

News Archive 2013

Railway Gottses in Ancestry

Posted by: lang at 09:17, December 22 2013.

Here are some Gottses in Ancestry's railway records. I have found some of them in trees, but a couple are still elusive. I know there are other Gottses who worked for railways, but many railway records have not survived.

Name	Station	DOB	Notes
A Gotts (indexed as Gotto)	Nottingham, Midland Railway		Entry into Service 14 Jan 1901 as vanboy
E Gotts	Great Central		
Jno Wm Gotts (2000) tree #098	Finchley Road, Midland Railway	20 on 1 May 1899, so DOB 1 May 1879	Entry into Service as Porter 21 Aug 1899, height 5' 7 3/4", 31 Jan 1900 Resigned,
George Henry Gotts (1609) tree #053	Hull Kingston St, Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway		Entered service 11 Aug 1879 aged 15 +2m as Rully boy, Transferred to loco dept 16 Oct 1880
Edward Gotts (1974) tree #098	Northampton Castle, London and North Western Railway	27/4/1874	Entered service Feb 1897, Shunter from Jan 1905, , as Foreman Shunter from 1 Jun 1914, from head shunter 1 Jun 1916

Samuel GOTTTS, a Lowestoft Character

Posted by: lang at 20:20, December 21 2013.

Ian Gotts of Kings Lynn has found this news article on Samuel Gotts in Lowestoft:

Two references are made to a certain Samuel GOTTTS misbehaving in Lowestoft during the late 1870s and early 1880s. More than likely this is Samuel [1446], son of Thomas GOTTTS and Elizabeth HOWARD. Evidently a somewhat dubious character, he was also committed to Yarmouth's Bridewell in 1850 for assault.

1. Lowestoft Journal - 12 February 1876

Samuel GOTTTS, labourer - charged with being drunk and fined.

2. Ipswich Journal - 10 June 1882

LOWESTOFT

TUESDAY, JUNE 6. - Before H. Seppings, Esq.

A character. Samuel Gotts, fisherman, was charged with being found in a boat, on Mr C Page's shipwright's premises, on Monday morning, without any visible means of subsistence.

Police Sergt. Phillipo stated that from information he had received he visited complainant's premises about two o'clock on Monday last, and found defendant there in a boat, No 616, belonging to Mr. D Durrant. Defendant said he knew the boat belonged to old Durrant, and if he prosecuted him it would be the worse for him. Witness then took him to the station and locked him up.

Mr Page said he wished to have a stop put to the practice. He was almost always having damages inflicted upon fishing property left with him. Sometimes boats were cut adrift, and they had found that me had even lighted fires in the boats, and sadly injured them.

Defendant said he was obliged to get somewhere; he could get no one to take him in.

The Magistrate: You can go to the Police Station and get an order for the (work)house.

Defendant: That's not a fit place for a young man like me.

The Magistrate: Well, what can I do with a man like you?

Defendant: If you will allow me, I will go out of the town at once. I'll get away from all this. I've had enough of it. I've got a brother at Yarmouth; he will help me down to the North. He will, Sir, I know. I'll promise you, Sir, if you will let me go I will not trouble you again.

The Magistrate: You are discharged then on the condition that you at once leave the town.

Defendant: Thank you, Sir, I'm off, and, suiting the action to the word, he left the Court almost in a twinkling.

Trying to establish we have the right person takes a little work. Samuel 1446 (tree #040) first appears in the 1841 census, and in all the subsequent census he is listed as born in 1837. There are two Samuels born then in Yarmouth, the second being Samuel 1202 (tree #011, part of 040). We can trace this Samuel separately through the census eventually up to Gateshead in 1891, and he is already married in 1881, so is already sorted out.

For Samuel 1446 we have these census records:

1841 & 51 he's with his mother/father in Yarmouth

Gotts Surname website: News Archive 2013

1861 1 Well Yard, Peters St, Lowestoft, Suffolk, Samuel T Gotts, lodger, unm, m, 24, 1837, labourer, born Yarmouth, Norfolk, lodging with Elizabeth Amis, charwoman.

1871 14 Dove St, "Live & Let Live", Lowestoft, Suffolk. Samuel Gotts, head (lodger), unm male, 34, b 1837, Fish Hawker, born Yarmouth, Norfolk

1881 no luck in finding him, mind you it sounds like he might have been sleeping rough so didn't get recorded

1891 only got Sam 1202

1901 nothing matches

So the pattern is there for the same person over time, and the age is consistent with Samuel 1446. And Samuel is a fish hawker in 1871, so associated with the boatyard.

The Samuel T for 1861 is new. It could be T for Thomas as per his father. We don't have a baptism for him, and there aren't any Samuels in civil registration for 1837. Being born Yarmouth is awkward as the records are sparse.

So Samuel in Lowestoft disappears after 1882. His death could be 1887 Mar Q Erpingham, but we have nothing concrete yet.

If anyone spots anything else relevant to this chap then please let us know.

Another Joseph Gotts : born in Halcomb, Somerset 1751

Posted by: lang at 12:00, December 19 2013.

In Find my Past there is an army record for a Joseph Gotts discharged in 1814. This Joseph is born in an unusual place for a Gotts: Halcomb, Somerset. So far we can't find his birth anywhere. Any offers?

Joseph GOTTS

Calculated year of birth: ? (1751)

Parish of birth: Halcomb (Holcombe, near Shepton Mallet?)

County of birth: Somerset

Age at attestation: 32 years

Discharge date: 26/7/1814

Attestation corps:

Attestation soldier number:

Gotts Surname website: News Archive 2013

Discharge rank: Private

Discharge corps: 3rd Royal Regiment Of Veterans

Discharge soldier number:

The National Archives reference: WO97

Reason for discharge: Reduction & worn out(ie too old and slow)

Age 53 in 1814

5'2" brown hair grey eyes, dark complexion, by trade a taylor (sic)

Service:

116 Foot 1 May 1793 -31 Aug 17952y 123d

42 Foot 1 Sep 1795 - 28 Sept 179528d

10 Foot 2 Sep 1804 - 2 Jan 18072y 122 d

20 Foot 3 Jan 1807 - 7 Dec 18135y 331 d

ROB 8 Dec 1813

No service abroad ie E & W Indies

Signed off at Horsham Barracks 1814

Notes have Manchester & Lancaster mentioned, possibly where stationed.

Strangely, since first posting this, I have found the record in TNA indexed as Joseph born Manchester! This is clearly wrong when you look at the image.

Is Joseph born in a military family based in Holcombe? The record defintely says Gotts not Gott.

Floods aren't new- Lowestoft 1953

Posted by: lang at 20:25, December 12 2013.

Three generations of GOTTS family 083 were living in Lowestoft at the time of the terrible 1953 flood that cut the town in two but fortunately claimed no lives. The following extract from an account of that event makes mention of the memory of a certain June GOTTS:

June Gotts was supposed to be celebrating her twenty-second birthday that evening though the party had to be cancelled! She recalls, 'I walked to my friend's in Seago Street and was almost hit by a falling chimney stack. My friend said it could have been worse!' However, the thing she remembers most about that night was what haunted many people - the noise that was coming from the turbulent seas that was driving over the Denes.

Source- Royal Flaxman with Dean Parkin, "Wall of Water: Lowestoft & Oulton Broad during the 1953 Flood" (Rushmere Publishing 1993), p 51.

A young woman at the time of the flood, June was to become the wife of Peter R. GOTTS, a son of Joseph GOTTS, who was born in Stepney and belonged to a GOTTS family long established in London and who in 1901 was a 15 year-old boy living at home in Mile End Old Town. Evidently, at some point after that Census Joseph decided to leave London for Lowestoft.

Thanks to Ian Gotts of Kings Lynn for this.

What's new 19 November 2013

Posted by: lang at 15:40, November 19 2013.

A focus mainly on sorting out William Gotts army records:

- News item: John Gotts (1790 - 1834): Beating a Drum for Worstead
- News item: William Gotts Sergeant in 24th Regiment: the answer on a postcard...
- News item: William Gottses in Bengal - again! Tree 091
- News item: 1279 reference to a GOTTE in South Elmham
- News item: William Gotts 17th Lancers b 1805 Castleacre tree 121
- News item: William Gotts in British Army Royal Artillery, tree 121
- News item: William Gotts of Norwich: 24th Dragoons in India
- Tree 090 written up: William Gotts who married Elizabeth Anderson in East Ruston. See after tree 040 to which it is probably linked.
- Tree 091 pages 1,2,3 updated to reflect Private William Gotts from St Helens, Norwich
- History of the Name: Updated to add Bishop Suffield reference to a Gotte in 1279
- Update Tops of Trees pages 2 & 3 for trees 090 and 091

John Gotts (1790 - 1834): Beating a Drum for Worstead

Posted by: lang at 19:26, November 12 2013.

In his previous post about Sergeant William Gotts, Ian Gotts of Kings Lynn suggested that William was born in Worstead to William Gotts and Elizabeth Anderson. Here, he discusses them and Sergeant William's brother John.

A somewhat elusive branch of GOTTS is found at Worstead following the marriage at East Ruston on the 21st October 1782 of William GOTTS (s), then of Worstead, and Elizabeth ANDERSON (s)(*See Footnote 1. Also see Tops of Trees-tree 090*) This event was witnessed by George GOTTS and Huggin PORSON. Now PORSON had for many years been the parish clerk and happened also to be the father of the celebrated Greek scholar, Richard PORSON. But who was George GOTTS and what was his relationship with the groom William?

