

## News Archive 2012

### What's new 28 December 2012

Posted by lang at 22:44, December 28 2012.

#### What's new since the last update:

- Newsblog item on mariner records for Thomas & Henry Gotts
- Newsblog item on Merry Xmas tattoo
- Newsblog item Henry Joseph, Elizabeth Gotts & Bernard Whittleton in tree 034
- Homepage: Note to describe hyperlinks being introduced to take you to where there is further discussion on a person in the Known Families section
- Known families 040: page 3 East Ruston village sign added
- Suffolk Gottses: item on Cubitt & Gotts revised to show brother George involved in the company
- Tree 034 John 209 of Bacton: all the pages for this tree have been revised to include information available including the 1911 census and hyperlinks added
- Crime: Three more pages added of Old Bailey Gotts involvement in crimes

### Mariner records for Thomas and Henry Gotts

Posted by lang at 22:23, December 28 2012.

Looking at mariners records in ancestry there are several Gottses with certificates of Competency as Mates, Mariners and Master Mariners. The first page shows the certificate, but the trick is to check the images after that, as they frequently have the ships they were on, and the original application form. Some of these have a lot of information:

#### *Thomas Gotts Master certificate*

Thomas Gotts b 15 Feb 1814 Yarmouth. Present age 36 years & 8 months. Ref 39947 Employed as Master 12 years in British Merchant Service in the Foreign & Coasting trade. Issued at Gt Yarmouth 19 Dec 1850

#### Claim for certificate of Service:

Vessel	Port belonging to	tons	Capacity or rank	Trade	Date of service
Pursuit	Yarmouth	84	master	Foreign & Coasting	Feb 1839 to May 1845
Thomas Baring	Yarmouth	105	master	do	May 1845 to Oct 1850
Henry	Newcastle	250	apprentice	Baltic	Still employed as master from Jan 1828 to Jan 1832
Do	do	250	Seaman	American	Jan 1832 to Jan 1834
Spring	Yarmouth	190	Seaman	do	May 1834 to April 1835
Alexander	London	160	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mate	Mediterranean	April 1834 to April 1837
Thomas Baring	Yarmouth	110	Mate	Coasting	April 1837 to Feb 1839

- Witnessed by Benjamin Jay of Yarm
- Application to be examined as Master for Home trade, passenger ships 10 Sep 1857
- Address 38 Wilham Street, Pattery/Pottery?, Hull.

- Application dated 7 Sep 1857, granted 9 Sep 1857

Extra testimonials:

Vessel	Port belonging to	tons	Capacity or rank	Date of service	
Hannah	Gt Yarmouth		master	1851 to 1853	2 years
Oscar	London		mate	Dec 1854 to Aug 1855	7m 18 d
City of Norwich	Lowestoft		mate	Aug 1855 to May 1856	9m 12d
Velocity (26513)	London		mate	May 1856 to Sep 1856	4 m
North Sea(5595)	Hull		mate	Feb 1857 to Apr 1857	1m 24d
Irwell(5348)	Hull		mate	Jul 1857 to Aug 1857	21d

Total time at sea with new certificates: 13 years 11 months 25 days, total service at sea 19 years.

This is Thomas 1865 s Geo & Hannah Sexton in tree 053. The record stack up with Gt Yarmouth Ship Registers researched BY Ian Gotts in Kings Lynn.

We know Thomas was a North Sea pilot in Hull in 1871.

### Henry Gotts

- 18 Jan 1881 First Mate application re 09449 Henry Gotts, 1 Conyers St West Hartlepool
- Application states he was b 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 1848, Bacton.
- No previous service logged, applying for first mate
- 20 Jan 1881 exam passed for First mate at Sunderland
- 24Jan 1881 First Mate cert ( no ref)
- 25 Jan 1881 Ord exam cert issued

Service logged with this application:

Ship's name	Port of registry & Official number	Rank of applicant	Date of commencement	Date of Termination	Time in ship	Remarks
Palmers	W Hartlepool, 44346	AB	1/1/65	30/6/65	6m11d	Schooner
do	do	AB	20/7/65	31/12/66	1y5m12d	do
Ava	Do 26056	Mate	14/2/70	14/7/70	5m1d	Brigantine
Do	Do	Mate	21/7/70	24/11/70	4m7d	do
Argo	Do 522	Mate	30/4/72	30/6/72	2m1d	do
do	do	Mate	17/8/72	31/12/72	4m15d	do
do	do	Mate	1/1/73	20/6/73	5m20d	do
do	do	Mate	8/12/73	31/12/73	23d	do
do	do	Mate	1/1/74	31/12/74	1y	do
do	do	Mate	22/1/75	27/6/75	5m6d	do
do	do	Mate	1/7/75	10/10/75	3m10d	
Ann Clark	Whitby 25563	Mate	3/11/75	19/1/76	2m17d	Brig
Do	Do	Mate	31/1/76	28/2/76	28d	Do
Do	Do	Mate	13/3/76	22/4/76	1m10d	Do
Do	Do	Mate	26/4/76	22/6/76	1m28d	Do

Kate	Inverness22051	Mate	13/9/76	23/11/76	2m11d	Schooner
Antias	Hartlepool 9037	Mate	31/1/77	6/6/77	5m6d	Brig
Do	Do	Mate	8/7/77	28/2/78	7m21d	do
Crimdon	W Hartlepool78410	AB	15/7/78	28/8/78	4m14d	SS (Steam ship?)
Do	Do	Boatswain	7/9/78	28/12/78	3m19d	do
Do	Do	Boatswain	26/12/78	11/3/79	2m14d	
Hardwick	Do 67543	Boatswain	10/5/79	15/7/79	2m6d	
Do	Do	AB	24/7/79	5/1/80	5m13d	
Do	Do	Boatswain	26/2/80	12/4/80	1m13d	
Do	Do	Boatswain	14/4/80	11/5/80	27d	
Do	Do	Boatswain	19/5/80	17/7/80	1m29d	
Gypsy Queen	Do12889	Boatswain	3/8/80	22/11/80	3m20d	

- Cert 09449 issued applied for 3/6/10 May 1886, ordinary examination.
- Applying for Ordinary Master, Square-rigged ships, certificate to be sent to West Hartlepool Marine
- Henry Gotts b 20 October 1848 Bacton, Norfolk, address 55 Brunswick Street, West Hartlepool in 1886.
- Earlier certificate for Grade First mate, for Square-rigged ships issued in 25 Jan 1881
- Office. Granted 10 May 1886 (Ord exam for Master)
- Previous examination 14 April 1886 in Sunderland, subjects failed: Sumner?= Seamanship?
- Certificate issued for Master 10 May 1886 (no ref)
- 10 May Cert Competency as master issued
- 2 Jun 1893 Ordinary exam certificate granted as, now living at 113 Alma St West Hartlepool.
- 1 Jun 1893 Cert comp as First mate issued

No ship experience with the records for 1880 to 1886.

