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Barnado's Home children sent to Canada: more information on trees #022 and #108

Posted by: lang at 09:09, January 24 2015.

We have three Gotts children sent to Canada that I am aware of:

- Dorothy 2082 in tree #022 born 1901 in Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, married Harry Morris
- Jessie 2543 born 1896 and her sister Martha 3896 born 1902 both in London in tree #108.

I have received information about all of these from Lori Oschefski, CEO of the British Home Children Advocacy & Research Association. www.britishhomechildren.com However, I have lost contact with the researchers who gave me the original information and would like to make contact again with Kim Morris or Tammy Haynes who gave me the information about Dorothy, and Cathy Bridges who recently gave me the information about Jessie and Martha. If anyone can put me in touch I would be grateful (ian.gotts@gotts.org.uk), or if there is anyone else that has information about these families then please get in touch.

The information about Dorothy is particularly interesting: Currently I have her parents as Albert John Gotts and Laura Hall, however Lori's records say here parents were John Gotts & Jane McArthur, so I would like to investigate this more.

Marriage certificate of Jane Gotts & James Andrews in 1852 in Folkestone #Tree 052

Posted by: lang at 22:39, January 2 2015.

Evelyn Jenner has sent me the marriage certificate of Jane Gotts and John Andrews, who are in tree 52 and lived in Kent.

The details are:

In Folkestone, Kent, 12 March 1852,

James Andrews, bach, 27, Tailor, living in Folkestone, father James Andrews, captain of a vessel

Jane Gotts, spin, 31, living in Folkestone, father Phillip Gotts, Farmer,

Witnesses Phillip Gotts & Ann Martin

This means Jane was born in 1821, is Jane 2232, however, we have her recorded as the daughter of George and Pleasance Barber, not Phillip!

In 1841 she is listed as being with George & Pleasance, but it does not show the relationship. In 1851 she is on her own in Ashford, so that does not help.

In 1861 there are two servants with Philip 2224, her uncle, called Michael and William Andrews, who may be connected to Jane's husband.

What is possible is that since Jane's father George had died in 1846, Philip, her uncle, may have given her away, and has been recorded as her father. Of course, without her birth certificate we can't prove any of this!

Three trees merged #009 Gresham, #049 Charles William, #122 John & Isabella

Posted by: lang at 16:59, February 25 2015.

From what started as a stray John in the 1891 census, Ian Gotts in Kings Lynn and I have decided that both tree 122 and 049 should be merged into tree #009.

009 contains many Gresham Gottses, and two brothers appear to have gone to County Durham together. Two sons of Robert George 240 Gotts and Elizabeth Annison in Gresham are John Christmas 250 b 1818 and William 251 b 1821.

In tree #049 we have Charles William 853 b 1821 in Cromer, whose father we know to be called Robert. The Charles and his family appear in Seaham Harbour in Co Durham in the 1851 census after his marriage in 1846 to Ann Carr at Dalton-le-Dale, near there. Jean Noble, who is linked to this tree, has suspected that this was William 251 as the dates of birth are the same and their father's names are both Robert from the baptism record for William, and marriage record for Charles William. Cromer is only 5 miles from Gresham, and like we do ourselves we often say we are from the nearest big town.

It is crucial that Charles William has a daughter christened Isabella.

In tree #122 we have a John 3658 born 1818, Norfolk, and there is also an 1871 census record for a John on the boat "The Hartlepool" off Woolwich, born in Cromer c1817. His wife Isabella appears in the census as married but no husband John with her, so the conclusion is that her husband John is born in Cromer around 1817/8.

In 1891 John is living in Back Henry Street, in Dawdon, the same road that Charles William lived in in 1871.

And the fact that there are only 2 Isabellas born in Easington only two years apart in 1856 & 1858 who are daughters of Charles William and John, and it appears they were named after John's wife Isabella.

We have also looked at all the other possible Williams and Johns near those dates and managed to eliminate them. This may not be a watertight case, but I look forward to any arguments that demonstrate it isn't true!

Thanks to Ian Gotts of Kings Lynn for help on this.

More sweet peas... Matthew 489 Gotts in tree #022

Posted by: lang at 08:17, February 23 2015.