One very attractive possibility is that these two men were, in fact, brothers, both sons of the William GOTTS who, a widower at Hevingham in May 1757, married Elizabeth BURRAGE (*See Known Families tree 040*). Born in March, just a couple of months out of wedlock, to this couple was William BURRAGE; and in March 1759 appeared George GOTTS, the first legitimate child of the match. The family lingered in Hevingham for about a decade and then settled around East Ruston - the home village for several generations to come. What is being suggested is that young William BURRAGE at some point adopted the name GOTTS and that by the autumn of 1782 was living in Worstead when he married Elizabeth ANDERSON. What, after all, would be more natural than for one brother to witness the marriage of another?

By far the most interesting of the eight children (*See Footnote 2*) born at Worstead to William and Elizabeth is John - our little drummer boy. Perhaps a means of escape from the grinding poverty afflicting the countryside at the time, perhaps a response to the renewed fears of invasion arousing deep anxiety in so many rural communities (*See Footnote 3*) - whatever the motive, John was among the ragbag of local volunteers to abandon his plough for the King's uniform, a very different kind of drill. Well under age at fourteen, with dark hair, blue eyes, fresh complexion and standing at just five feet, he enlisted for 'unlimited service' as a drummer in the 1st (or Grenadier) Foot Guards on the 12th January 1805. When awarded the Waterloo Medal in 1816 he was serving with the 3rd Battalion in Lieutenant-Colonel Henry D'Oyly's Company - a battalion that formed part of the 1st Division of the Army under Maitland and, to all accounts, fought with heroic valour defending position among the woods and gardens of Hougoumont.

Waterloo, as we all know, brought about the final defeat of Napoleon, who was forced to abdicate four days later. The coming of peace, after almost a quarter a century of conflict, brought its own problems - not least a painful readjustment within the rural economy. John, however, remained with the military and was finally discharged on the 24th August 1821, in consequence of scrofula - a form of tuberculosis - and the reduction of the regiment. Despite the award, his conduct was described as 'irregular'.

Bereft of drum and glory, John would have spent the remaining thirteen years of his life in or around Worstead and was buried there on the 1st April 1834 at the age of 45. No records suggest what became of him during those years, time that saw widespread

discontent among the rural poor climaxing with the Captain Swing Riots of 1830. Perhaps he married. Perhaps, just perhaps, he is the John GOTTS (s) who married by licence at Worstead on the 2nd October 1833 Ann KIRK (s). (See Footnote 4) We know that drummer John died in 1834 and no trace is found of this couple in Worstead in 1841, but by 1851 Ann GOTTS (44) is widowed and bringing up a daughter Caroline, who was born at Worstead on the 2nd November 1833. Potentially this is the Ann who was buried on 07 Sep 1875 at Worstead.

Little can be said about John's siblings. All that is known for certain is that Robert, who never married, was at Worstead in 1851, an agricultural labourer, lodging with widowed postmistress Amy CUBITT, and still in the village in 1861, this time being cared for by his widowed sister Mary HOWSE (spelling varies). Both Robert and Mary died in the village in 1870.

Worstead's looms have long been silent - as have, unfortunately, John's drums. But if any of these names beats a drum for anyone reading this, please get in touch with Ian Gotts of Kings Lynn at iangotts@tiscali.co.uk

Footnotes:

1. No record has been found of William's burial but Elizabeth was buried at Worstead on the 30th July 1823 at the age of 63.
2. Children of William & Elizabeth Anderson:
 - o William b 30 January 1785
 - o James b 10 April 1787
 - o John b 15 January 1790; d 1834
 - o Mary b 1792; m 18 December 1833 John HOWES; d 1870
 - o Elizabeth b 22 March 1795; possibly married 7 August 1826 John BRANSBY
 - o Samuel b 1798 d 14 August 1798
 - o Samuel b November 1799 d December 1799
 - o Robert b 14 November 1799; d 28 December 1870.
3. Shortly after the failure of the Peace of Amiens (1802), Brigadier John Moore - later to achieve fame in the Peninsular Campaign - toured East Anglia's defences and worried about the inadequacy of the shore battery at Great Yarmouth. Around the same time, William Windham III of Felbrigg began stiffening defences around the coast at Cromer. Trafalgar was still several months away.
4. No record has been found of William's burial but Elizabeth was buried at Worstead on the 30th July 1823 at the age of 63.

William Gotts Sergeant in 24th Regiment: the answer on a postcard...

Posted by: [iang](#) at 20:38, November 11 2013.

Following the previous post about there being two Williams, one a sergeant and one a private, Ian Gotts of Kings Lynn believes he has the answer to William the Sergeant.

In his correspondence with David Higgins, Ian has amassed this information:

"Sergeant William Gotts [c1770-1814]

- Enlisted in the 24th Foot from the East Norfolk Militia 24 August 1807

•Two Casualty Index Entries:

- Sergeant. Labourer. Born Lynn Regis. Prisoner 3 July 1810
- Sergeant. Labourer. Born North Walsham. Paid to children

Prisoner reference: capture by French, along with many others, on Isle de France, Mauritius.

WO 25 / 1652 Casualty Returns 1st Battalion 24th Foot Regiment

- Report 50 William GOTTTS Sergeant, born North Walsham, labourer
- Drowned in river on passage to Dinapore (military cantonment belonging to British on south bank of Ganges in province of Bahor) 30 July 1814. Credit £3-0-21/2. Amount paid to his two children present at the Regiment, Margaret and Eleanor Gotts.

This is possibly the William born Worstead 30 January 1785, son of William Gotts and Elizabeth Anderson who married at East Ruston 21 October 1782.

It is possible that William married and fathered his daughters in Norfolk before enlisting in 1807, but no trace has been found of the baptisms of Margaret & Eleanor to a William Gotts.

Equally possible is that William who was captured and later drowned is also the William GOTTTS, a sergeant of the 24th Ft, who married at the Garrison, Fort William, Bengal, 29 November 1811 Mary FLAHERTY, a widow.

Mary was buried at the Garrison, Fort William, Bengal, 25 January 1814, age 30.

Movements of the 24th Foot 1807 - 1814

The background to the capture and later his drowning is described below:

On the 10th June 1810, a convoy of three large East Indiamen, the Ceylon, the Windham and the Astell, left Capetown for India. It was primarily crewed by lascar seamen but 250 soldiers of the 24th Regiment of Foot, who had been stationed since 1807 at Cape of Good Hope were carried aboard each ship. On the 3rd July, off the island of Mauritius, the convoy was attacked by a French frigate squadron and both the Ceylon and the Windham were captured; the third ship escaped. The prisoners were taken to the island, where they were held until it was captured by the British five months later. In March 1811, the soldiers rejoined the rest of the battalion at Fort William, Calcutta.

In 1814, the 24th Foot moved from Calcutta to Dinapore in the north owing to problems with Nepal. This is when William drowned."

IG-STA- It is not known exactly who Eleanor and Margaret Gotts described as his children were. We have found no record of them in FMP, Family Search. Neither are they shown as born in India in the India Army database on the British Library website. It is possible that they are children of Mary Flaherty, and so William's step-children. Again, they are not mentioned as Flaherty for baptisms, marriages or burials in the

India Army database. After their parents deaths, we have no records of what happened to them. The name Eleanor Gotts is distinctive, but we can't find any records in India or England for her.

Another mystery to be noted, but see the next post about William's origins...

William Gottses in Bengal - again! Tree 091

Posted by: lang at 20:36, November 4 2013.

Having now checked the images for the regimental registers in the British Library, we have some interesting conclusions on William Gotts in 24th Dragoons. The records are:

1. 24th Sept 1811 William Gotts Sergeant in 24th Regiment, bachelor married Mary Flaherty, widow, at The Garrison, Fort William, Bengal (N/1/8/f435)
2. 30th Sept 1811 William Gotts in 24th Light Dragoons (no rank shown) married Mary Wright, widow at the Outstations, Bengal (N/1/6/f439)

These are entries in the same register 6 days and 4 pages apart, so there are no transcription errors.

- 8 Nov 1812 Robert Gotts, a child buried at The Garrison, Fort William, Bengal (N/1/9/f89). No parents listed, but was he son of Mary Flaherty as she was at the same location?
- 6 Feb 1814 Charles Gotts bapt, b 22 Jan to William Gotts Private and his wife Mary at Outstations (N/1/9/f190) So presumably son of Mary Wright or William would be described as sergeant.
- 25 Jan 1814 Mary Gotts buried at the Garrison, Fort William, aged 30, wife of Sergeant William Gotts (N/1/9/f361) so this must be Mary Flaherty based at the Garrison who married William the Sergeant, and not, as I has earlier thought, the mother of Charles dying 3 days after the birth.
- 3 Dec 1815 Charles Gotts, an infant, buried at Outstations.(N/1/9/f427) No parents named. Obviously, this is Charles aged 10 months, son of Private William & Mary Wright.
- 19 May 1816 Richard and Thomas Gotts bapt, born 5 May, to William Gotts, Corporal HM 24th Dragoons and Mary his wife at Cawnpore (N/1/10/f102) So this is William, now a Corporal and Mary Wright.

At present, I cannot see any other way the records can be merged to provide one William & Mary. I had thought the second marriage was possibly later, around 1815, but the 1811 register is clear. There are no entries that would fit in 1815 either.

