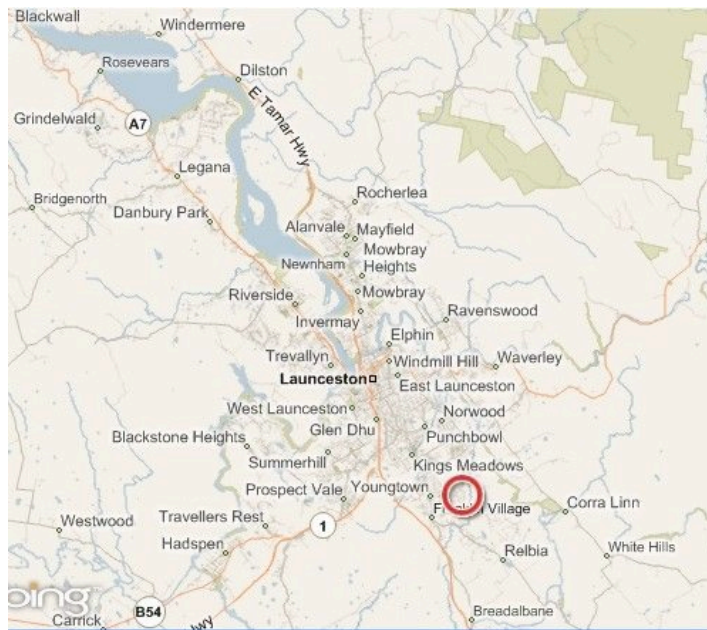
(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.1.13 Charlotte HAWKES

Birth: 8 Mar 1819, Lambeth, London
 Chr: Feb 1820, St Marial Church, Lambeth, London
 Death: 17 Mar 1888, Franklin House, Franklin Village, Launceston, Tasmania
 Death Memo: At 1am (from a solicitors' letter)
 Burial: 1888, St James, SLo3/0024-5, Franklin Village

Her young days in England remain a mystery. Fatherless at 5 years, one of 13 children of Harriet and John Hawkes, a former farming family from Kent, did she embark willingly on the long journey to the colony of Tasmania to live with a brother 14 years older?... (This refers to William Keeler Hawkes 1805-1882)
 Charlotte arrived in the colony in 1844 as a companion and nurse to her older sister Marianne who had tuberculosis. Marianne was aged 41 and Charlotte was 25. Marianne died just 14 months after their arrival.
 In her late twenties Charlotte went to work for the Edward Archer family at Northbury, Longford where she remained for almost 40 years.

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Location of Franklin Village shown by Red Circle

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After her brother William (1882) and his wife Martha (1886) had died, Charlotte moved into Franklin House in Franklin Village, Launceston. She died unmarried.

A letter dated 26 March 1888 from R. Green...told of Charlotte's death...Mrs. Archer, her long time employer was with her at the end of her life...

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.1.14 Josephine Amelia HAWKES

Birth: 3 Jun 1822, London
 Death: 8 Jul 1837, London

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.2 Jane MATSON

Birth: 27 Nov 1779, Wingham
 Chr: 25 Dec 1779, Wingham, Kent
 Death: 17 May 1861, Woking, Surrey
 Burial: May 1861, Woking Cemetery, Surrey Burial Memo: Info from Tom Coventry

Recorded as 'of this parish' at time of marriage to William Hart. E.g. St. George, Canterbury.
 She had 8 children, 3 of whom died as young adults. Elizabeth and Henry appear to be the only children who had issue.
 At least 3 of the children, Henry, Samuel and Charles were born in Wicklow, Ireland,

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William HART

Spouse: William HART
 Birth: 18 May 1775, Netherby, Dorset Birth Memo: Info from Genesreunited
 Death: 1 Sep 1848, Wynberg, South Africa
 Burial: Sep 1848, Wynberg, South Africa Burial Memo: Info from Tom Coventry
 Occ: Lieutenant Colonel In The Army.

Entered the Royal navy as Midshipman and subsequently appointed as Ensign to the Dorset Militia 13th December 1792, Second Lieutenant 28th June 1793, followed by various promotions and postings until retiring by Sale of Commission 21st April 1814.

Shown as aged 24 at time of marriage in 1801.

Living in Wicklow, Ireland in 1810.

Served as Cornet to Royal Wagon Train, from 25th May 1815, in Army of Occupation Paris.

Purchased property in Dorset, namely Colmers' Estate, Greening's Orchard, Ford, Pomice, Hurlands, Coopers etc.

In 1819 went to The Cape of Good Hope and settled there.

William Hart achieved the rank of Lt.Col in 111th Dorsetshire Foot Regiment at the age of 18. He served in various countries, including in Ireland. Things had not gone well for him financially so at the end of the Napoleonic Wars her husband decided to take advantage of a government settlement scheme for ex-soldiers and went out to the colony at the Cape of Good Hope in South Africa with his adult children Henry and Elizabeth. His son William joined them later. His wife Jane remained in England.

In his will, Charles Matson (1750-1828) shows his dislike of son-in-law William Hart who married Charles' daughter Jane.

We now have lots more information about the Hart family and it is confirmed that William was an army officer very bad with money and had disappeared off to South Africa by the time this will was written, leaving Jane in England. Some of their children went to South Africa with William and some stayed with Jane.

Marr: 18 Jan 1801, St George's Church, Canterbury

Marr Memo: Info from Tom Coventry. Banns

Children: Elizabeth (1802-1883)
 Mary Anne (Died as Child) (1803-)
 William (1805-1865)
 George (Died as Child) (1806-)
 Henry George (1808-1878)
 Samuel Hood (1811-1875)
 Charles (1813-1886)
 Emily (Died as Child) (1818-)

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(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.2.1 Elizabeth HART

Birth: 21 Apr 1802, Tenterden, Kent
 Death: 21 Jan 1883, Pietermaritzburg, Natal
 Death Memo: Info from Thom Coventry

William Hart, her father, achieved the rank of Lt.Col in 111th Dorsetshire Foot Regiment at the age of 18. He served in various countries, including in Ireland. Things had not gone well for him financially so at the end of the Napoleonic Wars her husband decided to take advantage of a government settlement scheme for ex-soldiers and went out to the colony at the Cape of Good Hope in South Africa with his adult children Henry and Elizabeth. His son William joined them later. His wife Jane remained in England. Married twice. 1821 in Cape of Good Hope to George Scott and in 1835 at Cape Town to Thomas Oakes.

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.2.2 Mary Anne HART

Birth: 25 Oct 1803, Tenterden, Kent
 Death Memo: Died young. Info from Thom Coventry

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.2.3 William HART

Birth: 24 Jan 1805
 Death: 3 Feb 1865, Cape of Good Hope, South Africa

William Hart, the father, achieved the rank of Lt.Col in 111th Dorsetshire Foot Regiment at the age of 18. He served in various countries, including in Ireland. Things had not gone well for him financially so at the end of the Napoleonic Wars her husband decided to take advantage of a government settlement scheme for ex-soldiers and went out to the colony at the Cape of Good Hope in South Africa with his adult children Henry and Elizabeth. His son William joined them later. His wife Jane remained in England.

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.2.4 George HART

Birth: 10 Aug 1806, Tenterden, Kent
 Birth Memo: Died young. Info from Thom Coventry

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.2.5 Henry George HART

Birth: 7 Sep 1808, Powerscourt, Wicklow, Ireland
 Birth Memo: Info from Thom Coventry/Glenree, Co. Wicklow, Ireland
 Chr: 30 Oct 1808, Powerscourt, Wicklow, Ireland
 Death: 24 Mar 1878, Biarritz, France
 Burial: Mar 1878, Boulogne-sur-Mer, France

Lieutenant General in 49th Foot Regiment. Proprietor Of "Hart's Army List". He rose to the following ranks: Ensign- April 1, 1829; Lieutenant- July 19, 1832; Captain- Dec. 1, 1842; Major- Dec. 15, 1848; Lieutenant-Colonel- May 30, 1856; Colonel- Dec. 27, 1860; Major-General- March 6, 1868; Lieutenant- General- Dec. 4, 1877. At the 1861 Census for Surrey, he is listed as (52) Colonel in the Army on half pay, living at 59 Oak Hill Grove, Kingston, Surrey with his wife Frances (50), Jane Margaret (27), Frances Alice (21), Isabel Clara (14), Horatio (10). A

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contemporary wit remarked that their children were 'Harts of Oke'. Note the possibly Surrey connection to his wife's family She was born in Epsom and her parents were married in Kingston-on-Thames. It is possible that her mother's family, the Busbys, lived in Chertsey. Buried at Boulogne-sur-Mer in a grave contiguous to that of his wife and under the same granite obelisk.

Spouse: Francis Alicia OKES
 Birth: 20 Nov 1809, Linton, Cambridge, England
 Death: 24 Dec 1874, Boulogne-sur-Mer, France

Buried at Boulogne-sur-Mer in a grave contiguous to that of her husband and under the same granite obelisk. She had 9 children, 3 of whom died in childhood. Her surviving children were Jane, Frances, Arthur, Isabel, Reginald and Horatio, all of whom were all married and most had issue.

Marr: 7 Jan 1833, Reformed Church, Cape of Good Hope, South Africa

Children: Francis Alicia (~1840-)
 Isabel Clara (1846-1929)

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.2.5.1 Francis Alicia HART

 Birth: abt 1840
 Spouse: Edward COVENTRY
 Children: Henry George

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.2.5.1.1 Henry George COVENTRY

 Spouse: Emma Constance TAYLOR
 From Ongar, Essex.
 Children: Henry Oswald

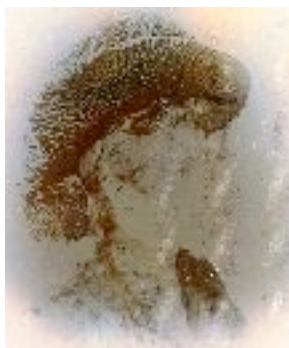
(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.2.5.1.1.1 Henry Oswald COVENTRY

 Spouse: Rose Ann
 Children: Thomas

(15) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.2.5.1.1.1.1 Thomas COVENTRY

 Provided information on Hart family which links to Matsons and Linda Foreman's family. Contact made via Betty Matson. Included for record purposes only.

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Isabel Clara HART

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.2.5.2 Isabel Clara HART

Birth: 4 Jun 1846, Galway, Ireland
 Death: 9 Mar 1929, Folkestone, Kent

31st March 1861. Oak Hill Grove, Kingston, Surrey, England
 Description: Henry George Hart (52) (Colonel army half pay) is living with wife Frances Alice (50) and children: Frances Jane Margaret (27) Alice (21) Isabel Clara (14) Horatio Holt (10). Also visitor James Curtis Leman (27) future husband of daughter Jane Margaret.

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.2.6 Samuel Hood HART

Birth: 2 Nov 1811, Glencree, Co. Wicklow, Ireland
 Death: 20 Nov 1875, Matlock, Derbyshire
 Death Memo: Info from Thom Coventry
 Burial: Nov 1875, Matlock, Derbyshire
 Occ: Lieutenant General In The Army

After a successful Army career, he retired to Biarritz in France and is buried, together with his wife, in Boulogne-sur-Mer where their grave is marked with a granite obelisk. (Info from Thom Coventry)

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.2.7a Charles HART*

(See duplicate branch above)

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.2.7b Charles HART* (See above)

Spouse: Caroline Louise TYRER
 Birth: 1820, London
 Death: 24 Apr 1893, Richmond, Surrey

At the 1861, Census Charles Hart's future second wife Caroline Hawkes (nee Tyrer) is a widow of (40) living with her daughters Louisa (7) and Harriet (4) at Churchfields, Cheshunt, Herts. with Caroline's widowed father James Tyrer (74) who is a Commission Agent. At the 1871 Census for Egham, Surrey, Charles Hart (58) is a farmer of 21 acres employing 1 man, 2 boys. He is also clerk to a corn merchant. He lives at Runnymede Farm, Hythe. His second wife Caroline L. (49) was born in London. His stepsons living with him are: William A. Hawkes (18) and Edwin C. Hawkes (16) who are both occupied on the farm. Also his stepdaughters Louisa M. (17) Harriet E. (14). Buried Mortlake Cemetery.

