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Introduction

Together with my cousin Carol¹ I have spent much time searching through various parish registers and other sources for our GREEN ancestors.

The registers for St Mary's at Lambeth have furnished much of the information we have and we have found that during the nineteenth century the family spent a good part of their lives around this part of south London.

Thomas GREEN [G5] was our 3xgreat-grandfather, who married three times in all; his father, shown on the marriage certificate of Thomas and his third wife Sarah BARNETT², was Richard, a sawyer. This much can be confirmed; his parents, and earlier ancestors, are a 'best guess'.

Thomas, shown at the bottom of the chart, was my great-grandfather (G3). My family history is traced from this point forward in a separate booklet.

¹ one of my second cousins, Mrs Carol Pointer

² marriage register at St Mary, Lambeth, of Sarah BARNETT, widow, and Thomas GREEN, widower, dated 17 APR 1850

G6 and earlier – GREEN family

The ‘best guess’ I have for my 5xgt-grandfather is that he was Thomas GREEN, who married an Ann around 1760. One of their children, though probably not their first, was my 4xgt-grandfather Richard.

Richard was a sawyer. This information comes from the marriage certificate of his son Thomas to Sarah BARNETT, in 1850 (see page 9). Thomas was born about 1800¹, suggesting that Richard was born between about 1760 and 1780.

It is likely that Richard married a Mary and that he came from Middlesex. One possible instance is Mary HILL, born 1772, whose parents were Jeremiah and Martha. Richard and Mary were married on 12 JUN 1798 at St Bride, Fleet Street.

At least three children were all born in the Lying-in Hospital, Endell Street, Holborn, to a Mary GREEN, wife of Richard, from Kilkenny, in Ireland: Richard (10 JAN 1795), Francis (11 MAR 1797), and Thomas (21 JAN 1802). This looks promising but the suggested marriage of 12 JUN 1798 may not be correct.

Thomas’s birth was recorded in the Dr Williams Library Registry, where it was registered on 06 DEC 1802; this implies that Thomas’s parents were religious dissenters. A certificate states that Thomas had been born in Brownlow Street, St Giles², and that Richard was a ‘waterman’, so this reduces the likelihood of being a correct match unless he later became a sawyer.

Taking all the evidence above into account, one possible hypothesis is as follows.

My two 4xgt-grandparents in the GREEN line were Richard and Mary HILL.

There are several possibilities for Richard’s birth, but one contender is that he was baptised on 07 DEC 1766 at St Mary Whitechapel³, in Stepney, the son of Thomas and Ann.

Richard and Mary married at the church of St Bride, in Fleet Street, on 12 JUN 1798, when Richard was 32 and Mary 23. Initially they lived in Brownlow Street, off Drury Lane, and son Thomas was born in the Holborn Lying-In [Maternity] Hospital in Endell Street on 21 JAN 1802, where he was baptised a week later.

Coincidentally, the Lying-In hospital was established in 1749⁴ in Brownlow Street. It moved to a new purpose-built building in Endell Street in 1849.

Records confirm all the above facts, including the marriage between Richard and Mary; what cannot be confirmed is whether my 3xgreat-grandfather was the issue of this marriage.

¹ the 1851 census return shows Thomas’s age as 50 (giving a birthdate between 31 MAR 1800 and 30 MAR 1801) and his occupation as ‘sawyer’

² although the parish of St Giles (around Shaftesbury Avenue, Seven Dials) was home to some of the worst slums in London (‘the Rookery’) John Strype’s *Survey of the City of London* states that Brownlow Street (a turning off Drury Lane) was ‘well inhabited and built’

³ this is St Mary Matfelon in Whitechapel High Street. It was destroyed in December 1940, during the Blitz, and was finally demolished in 1952

⁴ according to Wikipedia

G5 – GREEN family

Much of the previous is speculation, but I do know that the marriage of Thomas, my 3xgt-grandfather, and Mary PUCKNELL took place on 12 JAN 1834¹ at St Mary, Lambeth, and that this was his second marriage². These names come from the birth certificate of Thomas George, my 2xgt-grandfather.

At the time of his marriage (or at least a couple of years later) Thomas was an engineer³.

The 1841 census holds four records of a Thomas GREEN with wife Mary and son Thomas, all of approximately the right age and resident in either Surrey or Middlesex.

address	Thomas's occupation	Mary's YoB	Thomas's YoB	other children (apart from Thomas)
Cox's Lock & Mills, Chertsey	ag lab	1811	1836	Susan (1829); Mary (1830); William (1838); Elizabeth (1840)
Portman Place, Marylebone	hemp merchant	1814	1838	Sophia (1831); Matilda (1840)
Orcas (Circus?) St, Marylebone	labourer	1811	1837	Mary (1835); Louisa (1837)
Marigold Court, Bermondsey	leather dresser	1811	1839	Mary (1828); Harriett (1830); Caroline (1831); Martha (1835)

None of these entries is beyond doubt the 'right' one. Later evidence⁴ indicates that the first entry – that in Chertsey – is 'my' family, although there is no explanation of why they should be in that part of the county; and why Thomas was an 'engineer' in 1836 but by 1841 he was shown as an 'ag lab'.

I have henceforth assumed that this first 1841 census return⁵ (showing Thomas and Mary living at Chertsey) is the right one. It states simply that Thomas had not been born in the county – that is, he was not born in Surrey. The 1851 census return⁶ gives his place of birth as 'London', and putting these two results together it is likely that he had been born in Middlesex (Holborn would, of course, qualify). It also shows two children, Susan (12) and Mary (11), both born before 1834 – that is, before Thomas's marriage to Mary – so they were presumably from his first marriage, which leads to speculation about this first family.

Returning now to Thomas and Mary's marriage (1834 at St Mary, Lambeth), the baptism registers for St Mary show only two entries between 1834 and 1841 (the date of the census) of a child born to parents Thomas and Mary: these are for Ann Maria (13 JUL 1834) and Thomas George (04 SEP 1836). Both show Thomas as an engineer, and an address in Bird Street. An earlier entry, for another Ann (09 SEP 1832), with parents Thomas and Susannah, also shows her father as an engineer, although the address is not Bird Street. This raises the possibility that Thomas was first married to a Susannah. Three earlier baptisms (Elizabeth Mary Ann 27 JAN 1828, Susan Piper 18 FEB 1829, and Mary 25 AUG 1830) have Thomas and Susan (or Susannah for the earliest child) as parents; but in each case Thomas was a shoemaker. The address given was Vauxhall.

¹ marriage register at St Mary, Lambeth, of Mary PUCKNELL, spinster, and Thomas GREEN, widower

² the marriage certificate shows him to be a widower

³ the baptism record for Thomas George, his son baptised in 1836, shows the father's profession as 'engineer'

⁴ the 1851 census return of the family shows son William of the right age

⁵ 1841 census return for Cox's Lock and Mills, Chertsey, HO107/1074 f7

⁶ 1851 census return for 9 Belvedere Crescent, London, HO107/1570 f13

The marriage registers for St Mary, Lambeth have been searched between 1821 and 1830 and contain only three marriages of a Thomas GREEN, none of which is to a Susan or Susannah, so it is likely that his first marriage did not take place in Lambeth. I have found 45 marriages of a Thomas GREEN in London between 1820 and 1830, but without further information the correct marriage is unlikely to be found.

It might be helpful, at this stage, to summarise the St Mary baptisms.

baptism date	given name	father	mother	address	occupation
27 JAN 1828	Elizabeth Mary Ann	Thomas	Susannah	Vauxhall	shoemaker
18 FEB 1829	Susan Piper	Thomas	Susan	Vauxhall	shoemaker
25 AUG 1830	Mary	Thomas	Susan	Vauxhall	shoemaker
09 SEP 1832	Ann	Thomas	Susannah	Vauxhall Lane	engineer
13 JUL 1834	Ann Maria	Thomas	Mary	Bird Street	engineer
04 SEP 1836	Thomas George	Thomas	Mary	Bird Street	engineer

The two occurrences of Ann, albeit one is Ann Maria, seems unlikely. However, the burial register of St Mary's records the burial of Ann GREEN on 12 MAY 1833; her age was under 1 year, and while the register does not show any details of parents, this is a distinct possibility, especially as the address given is 'Vauxhall'. Unfortunately the register contains no burial record of a Susan or a Susannah.

Thomas's second marriage was on 12 JAN 1834, to Mary PUCKNELL, at Lambeth¹, as mentioned above. Thus his first wife must have died before that date and after September 1832, assuming that daughter Ann had been baptised soon after birth. Between April 1830 and December 1833 there were only eleven female burials at St Mary Lambeth: of these four were aged ten or younger, and four were aged 70 or older, leaving the following three possibilities:

04 JAN 1832	Mary (43)	Princes Place
09 JUN 1832	Sarah Grace (42)	W?? Place
08 MAY 1833	Louisa (54)	Workhouse

As Thomas would have been around 30 at the time, none of these seems very likely and the details of Thomas's first marriage remain unclear.

Following their marriage, Thomas and Mary lived in Bird Street in Lambeth² and while living here they had two children: Ann Maria³ (13 JUL 1834) and Thomas George (04 SEP 1836)⁴. Bird Street was a continuation of Monkton Street, close to the Lambeth Workhouse and not very far from a timber yard. By 1914 it had become part of Monkton Street.

It seems that sometime after 1836 the family moved to Hammersmith, where William was baptised⁵ on 30 SEP 1838. From there they moved to Chertsey, which is where they are shown in the 1841 census⁶ with children Susan (12), Mary (11), Thomas (5), William (3) and Elizabeth (aged 6 months). Unusually for the 1841 census, Thomas's age is not rounded but given as 43, indicating a YoB of 1798; Mary's age is given as 30.

The birth certificate of Elizabeth shows that she was born on 13 NOV 1840, so she would indeed have been six months old when the census was taken (the 1841 census was taken on the night of 6/7 June). The birth was registered in the Kingston district⁷, but sadly the

¹ marriage register for St Mary, Lambeth, page 98

² address shown in baptism register for both Ann Maria and Thomas George

³ possibly named for Mary's sister, five years older than she

⁴ both baptisms recorded in baptism register for St Mary, Lambeth

⁵ at the Parish church, Hammersmith

⁶ 1841 census return for Cox's Lock & Mills, Chertsey, HO107/1074 f7

⁷ ONS birth registration of Elizabeth Green, Q4/1840, Kingston, 4 177

birth certificate gives no further details of their address at the time; however, it does include the very important fact that Mary's maiden name had been Pucknell, which confirms that this is indeed the right family.

Within a couple of years they moved a little further south to Weybridge (which is within the Chertsey registration district) where another son, George, was born on 03 APR 1843¹ and baptised a few months later on 02 JUL 1843 at St James's Church². Rather helpfully, George's birth certificate shows his mother's name as 'Mary Green formerly Pucknall [sic]'.

No convincing reason has been found for this travel: the most likely reason is that Thomas was moving from job to job.

The table below shows all the children so far found (and assumes that all seven children were born to the same Thomas). The fourth column shows their ages as they would have been in April 1841 (the time of the 1841 census), assuming they were still alive, and the last column shows the ages given in the 1841 census return already discussed (that for Cox's Lock & Mills, at Chertsey).

given name	birth / baptism	mother	age in 1841	age in census
Elizabeth Mary Ann	27 JAN 1828	Susannah	13	
Susan Piper	18 FEB 1829	Susan	12	12
Mary	25 AUG 1830	Susan	10	11
Ann	09 SEP 1832	Susannah	deceased	
Ann Maria	13 JUL 1834	Mary	6	
Thomas George	04 SEP 1836	Mary	4 ½	5
William	30 SEP 1838	Mary	2 ½	3
Elizabeth	13 NOV 1840	Mary	6 mo	6 mo

It can be seen that the ages of all the children shown in the census correspond within a year, but two children are not accounted for: Elizabeth Mary Ann and Ann Maria.

It is possible that Elizabeth, even at the age of 13, could have already been in service (and she may have been older, if she hadn't been baptised soon after birth). The 1841 census has many instances of an Elizabeth of about the right age resident in Surrey, but most are clearly living with their parents. The others are shown below: none seems likely.

name	age	address	other residents
Elizabeth	15	Pages Walk, Union Row, Bermondsey	Diana FARMER + 3 children
Elizabeth	15	Blackman Street, St George Southwark	Lewis & Mary GRAVE + children
Elizabeth	15	Clayton Street, Lambeth	5 unrelated
Elizabeth	14	Lupser Road, York Cottage, Camberwell	Joshua & Mary JOHNSON
Elizabeth	18	Andover Place, Camberwell	4 young children + 3 unrelated
Elizabeth	18	Russell Street South Side, Lambeth	James & Mary Ann TILL + 3 children

¹ birth certificate; ONS birth registration for George Green, Q2/1843, Chertsey, 4 81

² baptism register for St James's, Weybridge; mother's name given as (formerly PUCKNELL)

The death of an Ann Maria GREEN was registered (in the Kingston district) during the second quarter of 1842¹. This is a possibility, although it doesn't explain why she does not appear in the 1841 census.

Banns were called for Thomas's third marriage on 17, 24, and 31 MAR 1850² (at St Mary, Lambeth); on 07 APR 1850 he married Sarah BARNETT³, a widow. This means that Mary must have died sometime between April 1843 and March 1850.

No deaths were registered for Mary GREEN in either Kingston or Chertsey districts during this time, so it is likely that the family had returned to Lambeth. However, the burial registers for all Lambeth churches (and, just in case, that for St James, Weybridge) have been checked with no result. Mary could have died in Weybridge or anywhere along the way back to Lambeth; it is likely that her death will remain a mystery.

At the time of the 1841 census Sarah had been living with husband Thomas and children Thomas (7) and Mary (3) in College Street⁴ (off Waterloo Road), Lambeth. The ONS records the death of only one Thomas BARNETT between 1841 and 1851, in 1844⁵.

At the date of their marriage, both Thomas and Sarah were living at 35 Berkeley Street⁶. Thomas's father was shown as 'Richard GREEN (deceased)' and Sarah's as 'William LANSBURY, gardener'. There is only one likely baptism of a Sarah LANSBURY, with father William, between 1806 and 1816, but this took place at Romsey (Hampshire); the date was 04 JUN 1809. Was it simply a coincidence that Mary, Thomas' second wife, and Sarah, his third, were born only about 25 miles apart?

A year later, at the time of the 1851 census, Thomas and Sarah were living at 9 Belvedere Crescent⁷; this address was close to the south bank of the Thames, near Hungerford Bridge (which was a footbridge at this date). Both on the marriage certificate and in the census entry⁸ Thomas is described as a sawyer, as was his father Richard. Thomas had been born in 'London' (as already mentioned), but Sarah's place of birth was Romsey (Hampshire), which confirms her origin deduced above.