So there certainly appear to be two Williams:

1. William Gotts Sergeant married Mary Flaherty (widow) in 1811, was based at the Garrison, Fort William, Bengal, possibly had one son Robert who died, and Mary Flaherty then died aged 30 in 1814. We don't know where this William came from, his age, or what happened to him, or Mary's maiden name.
2. Second family was William Gotts based in the Outstations, initially a Private presumably when he was married Mary Wright in 1811, certainly so at the birth of Charles in 1814 who died in 1815. William Gotts now Corporal & Mary Wright then had twins in Cawnpore in 1816.

This connection is confirmed, as we know that the baptism of their daughter Harriett Day Gotts in Lakenham 1819 has Mary Wright as her mother, so this Mary survived.

So where is the other William from, where are his papers and what happened to him???

Answers on a postcard please...

1279 reference to a GOTTE in South Elmham

Posted by: lang at 19:30, October 28 2013.

Having watched the BBC programme on Medieval death they mentioned the Great Hospital at Norwich, and that they have a list of donors to a leper colony at Gaywood near Kings Lynn in a book called a "mortilegium". It is possible there may be Gotts ancestors there, but I don't know yet.

In looking at their website there are several old documents which have been transcribed. One of these is Bishop Suffield's will proved in 1279. In there it mentions "GOTTE".

"Item, twenty marks is to be handed to Dominus Hamon, chaplain, the master of the hospital of St Giles, towards alms-giving for my soul to places and people as he sees best. To John the clerk, scribe of our courts, twenty shillings; to Adam de Wichingham twenty shillings; to Gotte of South Elmham three marks; to Adam, the warrener of Eccles, twenty shillings; and in common to all my warreners three marks, according to the ordinance of my executors. "

Here's the link to their website:

[Great Hospital website](#)

I'm not sure who he is though: any guesses?

William Gotts 17th Lancers b 1805 Castleacre (tree 121)

Posted by: lang at 16:36, October 28 2013.

A third William Gotts in Find My Past is William born around 1805.

His Attestation paper says "I William Gotts make oath that I am a weaver born in Castleacre aged eighteen (!)". Sworn at Norwich 28 February 1823 William Gotts (his mark)

Justice of the Peace for Norwich John Harriman Yallop certifies:

"William Gotts appearing to be eighteen years old, 5' 6 1/2" fresh complexion, grey eyes, brown hair, that William Gotts states he is eighteen, fit, enlisted himself for the bounty of £2/12/- until he be legally discharged.

Fitness: slight ulceration on both legs, of no importance, 2nd toes of each foot are slightly overlapped, scar on the nail forefinger in right hand."

Presumably because it was all home service there is not record of where he was stationed.

William's Discharge papers are included for 17th Regiment of Lancers, (Colonel being His Highness Prince George of Cambridge)

- Papers signed at Royal Barracks in Dublin 25 October 1847 by Regimental Board for the discharge of No 82 Private William Gotts.
- William Gotts a weaver by trade, born in the parish & town of Castleacre in Norfolk
- Was attested for the 16th Regiment of Lancers at Norwich on 28 February 1823 at the age of 15 years
- His total service amounts to 24 years 242 days, all "home service", though this could include being in Ireland for much of this.

His Service record is simple, and includes his claims for Good Conduct Pay which seem to be part of the deal.

- 16th Lancers 26/2/1823 to 24/7/1823
- 17th Lancers 25/7/1823 to 25/10/1847
- Good Conduct pay of 1 pence? per day from 18/8/1836
- Good Conduct pay of 1 pence per day from 26/2/1837
- Good Conduct pay of 1 pence per day from 26/2/1846
- Good Conduct pay of 1 pence per day from 1/ 1/1846
- Good Conduct pay of 1 pence per day from 26/2/1836
- Total service 24 years 242 days+ service from Board until discharge on 29/11/1847
- Conduct: Been very good and wears 5 Good Conduct Badges

Gotts Surname website: News Archive 2013

So 24 years as a private.

His final Medical report says

"This soldier has become unequal to the active duties of a Dragoon through the impairment of his physical powers by age and length of service and not as the result of indulgence in the use of intoxicating liquors or other vices." Medical Board agreed 29 November 1847 Dublin.

His Final Description at Discharge is: "Brown hair, grey eyes, fresh complexion, weaver"

Who is he?

Given his birth at Castleacre, it is easy to see that he is in tree 121 and is William 3431. He married Mary Ann Hart who is from Limerick, probably in Ireland, before 1837 when their daughter Elizabeth was born in Dublin. We can actually see where he served by the location of his other children:

Emma b 1842 in Hamilton, Scotland,

Isabella b 1843 in Nottingham

Mary Ann b 1850 in Castleacre after he was discharged. (So he wasn't that unfit!)

His grandson William b 1865 in Norwich also joined the army, but saw more service in India. See earlier post for tree 121.

If anyone has his marriage details please let me know.

William Gotts in British Army Royal Artillery, tree 121

Posted by: lang at 10:55, October 28 2013.

Another army record in Find My Past is for William Gotts b 1865:

He signed up for a Short Service, which is 12 years, 7 in army service, rest in reserve.

His attestation record shows:

- He was born in 1865 in Saint James, Norwich and was a blacksmith when he joined
- He signed up in Norwich when he was 21 on 24 April 1886
- He joined the Royal Artillery and his soldier number was 54523

- He was 5' 8 7/8", weighed 152 lbs, chest 35 3/4", fair complexion, grey eyes light brown hair, C of E religion and fit
- He was in No 9 Battery, 1st Brigade Eastern Divn RA as a Gunner. He extended his service in 19/4/1892 to complete 12 years

In his Medical History there are various handwritten notes added, some of which are difficult to read.

- He had a scar on neck, and had been vaccinated at birth
- He was wounded in India 18/11/1886 where his height has shot up to 6' 8 7/8" so whether he was 5' or 6' we won't know!

The Medical History shows him at several places in India from 1886 where he was ill, eg in Rawalpindi 28/2/1891 suffering from Ague, and was recommended for change of duty, then he came back to Dover 28/5/1891 then to Newport Mons 2/5/1892 until 9/8/1892. He transferred to No 10 Mountain battery 21/4/1892, granted Good Conduct pay in 22/4/1892 prior to returning to Dover. At Newport he appears to have forfeited his Good Conduct pay 24/5/1892 though it was restored 24/5/1893, a year later. After this he went back to India, once again on HMS Euphrates.

He continued in India in several locations, including Umballa and Jhansi, and his illnesses became more serious, including contagion, dysentery, secondary syphilis.

He was appointed Bombardier 15/5/1895 and his GC pay restored 1/12/1895.

However, he was awaiting trial 8/1/1896, tried and imprisoned and forfeited GC pay 16/3/1896, though we do not know why. He was in Fort Afra Military prison hospital for nearly two months though the medical record does not show why. He returned to duty 7/6/1896, returned to Christchurch, England 5/11/1896 and his GC pay restored 8/12/1896. He remained based there until discharged.

Twice again his GC pay was forfeited: 12/7/1897, and 18/10/1897 so not a quiet life with minor charges of some nature.

The Service record shows he was awaiting trial 9/4/1898.

His crime is recorded but struck out: it appears to be "leaving his prospect without orders? from NCO?". Maybe there were other pleasures to be had in Christchurch. It is possible that the regimental records may have more details of this and his other crimes. The image of this has been enhanced: if any handwriting experts can clarify what it says the please let Ian Gotts of St Albans know.



This time he was tried and imprisoned for 42 days 19/4/1898. He spent 22/4/1898-2/5/98 in the Military prison hospital in Gosport and returned to service 31/5/1896. After this he was discharged quickly on 4/6/1898 with total service to then of 12 years & 44 days.

But who was he?

Once again, working with Ian Gotts in Kings Lynn we have the most likely candidate as William shown in 1871 census in a cottage on The Street at Poringland with his grandparents William b 1805 and Mary Hart in tree 121. In 1881 he was in 1 West End St, Heigham, with Mary Ann, listed as her nephew. His grandfather was also a soldier, and his army records are also available.

Without William junior's birth certificate we won't know his real parents, though it is possible that he is an illegitimate son of Mary Ann b 1850 who married William Marsham in 1871. If anyone has this information then please let us know and we can complete/correct the record.

William Gotts of Norwich: 24th Dragoons in India

Posted by: lang at 21:57, October 25 2013.

In Known Family 091 - Thomas 1266 of Lakenham in Norfolk, there is a discussion about William who appeared to marry twice in India. Following on from the India Army records showing William Gotts marrying Mary Wright, I have now found his service records in Find My Past. These are in WO97.

They show from his discharge papers:

- Born in St Helens, Norwich, about 1787 based on his age at attestation
- He enlisted at Norwich in 1805
- He was discharged from the 24th Regt Of Dragoons as a Sergeant on 8 June 1819
- He served as a Sergeant for 2 years & 150 days, Corporal 2 yrs 7 days, Private 10 yrs 269 days, + 15 days as sergeant 25 May-8 June 1819 at the end of his service, was in East or West Indies for 11 yrs & 80 days
- Although he signed on for unlimited service he was demobbed because of 'Reduction', which is presumably becoming too infirm for the duties
- The papers include a description to avoid mis-use: age 33, five feet 6 inches tall, brown hair grey eyes swarthy complexion, glazier by trade
- For his 11 years service in India he received a bonus of half-pay extra, making his retirement pension 6d a day, or 10/3/3d paid on quarter days

This extra 15 days a Sergeant at the end bears out my thoughts that he went from private to corporal then sergeant, and at some point was demoted (probably around 1815), and reinstated at demob to Sergeant.