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Marr: 22 Dec 1866, St. John's, Egham, Surrey
 Marr Memo: Info from Thom Coventry

Other spouses: Sophia HAWKES

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.2.8 Emily HART

Birth: 25 Dec 1818
 Death: Wingham, Kent
 Death Memo: Died Young. Info From Thom Coventry

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.3 Charles MATSON

Birth: Dec 1781, Wingham
 Birth Memo: Shown as aged 55 on 1841 census
 Chr: 1 Jan 1782, Wingham
 Death: 15 Apr 1856, Baddow Park, Essex
 Death Memo: June 1856 Chelmsford 4a 81. Date from daughter Mary's letters.
 Burial: 1856
 Occ: Gentleman/Farmer

Charles inherited the lease of Wenderton Farm and parts of other properties from his father.

“The Times” of Saturday November 27th, 1830 has this item: -

East Kent Special Sessions. Canterbury, Thursday Afternoon: -

The Grand Jury found true bills against Thomas Read, John Marsh, Charles Terry, Thomas Strood and Henry Andrews, They were put to the bar, charged with having assembled and maliciously and willfully broken a threshing machine, belonging to Charles Matson, the execution.

They all pleaded 'not guilty'. The Jury found all the prisoners Guilty. There are upwards of 30 other labourers to be put upon their trials for similar offences; the Court, therefore, have deferred the sentence... until the whole are gone through, which cannot be before this evening at this late hour.

The javelin men from Maidstone are all present to keep order, besides extra officers.

It appeared that the man in the white hat, who has often been alluded to, but in no instance taken, remains, up to the present time, leader of the machine-breakers, This is the fellow who invariably insites the men, and afterwards liquidates any demand the publicans in the village where depredations are committed may have upon the body.

Charles moved to Great Baddow, Essex where he was a farmer at Baddow Park.

The marriage record of 1811 shows Charles as born St. Lawrence, Essex. The licence shows him as aged 28.

1841 census shows aged 55 and Farmer.

The 'British Farmer's Magazine' of 1841 records that at the Chelmsford and Essex Agricultural Society's general meeting, cattle show and distribution of prizes to deserving labourers and servants, held on Friday the 10th December 1842 in Class 111. - Best pen of four long-wool fat sheep, of the same breed, bred by owner, and never having had corn, seed, or cake, £2- second best, £1.1s, the First prize went to Mr C.Matson, Great Baddow, four Kent wethers, not exceeding 32 months old, fed on grass only, bred by owner, his property, always in his possession, and have never been housed; traveled 20 miles in a wagon and 3 miles on foot.

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1841 Census Baddow Park Essex
Charles MATSON 55 Farmer
Mary MATSON 50
Emily MATSON 25
George MATSON 20
William MATSON 12
Edward MATSON 11
Arthur MATSON 6
Selina KINGSFORD 12
Martha ROBERTS 15
Mary HART 15
William BAKER 15

1851 census shows Charles aged 64 in Margaretting, Ingatestone, Chelmsford.

1871 census shows aged 57 and living at Mountnessing, Great Burstead, Billericay Registration District

Spouse: Mary KINGSFORD
Birth: app 1790, Ash-Next Sandwich or Wickhambreux Birth Memo: or Wickhambreux
Death: 2 May 1864, Mountnessing, Brentwood Death Memo: Billericay June Quarter 1864 4a 51
Mother: Unknown (-1864)

Marriage record shows Mary as ‘a spinster of this parish’ e.g. Wickhambreux.

Charles 1781-d14/4/1856 m Mary Kingsford (definitely, we have seen actual letters from their children to the Hawkes cousins in Tasmania confirming this)

1841 census shows Mary aged 50, born about 1791, and living at Great Baddow, Chelmsford.

1851 census shows Mary as aged 60 and born in Ash, Kent. The family has two servants, Mary Turner aged 22 and Daniel Brooke aged 15. Also recorded is a 5-year-old visitor Margaret W. Leaha born in Chelmsford.

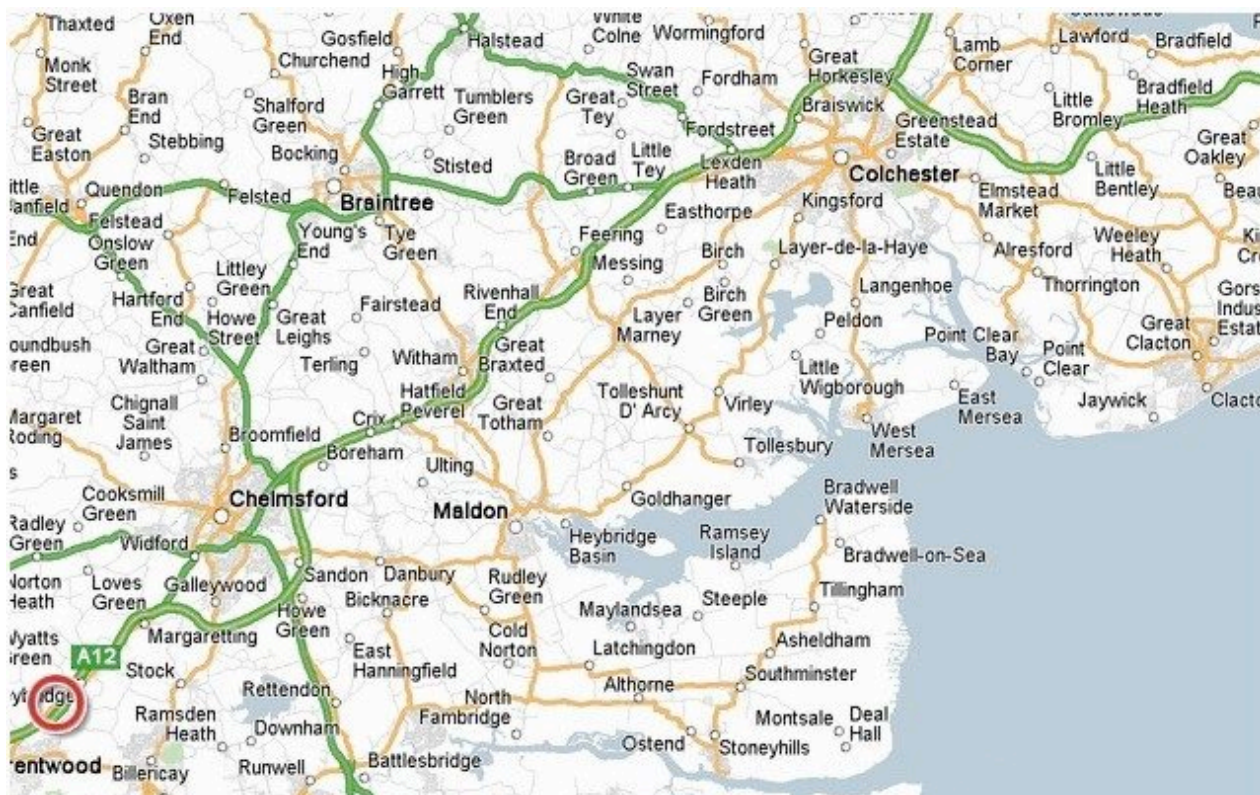
“We came here to reside in 1859 in a very pretty house, & a nice Garden in the centre of this Village, on the London Road, three miles from Brentwood & eight miles from Chelmsford”

1861 census aged 70

The notice of death in ‘The Times’ of May 5th, 1864 is rather terse by modern standards - ‘On the 2nd inst., at Mountnessing, Essex, Mary, relict of Charles Matson, Esq., in her 74th year’.

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The Red Circle marks Mountnessing village. Great Baddow is between Howe Green and Chelmsford. St Osyth (refer to William Matson 1794-1876) is between Port Clear and Great Clacton.

The 1871 census has no entry for Mary but records 35-year-old Mary C. Wells as a servant and two visitors - William MacKenzie aged 44, born about 1827 in Scotland and Amy MacKenzie aged 35 and born about 1836 in Chippenham. Wiltshire.

Marr: 11 Jan 1811, Wickhambreux, Kent

- Children:
- Mary (1813-1883)
 - Charles (1814-1879)
 - Emily (~1816-)
 - Ellen (~1817->1871)
 - Julia (1819-1904)
 - George (~1821-1857)
 - Alfred Kingsford (~1823-1899)
 - William (~1829-)
 - Edward (~1830-1849)
 - Caroline (~1827-~1866)
 - Frances Octavia (1826-1912)
 - Arthur Crabb (~1835-1865)
 - Sarah Ann (~1817-)

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(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.3.1 Mary MATSON

Birth: 1813, St Lawrence, Essex
 Death: Mar 1883, Billericay Registration District
 Death Memo: 4a 171

1851 census shows aged 39 and living with parents

Moved to Mountnessing, Brentwood in 1859.

1861 census aged 47 at Mountnessing

There are two letters, dated 28th September 1866 and 28th August 1872, from Mary to her first cousin Elizabeth Hawkes in Australia that give an insight to the life of this family. 1871 census aged 59 and living at Mountnessing
 1883 record of death states aged 71.

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.3.2 Charles MATSON

Birth: 1814, St. Lawrence, Essex
 Death: Mar 1879, Billericay, Essex
 Death Memo: 4a 155
 Burial: 27 Feb 1879, Mountnessing, Brentwood
 Occ: Merchant - General Produce

In Ireland, Dublin in letter of Mary 1866, on some occasions. In Essex in 1871 census.

Charles b 1814 Essex-d after 1871 (because mentioned in his sister Mary's letters in 1871 when they were both living in Essex with other siblings)

Record of death shows aged 64.

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.3.3 Emily MATSON

Birth: abt 1816, Great Baddow, Essex
 Occ: English Teacher/Governess (1851)

1841 census shows aged 25

In letter by her sister, Mary dated 28th September 1866; Emily is referred to as living in Prague giving English Lessons in the Court Circle.

1851 Surname index for Dover shows Emily as born Essex and at St.James, Dover aged 35.

1851 census shows Emily aged 35, born St. Lawrence, Essex and a Governess in Dover, St. James. The house is that of George W. Franklyn aged 50 and born about 1801 in Bristol.

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.3.4 Ellen MATSON

Birth: abt 1817, St. Lawrence, Essex
 Death: aft 1871

1851 census is aged 34 and living with parents

In 1866 is referred to as living 2 miles from Birmingham with two children - a boy and a girl.

Unable to confirm date of death.

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Spouse: James GRIFFITHS
 Birth: 1810, Radnor
 Occ: Commercial Traveler

“George died while at Ellen's, he, Fanny, & I being on a visit to her. She has a very nice house, two miles from Birmingham & has two nice children, a boy & girl. Mr Griffiths is her husband, & is a Commercial Traveler; & his son by a former marriage is now in New Zealand, but not with Alfred, who holds George's farm, & is doing well, & now a Member of the Provincial Council, Member for Seadown in the Province of Timaru. We hear from him every month” (Excerpt from Mary Matson’s letters).

Marr: Mar 1856, Mountnessing, Essex Marr Memo: Chelmsford 4a 163

Children: Charles M. (1858-)
 Ellen M. (1860-)

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.3.4.1 Charles M. GRIFFITHS

Birth: Sep 1858, Birmingham Birth Memo: 6d 64

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.3.4.2 Ellen M. GRIFFITHS

Birth: Oct 1860, Birmingham

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.3.5 Julia MATSON

Birth: 1819, St. Lawrence, Essex
 Death: Dec 1904, Chelmsford Death Memo: 4a 345
 Burial: 1904
 Occ: Schoolmistress

1851 census aged 31, born about 1820 and Head of Household in Ingatestone sub district of Chelmsford. There are two other teachers and one servant together with 6 pupils. According to the letter by Mary (1866), Julia has a Preparatory School for little boys at Chelmsford. 1861 census recorded as aged 41 and living at Chelmsford Lived away from home until 1871 then returned to live with sister Mary, Charles and Francis who were all unmarried. Record of death says aged 85.