In a news item on 1 October 2014 Nick Gotts described how Matthew 489 was head gardener at Mundesley Sanatorium. Nick now has the book by the senior medic originally referred to: 'Men, Medicine and Myself' by Sydney Vere Pearson. On page 60 it refers to the flower growing:

"..for years we used to gain 80% of prizes for the scores of exhibits of vegetables and flowers (grown primarily for the patients' delectation) sent to such shows as the Norfolk and Norwich, and that our sweet peas were renowned. Twice we won the Sutton Cup against all comers at the Sweet Pea Society's annual show. But these 'side shows' I left in the hands of our faithful and clever head-gardener Matthew Gotts who has been with us since I started in 1905. "

Thanks to Nick Gotts for this.

Lifeboatman B Gotts at Seaham Harbour: is this George William 2264 in tree #022?

Posted by: lang at 20:59, February 22 2015.

Ian Gotts of Kings Lynn spotted two images of a lifeboatman B Gotts on the East Durham history website. But who is he?



The “Skynner” was a ten-oared self-righting vessel (1887-1911) stationed at Seaham. She made seven launches and saved eighty-seven lives. And here’s Mr B Gotts, second row second from the right.



And in this second image he is number 5.



The tricky bit is working out who he is. There are very few B Gottses in that area, apart from Boaz, who would be 68 in 1895, when he died, so it clearly isn't him. So the search was on for either a William known as Billy, or a Robert known as Bob.

Having searched both the 1891 and 1901 census, the most likely candidate is George William 2264, born 1877, son of Philip 184 Gotts and Elizabeth Bailey in tree #022. He is the only possible 'B Gotts' on the coast, and in Dawdon, which is part of Seaham. He would be 18 in 1895, so possibly a mature-looking 18 year old? In the 1891 census he is a joiner at 16 Havelock St, Stranton, West Hartlepool, but in 1901 he is a Boatman for H M Customs, living at 7 Adolphus St, Dawdon.

Has anyone any other suggestions?

I can't find anything on-line with the names of lifeboatmen for that time. If anyone knows a way to check this out then please let me know.

There is also a newspaper article by C. A. Smith with his name: It was in the Sunderland Echo, on May 6th 1965, presumably from an earlier article

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1911 Coronation - A Time To Remember

Seaham's Day Of Festivity

It is Thursday, June 22, 1911. Seaham is all agog with excitement. Two days ago, tickets for dinner were distributed to the poor at the Londonderry Institute between 10am and 1pm.

Today, Seaham Harbour will celebrate the Coronation of King George V and Queen Mary. The programs have been printed in colour and distributed by the committee responsible for carrying out the celebration under the chairmanship of James W. Grant, Esq. and Henry B. Wright, Esq., clerk.

By 9am the expectant crowds gathered in the streets to await the arrival of the procession which had formed up on the Terrace Green, so often the scene of great events in Seaham's history.

Procession

Here, the friendly societies and public bodies mustered under the procession marshals - Inspector Banks, B.Q.M. Sgt. J.T.R. Heppell, B.Q.M. Sgt. G.W. Gotts, Sgt. J. Thirlwell, and Sgt. J. Snowball. “

The article goes on to describe the order of the march and where it went. See this link for further details:

www.east-durham.co.uk

<http://www.east-durham.co.uk/>

Thanks to Ian Gotts in Kings Lynn for this

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Brian Gotts, researcher in tree #040 passed away

Posted by: lang at 16:37, March 19 2015.

My cousin Brian Gotts in tree #040 sadly passed away on 9th February.

He helped a lot with our tree with first-hand knowledge. He and his family contributed much to the article on James Atkinson Gotts who was killed in action on the Somme.

He also sent me several newspaper articles from Norfolk, which were very helpful.

Albert Edward 935 in tree #016 POW

Posted by: lang at 06:01, March 19 2015.

Albert Edward 935 Gotts b 1895/6

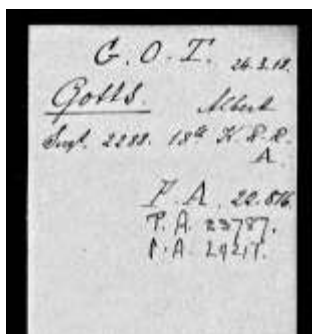
Albert Edward was a son of James 324 Gotts alias Nurse and Sarah Hailes. His name is in the July-Sep quarter 1895 civil birth records, but the POW records have his birth as 21/6/1896.

He was living at 13 Maltby St, North Ormesby with his parents in 1911, a 'fettlers labourer' in a pipe foundry. In other words helping take the bits of iron that slightly leak into the mould off the outsides of pipes to make them smooth.

There is a Medal Roll card for him which appears to show him entering the war in France in 21 July 1915.