There is also an Out-Pensioner record showing he was going to live in Walsham and gives his reference number as 36620. though this could be Chelsea Hospital's reference.

Unfortunately there is no Service Record or Medical Record, which would show where he went, why he was demoted and the ailments he had sustained.

From these details we wanted to place William, so searching for him in St Helens in Norwich.

Ian Gotts in Kings Lynn has found William bp St Helens 1786 to Charles GOTTTS & Sarah DUNN. Charles was born about 1750 and married Sarah Dunn in 1771 in Thorpe Episcopi. Ian has also found four more children:

Richard b 1772, Henry b 1775, Martha b1777 d 1777, Martha b 1779 d 1781, also William's death in 1829, all in St Helens Norwich.

But where does Charles come from? And did Richard and Henry grow up to have families? They are the next questions....

What's New 24 August and 1 July 2013

Posted by: lang at 17:37, August 24 2013.

What's New 24 August 2013

- News item: Gott & Gotts in London 1550-1700 - separating the families
- News item: Are Swannington Gottses connected to William Gotts & Sarah Burton or Thomas Gotts & Sarah Wegg?
- News item: Joseph Gotts Bird bp 6 April 1828 in Norwich: what's the connection?
- News item: Book from 1450-1500 found containing handwriting by Robert, Nicholas & Richard GOTTES (Tree #036) Lt Rybrough
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- History of the name - 2: Update on the possible origins of the name GOTT
- Known families: Minor tidying up on pages 034-2 & 4 and 083-1

These items below were already included in the 1 July email but not noted in the News blog.

- News item: Information from Robert Gotts, author of Mimika Butterflies book in 'Gotts in Print' section (under 'History of the Name' tab)
- Coat of arms on every page and Gotts Coat of Arms page updated to show that the griffin on the shield should be holding the fleur de lys, and that it is not a mark of difference, as per the News item about my visit to the College of Arms
- Books in Print section under 'History of the Name' tab updated to include:
 - New entries found for Edward Earl Gotts found in the British Library catalog
 - Mimika Butterflies updated to show that Robert is in tree #017
 - Key Research papers by Dr Nick Gotts now included
 - Confirmed that the Church Finance booklet was written by John Benjamin Gotts in tree #038
- Gottses with a web presence updated to show Dr Nick Gotts's website
- Ivy Gotts's death aged 106 added to Gotts in the News section under the 'News' tab
- Tree #114 for Nathaniel Gotts written up
- Tree #117 for John Gotts in Thirsk now added to the last page of tree #022

- I have one FREE 37 Y-DNA test kit which can be made available to any direct descended male in any of the trees that have not yet been tested, (ie not 040 or 022) Please email me if you are interested or have someone in your tree that will use it.

PS: other ways to find what is on the site are the Site Map under the Gotts Surnames tab and the Search box on the front page.

Gott & Gotts in London 1550-1700

Posted by: lang at 14:33, August 24 2013.

There are records of both GOTTES (tree 036) and GOTT in London in 1500's and 1600's, but because the recording of names could result in both names being confused, I have always struggled to sort out who was in each family.

I have recently checked all the baptism, marriage and burial entries for Gott and Gotts in Ancestry for London 1550-1700 and checked all the images to eliminate as many transcription errors as possible. This left me with some views on who belonged to which family, and some insights about them. What made clear the different families was grouping the entries by the church involved, and this showed that the main GOTT(E)S family frequented St Botolphs Aldgate Without and the main GOTT went to St Dunstons in the East. Of the 101 CMB records, 7 are the GOTT(E)S family at St Botolphs and 24 of these are GOTT family at St Dunstons, and these stack up with other records of the families, such as wills.

GOTTES family

Checking the images has produced more interesting information about the people:

- We have the burial of Richard Gottes in 1611, "son to Mr Thomas Gottes, Patron of this benefice of St Botolphes, was buried in the chancel".
- At the burial in 1618 of "Thomas Gotts son to Mr Thomas Gotts gentleman of Grays Inn- he had a knell of the great bell"

We also have the marriage of "Mr Thomas Gotts to Mistress Brigett Dow" at St Botolphs in 1604. This form of address only comes through in the image, and as the other entries do not include this can we assume that it is either because they refer to Mr Gotts that Brigett is referred to as Mistress, or is it that she is a widow? There are other trees on the web which show the marriage as to Bridget Aylsworth, but we have not seen any source for this yet.

When Thomas died in 1636, the image includes "Impropiator of this parsonage of St Botolph", ie he was a lay person who owned the parsonage. We would love to find

Thomas's will, as he may have bequeathed the parsonage to the church and named the rest of his family. It would seem likely that he would be in the PCC probate records, as he probably had assets in Norfolk, but so far we can't find him. If anyone has spotted him.....

Bridget is also buried there in 1648, referred to as "a gentlewoman from Mr Harcastles". In her will she asks to be buried "in the chancel of the parish church at Allgate with my husband and sons", which stacks up with what we see in the parish records. Unfortunately the church was completely rebuilt in 1785 and any bodies moved to a London cemetery somewhere, so there is nothing to see in the current church.

We don't have all the records yet, as several of the baptisms aren't in the set identified by the search. It is possible that these have been wrongly indexed and will become clear by inspection of the full set of images.

GOTT family

The GOTT family is interesting, deriving from Samuel Gott who was Warden then master of the Company of Ironmongers, the latter in 1638. Samuel's father was recorded as Peter Gott from Therfield near Royston in Hertfordshire in the Visitation to Sussex in 1663, but so far we don't have any other records of this Peter.

Samuel must have been close to the Farnden families, who owned iron foundries in Sussex, as his son, also Samuel, married Joan Farnden in 1638. Son Samuel inherited the Farnden foundries, and also became a Member of Parliament for Lewes and other Sussex towns, and was followed by his son Peter as an MP. The records of St Dunstons in the East show Samuel and Joan had a family of 10 children, including four named Peter and three named Samuel, and of them only one Peter surviving.

What is clear is the main Gott and Gotts families can be separated by the churches they went to and also by the different uses of forenames, despite the different ways of spelling the name.

Other Gottses in London

Other Gottses are Thomas's sister Grissell who married Thomas Walker at St Mary Magdalen, Old Fish St in 1604 and the burial in 1626 of Richard Gotts, servant to Mr Lee at St Mary Magdalen at Milk Street. Both of these were close to St Pauls. It is not clear if Richard is in this family, though he has the common forename. There is also the baptism of Ann Gotts, daughter of James and Alice in St Botolphs in 1644, and again, is a family waiting to be discovered or linked into Thomas's family.

In 1569 there is the burial of William at St Benet Fink, with the note that he was "borne there from the Cocke Inn at Lincolns" so presumably was part of Lincoln's Inn. It is notable that there is a different person buried at St Benet Fink the next day, with exactly the same annotation, so was there a common illness?

There is one odd burial at Uxbridge, of "Phyllis Gotts als Franncis" in 1583, so an early record. It has been indexed as Philip by the transcribers, but so far we have not come across a Phyllis.

At St Dunstons and All Saints, Stepney, to the East, we have the family of John Gotts and Mary Lane, who married in 1637. John was a mariner, of "Prusoms Island" which is now Wapping. He is recorded as such for the baptisms of George in 1638, who was buried two days later, and Samuel baptised in 1647.

At St Giles Cripplegate, close to the Barbican, there is a "Jane Gott als Gotes" baptised in 1639, whose father John was a spectacle-maker. He also had a Joan, and a John, so appeared to like the letter 'J'.

In summary, there are obviously a number of Gottses in London during the period 1550 to 1700, and as yet have not been linked into trees. There is a possibility that the Gotts family currently headed by Samuel Gotts of Bethnal Green and his wife Elizabeth Green (married in 1780) are descended from one of these families, but the links are yet to be discovered.

Are Swannington Gottses connected to William Gotts & Sarah Burton or Thomas Gotts & Sarah Wegg?

Posted by: lang at 14:23, August 23 2013.

Cynthia Nisbet has been investigating a tree on Ancestry which shows William Gotts bp Swannington 1739 to be William Gotts who married Sarah Burton in 1756 in Gresham (tree #009).

Cynthia is part of the family 038 (see her news item for 3 April 2013 :New tree links - Thomas Gotts & Sarah Wegg in Gresham are the top of the Gotts/Witton tree #038 in Gresham and Gotts/Nurse tree)

Sarah was born in 1743, so their ages are similar, however our understanding is that William died in Gresham in 1801 in Gresham aged 81. If this is correct, William would have been born about 1719. Swannington is 14 miles from Gresham, but we have no other Gottses in that area, so the family is a bit of an outlier.

We have:

Samuel Gotts m Sarah (unknown surname) with children in Swannington:

- Mary bp 1732
- Samuel bp 1735
- John bp 1737
- William bp 1739
- Thomas bp 1741
- Sarah bp 1744
- Catherine bp 1745

Gotts Surname website: News Archive 2013

Family Search does not show any burials for Swannington, so they have presumably moved from there.

So the connection for William does not seem to fit if we have the right burial for William.

The real question Cynthia is investigating is whether the family could be connected to the top of her tree Thomas Gotts who married Sarah Wegg in Gresham in 1774.

She has noted that the forenames used are very similar, which can help in identifying connections.

Thomas was born in 1747 according to his age at burial, and he was from Gresham when he married. His age is not far away from Thomas at Swannington, but we don't have his baptism in Gresham. So it is a possibility that he might be Thomas born 1741 in Swannington.

Has anyone any more clues?

Joseph Gotts Bird bp 6 April 1828 in Norwich - what's the connection?