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.3.6 George MATSON

Birth: abt 1821, St Lawrence, Essex
 Birth Memo: or 1827?
 Death: 25 Feb 1857, New Zealand
 Death Memo: Before 1866
 Occ: Farmer - New Zealand

1841 census shows aged 20. Living at Great Baddow in Chelmsford Hundred
 GEORGE MATSON - brother of Alfred Kingsford Matson (sponsor at Christening of Charles Matson)
 p.321 Journal of Henry Sewell.
 Canterbury Church Affairs.
 George Matson, arr Canterbury 1851; agent for Muter’s land at Akaroa

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‘...The morning is lovely, bright, clear and calm, the water like a mill pond. Heywood goes off to engage a boat (the boat which brought Mr. Matson last night from Pigeon Bay). So, the boat was engaged to start at one o’clock for Pigeon Bay..... and after a time gathered together our wild looking crew. They have capital boats - Whale boats and manage them carefully and well. We took with us a Maori dame enveloped in a blanket with a straw hat and a short black pipe in her mouth who crouched up in the head of the boat. Our boatmen were all dressed a l’Anglaise, and but for their tattooing, complexions and strange language, might well have done well for a crew of wild Irishmen...’ (Pigeon Bay is 16 miles from the Port of Lyttelton.)

1851 Agent for Mutersland, Akaroa (French settled coastal village on the coast near Christchurch New Zealand - South Island)

1852 returned to New Zealand on the "Egmont" with brother Alfred.

1st August 1853 Block 109 Woodstock Run (sheep station).



Woodstock lay on the north bank of the Waimakariri above View Hill. (The Position of View Hill is shown to the southeast of the Red Circle on the adjacent map).

It was bounded by the Waimakariri on the south and west, and by the Harewood Forest on the east and north. George Matson, who afterwards had Mt. Nessing, grazed his sheep on the Hunters Hills. These were the first sheep on the run. Matson built a homestead at the foot of the Hunters Hills. The homestead is close to the

cliffs overlooking the gorge and was a wild, romantic-looking place in the early days. A good deal of the Harewood Forest was included in the run. The Puketeraki Range, at the western end of Woodstock, runs down in spurs to the Waimakariri. The leading spur drops to an open saddle at the source of the Townshend River, by which stray sheep passed between Woodstock and Snowdale.

Woodstock was originally three separate stations. Run 109 was allotted to George Matson on 1st August 1853, and he transferred it to Captain James Row on 5th September 1854.

George was a friend of Dr. Grundy’s who also came out in the Steadfast.

C.O.Torlesse Journal 22nd August 1856 says ‘Matson and Beard came in afternoon and drafted 596 wether for Beard also 1300 ewes, delivery on Waimak. (This could be Waimakariri)

It appears that he was a brother of A.K.Matson. (George was a brother of Alfred Kingsford.) Ref: Dr. Grundy’s Journal. Torlesse Journal

1857 Makihikihi stockowner and householder (sheep highland country on New Zealand South Island south of Christchurch)

1861 census recorded at Mountnessing aged 35.

1865 Mt.Nessing Run (Sheep station)

1866 Letter by Mary, his sister, refers to George as dead. His house at Mountnessing, Brentwood is where his sisters Mary and Francis live after his death.

Mt Nessing Run taken over by brother Alfred.

The return of Alfred is referred to in the letters we have “‘We are now expecting our brother Alfred home from New Zealand & think he will arrive in Oct. or Nov. He has sold his Land & realised sufficient to live quietly in England”

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(Extract from Mary Matson’s letter - Mountnessing, August 28 1872)

1876 - see John Matson - son of George inherited Otaio (sheep station) from G. & A. Matson.

George Matson (cousin of Major Henry Matson) b.1827-1857 - 30 yrs old. 25th February 1857. Sailed from UK to NZ on "Steadfast" arr. 9th June 1857. (A published notice of his death).

There was also a George Matson owning 40 acres, then 20 acres Crown Grant in Whangarei (Bay of Islands top of North Island) at the same time.

Children: John (->1876)

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.3.6.1 John MATSON

Birth: New Zealand
 Death: aft 1876
 Occ: Lt. Col. British Army Then Farmer In New Zealand

1876 - John Matson - son of George inherited Otaio (sheep station) from G. & A. Matson.

John Matson OBE. Ret. Lt. Col. b. Bristol England Son of George Matson 14th April 1876 inherited Otaio (sheep station) from G. & A. Matson. (Who's Who in New Zealand 5th edition.)

Mount Nessing? So, that’s the reason behind Mt Nessing Run? The Who's Who of New Zealand listed John Matson OBE as son of George. Otaio, Mt Nessing, Blue Cliffs, Makihikihi are all adjoining sheep stations near Timaru in New Zealand South Island - may have been one land grant at that stage.

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.3.7 Alfred Kingsford MATSON

Birth: abt 1823, Danbury, Essex
 Death: 1899
 Burial: 1899, Chelmsford Burial Memo: 4a 314
 Occ: Farmer - New Zealand

1851 census aged 28 and living with parents in Ingatestone Sub District of Chelmsford.

Inherited the farm in New Zealand from his brother George. Returned to England in 1872. (Mary letter).

Alfred Matson - brother of George Matson.

1852 arr. NZ on "Egmont" with brother George Matson

“Sam Rogers drove Matson’s sheep from North Cnty. (Canterbury) and was 18 months on the road (sounds like the story of Teschmaker-Rich Drive). They were shorn before they crossed the Rakaia (River) that is Rakaia River - 1/4 mile wide Alfred Kingsford Matson was a judge of the first sheep show held at Shepherd’s Bush Sept. 1859. Alfred and his brother George ran the Runs together after they came back to NZ on the Egmont. Alfred ran them alone after George died. The Runs - had several names - Blue Cliffs, Otaio, Mount Nessing, Matsons - all abound one another.

1861 census Alfred is recorded at Mountnessing aged 32, born about 1829 at Danbury, Essex.

1867 Alfred Kingsford Matson - Provincial Committee for Seadown (nb: "Kingston"?)

1869 took over Mt Nessing Run on death of brother George Matson.

1870 Alfred Kingsford Matson represented St. Mary’s, Timaru on the Synod.

1870 Alfred Kingsford Matson elected unopposed for Mt Cook.

1871 Alfred Kingsford Matson retired

“We are now expecting our brother Alfred home from New Zealand & think he will arrive in Oct. or Nov. He has sold his Land & realised sufficient to live quietly in England” (Extract from Mary Matson’s letter - Mountnessing, August 28 1872)

1881 census records Alfred as aged 58 and a ‘Retired Farmer’. His address is New London Road, 2, Chestnut Villa, Chelmsford. Living with him is Harriet Martin aged 55, born about 1826 in Great Leighs, Essex who is a Widow and General Domestic Servant.

1899 record of death states aged 76.

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(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.3.8 William MATSON

Birth: abt 1829, Danbury, Essex

1841 census aged 12

1851 census aged 22 and living with parents

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.3.9 Edward MATSON

Birth: abt 1830, Great Baddow, Essex

Death: 1849

Burial: 1849

1841 census shows aged 11

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.3.10 Caroline MATSON

Birth: abt 1827, Danbury, Essex

Death: abt 1866

1851 census shows aged 24 and as a sister visiting Sarah Ann.

1861 census aged 30 and at Mountnessing

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.3.11 Frances Octavia MATSON

Birth: 1826, Danbury, Essex

Death: Mar 1912, Chelmsford Registration District

Death Memo: 4a 654

Burial: 1912

1851 census shows aged 22 and recorded as a sister visiting Sarah Ann

1861 census aged 28 at Mountnessing

1866 referred to as “Fanny” by her sister Mary. The two sisters are living together at Mountnessing, Brentwood.

1871 census recorded as aged 38 and living at Mountnessing

In December 1879, the will of her brother George was proved following the presentation by Francis Octavia Matson, spinster.

1911 census aged 85 and recorded in Chelmsford

1912 record of death states aged 86.

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.3.12 Arthur Crabb MATSON

Birth: abt 1835, Great Baddow, Essex

Death: Sep 1865, Dunmow, Essex

Death Memo: 4a 222

1841 census shows aged 6

1851 census aged 16 and living with parents

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(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.3.13 Sarah Ann MATSON

Birth: abt 1817, St. Lawrence, Essex
 Occ: Girls School Teacher (1851)

1851 census records name as Sarah Ann and aged 34, born about 1817 at St. Lawrence, Essex. Living in sub district Ingatestone, Chelmsford and head of Household. Her sisters Caroline and Frances Octavia are visitors. Two servants are recorded and 15 female pupils

Known to have been abroad sometimes.

'The Times' of 19th April 1893, records the publication of "St. George and the Dragon" by Sarah Ann Matson. Illustrated. Second Edition. Fisher Unwin.

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.4 Sarah MATSON

Birth: 1783, Wingham
 Chr: 17 Aug 1783, Wingham, Kent
 Death: May 1799, Wingham
 Burial: 29 May 1799, St. Mary, Wingham, Kent

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.5 James MATSON

Birth: 1785, Wingham
 Chr: 3 Jul 1785, Wingham, Kent
 Death: Nov 1812, Wingham
 Burial: 21 Nov 1812, Wingham, Kent
 Occ: Merchant And Draper, Mayor Of Sandwich In 1811

Enrolled as Freeman of Sandwich 23rd October 1806 by Apprenticeship to Henry Matson and John Carter. Articles 1st August 1799 to 1806 (Reference Sa/AC9,p.488: RF.48: MSS.Hist.Soc.Boys p.422: Board in Parlour)

Mayor of Sandwich 1811.

Record of burial records James as 'James Matson Esquire Mayor of Sandwich aged 27. 21st November 1812.

There was a linen draper James Matson in St Peters parish in Sandwich in 1803 listed in the Lieutenancy Lists.

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.6 Mary MATSON

Birth: 1787, Wingham, Kent
 Chr: 6 May 1787, Wingham, Kent
 Death: 1802, Wingham, Kent
 Burial: 25 Jan 1802, St. Mary, Wingham, Kent
 Burial Memo: or February

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(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.7 Robert MATSON

Birth: Sep 1788, Wingham
 Chr: 14 Sep 1788, Wingham, Kent
 Death: 12 May 1881, Wingham
 Burial: 17 May 1881, St. Mary's, Wingham
 Occ: Miller, Farmer

Robert has a memorial stone in St. Mary's' Wingham churchyard.



St Mary the Virgin, Wingham 1807

Shown as Merchant of Wingham aged 29 at time of marriage in 1818.

1819 Baptism of daughter Mary Ann was at Barfreestone.

Creator(s):

The "London Gazette" of Tuesday, September 28. 1819 (later reprinted in "The Times" 29th September, 1819) has this notice of Partnerships Dissolved: -

'R. Matson and T.L. Ashenden, Nonington, Kent. Millers'.

Is T.L.Ashended a relation of Robert's wife, Elizabeth?

Cobb family of Margate, Kent BUSINESS PAPERS Margate Brewery correspondence - ref. EK-U1453/B2/40

The London Magazine' of January to June 1821, contains an entry under Bankrupts - Matson, R. Barfreestone, Kent, miller. (Lodington, 1, King's-bench-walk, Temple. Commissions of the country.)

'The Racing Calendar for the year 1824' records Mr R. Matson in the list of subscribers in Kent.

The Bankrupt Directory published in 1843, 'Being a complete register of all the Bankrupts with their residences, trade, and dates when they appeared in the London Gazette from December 1820 to April 1843', records 'Matson, Robert, Barfreestone, Kent, miller, March 10, 1821.

In 1832, Robert was involved in a case at the Court of King's Bench.