We don't have a Henry born 5<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> Oct 1848, Bacton. In tree 040 there is a Henry 121 b 1843 in East Roston, son of George 117 & Mary Neave, who was a seaman in 1871 census in Durham, and living at 1 Conyers St, West Hartlepool in the 1881 census. This is the closest match.

## A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year- to all his readers from Harry Gotts

Posted by lang at 17:46, December 25 2012.

"Extensively tattooed both forearms, breast and back. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year across both buttocks"

Whilst delving through the army records in Ancestry I found this in a record for a Harry Gotts in the section on 'distinctive marks'.

This was for his enlistment in the Militia in 1906. At first it seemed odd that not only had he exposed this to the inspecting officer, and more odd that the inspecting officer had been so particular to include all of it. However these were times before dogtags, so any distinguishing marks were important if their were bodies to be identified.

Anyone wishing to claim Harry should contact me for further details! (though not quite so lurid!)

[See Other Military Service records - 1](#)

## Elizabeth 708, Henry Joseph 1313 & Bernard Whittleton in Tree 034

Posted by lang at 15:48, December 24 2012.

In the 1881 census at Heath, Hickling, Norfolk we had found :

- WHITTLETON Bernard Head M 49 M Smallburgh, Norfolk, England Farmer of 60 acres
- WHITTLETON Elizabeth M 52 F Smallburgh, Norfolk, England
- GOTTS Henry Nephew U 19 1862 M Farmers Nephew Crown Thorpe

I had assumed a long while ago that this was Elizabeth 708 daughter of George 174 and Rhoda Charlotte Harmer because of the nephew connection, and that Elizabeth had married Bernard Whittleton. On further investigation, the age in the 1881 census for Elizabeth does not fit with Elizabeth 708. On checking the transcription for Bernard which is now available, it is difficult to confirm the first letter of Bernard as a 'B' or 'L', but 1891 census clearly shows this is Leonard Whittleton. Searches of civil indexes and Family Search show several Leonard Whittleton marriages, however there is one in 1855 to Hannah Elizabeth Harmer. What is likely is that this is Rhoda's sister, which would make Henry to be Hannah Elizabeth's nephew. The 1841 census have Joseph & Hannah Harmer aged 50 with children, but neither Rhoda, Hannah/Elizabeth. There is a Hannah and a Rhoda separately as servants in other houses. I haven't found a baptism in FamilySearch, FreeReg or Ancestry which confirms that they are sisters.

So Elizabeth 708 dau of George 174 is only recorded by her baptism in Bacton in 1853 and the 1861 census.

[See tree 034 research notes](#)

## What's new 11 December 2012

Posted by lang at 10:54, December 11 2012.

What's new since the last update:

- Article on Francis Gotts and Sarah Hall in the News section
- New section added on Military history. This is starting with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission records of World War 1 deaths. This includes Australians who died as well. The details will be updated as the people are identified within trees. Access it through the Data Sources tab.

## Tree 083- Francis & Sarah Hall's family went to USA in 1854

Posted by lang at 00:00, November 23 2012.

A combination of work by researchers has shown that Francis 1038 b 1824 married Sarah Hall in Shoreditch in 1850. They had two children in London: Clara J b 1851 and Elizabeth Catherine (known as Ann for some reason not yet explained) in 1852 before migrating in 1854 to Boston. They settled in Maine where Martha J was born in 1855, Emily Martha in 1856 and Thomas H in 1858, then moved to Oxford in New Hampshire where John H and Mary were born in 1859 and 1860 respectively. Francis and his family can be seen in the passenger list of the ship 'Frank Pierce' census and Thomas can also be tracked through the census to 1900.

Thomas celebrated his 75th birthday in 1933 according to the Rochester Social Courier.

Most of the children were girls, so we are not aware of any living Gottses from this branch of the tree.

Thanks to Ernest Gotts and Nuala Cockburn who has been helping a friend discover the family.

[See Known Families 083 1 & 2](#)

## What's new 15 November 2012

Posted by lang at 00:00, November 15 2012.

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

- News blog: item about Evelyn Jenner trying to get her uncle's name added to a war memorial
- Navigation changed so that 'Location of Gottses' is one tab with links to regions, and 'History of the name' as a second which includes the Coat of Arms
- Navigation: Crime section moved to be under 'History of the Name'
- Navigation: 'Location of Gottses' page has new links added
- Search: extra search facility added to the Site Index page
- Tree #077 written up: Samuel Gotts/Bramble of Oulton & Cromer
- Tree #089/022 written up: tree 089 about John in Thirsk and Knaresborough was merged into tree 022, and now it is written up as part of tree 022
- Tree #107 about John of Binfield & Edgefield now written up
- Tree #108 about George Gotts of Reepham & London written up
- Outline trees added to remaining Known Families that need it
- Notable Gotts page: links added to pages with the detail
- New page added to History of the name: 'Gottses with a Web Presence' for Gottses with their own space on the web
- New page added to 'News': 'Gottses in the News' to shows where Gottses have appeared in the media, both newspaper and Internet
- Snapshots 11: Link added to website with images of the font cover. Crime section moved off this page
- Snapshots 16 & 17 rearranged, and two law cases involving Gottses used as case law added to Snapshots 17
- More Snapshots page updated
- Data sources page: more detail added about records used and held

## Daughter's pledge to mark memory of north Norfolk-born war hero uncle Eric Gotts

Posted by lang at 00:00, November 12 2012.

Seventy years ago a fierce second world war battle took place on the northern coast of France which resulted in more than 3,500 men being killed, wounded or captured, hundreds of miles away from their families and homes.



Eric Gotts (back row, third from the left) at Eastney Barracks; Photo credit: Submitted.

The Dieppe Raid was an allied attack on the then German-occupied port and took place on August 19, 1942.

No major objectives of the raid were accomplished and only 2,463 of the 6,086 men who went to battle returned.

One serviceman who never made it back home was north Norfolk-born Eric William Gotts.

And now his niece is campaigning to see his name placed on a war memorial at his home village of Antingham, near Cromer - a gesture which would see her mother's dying wish completed.



*Eric Gotts with his sister May Gotts*

Evelyn Jenner, 67, lives in Kent with her husband, and has been trying for more than eight years to get her uncle's war efforts recognised in his local village.

This is a cause which started more than 50 years ago when Mrs Jenner's mother, Alice Sims, first visited Norfolk in the 1960s to look for a memorial.

But she was unsuccessful and died in 1990 at the age of 81.

"My mother died more than 20 years ago but before she did, she left me with this wish," Mrs Jenner explained.

"I think she felt upset when she could not find her brother's name on a war memorial and it was very important to her - but she did not accomplish her goal before she died."

Eric was the youngest brother of six children by William Edward Gotts and his wife Gertrude, known affectionately as "Gerty".

And when William came back from the first world war in 1917, after being based in Iraq in the second Norfolk regiment, he eventually set up home in Antingham after moving from Southrepps.

William died in 1936 and after her husband's death Gertrude moved to Suffield and the family relinquished their farm as they were tenant farmers.