Posted by: lang at 22:46, August 22 2013.

Ian Gotts in Kings Lynn and I were trying to sort out the puzzle of Joseph Gotts Bird bp 6 April 1828 in Norwich St Peter Mancroft.

We can't find any connection to a Gotts family: do you know the link?

His parents are Michael Bird and Charlotte: is she a Gotts?

Well probably not. There is a marriage of Michael Bird to Charlotte Bilby in 1818 in Norwich.

Earlier, there is a Gotts Bird bp 14 Oct 1770 in Lt Walsingham son of Joseph and Mary Bird.

Joseph and Mary were married in Walsingham in 1769 on Dec 28, and it's Mary Bowman. They are all mentioned in a Settlement certificate on 10 Nov 1771: Bird, Joseph, his wife Mary and son Gotts. Certifying parish: Colkirk. Parish of residence: Little Walsingham.

In Barney, there is also the marriage of Joseph in 1783, noted as a widower, and marrying Elizabeth Hagen.

Gotts Bird married Anne Austin in Barney 28 November 1792.

His daughter Susanna married William Kelly in Barney in 1816. He was obviously involved in the church as he signs as witness to the next three marriages in the register.

Gotts Bird was buried 6 November 1829, in Barney, Norfolk, England.

These are the only known use of the surname Gotts as a forename.

What's the connection between Michael Bird and Gotts Bird, and Gotts Bird and any Gotts family?

Well maybe you can tell us!

Book from 1450-1500 found with Robert, Nicholas & Richard GOTTES handwriting (Tree #036) Lt Rybrough

Posted by: lang at 10:07, August 7 2013.

I have been approached by Louisa Foroughi from Fordham University in New York City. She has nearly completed an edition of Columbia University Library Plimpton MS 259, a manuscript that she believes once belonged to members of the GOTTES family of Little Ryburgh. This manuscript is a miscellany written in 15th and 16th century hands, originating in England c. 1475. In addition to several parts of old books on number theory and religious tracts, this manuscript contains the account records of Robert, Nicholas, and Richard GOTTES of Little Ryburgh.

Images of the book are available on this weblink:

Plimpton MS259

<http://vm133.lib.berkeley.edu:8080/xtf22/search?shelfmark=plimpton%20ms%20259;mode=basic;rmode=digscript;docsPerPage=1;startDoc=1;fullview=yes> Have a look at ff 9v-10 for Robert's accounts

Obit of MR JOHN GOTTES Former Bristol Fire Chief 1936 (tree #077)

Posted by: lang at 21:59, July 1 2013.

Found in the British Newspaper archive:

Western Daily Press South West, England 13/04/1936

DEATH OF MR JOHN GOTTES Former Bristol Fire Chief

Gotts Surname website: News Archive 2013

Mr John Gotts, fire chief of Bristol for 33 years, died on Saturday at his home, Thingwall Park, Fishponds. He had been in failing health for some time. Born at Cromer in 1857 Mr Gotts went to sea at the age 14. In July 1879 he joined the London Fire Brigade and seven years later came to Bristol as assistant engineer. Those were the days when engines were horse-drawn, and there were only 13 members of the brigade. In 1891 Mr Gotts became chief officer. He retired in November 1919 after many years of service and with many brave acts to his credit.

This is John Thomas 1501 Gotts in tree #077.

Thurston Hall: George Gotts Wiseman

Posted by: lang at 20:50, July 1 2013.

In the 19th Century Newspaper archive, we have:

The Bury and Norwich Post: Or, Suffolk, Norfolk, Essex, and Cambridge Advertiser (Bury Saint Edmunds, England),

Wednesday, November 18, 1801

Suffolk Game Deputations:

Gamekeeper: Wiseman, George Gotts

Lords & Ladies of the Manor: John Wiseman

Manor: Thurston Hall

When compared to the article on Thurston Hall under Suffolk Gottses, John Wiseman is known to have taken ownership of the Hall through marriage or will around 1812. This item suggests that he owned it in 1801, and that he has some relation called George Gotts Wiseman, though this could be a George Gotts alias Wiseman, or George Wiseman alias Gotts, either through illegitimacy or a second marriage.

Some more Gottses to search for!

Author of Mimika Butterflies Book

Posted by: lang at 22:26, June 28 2013.

I had some interesting correspondence with Robert Gotts in tree #017, who identified himself as the author of this book in the section on 'Gottses in Print' under 'History of the Name'. Robert lives in Australia, and is an amateur naturalist. He said of the book:

"The title of the book, Mimika Butterflies, makes reference to a region in south-central West Papua, around the town of Timika and including the area around Tembapapura, the site of a large gold/copper mining company. It was this company who sponsored my book as a part of their biodiversity conservation programme."

Gotts Surname website: News Archive 2013

He also shared some cracking photos of his recent time in Bali.

What's New 11 June 2013

Posted by: lang at 11:16, June 11 2013.

What's New 11 June 2013

- News Item: Julie Staff fundraising for Yarmouth Bridge disaster 1845: Please read this
- News item: Gottes and Gott coats of arms: not what we thought!
- News item: Ivy Gotts of South Repps dies aged 101
- Gottses in Print: New section showing any Gotts printed works. See History of the Name tab

GOTTES Coat of Arms

Posted by: lang at 10:35, June 11 2013.

I visited the College of Arms last week who hold all the original Visitations of the Heralds to discuss the GOTTES and GOTT coats of arms.

The herald showed me the original 1575 visitation to Cambridge where the original GOTTES coat of arms was granted. What he pointed out was that the fleur de lys 'difference' mark was actually being *held* by the griffin and wasn't a difference mark at all. So the later copies have misinterpreted the arms.

He also showed me the original entry in the Sussex visitation for 1663 for the GOTT coat of arms. Despite Burke's General Armory saying it had a Griffin's head between two wings as a crest, there is no crest, and the arms consist only of a shield with a saltire or and sable, counterchanged a bordure (ie black & silver Saltire cross, with a border edge where the colours are swapped) inset with the arms of Farnden: 'purpure, a chevron vaire r and gules between three leopards heads or' which represent Samuel Gott's marriage to Joan Farnden.

So it seems that the heraldry of Gottes and Gott are not similar and are not connected, despite what is stated in various other documents. More to come on this story.

Yarmouth Bridge disaster- Appeal for funds for a memorial

Posted by: lang at 10:01, June 11 2013.

Gotts Surname website: News Archive 2013

In the Yarmouth bridge disaster of 1845, 60 children were killed, including two members of the family of John Gotts of Cawston: Alice his wife and Alice their daughter. See Snapshots - 9 for more details. John and Alice are members of tree #079, more details can be seen under 'Known Families'.

Julie Staff is campaigning for a proper memorial for the victims and has a target of £1600 for this on the Just-Giving donation website, which she is in danger of missing.

If anyone would like to help then follow this url to see the details of what happened and what Julie wants to do:

<https://www.justgiving.com/local/project/suspensionbridgedisaster1845>

Southrepps Ivy Gotts died aged 101t

Posted by: lang at 09:42, June 11 2013.

According to the North Norfolk Chronicle of 30 May 2013, former Southrepps resident IVY GOTTS died aged 101.

Mrs Gotts lived in the village until around 1930, before moving to London and training in haberdashery at an Oxford Street department store. She returned to the village in 1934 to marry her husband Charles - known as John - on Boxing Day.



Mrs Gotts was a member of the WI and mothers union and also got involved with the village primary school.

She and Mr Gotts ran Mill Farm, where German POWs were sent to work, and later set up a B&B in Cromer.

Gotts Surname website: News Archive 2013

Her 100th birthday was celebrated at her son Richard's house in Roughton Road, Cromer, before re-visiting friends in Barkers Herne, where she used to live.

She died on May 21 at the Rose Meadow nursing home. A funeral will be held at St Faiths on Monday June 3 at 2 pm.

IG-STA note: Ivy would have been born Ivy Chadwick and married Charles A Gotts (son of John Charles Gotts) in tree #022.

Thanks to Brian Gotts's eagle eyes for this story.

What's new 7 May 2013

Posted by: lang at 08:25, May 7 2013.

What's new since the last update:

- News item: Gottes & Gott records in the British Library
- News item: Sir Thomas Gotts in Kensington: was he really a Gott?
- Trees 038 and 016 now merged and expanded. These are Gottses in Gresham and West Beckham, also Middlesbrough/North Ormesby descending from Thomas Gotts & Sarah Wegg, with connections to Pigott and Nurse as described in the News item on 3rd April by Cynthia Nisbet and Robert Gotts
- London School Records from 1860-1900 in Ancestry have been extracted and show the age, dates of admission, mother or father, and the street address in London. These can be seen under the 'Data Sources' tab and the 'Location of Gottses/London Gottses' tab
- Some items have moved on the website:
 - Crime now under 'News' tab,
 - DNA now under 'History of the Name' tab
 - Treetops now under 'Gotts Surname' front page
- New Site Map function: to find any main topic, use the Site Map halfway down the front page, also on the 'Gotts Surname' tab. This will take you to all the topic main pages
- The first DNA results are now discussed on DNA page 3. See 'History of the Name/DNA' tab.

Also, we need to get more DNA samples to make the comparisons more useful. I would like to encourage participants to take part by being able to offer discounts on Y DNA 37 marker tests. To do this I have opened the General Fund at FTDNA to allow anyone to donate towards providing this discount. Are you interested in helping to discover connections between the trees?