George Boyd deposited a cheque for £397.11s 6d with the bankers Richard Emmerson, Daniel Hodgson and Charles Emmerson at Sandwich. The cheque had been drawn on the 17th November 1832 by Robert Matson who kept an account with them. When the cheque was presented the managing partner was absent. On his return, he sent a clerk to the residence of Robert Matson to ascertain whether he had paid in any money to the account of the bank (as he sometimes did) at their correspondents in London. The clerk could not find the drawer and in the evening, the bankers gave notice to the plaintiff that the cheque could not be paid. The trial took place at the Kent Summer assizes, 1833 and a verdict was found for the plaintiff (George Boyd) that the bank should honour the cheque. The opinion of the Court states that the plaintiff resides at Littlebourne, in Kent. Robert Matson resides at Wingham, in the same county. The defendants are bankers at Sandwich. On the 17th of November 1832, Robert Matson drew a cheque on the defendants, with whom he then, and for two or three years before, had kept an account. The plaintiff, the payee of the cheque, also kept an account with the defendants; he had for a considerable period employed Robert Matson as his cornfactor, or salesman, and had, before the 17th of November, received Robert Matson's cheques drawn on the defendants. When the cheque was paid to Mr Reader, the bank's cashier and confidential clerk, he knew that Robert Matson was indebted to the bank of upwards of £1700. He also knew that Robert Matson had been frequently permitted to overdraw his account.

On the 20th Mr Hodgson finding no assets had been received to discharge the large amount of cheques drawn by Robert Matson upon the house, determined not to pay them.

Robert Matson, on his getting off the coach at Canterbury (on the 21st) paid one of the holders of the before mentioned cheques £200.

The defendants were found to the judges' judgment. Nonsuit to be entered.

FILE - Robt. Matson, Wingham - ref. EK-U1453/B2/40/392 - date: 1840

Pigot's 1839 Directory records that at Wingham, Robert Matson is a Corn Factor.

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1841 Census shows Robert aged 52 and children Mary and John.
 Samuel Bagshaw’s Directory of 1847 includes R. Matson in the names of farmers in Wingham.
 1849 Journal of the Royal Agricultural Society shows Robert Matson of Wingham, Kent in its list of members.
 1851 Census shows Robert a widower aged 62 living in Wingham with his son Henry aged 28 and daughter Eliza aged 30 bp 31st December 1821. Eliza Pittman aged 23 is recorded as a servant.
 1861 census records Robert at Wingham. No age is given but he is described as ‘being on a journey’. At the same houses are his granddaughters Lucy aged 8 and Edith aged 6. There is an 18-year-old Housekeeper Emily Jane Collard born in Ash. The 1861 census records Robert again. This time he is a visitor at “The Green Dragon Hotel” 86, Bishopsgate, London. He is described as a 74-year-old Widowed Farmer born in Wingham, Kent.
 1881 census shows Robert as aged 95, born about 1786 at Wingham, father, widow and living with son Henry (aged 56) and his family
 Record of burial shows Robert as aged 96.

Spouse: Mary Elizabeth ASHENDEN
 Birth: app 1798, Ringwould, Kent Birth Memo: or 1794 based on burial record
 Death: 1830, Wingham, Kent
 Burial: 10 May 1830, Wingham, Kent

Shown as aged 22 at time of marriage in 1818.
 Name on marriage record is Elizabeth Mary Ashenden.
 Name on baptism record of son Henry in 1823 is also Elizabeth Mary Ashenden.
 Record of burial states 10th May 1830 Elizabeth Mary Matson aged 36 years.

Marr: 17 Dec 1818, Nonnington, Kent Marr Memo: Witness Caroline Matson

Children: Mary Ann (Died as Infant) (1819-)
 Eliza (1820-)
 Marianne (also sometimes Mary Ann) (~1823-1911)
 Henry (1823-1891)
 John (1825-1848)

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.7.1 Mary Ann MATSON

Birth: Oct 1819, Barfreestone
 Chr: 17 Oct 1819, Barfreestone

Probably died as infant and name re-used for next daughter.

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.7.2 Eliza MATSON

Birth: Dec 1820, Barfreystone
 Chr: 31 Dec 1820, Barfreystone

1851 Census - Aged 30, unmarried, and living with father.

Spouse: Jenkin HAGUE JNR.
 Birth: Biddenden
 Father: John HAGUE
 Marr: 15 Nov 1859, Wingham, Kent

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(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.7.3 Marianne (also sometimes Mary Ann) MATSON

Birth: abt 1823, Wingham
 Death: Sep 1911, Australia

Does not appear in Wingham Parish records, but does appear in 1841, aged 20 living with father Robert and brother John and 1851 census (age goes up and down!).
 Recorded in Melbourne, Australia in 1872.

Spouse: Stephen NICHOLAS
 Birth: 1825
 Death: 1884
 Occ: Gentleman
 Father: William NICHOLAS

Record of marriage records that Stephen Nicholas is “of full age, of this Parish, son of William Nicholas - Gent. Emily Hilda Nicholas (1884-1961) was briefly married to Major George Matson Nicholas D.S.O from Melbourne. They married in London 7 October 1916, and he was killed in Flers in action in November 1916. I have just requested the book of her life and art from the State Library. The combination of Nicholas and Matson occurs again? Maybe a mother's name.

George Matson Nicholas was born 1887 at Trafalgar in South-east Victoria Australia. He taught with the Education Dept from 1908 until he enlisted as a 2nd Lieutenant in the 24th Battalion on 28th April 1915. He landed at Gallipoli on 30 August, was wounded 12 December, and invalided to Egypt. In March 1916, he went to France where his battalion fought at Pozieres. On 5 August, he was awarded the D.S.O., and he was promoted to Major on 12 August. He left the front to take up a temporary appointment at Second Division Head Quarters in September, married Hilda Rix on 7 October and returned to the front on 10 October to take command of the Battalion. He was killed at Flers on 14 November. The Education Department (Victoria)'s Record of war service 1914-19, p.74; W.J.Harvey, The Red and White Diamond pp.91-124.

Argus (Melbourne, Vic) Monday 1 January 1917 - Died on Service-

Nicholas: - Killed in action in France, on the 4th November last. Major George Matson Nicholas. D.S.O., aged 29 years, dearly loved eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J.P.Nicholas, of Trafalgar and grand-nephew of Lieut. - General Sir Reginald Clare Hart, V.C. K.C.B., K.C.V.O.; late Lieut. - Colonel Henry Matson, Parnell, Auckland, N.Z.; and the late Major-General Arthur Fitzroy Hart-Synnott, B.B., C.M.G. An ANZAC of Gallipoli and France.

Bryon Nicholas was killed in battle on 9 October 1917.

Frank Nicholas was wounded in early 1917 and returned to Australia.

Athol Matson Nicholas returned to Australia with Hilda Rix Nicholas in 1918.

Endearingly, Hilda called George 'Matson', and she remained very close to his mother.

Marr: 9 Oct 1859, Wingham, Kent

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.7.4 Henry MATSON

Birth: Mar 1823, Wingham, Kent
 Chr: 27 Mar 1823, Wingham, Kent
 Death: Dec 1891, Wingham, Kent
 Burial: 3 Jan 1892, Wingham, Kent
 Occ: Farmer

1851 aged 28 unmarried and living with father.

H. MATSON, Committee for E K Agriculture (Dover Telegraph 9 Feb 1850 page 4 col.4)

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The 1855 ‘Journal of The Royal Agricultural Society’ records Henry Matson of Wingham in its list of members. ‘The Times’ of 21st January 1861 reports that Mr. Matson of Wingham was one those at the ‘numerously attended and influential public meeting of landowners and hop planters of the counties of Kent and Sussex, held at the Music Hall, Canterbury, in support of the newly formed central Association for Promoting the Repeal of the Excise and Customs Duties upon Hops.

1861 census aged 36 living at Wingham

1881 census aged 56, born at Wingham, living at Wingham Street. A farmer of Acres employing 3 men and 1 boy. Henry’s father Robert aged 95, born about 1786 in Wingham and a widower is staying with the family.

Record of burial shows aged 68.

Spouse: Lucy Elizabeth DODD
 Birth: abt 1818, Rainham, Kent
 Death: Apr 1901, Meopham, Kent
 Burial: 9 May 1901, Wingham, Kent

Recorded in burial record as aged 83.

1861 aged 36. Family has two servants.

1881 census recorded as aged 57 and born about 1824 at Rainham, Kent The census Includes 19-year-old Ann Terry, born about 1862 in Staple, Kent a servant.

Marr: Jun 1852, Milton, Kent Marr Memo: 2a 786

Children: Edith (~1854-1932)
 Agnes Lucy (~1854-1947)
 Bertha Jane (1857-1945)
 Caroline (~1858-~1923)
 Elizabeth (1859-1947)
 Frederick Henry (1861-)
 Frances Edward (1863-1945)

) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.7.4.1 Edith MATSON

Birth: abt 1854, Wingham, Kent
 Death: Dec 1932, 19, Oakwood Avenue, Beckenham, Kent
 Burial: 23 Dec 1932, Wingham, Kent



Wingham in about 1900

1861 census recorded at Wingham as Granddaughter with Robert Matson a widower as Head (no age given) and Emily Jane Collard who is an 18 year old unmarried Housekeeper born in Ash. Also at the same address is Lucy Matson also a granddaughter who is aged 8 and born Rainham
 Record of burial states aged 78 and place of death.
 1881 census shows Edith as aged 25, born about 1856 in Wingham and living with parents.

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(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.7.4.2 Agnes Lucy MATSON

Birth: abt 1854, Wingham, Kent
 Death: Dec 1947, 9, Newport Street, Brighton
 Burial: 6 Dec 1947, Wingham, Kent

1861 census shows Lucy Matson aged 8 Granddaughter born Rainham, in Wingham with Robert Matson (no age given), Edith Matson granddaughter aged 6 and Housekeeper Emily Jane Collard aged 18.
 Record of burial states aged 93 at time of death.
 Agnes is not confirmed as a daughter of Henry and Lucy.

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.7.4.3 Bertha Jane MATSON

Birth: 22 Oct 1857, Wingham, Kent
 Chr: 6 Aug 1873, Wingham, Kent
 Death: Sep 1945, Park Crescent, Brighton, Sussex
 Burial: 18 Sep 1945, Wingham, Kent

1881 census records aged 23, born about 1858 in Wingham and living with parents.
 Record of burial states aged 80 at time of death.

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.7.4.4 Caroline MATSON

Birth: abt 1858, Wingham, Kent
 Death: abt 1923, Cranleigh, Surrey
 Burial: 9 Jan 1923, Wingham, Kent

1861 census aged 4.
 There is a record of birth for Caroline Matson in Eastry District in the June Quarter of 1856 Eastry 2a 597 which could be Caroline.
 Burial record states aged 65 at time of death.

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.7.4.5 Elizabeth MATSON

Birth: 29 Dec 1859, Wingham, Kent
 Chr: 6 Aug 1873, Wingham, Kent
 Death: Jan 1947, Battersea
 Burial: 25 Jan 1947, Wingham, Kent

Record of burial states aged 86.

(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.7.4.6 Frederick Henry MATSON

Birth: 15 Sep 1861, Wingham, Kent
 Chr: 6 Aug 1873, Wingham, Kent
 Occ: Possibly A Sailor

1881 census shows aged 19, born about 1862, living with parents and a "Farmer's Son"
 The understanding I (Kerry Matson) have of the sons of Henry is that they took to the sea. Possibly one went to America? Fredrick may have inherited the farm though.

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(12) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.7.4.7 Frances Edward MATSON

Birth: 15 Dec 1863, Wingham, Kent
 Chr: 6 Aug 1873, Wingham, Kent
 Death: 5 Jan 1945, Frankston Community Hospital, Victoria, Australia
 Death Memo: Victoria Registration Number 16706. Obituary states aged 78 at time of death.
 Burial: 6 Jan 1945, Frankston Cemetery, Victoria, Australia
 Occ: Merchant Seaman, Tram Driver, Dairy Farmer

On Frances Edward's gravestone in Frankston, it says his parent were Hy (Henry?) and Lucy E born Wingham, Kent.