Red Cross card

There is a red Cross card dated 24/3/1918, with his Service number 2288, rank of Sergeant 18th KRR. There is an 'A' at the end of KRR, though I am not sure why. The date is the date of his capture. The PA references are extra sheets which show which POW camps he was in.



This record is for Münster II camp, which was at the Münster racecourse. (Wikipedia), and is in Northwest Germany, near Dortmund. It shows his Service number 2288, rank of sergeant, 'A' company 18th KRR, captured at Flemicourt (Fremicourt) 24 March 1918. Born 21/6/1896 at N Comesly (misreading of N Ormesby!) Address 13 Malthy St (Maltby St), N Comesly, Middlesborough.

This address confirms exactly who Albert is, though it raises one or two other issues. It says he was in 18th Battalion, but this was a Service battalion and did not go to France until 1916. It was fighting in the Battle of Bapaume, which Fremicourt is close to.

PA 23787 is for Minden camp dated 12 May 1918 and says the same details for location and date of capture, also the regimental details. It also shows he came from Münster 2 camp. The date of birth is the same, though N Ormesby is now N Grimsby, the street name is correct as 13 Maltby St, N Ormesby, Grimsby! This time, it mentions wounds to his 'Kopf & L Knie' ie head & left knee. Minden camp three miles from the town with 18,000 men (Wikipedia)

114	Gotts	Sgt	18 30	Fremicourt	21 6 96 Yorks
	Albert	2 8 18	14 3 18		13 Maltby St
	2288	18th	Minden		Nth Ormesby Yorks

PA 29217 is for Senne camp dated 5 June 1918

He is now in the 'D' company of KRR. It mentions Minden this time, where he has come from to Senne. The location of capture has been written as Fremicourt. His DOB and address is correct this time.

Senne is one of the Sennelager camps about 100km East of Munster. Presumably as this does not have a number it must be Senne 1.

So Albert was moved round three camps that are quite close together around Munster.

18th (Service) Battalion (Arts and Crafts)

The 18th Battalion was known as the 'Arts and Crafts' Battalion, and was raised in Gidea Park Essex, in June 1916. This is also noted as a Service battalion rather than a Reserve, so it is possible that Albert was drafted into it at some point. The Medal Roll is unclear as to which Battalion he started with: it could be a '7' next to the 'R', but this was also a Service battalion. The 18th also served in Italy in 1917, but there is no medal shown for this, so we must assume that Albert did not go.

I cannot find any service record which states when he enrolled, but in 1915 he would have been 18/19, depending on exactly which year he was born.

Battle of Bapaume

From 21-25th March 1918, the battle of Bapaume in the Somme was fought. The German army was advancing strongly down the road from Cambrai, and the British forces were retreating with a few groups of men offering some resistance. It was difficult to see each battalion, as men were being regrouped as fast as they could. Fremicourt is not mentioned specifically, and fighting there looks as if it may have been on 21st or 22nd, so it is possible that Albert was cut off with some troops and eventually surrendered on 24th March. I haven't found the Battalion diaries yet online.

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Does anyone remember him, or have any report of his experiences?

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Enid Mary Gotts b 1908 in tree 083: migrated to NZ?

Posted by: lang at 09:16, March 16 2015.

I found a reference to a book written and published by Enid M Gotts, Dunedin, New Zealand in 1942 called

'ELECTROTHERAPY BOOK: APPARATUS USED IN ELECTROTHERAPY AND ACTINOTHERAPY'

Here's the link: [Gotts in print](#)

<http://www.gotts.org.uk/page162.html>

The name Enid is quite rare, so one possibility is Enid Mary b 1908 in Camberwell, London, one of three children of Samuel 2211 and Gertrude Stickley.

Recently I found a passenger record in Find My Past for Miss E Gotts, aged 30 (ie b 1908) a nurse whose recent address was Guys Hospital in London, emigrating to New Zealand on 25 November 1938 on RMS Tainui.

So this record stacks up with Enid, though it does not confirm it is her. I can't find any further records for her in New Zealand or England, so I don't know whether she stayed or returned.

I suspect one or two of you may know her, so I would be interested to know what happened.

Sorting out Sarahs in Gresham 1826 & 1827- Trees 038 and 009

Posted by: lang at 21:17, April 9 2015.

Someone asked me yesterday about two Sarahs who were born about 1826 in Gresham, and how I could be sure which tree they were in. And although we can see two baptisms, how do we know which one belongs to which tree?

