

CHARLES MAIS (1755-1823) OF BRISTOL, JAMAICA AND JERSEY AND HIS DESCENDANTS

These notes are divided into eight sections. The first is an introduction that outlines the four relationships that Charles had, three of which bore children. The following three sections go on to describe the descendant lines of each of those children and any other biographical information that we have on people in those lines. **The final four sections then go on to describe the descendant line headed by Charles's fourth son, William Mais (1792 to 1865), together with any other biographical information.**

The notes concentrate for the most part on male Maises and females who were either born Mais and did not marry or became a Mais by marriage.

Throughout these notes, our collateral ancestors are shown in the text in bold print and the remaining sections deal with each generation of these in turn. Unless otherwise stated, the sources of information are parish records **and indexes**, censuses, monumental inscriptions, wills, probates and administrations and newspaper death notices.

Two separate sets of notes provide further detail of the wider Mais family from whom Charles is descended and of the descendants of his brother, John (1747-1798). A further set of notes provides details of two other Mais family trees which must but have not yet been linked into these, our main trees.

SECTION 1 - INTRODUCTION

1) CHARLES MAIS AND ANNE IVEY

In 1781 Charles Mais went from Bristol to Jamaica to join one of his older brothers, John, and they were granted two landholdings each of three hundred acres per landholding near the Blue Mountain Peaks in St Thomas in the East parish (see note i). One of each landholding was inaccessible and at the end of the nineteenth century, long after Charles and John had died, these were still listed in Jamaican records as being theirs (see note ii). (A separate set of notes provides further details of John Mais and his family and descendants.)

In 1783 Charles and John, who are recorded as merchants, purchased land and property in Kingston from William Hall, a sugar refiner, for £80. The indenture records that they already possessed land adjoining this purchase, although the deeds for that purchase do not appear to have survived (see note i).

In 1785 Charles purchased three slaves named Tom, Venus and Prudence, plus any children born to them thereafter, from John Henry Numaiyer, a shopkeeper, for £200 (see note i). The cost of slaves compared to the cost of land illustrates the fortune that could be made in human trafficking.

Also in 1785 Charles, who is recorded as a merchant, purchased land and property on a site of fifty feet by one hundred and fifty feet in Kingston for £250 from Francis Angellot, a baker (see note i).

An indenture of 1787 details the arrangements made by Jacob Decordava, a shopkeeper of St Catherine parish, to pay off his debts to a number of creditors including Charles, who is recorded as a vendue master (see note i).

Also in 1787 Charles, who is recorded as a vendue master, purchased land and property on a fifty-acre site in St Andrew parish for £550 from John Martin, a planter (see note i).

In 1788/9 Charles and John, who are recorded as merchants purchased Fellowship Hall Plantation (also known as Mountain Plantation), Hall's Delight and Bull Park Penn together with a number of named slaves and livestock from Charles and Alice Dolphin and George Kinghorn, a merchant. These properties were in St Andrew parish and the indenture makes it clear that they were used for the production of sugar and distillation of rum (see note i).

In 1789 Charles sold his half share of land and property on a site of thirty feet by sixty-two feet on Port Royal Street, Kingston, to his brother, John, for £300. John already owned the other half-share and they had acquired this holding in 1782 although the deeds for that purchase do not appear to have survived (see note i).

In 1790 Charles, who is recorded as a merchant, acquired land and property on a 33½ acre site in St Andrew parish from John and Charlotte Bignall and Robert Wetherell (see note i).

During his time in Jamaica, Charles had other dealings for which deeds are held by the Jamaican Archives as follows:-

- 1790: purchase of slave from Duncan Fraser
- 1791: purchase with John of a slave from John Simpson (see note iv).

In 1791 Charles was recorded as a vestryman of St Andrew, Jamaica (see note iii).

Whilst in Jamaica, Charles had a relationship with Anne Ivey, described as a quadroon/free mulatto woman (see note v), and though they do not appear to have married (see note vi), they had the following children:-

- a) Charles, born 31/5/1784 in Kingston/baptized 15/11/1793 in Bristol St Philip & St Jacob; died <?>/1829 in New York.
- b) Jeremiah, born 7/2/1786 in Kingston/baptized 15/11/1793 in Bristol St Philip & St Jacob; died 6/5/1870 in Dieppe, France.
- c) Ann Rebecca, born 13/3/1787 in Kingston/baptized 15/11/93 in Bristol St Philip & St Jacob; died 9/3/1875 in Upton-on-Severn.
- d) John, born 18/6/1789 in Kingston/baptized 15/11/1793 in Bristol St Philip & St Jacob; died 15/11/1871 and buried in Westbury-on-Trym.

e) William, born 7/4/1792 in Kingston/baptized 3/4/1794 in Kingston; died 31/7/1865 in Great Smeaton/buried 3/8/1865 in Great Smeaton.

Charles appears to have left Anne and Jamaica in the early 1790s (and before June 1793) to return to Bristol. He brought all their children with him albeit in two batches, possibly because William was too young to bring when he brought the other four.

Anne, meanwhile, gave birth to a daughter, Mary Ann, on 1/6/1793 in Kingston. The father of this child was William Frankson and she was baptized Frankson on 23/12/1796 in Kingston.

Mrs Anne Ivey was buried in Kingston on 15/4/1818.

2) CHARLES MAIS AND PHOEBE HILL (NEE LAND)

On 4/6/1793 Charles married the widow, Phoebe Hill, in Bristol St John Bedminster. This was five months before the four children he had had with Anne Ivey were baptized and the baptismal parish records note that he was a merchant. In 1793/4 he was also recorded as a merchant of 18 Somerset Square, St Mary Redcliffe (see note vii).

Though Charles maintained business interests in Jamaica, he appears to have been winding them down. Annual accounts for 1793/4 and 1795/6 for Fellowship Hall Plantation in Jamaica, which Charles and John jointly owned showed annual turnover figures of £812/4/5 and £1,312/11/2 respectively and that the crops of the plantation were coffee and ginger rather than sugar, as might have reasonably been assumed (see note i).

In 1795 Charles was recorded as a hosier and he and his wife, Phoebe, acquired two pieces of land from his brother, John, and sister-in-law, Amelia Frances. One was a piece of land forty by forty eight feet in Kings Street and Port Royal Street, Kingston, that had become theirs by an agreement of 1789. The other was a half share in a piece of land and store on Port Royal Street (the other part being owned by John and Amelia Frances), which had been acquired in 1783 from William Hall. These Charles and Phoebe then sold to his brother, Jeremiah, for 5 shillings each piece and the payment of one peppercorn rent for one year. Charles and Phoebe sold other properties they owned in these places to Jeremiah for £1,000 (see note i]).

Details of Phoebe's death/burial have not yet been found.

3) CHARLES MAIS AND REBECCA COLSTON

In 1801 Charles was a merchant living at 9 Somerset Place (see note vii) and on 9/5/1801 he married Rebecca Colston of Barton in Bristol St James whereupon he was recorded as a sugar refiner. Rebecca is believed to have been a descendant of the famous Bristol slave trader and philanthropist, Edward Colston (see note viii). This marriage was short-lived as Rebecca died in Somerset Street and was buried on 7/9/1802 in Bristol St James, but had produced one child:-

- a) Richard Colston, baptized 8/5/1802 in Bristol St James; died 9/2/1877 in Brislington, Somerset.

In 1801 Gravenor and Mais were recorded as sugar refiners of Rosemary Street (see note vii). In 1803, the deeds of Quakers Friars Sugar House, Rosemary Street, show occupation by Gravenor and Mais. However, this partnership was dissolved in 1803 (see note ix).

From 1803 to 1813, Charles was a sugar refiner at Traitors Bridge Sugar House initially in partnership with Josiah Thomas. However, this partnership too was dissolved in 1806 (see note ix). Charles tried to sell the Sugar House in 1806 and 1813, and in 1814 it was conveyed to his brother Jeremiah (see note x) but the freehold remained in Mais hands until 1830 (see note xi).

The eighteenth century was a period of growth for Bristol's sugar trade. It is known that from 1708, when there were eight sugar houses, until 1760 a dozen more had been established, many but not all having a life of a hundred years or so before falling victim either to difficult trading conditions in the Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars or to fire. The dozen new houses included Traitors Bridge, Great George Street (1750-1815) under the Battersby, Sweeting, Hull, Reilly and Rogers families.

However, as already indicated the era of the Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars proved to be a difficult time. Wars always damaged the sugar trade but in addition the ever-growing larger ports of Liverpool and London offered increasingly sharp competition while the introduction of steam processes in 1811 meant that refineries demanded greater capital investment and the weaker ones were driven to the wall. Between 1794 and 1824 seven sugar houses closed, including Traitors Bridge. On the other hand it was possible to survive the war years as was shown by two houses, one of which was Quakers Friars which opened in 1777 and survived until 1840 (see note xii).

In 1807 Charles was living at 8 Clare Street (see note x).

4) CHARLES MAIS AND ELIZABETH CORNE BENNETT (NEE POWNALL)

On 26/1/1809 Charles, who was now a hat manufacturer of St James Place, Kingsdown, married the widow, Elizabeth Corne Bennett in Bristol St James. This marriage produced three children:-

- a) Rebecca, born 10/12/1809, baptized 30/7/1812 in Bristol St James; died 23/12/1893 in Pontypool.
- b) Frederick Charles, born 18/4/1812, baptized 30/7/1812 in Bristol St James; died 11/2/1902 in Barnwood, Gloucestershire.
- c) Amelia, baptized 6/10/1814 in Bristol St James; died 23/9/1889 in Plympton, Devon.

In 1813 Charles lived at 33 St James Place (see note x) then in 1814 he was recorded as a hat manufacturer of 38 High Street, residence Westbury (see note vii).

The hat making trade flourished in the Bristol area in about 1790 with felt and beaver hats being made in cottages around Frampton Cotterell, Oldland, Soundwell and Kingswood and transported to the West Indian sugar plantations. Charles is therefore thought more likely to have been a seller or merchant in hats rather than a manufacturer (see note xiii).

Shortly after the birth of Amelia, Charles appears to have left Bristol for Jersey and by 1815 was sufficiently well established in Jersey to be included on General Don's Muster – a listing of local militia who would have been the island's prime defensive force in the event of the war with France reaching the Channel Islands (see note xiv).