My (Kerry Matson) g, g g-father apparently was a merchant seaman and a very sombre man who threatened his grandsons with the horsewhip when he discovered them carving boats out of bark.

Apparently, he had a terrifying experience near the Cape Horn in Africa when the ship nearly capsized.

Francis Edward Matson was a seaman on tall ships.

He visited the property in Masterton, New Zealand on his way to Australia when his ship pulled in to New Zealand - apparently it was a grand home on a grazing property - butler or whatever answers the door and he was told to wait there whilst the master was got (a cousin I think of his father = apparently a titled person according to Agnes who kept trotting this regal connection out every now and then) anyhow he was given short shrift and did not have good memories to hand down.

Then drove trams in Melbourne, Victoria. He bought 320 acres at Carringal, Victoria in 1906 and called it Wingham farm. We (Kerry and Wendy) believe it was bought with family inheritance money. He sold 120 acres in 1914 at 2 pounds per acre.

He married a Margaret Murphy who had been born in Maldon, Victoria (Aus) circa 1875.

Her parents were Edward and Margaret Murphy.

In 1903, the couple lived at 12 Farmer St, Richmond, Melbourne and later at Frankston, Victoria as farmer and "home duties wife" from 1914 through to 1936? By 1924, their farm had become Wingham Park.

Argus Newspaper Melbourne Victoria Friday 12th January 1945

Francis Edward Matson, late of "Wingham Park" Ashley Avenue, Frankston, retired dairy farmer, deceased. After 14 clear days Robert Edward Matson of 24 Royle Street, Frankston, wood merchant, the Executor appointed by deceased's will dated 26th May 1943 will apply to the Supreme Court of Victoria for a grant of Probate of the said will. E.W. Solly, Solicitor, 431 Bourke, Streetk, Melbourne.

Argus Newspaper Melbourne Victoria - Deaths

MATSON On January 5th at Frankston Community Hospital Francis Edward Matson beloved husband of Margaret, loved father of Florence (deceased) Francis, Robert, Edward, John and Agnes (Mrs. Bolger) aged 78 years,

Argus Newspaper Melbourne Victoria Saturday 6th January 1945

The funeral of the late Francis Edward Matsdon is appointed to leave our parlour Frankston this day (Saturday) at 11 o'clock for Frankston Cemetery.

Hector Gamble & Son, Frankstone Telephone 23

Frankston General Cemetery - MATSON

Sheelagh (Mary) died 16th May 1935 age 32 John & Hannah Smythe buried with parents.

Robert Edward died 24th July.1994 89yrs. Spouse Annie M. father of Rosalie, Wendy, Jennifer and Suzanne

Annie McLaren died 6.th June 1997 88 years. Spouse Robert E - born Gateshead, England. Mother of Rosalie, Wendy, Jennifer & Suzanne.

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Francis Edward died 5th January. 1945 78 years. Spouse Margaret M - parents Hy & Lucy. Born Wingham Kent. Father of Francis, Henrym, Robert, Edward, John Kent & Agnes Margaret
 Margaret Murphy died 12th December 1955 80yrs. Spouse Francis E - parents Edward & Margaret Murphy, born Maldon Victoria. Mother of Francis, Henry, Robert, Edward, John Kent, & Agnes Margaret.
 Francis Joseph 1 day old. Died 26 June 1917 - buried with parents Francis E & Margaret
 Florence Edith died 1909 buried with parents Francis E and Margaret.

Spouse: Mary Or Margaret MURPHY
 Birth: abt 1875, Maldon, Victoria, Australia
 Birth Memo: MALD Reg. No. 23903
 Death: 12 Dec 1955, Frankston, Victoria, Australia
 Death Memo: Victoria Registration Number 22798. Cemetery record states aged 80 at time of death.
 Burial: Frankston Cemetery, Victoria, Australia
 Father: Edward MURPHY
 Mother: Margaret WALSH

Margaret had an illegitimate child She got pregnant to a butcher's son in Ballarat, Castlemaine and publicised it in the hope of child support or maybe marriage. It backfired when the butcher said his son did not get paid enough to support a child. The child was called Maud Violet and was put in a home. It wasn't until many years later that her existence was known. The butcher's name was Schmitt.

Margaret Matson died age 80 at Frankston in 1955 Victoria Registration Number 22798; father Edward Murphy mother Margaret Walsh.

Margaret Murphy born 1875 at Maldon Victoria Registration Number 23903; father Edmond mother Mary Walsh. It maybe that the death certificate for Margaret has the wrong Christian names.

Marr: 1900, Victoria, Australia
 Marr Memo: Victoria Index Number 641

Children: Maude Veronica (Illegitimate) (1893-)
 Florence Edith (Died as Child) (1900-1909)
 Francis Henry (1902-)
 Robert Edward (1905-1994)
 John Kent (1906-1950)
 Agnes Mary (1911-)
 Frederick Joseph (Died as Infant) (1917-1917)

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.7.4.7.1 Maude Veronica

Birth: 19 Feb 1893, Ballarat, Maldon, Australia

Margaret Murphy had an illegitimate child to a butcher's son in Castlemaine. Butchers name was Schmitt. They sued for child support, but it wasn't forthcoming. The child was called Maude Veronica but it wasn't until many years later that her existence was known. .

Margaret Murphy Matson, who married Francis Edward of Kent, had a child before wedlock. Maude Veronica was born in 1893 when Margaret was 18 in Maldon. Maude was raised as the child of her grandparents in Maldon They were all Catholic and she moved to Melbourne where she married - no children of that marriage. There was a report in the Maldon paper, which tells that Margaret Murphy sued Mr. M. Schmidt, a butcher's son, for maintenance for the child Maude Veronica who was born 19th February 1893.

I do not think any of the children born to Margaret Murphy and Francis Edward were baptized
 Maud did marry, but did not have any children.

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(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.7.4.7.2 Florence Edith MATSON

Birth: 1900, Richmond, Australia
 Birth Memo: Victoria Index Reg. No 21637
 Death: 1909, Carlton, Victoria, Australia
 Death Memo: Victoria Index Reg. No 7938
 Burial: 1909, Frankston Cemetery, Victoria, Australia
 Burial Memo: with parents

Flor Edith Matson born Richmond 1900 Victoria Indexes Registration Number 21637; died 1909 age 9 at Carlton Reg no 7938.

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.7.4.7.3 Francis Henry MATSON

Birth: 1902, Victoria, Australia
 Birth Memo: Victoria Index No.21252

The oldest son Francis (of Francis E) moved to Launceston circa 1925. Francis had a falling out with his family and I believe no one saw him again.

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.7.4.7.4 Robert Edward MATSON

Birth: 1905, Richmond, Australia
 Birth Memo: Victoria reg. No. 28381
 Death: 24 Jul 1994, Frankston, Victoria, Australia
 Burial: Frankston Cemetery, Victoria, Australia
 Burial Memo: Cemetery record states age at time of death as 89.
 Occ: Wood Merchant

Dad (Robert Edward) started out as a farmer on his parents' farm in Frankston. They had 300 acres at first but sold during hard times and had 200 by the time I (Wendy) was born. I think it was the inheritance from Frances Edward Matson's sisters in Wingham who made the purchase possible. I think there were two maiden sisters who never married. Dad worked as a sheep shearer and then did fencing contracts. He liked to work under his own steam. If gravestone listings are anything to go on, then it mentions Francis first followed by Henry, Robert, Edward, John Kent and Agnes Margaret and I would assume that it goes from eldest to youngest. Then we have another Francis (Joseph) born and died in 1917.

My (Kerry Matson) father distinctly remembers an Uncle Frank who we may assume (?) is the one mentioned on Francis E's and Margaret's headstones. He thinks there was some falling out and that headstone Frank became the black sheep and ousted from the family circle. If this assumption is true, we know from Robert's birth date in 1905 that Frank headstone was born before this. If this "Frank" was ousted, would another child be named after the father in 1917?

Robert Matson's children tried for family information but he just would not talk. Therefore, the headstone listings may be compiled by Robert's four daughters and possibly not accurate. I (Kerry) know that Robert's wife and Robert's mother could not tolerate each other and that the Robert Matson family never dined there to the girl's recollection. In addition, Agnes Margaret rejected her mother and it wasn't until Robert's funeral that the four daughters knew of her existence.

The 1917 death listed on the gravestone could be a mistake, Robert Edward talked all the time about his love for little Florence and he would have certainly remembered a child born when he was 13.

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Argus Newspaper Melbourne Victoria - Friday 12.1.1945

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Frankston General Cemetery - MATSON

Sheelagh (Mary) died 16.5.1935 age 32 Extra info headstones or other source. John & Hannah Smythe buried with parents.

Robert Edward died 24.7.1994 89yrs. Spouse Annie M. father of Rosalie, Wendy, Jennifer and Suzanne

Annie McLaren died 6.6.1997 88 years. Spouse Robert E - born Gateshead, England. Mother of Rosalie, Wendy, Jennifer & Suzanne.

Francis Edward died 5.1.1945 78 years. Spouse Margaret M - parents Hy & Lucy. Born Wingham Kent. Father of Francis, Henrym, Robert, Edward, John Kent & Agnes Margaret

Margaret Murphy died 12.12.1955 80yrs. Spouse Francis E - parents Edward & Margaret Murphy, born Maldon Victoria Mother of Francis, Henry, Robert, Edward, John Kent, & Agnes Margaret.

Francis Joseph 1 day old. Died 26.6.1917 - buried with parents Francis E. & Margaret

Florence Edith died 1909 buried with parents Francis E and Margaret

Spouse: Annie McLaren
 Birth: Mar 1909, Gateshead, England
 Birth Memo: Gateshead 10a 1045
 Death: 6 Jun 1997, Frankston, Victoria, Australia
 Death Memo: Cemetery record states aged 88 at time of death.
 Burial: Frankston Cemetery, Victoria, Australia
 Father: A. McLaren
 Mother: Annie REAY
 Marr: 1933, Melbourne, Australia

Children: Rosalie June (1933-)
 Wendy (1936-)
 Jennifer Margaret (1943-)
 Suzanne Florence (1950-)

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.7.4.7.4.1 Rosalie June MATSON

Birth: 16 Nov 1933, Frankston, Victoria, Australia

Now (2009) living in the USA.

Spouse: Masaaki MATSUOKA
 Birth: Japan

Living in New York in 2009

Marr: 1959, Japan

Children: Robert

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(15) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.7.4.7.4.1.1 Robert MATSUOKA

Married a woman who is has a German mum and an Egyptian dad.

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.7.4.7.4.2a Wendy MATSON*

Birth: 2 Mar 1936, Frankston, Victoria, Australia
Occ: Teacher Of British And American Literature

Taught in Melbourne, Australia.
Moved to the USA in 1957.

Spouse: Charles Henry BAYER
Birth: 9 May 1930, Philadelphia, USA.
Occ: Teacher In Melbourne, Australia
Marr: 17 Jun 1977, St. Joseph, Missouri, USA

Other spouses: John Wesley DIVINE

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.7.4.7.4.2b Wendy MATSON* (See above)

Spouse: John Wesley DIVINE
Marr: 23 May 1959, Enid, Oklahoma, USA
Div: 1973, Waukegan, Illinois, USA

Other spouses: Charles Henry BAYER

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.7.4.7.4.3 Jennifer Margaret MATSON

Birth: 7 Mar 1943, Frankston, Victoria, Australia

Living in Cowes, Victoria, Australia in 2009

Spouse: Harley BOYLE

Living in Cowes, Victoria, Australia in 2009

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.7.4.7.4.4 Suzanne Florence MATSON

Birth: 26 Jan 1950, Frankston, Victoria, Australia

Spouse: Peter NICHOLS

Living in Morpeth, North West Australia in 2009

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(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.7.4.7.5 John Kent MATSON

Birth: 30 Nov 1906, Frankston, Richmond, Australia
 Birth Memo: Victoria reg. No. 29603
 Death: 6 Nov 1950, Healesville, Victoria, Australia
 Death Memo: Died in saw milling accident
 Burial: Healesville Cemetery, Victoria, Australia
 Occ: Timber Worker And Truck Driver

John Kent Matson senior owned his own sawmill and also died there.