That was the year Eric joined the Royal Marines.

Mrs Jenner said: "There are such strong family roots in Norfolk and I think there should be a memorial for my uncle in Antingham - it's very unusual for there not to be one."

## Gotts Surname website: News Archive 2012

She visited the village almost a decade ago in 2003 to look for a memorial with her uncle's name on and in 2004 wrote to Antingham Parish Council urging them to help her accomplish her mother's wish.

She said: "Originally they were keen and passed my letter on to the Rev David Bartlett who was also keen to help. But now I have had no answer and I've virtually given up.

"It would be a breakthrough if it happened as I want to be able to come and visit a war memorial with my uncle's name on it."

A spokesman for Antingham Parish Council said they had passed on Mrs Jenner's letter to Mr Bartlett who would conduct the research necessary to get Eric's name put onto a war memorial in the village.

And in a letter in 2006 to Mrs Jenner, said they were in agreement that her uncle deserved "to be remembered appropriately".

They have since contacted the Royal British Legion to ask for their help.

Currently there is only a first world war memorial based at the village church, St Mary and St Margaret.

Source

**North Norfolk News 24 October 2012**

[Referenced in Gotts in the News](#)

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## What's new 6 November 2012

Posted by lang at 22:05, November 6 2012.

Here's what is new since the last update:

- Changed the way News is presented so that all news will be accessible as items on the news page. Other news pages are not accessible unless any specific item needs one. Items can be seen by either just scrolling down in date order, or using the list at the RHS. At the bottom of the list is a list of the number of items for each month
- Added a Search box to the Home page which indexes all the text on the main web pages. It does not include news items or the Query forum.
- Added a new page on the Gotts DNA Project with a link from the Home page. Anyone interested in linking their family to others using DNA should read this and contact me
- News item added updating tree #071 Orford Gotts in 1901 census
- News item from Ben Wood on Bulphan tree (#079) and Essex Gottses
- News item from Ben Wood on Gottses in Upminster, which should somehow be connected to the Bulphan tree
- News item from Ernest Gotts on mistreatment of Gottses due to the name

## Update on Orford/Offord Gotts (tree #071)

Posted by lang at 20:49, November 6 2012.

See entry "[More on the John Gotts Excise family \(#071\)](#)"

Gotts Surname website: News Archive 2012

We could not find Orford Gotts in the 1901 census, which wasn't surprising as he was listed under 'Potts' :

1901 census: 36 Clapton Lane, Hackney

Listed as Potts not Gotts

- Mary A 2952 Head widow Female 62 1839 London Hackney Hackney
- Leonard 2957 Son u Male 27 1874 Cabman groom London Hackney Hackney
- David 2960 son u Male 21 1880 Brush borer London Hackney Hackney
- Offord 3529 son u Male 19 1882 Upholsterer London Hackney Hackney

1911 census: 31 Gayhurst Rd, Dalston, Hackney Hackney

- Offord 3529 Head 29 b 1882 m mar 0 children 0 children died Upholsterer worker London Hackney
- Adelaide E 3548 wife 25 1886 f m Wilts -Swindon

[See Known families 071](#)

## Mistreatment of Gottses because of their name

Posted by lang at 00:00, November 6 2012.

In the query forum I showed several cases where Gottses were badly treated because the name appears to be German.

Ernest Gotts in USA sent me these notes on this:

Here's what my father related to me concerning what happened to him during World War I in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. *At school one day, his female teacher, being annoyed with him for some reason, walked up beside his desk, grabbed his ear and twisted it. She said, "We'll teach you little Germans how to behave."* When asked if anything like that ever happened again, he said he could not recall any other instances.

In our family it worked the other way also. When my parents were living in central California--city of Fresno--their next door neighbors were a dear, older couple, retired farmers, who originally emigrated to the USA from the Austro-Hungarian Empire, prior to WWI. Their party landed in Port Lavaca, Texas, but found the climate stifling. So they moved on inland to join the large German-speaking community in San Antonio and eventually the Texas Panhandle (when it was being tamed for farming -- the town they founded had to change its German name to something innocuous like Plainsville) during WW I and finally settled as a married couple in central California. They both continued to have very prominent southern German/or Austrian German dialect accents when they spoke English (all their schooling in Texas had been in German, their newspapers were in German, their church was in German, etc.) They were sometimes difficult to understand. But they were excellent neighbors and very kind, lovely people.

My father's uncle Sidney came to visit during the 1970's. One day as they were getting into the car to go out to eat, the Ostermans (their name) were outside working in their yard. My father proceeded to try to introduce Sidney to the couple. He said, " *I don't have any time to meet any bloody Germans. No, I do not want to meet them.*" My father also had a very disdainful attitude towards Germans on occasion and spouted a number of cliches about Germans as proof that they were "lesser people". Part of the animus may have come from WW II days, when German bombers dropped left-over bombs on Norwich\* and on some coastal towns in Norfolk--apparently to get rid of them before returning home. The view was that there were no worthy military targets in the

locations bombed. These were just cruel and evil people. On one instance (if I recall correctly) I was told that a bomb or bombs landed in a churchyard cemetery when some of our Gotts family relatives were interred. A number of graves were blown up. This story was always told with angry affect and rage.

[See Special themes/Military Service/harassment](#)

## Gottses in Essex & tree #079 Bulphan

Posted by lang at 00:00, November 5 2012.

Ben Wood has a relation Barnaby Wood who married Martha Gotts in 1776 in Fryerning. He has done extensive research on his family in the area, and also found many Gotts records there. He has now found records of Mark Gotts the elder, and his potential parents. Here is his discussion which shows his reasoning:

First a map with places in Essex where records occur:



### *The Parents of Mark Gotts of Bulphan are Mark and Hannah Gotts*

From the 1851 census we know that Mark Gotts of Bulphan, born in South Weald (not Bulphan) abt 1786; he married Sarah Livermore, born in Upminster abt 1803.

Mark Gotts the younger married Sarah Livermore 20 June 1830, Bulphan. The witnesses were John Mann and Thomas Jinkins. The record indicates that Mark was a bachelor, although he was 17 years older than Sarah.

From the marriage record we know that the father of Mark the younger is also Mark. We find that Mark and Hannah Gotts are the parents of Mark who was baptized 24 Apr 1785 in South Weald.

The South Weald parish record also indicates that Mark and Hannah are the parents the other known siblings of Mark the younger.

- Jesse born 7 Jan 1781 and baptized 28 Jan 1785 (who married Mary Roach and Elizabeth Roach)
- Elizabeth 1 Jun 1783 and baptized 15 June 1783 (who married Charles Lenny)
- Susannah Gotts, born 1789 (who married William Collis)

Mark Gotts married Hannah Webber 18 July 1773, Stanford Rivers. The record book is severely damaged by water but the names and dates are very clear. Because Gott is an uncommon name the probability is high that Mark and Hannah of Stanford Rivers are the same Mark and Hannah in South Weald. This point is interesting but not essential to the arguments that link Martha Gotts and Mark Gotts the elder.