- I would like to make the Y-DNA 37 tests available for \$45/£30 + postage, so we would need to donate about \$75 per kit against the sale price. If 5 people donated \$15 we would have those funds for another kit. You can arrange with me if you only want your donations spent on a particular tree.

- The funds are held by FTDNA and can only be spent on DNA testing. Only they see any credit card details. The Project Administrator (me) uses the funds to start the purchase which is then completed by the participant
- If you are interested in taking the test at a discount, please contact me then we can arrange this.

To donate:

- Go to "<http://www.familytreedna.com/group-general-fund-contribution.aspx>"
- Select the letter G then scroll down to get the GOTTs surname project. Tab to the next field
- Enter your donation amount (this will be in dollars so \$15 is about £10)
- You can select the donation type as anonymous, or as an individual as you wish
- Add a note, eg if you wish the funds to be used for a particular tree
- Click on Paypal or other card buttons
- The Payment page allows Paypal in the panel on the right, or credit cards by clicking on the Continue button at the bottom.
- When donating from outside USA there may be a 2-3% exchange commission, so use a zero charge card if you have one (Paypal does not seem to include a separate charge)
- Thank you for donating!

Sir Thomas Gotts in Kensington, is he really a GOTT?

Posted by: lang at 20:51, April 18 2013.

In the Newsblog entry entitled "Various documents on places of residence" posted on September 1 2012, I identified a Sir Thomas Gotts.

Browsing through Ancestry's Land Returns, I had found Sir Thomas Gotts listed in Kensington and Chelsea district, in a property owned by the Hon Bouverie. It shows John Hall against House & Land listed together with Sir Thomas Gotts with a rent of £1/7/6d (One pound, seven shillings and sixpence). There is also a figure of 30 alongside this which is effectively the 'rateable value' for the property, used to calculate the actual rent. The records show us he was there from 1784 through to 1810, probably in a street called Greyhound Row, and also in Booth's Rents next to the Gravel Pits. "Booths Rents" were presumably apartments to rent.

I had assumed that this was a Thomas from tree #036 of Rybrough, however now I am not so sure.

In browsing through some GOTT One-name Study material which I currently have access to, there is a description of a Samuel Gott in Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire who had lost his sons, and wanted to carry on the name. He persuaded his (Landscape)

gardener by the name of Greening to take the name, through an Act of Parliament. He then was knighted in 1784 and died in 1807. He bought Newlands, which is now where the Chiltern Open Air Museum is, and had the monument at Chalfont St Giles built.

The strange thing is, his full name was Sir Henry Thomas Gott.

In the Land Tax records, the records for Sir Thomas Gotts in Kensington, started in 1784 and ended in 1810! The similarity is surprising. I am guessing that he got a place in town in order to attend the House of Lords from 1784, but whoever completed the return got the spelling ever so slightly wrong, and recorded it as Gotts, which is definitely what it says in the handwritten book. If Sir Thomas was not permanently resident in Kensington, the person completing the form would make the best of it.

And his name ceasing after 1810, it could be that his heirs decided not to carry on with the expense after his death. So far, I have found no records of a birth, marriage or death will or estate duty records of a Sir Thomas Gotts, so it could be the case of mixed up surnames again!

Gottes and Gott coats of arms: Are they connected?

Posted by: lang at 17:20, April 18 2013.

I have been rechecking the references to the GOTTES coat of arms in the British Library, partly to try and establish if there is any link between the coats of arms for the GOTT and GOTTES families. The question arises because the GOTT crest (bit at the top) is shown as a griffin, and the GOTTES coat of arms contains a griffin on its escutcheon (shield). The GOTTES coat of arms can be seen on the History of the name/coat of arms tabs.

GOTTES coat of arms

In JR Smith's "Index to the Pedigrees and Arms contained in the Herald's Visitations and other genealogical manuscripts in the British Museum" 1849 it has five documents referenced. None of these are in the on-line catalogue, but can be found in the printed Harley Collection indexes. All of these refer to visitations made in 1575 and 1619 to Cambridge, where Richard 843 Gottes is shown as residing.

There appears to be one main document ref Add MSS 4962, "Visitation of Heralds to Cambridgeshire taken by Henry George Richmond Herold of Armes AD 1619". This is the only document which has all the coats of arms painted in the appropriate colours, which are still vivid after nearly 300 years. The green background of the shield is lighter than I would expect given the current view of the palette used, so maybe it was sufficient to show the coat of arms. It is well worth looking at if you have the opportunity.

All the other documents are copies, several with fine drawings of the coats of arms, all in ink, though some are very roughly drawn.

All the documents show exactly the same coat of arms, the only slight difference being that some have the greyhound's mouth open, others closed. They all show the same tree, the only minor differences being the order of the children and one or two omitting the numbers of sons for Thomas and Robert.

So none of the document help to explain why the fleur-de-lys is used for difference? This is a cadetship mark, usually used by the sixth son. This would infer that there was a coat of arms granted without the fleur-de-lys, possibly for Robert or Nicholas Gottes, and possibly in Norfolk, but so far we have seen no reference to it. It does not stack up with either Richard or Nicholas being the sixth son based on the tree described, so there is still a mystery to be solved.

GOTT coat of arms

In Fairbairns Crests, there is a GOTT crest which is a griffin's head, collared and wings, but Fairbairn gives no sources for their drawings other than to say GOTT of London and Sussex.

In Smith's Pedigrees there are no references at all to GOTT, in visitations to any county. The Heralds visitations were from 1530 to 1688; a Gott tree could have been lodged outside this timeframe, but there are no references in the British Library. However, in the Society of Genealogists card index, there is a reference to "Samuel GOTT of Battel in Sussex" having a grant of arms in the Visitations to Sussex in 1662-68. The source is the College of Arms, so it appears that the arms are in the College of Arms, but no reference is contained in the British Library copies.

There is a reference to a seal of Thomas Gott of Grays Inn, 1634, described as "Oval : on a wreath, a griffin's (?) head, ermines, betw. two wings expanded, ermine".

Here we have another potential connection: there is Richard GOTTES at Clements Inn from 1578 to 1592 when he died. We know he had six children, including a Thomas, who probably married Bridget Aylsworth and became Sir Thomas Gottes, and the timeframe is such that it could be his seal and the name confused.

I have had the opportunity to look at some GOTT One-name Study material, and there is a Samuel Gott who was the head of the Ironmongers livery company around 1590,

dying in 1611. He appears to be the head of a GOTT family whose son Samuel moved to Sussex, became an MP, and had an entirely different coat of arms devised for him: "per saltire argent and sable, a bordure counter-charged". In simple terms this looks like diagonal quartering with opposite quarters silver and black, with a border around it where the colours are reversed. There is a reference in the study notes to his father as Peter Gott of Royston, but I have not had the time to check this out.

So are the families connected? The jury is still out, but the name certainly gets confused between the families!

What's new 7 April 2013

Posted by: lang at 06:04, April 7 2013.

Here's what's new since the last update:

- News item: Elizabeth Lenny née Gotts - plea for funds to support her in 1876 in a newspaper- tree #079 Bulphan and Stapleford Abbots, Essex
- News item: New tree links - Thomas Gotts & Sarah Wegg in Gresham are the top of the Gotts/Witton tree #038 in Gresham and Gotts/Nurse tree #016- interesting article from Cynthia Nisbet and Robert Gotts
- News item: Analysis of survival rates for children in 1911 census, and how families were getting smaller
- Known families #098 Methwold: all updated to show the families identified as being in Hull (Two Good & Gotts marriages) and hyperlinks added
- Known families #053 Hull: page 2 updated to show the families identified as being in Methwold tree
- Crime: new page 6 with more Norwich Assizes crimes
- Treetops 2 updated with latest information
- Coat of arms: fixed tree image to render properly
- Subscriber numbers added to Home page email
- Wordwrapping in titles of 040 pages 3 & 4 fixed

Elizabeth Lenny- Plea for funds: Tree #079 Bulphan, & Stapleford Abbots

Posted by: lang at 23:35, April 6 2013.

Nerida Pearson has been researching the Lenny family. Charles Lenny married Elizabeth 3383 Gotts in 1805 in Orsett, Essex (tree #079, Bulphan, Essex)

She has found a new article in the Chelmsford Chronicle dated Friday 21 April 1876 entitled "Fifth Application 1876 - To the Governors and subscribers of the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution" - which is for votes on behalf of Elizabeth Lenny aged 60 years (Charles and Elizabeth Lenny's daughter)

FIFTH APPLICATION, 1876.

To the Governors and Subscribers of the
Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution.

THE favour of your Votes and Interest at the next Election is earnestly and respectfully solicited on behalf of **ELIZABETH LENNY** aged 60 years. Her father for 38 years resided and farmed 340 acres of land in Essex, at a rental of £250 per annum. Owing to the loss of £400 through the forfeiture of his security for a brother-in-law; through heavy losses in stock, &c.; and to a long illness and death of his wife, his affairs became so much involved that they ended in total failure in 1851. The applicant has since that time supported herself in service, and contributed to the support of her father until his death. She has for the last six years been suffering from an affection of the heart which has completely disabled her from earning her livelihood, and from which there is not the slightest hope of her recovery. She has now spent all the savings of her 18 years' service. No income.