The Sarahs in question are:

21 Jan 1827 bp Sarah dau Robert and Elizabeth Gotts, labourer

This Sarah is ref 253 in tree 009, daughter of Robert George Gotts and Elizabeth Annison, and married William Burton. In the 1851 census she is 26, so born c 1826.

19 Feb 1826 bp Sarah dau John & Mary Gotts, labourer

This Sarah Ann 2457 who is the daughter of John Gotts alias Whitton and Mary Louger. She had an illegitimate son by Robert Piggott in 1851 and called him Robert John Piggott. He eventually took on the name Robert Piggott Gotts, so some records are in that name.

This tree is very complicated, and Cynthia Nisbet did a great job last year sorting out these relationships.

So to check everything out and to be clear in my own mind, I dug out the original parish register baptisms in Family Search. I don't believe these have been referenced, but they are accessible and I've shown the way at the end of this post.

The baptisms have the information I've shown in blue above, so we have two Sarahs baptised one year apart. And many records can be a year out, depending on when it was recorded, or how old people wanted to be recorded as! There is more than one lady who has only aged five years between censuses! And men did the same because they didn't want to be thought of as too old to work.

One awkward point in the baptism of Sarah dau of John & Mary, is that she is known as Sarah Ann when she marries, so a point of difference there.

Her brother John, baptised in 1831 in the same church and recorded in the same register, shows his father to be John Gotts alias Whitton, which ties this Sarah to the Whittons. This is not captured in the Bishops Transcripts, nor can I find the record by searching directly.

So at least we can find the parents of both Sarahs.

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The keys to the original question are the marriage records, which luckily are in the format which requires the parents' names. Earlier records don't have this, so we could have been stuck with this problem.

Sarah & William Burton's marriage shows us:

1st(?) August 1845

William Burton, 22, single, labourer, Gresham, father John Burton

Sarah Gotts, 19, single woman, Gresham, father Robert Gotts

Witnesses Betsy Wright, Isaac Partridge?

Sarah and Daniel Pyke's marriage is:

12 March 1855

Daniel Pyke, 22, Bach, Labourer, of Gresham father John Crowe/Crowne? Labourer

Sarah Ann Gotts, 25, father John Gotts, labourer

Witness Isaac Gotts & Mary Pyke.

Isaac is Sarah Ann's brother.

Now there is one other minor problem here, that Sarah declare herself to be 25 when she marries Daniel Pyke, which would make her born in 1830. I've checked through all the baptisms up to 1833 and there aren't any other Sarah's born to John & Mary! Neither is there a Sarah dying from 1826 to 1837. So it looks like Sarah was really 29 when she married, but decided to present herself as 25. We will never know if Daniel knew before they married.

And just to make absolutely sure I have now checked her age at death as 87 in 1913, which places her as born in 1826! However her year of birth in the census records varies from 1823 to 1831, so those dates seem unreliable.

Without being able to get to the parish records through the back door it would have been difficult to know which was which, and I'm grateful for the question, as it reassures me that we've got the information correct!

If anyone has any problems like this I'm always happy to help if I can. Sometimes just another pair of eyes on it can help.

The way I got into the images is this: you may have to register for a free account to do it:

1. Go to Family Search
2. Click on Catalog tab
3. Search for Norfolk England
4. Select Norfolk church records
5. Go down till you see Norfolk parish registers (County Record Office)
6. Go down to Gresham Church of England
7. Select the second Note to see the PR CRO Online

8. Scroll down and Browse through images (don't worry about the number of them!)
9. Scroll down to Gresham
10. Click on each of the bapt options to find the one with the dates you are interested in. If not that one, go back one page and try another.
11. Keep trying until you get the right date
12. Use the Download button at top right to save the page, not the right click save page as. The latter only saves what shows on the page.

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Jimmy Gotts: footballer for Brentford & Brighton & Hove Albion 1945-1974:
are you related?

Posted by: lang at 10:39, May 31 2015.

On eBay there is an autograph for sale of Jimmy Gotts. The notes say:

"1945-1974 Autograph: Brentford & Brighton & Hove Albion - Jim Gotts Mounted
Signature, Approx Size Of Clipping 4x3 Inches. "

Here's the link: [Jimmy Gotts](#)

Does anyone know who he is?

Please contact me if you do.

Ian Gotts St Albans

Matthew 1561 tree #022 How he died in WW1

Posted by: lang at 22:03, June 24 2015.