Unfortunately the baptism records of Stanford Rivers are lost between 1746 and 1802.

Hannah Gotts was buried in Bulphan 3 Feb 1833, age 86. She was born abt 1747. Mark Gotts was buried in Bulphan 18 Nov 1836, age 89. He was born abt 1747. Their ages strengthen the likelihood that they married in Stanford Rivers.

### *Nicholas Gotts is the Father of Mark Gotts the Elder of South Weald*

Martha Gotts married Barnaby Wood, a Catholic of Ingrave. I know the Gotts of Essex were dissenters but they may have been Quakers instead of Catholics. We prove the relationship between Mark Gotts the older and Martha Gotts who married Barnaby with land records and witnesses at marriages.

Mark Gotts concurrently leased property in South Weald and Brook Street. To do this his net worth must have been more than £1,500 (based on what I know about other family members). Between 1783 and 1785 he shared a lease in South Weald with Martin Wood. Most likely these properties were pubs.

Between 1780 and 1799, which is two decades, we find family members in the tax records of South Weald and Brook Street: William Wood, Barnaby Wood, Martin Wood, Playle, and Mark Gotts. Playle is the maiden name of William's wife. Barnaby married Martha Gotts. Mark was a witness at the wedding of Barnaby and Martha. Martin was a witness at the wedding of William and Sarah Playle. William was a witness at the wedding of Martin and Matilda Bell. French and Newman are Landlords connected with the Wood clan is in various documents. Mark Gotts leased from Jason Newman in South Weald and Jesse Newman in Brook Street. The patterns in the records prove the parties are related. Although the parties could be cousins and not siblings, the involvement of Mark Gotts with the Wood clan for more than a decade enables us to conclude that the Mark Gotts who witnessed the wedding in Fryerning in 1776 is the same person in the tax records of South Weald. The longevity of the relationships in the tax records allow us to be quite certain that Mark Gotts of South Weald is the brother of Martha Gotts.

We already know that Nicholas Gotts is the father of Martha Gotts. Nicholas Gotts was twice married; Mark fits neatly into the birth order:

#### Nicholas and Esther Gotts

- Mark abt 1747
- Martha abt 1751
- Catherine 16 Jan 1754
- Mary 8 Oct 1758
- Jane 6 May 1760

#### Nicholas and Margaret (or Martha) Gotts

- Sarah 17 May 1761
- Susannah 26 Jan 1765

Ben's analysis fits with the parents of Mark, extending tree #079 back another generation, and consolidates Mark the Elder's family. However, we still need a link between Mark or Martha and the rest of the family. (lanG-STA)

[See Essex Gottses 2 & 3](#)

## Further Gottses in Upminster, Essex

Posted by lang at 00:00, November 5 2012.

Ben Wood has also proposed that tree #079 Bulphan, and tree #109 Upminster are linked somehow through co-location of several Gottses.

*Upminster & Cranham link Mark Gotts of Bulphan and Jonathan Gotts*

The marriage of Jonathan Gotts and Mary Keys is found in the Cranham parish, 20 Oct 1792; Jonathan is from Upminster and Mary from Cranham, which are only four miles apart.

Sarah Livermore who married Mark Gotts of Bulphan was born 30 Nov 1802 in Upminster. She was christened 27 Dec 1803. Her parents are John and May Livermore.

Jonathan Gotts was buried 17 Mr 1816 in Upminster. His abode is listed as Cranham. He was 45 (born abt 1771).

Mary Gotts was buried 1 Dec 1833, age 65 (born abt 1768)

Three children of Jonathan and Mary are found in the Cranham records:

- James born 7 Jan 1805 and baptized 24 Mar 1805
- John born 15 May 1806 and baptized 13 Jul 1806
- Jonathan born 18 May 1808 and baptized 12 Apr 1812; Jonathan Gotts of Cranham, age 9, was buried 14 Feb 1817

Three more children are found in Upminster records but are not yet linked:

- Samuel baptized 9 Mar 1800; Samuel is found on 1851 in Clerkenwell with his wife Caroline, born 1797 in London; he died Q1 1858 in London
- Sarah born 12 June 1803 and baptized 11 Jul 1803; Sarah Gotts married James Hunwicks in Nov 1820, Cranham, and is believed to be the daughter of Jonathan and Mary as well.
- Mary born 14 Sep 1797 and baptized 11 Jul 1803; She married Edward Conway, a widower, 9 Sep 1836, Upminster

There are also two burials:

- John bur 1785 aged 53 ( b abt 1732, which is early and probably makes him a contemporary of Nicholas Gotts)
- Mary bur 1785, no age given, so possibly a child

Jonathan who married Mary Keys is from Upminster. The guardian of Mary and Eliza in the Will of James Gotts is Jonathan. Can we demonstrate that the two Jonathans are the same person? If so, we have a connection between the Bulphan Gotts and Upminster/Romford Gotts. The guardianship links Upminster with Romford, and both Jonathan Gotts and Sarah Livermore are from Upminster.

The coincidence is unlikely: we have yet to find the records which prove the link. (lanG-STA)

[See Essex Gottses 2 & 3](#)

### Alfred Charles tree #110 in Knaresborough

Posted by lang at 08:29, September 26 2012.

#### Alfred Charles tree #110 in Knaresborough

Alfred Charles Gotts was born in St Faiths district about 1906 and migrated to Knaresborough to find work. He married Dorothy Pickering in 1935. Ian M Gotts told me

"I have been told that my grand father was captured at Dunkirk and spent the rest of the war in a Polish Labour Camp. When the war was over he came back to Knaresborough weighing just over 6 stones, and that my grand mother Dorothy Gotts walked passed him when he got of the train, the people on his street held a party for him which was recorded by the Knaresborough Post."

Now he is shown to be Alfred Charles 2650, part of tree #034 (Bacton) daughter of Harriet Sabrina b 1881 in Newton St Faith. In the 1911 census he is with his grandmother Mary Elizabeth 1293 in Wroxham Road, Norwich whilst Harriet is working in the Dove Inn in Poringland, Suffolk.

[See 034 Research Notes](#)

### Various documents on places of residence

Posted by lang at 10:05, September 1 2012.

Various documents on places of residence exist in Ancestry records;

#### Tree #036 Richard of Ryburgh 1584 & 1589

There is a Certificate of Residence in the National Archives for Richard Gottes of Norfolk, which shows he was present in Norfolk in 1584. When I get the chance to see it it will tell me where in Norfolk, but I expect it will be Little Ryburgh. There is another certificate for Richard 'GOTTE' (sic) of Stepney dated 1589, which I have transcribed. It refers to where he was assessed for a subsidy for Queen Elizabeth. I am pretty sure that these two are for the same person, as Richard was originally at Clements Inn, one of the Courts of Chancery, then admitted to the Inner Temple in 1578 and later called to the bar in 1590.