They were shown with a total of seven children. Three are listed as 'sons': Thomas (15), William (13) and George (9) and these clearly correspond to Thomas's children with Mary. The other four, three boys and a girl, are listed as 'visitors' and were presumably Sarah's children: Henry (17), Mary (13), Alfred (5) and Susan (3). Clearly Mary is the daughter who was with Sarah in the 1841 census but Henry appears to have replaced son Thomas; and apparently Alfred and Susan were born after Thomas's death (Thomas BARNETT, that is)! They could, of course, be children born to her with Thomas GREEN (but why are they shown as visitors and with surname BARNETT?) or relatives other than her children, although in a later (1861) census they are shown as her children.

Although the names and dates in this section are accurate, there is no 'proof' that they refer to individuals in my family. The most pressing question is why Thomas should have married Susan in Shoreditch, then moved to Lambeth, where he married Mary and had two children, then on to Hammersmith for the birth of William, before moving to live in

¹ ONS death reference for Ann Maria GREEN, Q2/1842, Kingston, 4 131

² banns register for St Mary, Lambeth, p126

³ marriage certificate at St Mary, Lambeth, of Sarah BARNETT, widow, and Thomas GREEN, widower, 17 APR 1850

⁴ 1841 census return for College Street, Waterloo Road, Lambeth, HO107/1061/1, f12 p9

⁵ ONS death reference for Thomas BARNETT, Q2/1844, Wandsworth, 4 380

⁶ this street no longer exists, but was parallel to Lambeth Walk at its northern end

⁷ Belvedere Crescent was formerly known as Ragged Row, probably from the tumbledown condition of the old cottages which bordered it. The houses along the road were all rebuilt in 1828-29 (from: 'The Hopes, King's Arms Stairs, and Jenkins Street', Survey of London: volume 23: Lambeth: South Bank and Vauxhall (1951), pp. 56-57)

⁸ 1851 census return for 9 Belvedere Crescent, Lambeth, HO108/1570 f13

Chertsey, where Elizabeth was born. The family then moved to Weybridge (George's birth and baptism) and finally travelled back to Lambeth, where Mary died, and Thomas married for the third time. These moves may have been driven by his job. If the family has been correctly identified, then at the birth of his first children (1828 – 30) he was a shoemaker, during the 1830s he was an engineer, and in the 1841 census he was listed as an 'ag lab'. When George was baptised (1843) he was once again an engineer¹, yet by 1851 he was a sawyer², having adopted his father's profession (his father had died some eight years previously). 'Engineer' did not, in the early 19th century, have the meaning it has today; rather, it could have indicated any job working with machinery or equipment rather than as a manual labourer. In fact, when Thomas registered George's birth in 1843 he 'made his mark' on the certificate, probably indicating that he was unable to write, even though he appears to have signed both his marriage certificates, with Mary in 1834 and with Sarah in 1850.

No children resulting from this third marriage (Thomas and Sarah) have been found, with the possible exception of Alfred and Susan, who are mentioned above. The record of Thomas's death has not yet been found, although he died probably between the end of 1857 (he is shown as a 'sawyer' on son Thomas's marriage certificate, in October 1857) and April 1861 (the 1861 census shows Sarah as a widow, still living at Belvedere Crescent³). There are three possibilities registered in Lambeth: two in late 1857⁴ and one in early 1861⁵. This last refers to an infant of nine days and so can be ruled out.

Perhaps unsurprisingly in view of Green being such a common name, it has proved remarkably difficult to trace the various children – assuming that they were indeed all part of the same family!

Susan Piper (1829 – 1871)

016J

Susan was baptised at Lambeth on 18 FEB 1829⁶; her parents were Thomas and Susan, and the address was 'Norfolk Place, Vauxhall'. She married Alfred BATHMAKER, a potter, at St Mary Lambeth⁷. They set up home at 110 Vauxhall Walk⁸, and had only one child, Mary (1857). Susan died soon after the 1871 census⁹. See Appendix 016J on page 34 for more information.

Mary (1830 – ?)

016K

Mary was baptised on 25 AUG 1830¹⁰, and she appears in the 1841 census return at Chertsey. She has not been found in the next census, and may have died – there are many possibilities for a name as common as this.

Ann (1832 – 1833)

016L

Ann was baptised, at St Mary Lambeth, on 09 SEP 1832 and buried on 12 MAY 1833.

¹ baptism register for George GREEN at St James's, Weybridge

² 1851 census return, *op cit*

³ 1861 census return for 9 Belvedere Crescent, RG9/349 f13

⁴ ONS death references for Thomas GREEN, Q4/1857, Lambeth, 1d 236 or 1d 210

⁵ ONS death reference for Thomas GREEN, Q1/1861, Lambeth, 1d 292

⁶ baptism register for St Mary, Lambeth

⁷ Thomas George, Susan's half-brother, lived at 4 Granby Buildings in the 1870s – was this just coincidence?

⁸ 1851 census return for 110 Vauxhall Walk, Lambeth, HO108/1572 f135 p11

⁹ ONS death registration for Susan Piper BATHMAKER, 42, Q2/1871, Lambeth, 1d 266

¹⁰ baptism register for St Mary, Lambeth

Ann Maria (1834 – ?)**016M**

Ann was baptised on 13 JUL 1834¹. She does not appear in the 1841 census with the rest of her family; it is likely that she had died, but no record of her death has been found. As the family was in Lambeth in 1836 and in Hammersmith by 1838 her burial might not be easy to trace.

Thomas George (1836 – 1912)**016**

Thomas George was my great-great-grandfather; he was baptised at St Mary, Lambeth, on 04 SEP 1836². He is shown in the 1841 census, when the family was living at Chertsey; in 1851 he was living with his parents (rather, father and step-mother) in Belvedere Crescent. He married in 1857 and his story is continued on page 12.

William Henry (1838 – ?)**016N**

William was baptised at Hammersmith on 30 SEP 1838. In 1851 the census return shows him, aged 13, as an 'errand boy' living with his father and step-mother Sarah. The following census, that of 1861, records three instances of a William GREEN born in Hammersmith; none is definite. Further information can be found in Appendix 016N on page 35.

Elizabeth (1840 – ?)**016O**

Like her half-sister Mary, Elizabeth is shown in the 1841 census return but does not appear in the 1851 census and had presumably died before she was 10. There are six possible death registrations for Lambeth.

George (1843 – ?)**016P**

Apart from a birth certificate, which confirms his parents' names and the date of birth, and the entry in the 1851 census, no conclusive further record has been found, although the 1861 census reports two Georges, each born around 1842 – one at Egham and one at Cobham. Further information is in Appendix 016P on page 36.

¹ baptism register for St Mary, Lambeth

² baptism register for St Mary, Lambeth

G4 – GREEN Family

Thomas George GREEN, eldest son of Thomas and Mary, married Martha Jane LILLISTONE, Nathaniel and Sarah's second daughter, on 11 OCT 1857¹ at St Thomas, Stepney². It was the first of four marriages on that day.

Thomas George was a 'mason'; his father Thomas was a 'sawyer'. The witnesses were Nathaniel and Sarah LILLISTONE, Martha's father and elder sister; one might have expected Thomas to have signed as a witness at his son's wedding so it is possible that he had died by then, although the marriage certificate does not state this to be so.

The marriage certificate gives no indication about where Thomas or Martha were living prior to the marriage: six years earlier, at the time of the 1851 census, both had been living at home with their respective families, Thomas at Belvedere Crescent in Lambeth, Martha in Mile End Old Town. We have no explanation of how they met, but we have already discovered that Thomas' father Thomas moved around, presumably because of his job as first an engineer and then as a sawyer; he may even have been born in Stepney. It is likely that he met Martha's father, a carpenter, either through family friendships or in the course of business.

The certificate also states that both were of 'full age'. Although we know Thomas's baptism date (04 SEP 1836), his birthdate is uncertain other than being around the beginning of April 1836. Martha's is also uncertain, but (based on census information) was probably not earlier than April 1838, meaning that she would have been under 21 at the date of her marriage.

A year later, when Thomas and Martha's first child (Thomas George again!) was born on 11 AUG 1858 the family was living at 17 Charles Street, Stepney³, the same street that housed Martha's sister Mary Honor's future husband John BOLUS (see Appendix 0170 on page 39). The birth certificate of Thomas George shows parents Thomas George GREEN, journeyman⁴ slate mason, and Martha Jane GREEN, formerly LILLISTONE. As a journeyman he could well have moved from place to place seeking work.

Martha Janet Mary, the second child, was born in Lambeth⁵ in June 1860⁶; so between the births of the first two children – sometime between August 1858 and June 1860 – the family moved from Stepney back to Lambeth⁷: the 1861 census return⁸ shows them at Pratt Street. The move was again, presumably, dictated by Thomas's job. Pratt Street, now Pratt Walk, dates from 1775 and is a turning off Lambeth Road (Church Street in the 19th century) opposite Lambeth Palace Gardens; it was named after the family of the wife and mother of Sir Joseph Mawbey, Bart, who held the copyhold of the land. The houses on one side of the road backed on to the main railway lines from Waterloo; those on the opposite side backed on to a distillery.

The 1871 and 1881 census returns show Thomas GREEN, slate mason, and wife Martha living at 4 Granby Buildings, Lambeth⁹. (The Post Office Directory for 1905 showed that

¹ marriage certificate

² St Thomas was a 'district' church founded in 1838 to ease the population growth in the mother parish of St Dunstan. It was closed in 1940

³ birth certificate

⁴ 'Journeyman', from the French *ournée*, is a skilled worker who has successfully completed an apprenticeship; he would be paid daily, hence the term. It is a rank above 'apprentice' and a rank below 'master' (*Wikipedia*)

⁵ from census returns of 1871 and 1881

⁶ the birth of Martha Janet Mary was registered in Q3/1860, Lambeth, 1d 271

⁷ the 1861 census return shows Martha Janet, aged 10 months, born in Lambeth

⁸ 1861 census return for Pratt Street Court, Lambeth, RG9/352 f27 p6

⁹ 1871 census return, RG10/661, f66 and 1881 census return, RG11/592, f48 p22

Granby Buildings were between 24 and 48 Broad Street, on the south side. Broad Street has since been renamed to Black Prince Road, and it is off the Albert Embankment. The Buildings, sandwiched between Vauxhall Walk and the railway line, have now been demolished.) They shared the house with three sons – Thomas (1858), slate mason; John (1865), printer's assistant; and William (1873) – and five daughters – Martha (1861), laundress; Sarah (1863); Susan (1867); Kate (1869); Hetty (1875); and Ada (1880). The family is shown in the chart. With the exception of Thomas, who was born in Stepney as was his mother, all the children were born in Lambeth.

Martha Jane died aged 45 on 13 MAR 1884¹; the death, from chronic gastritis, cirrhosis of the liver and exhaustion, was registered in Lambeth by her husband.

The 1891 census shows Thomas GREEN, slate mason (and widower), still living at 4 Granby Buildings². As well as Susannah, described as 'ironer/wash' (presumably Susan from 1881), and Ada, John W, a craneboy, is shown. His age indicates that he is not the 'John William' born in 1864 but his younger brother William (1873). The family occupied three of the rooms at no. 4.

Close by, possibly in the same tenement, at 1 Granby Buildings, was a 45-year-old widow, Mary Ann DILLON, with two daughters, Annie and Emma. As Maryanne STONE she had married Samuel in 1875³. Six years later the 1881 census had recorded Samuel, a whitesmith⁴, and Mary Ann living at Castle Street, St Giles⁵, with four daughters: Mary Anne (1876), Annie (1878), Rosie (1879) and Elizabeth (1880). Samuel had died in 1886 aged only 36⁶.

Thomas married Mary Ann DILLON⁷ towards the end of 1891⁸. The 1901 census return⁹ shows them still living at 4 Granby Buildings, with Mary's daughter Annie, now aged 23; but ten years later the census return of 1911¹⁰ shows Thomas and Mary living in Bermondsey, at 27 Freda Street (Abbey Street) in four rooms, together with Ada AINGE, a 13-year-old granddaughter. The census return confirms the marriage date of 1891 and shows that there were no children from this marriage. Ada was the daughter of Susannah, Thomas's fifth child, who had married George AINGE (see later).

Thomas died at the age of 75 at 28 Tranton Road, in Bermondsey, less than a year later on 24 FEB 1912¹¹. The death certificate shows his occupation was still that of slate mason; son Thomas George, of 60 The Albany, Albany Road, Camberwell, was the informant. A probable death for Mary Ann was in the following year, 1913¹².

Thomas George (1858 – 1932)

008

Thomas George, my great-grandfather, was born on 11 AUG 1858¹³, while the family was living in Stepney (Mile End Old Town); but by April 1861 they had moved to Pratt Street,

¹ death certificate

² 1891 census return for 4 Granby Buildings, Lambeth, RG12/392, f119 p32

³ ONS marriage reference for Samuel DILLON and Maryanne STONE, Q2/1875, Lambeth, 1d 501

⁴ a whitesmith makes and repairs items in tin, or other light metals (also known as a tinsmith)

⁵ 1881 census return for 14 Castle Street, St Giles in Fields, RG11/322, f40 p26

⁶ ONS death reference for Samuel William DILLON aged 36, Q2/1886, Strand, 1b 358

⁷ 1901 census shows Thomas, Mary A and step-daughter Annie DILLON

⁸ ONS marriage reference for Thomas George GREEN and Mary Ann DILLON, Q4/1891, Lambeth, 1d 743

⁹ 1901 census return for 4 Granby Buildings, Broad Street, Lambeth, RG13/406 f88 p40

¹⁰ 1911 census return for 27 Freda Street, Bermondsey, RG14/1905 ED37 SN258

¹¹ death certificate

¹² ONS death reference for Mary A GREEN aged 65, Q1/1913, Lambeth, 1d 525

¹³ birth certificate

Lambeth. As already noted, the 1881 census return¹ records the family living at 4 Granby Buildings, Lambeth. Thomas, who by now was aged 22 and a slate mason like his father, was still at home; next door at no. 3 was a Frederick DELLA ROCCA with his wife Anne. One of Frederick's cousins was Ellen Dawson DELLA ROCCA (see the DELLA ROCCA file for further information); her (illegitimate) daughter was Clara Sarah Mary Ann. It is mere speculation concerning how Thomas and Clara met but meet they did, as Thomas George GREEN and Clara Sarah Mary Ann DELLA ROCCA were two of my great-grandparents. They were married on 09 AUG 1885² in St Mark's, the parish church, in Kennington.

Further information on their life together is in in the 'Recent Generations' book.