Matthew 15671 was a Tunneller who died on 8 Feb 1916 and he is described on the Features/WW1 page for him.

Now I have been the The National Archives at Kew and found the Battalion diary for that day.

178th Tunnelling Company

On formation, it moved to the Fricourt sector of the Somme.

The battalion diary shows the different status of Tunnellers: every casualty is named. It shows that Matthew was digging in the tunnel with two others when the Germans exploded their own mine at Tambour Duclos, causing the tunnels to collapse, burying three of them. Two died (Gotts, Wilty) and Luke was wounded, though the two that died were dug out and buried nearby at Becort-Becordel cemetery.

To actually work out where they died takes a bit of effort. The Battalion diary shows the place as MEAULTE, but this was the battalion headquarters and not where the tunnel was being dug. By reading back in the diary it identifies that a three mile telephone wire had been laid from the mines to HQ, and it seems that they were working on tunnels for mines at Fricourt around the Tambour Duclos area. This is less than half a kilometre due west of Fricourt, and about 5 km South East of Lochnagar crater.

[Matthew 1561 Gotts tunneller](#)

Jim Gotts footballer identified as my first cousin once removed!

Posted by: lang at 12:29, June 18 2015.

Jim Gotts footballer- now identified as my first cousin once removed!

In May I added a news item about a signature on eBay for Jim Gotts, footballer with Brentford and Brighton & Hove Albion, asking who it was.

Ian Gotts in Kings Lynn found him on Google, and thought he was related to me.

Last year a new Wikipedia page went up as part of a project to add footballers, and Jim Gotts now has his own Wikipedia page which describes his career with Ashington, then Brentford and finally Brighton & Hove Albion.

[Jim Gotts Wikipedia page](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jim_Gotts) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jim_Gotts

It is an odd feeling reading it, because so many details are identical to my own father, James Atkinson Gotts.

So Jimmy was James Atkinson Gotts, also born in Seaton Delaval in Northumberland though 6 years later in 1917. He played for Ashington FC, near where I lived and my dad taught.

I then realised who Jim was: my Dad's first cousin was also named after my great-uncle who died in WW1.

[James Atkinson Gotts WW1](http://www.gotts.org.uk/gotts-james-a-ww1.page200.html) <http://www.gotts.org.uk/gotts-james-a-ww1.page200.html>

I did meet him once in the 1980's. My dad stayed with us and we went to see Jim and his wife Maisie when they lived near Stanmore. Working out which Jim wanted a cup of tea was fun! My Dad showed Jim the Dead Man's Penny that was handed down from when their uncle James Atkinson died. I hadn't realised that Jim had been a professional footballer.

I can't find a photo of Jim as a footballer, so if anyone has one I will put it up on the website.

What's New 1 June 2015

Posted by: lang at 21:48, June 1 2015.

Here is what is new since last month:

Main Website

Following the mammoth job of updating the whole website, I have only fixed a few minor errors and formatting, however I have been to The National Archives at Kew and I have more information about where our WW1 Gottses died, so 'KIA France and Flanders' will no longer be the end of the story. That is this month's challenge.

Known Family 083 page 4

Dates for John Henry's wife Charlotte and their daughter Ellen Gertrude have been updated thanks to Sandra O'Hanlon.

Surname index

Someone has pointed out some errors in the dates in this file: I will look into this and eventually update it. Until then please double check the dates, especially marriages.

News items

First DNA match for gives us a signature for Gotts surnames – are you related?

We have two researchers who have had their Y-DNA tested and they match exactly. See the article for more details

Jimmy Gotts: footballer for Brentford & Brighton & Hove Albion 1945-1974: are you related?

There is an autograph for sale on eBay of a Jimmy Gotts: I don't know who he is but do you?

First DNA match for gives us a signature for Gotts surnames – are you related?

Posted by: lang at 19:44, June 1 2015.

We now have a strong Y DNA match in tree #022 with two exact matches dating back to 1762.

Two people have taken the Y-DNA test who descend from different sons of Matthew 303 who was born in 1762 in Barningham Town, Norfolk and Martha Lawrence his wife. One person descends from Samuel 141 born in 1794 and one from George 457 born in 1804. This is the furthest back we know about in tree #022, so this is a great result.

[Matthew 303 in tree #022](#)

The test results give exactly the same results for all 37 markers, which is the best result we can have.

This means we have a signature for a Gotts family back 6 generations and 250 years.