[See Known Families 036](#)

#### Sir Thomas Gotts 1784-1810 (#036) Kensington & Chelsea

Browsing through Ancestry's Land Returns, I 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 though it meaning is not known at present. The records show us he was there from 1784 through to 1810, probably in a street called Greyhound Row.

[See GOTT section](#)

#### Samuel Gotts 1793 - 1811 (#083) Bethnal Green

## Gotts Surname website: News Archive 2012

Samuel Gotts who was from Bethnal Green married Elizabeth Green in 1790. Ancestry land returns show they were obviously living back in Bethnal Green in 1793, living in one of a series of properties owned by Joseph Gossett and paying 9/4d (9 shillings & four old pence). Strangely, the next name on the list is William Burrige, though any connection to the William Burrage b 1757 in tree #040 is unlikely as there isn't a Samuel known at the right age. They are both there two years later in 1795. In 1796 the rent had gone up to 10 shillings and there are records through to 1811.

Slightly different living accommodation to Sir Thomas!

*See Known Families 083 -1*

John 556 Gotts - Excise Officer (#071) 1798 Watford and 1832 Uxbridge

There is a record in Ancestry for 1798 for Messrs Crophwaite and Gotts who own a house tenanted by Excise officers at Leavesden, near Watford. This stacks up with John 556 who moved to Watford Ride in 1797.

Also in 1832 in Uxbridge John Gott (sic) is the proprietor of a property and the tenant is listed as Excise officer. John senior was an officer in Uxbridge, though by 1865 he would be aged 65. Presumably John owned the house and rented it out as a source of income.

*See Known Families 071 -1*

Bulphan in Essex tree #079

In the 1798 Land Return, a Mark Gotts was a tenant in Childerditch, just north Bulphan on the other side of the A127.

Also a Mark Gotts was in Slough House, Bulphan, which was owned by a Miss Russell, and also a house called Judds.

By 1873, there were several entries around Bulphan:

The executors of a Gotts had 12 acres

Jesse N Gotts had 64 acres

Sarah Gotts (most likely widow of Mark senior) had 364 acres

Mark at Horndon on the Hill had 143 acres.

These are significant holdings though the rental value of the land at Bulphan has been rated more per acre than the land in Horndon.

*See 079 Research Notes*

### Earlier Gotts/Gottes records - 1346 and 1362

Posted by lang at 10:02, September 1 2012.

Earlier records of Gottses have been found:

- Geoffrey Gottes in 1346 land charters in Norfolk.
- Geoffrey Gottes: 1348 Norfolk 1348 FA Inquisition and assessments relating to feudal aid. (Source Reaney:London 1899-1921)
- Henry Gottes 1362 in Feudal Aids:

## Gotts Surname website: News Archive 2012

We already know that Henry Gottes was the Rector of Clippesby from 1361 to 1390. He turns up in the Feudal Aids (effectively taxes for the king), though in different circumstances:

"Feb. 13. Commission of oyer and terminer to Robert de Thorpe, Ralph de Hemenhale, John Knyv Westminster, and William de Wychyngham, on complaint by Reynold de Eccles justice of the peace in the county of Norfolk, that Thomas de Pikeryng, William Knol, Robert Quylter, Edmund de Pykeryng, John, his brother, Henry Gottes, chaplain, John (Henry's servant), and others, at Clypesby, Co. Norfolk, carried away his goods, threatened him with strung bows and arrows, drawn to the heads with instant death, he resisted, and assaulted his servant Richard de Martham when he would have rescued his master. By K

For 20s. paid in the hanaper. (to Richard Martham)"

(The transcript is from University of Iowa, Calendar of Patent Rolls for Edward III vol 12)

[See History of the name 1 & 2](#)

### Update on Thurston End Hall in Suffolk

Posted by lang at 10:00, September 1 2012.

In 1790 John Gotts of Timworth (just north of Bury St Edmunds) purchased 'Thunstanton Hall' (Actually Thurston End Hall) in Hawkedon, reported as having the same coat of arms as Richard's family.

Recent correspondence with the owner of the hall has shown that there is no crest, certainly not one of the Gotts family.

They identified that John Gotts was a farmer, and that he left it by will or through marriage to John Wiseman, who took up residence in 1813.

This suggests several things:

John was a farmer in North Suffolk, close to the Norfolk border, and not a rich man retiring to the country from London.

There is a will for John between 1790 and 1813, though I have not found either a death record or a will

Potentially there is a marriage of John Gotts or a sister/niece into the Wiseman family which would provide a reason for leaving the property to John Wiseman. Again, I have found no evidence of this yet.

I can find no local parish records for the name Gotts around the Hawkedon area, and there is nothing in Family Search or Ancestry, or PCC wills for Timworth of Suffolk or even London for a John Gotts.

[See Suffolk Gottses](#)

### More on the John Gotts Excise family (#071)

Posted by lang at 10:00, September 1 2012.

#### More on the John Gotts Excise family (#071)

Ernest Gotts identified an Orford/Offord Gotts in Canada in 1918, who came from Hackney. He also identified Orford has having a son born in England in 1911 and more children in Canada. He is on both the 1891 and 1901 census but they aren't so easy to find. In 1901 he is listed as OFFORD GOTTS with his wife Adelaide in Hackney.

In 1891 he is ORFORD COTTS as the youngest of 8 children, also in Hackney. His father is John Gotts a brush borer from Walworth, (who we have already as John 2920) and his mother is Mary Ann Mumford. John's father is John 1186 Gotts who married Elizabeth Treeby in 1834.

In Canada, the family settled in Stratford, Ontario and Ernest has been able to trace another 10-15 Gottses to add to the tree.

[See Known families 071](#)

### Nicholas Gotts of Hempstead d 1684

Posted by lang at 00:02, September 1 2012.

Doing some further research on the tree with the coat of arms (#036 Richard of Rybrough) with Ian Gotts in Kings Lynn, Nicholas who died in 1684 in Hempstead is clearly related to this tree. His will shows:

- Firstly, he gives his lands to his son Owen and makes him executor (obviously the first son). He also gets Edmonds House in the manor of Hempstead Losehall
- He refers to three younger sons (ie younger than Owen), all under 21
- He refers to his son Nicholas who shall be bound apprentice for twenty pounds each (so presumably aged 6-20, born 1664-1678) (In Norfolk Record Office there is an indenture release for Nicholas dated 1695)
- Also to his son Thomas who shall be bound apprentice (so presumably aged 6-20, born 1664-1678)
- William is the third son, (presumably not of apprenticeship age, so 10- 14?, Born 1670-1674 )
- Mary his daughter who is under 25 at that time (so born 1659-1684)
- Elizabeth his daughter, also under 25 then. She is also appointed guardian of William until his age of 15, so presumably there is ten year difference between them (so born c1659-1674)
- Nicholas is given his father's ring- " my ringe with my coate of arms thereon...it having been the ringe of my ancestors"
- There are also bequests to Diana Palmer, daughter of William Palmer deceased, though there is no indication of the relationship

Nicholas made the will on 25 July 1684, a codicil was made on the thirtieth of July and probate was granted on 20 August, less than a month later.