*Martha Janet (1860 – 1950)*³ 008N

Sarah Jane (1863 – 1941) 008O

Hetty (1875 – 1965) 008T

Ada (1880 – 1967) 008U

None of these four daughters married. Much of their adult life was spent as two 'pairs' with Sarah and Hetty working and living together, and Martha and Ada sharing a house. For further information about these four see Appendix 008N on page 45.

*John William (1864 – 1926)*⁴ 008P

John was a printer's assistant in 1881 at the age of 16 and married Sarah GLOVER in 1891. He died in 1926.

*Susan(nah) (1867 – 1905)*⁵ 008Q

Susan married George AINGE in 1893 and they had three children before Susannah died in 1905, aged just 38.

*Kate Elizabeth (1869 – 1954)*⁶ 008R

Kate was born on 23 FEB 1869. She married Charles GOODE and they had eight children together. Kate died on 01 JUL 1954 in Leeds.

*William (1873 – ?)*⁷ 008S

William is listed in the 1881 census, aged 8. Later he moved in to live with his sisters Martha and Ada in Balham.

¹ 1881 census return for 4 Granby Buildings, Lambeth, RG11/592 f48 p22

² marriage certificate

³ see Appendix 008N for details of these four daughters

⁴ see Appendix 008P

⁵ see Appendix 008Q

⁶ see Appendix 008R

⁷ see Appendix 008S

G6 and earlier – PUCKNELL family

The only information known of this family for certain is that Mary PUCKNELL was our 4xgt-grandmother; she married Thomas GREEN (his second marriage) on 12 JAN 1834¹. The birth certificate of son George gives his mother's name as 'Mary Green formerly Pucknall [sic]'.

Pucknell is not a common name. One reasonably likely possibility is that Mary was baptised on 02 JUN 1811² at Portsea, Hampshire, the daughter of William and Hannah. This does not explain, of course, how she met and married Thomas at Lambeth in 1834. William and Hannah (née STEVENS) also baptised Ann Maria (16 OCT 1806, aged five months) and Harriet (02 APR 1809, born 08 DEC 1808), both at Portsea. A son Thomas was baptised on 30 MAY 1819 to the same parents, but at Southampton St Mary.

The 1841 census return³ (the only one in which Mary appears) shows that she had not been born in Surrey, which strengthens the above theory. It gives her age as 30 and so it is reasonable to assume that she was born between 1807 and 1811. A further slender point in favour of this is that the second son of Thomas and Mary was named William, possibly after her father, and their first child Ann Maria possibly for her sister.

A Trade Directory for Portsmouth dated 1792 shows two instances of a William PUCKNELL, one an innkeeper and one a carpenter & joiner; either one of these could have been her father, although it is tempting to choose the latter as there is an obvious connections with Thomas' occupation of sawyer. Mary's mother, Hannah STEVENS, was baptised on 29 APR 1785 at West Tisted, a small village about 8 miles north-west of Petersfield and 5½ miles south-east of Alresford. William and Hannah married on 03 FEB 1805 in Alverstoke, less than a mile west of Gosport on the south coast.

Mary's mother Hannah was the eldest child of four. Her parents, Thomas STEVENS and Phillis TURNER, married on 26 NOV 1784 at St Mary's, West Tisted. Her siblings were: Thomas (27 OCT 1786); Dinah (03 OCT 1788); and Isaac (08 JUL 1795). All were baptised at West Tisted.

Hannah's father, Thomas, was the youngest child of three. His parents, Thomas STEVENS and Olive COOKE, married on 07 JUN 1748 in Winchester. Thomas's siblings were Olive (06 JAN 1755) and William (29 JAN 1758). All three children were baptised at West Tisted.

There seems little doubt that these ancestors of Mary PUCKNELL are correctly identified. What is missing is a confirmed link that this Mary PUCKNELL was the Mary PUCKNELL who married my 4xgt-grandfather Thomas George GREEN; and there is also the problem of how and why Thomas, from London, met and married Mary, from the Portsmouth area. Their story continues on page 6.

¹ marriage register, St Mary Lambeth

² baptism register of HAM Portsea St Mary

³ 1841 census return for Cox's Lock & Mills, Chertsey, HO107/1074 f7

LILLISTONE families – G7 and earlier

The evidence I have collected to date (see the following section) shows a very strong likelihood that my 4xgt-grandfather <G6> in this branch of the family was Nathaniel LILLISTONE (1780 – 1856), who was born at Witnesham (Suffolk).

A Nathaniel LILLISTONE <G6> was baptised at SFK Sudbury on 09 AUG 1752, with parents Thomas and Sarah¹. Although I have found no definite proof, there is a strong likelihood that this latter was my 5xgt-grandfather and father of Nathaniel, my 4xgt-grandfather, whose story continues in the next section. The points in favour of this are:

- The names: Nathaniel is not a common name and it is likely to have been passed down from generation to generation
- The dates: Nathaniel (son) was born in about 1780 and this would fit well with a possible marriage of his parents in 1778, when the elder Nathaniel would have been 26.

FindMyPast gives the baptism of a Thomas LILESTONE on 29 DEC 1729 in the parish of Thelnetham; his parents were Nathaniel and Elizabeth. Thelnetham is a small village six miles west of Diss; in 2005 its population was 230. It is three miles north-west of Rickingham. A Thomas LILLYSTONE was buried at Thelnetham on 18 FEB 1788; his age was given as 57, making his YoB 1731, but this is likely to be the same Thomas.

Boyd's Marriage Index shows the marriage of Nathaniel LILLISTONE to Elz (Elizabeth) HIX at SFK Rickingham Inferior in 1723.

Against this are the distances to be considered: Thelnetham to Sudbury is almost 30 miles, while Sudbury to Witnesham, where the younger Nathaniel was born, is about 25 miles. However, the distance from Witnesham to Kirton (where Nathaniel married and spent the rest of his life) is about 12 miles.

Nathaniel (1780 – 1856)

According to the 1851 census return, Nathaniel had been born in Witnesham, Suffolk, a small village about two miles north of Ipswich, in about 1780²; this birth has not yet been found in the parish register, but it is shown in the IGI in connection with his two marriages (see below), both of which took place at Kirton, a village about 11 miles south-east of Witnesham. Nathaniel was one of my 4xgt-grandfathers, and his story is continued in the next section.

Thomas

Thomas, a probable brother of Nathaniel, was married at Kirton on 12 OCT 1804 to Elizabeth CLODD.

¹ from Ancestry and FindMyPast

² 1851 census return for 'Street', Brandeston, Suffolk, HO107/1802, f80: this gives Nathaniel's age and birthplace

G6 – LILLISTONE family

The evidence collected to date indicates the very strong probability that my 4xgt-grandparents on this family branch were Nathaniel LILLISTONE and Ann PENNING.

On 19 JAN 1804 Nathaniel married Mary Field BROOKS¹, spinster. She had been born at Kirton on 19 APR 1780² and was a daughter of William FIELD and Mary BROOKS³. However, the marriage lasted only a few short months before Mary died on 20 APR 1804⁴ aged 24. She was buried a fortnight later on 03 MAY 1804⁵; rather confusingly, the register refers to her as the 'daughter of Robert [sic] FIELD and Mary BROOKS' (a note in the register states 'late Mary Field BROOKS, spinster').

The only other entry around this time in the marriage register for a Nathaniel LILLISTONE is for a marriage on 10 JUL 1804⁶. Nathaniel is shown as a widower and, although it seems rather unlikely, especially as there were no dependent children, it seems that having buried his wife of only three months Nathaniel wasted no time in marrying for a second time ten weeks later.

This time the bride was Ann PENNING, who was just 21. She was about Nathaniel's age, and had been born in Ipswich. Ten children from Nathaniel and Ann's marriage have been found⁷ and they are shown in the chart; most, if not all, were baptised at Kirton and this is where the family lived for some years. Only four survived beyond childhood.

In 1841 Nathaniel was a carpenter⁸ living in 'Kirton County Parish'. His name is also shown in the Electoral Register for Kirby⁹. Ann died on 07 SEP 1843¹⁰ at the age of 60; the address given was simply 'Kirton'. At the time of the next census, in 1851¹¹, Nathaniel was lodging with the HOUCHIN family at Brandeston, 17 miles north of Kirton.

He survived his wife Ann by 13 years, dying on 14 JAN 1856¹². His age was given as 75, which confirms the estimate of his birth given above. He died at Kirton, so he must have returned from Brandeston. The certificate confirms that he was a carpenter; the cause of death was 'accidental death from a fall on to the ground causing a concussion of the brain'.

James (1805 – 1842)

034M

James was born on 21 FEB 1805 and baptised just less than two months later on 14 APR 1805¹³. There is no record of a James in the 1841 census, but the death of a James LILLISTONE at Kirton¹⁴ in 1842 has been found and this is a distinct possibility.

¹ marriage register for SFK Kirton, p27

² IGI record of marriage at Kirton

³ parents' names given in marriage register for Kirton, SFK

⁴ MI at Kirton; the inscription states that she was the wife of Nathaniel Lillistone

⁵ burial register for Kirton, SFK

⁶ marriage register page 29 for SFK Kirton

⁷ the first four in the baptism register for SFK Kirton; the remainder in the IGI

⁸ 1841 census return for Kirton County Parish, HO107/1021 f16

⁹ page 39, in Woodbridge district

¹⁰ death certificate; ONS death reference for Nathaniel LILLISTONE, Q1/1856, Woodbridge, 4a 396

¹¹ 1851 census return for 'Street', Brandeston, Suffolk, HO107/1802, f80

¹² ONS register of deaths, 1/1856, Woodbridge, 4a 396 (the name 'Lillingstone' is recorded), and information from Carol Pointer

¹³ Kirton baptism register, page 326

¹⁴ ONS death reference for James LILLISTONE, Q2/1842, Woodbridge, 12 340

Nathaniel (1806 – 1870) **034**

The second son, Nathaniel, was my 3xgt-grandfather. He was born on 03 APR 1806 and baptised the next day, 04 APR 1806¹. The story continues on page 20.

John (1807 – 1809) **034N**

John was born 30 NOV 1807 and baptised on 27 DEC 1807². He died less than 16 months later and was buried on 27 APR 1809³.

William (1809 – 1812) **034O**

William, the fourth son, was born 28 SEP 1809 and baptised on 20 NOV 1809⁴; he died and was buried on 26 FEB 1812⁵.

Eliza (1813 – 1893)⁶ **034P**

Eliza was baptised on 07 MAR 1813. She married James CLARKE at Ipswich on 22 JUL 1839⁷.

John (1814 – 1893)⁸ **034Q**

John was born on 20 OCT 1814 and baptised a little over two months later on 08 JAN 1815. He married Sarah BURTON on 03 DEC 1839 at St Marylebone.

Honour (1816 – 1817) **034R**

The Kirton register shows that Honour, daughter of Nathaniel and Ann, was born on 20 DEC 1816 and baptised on 25 MAY 1817⁹. The IGI shows that she died 'before 1818', but this hasn't been confirmed in a parish register.

Honour (1818 – ?) **034R**

The register shows that the next child was also named Honour; she was baptised on 10 MAY 1818¹⁰, but had presumably been born some months earlier, as the next daughter (see Sarah Ann, below), was born in December the same year. There is no further trace of her.

The name Honour is uncommon; but this unusual name is repeated in a later generation.

¹ Kirton baptism register, page 341

² Kirton baptism register, page 366

³ Kirton burial register, page 237; his mother is shown as 'Ann, late PENNING, spinster'

⁴ Kirton baptism register, page 398

⁵ Kirton burial register, page 253

⁶ see Appendix 034P, page 25

⁷ ONS marriage reference for James CLARKE and Eliza LILLISTORE, Q3/1839, Ipswich, 12 527

⁸ see Appendix 034Q, page 26

⁹ *op cit*

¹⁰ *op cit*

LILLISTONE – G6

Sarah Ann (1818 – 1828)

034S

Sarah Ann was born on 04 DEC 1818 and baptised some four months later on 11 APR 1819¹. She died aged only 9 and was buried on 31 OCT 1828².

William (1821 – 1821)

034T

William, the second child of this name born to Nathaniel and Ann, was born on 10 FEB 1821, was baptised on 22 APR 1821 and died 'before 1822'³.

*William (1822 – 1860)*⁴

034U

William was born 16 JAN 1822 and baptised on 05 APR 1822. He married Maria BURTON on 26 FEB 1852 in the Parish chapel, St Pancras, London.

¹ both dates from Vital Records Index

² NBI reference for Sarah Ann LILLISTONE aged 9, Kirton St Mary & St Martin

³ these dates from the IGI for Kirton

⁴ see Appendix 034U

G5 – LILLISTONE family

Nathaniel LILLISTONE, the second son of Nathaniel and Ann, was born in Kirton (Suffolk) on 03 APR 1806¹, and baptised the following day.

He became a carpenter, though no record of an apprenticeship has been found, and it must be assumed that he moved to London to find work, as he and Sarah READ, fourth daughter of Lewis and Ann/Diana, were married on 08 FEB 1835² in St Paul's, The Highway, Shadwell. Five children from the marriage have been found; all were baptised in St Anne's church, Limehouse³ (part of Tower Hamlets).

In 1841 Nathaniel and the two eldest children were living in Ratcliff, a district of Stepney⁴. (Ratcliff had been established as a separate parish only three years earlier, in 1838⁵.) The census return states that Nathaniel was born in about 1803, 'not in county' – i.e. not in Middlesex. There is no mention of their mother Sarah. However, a Sarah LILESTON aged 30 was shown in the household of Charles and Jane SHELLEY in St John Hampstead⁶, though the census return records that she was born 'in county' (i.e. Middlesex) whereas Nathaniel's wife had been born in Plaistow, Essex. It would be convenient to find that Jane was Sarah's sister but unfortunately no such sister has been found (see page 20 for Sarah's family). However, John LILLISTONE, Sarah's brother-in-law, lived only a few hundred yards away in New End Square and it is possible that this Sarah was indeed the wife of Nathaniel.

The 1841 census return also records a Sarah LILLYSTONE, age 30, living in Bermondsey – but she was the wife of Robert and they had a family of three children living with them.

The family has been found in the 1851 census⁷ (where the name was transcribed as 'Elliston'), although on this occasion Nathaniel was not present (and he has not been found elsewhere). Sarah and all five children were living together in Mile End, in one of a small row of houses (Devonshire Place) set back from the line of what is now Ben Johnson Road, a short distance east of the present White Horse Road. In 1851 the area was known as 'World's End', which in fact was the name of the alehouse at the end of the road⁸, on the corner with the present Harford Street. It has now been swallowed up in the Ocean Estate, a predominantly Bangladeshi area.