Charles died in Jersey and was buried on 19/9/1823 at St Saviour's (see note xv).

Before his death, Charles had owned messuages, tenements or dwelling houses, warehouses and premises in Bristol in George Street, Richards Court, Rivers Street and Nans Lane, which he had also sold to his brother Jeremiah. Jeremiah then left an income from these properties to Charles' widow, Elizabeth Corne and their three children (see note xvi). It is possible that Jeremiah did this because he was appointed trustee in Charles' will and was thereby fulfilling his obligations. However, it has not been possible to find a will left by Charles.

It is not known if Charles' wife and children joined him in Jersey. The next reference we have for Elizabeth Corne after the birth of Amelia is that from 1825 to 1829 she was living at 11 Clarence Place with her stepsons Jeremiah and John (see note vii). In any event, she was living with Jeremiah and his family in 1841 and 1851.

In 1829 Elizabeth Corne issued a Bill of Revivor and Supplement in relation to the will of her first husband, William Bennett, against Kenrick Collett and James Corne Pownall. Her fellow complainants included her daughter Emmeline Corne Bennett and her stepsons Jeremiah and John (see note xvii).

Elizabeth Corne died on 12/1/1852 at Redland in Clifton.

SOURCES

- i. Transcripts from Jamaican Archives
- ii. Johnny Mais, Land Surveyor, Kingston
- iii. "Official and Other Personages of Jamaica 1655 to 1790" by W A Feurtado
- iv. Report from Jamaica researchers David Bromfield and Wayne Burnside
- v. Letter from Jamaican Archives
- vi. According to the parish register when buried, she was Mrs Anne Ivey. Also the birth records for some of their children show them as "base born"
- vii. Matthews/Bristol Directories
- viii. Correspondent from the Bristol Family History Society (John McOmie)
- ix. London Gazette
- x. Bristol Record Office: 36772, Box 7 (The work of I V Hall)
- xi. Bryan Mawer, owner of Sugar Refiners and Sugarbakers' Database and Bristol Record Office File 36772
- xii. "Bristol's Sugar Trade and Refining Industry" by Donald Jones

- xiii. Reg Harris, researcher into hat manufacture
- xiv. Website – <http://user.itl.net/~picus/names/donlist.htm>
- xv. Jersey Heritage Trust
- xvi. The will of Jeremiah Mais, proved 19/1/1831 in London
- xvii. [National Archives C13/309/43](#)

SECTION 2 – THE DESCENDANTS OF CHARLES MAIS AND ANNE IVEY

1) CHARLES MAIS (1784-c1829)

In 1809, Charles is recorded as a hatter of Stokes Croft, Bristol (see note i).

Charles married Mary [Phelps or Phillips](#) on <?> in <?> and they had a daughter, Mary Ann. Charles and Mary emigrated to the United States but it is not yet clear whether this was before or after their marriage or before or after Mary Ann's birth (see note ii). However in 1815 [and 1820](#), Charles was living in New York city (see note iii).

In any event, Mary Ann married Almeron Weller Whitehead in New York on 25/12/1833. Almeron Weller was a prominent citizen from Waterford township, Oakland County, Michigan.

[Charles was a Baptist clergyman who lost his life nursing cholera patients in New York in around 1829 \(see note iv\). Letters of Administration were granted to Almeron Weller Whitehead on 9/9/1839 \(see note v\). Mary died much later and in 1860 was living in Waterford with the Whiteheads.](#)

Charles seems likely to have been the clerical stenographer from New York who in 1814 was responsible for "The Surprising Case of Rachel Baker, Who Prays and Preaches in her Sleep" and in 1815 was responsible for "Devotional Somnium: Or a Collection of Prayers and Exhortations Uttered by Miss Rachel Baker during her Abstracted and Unconscious State, to which is prefixed an Account of her Life". (See note vi.) (Rachel Baker was from Marcellus, New York State.)

2) JEREMIAH MAIS (1786-1870)

In 1809, Jeremiah is recorded as a hatter of Stokes Croft, Bristol (see note i).

In 1819, 1822 [and 1823](#) Jeremiah lived at 13 Somerset Square and from 1825 to 1829, he lived at 11 Clarence Place (see note vii).

[In 1829 Jeremiah's stepmother, Elizabeth Corne, issued a Bill of Revivor and Supplement in relation to the will of her first husband, William Bennett, against Kenrick Collett and James Corne Pownall. Jeremiah and his brother, John, were amongst the other complainants. These also included Elizabeth Corne's daughter Emmeline Corne Bennett, who was to become Jeremiah's wife \(see note viii\).](#)

Jeremiah married Emmeline Corne Bennett, his stepsister, on 3/2/1831 in Westbury-on-Trym and they subsequently produced the following children:-

- a) Emmeline Elizabeth, baptized 26/10/1832 in Westbury-on-Trym; died <?> in <?>. In 1891, Emmeline Elizabeth was residing at Park House, Lindfield, Sussex, with her nephew, Ernest, and nieces, Ethel and Lillian (see c) below).
- b) Emma Sarah, baptized 10/6/1835 in **Westbury-on-Trym**; died 11/3/1836 **and buried 17/3/1836 in Bristol St Thomas** (see note ix).
- c) Charles Jeremiah, baptized 30/1/1838 in Westbury-on-Trym; married <?> on <?> in <?>; died <?> in <?>. Charles Jeremiah went to Ceylon, where in 1893 he was a tea planter at Mahapahagalla, Badulla (see note x). Charles Jeremiah and <?> produced **three** children – Ernest (or Edward) Charles born <?> in <?>, **Ceylon**, Ethel born <?> in <?>, **Ceylon**, and Lillian born <?> in <?>, **Ceylon**. Ernest (or Edward) was also a tea planter in Ceylon before returning to England and married twice, firstly to Rose Bertha <?> who died on 16/4/1930 in Balangoda, Ceylon, and secondly to Peggy Eva Gurney Hollis <?> who died on 18/3/1934 in Paignton. Ernest (or Edward) Charles died on 21/9/1949 in Lewes.
- d) Frederick William, born 6/3/1841/baptized 1/1/1842 in Westbury-on-Trym; married <?> on <?> in <?> then later married Susan Sheldon Shepherd on 5/10/1891 in Lewisham; died <?>/1929 in <?>. Susan Sheldon died on <?>/1944 in Edmonton leaving £733/13/9 net. In 1901, Frederick and Susan Sheldon were residing at 1 Cavendish Road, Portsmouth. Frederick William was a colonial civil servant who **made visits to India and Malaysia in 1893 (see note xi)** and was declared bankrupt in 1920 (see note xii).

Also in 1831 Jeremiah was appointed trustee and executor of the will of his uncle, Jeremiah Mais (see note xiii).

In 1839 Jeremiah renewed the lease for a warehouse and premises in Nelson Street formerly leased by his uncle Jeremiah for forty years from 1823 (see note xiv).

In 1841 Jeremiah, Emmeline Corne, Emmeline Elizabeth, Charles Jeremiah and Frederick William were living at Westbury Hill in Westbury-on-Trym, together with Elizabeth Corne Mais and Jeremiah was a HM Customs Officer.

In 1849 Jeremiah was recorded as a warehouse keeper for bonded goods at the Custom House in Queen Square **and in 1850 his address was recorded as Aberdeen Terrace, Whiteladies Road** (see note vii).

In 1851 Jeremiah had retired and was living at 3 Havre Des Pas, St Helier in Jersey, while the remainder of his surviving aforementioned family and Elizabeth Corne Mais continued to live in Westbury-on-Trym at 7 Grove Place.

Subsequently Jeremiah moved to **21 Rue du Faubourg de la Barre in Dieppe and the census records that in 1866 he was residing there with his wife, Emmeline, daughter, Emmeline, and a servant. Jeremiah died there on 6/5/1870 (see note xv).**

It does not seem unreasonable to believe that Nora Mais, aged 37, who appeared on the 1891 census for Chelsea Hospital was related to Jeremiah, as she was recorded as a British subject born in Dieppe.

3) ANN REBECCA MAIS (1787-1875)

In 1861 and 1871 Ann Rebecca was in Droitwich Asylum and recorded as a lunatic. (In accordance with the convention of the time for such circumstances, only her initials were recorded on the census.)

Ann Rebecca died in a Lunatic Asylum in Powick, near Worcester, on 9/3/1875.

4) JOHN MAIS (1789-1871)

Reverend John Mais was curate of St Mary Redcliffe Church in Bristol for nine years (see note xvi), including 1806 when he is known to have conducted marriages, and rector of Tintern from 1827 to 1871 (see note xvii), which included Westbury-on-Trym where he is known to have conducted marriages. He was also Chaplain of Bristol Royal Infirmary, in which connection it is recorded that "...in 1825 the Reverend John Mais, who had for some months undertaken most of the Chaplains duties, was appointed on May 15. Mr Mais was admitted to Holy Orders in 1814; he was a Bachelor of Divinity, and was for nine years curate of St Mary Redcliffe. Like Goldsmiths 'Village Parson' 'passing rich on £40 a year' he received £20 from the Corporation and the same sum from the Merchant Venturers per annum for his work at the Infirmary. The Corporation was precluded by the Reform Act of 1835 from using any portion of their money for ecclesiastical purposes, and consequently from 1835 to 1856 the only certain income Mr Mais received for his services to the Charity was £20 a year from the Merchants (although he may have received £50 a year from the Chaplaincy Fund). He resigned on 2 September 1856." (See note xviii.) As Chaplain, he was not eligible to seek election for seats in the Corporation (see note xix).

In 1819, 1822 and 1823 John lived at 13 Somerset Square and in 1825, 1826 and 1828, he lived at 11 Clarence Place (see note vii).

In 1829 John's stepmother, Elizabeth Corne, issued a Bill of Revivor and Supplement in relation to the will of her first husband, William Bennett, against Kenrick Collett and James Corne Pownall. John and his brother, Jeremiah, were amongst the other complainants. These also included Elizabeth Corne's daughter Emmeline Corne Bennett, who was to become Jeremiah's wife (see note viii).