What is really important about this is that it means we have certainty about the DNA for one Gotts tree against which we can compare other families. If we see a close match with other families we would expect that they would be related further back in time.

I expect we will find that some family trees which are currently not connected through documentary evidence may well show a relationship through DNA, which would help us look for evidence bringing these families together.

If you have a direct male descendant and are interested in having them take a test then please let me know. The one to do is the 37 marker Y-DNA test.

(Please do not be distracted by offers for DNA testing from Ancestry: these do not show Y-DNA and cannot be compared with our Gotts DNA)

Family Tree DNA usually have a sale in June, and if you order it through the GOTTs project you will get an extra discount.

What's New 6 July 2015

Posted by: lang at 19:51, July 6 2015.

Here is what is new since last month:

Main Website

Jimmy Gotts: footballer Following the earlier News item on an autograph of Jimmy Gotts, we now know who he is. I don't have a photo of him: do you?

[Jimmy Gotts Footballer](#)

Matthew Gotts 1561 Tunneller:

How he died in WW1 1916. Matthew is in tree #022 and from the Battalions diary I have found out how he died:

[Matthew 1561 Gotts Tunneller](#)

Maxwell 224 Gotts died 1918 (tree #040)

More details from the battalion diaries showing where Maxwell was fighting when he died. See Features/World War 1 Records then use the 'Pages to See' menu to go to page 1. Details are on page 2 via the Next button.

[Maxwell Gotts](#)

Sidney 3456 Gotts (tree #108)

Sidney 3456 Gotts died of wounds at Étaples 1917 (tree #108) Where Sidney got wounded, near Arras.

See [Sidney 3456 Gotts](#)

News items

Jimmy Gotts: footballer for Brentford & Brighton & Hove Albion 1945-1974: are you related? Update on Jimmy Gotts: known to be in tree #040

Matthew Gotts 1561 Tunneller:

How he died in WW1

New- WW2 section on the website

Posted by: lang at 23:08, August 31 2015.

I have added a new section to the Features tab for any World War 2 information. Although the English records are still classified, other countries have published the lists of those taking part in WW2, and I will add these soon.

There are two sets of records published for UK, those that died during the war, and those that were prisoners of war. I have included these, though I know the POW list is incomplete. I have added pages and a dropdown menu to get to those Gottses I have some information about. If anyone has more information about Gottses that they would like me to add then please send me the information.

Click here for [WW2 page](#)

John Gotts

One person I am trying to find out more about is John Gotts, who died as a civilian in 1944, at Shooters Hill, London.

I have located him to be John 1739 in tree #091. The CWGC record states:

"Son of the late Louise and John Gotts, of Lewisham; husband of Maude Rose Gotts, of 77 Algiers Road, Lewisham. Died at Shooter's Hill Road."

I also have his service record in WW1, before which he was an Omnibus driver, so he may have been driving the troops during his time in France. If anyone has any information about him then please get in touch and let me know.

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What's New 20 August 2015

Posted by: lang at 05:39, August 20 2015.

Here is what is new since last month:

Main Website

New Search facility

The site now has a new search facility, which searches for complete words and I think multiple words. It will also search the News blog, which will be a big help.

A Magnifier

A new feature, has been added to some images, eg Jimmy Gotts' autograph on Snapshot 20. Just hover over the image see it magnified.

Links from families to WW1 soldiers are now in place, so you can see more about each family.

New Feature: Tudor Gottses

There is a new section on the Features tab: Tudor Gottses. This is a place to record findings and records of Gottses in the period 1400-1600, when we know the least about them.

On the first two pages are some details of what life would have been like for them.

Page 3 talks about a book that Louisa Foroughi was working on which has accounts for three Gottses in tree #036.

Page 4 has the image of the signature of Nicholas Gottes in 1572 that Louisa Foroughi has found.

[Click Here](#)

New Feature: WW2 records

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I have added a new Feature to capture any details about Gottses in the Second World War.

So far, we have people in five trees # 022, 034, 040, 091, 119. Please have a look and see if you have anything we can add.

Family of Alfred Isaiah 1207 extended and moved to tree #040-14

The information about Alfred Isaiah 1207 and his family in Australia has been pulled together into family #040.

[Alfred Isaiah 040](#)

Family of Samuel 752 with photos now added to tree #040-15

Andrew Zilm has sent me photos of Samuel 752, also in the Australian branch of tree #040. This includes his two footballing sons.