Nathaniel died in the Mile End Workhouse on 01 APR 1870⁹ of 'cerebral disease, paralysis' – perhaps a stroke. The certificate shows his age as 62, placing his birthdate between APR 1807 and APR 1808. This differs slightly from his birthdate as recorded in the baptism register at Kirton (03 APR 1806) although this may not be significant. The informant was A W Beck, presumably an official at the Workhouse. Nathaniel's burial took place at Victoria Park Cemetery, Hackney (just across the railway line from the workhouse), on 07 APR 1870¹⁰. The record shows that the burial took place six days after his death (confirming the above date) and that he was 64 – which puts his year of birth as 1805-1806. No doubt his family had a better idea of his true age than did the Workhouse. Furthermore, his 'place of abode' was given as 53 Charles Street, Stepney, so presumably

¹ Kirton baptism register, page 341

² marriage register for St Paul's, Shadwell

³ baptism register for St Anne, Limehouse

⁴ 1841 census return for 2 Caroline Street, Ratcliff, HO107/714

⁵ Ratcliff (or Ratcliffe) was a hamlet on the north bank of the Thames between Shadwell and Limehouse; it is to the south of Stepney

⁶ 1841 census return for Gardner's Place, Hampstead St John, HO107/674/2 f19 p16

⁷ 1851 census return for 4 Devonshire Place, Mile End Old Town, Tower Hamlets, HO107/1553 f543

⁸ it was known as World's End simply because there was nothing further east before Bow or Bromley

⁹ death certificate

¹⁰ Victoria Park Cemetery burial record, page 249

the family took him from the workhouse and buried him from there. I have found no record of the Lillistone family living in Charles Street¹, although their son-in-law John BOLUS lived at no. 12 in 1863, and in 1858 Thomas George Green (their first grandchild) was born to Martha Jane (Nathaniel's second daughter) at no. 17. Only six years later Victoria Park Cemetery became a park, or a recreation ground, and is now Meath Gardens, Bethnal Green. It is bounded by the Grand Union Canal and a railway line. It seems that the cemetery was never consecrated and was one of the new private cemeteries that sprang up following the closure of the London churchyards when they became full.

On the marriage certificate of his son John William (05 DEC 1870) there is no indication that Nathaniel is deceased, but he is not shown as one of the witnesses to the wedding².

By 1871, a year after Nathaniel's death, his widow Sarah was living at 72 Euston Square, Marylebone, as housekeeper to a 26-year-old General Practitioner, Joseph MITCHELL; she has not been found in the 1881 census. She died at 86 Kerbey Street, Poplar, on 22 OCT 1889 aged 81³; this confirms that she was born about 1808. Her death was registered by her niece, E C REED, of 91 Giraud Street, Poplar; this was Eliza C., the daughter of Sarah's brother Lewis (see Appendix 035M).

Sarah Ann (1835 – ?)⁴

017M

Sarah Ann was born on 15 DEC 1835 and baptised on 29 MAY 1836; she married William GRIFFIN in 1868.

Martha Jane (1838 – 1884)

The second daughter, Martha Jane, was born on 15 JUL 1838; she was my great-great-grandmother and her story is continued on page 12.

Janet Eliza (1842 – 1890)⁵

017N

Janet, the third daughter, was baptised on 12 JUN 1842. She never married and died in 1890.

Mary Honnor (1844 – 1889)⁶

017O

Mary Honor (or Honnor), the fourth daughter, was born on 15 MAY 1844 and baptised on 15 SEP the same year. She married John BOLUS in 1863 and died in 1889.

John William (1846 – 1913)⁷

017P

The youngest child was born on 18 SEP 1846⁸ and baptised on 21 MAY 1848. In 1870 he married Mary BURKE.

¹ In the 1871 census the occupants of 53 Charles Street were John and Mary Ann FREEMAN

² marriage register at Poplar parish church

³ death certificate

⁴ see Appendix 017M

⁵ see Appendix 017N

⁶ see Appendix 017O

⁷ see Appendix 017P

⁸ birth certificate

PENNING families – G7 and earlier

I believe two of my 7xgt-grandparents to have been Daniel PENNING and his wife Bridget¹. Although I have no vital data for either, they had at least one son. As he was named Daniel, it is reasonable to assume that he was their first-born male child. As he was born around 1692, a marriage date of perhaps 1690 for Daniel and Bridget would seem appropriate.

Son Daniel married Elizabeth NUNN, and in May 1734² they produced at least one son, whom they named Frederick; he was baptised at Ss Peter & Paul, Eye³, on 03 MAY 1734. Daniel died on 05 NOV 1743. Unfortunately no age is given

When he was 30 Frederick married Ann Maria SMITH, in Ipswich⁴. The date of the marriage was 15 JAN 1765. Their daughter, Ann, became my 4xgt-grandmother and married Nathaniel LILLISTONE on 10 JUL 1804. Their story continues on page 17.

¹ dates and information in this section come from the IGI

² parish register for Ss Peter & Paul, Eye, Suffolk

³ Eye is close to the boundary with Norfolk and is about five miles south of Diss

⁴ parish register for St Peter, Ipswich, Suffolk

G6 – REED (READ) family

The READ (or REED) family originates from West Ham, on the borders of Essex. The line has been traced back to Ann (or Diana) and Lewis READ.

Lewis REED was born in about 1774, according to the entry in the 1841 census return¹. A possible baptism was at Chrishall, on the northern Essex border with Cambridgeshire. This baptism was on 20 MAR 1774 and his parents were William and Elizabeth. If it is correct then sometime during the next 20 years he travelled nearly the entire length of Essex to Plaistow and West Ham, which is where he spent the rest of his life.

On 11 NOV 1794² Lewis married Dinah FO(R)STER at St Mary's, Whitechapel. Both bride and groom 'made their mark', rather than a signature. Lewis and Dinah (sometimes Diana) had eight children: all, as far as can be discovered, were baptised at All Saints, West Ham³.

The baptism entry for each of the first two children, Thomas and Charlotte, gives Ann as the mother's name; but that for the youngest four gives Diana. Mary Ann's mother was 'Dinah'. However, the entries for both Charlotte (1798) and Sarah (1808) give the mother's maiden name as FOSTER and it is likely, therefore, that Ann and Diana were the same person – it is possible that Lewis married first an Ann FOSTER and then a Diana FOSTER but rather too much of a coincidence.

The 1841 census, which is the only source of information for Lewis, shows Lewis and (presumably) daughter Charlotte living at West Ham, in Greengate Street.

It is likely that Ann (Diana) died in 1838⁴; Lewis died in 1849⁵.

Thomas REED (1796 – ?1862)

035I

Thomas, the eldest son, was born in about 1796 and baptised on 01 JAN 1797. It seems that he married a Mary, about seven years younger than he was, as the 1841 census return⁶ shows Thomas and Mary living in West Ham, very close to Thomas's father Lewis, with four children⁷. Thomas was a thatcher. Ten years later the 1851 census return⁸ shows him and Mary living at the same address, although his occupation was that of 'road layer'. The youngest three children were still living with their parents. There is no Thomas or Mary living in West Ham in the 1861 census and it is likely that they had both died by this time: there are three references to the death of a Thomas REED around 1861⁹ and several references for Mary REED between 1854 and 1863.

Charlotte REED (1798 – ?)

035J

Charlotte was born in JUL 1798 and baptised on 27 JUL 1798¹⁰. No further records have been found and, as a daughter born in 1813 was also named Charlotte, it is likely that this one died young although no evidence has been found to confirm this.

¹ 1841 census return for Greengate Street, West Ham, HO107.323 f66 p6; his age is given as 67

² marriage register for St Mary, Whitechapel, page 302

³ baptism register for All Saints, West Ham

⁴ ONS death reference for Ann REED, Q1/1838, West Ham, 12 226

⁵ ONS death reference for Lewis REED, Q2/1849, West Ham, 12 209

⁶ 1841 census return for Armfields (?) Cottages, West Ham, f66 p6

⁷ Thomas (1825), George (1831), Elizabeth (1834), John (1837)

⁸ 1851 census return for Green Gates Street, West Ham, HO107/1768 F571 p42

⁹ ONS death references for Thomas REED (all West Ham): Q3/1861,4a 23; Q2/1862, 4a 27; Q2/1862, 4a 21

¹⁰ baptism register for All Saints, West Ham

Sarah (1808 – 1889)

Sarah, the sixth child and fourth daughter, was born on 15 JUN 1808 and baptised five weeks later on 24 JUL 1808¹. She is one of my 3xgt-grandmothers and her story is continued on page 20.

Lewis REED (1815 – 1896) ²

0350

Lewis was the eighth child and the second son. He was born some time around 1815 in Plaistow. He married Caroline in 1838 and they had at least ten children.

Other children

No details are known for any of the remaining children other than dates of baptism³:

Mary Ann was born in DEC 1799 and baptised on 05 JAN 1800 at the age of three weeks;

Ann was born 12 NOV 1804 and baptised 02 DEC 1804; a possible marriage was on 11 DEC 1822 to Alexander WILSON at West Ham⁴ although no corresponding entry has been found in the 1841 census return.

Lewis was born on 17 OCT 1806 and baptised in November. For reasons explained in Appendix 0350 (see page 28, it is likely that he died young.

Charlotte was born 24 MAR 1813 and baptised 18 APR 1813. A likely death was in 1846⁵.

¹ baptism register for All Saints, West Ham

² see Appendix 0350, page 28

³ all these dates are taken from the baptism register for All Saints

⁴ marriage register for All Saints, West Ham

⁵ ONS death reference for Charlotte REED, Q3/1846, West Ham, 12 221

Appendix 034P – Eliza LILLISTONE (1813 – 1893)

Eliza was baptised at Kirton on 07 MAR 1813¹. She married James CLARKE at Ipswich on 22 JUL 1839². He was a 'horse keeper' from Weeley, in Essex, and about the same age as Eliza. Her date of birth varies from census to census: only in one (1861, when it was given as 48) can her age be believed, as all the others suggest a year of birth anywhere between 1814 and 1821.

The 1841 census return³ shows James and Eliza living in Stratford St Mary, a village just within Suffolk but right on the Essex border.

They had six children, between 1842 and 1856. The ONS references for each are given below⁴; all the births were registered in Ipswich, but the 1851 census gives Stratford St Mary, Ufford (twice), Ipswich, and Kirton for the first five children. This seems to indicate that the family moved steadily south, from By 1851 the family was living in Ipswich. The census return of that year⁵ shows James and Eliza with four children. As well as their own Mary Ann, a 'visitor' named Mary Ann, was also in the house. Her surname is indistinct, looking like 'Linghamstone' but is probably Lillistone, although her relationship to James or Eliza isn't given. James was an 'hostler'.

Ten years later⁶ they had moved house, still within Ipswich, and three of the younger children, Phoebe, James, and 'Onnah' were living with their parents – apparently the enumerator hadn't come across 'Honor' as a name before.

Phoebe, the fourth child, was still living with her parents in 1871 at the same address⁷, and the census return for that year also shows Honor, aged 15, with occupation 'spinster'. The 'place of birth' in the 1871 census return shows, in each case, merely the county and it is possible that the information was given by somebody other than a member of the family.

James died in 1872 aged 57⁸. Eliza married again in 1876⁹, to a William TURNER, and at the time of the next census¹⁰ they were living in the same road (probably the same house, although this cannot be confirmed) that Eliza had lived in for the past decade or more. William was a labourer. The 1891 census return¹¹ shows William and Eliza, both aged 70, although Eliza at any rate would have been 78.

A likely death for Eliza is in 1893, at the age of 80¹². It is likely that William died around 1900 – there are four registrations of the death of a William TURNER, all of roughly the same age, between 1899 and 1903.

¹ Kirton baptism register

² ONS marriage reference for James CLARKE and Eliza LILLISTONE, Q3/1839, Ipswich, 12 527

³ 1841 census return for Stratford St Mary, Suffolk, HO107/1034/21 f10 p7

⁴ Eliza: Q1/1842, 12 362; Emma Q1/1844, 12 371; Phoebe Q4/1849, 12 346; James Q3/1852, 4a 512; Honour (registered as 'Horner' Q4/1855, 4a 478: there is no registration for a Mary Ann.

⁵ 1851 census return for Goodings Court, Ipswich, HO107/1800 f572 p34

⁶ 1861 census return for 26 Woodbridge Road, Ipswich, RG9/1165 f48 p2

⁷ 1871 census return for 26 Woodbridge Road, Ipswich, RG10/1755 f70 p2

⁸ ONS death reference for James CLARKE aged 57, Q2/1872, Ipswich, 3a 383

⁹ ONS marriage reference for William TURNER and Eliza CLARKE, Q3/1876, Ipswich, 4a 972.

¹⁰ 1881 census return for Woodbridge Road, Ipswich, RG11/1875 f104 p1

¹¹ 1891 census return for 10 Woodbridge Road, Ipswich, RG12/1472 f46 p7

¹² ONS death reference for Eliza TURNER aged 80, Q1/1893, Ipswich, 4a 523

Appendix 034Q – John LILLISTONE (1814 – 1893)

John, a younger brother of my 3xgt-grandfather Nathaniel, was born on 20 OCT 1814¹ and baptised a little over two months later on 08 JAN 1815 in Kirton, Suffolk².

On 03 DEC 1839³, in Trinity Church, St Marylebone, he married Sarah BURTON⁴. She came from Widford, in Hertfordshire, which is about halfway between Hertford and Bishops Stortford. The IGI shows the baptism of a Sarah BURTON at Widford on 12 FEB 1804 and this is probably the right Sarah, confirmed by the age at death (see below). Her parents were James and Mary.

Although her ages as given in the various census returns (1851:40; 1860:50; 1871:62; 1881:68) are reasonably consistent one with another, they are about six years too young – for instance, in 1860 she would have been 56, rather than 50. Was this an attempt to appear closer to John's age than she really was?

John and Sarah appear in the 1851 census return⁵, living in New End Square, Hampstead – and they were to remain at this address for the rest of their married life. His age is shown as 37, hers as 40; he is a 'timekeeper'. The following three returns, those of 1861⁶, 1871⁷ and 1881⁸, show the couple at the same address but with John now a carpenter: the ages given are 41 and 50, 57 and 62, and 57 and 67 (although this last is clearly written as 57 it is ten years too young and was possibly misheard by the enumerator).

The fact that there are no children shown in any census return suggests that there were no children from the marriage. The 1871 census shows the couple together with Ellen M LILLISTONE, a 15-year-old niece born in Hampstead. She was the daughter of William, one of John's younger brothers.

Sarah died in 1883 at the age of 79⁹ (thus indicating a year of birth of 1804); the death was registered in Hampstead. The 1891 census shows John, by now a widower and a 'retired carpenter' living at the same address as previously, but now as a lodger; the household 'head' was a 23-year-old 'lady companion' sharing the house with her aunt, a 59-year-old widow.