The case is strongly and urgently recommended by the following gentlemen:—Sir C. C. Smith, Bart., Stapleford Tawney, Essex; Sir Thomas N. Abdy, Bart., 6 Grosvenor-place, London, W.; Sir Arundell Neave, Bart., Dagnam Park, Romford, Essex; Rev. Thomas Cochrane, Stapleford Abbots Rectory, Essex; Rev. W. Berkeley, Navestock Vicarage, Essex; W. C. Gellibrand, Esq., Albans, Stapleford Abbots, Essex; H. D. Mee, Esq., Broom Hills, Bilericay, Essex; W. Bar Brown, Esq., Surgeon, Ascot Stains, Berks; J. J. Mechi, Esq., Tiptree Hall, Kelvedon, Essex; W. Symonds, Esq., Lambourn, near Romford, Essex; R. Stone, Esq., Frinton Hall, Essex; W. Talmash, Esq., Orsett, Essex; Major-General Wood, Bishop's Hall, Lambourn, near Romford, Essex; Alfred Wright, Esq., Surgeon, the Lodge, Romford, Essex.

By whom Votes will be thankfully received, as also by **Elizabeth Lenny** Stapleford Abbots, Essex.

It is possible that the brother-in-law mentioned could be Mark Gotts or Jesse Gotts, although it could be on a different side of the family such as William Stevens Collis who married Susannah Gotts and died in 1846. There would have been an indenture or some contractual document to initiate the loan of the security, but so far there is no information showing this. ED Mee who is mentioned in the supporters, is Edward Dyson Mee Esq who married Sarah Gotts, the 1st cousin once removed to Elizabeth Lenny. ED Mee has been involved with property in the area According to Ben Wood.

Nerida also has a lot of information about the Lenny family: if anyone has any information on this security or what happened, or would like more detail of the Lenny family, then email me, Ian Gotts St Albans and I will pass the information on.

New tree links -Thomas Gotts & Sarah Wegg in Gresham are the top of the Gotts/Witton tree #038 in Gresham and Gotts/Nurse tree

Posted by: lang at 07:58, April 3 2013.

Cynthia Nisbet and Robert Gotts in Australia have done some significant research on Gottses and Wittons in West Beckham and Gresham(tree #038) and on the Gotts/Nurse connection in tree #016.

In Gresham, the top of the tree was John 2453 Gotts alias Witton b 1799. The name Witton appeared down the tree, and part of the living family had known of one family member as 'John Piggin Gotts' when I wrote to them. I had found a Piggin-Gotts relationship but couldn't properly establish the links. Now Cynthia and Robert have unravelled the mystery. Here is Cynthia's write-up of the research:

The Pigott, Witton and Gotts Families

Gotts/Witton

Early last year, I did a mail shot to all of the Gotts/Witton/Pigott people currently living in the North Norfolk area, hoping that someone would be able to help me and someone did.

Tracing the John Gotts (b 21/06/1799) descendants it is clear that he used the name Witton as an alias. On the 1841 & 51 census he was shown as a Witton, and on the 1861 & 71 census, he is shown as Gotts. His death certificate states he died as a Gotts. Following discussions with the archivists at the Norfolk Records Office in Norwich, I have been advised that 'alias' names usually relate to the fathers' surnames of illegitimate children. Also, it is commonplace during these times, for the first male child born, takes the father's first name and the first female child takes that of the mother.

This being the case, further research of local parish records has established that a John Witting was born in Edgefield (b 09/03/1772). In 1802 he married Elizabeth Wright in Cromer.

Using the logic of the father's name of Witting (spelling varies Witton, Whitting, Witting) being used as an 'alias' the only John Witting/Witton that can be located in the vicinity is that of John Witting born in Edgefield. I have therefore concluded that John Witting born in Edgefield in 1772 is the father of Mary's child John.

Mary Gotts, went on to marry a John Catton (widower) in 1820, she had no other children.

Although we will never be able to actually prove who the father of John Gotts Witton was, we have a clear and provable link. The lady who responded to my mail shot had been researching the Gotts/Witton thing for a while and she has provided me with a copy of the voting records for 1802 which clearly states that a John Witting owned the house that Thomas Gotts and his wife Sarah lived in. John Witting was the innkeeper (hotelier) of the Ship Inn in Cromer where Mary's baby was born & baptised. Mary probably worked at the inn.

I have located John Witting on the parish records at the Norfolk Records Office he was born 9th March 1772 and baptised 15th March 1772 in Edgefield, which is near Holt in Norfolk.

Gotts/Pigott

John Gotts (Alias Witton) b20/06/1799 married Mary Anne Louger 12/04/1821 at Gresham All Saints Church. They had 6 children, Susanna b 1822, Mary Ann b 1823, Sarah Ann b 1826, Martha b 1827, John b 1831 & Isaac b 1837. These births/baptisms have been located in the Gresham Parish Records and they are recorded as Gotts (alias Witton).

John's daughter Sarah Ann, gave birth to an illegitimate child, who is recorded as being baptised at West Beckham on 07/05/1851 as Robert Pigott Gotts. Again, using the logic that the name 'Pigott' related to the father, research of parish records in the locality picks up 'Pigott' families in Salthouse and Sheringham, Sheringham being the closest to West Beckham.

Detailed review of the Sheringham Parish Records reveals that two records exist for Robert Pigott. The first was born 1795, the second was born in 1825. Robert Pigott b 1795 is the father of Robert Pigott b 1825. Robert b 1825 was the first son of Robert b 1795. Again, using the same logic relating to Alias and the fathers Christian name, it is clear that either Robert b 1795 was the father of Sarah Ann's child, or it was his son Robert b 1825. Given the fact that Robert senior would have been 56 at the time of the birth of Robert Pigott Gotts it is more likely that Robert junior who was 26 at the time of the birth, is the father of Sarah's child.

Sarah Gotts married Daniel Pyke in 1855 and Robert Pigott Gotts is recorded in census records as his stepson.

Robert Pigott b 1825 married Maria Bunting Colman in 1855 and records suggest that they had no children.

(IG-STA: Further information from Robert & Cynthia, about the Pigott family shows they were linked to the Gotts families. Robert Pigott (senior) was born in 1795, and baptised in Sheringham (3 miles from West Beckham). He lived in Sheringham for most of his life, and became a farmer of 133 acres. He was in Stody in 1841, only 7 miles from West Beckham the other side of the market town of Holt, a place for many to meet, with his son Robert Pigott aged 15. Robert junior would be about 23 when Robert Pigott Gotts was conceived to Sarah Ann Gotts in West Beckham.

Working for Robert the elder on his farm, was William Hopper, who married Mary Ann Gotts in 1845, (Sarah Ann's sister) five years earlier than Robert Pigott Gotts was born. By 1851 Robert Pigott senior and junior was living in Sheringham, only 3 miles from West Beckham. William Hopper and Robert Pigott junior would only be five years apart, so may have kept in touch or even continued to work together.

Robert Pigott senior's cousin William Pigott was baptised in Bodham in 1797. In 1851 William is the head of a household, a bachelor farmer in Bodham, (only 1 mile from West Beckham) with his sister Amy who married George Massingham after George's

first wife died. With them is George Massingham junior, who married Mary Pyke, the sister of Daniel Pyke, who married Sarah Ann Gotts (Witton) b 1826.

What this demonstrates is how close the community was around West Beckham and its surrounds.)

Robert Pigott Gotts b 1851 married Anna Maria Pells who was born at Binham in 1850. They married March 1872 and had ten children. Anna Maria died in 1889 and Robert Pigott Gotts re-married. His new wife, Emily Austin was born on Forncett St Peter in 1861, they married in 1893 and they went on to have five children. (IG-STA:see Known families 038 pages 2 & 3 for further details of the children)

The Gotts, Witton and Pigott families still have a significant presence in Norfolk & Suffolk, although towards the end of the 19th century several of the Pigott family moved north to Yorkshire & Durham

(Robert J Pigott Gotts is the Grandfather of both Cynthia Nisbet - née Gotts & Robert Gotts)

Gotts/Nurse (tree 016)

Through researching the parish records in and around the Gresham & Weybourne area, I believe that I have established beyond reasonable doubt that Thomas Nurse fathered a child with Elizabeth Gotts b 1784 in Gresham. There are too many coincidences.

- 1) Elizabeth's son who was born 10/01/1810 and baptised 15/01/1810 was named Thomas
- 2) Thomas b 10/01/1810 married and a number of his children have been baptized under the name of 'Gotts Alias Nurse'
- 3) Census records for 1841 & 1851 are shown as 'Gotts' however subsequent Census show the family name as 'Nurse'.
- 4) Thomas son of Elizabeth death recorded as Nurse
- 5) There is a Thomas Nurse in the Weybourne area, b 1784 d 1847 who is a possible father.

Elizabeth appears to be daughter of Thomas Gotts and Sarah Wegg, and the sister of Mary Gotts who had an illegitimate child by John Witton described above.

Cynthia Nisbet (Née Gotts)

IG-STA. My own research has showed that the names Gotts and Nurse has been used interchangeably down through several generations. Indeed James Gotts b 1864 in Gresham< changed his name back to Nurse.

What would be great would be to find some additional evidence which hard-links Mary and Elizabeth as parents back to their parents Thomas Gotts and Sarah Wegg, and also some confirmation of the fathers would walked away, such as bastardy bonds or notes

in the Overseers Accounts. If anyone has come across any of these we would love to know!

Many thanks to Cynthia and Robert for this item.

Survival of children in 1911, and how families were getting smaller

Posted by: lang at 23:33, April 1 2013.

Having extracted all the 1911 census records, we can take a view on how well children survived based on the statistics collected in the census.