[Aus Footballers](#)

Red Cross Volunteers

Records show that three Gottses volunteered for the Red Cross: Brothers Albert Steward/Stewart and Frank Abel in tree #034, and Herbert in Newcastle, as yet unidentified.

Registration cards shown on Known Families 034-8 and Features/WW1/Red Cross Volunteers

[Red Cross Volunteers](#)

Charles Herbert who died in WW1 1915: a correction.

I have previously identified this as Charles 2207 in tree #040, however this Charles was not born until 1910. It should have been his uncle, Charles Herbert 1153.

Arthur Walter 223 in #040:

Details of where he was wounded have been added

[Arthur Walter 223](#)

The website has been updated to the latest version of the software that publishes it.

The only area where this has been seen to be a problem is where there are accents, eg acute, grave and umlauts which are not properly rendered. In some places the £ (GBP) sign is not shown correctly. I am told by Serif, the suppliers, that this is a problem of the Web Browser suppliers, and not the software. It also affects the superscripts, as in 25th which here will have the 'th' above the line in small letters, but the browsers cause it not to be reduced in size.

News items

Red Cross Volunteers: Frank Abel and Albert Stewart in tree 034

Red Cross Volunteers: Herbert: this could be Herbert 2491 in #022 who died in Sept 1917 or his 3rd cousin Herbert 3109

Red Cross Volunteer : Herbert, living in Newcastle-Upon-Tyne

Posted by: lang at 14:43, August 11 2015.

The third Gotts volunteer was Herbert Gotts, who lived at 250 Westmoreland Road, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne.

He was ranked as a chauffeur (as opposed to a driver), joined in July 1916 and marked as Retired/Gone away on 23 Sept 1917.

I can't find any Herberts living in Newcastle in the 1911 census, so the nearest could be Herbert 2491 in #022 (born in Stockton) who died in Sept 1917 at Ypres, or his 3rd cousin Herbert 3109, son of Samuel 654 and Christiana Bond, born in Bishop Auckland, Durham, about whom I have little further information. He was a coal driver in 1911, but whether that was driving a horse and cart or a lorry I don't know.

If anyone has any more information, then please let me know.

Red Cross volunteers in tree #034 Frank Abel & Albert Steward Gotts

Posted by: lang at 12:03, August 11 2015.

There were three Gottses volunteered for the British Red Cross during WW1, two being in tree #034:

Albert Stewart and his brother Frank Abel, both living at 34 Macclesfield Road, Croydon at the time. (tree #034) They were signed up in 1915 for 520 hours a year as orderlies at the Balgowan VAD hospital in Beckenham. This used to be a school in Balgowan Road, but was handed over to the Red Cross as an Auxiliary Hospital in Dec 1915.

Their records show they were on the books from July 1915 until 18 Dec 1916, when they both terminated their service and Frank joined HM Forces. It is not stated why Albert left.

I cannot find any military record for either Albert or Frank, certainly not in the Army records. It is possible they served in the Royal Navy, though to date I have not found anything. It is possible they were in reserved occupations, though in 1911 Albert was a clerk in the Charity Commissioners, and Frank was a clerk in a feather merchant.

If anyone has any further knowledge of them please do share it.

Australians in WW2 in trees 022 and 038

Posted by: lang at 23:01, September 27 2015.

Eric Aubrey 2890 Gotts died 1945 Bougainville –tree 022

Eric is listed in CWGC as buried in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. With the help of Pat Upsall, his first cousin, we now know about the war against the Japanese in the Solomon Islands
Click [here](#) to read his story

Hilton Kenneth 2891 died 1943 and buried in Papua New Guinea. – Tree 022

Hilton is the brother of Eric Aubrey, Again with Pat Upsall's help we can see the war against the Japanese on the Kokoda Track across PNG and why Papua New Guinea was so important to the war in South Asia.
Click [here](#) to read his story

Hilton's story also applies to **Lieutenant Robert James** who was also in 2/1 Battalion.

I think this is **Robert James 812 in tree 038** who married Marjorie Maud Long and emigrated to Australia, but he survived the war.

Hopefully someone from tree #038 can confirm this.

John 1739 died at Shooters Hill in WW2 identified in tree #091

Posted by: lang at 23:03, September 14 2015.

CWGC shows

'John Gotts Date of Death:11/11/1944 Age:54 Civilian War Dead

Additional Information: Son of the late Louise and John Gotts, of Lewisham; husband of Maude Rose Gotts, of 77 Algiers Road, Lewisham. Died at Shooter's Hill Road.'