John died in 1893; the age on the registration certificate was 79¹⁰. The details of his Will¹¹ reveal "LILLISTONE John of 1 New End Square Hampstead Middlesex, carpenter, died 28 November 1893, Probate London 28 February to Etty LOVELL Spinster Effects £26 8s." Etty was the 44-year-old daughter of Sarah LOVELL; both lived at Mount Lodge, Flask Walk, Hampstead, which was a matter of yards from John's address.

¹ IGI

² Kirton baptism register

³ information from Carol Pointer

⁴ ONS marriage reference for John LILLISTONE and Sarah BURTON, Q4/1839, Marylebone, 1 228

⁵ 1851 census for 1 New End Square, Hampstead, HO107/1492 f151,

⁶ 1861 census RG9/93 f116 p15, address as above

⁷ 1871 census RG10/190 f58, address as above

⁸ 1881 census RG11/166 f40 p76, address as above

⁹ ONS death reference for Sarah LILLISTONE aged 79, Q2/1883, Hampstead, 1a 448

¹⁰ ONS death reference for John LILLISTONE aged 79, Q4/1893, Hampstead, 1a 519

¹¹ found by Carol Pointer

Appendix 034U – William LILLISTONE (1822 – 1860)

William was the third son of that name born to Nathaniel and Ann. The first, born 28 SEP 1809, died in FEB 1812, and it is assumed that the second, baptised on 22 APR 1821, also died. William III was born on 16 JAN 1822¹ and baptised 05 APR 1822 at Kirton the same year. He has not been found in either the 1841 or 1851 census returns.

He married Maria BURTON on 26 FEB 1852 at Old Church, St Pancras². According to the 1861 census she had been born in Widford, Hertfordshire in about 1832; she was almost certainly related to Sarah, who married William's elder brother John (see the previous section). As there was a difference of almost 30 years between Sarah and Maria it is possible that they were aunt and niece. Maria's father was given as James (labourer); William's profession at the time was shown as 'ship carpenter'. The two witnesses at the wedding were John LILLISTONE (presumably William's elder brother), who was married to Sarah BURTON, and Rachael BURTON. James BURTON (ag lab), Maria's father, and Mary, his wife, are shown in the 1851 census living at Ware Side, Ware (Hertfordshire); their ages were 72 and 62 respectively.

William died in 1860³ after only eight years of marriage; his death was registered in Poplar. Maria appears in the 1861 census⁴ as a widow and a housekeeper, with daughter Ellen Maria⁵, aged 5, living at Heath Side Cottage, Heath End, Hampstead. Maria's birthplace is shown clearly as 'Whitford'. There are only two places named Whitford in the UK: one is in Flintshire and the other in Devon, so this is almost certainly a mishearing of Widford.

The following census, that of 1871⁶, records Maria as a housemaid, still in Hampstead, but in the household of Mr and Mrs NEILL. The record clearly gives her age as 49 (it should be 39). Ellen has already been found, staying (or living?) with Maria's brother-in-law John and his wife in Hampstead (see the previous section).

In the 1881 census⁷ Maria and Ellen were living in the same household – they were both servants of James HAYWOOD, a JP in Kensington. Maria was a housemaid and her daughter a kitchenmaid.

At the time of the 1891 census⁸ both mother and daughter were living in Fulham. Maria was a 'lodging housekeeper'; she died four years later, aged 66⁹. The death was registered in Fulham.

There is a record of an Ellen M LILLISTONE marrying Sidney PRYKE in 1912¹⁰. Ellen would have been 56 at the time, and the marriage was registered in Bosmere, Suffolk; the marriage seems unlikely to have been relevant except that the death of an Ellen PRYKE, at the age of 80, is recorded in 1937¹¹. The death was registered in Ipswich, so this may indeed be the same Ellen; but why should she have moved to Suffolk?

¹ IGI

² ONS marriage reference for William LILLISTONE and Maria BURTON, Q1/1852 St Pancras, 1b 87 and information from Carol

³ ONS death reference for William LILLISTONE, Q1/1860, Poplar, 1c 540

⁴ 1861 census return for Heath Side Cottage, Heath End, Hampstead, RG9/93 f139 p18

⁵ ONS birth reference for Ellen Maria LILLISTONE, Q3/1855, Hampstead, 1a 433

⁶ 1871 census return for Belsize Lodge, Hampstead, RG10/193 f12 p16

⁷ 1881 census return for 26 Palace Gardens, Kensington, RG11/25 f11 p15

⁸ 1891 census return for 13 Dilston Parade, Fulham, RG12/53 f109 p10

⁹ ONS death reference for Maria LILLISTONE aged 66, Q3/1895, Fulham, 1a 217

¹⁰ ONS marriage reference for Sidney PRYKE and Ellen M LILLISTONE, Q4/1912, Bosmere, 4a 2191

¹¹ ONS death reference for Ellen PRYKE aged 80, Q1/1937, Ipswich, 4a 1476

Appendix 0350 – Lewis REED (c1815 – 1896)

A Lewis REED, the second son of Lewis and Ann (Diana) REED, was born in Plaistow, Essex, on 17 OCT 1806 and baptised the following month¹. It seems, from the available evidence, that he died; and another son was born about 1815, and named Lewis (see later in this section). However, there is no evidence, from the NBI or elsewhere, that confirms this first death.

On 05 NOV 1838², at the age of about 23, Lewis married Caroline Wright HART³, who was some six years younger than he. The certificate confirms that she was a minor, which implies that at the date of the marriage she was under 21, so she had been born in November 1817 at the earliest (see later). She had been born in Aveley, Essex (which is very close to the northern end of the Dartford Crossing of the River Thames), and baptised on 23 SEP 1821. No father's name is shown in the register⁴.

Lewis and Caroline, together with their family, have been found in each census return from 1841 to 1891 (and each one consistently gives his date of birth as 1815, although hers varies – again, see later). They first lived in Church Street, West Ham⁵, where the first three children were born. The family then moved to Bromley (by Bow) where they lived in various parts of George Street⁶. By 1881 they had moved to Poplar⁷; they were still living in the same street (albeit at a different address) in 1891⁸.

Lewis's age, as reported in each of the various census returns, indicates consistently that he was born in about 1815, whereas the baptism register for All Saints, West Ham, clearly shows a Lewis REED born and baptised in 1806 (and none has been found for 1815). It is possible that the Lewis that married Caroline was from a quite different family, but the death of Sarah Lillistone (Lewis's sister) was registered by her niece, Eliza C. Reed (that is, Lewis and Caroline's eighth child), so it is almost certain that this is the correct family. It is more likely that the Lewis born in 1806 died and a later brother was also named Lewis.

He died in early 1896, and the age was given as 80⁹, which reinforces this supposition. The National Probate Calendar confirms that 'REED Lewis of 91 Girand [sic: should be Giraud] Street Middlesex died 8 February 1896 Probate London 29 February to Caroline Hart Reed widow Effects £613 1s 6d.'

Caroline's age as given in the various census returns was inconsistent. The first three, 1841-1861, give either 1815 or 1817, whereas the following three give 1822. However, there is no doubt that these refer to the same individual, as the children shown in each return are consistent. She died at the age of 78 in early 1900¹⁰, confirming a birthdate of 1821 meaning that she was only about 17 at the time of her marriage.

¹ baptism register for All Saints, West Ham

² marriage register for All Saints, Poplar

³ ONS marriage reference for Lewis REED and Caroline Wright HART, Q4/1838, Poplar, 2 295

⁴ baptism register for Aveley, Essex

⁵ 1841 census return for Church Street, West Ham, HO107/323/9 f7

⁶ 1851 census return for 17 George Street, HO107/1555 f488 p5, 1861 census return for 19 Upper George Street, RG9/302 f62 p18 and 1871 census return for 17 George Street, RG10/579 f7 p10

⁷ 1881 census return for 4 Grand Street, RG11/506 f 15 p23

⁸ 1891 census return for 91 Giraud Street, RG12/330 f11 p15

⁹ ONS death reference for Lewis REED aged 80, Q1/1896, Poplar, 1c 430

¹⁰ ONS register of deaths, 1/1900, W. Ham, 4a 29

William REED (1840 – 1911)**0350A**

No registration of William's birth has been found. He is shown in the 1851 census return¹ as an errand boy; by the age of 21 he was a 'dock labourer' like his father². He married Matilda BATES in 1863³ and they set up home in George Street, Bromley, the same street as his parents; by the time the 1871 census was taken⁴ they had three sons and a daughter. Ten years later⁵ they had moved to a different address, still within Bromley, and the family had grown in size to five sons and two daughters.

By 1891 a further four children had been added to the family⁶ and the census return records that they had moved again, to a house about one mile north of the East India dock.

Ten years later they were still at the same address⁷, with seven children living at home. Matilda died in 1908, and her death, at the age of 64, was registered in Poplar⁸. The 1911 census return confirms that William was a widower, and that he had moved to Teviot Street, just a couple of hundred yards away. He was sharing the house with Maud and Lydia, the two youngest children. William died aged 71⁹ shortly after the census was taken.

Sarah Eliza REED (1841 – ?)**0350B**

Sarah's birth was registered in 1841¹⁰. She appears in the 1851 census return as a child of ten.

A marriage between Sarah Elizabeth REED and Thomas SMITH was registered in Poplar in the last quarter of 1860¹¹, but the 1861 census return shows Sarah Eliza REED as a servant in the household of Mr & Mrs R GREENWOOD, in Stoke Newington¹², and this states that she was unmarried and still using her maiden name.

Both the following census return of 1871¹³ and the next, that of 1881¹⁴, show Sarah with husband James SMITH. They also show a family of five children: Ann (1860), Jane (1861), Elizabeth (1864), Louisa (1868) and Frederick (1877). The 1881 census also shows that Edmund REED, 'brother-in-law', was living with the family – this was Sarah's younger brother by 12 years, and confirms that this is the right family. This would seem to confirm a marriage between Sarah and James in about 1860 and it is possible that the registration has the wrong name for her husband. If Sarah was indeed 'in service' in 1861 with Mr & Mrs Greenwood she would have had to conceal her marriage from them – but her

¹ 1851 census return for 17 George Street, Bromley, MDX, HO107/1555 f48 p4

² 1861 census return

³ ONS marriage reference for William John REED and Matilda Jane BATES, Q3/1863, W. Ham, 4a 8

⁴ 1871 census return for 4 George Street, Bromley St Leonard, RG10/579 f11 p18

⁵ 1881 census return for 191 St Leonards Road, Bromley St Leonard, RG11/501 f54 p35

⁶ 1891 census return for 30 Wyvis Street, Bromley St Leonard, RG12/325 f60 p38

⁷ 1901 census return for 30 Wyvis Street, Bromley St Leonard, RG13/345 f161 p43

⁸ ONS death reference for Matilda Jane REED aged 64, Q1/1908, Poplar, 1c 334

⁹ ONS death reference for William J REED aged 71, Q2/1911, W. Ham, 4a 16

¹⁰ ONS birth reference for Sarah Eliza REED, Q2/1841, W. Ham, 12 278

¹¹ ONS marriage reference for Thomas SMITH and Sarah Elizabeth REED, Q4/1860, Poplar, 1c 1102

¹² 1861 census return for 17 Shelly Terrace, Stoke Newington, RG9/152 f14 p21

¹³ 1871 census return for 53 Little George Street, Pancras, RG10/224 f53 p29

¹⁴ 1881 census return for 8 Andrew Street, Bromley, RG11/502 f48 p32

pregnancy with Jane may have been more of a problem. We may never discover the answer to this, and the family hasn't been traced in the 1891 census.

George REED (1844 – ?)

0350C

No conclusive birth reference for George has been found; there is no reference in either West Ham or Poplar in 1844. He does appear in both the 1851 and 1861 census returns, living with his parents in Bromley; in the latter he is a 'dock labourer', as is his father Lewis and his elder brother William. In 1866 he married Harriet RUSSELL¹. She was the daughter of Richard and Harriet RUSSELL, in whose house George and Harriet were lodgers at the time of the 1871 census²; she had been born on 23 OCT 1845³ and baptised on 16 NOV 1845 at St Mary, Lewisham.

George and Harriet had one daughter, Rosanna. George and Harriet have not been found in a later census return, although there is a possible sighting of Rosanna as a 15-year-old servant working for and living with the HOARE family in Marylebone⁴.

Alfred Joseph REED (1847 – 1913)

0350D

Alfred was born on 17 JAN 1847 and baptised the following month, on 21 FEB 1847⁵. Like his elder brother George, Alfred is shown in both the 1851 and 1861 census returns at home with his parents. On 23 OCT 1870⁶ he married Sarah Elizabeth BUSK, and by the time of the 1871 census they had a daughter, Caroline, and were sharing a house in Bromley⁷ with Joseph VESLANDER, who was from Colchester. In 1880 Sarah died aged only 31⁸ – possibly in childbirth? – and the census return of the following year⁹ shows Alfred as a widower, now with four children. These were Caroline (1871), Alfred (1873), Henry (1875) and Robert (1878); also shown in the same census is Mary BUSK, described as an aunt (although she was, presumably, a younger sister of Sarah, and therefore a sister-in-law). She was shown as being unmarried, but with a 11-month-old daughter Beatrice, described as Alfred's niece.

In 1883 Alfred married again¹⁰ to Martha LLOYD, a widow with children of her own. By 1891 they were living in Brunswick Road, Bromley, with two of his children and three of hers. Alfred was a 'foreman stevedore'.

Alfred's second marriage lasted only 14 years or so, for Martha died towards the start of 1897¹¹. Four years later Alfred was a 'visitor' to William MONK; both men were widowers, with Alfred now a 'general labourer'. He died, aged 66, in 1913¹²; he has not been found in the 1911 census return.

¹ ONS marriage reference for George REED and Harriet RUSSELL, Q3/1866, Poplar, 1c 1187

² 1871 census return for 65 Willis Street, Bromley, RG10/573 f141 p33

³ baptism register for St Mary, Lewisham

⁴ 1881 census return for 32 Little Marylebone Street, Marylebone, RG11/138 f13 p19

⁵ baptism register for St Mary, Stratford

⁶ marriage register for St Thomas, Stepney, page 161

⁷ 1871 census return for 5 Triphine Place, Bow Common Lane, Bromley, RG10/572 f48 p31

⁸ ONS death reference for Sarah Elizabeth REED aged 31, Q1/1880, Poplar, 1c 498

⁹ 1881 census return for 10 Burcham Street, Bromley, RG11/501 f126 p46

¹⁰ ONS marriage reference for Alfred Joseph REED and Martha LLOYD, Q1/1883, W Ham, 4a 115

¹¹ ONS death reference for Martha REED aged 53, Q1/1897, Poplar, 1c 346

¹² ONS death reference for Alfred REED aged 66, Q3/1913, W Ham, 4a 70

Henry Thomas REED (1849 – 1906)

0350E

Henry was the fifth child of Lewis and Caroline; his birth was registered in 1849¹. He was living with his parents until at least 1871, when he was 22², and a few years later, in 1874, he married Margaret SIMPSON³. The 1881 census return shows Henry and Marguerite (although this is likely to be Margaret), with a seven-year-old daughter⁴, Louisa.