In the codicil it makes the place for distribution to be his " new mansun (mansion) house " but it doesn't state where it is.

Ian Gotts in Kings Lynn has tracked this down through a book by Robin Carver, Hempstead: A Norfolk Village ( 2000 ), Chapter 9

"In the 17<sup>th</sup> Century Brownwood Farm belonged to the Gotts family, passing under the Will of Nicholas Gotts dated July 24th 1684 mostly to his son Owen Gotts but part to his second son, also called Nicholas.

On April 16th 1690 Owen Gotts sold to Edmund Brightman, who died shortly afterwards leaving his property to his widow Mary. Nicholas Gotts's family must have retained his share of the land because in 1695 Nicholas Gotts junior of North Walsham sold to Peter Drury a tailor.

Brownwood Farm is south of the village between Marlpit Lane and Pond Hills. It is marked on the Ordnance Survey Map Pathfinder 841 (TG03/13) for Holt."

[See Known families 036](#)

### Burston School riots

Posted by lang at 00:01, September 1 2012.

Ian Gotts of Kings Lynn has noted that Henry Joseph 1313 Gotts in tree #034 (Bacton) were involved in the Burston school riots.

Both Henry Joseph and his wife Anna Laura were summoned and fined in 1911 for not sending their son to school at Burston on 7 April. Henry was represented by his wife, who admitted that he had not been to school, although he had been up to the school every day since. The fine amounted to 2s 6d. What came to be known as "The Burston Rebellion" was the longest strike in British history. Village schoolteachers were dismissed for helping farmworkers form a Union; the children went on strike, teachers set up a rival school and the whole affair flourished for 25 years.

For further details see this link:

"[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burston\\_Strike\\_School](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burston_Strike_School)"

[See Known families 034 and Snapshots 18](#)

### Visit to Bulphan in Essex

Posted by lang at 21:17, July 22 2012.

When visiting Basildon, I took the opportunity to visit the church in Bulphan, where Gotts family #079 lived and still lives. The Rector there, Revd EW Hanson kindly showed me the various plaques and graves there. He also showed me the MI transcription of the graves there.

As he is interested in family history, he later sent through CMB records for Orsett and Bulphan as well as census information.

He had been led to believe that there had been Gottses in the area for 500 years, though like us had no records to confirm this, however he confirmed that there were still some Gottses living locally.

The central portion of the East window was paid for by Mark 2641 Gotts, and there is a plaque to his wife Sarah. This confirmed many of the family dates and members, as well as adding several children who had died young.

[See Known families 079](#)

### The End Of An Era - Lynemouth Chapel

Posted by lang at 21:17, July 22 2012.

This information is extracted from an article by Neil Taylor who writes about the history of Lynemouth Chapel, in a pit village in Northumberland which my father James Atkinson Gotts spent many years running the Sunday School and struggling to keep it going.

"At 11-15 am on Tuesday 8th June 2010 the last service was held in Lynemouth Primitive Methodist Church. The Chapel as it was always known stands by the main road through Lynemouth and has been a place of worship in the pit village community for almost 83 years.

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It was built on land given by the old Ashington Coal Company in 1925 and the money raised to pay off the loan agreed to build the Chapel was provided by the members themselves.

Some folk reading this may remember the halcyon days of the 1950s when there was a good influx of young people who filled five Sunday School classes and were members of the Youth Club run by Jim Gotts and Harry ( Sonny ) Armstrong and many joined either the Life Boys or in the girls case the Girls Life Brigade run by Edith Foster.

By the 1970s the Chapel was in financial difficulties and barely surviving. This was the time when Jim Gotts' faith really shone through and he battled hard to save the closure. Eventually the Trustees decided that the Chapel garden which had previously been worked as allotments had to be sold off for building land. In 1984 the Rev Bernard Nixon and his wife June initiated a Day Centre in the Chapel which over the years has proved highly successful and is still in operation at the present time. The Centre was a lifeline for the older generation way back then and ensured the future of the Chapel for some time to come."

### [See Snapshots 16](#)

### Trees 113 (Peter James in Brentford and Ealing) and 092 (John of Ranworth), now connected

Posted by lang at 21:15, July 22 2012.

In a discussion with Janet Evans who descends from tree 092 through the Brentford family of James Moore m Ann 562 Gotts, Janet pointed that she had found them in Ealing High St in 1851. She also noted that in 1881 they had a lodger called Annie Gotts:

1881 335 High St Ealing

- MOORE James Head m 20 b 1861 Brentford
- MOORE Ann 562 Wife m F 20 b 1861 Brentford
- GOTTS Annie Lodger U F 20 b 1861 Brentford

Round the corner are: 1881 census: Back Lane From Church Alley To Fox & Hounds, Ealing, Middlesex

- ALLAN Alexander Head m M 49 b 1833 Labourer Scotland (Transcribed as ALLAIS not Allan)
- ALLAN Caroline 2883 Wife m f 51 b 1831 Brentford
- GOTTS Peter 2879 Son Widower M 25 b 1856 Labourer Brentford

Peter was the head of tree 113 and shows him as widowed at 25 and also shows his mother Caroline.

Working back to 1871 we find: Back Lane From Church Alley To Fox & Hounds Alley including Retort Alley Ealing Middlesex

- ALLAN Alex Head m M 49 b 1833 Labourer Scotland Middlesex
- ALLAN Caroline 2883 Wife m f 51 b 1831 Nurse Brentford Middlesex
- Peter Gotts 2879 Son un m 15 b 1856 Servant Brentford Middlesex
- Anne Gotts 3501 Daughter un m f 11 b 1860 Brentford Middlesex Deaf

This shows Peter and Annie as siblings, and Annie as deaf.

1861 census: shows them in the same location: High St next to Back Lane, Ealing, but listed under GOOTS

- William Head m m 43 Stoker at gas factory b 1818 Norwich Norfolk
- Caroline 2883 Wife m f 39 b 1822 Brentford Middlesex
- Peter 2879 S u m 5 scholar b 1856 Brentford Middlesex

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- Ann 3501 d u f 10 months b 1860 Brentford Middlesex

This links both Ann & Peter back to William who married Caroline Shepherd in 1849 in Brentford.

Going back another census we have a different Ann, b 10 years earlier:

1851 census: 4 Eatons Row Ealing

- William 564 Gotts Head 37 Gas man b 1814 Ranworth
- Caroline 3180 Gotts Wife 27 b 1824 Brentford
- Ann 3181 Gotts Dau 1 b 1850 Brentford

This shows there were two Anns which we can find in the birth & death indexes, and links together tree 113 for Peter James and Ann and Caroline his mother in tree 092.

### [See Known families 092](#)

### [James & Joyce Gotts \(Gotrans caravan site\) is now linked to tree #040](#)

Posted by lang at 00:00, July 22 2012.



Research by Ian Gotts of Kings Lynn has shown that James & Joyce Gotts who run Gotrans Certified location for the Caravan Club in Grub St, Happisburgh, are linked to tree #040. They have won several awards for their campsite over the years.