I have found some details of what happened (a V2 bomb) as well as tracing his WW1 record.

He was an omnibus driver before he joined the RASC, and went to France a few days after war was declared, and was involved in many of the early battles. See the Features /WW2/John 1739 tab, or [click here](http://www.gotts.org.uk/john-gotts-ww2.page269.html) <http://www.gotts.org.uk/john-gotts-ww2.page269.html>

Videos from Tower Poppies finally added!

Posted by: lang at 20:44, November 17 2015.

When the display of poppies at the Tower of London was on in 2014, they read out a Roll of Honour of men who died during the First World War. Marion Auffret let me know this as she got Mark Edward onto the Roll on 19th August.

I managed to get all the other Gottses who died onto various days, mainly 26 August.

I have captured them on video and put them all together in alphabetical order.

The second video is of the Last Post played at the end.

[Poppies at Tower of London](http://www.gotts.org.uk/gotts.tower.london.rollofhonour.html)

<http://www.gotts.org.uk/gotts.tower.london.rollofhonour.html>

Gotts Surname website: News Archive 2015

Gotts Surname website What's New 8 Nov 2015

Posted by: lang at 21:19, November 8 2015.

Here is what is new:

Main Website

Remembering Gottses today who died in wars:

WW1

19 died or missing

94 known to be involved in the war

23 stories written up about them

[WW1](#)

WW2

8 died of whom 3 were Australian

6 stories written up about them Please read their stories to see what they went through for us:

[WW2](#)

New story for Australian Hilton Kenneth in WW2 feature (tree #038)

[Hilton Kenneth Gotts](#)

New story for Australian Eric Aubrey in WW2 feature (tree #022)

[Eric Aubrey Gotts ww2](#)

Amendments to Matthew 489 from Nick Gotts (#022)

[Matthew 489](#)

Lifeboatman B Gotts in Seaham: Is he George William 2264 in #022?

[B Gotts Lifeboatman](#)

Mariner page for Charles Robert 2258 Royal navy record (#017)
[Charles Robert 2258](#)

1939 National Register – list of Gottses

The 1939 National Register has been released. The indexes are free to access on Find My Past, but it costs money to download the household record. I have added a sorted index here:

[1939 Register](#)

News items

Australians in WW2 in trees 022 and 038 Eric Aubrey 2890 (#022)

Hilton Kenneth 2891 (#022)

Robert James 812 (#022)

John 1739 died at Shooters Hill in WW2 identified in tree #091

1939 National register – list of Gottses

See above

1939 National Register

Posted by: lang at 23:14, November 3 2015.

The 1939 National Register has been published by Find My Past, though to access the detailed records is expensive.

This was taken in September 1939 to understand how many people needed feeding and how many men were the right age for potential conscription into WW2. It is very close to a proper census. There wasn't one taken in 1941, and the 1931 was burnt in a fire so this fills a gap.

The free index records show the forename, surname and year of birth, and the location they were living in 1939,

All the Gotts records have been collected and indexed by location and by forename, so you have two ways to access your recent ancestors.

1939 National Register

The register has been kept up to date until 1991, so any marriages are reflected there. The surname in brackets is the name in 1939.

New WW1 Memorial at Notre Dame de Lorette

Posted by: lang at 13:26, December 3 2015.

A new memorial was opened in November 2014 at Notre Dame de Lorette North-west of Arras. It is called "The Ring of Remembrance" or "l'Anneau de la mémoire".

This has 600,000 names including 300,000 Commonwealth soldiers who died in the region in WW1. The names are in alphabetical surname order irrespective of nationality or rank. You can access the names online via an Android or iPhone app.

The information from it is quite limited: all you get are the surnames and forenames or initials, and where they are on the Ring. So there is no help on working out who they are. It is just another record of them.

Seven Gotts names listed:

- Charles Herbert
- Clarence Augustus
- George
- JW
- John
- Mark Edward
- Sidney

For details of these people please go to the WW1 entries on the Features page of the website:

[Gotts website WW1](#)

Gotts Freemasons

Posted by: lang at 20:09, December 1 2015.

Do you have a Freemason in your family?

Ancestry have just released some Freemason records and among them are 14 Gottses.

They are in trees 022, 024, 034, 040, 077, 083, 108, plus some I can't place yet.

Why don't you have a look here, in [Features/Freemasons](http://www.gotts.org.uk/gotts-freemason.page279.html) <http://www.gotts.org.uk/gotts-freemason.page279.html>