In 1831, John was appointed joint trustee and executor of the will of his uncle, Jeremiah Mais (see note xiii).

John married Sarah Preedy Feild on 18/1/1832 in Westbury-on-Trym and they produced the following children:-

- a) Sarah Ellen, baptized 15/3/1833 in Westbury-on-Trym; buried 8/11/1911 in Brislington leaving £5,789/4/6 net including property at St Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex. **In 1871 Sarah Ellen was Governess to the Price family at Barlow Villas, Gloucester.** In 1891 Sarah Ellen was residing at 1/2 Markwich Terrace, St Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex, where she was the Principal of a Girls' School. Her niece, Jesse L Ridout (see b) below) was a pupil at the school. In 1901 she was residing at Weston-super-Mare with her sisters, Anna Agatha and Emmeline Louisa (see g) and j) below).
- b) Alicia Mary/Maria, baptized 13/5/1834 in Westbury-on-Trym; married John Dowell Ridout on 22/6/1859 in Tintern Parva. Alicia and John produced **eight children – Alice Maud, Lilian Herbert, Mary Field, John Bertram Mais, Frances Eleanor, Margaret Dowell, Jessica Louisa and Edward Field.**
- c) Rebekah, baptized 12/10/1835 in Westbury-on-Trym; married Arthur Geoffrey Douglas Capel on **26/12/1861 in East Lennoxville, Canada.** Rebekah and Arthur produced **seven children – John Mais, Mary Lilian, Ethel Katharine, Ella Louisa, Sophie, Arthur and Geoffrey Douglas.** In 1891 Anna Agatha (see g) below) was residing with the Capels at High Road, Friskney, Lincolnshire. **John Mais Capel was a composer, theatrical conductor and composer who although born in Lennoxville on 1/11/1862 lived and worked extensively in England. His published songs numbered over one hundred, the best known being "Love, Could I Only Tell Thee". (See note xx.)**
- d) John Feild, born 14/11/1835 and baptized 13/12/1836 in Westbury-on-Trym; died 5/10/1859 in Chetterpore, India. John Field enlisted in the army in 1855 and went to India on 14/11/1855 as an ensign. He was promoted to lieutenant on 3/12/1857 and served in the 43rd Native Infantry. He died of fever and was buried at Bellary, Berhampore, Cannanore (see note xxi).
- e) Elizabeth Anne, baptized 16/10/1838 in Westbury-on-Trym; married Joseph Albert Loblely on 24/4/1867 in Tintern Parva.
- f) Mary Frances, baptized 28/5/1840 in Westbury-on-Trym; married Henry Stephen Brohier Cooley on 20/4/1865 in Tintern Parva. **In 1861 Mary Frances was a visitor to George Ridout, Vicar of Newland, Gloucestershire.**
- g) Anna Agatha, baptized 3/5/1842 in Westbury-on-Trym; died 27/12/1931 in Lostwithiel, leaving £2,249/7/2 net. **In 1861 Anna Agatha was residing at the Vicarage, Hatherleigh, Devon, with her uncle, James M Feild, the Curate. In 1871 she was residing at the Vicarage, Bourn, Cambridgeshire, with her sister, Alicia Mary/Maria and brother-in-law, John D Ridout, Vicar of Bourn, together with six of her nephews and nieces (see b) above). Her sister, Emmeline Louisa, (see j) below) was also residing there.**
- h) Catherine Christiana, baptized 1/3/1844 in Westbury-on-Trym; married John William Whyte, who was a rear admiral with three children from a previous marriage, on <?>/1875 in Caxton. **In 1861 Catherine Christiana was a student at St Mary's Hall, Brighton.**
- i) Fanny Jane, baptized <?>/1846 in Westbury-on-Trym; died 30/11/1853 in Lower Redland, Bristol.
- j) Emmeline Louisa, baptized <?>/1848 in Westbury-on-Trym; died 29/12/1929 in Weston-super-Mare leaving £4,631/7/3 net.

In 1841, John, Sarah Preedy, Sarah Ellen, Alicia Mary, Rebekah, John, Elizabeth Anne and Mary Frances were living at Westbury Butts in Westbury-on-Trym and in 1851 all except Alicia Mary, Rebekah and Elizabeth Anne were living at 10 Aberdeen Terrace, Cotham Hill, Westbury-on-Trym. (Another family of Maises who have as yet not been linked in to our family tree were, perhaps significantly, living at 7 Aberdeen Terrace – see Section 3.)

In 1847 John mortgaged the tithes of Tintern Parva in lieu of yearly rent to the University Life Assurance Society (see note xxii).

In 1849 and 1850 John was still at the aforementioned address (see note vii) but by 1852 had moved to 10 Mordens Terrace, Cotham, Westbury-on-Trym.

In 1861 John was residing at Tintern Parva with one servant.

John died on 15/11/1871 in Westbury-on-Trym.

In 1871 Sarah Preedy was residing with her daughter, Rebekah, and son-in-law, Arthur Douglas Capel, Curate of St Mary the Less in Cambridge, at Shaftesbury House, East Barnwell, Cambridge, together with four of her grandchildren and a number of servants.

In 1881 Sarah Preedy and Emmeline Louisa were living at The Briar, Hill Road, Weston-super-Mare, while Sarah Ellen was living at Sea View Fairy Hill House, St Helens, Hampshire, where she was governess for Mr Richards, the vicar, and his family. In 1891 Sarah Preedy was residing at The Brow, Montpelier Terrace, Weston-super-Mare, with her daughters, Anna Agatha and Emmeline Louisa, and her grandson, Arthur Capel.

Sarah Preedy died on 3/6/1894 in Weston-super-Mare leaving £6,791/15/2 and was buried at Westbury.

5) WILLIAM MAIS (1792-1865)

William was sent to Kirby Hill Grammar School near Richmond in North Yorkshire (see note xxiii). This has been described in local history/travel books as one of Dickens' "Yorkshire Schools" – ie one of the type of school depicted in *Nicholas Nickleby*. Thereafter, William settled in Yorkshire, becoming assistant master at Kirby Hill and then schoolmaster at East Cowton School, near Northallerton. There was a historical link between Kirby Hill and East Cowton which probably explains Williams movements. The hospital and grammar school at Kirby Hill had been founded by John Dakyns (see note xxiv) and East Cowton had been purchased by the Dakyns family and donated to Kirby Hill hospital and school (see note xxv).

William acted as census enumerator for the 1841 and 1851 censuses for East Cowton. William also kept a notebook between 1835 and 1859 detailing many local marriages and deaths as well as significant family and local events. The notebook is in the possession of Eileen Mais (see c) below) but has been transcribed and circulated to others interested in the Maises.

William married Mary Ridsdale on 29/12/1812 in Catterick, and they produced the following children:-

- a) Jane, baptized 4/2/1814 in East Cowton; died 19/5/1881 in <?>. Jane married Henry Haxby on 30/10/1841 (see note ix) in <?>, and they produced **three sons and a daughter** – George, baptized 24/5/1852 in East Cowton, Charles, born 28/4/1844 in Whessoe, **William, baptized ?/1850 in <?> and Mary Ann baptized ?/1847 in <?>.**
- b) Charles, baptized 2/10/1815 in East Cowton; died 19/6/1885 in York.**

Mary Mais died on 23/9/1817 and was buried on 25/9/1817 in East Cowton.

After this Mary's death, William married Mary Sayer on 8/5/1819 in East Cowton, and they produced the children below. In 1841, William, Jane, Jeremiah, James, Frederick and Richard were residing together in East Cowton. In 1851, William was still residing there and in 1861 he was residing with his son, William, at Thorpe Row, Hornby (see c) below).

- a) Rebecca, baptized 4/10/1819 in East Cowton; married John Holmes on 28/5/1842 in <?> (see note ix). Rebecca and John produced four children – Mary, Ann, James and Ellen. In 1841, Rebecca was residing or staying at the East Cowton home of Reverend W R Hull. In 1851, Rebecca and John, a tailor and draper, were residing in East Cowton and her youngest brother, Richard, an apprentice (see h) below), was also residing or staying there.
- b) John Ivy, born 12/7/1822 in East Cowton; died 5/9/1907 in Thorner, near Leeds, leaving £5,442/10/10 net. John married Sarah Ann Pogson on 7/3/1857 in Mirfield (see note ix) and after this Sarah Ann died on 28/5/1871 and was buried on 31/5/1871 in Thorner (see note xxvi) he married Sarah Ann Jackson on 20/2/1873 in Bramley. This Sarah Ann died on 19/5/1897 in Thorner leaving £1,664/13/7. By the former marriage, John and Sarah Ann produced the following children:-
 - i. Emily, baptized 16/5/1858 in Thorner; married Emil Raimund Duck on 13/8/1890 in Thorner.
 - ii. John William, baptized 27/4/1860 in Thorner; died 6/9/1863 in Wetherby.
 - iii. Mary Agnes, born <?>/1861 and baptized 14/9/1863 in Thorner; married <?> on <?>/1910 in Leyburn. In 1881, Mary Agnes was residing at Main Street South Side in Fishguard, where she was teacher to the Davies household. In 1901, Mary Agnes was a visitor at 20, Highfield Lane, Keighley, in the home of Sarah Gibbons, a schoolmistress.
 - iv. Kate, born <?>/6/1863 and baptized 14/9/1863 in Thorner; died 23/4/1871 and buried 26/4/1871 in Thorner.
 - v. Frederic William, baptized 11/6/1865 in Thorner; died 14/6/1914 in Wetherby, leaving £1,102/13/4 net. He married Mary Taylor on <?>/1907 in <?> and she died on 18/6/1923 in South Kensington leaving £1,110/12/6 net. In 1901 Frederick William was residing at Main Street, Thorner. In 1911 Frederic William was recorded as a surgeon, medical officer and public vaccinator (see note ix).
 - vi. Edith, baptized 23/5/1867 in Thorner; died 23/7/1949 in Ripon leaving £2,597/1/2 net.

- vii. Percy Edwin, baptized 9/4/1869 in Thorner; died 18/12/1932 in East Ashford leaving £65 gross. He married Margaret Taylor on 4/8/1917 in Thorner. In 1901, Percy Edwin, a marine engineer, was residing at Main Street, Thorner.
- viii. Sarah, baptized 28/5/1871 in Thorner; died 29/3/1933 in Leyburn leaving £2,417/7/1 net (see note xxvi). In 1901, Sarah was residing at 8 North Terrace, Newcastle and was a teacher in a private school.