Ian has shown they are descended through George 1120 who married Elizabeth Clayton. James (749)'s father Thomas James Charles 742 is the son of Elizabeth 1124 Gotts b Sea Palling 1880

### [Not included on web pages as per data privacy policy](#)

### [Statistics on identifying Gottses in civil registration](#)

Posted by lang at 10:37, July 4 2012.

Statistics on identifying Gottses in civil registration

To give some idea of progress in how much of the census information and civil birth/marriage/death registration we have identified, here are the statistics and some comments on them.

Record type	No. records	No. Identified in trees	% identified in trees
1851 census	444	281	63%
1881 census	604	445	74%
1891 census	781	176	23%

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1901 census	713	582	82%
1911 census	767	50	7%
Births	2701	1372	51%
Marriage	1995	760	38%
Deaths	1626	660	40%

Civil registration to 2005

Individual Gottses in trees 3382

No of main trees 36

Census records are more tricky to identify the correct spelling of the name, hence there are more records for some years which I expect not to be Gottses. I have focused on 1851 and 1881 censuses as they give the span of the family and were the early ones available. The 1901 census provided the next generations, however Ancestry have only recently released the 1911 full detail, which is why that figure is low.

BMD records were extracted directly from the books in St Catherines House as was (Now in PRO), so I know the numbers are fairly close. Births and marriages have been done particularly to build the trees and correlation against the census has helped significantly. I have looked at deaths less often, though the number of records seems low (70% more people being born than dying doesn't seem to stack up with the National figures).

I have numbered every person taking the name Gotts in the trees I have built in order to reduce the confusion between people with the same name. These are contained in 36 main trees, with some trees being large.

Tree	Person/location	No. Gottses	Tree	Person/location	No. Gottses
040/011	William Burrage, Hevingham	715	71	Cawston, Aldermaston, Bushey	208
22	Barningham Town, Ingworth	419	9	Gresham	187
34	Bacton, USA	221	83	Bethnal Green, Hackney	158
98	Methwold, Northwold	220	97	Swaffham, USA	138

[See Data resource page](#)

### New section: Treetops

Posted by lang at 21:00, May 17 2012.

I have added a section at the end of the News which shows the Gottses at the top of all the trees. It shows how far we have got with identifying who they are and where they might come from, so if you can answer any of these then please add a note in the Queries forum or email me so we can follow it up.

### Linking two trees together. 071 and 062 in London

Posted by lang at 20:59, May 17 2012.

Linking two trees together. 071 and 062 in London

We were looking for the parents of:

William 2592, b abt 1890 in London, married Alice Batterham. Family in Hackney, Shoreditch, Keighley

Through the 1911 census showing he was born in Haggerston and was an upholsterer, we can see he is the same as William 2140 in tree #071. This has him born in Haggerston, and his father was a cabinetmaker. The additional family is mainly after 1901, so only the parents are added to tree 071 on this site. Tree 062 has been deleted.

[See Known families 071](#)

## Gottses in Essex

Posted by lang at 20:57, May 17 2012.

### Bulphan/Orsett Gottses

There have been Gottses in Essex for quite some time, but we haven't got a link between them and Norfolk or London Gottses yet.

The main family (#79) is a Bulphan, near Orsett, where we have early entries in 1841 census for Mark b 1791 and his wife Sarah Livermore. We know of Mark's father also Mark from a lease in 1822 now in the Essex Museum of Rural Life which refers to Mark the Younger, inferring there is a Mark the Senior. Ben Wood has found the baptism of three of the Bulphan children at South Weald, with Mark and Hannah as the parents.

- Elizabeth, born June 1 1783, baptized 16 June 1783
- Mark, baptized 24 April 1785
- Susannah, born 12 December 1788, baptized 18 January 1789

We still need the marriage of Mark and Hannah.

Ben has tracked his Wood family in the area, and can see waves of new generations moving north and eastward out from inside the M25 area around 1750 towards Maldon in Essex by 1814.

Separately, in tree #071 William 630 Gotts married Alice Hawtree in close by at Cheshunt as an exciseman at that time. This suggests that there is some connection between the two families, possibly that there are common ancestors.

*See Known Families 071 and 079*

### Other Gottses in Essex

Martha Gotts married Barnaby Wood in 1777 in Fryerning, Essex

Ben Wood is looking for Martha Gotts who married Barnaby Wood in Fryerning, Essex in 1777. Barnaby died at Mountnessing, Essex in 1806, having run an inn at South Weald in Essex.

Their marriage had a Mark Gotts as a witness. This could be Mark Senior from tree #071 (South Weald)

Jonathan Gotts & Mary Keys of Cranham

Jonathan Gotts married Mary Keys of Cranham near Upminster in Essex in 1792 Their daughter Sarah was born in 1803 and started a school there at the age of 15 and then ran it until she died in 1874! She married James Hunwicks in 1820.

So we're looking for a connection between:

Martha b 1757 (m Barnaby Wood 1777)

Ann b??? (her sister, m John W Mead in Fryerning 1778)

John 556 b 1780 (tree #071)

Mark 3384 and Hannah (tree #079) b before 1765, married before 1783

Jonathan at Cranham and Martha at Fryerning, but no records known yet to link them together.

And a link from Thomas Gotts m Jane Rand in Orsett 1688

*See Essex Gottses*

## Thirza Gotts of Dorset and Greenwich - solved

Posted by lang at 20:52, May 17 2012.

## Gotts Surname website: News Archive 2012

Thirza Gotts of Dorset appears in the 1891 census aged 70 widow, in Greenwich with her daughter Edith F (Frances), born 1875 in Lewisham. Edith married in 1896 in Brighton to ?? Miller.

There is an entry in 1881 which has some matches, but not all:

4 Woode Buildings, Greenwich:

- Thomas Galls, Mar, 64, born in Bengal, East Indies
- Thirsa Galls Mar, 60, laundress born in Bridport, Dorset
- Frances GITTTS grand-daughter, aged 6 F born in Lewisham, Kent.

We now know that Thirza married Thomas 1266 in 1866 in Greenwich. This is part of tree 091 Go to Known families tree 091 for further details. Thanks to Zena Muth and Caroline Lower for helping to sort this out.

Zena Muth now has details of Thomas's birth in Bengal from the British Library Family History database. Further details are being sought from the manuscripts.

[See family 091-2 & research notes](#)

### Tree #036 Richard of Rybrough

Posted by lang at 00:00, May 17 2012.

There are a number of links which show that this family was well-connected. Richard 843 states in his will that a surety of £2000 is to be made to cover the bequests. In 1592 this would be a significant sum. It appears that his sons Richard and Thomas did well for themselves.

There is a deposition taken in a case between Thomas Gotts and Sir Baptist Hicke(s) in 1619 where Richard Gotts declares he has not paid a debt on Thomas Gotts's behalf. I am assuming that Richard is 3055 and Thomas is 3059, both sons of Richard.