Throughout his life Henry was a 'dock labourer', and they had a total of seven children, although only five would appear on the various census returns: Louisa (1875), Margaret (1884), William Henry (1888), Grace Beatrice (1890), and George Robert (1892)). Within the next ten years they had moved again, as the 1891 census⁵ shows, to the house where Henry would spend the rest of his life, in Whitwell Street. By 1901 the four youngest children were still living at home. Henry died in 1906⁶.

The 1911 census form, which was signed by William, confirms that there had been a total of seven children; the two not listed above had possibly been born (and died) between Louisa and Margaret, in the late 1870s. Their mother Margaret survived her husband by almost 30 years, dying at the age of 81 in 1935⁷.

Charles Edmund REED (1851 – 1899)

0350F

Charles was born around the beginning of March 1851⁸. Before he reached the age of twenty he married Charlotte ALLEN⁹, who was about three years younger, on 15 JAN 1871¹⁰. By the time of the 1871 census¹¹ they were living in Poplar, on the west side of the Isle of Dogs. It is possible that an imminent birth was the reason for a marriage at such a young age, but if there was a baby it didn't survive; the 1881 census return¹² shows Charles and Charlotte with two children, Charlotte (1875) and Thomas (1879).

Ten years later¹³ there were two more daughters, Caroline (1884) and Clara Louise (1886) but Thomas was not present.

Charles died, aged only 48, in 1899¹⁴. By the time of his death there were three more children: Rose Florence (1889), Louis Edwin W (1891) and George Arthur (1894), as shown by the 1901 census return¹⁵. The return also shows that Charlotte had returned to the same road in which she was living in 1881, albeit in a different house. Somewhat oddly, Rose does not appear in the 1891 census although she would have been 2.

After Charles' death Charlotte moved to another part of Bromley, as indicated by the 1911¹⁶ census. She probably died in 1925, aged 74¹⁷.

¹ ONS birth reference for Henry Thomas REED, Q1/1849, Poplar, 2 358

² 1871 census return; see earlier

³ a possible ONS reference is Henry REED and Margaret SIMPSON, Q3/1874, Mile End, 1c 1015

⁴ 1881 census return for 34 Marner Street, Bromley, RG11/494, f41 p23

⁵ 1891 census return for 42 Whitwell Road, West Ham, RG12/1324, f88 p48

⁶ ONS death reference for Henry Thomas REED aged 57, Q1/1906, W. Ham, 4a 27

⁷ ONS death reference for Margaret REED, 81, Q4/1935, W. Ham, 4a 76

⁸ he is recorded as being 1 month old in the census return of that year; there are three births registered in Q2/1851 at Poplar but two have a second forename – so the birth reference is 2 355

⁹ ONS marriage reference for Charles Edmund REED and Charlotte ALLEN, Q1/1871, Poplar, 1c 852

¹⁰ marriage register for St Leonard, Bromley, page 66

¹¹ 1871 census return for 4 Albert Place, Poplar, RG10/572 f46 p28

¹² 1881 census return for 11 Fern Street, Bromley, RG11/498 f49 p22

¹³ 1891 census return for 51 Blackthorn Street, Bromley, RG12/322 f133 p38

¹⁴ ONS death reference for Charles Edmund REED aged 48, Q4/1899, Whitechapel, 1c 232

¹⁵ 1901 census return for 24 Fern Street, Bromley, RG13/349 f115 p35

¹⁶ 1911 census return for 50 Knapp Road, Bromley, RG14/1708 ED31 SN27

¹⁷ ONS death reference for Charlotte REED aged 74, Q1/1925, Edmonton, 3a 584

Edmund John REED (1854 – 1920)**0350G**

Edmund, the seventh child of Lewis and Caroline, was born on 27 APR 1853 and baptised at St Mary, Stratford on 31 JUL 1853¹, although he is recorded in most census returns as being a year or two younger.

Like his father and other brothers, he started his working life as a labourer and until the age of at least 17 was living at home with his parents. The census return of 1881 shows him as a 'dock labourer' aged 26 and living with his sister Sarah and her husband James, also a dock labourer (see above).

He married Ellen LEGG on 18 MAR 1885² and six years later³ they were living in Teviot Street, Bromley, where they stayed for 25 years or more. This short road is a turning off what is now the northern approach to the Blackwall Tunnel, and is between the River Lea and the 'Limehouse Cut'.

Seven children have been found – the youngest, Walter, being the 'seventh child of the seventh child'. At the time of both the 1901⁴ and 1911⁵ census returns Frederick MUNDAY was part of the household; he was a nephew, the son of Caroline, one of Edmond's younger sisters.

Edmund died at the age of 66 in 1920⁶; Ellen survived him by eight years and died in 1928⁷.

Caroline REED (1855 – 1900)**0350H**

Caroline's birth was registered, in Poplar, in 1855⁸. She married Edward MUNDAY in 1879⁹; two years later they were living in West Ham, in Colgrave Road. Two children have been found: Frederick (1885) and Charles (1890). Edward died in 1896¹⁰; Caroline died four years later in 1900, aged 42¹¹. As we have already seen, Frederick went to live with his uncle Edmund (see previous section); Charles went to his aunt Louisa.

Eliza REED (1858 – ?1918)**0350I**

Eliza was born towards in early 1858¹². The various census returns show that she was living with her parents until at least 1891, by which time she was 32. Two years before this, in 1889, she had registered the death of her aunt, Sarah LILLISTONE (née REED, her father's sister). No marriage or later census entry has been found; a possible death was in 1918¹³.

¹ baptism register for St Mary, Stratford, page 171

² marriage register for St Leonard, Bromley, page 113

³ 1891 census return for 87 Teviot Street, Bromley, RG12/325 f10 p11

⁴ 1901 census return for 87 Teviot Street, Bromley, RG13/345 f110 p1

⁵ 1911 census return for 87 Teviot Street, Bromley, RG14/1686 ED9 SN368

⁶ ONS death reference for Edmund J REED aged 66, Q3/1920, Whitechapel, 1c 210

⁷ ONS death reference for Ellen REED aged 73, Q1/1928, Poplar, 1c 479

⁸ ONS birth reference for Caroline REED, Q4/1855, Poplar, 1c 550

⁹ ONS marriage reference for Edward Joseph MUNDAY and Caroline REED, Q4/1879, Poplar, 1c 1195

¹⁰ ONS death reference for Edward Joseph MUNDAY aged 38, Q1/1896, W Ham, 4a 46

¹¹ ONS death reference for Caroline MUNDAY aged 42, Q3/1900, W Ham, 4a 59

¹² ONS birth reference for Elizabeth Selia [sic] REED, Q1/1858, Poplar, 1c 626; this may have been meant as 'Celia' as she appears as 'Eliza C' in later years

¹³ ONS death reference for Eliza REED aged 61, Q4/1918, Poplar, 1c 822

Louisa Florence REED (1861 – 1934)

0350J

Louisa Florence's birth was registered towards the end of 1861¹. Like her sister Eliza, she lived with her parents until at least 1891 but on 12 NOV 1891², she married Walter JACOBS who had been born in Constantinople. He was a few years younger than Louisa. The following census return, that of 1901, shows Walter and Louisa living in West Ham, providing a home for Charles MUNDAY, the orphaned son of her elder sister Caroline. By 1911 they were living in Upton Park (part of West Ham) in a 6-roomed house and providing a home for Walter's widowed father Robert, a marine engineer. Charles MUNDAY was still with them but they had no children of their own. Walter died in 1924, aged 59³; Louisa died in 1934⁴.

Frederick James REED (1864 – ?1935)

0350K

Frederick was the 11th child, and the youngest. His birth was registered in Poplar, as were those of all his siblings, in 1864⁵. By 1881 he was an apprenticed wheelwright, living at home⁶ with his parents and two elder sisters. He married Clara KOLLER on 27 MAR 1887⁷; at the time of their marriage his address was 91 Giraud North Street. Four years later they had moved some four miles, to Bromley⁸; they had one daughter, Agnes (1889) and one son, Lewis (1890). Ten years later, the 1901 census shows that the family had moved back to West Ham, and there were now an additional two children: Mabel (1892) and Frederick (1898), although this wasn't strictly accurate as another son, Harold Francis, had been born on 03 APR 1901. A daughter Hilda followed, on 12 MAR 1904, and the 1911 census shows that they had moved again, this time a matter of a mile or two, to Plaistow. Son Lewis (Louis) had left home but the five other children were living with their parents. A likely death for Frederick was in 1935⁹.

Clara lived a further 22 years and died aged 93 in 1957¹⁰. In the 1939 Register she was living at 389 Strone Road, East Ham, with William HYDE and his two children¹¹.

¹ ONS birth reference for Louisa Florence REED, Q4/1861, Poplar, 1c ?5?

² marriage register for St Anne, Limehouse, page 133

³ ONS death reference for Walter JACOBS aged 59, Q3/1924 Islington, 1b 220

⁴ ONS death reference for Louisa JACOBS aged 73, Q1/1934, Stepney, 1c 316

⁵ ONS birth reference for Frederick James REED, Q4/1864, Poplar, 1c 610

⁶ 1881 census return for 4 Giraud Street, Poplar, RG11/506 f15 p23

⁷ marriage register for St Paul, Bow Common, page 118

⁸ 1891 census return for 20 Venue Street, Bromley, RG12/325 f52 p21

⁹ ONS death reference for Frederick J REED aged 71, Q4/1935, W Ham, 4a 64

¹⁰ ONS death reference for Clara REED aged 93, Q1/1957, E. Ham, 5a 8

¹¹ 1939 Register

Appendix 016J – Susan Piper GREEN (1829 – 1871)

Susan was baptised at Lambeth on 18 FEB 1829¹; her parents were Thomas and Susan, and the address was 'Norfolk Place, Vauxhall'; Thomas's occupation was 'shoemaker'. No reason has been found for the unusual second name. She is listed in the 1841 census return² (without the 'Piper'), with parents Thomas and Mary and siblings Thomas, William and Elizabeth.

On 12 NOV 1850³ she married Alfred BATHMAKER, a potter, at St Mary Lambeth. The profession of her father, Thomas, was 'sawyer'; she was living at 9 Granby Buildings, Alfred was at 4 Granby Buildings⁴. They set up home at 110 Vauxhall Walk⁵, and had only one child, Mary (1857). Mary's birth was not registered (or, at least, it hasn't been found). By 1861 they had moved to Dorset Street⁶ (now called Dorset Road, it runs east-west from Clapham Road to Old South Lambeth Road) but by the time another ten years had passed they had moved again, to Park Street⁷, about three miles away⁸, where they were sharing a house with Alfred's younger brother John. Very soon after the census Susan died⁹ but within two years Alfred married again, this time to Rebecca SMITH¹⁰. He died nine years later, aged 57¹¹.

Mary, the daughter from Susan's first marriage, is shown in the 1871 census at 50 Park Street with her parents – she was a 'servant', age 13. No record of either marriage or death has been found. However, a Mary Anne Josephine¹² (or, according to some sources, Josephine Mary Ann) BATHMAKER left from Plymouth on board the SS *Kalkoura* and emigrated to New Zealand, arriving on 14 MAR 1884. The following year she married Jens Jensen HENDE, who was about 12 years older than she was. They had six children before Jens died on 06 JAN 1900. Mary died on 11 JUL 1917 at Ross, Westland, West Coast, New Zealand.

¹ baptism register for St Mary, Lambeth

² 1841 census return for Cox's Lock & Mills, Chertsey, HO107/1074 f7

³ marriage register for St Mary, Lambeth, page110

⁴ Thomas George, Susan's half-brother, lived at 4 Granby Buildings in the 1870s – was this just coincidence?

⁵ 1851 census return for 110 Vauxhall Walk, Lambeth, HO108/1572 f135 p11

⁶ 1861 census return for Dorset Street, Lambeth, RG9/358 f35 p10

⁷ 1871 census return for 50 Park Street, Lambeth, RG10/667 f6 p5

⁸ Park Street runs east-west, between Southwark Bridge and the Cannon Street railway bridge, just north-west of Guy's Hospital

⁹ ONS death registration for Susan Piper BATHMAKER, 42, Q2/1871, Lambeth, 1d 266

¹⁰ ONS marriage reference for Alfred BATHMAKER and Rebecca SMITH, Q2/1873, Lambeth, 1d 506

¹¹ ONS death reference for Alfred BATHMAKER, 57, Q3/1882, Lambeth, 1d 253

¹² Information concerning this emigration to New Zealand is taken from other family trees and has not been verified; however, a couple of Mary's children were given the name 'Cyrus', which was that of her grandfather, so it is likely that the emigration did take place

Appendix 016N – William Henry GREEN (1838 – ?)

William Henry was baptised at St Paul's church, Hammersmith¹, on 30 SEP 1838²; this is the only record that shows him as such, most of the others naming him simply as 'William'. I have no indication of where the 'Henry' comes from. There is no birth registration of a William (with or without the Henry) in the Kensington district, which included Hammersmith at that time. However, with a baptism barely a year after the start of official registrations, this could simply have been omitted – or it is possible that he may have been born before the start of registration on 1 July 1837.

The 1841 census return shows him, together with three sisters and a brother, living with parents Thomas and Mary in Chertsey³.

In 1851 the census return shows him, aged 13, as an 'errand boy' living with his father and step-mother Sarah at Kennington and confirms his place of birth as Hammersmith.

The following census, that of 1861, records only three instances of a William GREEN born in Hammersmith and of approximately the right age.

- One was a bricklayer's labourer, married to Ann, who was 20 years older than he was; she was a widow and three of her children were living with them.
- Another was a hotel servant in Tailors Hotel, 19 Cork Street, Westminster St James.
- A third William GREEN was an 'Ord 2nd class' seaman on board HMS Edgar, a screw-propelled 'second-rate' 91-gun ship of the line, at sea in the 'entrance to the English Channel' on census night.

The place of birth and age are right in each instance but there is no evidence to link any of them conclusively to our family.

There are two possible death registrations in Surrey for a William Henry GREEN: age 34, Lambeth, Q4/1874⁴; and age 51, Wandsworth, Q2/1888⁵. Either (or neither) of these may relate to 'my' William.