He died about 1948 in a horrific saw milling accident. His son, Keith Edward, was only 7 at the time.

They were a Catholic family and Keith Edward remembers the priest visiting to console the widow. He told her that her husband would only get to purgatory, as he didn't faithfully attend church. This explains the turning away of religion in our family. Other circumstances upset the 9-year boy who is my father in relation to the church and he swore his children would not experience the same.

The township at this time is Healesville, Victoria where my (Kerry Matson) parents still reside.

Spouse: Mary Alice Witheridge

Of Coburg, Australia.

Marr: 30 Mar 1935, Francis Xavier, Frankston, Australia

Children: John Kent (1936-)
 William Francis (1937-)
 Keith Edward (1941-)
 Joan Patricia (1943-2002)

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.7.4.7.5.1 John Kent MATSON

Birth: 9 Feb 1936, Healesville, Australia
 Occ: Forestry Worker

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.7.4.7.5.2 William Francis MATSON

Birth: 3 Dec 1937, Healsville, Australia
 Occ: Timber Worker And Truck Driver

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.7.4.7.5.3 Keith Edward MATSON

Birth: 23 Jan 1941, Healsville, Australia
 Occ: Timber Worker, Forestry

Spouse: Kathleen Joan WEAR
 Birth: 7 Feb 1942, Healesville, Australia
 Marr: 17 Jun 1960, St. Bridget's, Healesville, Australia

Children: Bernard James (1961-)
 Graham Keith (1962-)
 Kerry Anne (1967-)

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(15) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.7.4.7.5.3.1a Bernard James MATSON*

Birth: 11 Feb 1961, Healsville Hospital, Australia
Occ: Chief Petty Officer In Royal Australian Navy

Spouse: Unknown FIRST WIFE

Children: Thomas John (1990-)

Other spouses: Unknown SECOND WIFE, Unknown THIRD WIFE

(15) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.7.4.7.5.3.1b Bernard James MATSON* (See above)

Spouse: Unknown SECOND WIFE

Other spouses: Unknown FIRST WIFE, Unknown THIRD WIFE

(15) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.7.4.7.5.3.1c Bernard James MATSON* (See above)

Spouse: Unknown THIRD WIFE

Other spouses: Unknown FIRST WIFE, Unknown SECOND WIFE

(15) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.7.4.7.5.3.2 Graham Keith MATSON

Birth: 13 Aug 1962, Healsville Hospital, Australia
Occ: Truckdriver

Spouse: Bernadette HOENEN
Occ: Administrator In A Catholic School

Of Healesville, Australia.
In 2009 working as an administrator in a Catholic school

Children: Wendy Lee (1998-)
Jacqueline Kathleen (2000-)



Kerry Anne MATSON

(15) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.7.4.7.5.3.3 Kerry Anne MATSON

Birth: 27 May 1967, Healsville Hospital, Australia
 Occ: Quality Supervisor In A Winery

Unmarried. No children. April 2009.

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.7.4.7.5.4 Joan Patricia MATSON

Birth: 28 Feb 1943, Healsville, Australia
 Death: 2 Feb 2002, Australia

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.7.4.7.6 Agnes Mary MATSON

Birth: 1911, Victoria, Australia
 Birth Memo: Victoria Ref. No. 6523
 Death: Australia

Spouse: BOLGER

I (Kerry Matson) think there is an illegitimate birth by the daughter of Francis. She got pregnant to the butcher's son in Ballarat and publisized it in the hope of child support or maybe marriage. It backfired when the butcher said his son did not get paid enough to support a child. The child was put in a home, I think. (This needs confirmation)

Children: Judith

(14) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.7.4.7.6.1 Judith MATSON

Judith was drowned in a hotel swimming pool when she was about nine.

(13) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.7.4.7.7 Frederick Joseph MATSON

Birth: 25 Jun 1917, Frankston, Australia Birth Memo: Victoria Reg. No. 12345
 Death: 26 Jun 1917, Frankston, Australia
 Death Memo: Victoria Reg. No. 4918. Cemetery record of death states aged one day at time of death.
 Burial: 1917, Frankston Cemetery, Victoria, Australia Burial Memo: With parents

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The names of the gravestone are listed in birth order.

The little baby Francis who died so young and little Florence are listed also. Robert Edward talked all the time about his love for little Florence and he would have certainly remembered a child born when he was 13.

Fredk Joseph Matson born Frankston 1917 Reg No 12345; died 1917 Victoria Indexes - Registration Number 4918.

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.7.5 John MATSON

Birth: Aug 1825, Wingham
 Chr: 14 Aug 1825, Wingham, Kent
 Death: Sep 1848, Wingham, Kent
 Burial: 13 Sep 1848, Wingham, Kent

Appears in 1841 Census aged 16 and living with father and sister Mary
 Record of burial states aged 24.

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.8a Henry MATSON*

Birth: 1790, Wingham
 Birth Memo: or 1788
 Chr: 9 May 1790, Wingham, Kent
 Death: 1 Oct 1867, Brookside, Parnell, New Zealand
 Death Memo: Record of death states aged 79
 Burial: Oct 1867, St. Stephens' Cemetery, Parnell, New Zealand.
 Occ: Major Then Lt. Colonel In 58th Foot Regiment

The "Southern Daily Cross" of 2nd November 1867 reported the funeral of Colonel Matson and wrote the following

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 "Henry entered Sir G. Shiffner's troop of yeomanry cavalry, Lewes, Sussex in 1811; in 1813 was appointed ensign in the East Kent Militia, and served in Ireland with that regiment. Served as lieutenant in the 7th battalion 60th Regiment in Nova Scotia; afterwards in the 3rd battalion in North America for five years; joined the 22nd Regiment in 1823; went with the regiment to Jamaica, and remained there from 1829 to 1837; gazetted captain, 1838; joined the 58th Regiment in 1840' embarked for Sydney in charge of convicts; came from Sydney to New Zealand in command of a detachment in H.M.S. 'North Star', Sir Everard Home, captain, in March 1845. After five years service, during which as Deputy-Assistant- Quartermaster-General, under Colonel Despard, he took an active part in subduing Heke's rebellion in the North. He retired from the army in 1850, after 37 years service. From that date up to the period of his death, he resided at Parnell and displayed much energy of character as Commissioner of Crown Lands under Sir George Grey, as member of the provincial Council during several sessions, and as an active Justice of the Peace.

Isabel married the much older Major Henry Matson who had been born in Wingham, Kent in 1790. Henry was 58 when he married the 20-year-old Isabel.

Maj. Henry Matson who married Isabel de Thierry was a cousin to my (Margaret Fletcher) Henry Alfred (The Canty files called him Kingston!) was mentioned as a cousin - and there was a George Matson who was the Godfather of one of Henry's 2nd family, as well as George Matson a surveyor at Akaroa (near Christchurch NZ) -

1838 'The Times' of 1st December has a notice, issued from the War Office on November 30th - Unattached - Lieutenant Henry Matson from the 22nd Regiment of Foot, to be Captain without purchase.

1845 is recalled by the "Hawera & Normanby Star" in its edition of 26th March 1910, when it recalls the arrival in Auckland of the 58th Regiment (200 men) under Major Matson. Those were stirring times, says the Star, when the City of Auckland consisted of a few straggling buildings, and the inhabitants lived in hourly terror of attack by the famous chief Hone Heke...The troops went to the Bay of Islands, and were engaged in three serious engagements with the Maoris at Okaihau, where they lost forty-two men; at Ohiaiwai, where 27 were slaughtered in five and a half minutes and at Ruapekapeka, where thirty-seven fell.

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1846 'The Times' of 15th June has a notice of the setting up of 'The Royal Naval Military, East India and General Life Assurance Society' of which Lieutenant-Colonel Matson, R.E. is a director.

"The Times" London 15th June 1846

The New Zealand Herald 2nd October 1867 has Lieutenant Colonel Henry Matson, 58th Regiment, died 1 October 1867 at Brookside, Parnell, aged 79 years. The Auckland Star 30th April 1898 has Amelia Matson died 29 April 1898. All buried at St Stephens Cemetery.

MATSON Capt. 58th Regiment. Arrived 20th January 1844 on the 'Duke of Richmond'. Passenger from Hobart Town (Reference 1271 - Index to the Unassisted Arrivals NSW 1842-1855)

Lt.Colonel Matson

Commanding 1st detachment 58th Regt. Arrived I Auckland in March 1845, had served in Jamaica and against Hone Heke, was D(?) A.Q.M.G. (Deputy Assistant of the Quarter Master General in the U.K. Army?) d. Oct (1867) was Uncle of George Matson.

Ref: Acland. LT (Lyttelton Times) 28.4.58, 24.9.59, 23.7.62, 4.3.69, 15.1.53, 26.7.56)

Spouse: Amelia CHANNING
 Death: 29 Apr 1898, New Zealand

The "Poverty Bay Herald" of 19th January 1893 reports under the heading "Woman Suffrage". Mrs. Amelia Matson a candidate of Parnell Borough Council, was defeated by three votes.

The "Bay of Plenty Times" of the 20th September 1893 reports that "at the Parnell Borough election last week a lady, Mrs. Amelia Matson, was one of the candidates and came fourth on the list, having only four votes less than the one next above her, who was one of the three elected. The difference between the highest and lowest was only 11 votes; 189 voter polled."

The "Observer" of 22nd September 1894 has the results of the elections on Tuesday last... Mrs. Matson, who was twice defeated for Parnell, but has at last vanquished her opponents by heading the poll in that borough. And Mrs. Matson will, we believe. make a good councillor.

The "Poverty Bay Herald" of 30th April 1898 has this item - "Auckland, Today. Mrs. Amelia Matson, widow of Colonel Matson, who was here during the Maori war, is dead. She fought several elections for Parnell Borough

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Council unsuccessfully, but last year was successful and served for some time until ill health caused her to resign. The "Auckland Star" 30th April 1898 has Amelia Matson died 29 April 1898. All buried at St Stephens Cemetery.

Marr: 1857, New Zealand
 Children: Amelia
 Other spouses: Isabel DE THIERRY

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.8a.1 Amelia MATSON

Birth: New Zealand

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.8b Henry MATSON* (See above)

Spouse: Isabel DE THIERRY
 Birth: 1828
 Death: 19 Mar 1850, Parnell, Auckland, New Zealand
 Father: Charles Baron Philip Hippolytus DE THIERRY (1793-1850)
 Mother: Emily RUDGE

Isabel de Thierry Matson

Major Henry Matson of the 58th Foot regiment married 4.5.1848 at St Paul's, Auckland, New Zealand, Isabella, only daughter of Baron de Thierry eldest son of Baron Charles de Thierry de Laville. Isabella b.1828 was the only daughter of Charles Baron Philip Hippolytus de Thierry, godson of Charles X (King of France, 1824 - 1830), his father had escaped France because of his devotion to the Royal cause, was possibly born in Brussels in Jan 1793. He served with the 23rd Light Dragoons and in 1816 became an attaché to the French Ambassador in London. He studied theology in London in 1818, before studying law. In 1819, he married Emily Rudge, the eldest daughter of Archdeacon Thomas Rudge of Gloucester. As Thierry had a passion for the South Seas and the adventures of Captain James Cook, they went to New Zealand. Baron de Thierry made acquaintance with Hongi Hika in the Waikato, New Zealand, in 1820 and arranged to purchase land in New Zealand. He purchased a block of land in the Hokianga in New Zealand's Far North, in 1822, and approached the Dutch Ambassador in London to try and encourage him to purchase the rights to New Zealand for 50,000 pounds. He expressed a wish to become the "Viceroy of New Zealand" - and in 1835 assumed the self appointed title "Sovereign Chief of New Zealand". In 1835 after spending time in Panama, he sailed to the Marquesas with his family, and proclaimed himself King of Nuhuvika. By this time, Isabella was 7, the Princess of Nuhuvika. The next year the family stayed in Tahiti while he tried to fulfill his scheme of cutting a canal through the Isthmus of Panama. By the time, Isabel was 17; her father had settled his family in Auckland, New Zealand and was a music teacher until 1850. It was during this time that Isabel married the much older Major Henry Matson who had been born in Wingham, Kent in 1790. Henry was 58 when he married the 20-year-old Isabel. I cannot imagine the personal conflict Baron de Thierry he must have felt when Isabel (his Isabella) a daughter who had been raised to embrace multiculturalism, married the Kentish Army Officer, Major Henry Matson of the 58th Foot Regiment, who fought his friend Hongi Hika in the New Zealand Wars - and my mind is appalled at the cultural shock this young girl would have experienced.