Years married	% of children still alive	Average no. children
0-5 years	83%	1.6
6-10 years	88%	2.3
11-20 years	74%	3.6
21-30 years	76%	5.7
31-40 years	76%	6.1
41 upwards years	68%	5.9

We can see that those married since 1900 had a greater chance of the children surviving, ie about 85% chance compared to 75% or less. The figures of 25% mortality rate pre-1900 is slightly higher than previous results for the Gottses, where:

1840's-1860's about 30% did not survive to maturity,

1870's -1890's about 25% did not survive, and

1900's-1920's about 20% did not survive.

The big decrease happened from 1930's where the death rate dropped to about 6% as better healthcare took off.

The other big change is in the number of children born to each family. You would expect most families to have had the majority of children in the first twenty years of marriage, so we can see that older families have over 5.7 children per family, whilst those married for twenty years or less have less than 3.6 children, some 40% less than their earlier generation.

What has been the cause of this change is open to debate: poorer families taking the decision to have less children, or more family planning?

What's new 19 February 2013

Posted by: lang at 19:48, February 19 2013.

Here's what's new since the last update:

- Newsblog item on Y-DNA use
- Newsblog item on Rootsweb Mailing list for GOTTTS surname
- Newsblog item on Rootsweb Forum as the eventual replacement for the Queries forum
- Front page: moved the search box to make it more obvious
- Index showing which trees have been merged so that any old tree numbering can be traced through to the latest trees. Access it under the News tab
- New page after Coat of Arms to describe the Hunt family
- Tree 009 page 1 minor corrections
- Tree 024: New tree added for John Gotts & Mary Story of Gt Yarmouth & Norwich
- Tree 036: Image of Gt Ryburgh church and hyperlinks for people added, also an extra page describing life at the Inns of Court
- Tree 083: minor corrections to page 1

Rootsweb GOTTTS Mailing list & Queries forum for this website

Posted by: lang at 19:44, February 18 2013.

For anyone wishing to keep in touch with changes to this website, I have established the GOTTTS Surname mailing list on Rootsweb. I will post the "What's New on this website" blog entries to this mailing list. You can join it at this url:

<http://lists.rootsweb.ancestry.com/index/surname/g/gotts.html#GOTTTS>

This will mean you will receive an email every time I update the website. Also, if you wish to share any information yourself to the mailing list, you can send your own email to this email address and it will be added: GOTTTS@rootsweb.com

Separately, the Queries forum accessible from this website has few posts to it. I am gradually copying the tops of my trees to the Rootsweb GOTTTS Surname forum, absorbing any other material into this site and I will close down the Queries forum in the next few months. I will email current members of the forum to let them know when this is imminent.

If anyone has any comments on these arrangements then please email me at ian.gotts@gotts.org.uk

Y-DNA and its use in looking for connections in trees

Posted by: lang at 19:30, February 18 2013.

A short assessment has been done on how many Gotts trees could benefit from analysis of matching Y-DNA. Out of 22 main trees, there are 15 with known male descendants, another 5 which may have but the most recent members of the tree have not yet been identified, and 5 trees which are known not to be suitable.

So there is plenty of opportunity for us to increase our knowledge of any links between trees with DNA testing. Anyone wishing to take part can contact me for details of how to do this, or indeed anyone wishing to sponsor someone from their tree to take the test should also contact me.

What's new 26 Jan 2013

Posted by: lang at 17:24, January 26 2013.

What's new since the last update:

- Newsblog item on James P Gotts the Baker
- Newsblog item on Chris Gotts researcher
- Newsblog item on Tree #111 Albert Edwin now located as part of tree #034
- Newsblog item linking Hull Gottses (#053) to Methwold Gottses (#098)
- Newsblog item on Thorpe Market gravestones moved (also added to Snapshots 17)
- Newsblog item on 1911 census
- New page added to Data sources on 1911 census with indexes on name and location
- Treetops 4 updated to removed trees previously merged and note tree #111 is now part of #034
- New page added after Treetops to show which trees have been merged so that any out of date referencing of trees can be resolved
- Minor update to Snapshots and More Snapshots pages

1911 census

Posted by: lang at 17:13, January 26 2013.

I have now been through the 1911 census and checked out all the entries labelled as Gotts.

Of these:

17 are not Gotts but Potts or Gotto

- 866 are Gottses
- 801 of these I have managed to place in the trees listed under 'Known families'

I have added Indexes by name and location on the Data Sources/Census 1911 page.

Since the placing into trees is so high, it means that we probably have all the trees from which living Gottses are descended. So as long as a person can be traced back to 1911 we can work out which tree they are in.

Gotts in Thorpe Market, Norwich: Stephen d 1945 and Alice 1959

Posted by: lang at 18:17, January 24 2013.

There is a double grave in Thorpe Market (Norfolk) churchyard named Stephen Gotts d. 1945 and Alice Gotts d. 1959. These memorials have been dismantled as part of a churchyard re-ordering scheme. Are there any living relatives who would wish to have these reinstated? There is still a window of opportunity for re-instatement.

If so, please contact me and I will put you in touch with the right person.

Looking at my tree, the grave is for Stephen Henry 470 Gotts b 1880 d 1945 who married Alice Jane 450 Clements in 1914 N Walsham who died in 1959.

Children are:

1. CYRIL H 2286 GOTTTS was born on 01 Jun 1914 in Erpingham. He died about Sep 1980 in Norwich. He married Florence B 2291 Fuller about Jun 1946 in N Walsham. (there are a lot of children born to Fuller, but I don't know whether any of them are of Cyril & Florence. There is a different Florence Fuller who married Robert Edwin Gotts and they may belong to them)
2. MARGARET JOAN 2288 GOTTTS was born on 03 Jun 1915 in Erpingham. She died in 1915. Notes for Margaret Joan 2288 Gotts: Died aged 2 months
3. MOLLY I 2289 GOTTTS was born about Jun 1917 in Erpingham. She married William W D Bell about Sep 1943 in N Walsham district. (I don't have any knowledge of her family)
4. LESLIE F 2290 GOTTTS was born about Sep 1922 in Erpingham and died in 1990. He married Mabel MC 2291 Hill about Dec 1956 in N Walsham. (I can't see any children born to Hill in the births, so I don't think there are any descendents here. Mabel would be about 90 if she is still alive)

Hull Gottses originate in Methwold (trees 053 and 098)

Posted by: lang at 18:07, January 14 2013.

The majority of Gottses in Hull, Yorkshire are descended from Gottses in Methwold, Norfolk.

In the 1911 census is this record:

1911 census:12 Constable Street Hull

- Edward Good head 42 1867 mar Picklemaker, Yorks-Stockton-on-Tees
- Harriett Good wife 43 1868 mar mar 18 yrs no children, Norfolk Methwold
- George Gotts bro-in-law 38 1873 mar Rulleyman, Norfolk Methwold
- Elizabeth Gotts sister 38 1873 mar mar11yrs , 8child, 4 alive, 4 died , Durham Sunderland

There are also several children of George & Elizabeth. The only way this relationship works is that Harriett Good & George Gotts are brother and sister, and Elizabeth Gotts and Edward Good are also brother and sister. This is confirmed by their marriages: Harriett Gotts to Edward Norris Good in Hull in 1892, and Elizabeth Good to George Gotts in 1899. George & Harriett are both born in Methwold.

We also know that George's father is a William Gotts from his marriage certificate. Looking back in the Methwold tree #098, we have Harriett 1983 b 1867 and George 1985 b 1873, dates that match exactly, and their father is William 2995 who married Rebecca Pidd. So this neatly ties together the Hull and Methwold trees, all because two brothers and sisters married each other! Overall, this boosts the Methwold tree from 275 people to 400.

Tree #111 Albert Edwin now located as part of tree #034

Posted by: lang at 09:17, January 13 2013.

Albert Edwin Gotts had been identified as the earliest member of tree #111 as far back as 2004. The tree down from there leads to Anthony Gotts who has requested some help in putting this together. Until the 1911 census came out this had not progressed any further, however Albert Edwin appears there at Back St, Trunch, N Walsham as part of the family of Edwin M Gotts:

Name	relation	age	born	Where born
Edwin M 723	Head	32	1879	Norfolk -Mundesley
Ella 2019	wife	26	1885	Norfolk -Trunch
Thomas M 2234	son	7	1904	Norfolk -Knapton
Christabel V 2235	dau	5	1906	Norfolk -Mundesley
Albert E 2657	son	3	1908	Norfolk -Sidestrand

This allows us to link the family into the Bacton tree 034.

If Anthony Gotts gets in touch with me (Ian Gotts St Albans) I can send him more details of the family.

Chris Gotts, researcher for tree #022 passed away

Posted by: lang at 08:41, January 13 2013.

I heard last night that Chris Gotts of Norwich sadly passed away on 4th January 2013. Chris Gotts did a lot of work on the tree for Matthew & Martha Lawrence in the 80's, when the only way was to get out to the parishes and do it yourself. He kindly shared this information with anyone who was interested.

Chris is the subject of records in the Norwich Record Office himself. There is a book by an American called Glenn Matson entitled "The draftsman was a Paddlefoot". In it he describes a four year old Chris Gotts that he met. Also, he recounts meeting Chris in 1977 at a reunion where Chris gave him a remnant of one of their planes that crashed.

Mrs Bunn & the baker- James P Gotts

Posted by: lang at 20:03, January 7 2013.

In the 1911 census at 37 Somerleyton St, Norwich we find:

James P Gotts, 44, widower, a baker at the Co-op factory, his daughter Violet M, 14. (tree 024)

His housekeeper is Mrs Mary Bunn, 39 and her daughter Dora S, 15.