¹ in Queen Caroline Street, adjacent to the Hammersmith flyover

² baptism register for St Paul, Hammersmith, shows parents Thomas and Mary; Thomas was an 'engineer'

³ 1841 census return for Cox's Lock & Mills, Chertsey

⁴ ONS death registration of William Henry GREEN, age 34, Q4/1874, 1d 253

⁵ ONS death registration of William Henry GREEN, age 51, Wandsworth, 1d 352

Appendix 016P – George GREEN (1843 – ?)

George's birth certificate gives his date of birth as 03 APR 1843¹ and the registration of his birth confirms this² (Weybridge is within the Chertsey registration district). The only other evidence for George is that he appears in the 1851 census return³, living with his father and stepmother in Kennington, although his age was given as 9 (it should have been 7).

The 1861 census contains ten entries for a George GREEN of the right age born in Surrey, although none had been born in Weybridge. There are also two possibilities for a death between 1851 and 1861 registered in Lambeth: Q3/1855⁴ and Q4/1857⁵.

¹ birth certificate; ONS birth registration for George Green, Q2/1843, Chertsey, 4 81

² ONS birth registration for George GREEN, Q2/1843, Chertsey, 4 81

³ 1851 census return for 9 Belvedere Crescent, Kennington, HO109/1570 f13

⁴ ONS death registration for George GREEN, Q3/1855, Lambeth, 1d 171 (or 177)

⁵ ONS death registration for George GREEN, Q4/1857, Lambeth, 1d 191

Appendix 017M – Sarah Ann LILLISTONE (1835 – ?1876)

Nathaniel and Sarah's eldest daughter, Sarah Ann, was born on 15 DEC 1835 and baptised on 29 MAY 1836.

By the age of 25 she was a live-in general servant in the household of Edwin and MARIA SPRING, who lived in Islington¹.

She married William Jeffreys GRIFFIN, a licenced victualler, at St Botolph Parish Church, Aldgate, on 13 JUL 1868². William was a widower; the address of both Sarah and William was given as 'Aldgate'. Both were 'of full age'. Their fathers were, respectively, Nathaniel and William (deceased).

No record of any children from this marriage has been found.

A possible earlier marriage for William was in 1846³, to either Isabella DUCKETT or Jane BELL; but this marriage was registered in Dunmow (Essex), and there are no likely entries in the 1851 census.

It's not clear what happened to Sarah after her marriage. Neither she nor William has been found in the 1871 census: the 1881 census shows only three instances of a William and Sarah together, with Sarah's place of birth being Cambridgeshire, Hampshire, and Gloucestershire. One of other may have died between 1871 and 1881 but no conclusive record has been found although the census return shows a William GRIFFIN, widower, living at 2 Suffolk Place, Battersea, with four servants⁴. He was aged 47 and thus born in 1834; his trade was that of butcher; but he had been born in Hampton, Middlesex. This is not necessarily the correct entry, but no other likely ones have been found.

¹ 1861 census return for 5 Brunswick Place, Islington, RG9/129 f4 p2

² St Botolph marriage register, page 220, entry 439

³ ONS marriage reference for William Jeffries GRIFFIN and [Isabella DUCKETT or Jane BELL], Dunmow, 12 111

⁴ 1881 census return for 2 Suffolk Place, Battersea, RG11/644 f143

Appendix 017N – Janet Eliza LILLISTONE (1842 – 1890)

On 31 JAN 1842 when Janet, Nathaniel and Sarah's third daughter, was born¹ the family was at 2 Caroline Street in Ratcliffe, a district of Stepney. She was baptised on 12 JUN 1842.

The 1861 census return² shows that by the age of 19 she was an assistant to a draper, John UPTON, and living in Stepney.

It seems that she chose a career instead of marriage: in the 1871 census³ she was single, a 28-year-old draper's assistant and a visitor at the home of Caroline and May LAKER, two sisters living in Horsham. Ten years later, in the 1881 census⁴, she was still single and gave her occupation as 'Saleswoman'. On census night she was again a visitor, this time in the household of William and Helen KEMP at 48 Wandle Road, Croydon.

She died, still unmarried, at the age of 45 (she was actually 48) on 27 NOV 1890⁵. Her given occupation was that of housekeeper, and she died at 6 Queens Crescent, Kentish Town. Her will⁶, proved on 09 APR 1891, states: "The Will of Jenet Eliza Lillistone formerly of 2 Dawson Terrace, Haverstock Hill, but late of 6 Queen's Crescent, Kentish Town, both in the county of Middlesex, Spinster, who died 27 November 1890 at 6 Queens Crescent was proved at the Principal Registry by John Upton of 2 Dawson Terrace Merchant the sole Executor." Her personal estate was valued at £534 1s 5d. If, as seems likely, she was housekeeper for John Upton and his wife Jane she probably 'lived in' at Dawson Terrace but perhaps moved to Queen's Crescent (which is only just around the corner) when she became ill. It is likely that she was an employee of John UPTON for much of her life.

¹ birth and baptism dates from register of St Anne, Limehouse, page 291

² 1861 census return for 3 Queens Terrace, Stepney, RG9/284 f192 p16

³ 1871 census RG10/1097, 14 West Street, Horsham, Sussex

⁴ 1881 census return for 48 Wandle Road, Croydon, RG11/809 f26

⁵ death certificate

⁶ National Probate Calendar

Appendix 0170 – Mary Honor LILLISTONE (1844 - 1889)

Two years after Janet's birth a fourth daughter, Mary Honor, was born on 15 MAY 1844¹ at 12 London Street, Ratcliffe², and baptised on 15 SEP the same year. Her birth certificate shows her as 'Mary Honnor', with LILLISTON as the surname³, but the entry in the parish register shows 'Honor' and 'Lillistone'. Nathaniel is indeed a carpenter, but Sarah's maiden name is given as REEVES. The 1851 census return⁴ shows her aged 7 at home in Mile End Old Town with her mother Sarah and four siblings.

There is no trace of her in the 1861 census return, but on 22 DEC 1863⁵ she married John BOLUS, who was about 14 years her senior, at St Philip's in Newark Street (this is directly off Sidney Street running towards the west). Although her age is given on the certificate as 21 this was not correct – she would have been only 19. John was the eldest child of five: his father, Charles Matthew, and two of his younger brothers were bootmakers, as was John. At the time of the census in 1861⁶ the BOLUS family was living in Anns Road, Stepney; John's occupation was, like that of his father and two of his brothers, 'bootmaker'. Two years later, at the time of their marriage, John was living at 12 Charles Street, with a profession of 'artist', and Mary was at 4 Sidney Street.

By 1865 they had moved from Stepney to Bow, where their second and third children were born; the 1871 census⁷ shows them at 3 Usher Road, in Bow. By this time John's profession is once again 'bootmaker'. In 1875, when Edwin was born, they were at Limehouse but by 1881 the family was back in Bow, further along the same road⁸, with four children: Percy (1866), Janet E (1868), Edwin (1875) and Walter S (1879). This census entry shows Mary aged 34, giving a birthdate of 1847. Rather surprisingly, the census return gives John's occupation as something entirely different – 'landscape artist' (he had been shown as an 'artist' on his marriage certificate). He had perhaps been influenced in his new choice of career by near neighbours, Richard COUCH and his son Thomas, who were picture dealers.

A fifth child, Kate, was born in 1883⁹; by this time the family had moved to Old Ford¹⁰.

Mary's death, at the age of 43, was registered in Bethnal Green¹¹ in the first quarter of 1889. By the time of the next census¹² John, who was once again a 'bootmaker', was living in Bromley with his sons Edwin and Walter. He hasn't been found in the 1901 census return, but he died aged 73 in 1902¹³.

¹ birth certificate; these two dates also from register of St Anne, Limehouse, page 126

² London Street was in Limehouse, close to the northern end of the Rotherhithe Tunnel

³ ONS birth reference for Mary Honnor LILLISTON, Q2/1844, Stepney, 2 506

⁴ 1851 census return for 4 Devonshire Place, Mile End Old Town, HO107/1553 f543

⁵ Marriage register for St Philip, Stepney, page 30

⁶ 1861 census return for 59 Anns Road, Stepney, Mile End Old Town, RG9/295 f41 p44

⁷ 1871 census return for 3 Usher Road, Bow, RG10/576 p12

⁸ 1881 census return for 26 Usher Road, Bow, RG11/490 f23

⁹ ONS birth reference for Catherine BOLUS, Q3/1883, Poplar, 1c 571

¹⁰ Old Ford was part of Stepney: for civil administration purposes it is usually classed as 'Bow'

¹¹ ONS death reference for Mary BOLUS aged 43, 1/1889, Bethnal Green, 1c 138

¹² 1891 census return for 27 Priscilla Road, Bromley, RG12/321 f48 p37

¹³ ONS death reference for John BOLUS aged 73, Q4/1902, Poplar 1c 364

Percy (1866 – 1890)**0170A**

Percy's birth was registered in Poplar in 1866¹. At the time of the 1881 census he was a 'packing case maker (card)', aged 15 and still living at home with his parents in Bow. He died, aged only 24, in 1890².

Janet Eliza (1868 – 1945)**0170B**

Jannet (or Jennet) was born in 1868 and her birth registered in Poplar³. In 1887 she married Hugo KLEIN⁴, a confectioner. He was about five years older than Janet and came from Copenhagen; the 1891 census return shows Hugo and Janet with two children⁵ living in Islington⁶; with them was Kate, a 7-year-old sister-in-law (Janet's younger sister).

Ten years later, the family had moved to Fulham⁷. Hugo is shown as Hugh – possibly a mishearing by the enumerator, as the following census return shows him as Hugo once more. He was a confectioner by trade, and the next (1911) census return⁸ shows that all his children⁹ followed him into the business; the address was Kensal Rise, where there may have been a family shop. Altogether there were five children, but by 1911 one had died – presumably between Ernest and Violet.

Hugo died in that census year (1911)¹⁰; Janet survived him by over 30 years and died early in 1945¹¹.

Edwin (1875 – 1936)**0170C**

Like those of his elder siblings, Edwin's birth was registered in Poplar¹². He has not been found in the 1901 census return, but in 1904, aged about 29, he married Ellen BROOKS¹³, who was about ten years older than he. They are recorded in the 1911 census return in Hackney, living in three rooms; no children are shown. Edwin was a boot repairer. His death was registered in Islington, in 1936¹⁴.

Walter Samuel (1878 – 1927)**0170D**

Walter's birth was registered in 1878, also in Poplar¹⁵. In 1897 he married Emma SUSSEX¹⁶. The 1911 census return shows Walter, an insurance superintendent, and Emma living in four rooms in Waltham Cross; no children are apparent. His death was registered in Hammersmith in 1927¹⁷.

¹ ONS birth reference for Percy BOLUS, Q2/1866, Poplar, 1c 589

² ONS death reference for Percy BOLUS aged 24, Q3/1890, London C, 1c 21

³ ONS birth reference for Jannet Eliza BOLUS, Q3/1868, Poplar, 1c 574

⁴ ONS marriage reference for Hugo Albert KLEIN and Jennet Eliza BOLUS, Q1/1887, Poplar, 1c 727

⁵ Victor A (1889) and Janet H (1890)

⁶ 1891 census return for 12 Fulbrook Road, Upper Holloway, Islington, RG12/144 f91 p22

⁷ 1901 census return for 54 Beltran Road, Fulham, RG13/67 f136 p12

⁸ 1911 census return for 5 Burrows Road, Kensal Rise, RG14/7012 ED32 SN211

⁹ Ernest J (1893) and Violet E (1901) as well as Victor and Janet already mentioned

¹⁰ ONS death reference for Hugo A KLEIN aged 47, Q3/1911, Hackney, 1b 520

¹¹ ONS death reference for Janet E KLEIN aged 65, Q1/1945, Brentford, 3a 268

¹² ONS birth reference for Edwin BOLUS, Q2/1875, Poplar, 1c 683

¹³ ONS marriage reference for Edwin BOLUS and Ellen BROOKS, Q1/1904, Hackney, 1b 632

¹⁴ ONS death reference for Edwin BOLUS aged 62, Q1/1936, Islington, 1b 391

¹⁵ ONS birth reference for Walter Samuel BOLUS, Q2.1878, Poplar, 1c 660

¹⁶ ONS marriage reference for Walter Samuel BOLUS and Emma Marion SUSSEX, Q3/1897, St Saviour, 1d 84

¹⁷ ONS death reference for Walter S BOLUS aged 47, Q1/1927, Hammersmith, 1a 365

Catherine (Kate) BOLUS (1883 – ?)

0170E

Catherine's birth was registered at Poplar¹, as was that of all her siblings.

On census night in 1891 she was staying (or perhaps living) with her elder sister Janet and her husband Hugo KLEIN, as already discussed, at their address in Fulbrook Road, Kentish Town².

She is shown in the Admission Register for Burghley Road School, Camden: she was admitted on 06 APR 1891. Her father's name is confirmed as John, and her address at the time was that of her sister Janet, so it seems that Hugo and Janet had taken her in following the death of their mother two years earlier.

No further record has been found.

¹ ONS birth reference for Catherine BOLUS, Q3/1883, Poplar, 1c 571

² 1891 census return for 12 Fulbrook Road, Upper Holloway, Islington, RG12/144 f91 p22

Appendix O17P – John William LILLISTONE (1846 - 1913)

The youngest child – a boy at last – was born on 16 SEP 1846¹ at 9 George Street, Commercial Road, and baptised John William on 21 MAY 1848 at St Anne's, Limehouse. His birth was registered in Ratcliffe again, this time shown as a sub-district of Poplar. Although he appears in the 1851 census return², living with the rest of the family, in common with all the family he has not been found in the census ten years later.

On 05 DEC 1870 he married Mary Ann BURKE³ at Poplar Parish Church. Mary's parents, Edward and Catharine, were both from Ireland. The church, and the two addresses in the following paragraph, are shown on the map.

Both John William and his father-in-law, Edward, were shown as mariners on the marriage certificate, although Edward had previously been described as 'labourer' (1851) and 'labourer dock' (1861). At the time of the marriage John's address was Gough Street while Mary Ann, his junior by two years, lived in Suffolk Street. The certificate gives no indication that John's father Nathaniel had died, although he had done so earlier that year.

The 1871 census⁴ shows that Mary Ann was lodging with George PARROTT, a butcher, and his wife Sarah in 67 Sidney Street, Mile End⁵. Her profession is shown as 'seamstress' and her place of birth simply 'London'. John hasn't been found in the census but he may well have been away at sea.

The family has been found in the 1881 census⁶, showing four children with ages ranging from seven to four months⁷. John's profession is 'foreman & cab driver'. However, daughter Mary (their third child) died the same year, aged only two⁸.