In 1851 John Ivy, a medical student, was residing at 10 York Road, Leeds, where he was attended by two servants.

In 1861 John Ivy, a doctor, Sarah Ann and their (then) two children were residing at Main Street, Thorner, Near Leeds. At that time he was chairman of the Thorner Select Vestry responsible for many good works in the village including the establishment of a school for the education of children and adults from the labouring, manufacturing and poorer classes (see note xxvii). However John Ivy was recorded twice on the 1861 census, also being recorded as a visitor at Chapel House, North Kilvington, Thirsk, at the home of Joseph Sherwood, a Roman Catholic priest.

In 1871 the whole family with the exception of John William and Sarah (junior) were residing at the same place, together with his niece, Dorothy (see c)i] below), who was being employed as a nursemaid.

In 1881 John Ivy, Sarah, Emily, Edith and Sarah were still residing at the same address and Frederic William and Percy Edwin were scholars at boarding school at Woodland House in Constable Burton. In 1891 John Ivy, Sarah, Mary Agnes, Edith, Frederick William and Sarah were still residing there, the three daughters being governesses and Frederick William a physician/surgeon. In 1901, John Ivy and his daughter, Edith, were residing at Amber Street, Saltburn.

John Ivy began training as a doctor at the Church Missionary College in Islington in 1843 and on 21/9/1844 was indentured for five years. In 1845, he was apprenticed to Mr Canning, a surgeon in Bishop Auckland, and there then followed spells in London in 1847, Gloucestershire, East Cowton and Halifax in 1848 (see note ix). On 26/5/1853, he became a Licentiate of the Society of Apothecaries (see note xxviii) and on 16/3/1860 he became a Member of the Royal College of Surgeons (see note xxix). In his obituary, John Ivy was described as having been one of the oldest GPs in England, who had been affectionately termed "the old doctor" principally because of his charitable treatment of those who were unable to afford medical necessities. His elder (surviving) son, Frederic William, was described as having been his fathers right hand man for many years (see note xxx).

- c) William, born 25/9/1825 in East Cowton; died <?>/1907 in Darlington. In 1841, William was a shoemakers apprentice residing at George Bennison's home in Bolton-on-Swale. William married Fanny Carey on 2/6/1849 in Bolton-on-Swale (see note ix) and they produced the following children:-

- i. Dorothy, born 1/3/1850 in Northallerton; died <?>/1925 in Darlington. As noted above, in 1871, Dorothy was employed by her uncle in Thorner. In 1891, Dorothy was residing at Exton Cottage, Exton, Hampshire, where she was cook in the Hasler household. In 1901, Dorothy was residing at 24 Charles Street, Hanover Square, London, where she was a servant in the Goeghegan household.
- ii. Frederick, born 21/10/1851 in Northallerton; died <?>/1918 in Darlington. He married Frances Kirk on 2/10/1876 in Darlington and later married Emily Nelson on 24/6/1901 in Darlington. Frederick and Frances produced the following children:-
 1. Henry Kirk, born <?>/1878 in Darlington; died 27/5/1956 in Richmond. He married Alice Binks on <?>/1906 in <?> and who died on <?>/1929 in Darlington. Henry Kirk and Alice had two children – Frances Mary, born <?>/1908 in Darlington, and Nancy, born <?>/1911 in <?>. Mary married Thomas Hunter on <?>/1934 in Darlington and then James Ayton Potts on <?> in <?>.
 2. George William, born <?>/1880 in Darlington; died <?>/1946 in Darlington.
 3. Frederick, born <?>/1882 in Darlington; died <?>/1923 in Darlington. He married Isabella Coates on <?>/1905 in Auckland, county Durham, and she died on <?>/1972 in Darlington. Frederick and Isabella had six children – Frederick Coates, born 3/12/1906 in Auckland; died <?>/1984 in <?>, Robert Henry, born 15/12/1908 in Auckland; died <?>/1909 in Auckland, Sydney, born <?>/1910 in Middlesbrough, Mark, born 16/9/1913 in Auckland; died <?>/1976 in <?>, Henry, born 28/1/1917 in Auckland; died <?>/1994 in <?> and Robert, born <?>/1917 in Auckland. Frederick Coates married Agnes Weighell on <?>/1935 in Darlington and they produced three children - Frederick Weighell, born 1/6/1936 in Darlington; married Barbara Timms on <?>/1963 in Darlington; died <?>/1990 in Darlington, Marion, born <?>/1938 in Darlington; married Christopher Arthur Raine on <?>/1962 in Darlington, and Janet, born <?>/1945 in Darlington; married Robert M Cooper on <?>/1968 in Darlington. Frederick Coates died on 30/6/1984 in Darlington, leaving £47,858 net, Agnes Weighell having died on <?>/1981 in Darlington. Frederick Weighell and Barbara produced two children – Katherine, born <?>/1968 in <?>, and Christopher, born <?>/1969 in <?>. Sydney married Gwendoline Shearson on <?>/1938 in Darlington and they had a daughter, Maureen, who was born on <?>/1943 in Darlington and married Graham E Stanley on <?>/1973 in Darlington. Sydney died on 29/7/1960 in Darlington leaving £1,724/15/7 net and Gwendoline died on <?>/1986 at Haywards Heath. Mark married Muriel Elizabeth Emery on <?>/1946 in Bromley and they produced two children – Stephen Mark, born <?>/1947 in Bromley, and Anthony Richard, born <?>/1949 in Bromley; married Dominique M M Benzimerra on <?>/1970 in Lewisham; died <?> in <?>. (Dominique later remarried.) Mark died on 31/12/1976 in Bromley leaving £411.04 net. Robert married Kathleen M Taylor on <?>/1946 in Fulham and they produced two children – Donald born <?>/1949 in Hammersmith and

Hilary born <?>/1950 in Darlington – then emigrated to Canada in 1958. Donald married <?> on <?> in <?> and they produced two children – Paul born <?>/1979 in <?> and Julie born <?>/1983 in <?> - then emigrated to Australia. Hilary married <?> on <?> in <?> and they produced three daughters – Laura born <?>/1979 in <?>, Nancy born <?>/1982 in <?> and Karen also born <?>/1982 in <?> (see note xxxi).

4. Mark, born <?>/1884 in Darlington; died <?> in <?>. **Mark journeyed to Philadelphia in 1907 and 1910, possibly to visit his brother, Thomas (see 5 below). (See note xi.)**
5. Thomas, born 26/11/1885 in Darlington; died **3/3/1939** in Chicago. Thomas emigrated to the United States in 1909 and married Marie <?> on <?> in <?>. He was living in Chicago on 26/7/1917 when he signed up for the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force at Toronto and was a soldier in the Last Post Fund when he died (see note xxxii).
6. Frances Mary W, born <?>/1887 in Darlington; married <?> on <?>/1909 in Darlington.
7. Dorothy, born <?>/1889 in <?>; died <?> in <?>.
8. William, born <?>/1890 in <?>; died <?> in <?>. William served as a private in the Yorkshire Regiment in World War I (see note xxxiii).
9. Mary, born <?>/1890 in <?>; married <?> Sedgwick on <?> in <?>.
10. **Margaret Elizabeth, born 4/11/1891** in Auckland; married Joseph William Green on <?> in <?>.
11. John, born <?>/1894 in Darlington; died <?> in <?>. John served as a private in the Northumberland Fusiliers in World War I (see note xxxiii).
12. Alice, born <?>/1899 in Darlington; married Harry Craven on <?>/1921 in Keighley.

In 1881 Frederick, a grocer, and Frances were residing at 48 Cleveland Street, Darlington with their (then) two children. On 14/3/1890, a receiving order was issued against Frederick, a grocer and provision merchant of 48 Cleveland Street, Darlington (see note xxxiv). In 1891 they continued to reside in Darlington with Henry, George, Frederick, Mark, Thomas, Frances and Dorothy. In 1901, Frederick and all his children except William, Mary and Elizabeth Annie were residing at 8 Killinghall Street, Darlington.

- iii. Henry, born 9/8/1853 in Northallerton; married <?> on <?>/1901 in <?> (see note ix); died <?>/1925 in Nottingham. In 1881 Henry, a boot riveter, was residing at 4 Vernon Street, Nottingham St Mary at the home of Levi Denham, a fishmonger. In 1891 and 1901, Henry was residing at 1 Cromwell Terrace, Nottingham St Mary, with the Lyon family.

In 1851 William, Fanny, Dorothy and Williams younger brother, Jeremiah (see d) below), were living together in East Cowton; William was a cordwainer and Jeremiah a cordwainer's journeyman. After Fanny Mais died on 23/1/1854 in Richmond (she was buried in Bolton-on-Swale on 25/1/1854), he married Ann Waddington on 6/6/1857 in Great Smeaton (see note ix) and they produced the children below. In 1861 William, still a shoemaker, Ann, Dorothy, Frederick, Henry

and Thomas were residing at Thorpe Row, Hornby, together with William's father, William. On 27/8/1868, at Northallerton, William was declared bankrupt (see note xxxv). **In 1871 William, still a shoemaker, Ann, Henry, a shoemaker, Thomas, an errand boy, and Mary Elizabeth were residing at Backhouse Street, Darlington.** In 1881 William, Ann, Thomas, an accountant's clerk, and Mary Elizabeth, a dressmaker, were residing at 37 Backhouse Street in Darlington. With the exception of Thomas (see below), they continued to reside there in 1891. In 1901, William and his daughter, Mary, were residing at 75 Park Place, Darlington.