When she was 21, Isabella had a baby girl, Isabel, and she was at last content. Then at 4 months, her little girl died from a cot death at their home at Brookside. The death notice gives no mention of the mother of the baby. The death notice in the Southern Cross 6th November 1849, stated: MATSON. At Brookside, on Saturday morning,

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Isabel, daughter of Major Matson, aged 4 months.

By February 1850, two months after the death of his grand daughter Isabel, and with his two of his sons having already gone to America to the Californian gold fields, de Thierry followed, leaving behind his grieving daughter Isabel, who was said to have turned her face to the wall in depression, with her husband Henry in Parnell in Auckland.

Isabel Matson nee de Thierry died 4 months later. I recall reading that hers was the largest funeral ever seen in Auckland with crested horses pulling the hearse through the main streets of the city as the city's mark of respect and love for Isabel Matson.

The death notice in Southern Cross, 19 March 1850 - MATSON. *At Brookside, on Sunday last, after a painful illness, Isabel, the beloved wife of Major Matson, the only daughter of Baron De Thierry, age 22 years, most severely lamented. The friends of the deceased are invited to attend her remains from her late residence, to the place of interment at 2 o'clock on Thursday afternoon.* (Nb: Isabel not Isabella)

Brookside, Parnell, Auckland, the home of Maj. Henry and Isabel Matson is the site of the oldest Olive tree in New Zealand, planted in 1848. I also recall a very old pohutukawa - called Matson's pohutukawa at the same site.

There were questions about the death of Isabel written as "Mysteries connected with the illness and death of Isabel only daughter of Charles, Baron de Thierry, written by the Baron in 1853, and held by the Auckland City Library, New Zealand.

From memory Isabel Matson's grave was removed from the St Paul's cemetery in the 1970's for the formation of the Khyber Pass off ramp on the Grafton Road motorway in Auckland, yet I cannot find a burial record. I often walked in the cemetery during my lunch break when I worked in Auckland city - there was no plaque put in place when the grave was removed.

Marr: 4 May 1848, St. Paul's, Auckland, New Zealand.

Children: Isabel (Died as Infant) (1849-1849)

Other spouses: Amelia CHANNING

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.8b.1 Isabel MATSON

Birth: 1849, Brookside, New Zealand
 Death: Nov 1849, Brookside, New Zealand

When she was 21, Isabella had a baby girl, Isabel, and she was at last content. Then at 4 months, her little girl died from a cot death at their home at Brookside. The death notice gives no mention of the mother of the baby. The death notice in the Southern Cross 6th November 1849, stated: MATSON. At Brookside, on Saturday morning, Isabel, daughter of Major Matson, aged 4 months.

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.9 Thomas MATSON

Birth: 1792, Wingham
 Chr: 10 Jun 1792, St. Mary, Wingham, Kent
 Death: 1794, Wingham, Kent
 Burial: 28 Apr 1794, St. Mary, Wingham, Kent

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(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.10 Caroline MATSON

Birth: Nov 1794, Wingham
 Chr: 16 Nov 1794, St. Mary, Wingham, Kent
 Death: 23 Sep 1845, Wingham
 Burial: 2 Oct 1845, Wingham

Witness at brother Roberts' wedding 17th December 1818.
 1841 census aged 40, born about 1801, and living with sister Ann and mother Sarah.
 Record of burial states aged 50.

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.11 Ann MATSON

Birth: 1796, Wingham
 Chr: 8 Nov 1796, St. Mary, Wingham, Kent
 Death: 31 Jan 1885, Wingham
 Burial: 5 Feb 1885, Wingham

1841 census aged 30 born about 1811 and living with sister Caroline and mother Sarah.
 1851 census aged 38 and unmarried Head of Household. Annuitant. Living at Wingham. In the same household is Sarah Friend aged 19 and a servant
 1861 census records Ann at Wingham where she is aged 64 born Wingham and unmarried.
 At the same household are Robert Matson, her brother who is described as 'on a journey' and two granddaughters Lucy aged 8 and Edith aged 6. There is also a Housekeeper who is the 18 year old Emily Jane Collard born in Ash.
 Record of burial states aged 92.

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.12 Eliza MATSON

Birth: 1797, Wingham, Kent
 Chr: 19 Jan 1797, St. Mary, Wingham, Kent

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.4.8.13 Elizabeth MATSON

Birth: 1799, Wingham
 Chr: 21 Mar 1799, Wingham, Kent
 Death: Aug 1815, Wingham, Kent
 Burial: 13 Aug 1815, Wingham, Kent

(8) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.5 Thomas MATSON

Birth: May 1711, Shepherdswell
 Chr: 22 May 1711, Shepherdswell
 Death: Mar 1781
 Burial: 18 Mar 1781, St Mary, Wingham
 Occ: Farmer And Landowner

Father left him £400 in his will (1731).
 Farmer and landowner of Wingham, Worth and lastly Sandwich.
 Owned 52 New Street, Sandwich.
 Recorded as of Wingham at time of marriage in 1737.
 He was an executor of his mother Ann's will together with his brother Robert.

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Thomas's will dated 10 Jan 1780 refers to "mess/tent and stable ground near New Street, Parish of St. Peters'.... land in Worth (in occupation of Robert Matson)... leasehold tent, dwelling house with edifices yard garden etc situated in Deal."

Spouse: Aphra BEANE
 Birth: 1712, Eythorne Or Wingham
 Chr: 11 Jun 1694, Eythorne Or Wingham
 Death: Oct 1781, Wingham, Kent
 Burial: 15 Oct 1781, Wingham, Kent

There is a query in birth dates for Aphra with a Christening in Eythorne dated 11th June 1694. This would mean she was still bearing children in 1752 at the age of 58.

Recorded as of Wingham at time of marriage in 1737.

Will of Thomas Matson - of Sandwich, Gent.

All my mess/tent and the Stable ground and appurts situate and being near a certain street called New St Parish of St Peter now in my own occupn unto my beloved wife Affra Matson and her assigns during her nat life without impeachment or waste. After her decease, I give the same to my son John and his heirs forever...

Marr: 15 Sep 1737, Wingham Marr Memo: or 20th September 1737

Children: John (1740-1817)
 Thomas (Died as Infant) (1744-1745)
 Anne (Died as Infant) (1746-1749)
 Ann (1760-1850)
 Mary (1750-<1806)
 Charles (1752-)
 Elizabeth (-<1780)

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.5.1 John MATSON

Birth: Dec 1740, Nonington
 Chr: 4 Dec 1740, Nonington
 Death: 1817, Dover or Sandwich
 Occ: Hoyman (Ship Owner) Also Owned Each End Farm, Woodnesborough.

Recorded as a Batchelor aged 22 of St. Mary, Sandwich at time of marriage in 1763.

Enrolled as Freeman of Sandwich 19th February 1768 by Redemption. Clerk/Mayor in 1777 and paid £20 (Reference Sa/AC9.p.141: RF.46: Boys p.422: Board in Parlour: Hull p.560)

Common Councilman of Sandwich and Churchwarden of St. Peters' Parish, Sandwich. At 'General Brotherhood 23rd July 1771' (Reference Sa/AC9.p.141: RF.46: Boys p.422: Board in Parlour: Hull p.560)

Lived at 52, New Street, Sandwich.

In 1806 gave £100 for improvements to Ramsgate to Sandwich Road.

House at New Street and farm at Each End left in will to adopted son William Henry Rolfe. Will extract R? 0358/735 28th April 1806

Will 15th September 1817 (Prob 11/1596).

Spouse: Mary WISE
 Birth: 1735, St. Peters, Sandwich
 Death: 1797
 Father: Henry WISE
 Mother: Mary SOLLY

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Recorded as Spinster of this Parish (St. Peter, Sandwich) at time of marriage in 1763.

Father was Henry Wise (1707-1769) a Haberdasher and Jurat of Sandwich and Mayor of the town in 1757. Her mother was Mary Solly.

Mary Wise was aunt to the mother of William Henry Rolfe (he was her Great-Nephew).

Johns' will of 1806 has this *...I give to Wm Henry Boggs of Brompton Gillingham Esq. Capt R Marines and neph of my late decd wife Mary Matson the sum of £150*

Marr: 27 Sep 1763, Church of St. Peter, Sandwich
 Marr Memo: Triple ceremony with Sarah and Judith Wise

Children: William Henry (Adopted) (1779-1859)



William Henry ROLFE

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.5.1.1 William Henry ROLFE

Birth: 1779
 Death: Dec 1859, Sandwich, Kent Death Memo: Eastry 2a 408

Mayor of Sandwich in 1827, 1839 and 1841.

John and Mary Matson had no children of their own.

Mary Wise was aunt to the mother of William Henry Rolfe. John Matson was aged 40 when he and Mary adopted William Henry Rolfe, a two year old.

When John Matson died (a widower of 20 years) he made certain pecuniary bequests to relatives and left the residue of his real and personal estate, including his house in New Street, Sandwich and his farm at Each End, to William Henry Rolfe.

“...I give to W H Rolfe his heirs etc. All my mess/lands/tents and hereditis and Real Est. Whatsoever etc to hold unto themselves forever....” Excerpt from will of John Matson dated 1806.

William also received a one-fourth share of certain real estates left by Mary, his adopted mother, when she died aged 62.

Died a bachelor and bequeathed “all household and personal effects” to Hannah Mugwell, his housekeeper.

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.5.2 Thomas MATSON

Birth: Mar 1744, Nonington
 Chr: Mar 1744, Nonington
 Death: 1745
 Burial: 22 Feb 1745, Wingham, Kent
 Record of burial states 27th February 1744/45 Thomas son of Thomas Matson.

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(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.5.3 Anne MATSON

Birth: Nov 1746, Nonnington, Kent
 Chr: 19 Nov 1746, Nonnington, Kent
 Death: 1749, Wingham, Kent
 Burial: 10 Mar 1749, Wingham, Kent

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.5.4 Ann MATSON

Birth: 1760, Walmer, Kent
 Death: Dec 1850, Isle of Thanet Registration District Death Memo: 5 319
 1749 being when younger Ann died.
 Record of marriage states ‘of this parish’ (Walmer)

Spouse: John WOODRUFF
 Birth: 1760, Ash-Next Sandwich, Kent
 Death: Sep 1845, Isle of Thanet Registration District
 Death Memo: 5 294

“... my niece Mary Woodruff wife of Thomas the younger of Deal carpenter....” Excerpt from will of John Matson dated 1806.

Marr: 12 Oct 1775, Walmer, Kent
 Marr Memo: Banns

Children: William John (1790-1856)
 Mary Matson (1778-1854)

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.5.4.1 William John WOODRUFF

Birth: 1790, Walmer, Kent
 Chr: 12 Dec 1790, St. Mary’s, Walmer
 Death: 21 Sep 1856
 Burial: 1856, Deal Cemetery, Kent
 Occ: Grocer In Lower Street

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.5.4.2 Mary Matson WOODRUFF

Birth: 1778, Walmer, Kent
 Chr: May 1778, Walmer, Kent
 Death: Mar 1854, Camberwell, Surrey

“...goes to my nieces Elizabeth Garrett & Mary Woodruff...” “...my niece Mary Woodruff wife of Thomas the younger of Deal carpenter...” Excerpts from will of John Matson dated 1806.
 This couple is believed to have had 13 children including Matson Woodruff.