In the same deposition papers is a statement by Thomas Horner of Chipping Camden who has land next to Sir Baptist Hicks' Camden Manor. He talks of Weston wood and the potential purchase of this.

There is a record in Gloucester RO of the sale of land in Weston Sub Edge to the Graves family:

TITLE DEEDS: ESTATES ACQUIRED BY THE GRAVES FAMILY: Weston-sub-Edge  
(Sir Thos. & Bridget Gotts and Geo. & Eliz. Walker, Moses]

This suggests that Thomas Gotts bought the land, probably from Sir Baptiste Hicks and eventually sold it to the Graves family. In Norfolk RO there is a file - Papers re proceedings in Chancery between Sir Thomas Gotts and Thomas Windham re land in manor of East Beckham - ref. WKC 4/10, 399 x 8 - date: c. 1634-1639

So Thomas had become Sir Thomas by that time. Was it due to his connections with Sir Baptist Hicks?

[See tree #036](#)

### Thurston End Hall, Suffolk

Posted by lang at 00:00, May 17 2012.

In 1790 John Gotts of Timworth (just north of Bury St Edmunds) purchased 'Thunstanton Hall' (Actually Thurston End Hall) in Hawkedon, reported as having the same coat of arms as Richard's family. This suggests that the line did not die out with Richard of Clements Inn fame. However, I can find no local parish records for the name Gotts.

The details of sale in 2007 are included in a pdf file.

Also a link to Flickr with a description of the Hall. <http://www.flickr.com/photos/dr52/4914378534/in/photostream/>

I'm sure that there's more to this family not yet unearthed.

[See Essex Gottses](#)

**John Gotts of Barningham (tree #022 Matthew of Ingworth)**

Posted by lang at 00:00, May 17 2012.

Following the addition of Barningham Town parish registers to FreeReg, Evelyn Jenner and Pat Upsall have added the parents of Matthew 303 Gotts. Nick Gotts has also noticed that John 3302 who is Matthew's father could be the John Gotts a witness at William Gotts & Elizabeth Burrage's wedding at Hevingham in 1757 who are in tree #040 (ie mine!)

[See Known families #022](#)

Alfred Isaiah 1207 Gotts (tree #011 William & Mary Ann Brackenbury)

Kevin Stanley has provided a photo of Alfred Isaiah with his Victorian Volunteer's medal in Australia and his grandfather Roy Stanley (Gotts)

[See Known families #040/ 11 Research Notes](#)

**A mystery to unravel- Piggin/Witton/Pyke- some answers**

Posted by lang at 00:00, May 17 2012.

In Family #038, the birth certificate of Robert John 769 shows his mother to be Sarah Ann, who married Daniel Pyke. Robert was known to his son and grandson as Robert John Piggin, though is registered as a Gotts. His son Edward James only knew his grandmother when he was little and she was married to a Sam Pike with 2 sons and 2 daughters. There is no written evidence showing the name Piggin, but is he Robert's real father?

[See tree #038 for details.](#)

**FaNUK Family Names of the United Kingdom**

Posted by lang at 20:00, May 14 2012.

FaNUK is a project by the University of West of England to record the origin of UK surnames from as many sources as possible. They have invited GOONS members to submit any additional material, and I have provided them with my information on the earliest holders. This is also included in the History of the Name pages

[See History of the name - 3](#)

**Wikipedia entry**

Posted by lang at 00:00, May 14 2012.

Wikipedia entry for the surname Gotts

I have managed to get an article in Wikipedia accepted for the surname Gotts. They do not allow any Original Research ie analysis done by ourselves unless it is published elsewhere in an independent source which has scrutiny by others. I have also had to follow their format on content, so it is largely about the etymology of the name pre 1538. I have added the detail on the History of the Name pages.

This is the link "[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gotts\\_%28surname%29](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gotts_%28surname%29)"

[See Gotts surname/One-name Study on the web](#)

## Tree #071 John Gotts and Elizabeth Treeby of Shoreditch and Tree #029- Aldermaston & Bushey

Posted by lang at 07:15, March 2 2012.

Tree #071 John Gotts and Elizabeth Treeby of Shoreditch and Tree #029- Aldermaston & Bushey

Thanks to some more information from Ian Gotts of Kings Lynn, we've been able to link up the Excise families. This shows John Gotts & Ann Vout had a number of children including John whose son John married Elizabeth Treeby in London, William who married Alice Hawtree and eventually died in Bramford, Suffolk, aged 90 and Samuel who became a watchmaker in Bushey. William lost a daughter and his wife, both called Alice in the Yarmouth Suspension bridge disaster in 1845.

*See Snapshots for this*

Ben Wood has also found the marriage of William and Alice in Heybridge, Essex, which provide the link back to other parts of the family.

These have all been merged into tree #071, though separate references have kept on the known families page. This is terrific news, being able to link two large London families back to Norfolk. Next we need to find where John in Cawston came from!

*See 071 Research notes*

## BT Telephone directories

Posted by lang at 12:03, February 14 2012.

Old Phone Books

BT have released their old telephone directories through Ancestry.com, covering London from 1900 to 1946.

The first Gotts to have a phone was John B Gotts OBE, of Belsize Park and later Sidcup in 1923. In 1924 Harry Davenport became the second, and by 1946 23 people had been in the phone book. If you have Gottses in London you can see where they lived. (esp trees #079, 071.) I haven't placed them all, so any help with that will be useful.

To see the list compiled in 2010 click on the link.

Carole Ford found her father and grandfather in the list. Carole Ford found her father Cecil W Gotts and her grandfather PW Gotts in the list. "Both of them lived in Hampstead before the first world war and the Provisions store referred to was a Grocer's shop, a business owned by my grandfather. I understand the windows were stoned before the 1st WW because the family were thought to be German, but in fact my grandfather served in France in the war and died prematurely in his early forties due to the effects of mustard gas in the trenches. I am told he had 2 brothers who died in the war and are buried in a War Graves cemetery in France.

P W Gotts had 5 children in total, but the 2 youngest boys died of diphtheria in in early infancy. My father served in the 2nd WW in North Africa and escaped from Tobruk. As a boy he attended the William Ellis school, but did not like lessons and told me once stabbed his foot on a hatpin while paddling in the White Stone Pond. By the time he was about 23 both his parents had died and he and a younger sister and teenage brother had to fend for themselves. I know the sister looked after them domestically and my father worked for the John Lewis Partnership, an employment he went back to after the war. He retired and lived to be 87.

I was very interested to use Google Earth and look at the shop premises (Tranley Mews sign is still there) and the flat the brothers and sister moved into after their parents died. I understand that it was not possible to keep on the Grocery business because of heavy death duties, both parents having died so close together. My grandmother contracted dropsy after a hysterectomy. The 3 children all married and had families, but the 2 sons only produced daughters so the Gotts name from this tree has come to an end. There was at least one generation of Gotts in Hampstead before P W Gotts and I think my great grandfather was a stone mason and wood carver."

*See Snapshots 15*