- i. Thomas, born 1/6/1858 in Northallerton; died <?>/1930 in Darlington leaving £381/19/1 net. Thomas married Sarah Wallis, a teacher, on <?>/1884 in <?>. Sarah died on <?>/1946 in Darlington and this marriage produced the following children:-
 1. Annie, born <?>/1884 in Darlington; died 5/5/1966 in Darlington leaving £82/17/0 net.
 2. Waddington, born <?>/1886 in Darlington; died 20/10/1917 in Belgium. Waddington married Frances Georgina Varey on <?>/1915 in Darlington and they produced one daughter, Sybil Waddington, born <?>/1916 in Darlington. Frances G died on <?>/1962 in Darlington.
 3. Dorothy, born 12/7/1887 in Darlington; died <?>/1891 in <?>.
 4. Sarah Lillian, born <?>/1890 in Darlington; died <?>/1966 in <?>. Sarah Lillian married Thomas Young Miller on <?> in <?>.
 5. Thomas William, born 16/2/1892 in Darlington; died <?>/1961 in Darlington leaving £1,204/8/0. Thomas married Annan Johnston Anderson on <?>/1919 in Darlington and their daughter, Agnes, who was born on <?>/1924 in Darlington, married Robert Evelyn Terrance Kingan on <?>/1945 in Darlington. Annan Johnston died on 14/6/1975 in Hillingdon leaving £8,942.60 net.
 6. Emily, born 18/8/1894 in Darlington; died 4/7/1969 in Darlington leaving £3,674/12/0.
 7. Charles Edward, born <?>/1897 in Darlington; died 19/12/1953 in Leeds leaving £3,505/16/6. Charles Edward married Emma McLoughlin on <?>/1926 in Salford. Their children were Francis T, born 27/6/1927 in Hemsworth, Judith, born <?>/1931 in Barnsley, Eileen, born 21/3/1935 in <?>, and Dorothy, born <?>/1935 in <?>. Dorothy married Gerald Anthony Moxon on <?>/1961 in Leeds. Emma died on 6/3/1981 in Leeds leaving £35,965.41 net. Francis T married Margaret Edythe Evans on <?>/1973 in <?> and he later married Joan Frost-Smith on <?>/1987 in Penrith and has an adopted daughter - Sally Ann. Margaret Edythe died on <?>/8/1984 in Manchester. Francis Thomas was a permanent secretary in the civil service and secretary of the Royal Northern College of Music (see note xxxvi). Judith married Michael T Cavanagh on <?>/1963 in Leeds.
 8. Alfred, born 25/6/1899 in Darlington; died 5/10/1918 in France.
 9. Nora, born <?> in <?>; died <?> in <?>.

In 1891, Thomas, an accountant, Sarah, Annie, Waddington and Lillian were residing at 43 Backhouse Street, Darlington. In 1901, Thomas, a public officer,

Sarah, and all their children except Dorothy and Nora were still residing there. Annie was a pupil teacher at boarding school.

This branch of the family in particular suffered in World War I, with both Waddington and Alfred killed in action. Waddington was a sergeant in the 19th Battalion of the Durham Light Infantry and was killed in the Third Battle of Ypres. He is commemorated on the famous Tyne Cot memorial to the missing. Alfred was a private in the 13th Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers and was killed in the Advance to Victory only a month before the end of the War. He is commemorated on the Vis-en-Artois memorial, Pas de Calais. (See note xxxvii.) In addition Thomas William, a sergeant in the Durham Light Infantry was wounded in France and Charles Edward served as a private in the Tank Corps in France (see note xxxviii).

- ii. Mary Elizabeth, born 19/8/1862 in <?>; died <?> in <?>.
- d) Jeremiah, baptized 14/9/1828 in East Cowton; died <?>/1909 in Northallerton. Jeremiah married Jane Horsley on <?>/1867 in Northallerton. Jane died <?>/1907 in Northallerton. As noted above, in 1851 Jeremiah was residing with his elder brother, William. In 1871 Jeremiah and Jane were residing at Wiske House, Cowton. In 1879 Jeremiah was residing at the Bay Horse in East Cowton (see note vi) then in 1881 he and Jane were residing at the Horse and Jockey Inn in East Cowton, Jeremiah being the innkeeper. This is believed to now be called the Beeswing Inn and is the only public house in East Cowton. In 1891 and 1901 Jeremiah and Jane were still residing in East Cowton and in 1901 Jeremiah is recorded as a shoemaker of East Cowton (see note ix).
 - e) James, baptized 2/10/1831 in East Cowton; died <?>/1901 in <?>. James married Mary Metcalf on 16/5/1857 in Staindrop (see note vi) and she died on <?>/1907 in Northallerton. They produced the following children:-
 - i. Jane-Anne, born <?>/1858 in Teesdale; married Edward Hawke Locker on 24/8/1887 in St Pancras. In 1881 she was residing at Lonley House Bank in Hornsey, Middlesex, where she was a general servant to the Carr family.
 - ii. William, born <?>/1860 in Cleasby; died <?> in <?>.
 - iii. Frederick, born <?>/1862 in Richmond; died <?>/1940 in Darlington. He married Mary Elizabeth Proctor on 25/1/1896 in Darlington and who died on <?>/1935 in Darlington. They produced a son, Wilfred, born <?>/1897 in <?>. In 1901 Frederick, a plate layer, and his family were residing at 8 Haughton Road Terrace, Darlington.
 - iv. Mary Isabel (Polly), born <?>/1864 in Durham City; died <?>/1946 in Darlington. In 1891 Mary Isabel was residing at 4 Haslemere Villa, South Mimms, with her sister Jane-Anne and family (see i above). In 1901 Mary Isabel was residing at 4 Prospect Place, Darlington, where she was a servant in the Dresser household.
 - v. Elizabeth, born <?>/1868 in Northallerton; died 18/5/1877 in <?> (see note xxxix).

- vi. John James, born <?>/2/1870 in Teesdale; died 13/1/1950 in Darlington. He married Alice <?> on <?>/1895 in Darlington and who died on <?>/1950 in <?>.
- vii. Henry (Harry), born 16/12/1874 in Teesdale; died <?>/1937 in Darlington. He married Maude (Nan) Thompson <?>/1902 in Darlington who died on <?>/4/1984 in Darlington. They produced the following children:-
 - 1. Hilda, born 5/2/1903 in Darlington; married Percy Croft on 15/10/1927 in Darlington and they produced a daughter, Marjorie Croft on <?>/1928. Marjorie married Ernest Green on <?>/1951 in <?> and they produced a son, John, born on <?>/1952.
 - 2. Arthur, born 17/10/1905 in Darlington; died 7/7/1992 in Darlington. He married Annie Crawford on <?>/1935 in Darlington and they produced a daughter, Audrey, born 21/3/1935 in Darlington, who married Keith C Lax on <?>/1958 in Darlington
 - 3. William Thompson, born 14/8/1909 in Darlington; died 25/1/1977 in Darlington leaving £9,583.06. He married Edith Mary Ward on <?>/1944 in Manchester and they produced a daughter, Janet Edith, born <?>/1946 in Darlington. She married Peter Ross on <?>/1969 in Darlington and they have produced a daughter, Megan. Edith Mary died on <?>/1975 in Darlington.
- viii. Rebecca, Henry's twin, also born 16/12/1874 in Teesdale; married Fred Corner on <?>/1903 in Darlington. In 1891 Rebecca was residing with her aunt, Rebecca Holmes, in East Cowton, where she was a servant. In 1901 Rebecca was residing at Blackwell Hill, Darlington, as a servant in the Mounsey household.

In 1871 James, an agricultural labourer, Mary and their (then) six children were residing at Raby West Farm, Raby, county Durham. In 1881 James, Mary, Mary Isabella, John James, Henry and Rebecca were still residing there. In 1891 James, Mary, Frederick, a railway plate layer, John James, a farm labourer, and Henry, a grocers errand boy, were residing at Lingfield, Houghton-le-Spring. In 1901 James, Mary and Henry were residing at New Model Place, Darlington.

- f) Ann, baptized 12/7/1833 in East Cowton; died 6/2/1834 and buried 8/2/1834 in East Cowton.
- g) Frederick, baptized 5/9/1835 in East Cowton; died 3/4/1878 in Coundon. Frederick married Elizabeth Kipling on <?>/1856 in Teesdale and they produced the following children:-
 - i. William, born 9/1/1857 in Teesdale; died <?> in <?>. He married Sarah Ann Soulsby on 11/5/1886 in Auckland. In 1891 William, a shipyard labourer, and Sarah Ann were residing at 2 Henrietta Street, Thornaby.
 - ii. Ann, born 11/2/1859 in Teesdale; married George Patterson on 19/6/1886 in Darlington. In 1881 Annie was residing in Darlington, where she was scullery maid in the household of W Spafford, a school head.
 - iii. Thomas, born <?>/1863 in Teesdale; died 25/9/1933 in Auckland leaving £395/6/6 gross. He married Maria Tutin on 14/6/1884 in Auckland and who

died on <?>/1950 in Surrey South East. They produced a daughter, Annie born <?>/1888 in Auckland, who married Matthew Kell on <?>/1910 in Auckland. In 1891 Thomas, a railway engine stoker, was residing at Well Chase, Coundon, county Durham, with Maria and Annie. In 1901 Thomas, Maria and Annie were residing at 24 Ash Terrace, Middldlestone.

- iv. Fanny, born 7/2/1866 in Teesdale; married William Curtis on 7/7/1894 in Coundon. In 1891 Fanny was residing at 1 Railway Company's Houses, Auckland St Andrew, where she was a servant in the Pickering household.
- v. Frederick, born 12/4/1868 in Teesdale; died <?>/1948 in Durham West. He married Jane Pears on 29/12/1894 in Auckland and who died on <?>/1955 in Durham West. They produced the following children:-
 1. Elizabeth Annie, born <?>/1893 in Auckland; died <?>/1919 in Sedgfield.
 2. Annie, born <?>/1895 in Auckland; married Christopher J Quinn on <?>/1917 in Auckland.
 3. Jack, born <?>/1897 in Auckland; died <?>/1959 in Durham West. He married Margaret Annie Pearson on <?>/1920 in Auckland and who died on <?>/1981 in Durham West. They produced two daughters, Irene, born <?>/1921 in Auckland, who married Joseph Hull on <?>/1944 in Durham West, and Vera, born <?>/1925 in Auckland, who married Fred Warner on <?>/1948 in Durham West.
 4. Charles, born 7/2/1901 in Auckland; died <?>/1901 in Auckland.
 5. Bartholomew Dixon, born 5/11/1904 in Auckland; died <?>/1972 in Durham West. He married Nora Featherstone on <?>/1929 in Auckland and produced a daughter, Jean, born <?>/1930 in Auckland, who married Leonard Shields on <?>/1968 in Durham West.