Spouse: Thomas WOODRUFF
 Birth: 1770, Deal, Kent
 Death: Mar 1863, Islington, London
 Burial: 1863, St. Mary, Islington
 Occ: Carpenter

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“...goes to my nieces Elizabeth Garrett & Mary Woodruff.....” “...my niece Mary Woodruff wife of Thomas the younger of Deal carpenter...” Excerpts from will of John Matson dated 1806.

Children: Matson (1804-)

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.5.4.2.1 Matson WOODRUFF

Birth: 1804, Deal, Kent
 Chr: 15 Jul 1804, Deal, Kent

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.5.5 Mary MATSON

Birth: 1750, Nonnington, Kent
 Chr: 13 Dec 1750, Nonnington, Kent
 Death: bef 1806

Marriage record states that Mary is ‘of this Parish’. (Worth)
 “... my Nephew John Covell one of the sons of my late sister Mary Covell deceased for...” Excerpt from will transcript of John Matson dated 1806.

Spouse: Richard COVELL
 Birth: St. John, Margate

Excerpt from will of Thomas Matson -
 To my son Charles All that tenement cottage outhouses buildings and land by estimation _ a yard {think he must mean acre!} situated in word {Worth} late in the occ of Robt Matson which at sometime I purchased of James Hambrook. Also all that my leasehold tent. dwelling house with edifices yard garden etc etc situated in Deal now in the occ of **my son in law Richard Covell**

Marr: 22 Oct 1771, Worth, Kent
 Marr Memo: Licence

Children: John
 Charles

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.5.5.1 John COVELL

“...my Nephew John Covell one of the sons of my late sister Mary Covell deceased for...” Excerpt from will of John Matson dated 1806 transcript.

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.5.5.2 Charles COVELL

Occ: Lieutenant In Royal Navy

“... my Great Niece Ann Covell daughter of my nephew Charles Covell deceased late a Lieutenant in the R N one of the.{?} sons of my late sister Mary Covell {decd}...” Excerpt from will of John Matson dated 1806

Spouse: Ann ROBERTS

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“...Great Niece Ann Covell daughter of my nephew Charles Covell deceased late a Lieutenant in the R N one of the{?} sons of my late sister Mary Covell {decd} by Ann his wife late Ann Roberts spinster...” Excerpt from will of John Matson dated 1806.

Children: Ann

(11) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.5.5.2.1 Ann COVELL

“... my Great Niece Ann Covell daughter of my nephew Charles Covell deceased late a Lieutenant in the R N one of the{?} sons of my late sister Mary Covell {decd}...” Excerpt from will of John Matson dated 1806

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.5.6 Charles MATSON

Birth: Jun 1752, Nonington
 Chr: 10 Jun 1752, Nonington

From the will of his father Thomas -

To my son Charles All that tenement cottage outhouses buildings and land by estimation _ a yard {think he must mean acre!} situated in word {Worth} late in the occ of Robt Matson which at sometime I purchased of James Hambrook. Also all that my leasehold tent. dwelling house with edifices yard garden etc etc situated in Deal now in the occ of my son in law Richard Covell and all my Renewable and other my Est. Right & Title term of years interest which I now have or shall or may have or be entitled at the time of my decease together with the lease thereof which I shall be subsisting unto my said son John Matson and my son in law Robt Gore of St Peter I.O.T. Gent until such sale as the J.M. and R. Gore or the survivor or such survivors do and shall procure the lease of the lawl mentioned Tent. Or Dwelling House to be renewed for 21 years or when they should sell it for the best price

A will reference exists which may show that Charles died early.

Matson, Charles. Farmer of Worth. Made 21st April 1789. Probate 31st October 1791. 66/550a Canterbury Consistory Court.

Spouse: Mary FLINT
 Birth: abt 1759, Worth, Kent
 Birth Memo: from will
 Death: 29 Oct 1843, Worth, Kent
 Death Memo: From date of Will
 Father: Unknown Male FLINT

IGI Reference -Marriage to Charles MATSON 7 Jan 1789 at Ashford, batch # M019670.

1839 Deal directory has this entry: -

Mrs. MATSON, Market Street (under nobility, gentry & clergy)

1841 Census shows Mary Matson ‘of independent means’ aged 80 and living at Market Street, Deal. Mary has three servants recorded with her - Sarah Curling aged 55, Sarah Hawkes aged 40 and Sarah Paramour aged 20.

Mary’s will, Reference 11/1988, is dated 27th May 1840. It has two Codicils 27th October 1840 and 3rd May 1843. Proved 18th November 1843.

Mary was of Worth and now Deal at the time of making the will, which is long and very detailed - very many individual bequests, mostly to unrelated people. She was obviously well-to-do and lists people in Nassau in the Bahamas. Its difficult writing. I can see only one reference to a relative (she doesn't even name her late husband) - and that is her brother Mr Samuel Flint.

Mary requests that ‘...she be directly interred in the Parish Church of the aforesaid (Worth) near the remains of my late husband and I order and direct that a handsome tablet be put up the said church to the memory of my said husband deceased (added above the line)..’

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One of the servants is Sarah Hawkes so there may be links to the Hawkes family.
 Mary has Drawings of... At Bahamas and the town of Nassau.
 She refers to several reverends and also to a Captain, Admiral etc.
 Mrs.... Of Northbourne Court...Boys daughter of the late Doctor Edward Boys, * Gregory William Rolfe esq.
 There is reference to the two children of her goddaughter... Matson.... deceased. Susanna....
 My friend Mrs. Alicia? Cockburn? Wife of the present Governor of the Bahamia Islands.
 There is also a reference in the main will to Mary's brother Samuel Flint who had left Mary a legacy.
 2nd codicil dated 3rd May 1843. Refers to Samuel Flint of Lewes.
 'The Times' of 1st November 1843 has a notice of 'died' that "*On the 29th ult. at Deal, in the 84th year of her age, Mrs. Mary Matson, widow, universally beloved and respected by a numerous circle of friends*".
 'The Gentleman's Magazine' of 1843 also carries an obituary "Oct.29. At Deal, aged 84, Mrs. Mary Matson, widow,"
 The Church at Eastry has the following monument - Edward BOYS M.D. and Elizabeth, his wife placed this memorial of their beloved infant Edward George Boys. Born 15th January, died 15th July 1801.

Marr: 7 Jan 1789, West Ashford District, Kent Marr Memo: Licence West Ashford District

(9) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.5.7 Elizabeth MATSON

 Birth: Nonnington, Kent
 Chr: 17 Jul 1738, Nonnington, Kent
 Death: bef 1780

Rob Gore of St Pet Thanet husb wid & Eliz Matson of Worth sp, at W. 19 Jul 1767. Vincent Underdown of the s gent bond.

Spouse: Robert GORE
 Birth: St. Peter, Thanet, Kent

Widower at time of marriage to Elizabeth Matson.

From will of Thomas Matson -

Also all that my leasehold tent. dwelling house with edifices yard garden etc etc situated in Deal now in the occ of my son in law Richard Covell and all my Renewable and other my Est. Right & Title term of years interest which I now have or shall or may have or be entitled at the time of my decease together with the lease thereof which I shall be subsisting unto my said son John Matson and my son in law Robt Gore of St Peter I.O.T. Gent until such sale as the J.M. and R. Gore or the survivor or such survivors do and shall procure the lease of the lawl. mentioned Tent. Or Dwelling House to be renewed for 21 years or when they should sell it for the best price

I also give to my son and Robt Gore £1,500 and they to place it at interest in one or more of the public stocks such interest to be paid to my wife Affra during her nat. life, John Garrett of Ellington = Elizh Gore only surv dtr of Elizh Gore late wife of Rob Gore of St Peter Thanet {dec} which Eliz was the dtr of Thos Matson late of Sandwich Gent {dec}. By will dated 10 Jan 1780 did give to his son John and Robt Gore upon trust for {his} 2 grand child Elun Fanny Gore the children of his late dtr Eliz Gore at attaining 21 yrs

Marr: 21 Jul 1767, Worth, Kent
 Marr Memo: By Licence 19th July 1767

Children: Elizabeth
 Elun Fanny

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(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.5.7.1 Elizabeth GORE

“To John Garrett of Ellington in the Vill of Ramsgate Isle of Thanet Co Kent Esqr ...same goes to my nieces Elizabeth Garrett...” Excerpt from will of John Matson dated 1806.

Spouse: John GARRETT
 Birth: Ellington, Ramsgate, Kent

“To John Garrett of Ellington in the Vill of Ramsgate Isle of Thanet Co Kent Esqr ...same goes to my nieces Elizabeth Garrett...” Excerpt from will of John Matson dated 1806.

From will of Thomas Matson -

John Garrett of Ellington = Elizh Gore only surv dtr of Elizh Gore late wife of Rob Gore of St Peter Thanet {dec} which Eliz was the dtr of Thos Matson late of Sandwich Gent {dec}. By will dated 10 Jan 1780 did give to his son John and Robt Gore upon trust for {his} 2 grand child Elun Fanny Gore the children of his late dtr Eliz Gore at attaining 21 yrs

(10) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.5.7.2 Elun Fanny GORE

(8) 1.2.1.1.7.8b.6b.6 Dorothy MATSON

Birth: 20 Mar 1713, Shepherdswell
 Chr: 20 Mar 1713, Shepherdswell
 Chr Memo: Recorded as 1713-4
 Death: aft 1738

The marriage record records that both Dorothy and John are “of this Parish”. Her father left her £200 in his will (1731).

Spouse: John SPRATT
 Birth: 1711, Deal, Kent
 Chr: 12 Mar 1711, Deal, Kent
 Father: Robert SPRATT (1678-)
 Mother: Grace BRIDGEANT (~1678-)

Referred to in will of his mother-in-law Anne Matson (nee Boys) Probate 24th February 1759. A Solomon Spratt was Churchwarden of the Parish of Wingham in 1755-1757.

Marr: 17 Oct 1738, Wingham, Kent

(6) 1.2.1.1.7.9 Dorothea MATSON

Birth: May 1633, Sibertswold
 Chr: 12 May 1633, Shepherdswell
 Death: aft 1662

Spouse: Unknown Male PARE

(6) 1.2.1.1.7.10 Robert MATSON

Birth: 1635, Shepherdswell
 Chr: 11 Apr 1635, Shepherdswell

(5) 1.2.1.1.8 Stephen MATSON

Spouse: Mary SYLKWOOD
 Of Eythorne.

Marr: 5 Nov 1629, Eythorne, Kent

Children: Stephen (1632-)
 William (1633-)
 Elizabeth (1635-)

(6) 1.2.1.1.8.1 Stephen MATSON

Birth: Apr 1632
 Chr: 18 Apr 1632, Shepherdswell

(6) 1.2.1.1.8.2 William MATSON

Birth: May 1633
 Chr: 16 May 1633, Shepherdswell

(6) 1.2.1.1.8.3 Elizabeth MATSON

Birth: Feb 1635
 Chr: 21 Feb 1635, Shepherdswell

(4) 1.2.1.2 Nicholas MATSON

Death: 1599, Sandwich, Kent
 Burial: 8 Jul 1599, St. Clement's, Sandwich, Kent

Under 16 in 1551

Spouse: Agnes
 Death: 1598, Sandwich, Kent
 Burial: 20 Apr 1598, St. Clement's, Sandwich, Kent

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(4) 1.2.1.3 Elizabeth MATSON

Under 21 in 1551

Spouse: Nicholas DAVISON
Marr: 27 Jan 1569, Knowlton, Kent
Marr Memo: Knowlton BTs

(4) 1.2.1.4 Ann MATSON

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