In 1901 Frederick, a coal miner, Jane, Annie and Jack were residing at William Street, Coundon and Elizabeth Annie was visiting her grandmother (see below).

- vi. Henry, born <?>/1869 in Teesdale; died 18/2/1953 in Claro. Henry married Eleanor Amelia Graham on 2/8/1902 in Burley Leeds and who died on 30/4/1961 in Claro leaving £339/1/0 net. They produced the following children:-
 1. Harry, born <?>/1905 in Knaresborough; died <?> in <?>.
 2. Nora Graham, born <?>/1906 in Knaresborough, who married Percival V Goodway on <?>/1936 in Knaresborough.
 3. Charles Graham, born 26/9/1907 in Knaresborough; died <?>/1980 in Claro. He married Margaret Birkett on <?>/1944 in Knaresborough, who died on <?>/1951 in Claro, and then Annie Avery on <?>/1968 in Claro. Charles and Margaret had four sons – Graham A, born <?>/1947 in Claro, Lawrence, also born <?>/1947 in Claro, Robert Charles, born 10/6/1949 in Claro, and Andrew James, born 10/4/1951 in Claro. Graham A and Lawrence died on <?>/1947. Robert Charles married Linda Elizabeth Shorter on <?>/1975 in Claro and they have two sons, one of whom is adopted – Paul born 20/3/1971 in <?> and Ben born 8/5/1979 in <?>. Paul married Jayne Brough on <?> in <?> and they have produced one

son – Luke born <?> in <?> - and live in Hong Kong. Andrew James married Diane M Bentley on <?>/1980 in Claro and they produced two daughters – Sophie Eleanor, born <?>/1987 in Leeds, and Jessica Laura M, born <?>/1988 in Leeds (see note xl)

4. Alan, born 16/8/1910 in Leeds; died 31/12/1995 in Oxford West. He married Elsie M Bailey on <?>/1930 in Knaresborough. They produced a son, Alan Michael, born on 27/3/1931 in Knaresborough; died <?>/11/1988 in Hull. He married Margaret Smith on <?>/1952 in Claro. Margaret was born Kindleysides but was adopted and died on <?>/1998 in <?>. They produced three children – Richard Benjamin, born <?>/1955 in Claro, who married Fiona Campbell Cuthbertson on <?>/1955 in <?>, Jill Christina, born <?>/1958 in Claro, who married Howard T Jones on <?>/1978 in Doncaster, and Thomas Kevin, born <?>/1961 in Claro, who married Diane E Watson on <?>/7/1987 in Boston, Lincolnshire. Richard Benjamin and Fiona C produced three children – Charlotte Anne born on 7/1/1981 in Beverley, Rebecca Sarah born <?>/1985 in Banbury and Alexander Michael G born <?>/1991 in Banbury (see note xli). Alan senior's obituary records that he was Lord Mayor of Harrogate for 1968/9. In 1938 he represented England at gymnastics and during World War II he served in the Parachute Regiment in Italy and Yugoslavia and was mentioned in despatches (see note xlii).
5. Kathleen, born <?>/1913 in Knaresborough; married John Jackson in <?>/1935 in Knaresborough.
6. Joan Winifred, born 31/7/1915 in Harrogate; married Sydney Cox on 21/10/1939 in Harrogate (see note xliii).

In 1881 Henry was residing in Northallerton with his uncle Richard (see below).

- vii. Margaret, born <?>/1871 in Teesdale; married <?> on <?>/1905 in Darlington.
- viii. Emma, born <?>/1875 in Auckland; married <?> on <?>/1894 in Auckland.

In 1851 Frederick, a servant/farmer's labourer, was residing with Elias Hopps, a farmer of 68 acres, at Little Smeaton, having initially gone there in early 1849 (see note ix). In 1861 Frederick was residing at Old Shildon, county Durham, with Elizabeth, William and Ann. In 1871 an agricultural labourer, he was residing at Wackerfield with Elizabeth and Ann, Mary, Thomas, Fanny, Frederick and Henry. Frederick subsequently became a colliery horse driver at Black Boy Colliery at Coundon Grange and lost his life there in an accident when he got crushed under and between the truck on which he was riding and the engine house (see note xlii). (The sources recording the accident misspell Frederick's surname as 'Mays' and 'Mayes'.) On the marriage certificate of his son, Henry, he is recorded as an ex-pitman. In 1881 his widow, Elizabeth, and their sons, Thomas and Frederick, who was a colliery labourer, were residing at Church Street in Coundon together with their daughters, Margaret and Emma. In 1891 Elizabeth, Frederick, a coal miner, Margaret, a domestic servant, and Emma were still residing there. In 1901

Elizabeth, Margaret and Elizabeth's granddaughter, Elizabeth Annie, were residing at Shop Hill, Coundon.

- h) Richard, baptized 27/5/1837 in East Cowton; died <?>/3/1924 in Northallerton. Richard married Mary Holmes on 21/3/1865 in Northallerton and they produced a son, James, who had been born <?>/1860 in Coundon; died <?> in <?>. He married Annie Horner on 18/6/1890 in Gateshead, who died on <?>/1937 in Gateshead. They produced three children – George, born 20/10/1890 in Gateshead, Jenny, born <?>/1892 in Gateshead and Violet, also born <?>/1892 in Gateshead. In 1891 James was a tailor at 135, School Street, Gateshead, while Annie and George were residing at 6 Prospect Terrace, Gateshead, with Annie's mother. In 1901 James, Annie, George and Jenny were residing at 31 Raby Street, Gateshead. George married Jane Corbitt Storey on <?>/1920 in Gateshead and produced a son, David James Colin, born <?>/1924 in Newcastle-upon-Tyne. George died on 20/12/1968 in Gateshead leaving £1,564/16/0 net and Jane Corbitt Storey died on 25/10/1970 in Gateshead leaving £5561/16/0 net. David James Colin married Mildred Douglas Anderson on <?>/1952 in Gateshead. They in turn produced two children – Kathleen L, born <?>/1959 in Northumberland South and Jules F, born <?>/1964 in Stoke Newington. Jenny married Thomas Robson on <?>/1921 in Gateshead. Violet died on <?>/1893 in <?>. In 1850 Richard was apprenticed to John Holmes, a tailor of East Cowton, with whom he was residing in 1851 (see note ix). **In 1871 Richard, a foreman tailor and draper and Mary, a schoolmistress, were residing at 39 Garbutt Street, Stockton-on-Tees, with his brother-in-law, another John Holmes, a marine ware dealer.** In 1881 Richard, a tailor, Mary and their nephew Henry, a scholar, were residing in Northallerton High Street. In 1890 Richard was recorded as a tailor (see note vii). In 1891 Richard, Mary and Henry were residing at Town Street, Northallerton, and in 1901 they were residing at Westside South End, Northallerton. By a twist of fate, also living at an address on Northallerton High Street in 1881 was a draper's assistant, Adam Clarke. Little would Richard or Adam have realized that sixty nine years later the great grandson of Richard's **half** brother, Charles – James Derek – would marry the granddaughter of Adam's sister Elise – Elise Doreen Dixon – as in Section 8. In his obituary, Richard was recorded as having worked as a cutter for a tailor in Stockton before setting up his own business in Northallerton and described as a well-known and familiar figure with a liking for countryside pursuits (see note xlv).
- i) Mary Elizabeth, born 18/4/1839 in East Cowton; died 28/4/1839 and was buried on 30/4/1839 in East Cowton.

Mary Mais (nee Sayer) died on 28/4/1839 in East Cowton, the same date as her infant daughter, Mary Elizabeth (see above) and was also buried on 30/4/1839 in East Cowton.

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SECTION 3 – THE DESCENDANTS OF CHARLES MAIS AND REBECCA COLSTON

RICHARD COLSTON MAIS (1802-1877)

Richard Colston married Frances Maria Bird (nee De Fer) on 29/12/1830 at London Westminster, St Clement Danes, but the marriage was childless. (In fact, Frances Maria was older than Richard Colston and was about forty-six years old when they married - see also Section 4.)

In 1818 Richard Colston was a beneficiary of the will of Richard Colston, who was the father of Rebecca Colston and, therefore, his grandfather. Amongst other things, he was to receive an income from the freehold estate until twenty-one years of age and then inherit it. Charles and his brother Jeremiah Mais are also mentioned in the will and codicil, the latter being one of the Trustees (see note i).

In 1831 Richard Colston was appointed joint trustee and executor of the will of his late uncle, Jeremiah Mais. He was also a beneficiary and received £2,000 (see note ii).

Also in 1831 Richard Colston and Frances Maria (with others) were subject to a Bill of Complaint by Alexander Waddington on behalf of the creditors of Frances Maria's first husband, Colonel Henry Bird (see note iii).

In 1841 a house and property lately occupied by Richard Colston at Fosse André, St Peter Port, Guernsey, were advertised for let (see note iv). In 1843 he purchased a house named Escaliers de Haut at La Vrangue, St Peter Port, and in 1849 gave the house to the daughters of Frances Maria's previous marriage – Frances Margaret and Louisa Sophia (see note v).

Richard Colston may have already been living in Guernsey in 1827 as his age is consistent with an entry to that years census in which the Christian name is illegible. However, he is not the only Mais who this could have been as below.

Newspapers reporting the arrival of passengers to Guernsey note a number of Mais arrivals between 1828 and 1840, but unfortunately without providing Christian names (see note vi).

In 1841 Richard Colston and Frances Maria were residing in Bickleigh, Devon, along with Frances Margaret and Louisa Sophia Bird.

Although Richard Colston and Frances Maria did not appear on the 1841 census for Guernsey, they were present at the baptism of Mary-Jane Mais there on 3/3/1841, to whom they were godparents. Mary-Jane was one of the children of Henry and Mary-Jane Mais (nee Coathupe), whose family tree has not yet been linked in to our Mais family tree (see separate notes on Unconnected Maises). However there must be a link because:-

- Both family trees had strong links with the same places – Bristol, Jamaica and Guernsey. Indeed, in 1851 families from both trees lived only three houses apart in Westbury-on-Trym (as noted below).
- The will of Honourable John Mais, Charles' nephew, refers to Stephen Weise Mais (see separate notes on Unconnected Maises) as his nephew (see note vii). (Stephen Weise was also his son-in-law.) In terms of the strict definition of nephew, Stephen Weise's father, John, would have had to have been the brother of Honourable John, meaning that there were two brothers called John in the same family. It is therefore likely that they were half brothers by different mothers.
- The will of John Caspar Mais (see separate notes on Unconnected Maises) refers to Honourable John Mais as his uncle (see note viii).
- Members of both family trees engaged in business dealings together – eg in Jamaica.
- Members of both family trees intermingled – eg at christenings, etc, in Guernsey.
- Family details 'claimed' by the other tree are consistent with those in our tree. In particular, the author S P B Mais notes in his autobiography that "...my great, great grandfather, who was a West Indian sugar merchant in Bristol, eloped with his children's governess to Guernsey and, having started an illegitimate family there, deserted her and went off to Jamaica to raise a coloured family there." Many of these details are consistent with our Mais family trees, although his comments about his great, great grandfather, John, do not seem to fit. As far as we know he was born in Jamaica, stayed there for most of his life and went to Bristol only shortly before he died. Nor was he a sugar merchant, but rather a tailor. He is therefore more likely to be referring to his great grandfather, Henry Mais, although various marriage and baptismal dates indicate that the sequence of events described may not be quite correct

In 1851 and 1861 Richard Colston and Frances Maria were living in St Peter Port, Guernsey. In 1851 they were residing at the West End of Vrangue Road and in 1861 at Couture Road but as the latter makes a junction with the former at its western extremity this may have been the same property as above. In 1851, he was described as a farmer of four acres and in 1861 they were described as landed proprietors. Frances Margaret and Louisa Sophia Bird were also living at this address, along with four of their nephews, Henry, Charles, Frederick and Richard Bird, all born in Ceylon. In 1861 (but not 1851), Henry Charles and Rebecca Bird (nee Mais), Richard Colston's brother-in-law and sister, were also residing at this address.

Frances Maria died on 6/1/1869 at Goytre, Monmouthshire. (Goytre House was the family home of the Bird family – see Section 4.)

In 1871 Richard Colston was residing at Goytre House, Monmouthshire, with his half sister Rebecca Byrde, her daughter Annie, her sister-in-law Louisa, her granddaughters Amy and Frances, her cousin Susanna Birt and three servants.

Richard Colston died on 9/2/1877 at Brislington, Somerset, and probate was granted to his half sister, Rebecca (see Section 4). He left effects worth less than £1,000 and no property (see note ix). We can only speculate as to what happened to his wealth and properties.

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- v. Priaulx Library, Guernsey
- vi. Guernsey Comet and Le Mercure newspapers
- vii. [The will of Honourable John Mais, proved 10/8/1858 in London](#)
- viii. [The will of John Caspar Mais, proved 20/1/1852 – London Metropolitan Archives X019/041a & DL/C/533/167/1](#)
- ix. PRO registration and grant of probate

SECTION 4 – THE DESCENDANTS OF CHARLES MAIS AND ELIZABETH CORNE BENNETT

1) REBECCA MAIS (1809-1893)

Rebecca married Henry Charles Bird on 5/1/1837, and they produced the following children:-

- a) Henry, born 3/12/1837 in Ceylon; married Jane Amelia Waller <?>/1859
- b) Charles, born 17/6/1839 in Ceylon; married Elizabeth Enright <?>
- c) (Reverend) Frederick Lewis, born 28/1/1843 in Ceylon; married Christiana Grigg <?>
- d) (Reverend) Richard Augustus, born 4/3/1844 in Ceylon; married Alice Mary Leyburn Bourne 18/12/1878
- e) Francis William Macalpin, born 20/6/1846 in <>; married Ann Selby <?>
- f) Evan Maberley Durand, born 22/6/1848 and baptized 27/12/1848 in <?>; married Galvia King <?>
- g) Anne Elizabeth Frances, born <?>/1853 in <?> (See note i.)

The Birds were a prominent military family whose family home was Goytre House in Monmouthshire. Goytre House had been purchased by a Colonel Henry Bird, who had served in the 50th and other Regiments in the American War from 1775 to 1784 and who died in 1800. His eldest son, also Colonel Henry Bird, saw much service, which is recorded on his monument in the chancel, and died of cholera in 1829. He had been married to Frances Maria de Fer and had four children - Henry Charles (the eldest), Louis George Morgan, Frances Margaret and Louisa Sophia (see also Section 3). Frances Maria is also commemorated on the aforementioned monument. Henry Charles Bird, who Rebecca Mais married, served in the 47th Regiment and in the Rifles in Ceylon, where he was a member of the Legislative Council. On returning to Goytre he became Colonel of the 4th Volunteer Battalion of the South Wales Borderers. In 1863 he changed the spelling of his family's name to Byrde by deed poll (see note ii).

In 1869 Henry Charles and Rebecca submitted a petition to the Masters in Lunacy for the release of her younger sister, Amelia, from the Asylum, but the petition was unsuccessful (see note iii).

In a letter from Francis William McAlpin Byrde to Robert Stanley Oliver Mais of one of the unconnected Mais family tree (see separate notes), he says that many Mais relatives in Jamaica had good reason to disclaim connection with his grandfather - ie Charles. In the letter, he also says that everybody venerated his mother, who was a very sweet woman, and that her mother too - ie Elizabeth Corne - was highly spoken of (see note iv).

There are two registrations of Rebecca's death - one in the name of Rebecca Mais, 23/12/1893 at Pontypool and another in the name of Rebecca Byrde, 23/12/1893 also at Pontypool. A memorial window in Goytre Church has an inscription to Henry Charles and Rebecca Byrde, which reads:-

"To the greater glory of God and in loving memory of Rebecca Byrde, ob. Dec. 23, 1893. Also of Henry Charles Byrde, ob. Oct. 15, 1895." (See note ii.)

The inter-relationships between Richard Colston Mais, Rebecca Mais/Bird/Byrde and Frances Maria de Fer/Bird/Mais are interesting as Frances Maria was both Rebecca's mother-in-law and **half** sister-in-law and Richard Colston was therefore both Rebecca's **half** brother and father-in-law. No wonder they appear to have remained close and spent large parts of their adult lives living at the same addresses.

2) FREDERICK CHARLES MAIS (1812-1902)

In 1841, 1851, 1861 and 1871 Frederick Charles was in Brislington Asylum and recorded, presumably euphemistically, as a medical student in 1861 and retired medical student in 1851 and 1871. In 1881 and 1891 he was in Barnwood, Gloucestershire and also recorded as a medical student. In 1901 he was still in Barnwood but recorded as a patient and lunatic. (In accordance with the convention of the time for such circumstances, only his initials were sometimes recorded on the census.)

Frederick Charles died 11/2/1902 in Barnwood, Gloucestershire, leaving £1,791/17/4 net.

3) AMELIA MAIS (1814-1889)

In 1841 Amelia was in Ridgeway House, Stapelton, and recorded as a patient. In 1851, 1861 and 1871 she was in Longwood House Lunatic Asylum, Long Ashton, Somerset. and also recorded as a patient. (In accordance with the convention of the time for such circumstances, only her initials were sometimes recorded on the census.)

In 1869 Amelia's elder sister, Rebecca, and her husband, Henry Charles Byrde, submitted a petition to the Masters in Lunacy for her release from Longwood House Lunatic Asylum, but the petition was unsuccessful (see note iii).

In 1881 Amelia was a patient at Plympton Lunatic Asylum, Plympton Maurice, Devon, described as handicapped/lunatic.

Amelia died 23/9/1889 in Plympton, Devon, leaving £2,671/9/10.

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SECTION 5 – THE DIRECT LINE DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM MAIS AND MARY RIDSDALE

Charles Mais had a relationship with Mary Ann Stainthorp which produced a daughter, Mary, born 7/6/1840 in Brompton-on-Swale. However Mary died in infancy and was buried on 3/4/1845 in Brompton-on-Swale (see note i). Charles then moved to York later in the 1840s and married Sarah Barnes on 24/4/1849 in York, and they produced the children below. Charles was a labourer/gardener/agriculturist. Sarah was also sometimes known by the surname Staveley (see note ii), after her stepfather, William Staveley, who was a noted horse breeder and owner of a 12-acre farm on Burton Lane, Clifton, York. Charles and Sarah's family and the Staveleys remained close, with both William and John having spent some time residing with the Staveleys.

- a) William, born 7/8/1849 and baptized 23/9/1849 in St Olave, York; died 6/9/1873 in York. William's sudden and unexpected death necessitated an inquest. The verdict supported the medical opinion, which was that he died from "a low form of" inflammation and ulceration of the throat which had suddenly extended to the windpipe, causing choking and suffocation, and that it was not possible to tell whether remedies given to him by the druggist had accelerated his death (see note iii).
- b) Jane, baptized 6/7/1851 in St Olave, York; died 7/7/1902 in York. Jane married John Cooke, a Composer, at St Thomas's Church, The Groves, York, on 18/6/1874 (see note iv) and they produced three daughters, Ada, born <?>/1876 in Halifax, who died on <?>/1952 in Leeds, Ethel, born <?>/1878 in Halifax and Beatrice, born <?>/1879 in Halifax. In 1871 Jane was a general domestic servant to the Adcock family at 18 Monkgate, York. In 1881 Jane and her family were living at 25 Conway Street, Halifax. In 1891 Jane, a widow, shown as a visitor to the home of her sister, Mary Eliza, her husband and daughters, along with Beatrice Cooke, age 13, whose relationship to Jane is unknown.
- c) John, born 23/1/1854 and baptized 26/2/1854 in St Maurice, York; died 18/3/1938 in Driffield
- d) George, born 15/6/1856 in Haxby; died on 20/1/1940 in Bulmer, York. George rescued a young work colleague called Seal from drowning in the River Ouse on 2/5/1889 (see note v) and in recognition was awarded the medal of the Humane Society on 1/7/1889 (see note vi). In 1891 George, a machinist, was residing at 6

Abbott Street, York, with his sister, Annie, her husband and daughter. In 1901 George was residing at 11 Bromley Street, York, with his sister Jane (see b) above) and her mother-in-law, **Ursula**.

- e) Amey Staveley, baptized 18/1/1860 in York. Amey Staveley married Walter Ridley, a carriage builder on 12/12/1887 in York. In 1881 Amey Staveley, a brewers servant, was employed at 24 Park Place, York, by the Quarton family.
- f) Mary Eliza, **baptized 25/8/1864 in St Thomas, York**. Mary married William Usher at St Thomas's Church, The Groves, on 3/1/1887 (see note vii). They produced two daughters, Ada Frances, who died at 3 Dudley Street on 2/1/1894, aged 6 (see note viii) and Lily S, born <?>/1889/90. In 1891, William, a tailor, Mary Eliza, Lily S and Ada Frances were residing at 5 Lockwood Street, York, with Jane Cooke (as above).
- g) Anne (Annie), **baptized 15/5/1867 in St Thomas, York**. Annie married William Moulton of York on 6/10/1890 at York (see note ix). They produced a son, Charles Henry (Harry), who died on 8/7/1893 at 16 Lockwood Street, aged 7 months (see note x) and a daughter, Frances, born <?>/1891 in <?>. In 1891 William, a bricklayer, Annie and Frances were residing at 6 Abbott Street, York, with George (as above).

In 1841 Charles, a platelayer, was residing in East Cowton with Thomas and Mary Hall, as was Henry Haxby, who was soon to become his brother-in-law. In 1851 Charles, a farm labourer, and Sarah were residing as lodgers with the Staveleys at Burton Lane, Clifton, York. In 1861 Charles, a railway servant, Sarah, Jane, John, George and Amey Staveley were residing at Doughty Court, York, while William, a scholar, was residing with the Staveleys at Burton Lane. In 1871 Charles, a porter, Sarah, George, a joiner, John, a clerk, and Amey, Mary Elizabeth and Annie, scholars, were still residing at 8 Doughty Court, York. William appeared on the census with the Staveleys at 30, Burton Lane, York, and Amey Staveley also appeared on the census for 94 Lowther Street, York, as a scholar and servant in the Raunsley household. In 1881 Charles, a railway porter, Sarah, George, a railway labourer, Mary Eliza, a servant, and Annie, a scholar, were residing at 10 March Street, York.

Sarah Mais died on 13/4/1890 at 6 Abbott Street, The Groves, York (see note xi). When he died on 19/6/1885, Charles had been living at the same address.

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- vii. Yorkshire Gazette 8/1/1887
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- ix. Yorkshire Gazette 11/10/1890
- x. Yorkshire Gazette 15/7/1893
- xi. Yorkshire Gazette 19/4/1890

SECTION 6 – THE DIRECT LINE DESCENDANTS OF CHARLES MAIS AND SARAH BARNES

John Mais married Annie Dixon on 25/4/1877 in York, and they produced the children below. Annie Dixons father, John, was a prominent wholesale and retail rag merchant in York and had a street, which still exists today, named after him – Dixons Yard (formerly Maltshovel Yard).

- a) Amy Gertrude born 12/8/1878, died 18/12/1942 in York. Amy Gertrude married Walter Beeson on <?>/1908 in Great Ouseburn.
- b) William Henry born 4/11/1879 in York, died 18/1/1910 in Driffield leaving £455/11/6 gross. William Henry married Mary Tindall on <?>/1907 in Scarborough and they produced one son, Harry George, born <?>/1908 in Scarborough. **Mary remarried to George H Warwick on <?>/1915 in <?>**. Harry George married May Glaves on <?>/1929 in Scarborough and they produced a daughter, Rhona Mary, born <?>/1930, who married Albert Marston on <?>/1950 in Scarborough. Harry George died on 3/11/1998 in Scarborough.
- c) John Dixon born 19/8/1881 in York, died 11/3/1944 in Leeds leaving £2,043/3/4 net. John Dixon served as a private in the Coldstream Guards in World War I (see note I). John Dixon married Evelyn Thackray on <?>/1929, who died on 10/1/1986 in Leeds leaving £21,811 net.
- d) James Herbert born 30/8/1882 in York; died 22/12/1934 in Leeds.**
- e) Albert Edward born 17/7/1884 in York, died <?>/1966 in Greenwich. Albert Edward served as a private in the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment in World War I (see note i). Albert Edward married Ethel Dixon on <?>/1917 in Middlesbrough and they produced a daughter, Margaret Minnie (Peggy), born 24/6/1920 in Marylebone. Peggy married Thomas Charles Gordon on <?>/1946 in Brentford and died on **4/2/2002**.
- f) Bertha born 10/7/1886 in York; died 27/11/1979 in Perth, West Australia. Bertha married Thomas Wilkes **who she had met and fallen in love with on board the ship Osterley, which departed London on 5/6/1910 for Fremantle (see note ii). They married on 3/1/1911 in Kununoppin, West Australia (see note iii)** and they produced four children – Clifford Mais, born 30/3/1916, Leslie A, born 17/12/1911, Leonard A, born 1/11/1913, and Elsie Jean, born 13/7/1926.
- g) Charles Frederick born 7/5/1888 in York, died 4/4/1929 in Darlington leaving £426/10/0 gross. Charles Frederick married Sarah Jane Walker on <?>/1920 in Darlington and she died on <?>/1944 in Darlington. They produced the following children:-
 - i. John born 8/9/1921 in Darlington; died 5/1/1992 in Milton Keynes. **In World War II, John joined the Third Carabiniers and lost his right arm in a tank battle with the Japanese in Burma in 1944 (see note iv)**. John married Anne Violet Walton on <?>/1946 in Cleveland and they produced a son, Paul, born <?>/1952 in Darlington. John later divorced Anne and married Pat E Turner on 17/8/1973 in Hailsham. Paul married Margaret Stephenson on <?>/1972 in Darlington and produced two children Nicola, born <?>/1973 in Darlington, and Stephen Paul, born **1/10/1975** in Darlington. Nicola married Dale Young

on <?>/6/1995 in Kendal and they produced two children - <?> born <?> and <?> born <?>. **Stephen Paul married Fiona Sadler on 26/12/2006 in Kenya (see note iv).** Paul divorced Margaret and later married Susan K Hogan on <?>/4/1986 in Durham West and they produced three daughters – Rachel Emma born <?>/1987 in <?>, Laura Elizabeth born <?>/1989 in <?> and Charlotte Anne born <?>/1992 in <?>.

- ii. Edgar born 16/5/1925 in Darlington, married Esme Price <?>/1966 in Caerleon
- iii. Joan born 16/3/1927 in Darlington, married Timothy Ruggles <?>/1948 in Shardlow. Joan and Timothy produced two sons – Dwight, born <?> in <?> and Douglas, born <?> in <?>.

In 1881 John, a railway clerk, Annie, and their (then) two children were residing at 9 Scarborough Terrace, Clifton, York. In 1891 the whole family and a servant were residing at 1 Claremont Terrace, York. In 1901 with the exception of Annie and William Henry, the family was still residing there **but in May 1902 he became the new stationmaster at Driffield (see note v).** He was a member of the Sykes Lodge of Freemasons from 1902 until 1918 (see note vi).

Following his retirement on 11/5/1920, a presentation of a silver-plated candelabra and silver tea service was made to John by the townspeople and railway staff of Driffield on 12/11/1920 in recognition of 51 years' service to the NE Railway Company (see note vii).

In John's obituary he was described as "A courteous ex-stationmaster" who had worked in the railways from the age of sixteen. He began as a ticket collector in York and later became goods manager before moving to Driffield (see note viii).

Annie died on 10/10/1898 in York leaving £124/1/6. When he died, John left £12,647/0/11 net.

SOURCES

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- vii. Driffield Times 20/11/1920
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SECTION 7 – THE DIRECT LINE DESCENDANTS OF JOHN MAIS AND ANNIE DIXON

James Herbert Mais moved to Leeds shortly before he **married Ruth Mary Grimes on 30/8/1919 in Leeds**, and they produced the following children:-

- a) **James Derek born 17/8/1920 in Leeds; died 3/10/1995 in Leeds**

- b) Vernon born 23/2/1922 in Leeds. Vernon married Betty Suddaby on 4/6/1948 in Leeds and they produced the following children:-
 - i. Hilarie, born 17/1/1952 in Leeds. Hilarie married Bill Wright on 29/2/1980 in New York, USA, and they produced two daughters – Jessica Djuna Mais Wright, born 1/8/1981 in Sydney, Australia, and Hester Claire Mais Wright, born 17/7/1986 in Sydney
 - ii. David John, born 1/2/1957 in Leeds. David John married Marian Jean Bone on 1/8/1993 in Adwick-le-Street, but they later divorced.

When he died, James Herbert left £434/1/10 net. Ruth Mary was knocked down and killed in Harehills, Leeds, on 13/9/1961 and left £1,221/11/4 net.

In World War II, Vernon served in South Africa.

Hilarie is a sculptress in Australia. Details of her career and works are contained in the biography "Hilarie Mais" by Anne Loxley (An Art & Australia Book, 1995, ISBN 976 6410 16 X) [and on the website for the Sherman Galleries, Sydney.](#)

SECTION 8 – THE DIRECT LINE DESCENDANTS OF JAMES HERBERT MAIS AND RUTH MARY GRIMES

James Derek Mais married Elise Doreen Dixon on 2/9/1950 in Leeds, and they produced three children:-

- a) Howard John, born 20/10/1953 in Leeds, a personnel officer
- b) Vernon Stephen, born 23/2/1956 in Leeds, an analytical chemist. Vernon Stephen married Lesley Jennifer Susan Steer on 28/4/1984 in Leeds and they produced two sons:-
 - i. Philip James Anthony, born 10/7/1990 in Leeds
 - ii. Alexander Robert George, born 26/6/1992 in Leeds
- c) Peter Robin, born 24/6/1962 in Leeds, a computer programmer. Peter Robin married Veronica Taylor (nee Maloney) on 24/7/2004 in Leeds and has a stepdaughter, Katie.

In World War II, James Derek served in the Royal Air Force in India and Burma.

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