The next census return, taken in 1891⁹, shows John W, still a cabman, living in Bethnal Green alone but for an 'adopted daughter', 15-year-old Jessie CRESSWELL, who had been born in Manchester. John is shown as a widower, although no death of Mary has been found – but neither has she been found in the census. Rather sadly, two of the children (Henry and William) appear as inmates in the 'District South Metropolitan School District (Poor Law)' in Herne, Kent¹⁰ along with scores of other children from the same part of London. Somewhat surprisingly, perhaps, the cover of the enumeration book confirms that this is Herne Bay, rather than Herne [Hill] in south London.

The same census records a John William LILES aged 18 as an inmate of 'The Boys Home', St Pancras; whilst this is not conclusive it is at least a possibility for the eldest son. It was described as a 'Certified Industrial School', which implies that he might have been learning a trade; it was in Regents Park Road.

The only likely possibility in the 1901 census return for John (the father) shows him married to Elizabeth and living in Islington¹¹. He was a 'Hackney carriage driver' aged 54, born in Limehouse – the John W in the 1881 census was a 'foreman & cab driver' aged 34

¹ birth certificate

² 1851 census return for 4 Devonshire Place, Mile End Old Town, HO107/1553 f543

³ marriage certificate

⁴ 1871 census return for 67 Sidney Street, Mile End Old Town, RG10/554 f15 p24

⁵ Sidney Street runs north-south between the junction of Whitechapel Road and Mile End Road, and Commercial Road; it is a continuation of Cambridge Heath Road

⁶ 1881 census return for 115 New Road, Whitechapel, RG11/444 f52 p15

⁷ John W (1874), Henry (1877), Mary A (1879) and William (1881)

⁸ ONS death reference for Mary Ann LILLISTONE aged 2, Q3/1881, Whitechapel, 1c 233

⁹ 1891 census return for 42 Cyprus Street, Bethnal Green, RG12/268 f40 p12

¹⁰ 1891 census return for District South Metropolitan School District, Herne, Kent, RG12/710 p8

¹¹ 1901 census return for 15 Canonbury Road, Islington, RG13/192 f 126 p36

and born in Limehouse. The evidence is reasonably conclusive that these are one and the same – and apparently he had remarried following the death of Mary Ann. But the ONS records no marriage of a John LILLISTONE between the one we know about, in 1870, and one that was registered in Ipswich in 1907. It seems, therefore, that John and Elizabeth weren't married, although they were presumably living together as husband and wife.

That may have been just as well, because the 1901 census also records an (unmarried) Mary A LILLISTONE as a visitor in the household of Frederick and Lilian YOUNG, in Mile End Old Town¹. She was aged 53 and had been born in St George's East – the Mary in the 1881 census had also been born in St George's East but was aged 31.

Was there some family scandal? It seems, on the face of the evidence above, that sometime between 1881 and 1891, possibly as a result of daughter Mary's death, John and Mary split up and the three boys went into what we should now call 'care'. The connection with Jessie CRESSWELL, the 'adopted daughter', is a bit of a mystery. After some years John formed another partnership with an Elizabeth (it is unlikely we shall ever know who this was) although, as his wife Mary was still alive, Elizabeth and John were unable to marry.

John and Elizabeth were still together at the time of the 1911 census², and living in one room. The census form described their 'marriage' as having lasted 24 years – that is, from 1887, which is possibly, according to the theory just outlined, the time when John and Mary split up. Mary also appears in the census³, living in one room as a 'lodger' in Bethnal Green; the previous entry shows the family of Edmund and Caroline BEEBY with no fewer than seven children living in three rooms, and George and Elizabeth BAKER (plus two children) in two rooms, all at the same address. The next entry shows yet another family, all living at 6 Tagg Street. In contrast to her entry in the 1901 return, Mary indicated that she was married (46 years, giving 1865 (not 1870) as the date of her marriage) and that the marriage had produced four children, one of whom had died.

Mary Ann's death was registered in Bethnal Green, in the third quarter of 1913⁴; John died, aged 67⁵, just a few months later. His death was registered in Islington. Did they meet again before they died? Were they aware of each other and where each lived? Probably not. Not surprisingly, no death of an Elizabeth LILLISTONE has been registered.

What of the three remaining children? None has been found in the 1901 census.

John William (1874 – 1967)

John, the eldest son, is recorded in the 1911 census living in Trowbridge, Wiltshire, with a wife of four years and two young sons: John William (1908) and Norman Bastin (1910). He had married Alice BASTIN in 1907⁶; the marriage had been registered, oddly, in Ipswich. His occupation was given as 'Gunner, Royal Horse Artillery', which perhaps explains his absence from the previous census return. His wife, Alice, had been born in Devon and their elder son in Christchurch, Hampshire.

¹ 1901 census return for 41 Alma Road, Mile End Old Town. RG13/336 f136 p47

² 1911 census return for 35 Florence Street, Islington, RG14/938 ED36 SN39

³ 1911 census for 6 Tagg St, Bonner Street, Bethnal Green, RG14/1406 ED25 SN13

⁴ ONS death reference for Mary A LILLISTONE aged 65, Q3/1913, Bethnal Green, 1c 136

⁵ ONS death reference for John W LILLISTONE aged 67, Q4/1913, Islington, 1b 378

⁶ ONS marriage reference for John William LILLISTONE and Alice Gertrude BASTIN, Q1/1907, Ipswich, 4a 1419

APPENDIX O17P: JOHN WILLIAM LILLISTONE (1846 – 1913)

John and Alice are shown in the 1939 Register living at 11 Waterworks Road, Trowbridge¹, together with their younger son, Norman, who was a 'Radio Service engineer'. They remained in the Trowbridge area for the rest of their lives: Alice died (although no death registration has been found) and was buried in Trowbridge cemetery² on 21 MAR 1955; John died in 1967, aged 93³.

Henry (1877 – 1943)

It seems that Henry also joined the Artillery, as he has been found in the 1911 census return where he is shown as a 'Gunner' at the Barracks at Plympton St Mary, Devonshire. In the 1939 Register, taken immediately before the outbreak of the war, he was a patient in 'St James Mental Hospital and ARP Casualty Hospital'. He was unmarried, and an 'Army Pensioner (Artillery)'. A likely death for Henry was in 1943, when he was aged 66⁴.

William (1880 – 1949)

William⁵, the youngest son, joined the Royal Marines and was based in Portsmouth. Here he met Elizabeth MAIDMENT, whom he married on 11 NOV 1905⁶. He was stationed at Eastney Barracks while Elizabeth, a few years younger than he, was living at 126 Reginald Road. They had two sons: William⁷ (1906) and Arthur James⁸ (1908). Paula, my informant for this branch of the family, is Arthur's daughter-in-law. The 1911 census return⁹ shows Elizabeth and the two boys living in Portsmouth together with Elizabeth's mother, Eliza. Later he became a cinema attendant, and the 1939 Register records him as such, living at 24 Ward Road, Portsmouth, with Elizabeth. He died in 1949 aged 69¹⁰; Elizabeth survived him by a little under two years and died in 1951 aged 67¹¹.

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² Wiltshire M I index

³ ONS death reference for John W LILLISTONE aged 93, Q4/1967, Trowbridge, 7C 896

⁴ ONS death reference for Henry LILLISTONE aged 66, Q2/1943, Portsmouth, 2b 661

⁵ much of the information about William comes from Paula LILLISTONE, wife of William's grandson Don

⁶ ONS marriage reference for William LILLISTONE and Elizabeth MAIDMENT, Q4/1905, Portsmouth, 2b 940

⁷ William Harry John LILLISTONE was born on 05 SEP 1906 and baptised on 04 NOV 1906 in the RMA Church, Eastney (baptism register)

⁸ ONS birth reference for Arthur James LILLISTONE, Q1/1908, Portsmouth, 2b 436

⁹ 1911 census return for 24 Ward Road, Eastney, Portsmouth, RG14/5557 ED36 SN27

¹⁰ ONS death reference for William LILLISTONE aged 69, Q4/1949, Portsmouth, 6b 502

¹¹ ONS death reference for Elizabeth LILLISTONE aged 67, Q3/1851, Portsmouth, 6b 325

Appendix 008N: Martha GREEN, Sarah [0080], Hetty [008T] and Ada [008U]

Of these four daughters, Martha Janet Mary and Sarah Jane were the two eldest and Hetty Helena and Ada the two youngest. None of them married¹.

All the births were registered in Lambeth: Martha in 1860², Sarah in 1862³, Hetty in 1874⁴ and Ada in 1879⁵. Ada was baptised at St Mary, Lambeth, on 04 MAY 1879⁶, while the family was at 4 Granby Buildings.

There are several instances of a Sarah GREEN in the 1881 census living as a servant but none is conclusive. One possibility is in the household of George HANEY, a baker in Lambeth Palace, although her place of birth is recorded as Brixton rather than Lambeth; another is in the home of John and Emma BARNES in Hanover Gardens (close by the Oval, in Kennington), where her place of birth is given as Southwark. Neither of these addresses is far from Granby Buildings but the former is the nearer, less than half-a-mile distant. At the same time (1881) the other three sisters were living with their parents in Granby Buildings⁷. Martha, aged 20, was a laundress; Hetty and Ada were 6 and 1 respectively.

Ten years later, in 1891, by which time their mother had died, Ada was the only one of the four still at home, living with her father, her elder sister Susannah and her brother John William. Martha has not been found in this census, but she appears later, so perhaps she was never recorded. Sarah and Hetty (Hetty was twelve years younger than Sarah) were both servants at the same address in Bread Street⁸; they were both shown as 'liveried servant'. Bread Street ran north-south, from Queen Victoria Street to Cheapside.

In 1901 the census return shows Sarah and Hetty were still together at the same address as ten years earlier⁹: Sarah was a housekeeper and Hetty a domestic servant. They were aged 38 and 26 respectively. The other two of this quartet, Martha and Ada, were living together in Heyford Avenue, Lambeth (off South Lambeth Road)¹⁰.

By 1911 Martha and Ada were still living together, but some three miles south in Balham¹¹, and they had been joined by their brother William as well as a niece, Susan AINGE. She was the daughter of their sister Susannah (who had died in 1905 – see Appendix 008Q on page 48). Sarah and Hetty were still together, still with the same occupations, and still at the same address¹². They were sharing a three-room apartment with two 18-year-old female servants; the census form had been signed by a Mr J W Thomas in his capacity as manager, presumably of the company that employed the women and owned the apartment.

The 1939 Register¹³ shows that Martha and Ada had moved again, though they were still together, to 127 Ravenslea Road, less than a mile from their previous address. For some

¹ information from Roger Goode (see note 12 below)

² ONS birth reference for Martha Janet Mary GREEN, Q3/1860, Lambeth, 1d 271

³ ONS birth reference for Sarah Jane GREEN, Q3/1862, Lambeth, 1d 32?

⁴ ONS birth reference for Hetty Helena GREEN, Q2/1874, Lambeth, 1d 377

⁵ ONS birth reference for Ada GREEN, Q2/1879, Lambeth, 1d 368

⁶ baptism register for St Mary, Lambeth, page 125

⁷ 1881 census return for 4 Granby Buildings, Lambeth, RG10/661 f66

⁸ 1891 census return for 16...18 Cannon Street, Bread Street, RG12/239 f47 p28

⁹ 1901 census return for 16 & 18 Cannon Street, RG13/266 f79 p5

¹⁰ 1901 census return for 11 Heyford Avenue, Lambeth, RG13/414 f82 p29

¹¹ 1911 census return for 34 Oakmead Road, Balham, RG14/2311 ED26 SN115

¹² 1911 census return for 16 Cannon Street, London, RG14/1308 ED18 SN17

¹³ *op cit*

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reason Ada's date of birth is shown as 10 APR 1873, whereas it should be 1879 – no doubt a simple transcription error on the part of the recorder. Martha's occupation was shown as 'householder', Ada's as 'house work'.

The same source¹ records 'Hettie H GREEN' living, with some 40 others, at 140/148 Earls Court Road; she was a 'cook'. No entry for Sarah has been found in this Register.

Later still Hetty moved in with Martha and Ada. There is a story (from Roger Goode²) that as elderly ladies Hetty and Ada were conned out of their life savings.

A likely, though not certain, death for Sarah was in 1945³; Martha died in 1950, aged 90⁴. Probable records of death for the younger two sisters were (Hetty) in 1965 at the age of 90⁵ and (Ada) in 1967, at the age of 88⁶.

¹ 1939 Register

² Roger GOODE, 69 Monk Ings, Birstall, West Yorkshire, WF17 9HU, descendant of Kate Elizabeth GREEN

³ ONS death reference for Sarah J GREEN aged 85, Q4/1945, Surrey N E, 2a 272

⁴ ONS death reference for Martha J M GREEN aged 90, Q4/1950, Southwark, 5d 486

⁵ ONS death reference for Hetty H GREEN aged 90, Q2/1965, Wandsworth, 5e 543

⁶ ONS death reference for Ada GREEN aged 88, Q4/1967, Wandsworth, 5e 630

Appendix 008P: John William GREEN (1864 – 1926)

John's birth was registered in Lambeth in 1864¹. He was baptised at St Mary, Lambeth, on 21 MAY 1866²; this appears to have been a private baptism and somewhat oddly his father's name is shown as 'George', a labourer (rather than a mason). The entry confirms the address as 4 Granby Buildings.

In 1881, at the age of 16, he was a printer's assistant, still living in Granby Buildings³ with his family.

The only likely record in the 1891 census for a John W GREEN living in the London area is as a boarder in the household of Jane BLACH⁴, where he is listed as a 'traveller, advertising'; this could have followed on from his time in the printing industry. The address is Ballater Road, Lambeth, about three miles south of where his parents were living; this doesn't explain how he came to marry Sarah Elizabeth GLOVER later that year⁵ as the marriage was registered in Holborn. She was also from Lambeth and was some nine years younger than John, but there are no birth registrations for her that seem likely.

A year or two later they moved to Finsbury, as the births of three of their children (Ada, 8, John William, 7, and William Henry, 5) were registered there, but by 1901 the family had returned to Bermondsey, where he was a builder's labourer. A fourth child had died.

The 1911 census return lists John as a 'sawyer, slate'; the family was living in Camberwell⁶, with the three children still at home. A likely death for John was at the age of 61 in 1926⁷.

¹ ONS birth registration for John William GREEN, Q4/1864, Lambeth, 1d 291

² baptism register for St Mary the Less, Lambeth, page 18

³ 1881 census return for 4 Granby Buildings, Lambeth, RG11/592 f48 p22

⁴ 1891 census return for 64 Ballater Road, Lambeth, RG12/408 f46 p24 [John W GREEN]

⁵ ONS marriage reference for John William GREEN and Sarah Elizabeth GLOVER, Q3/1891, Holborn, 1b 1253

⁶ 1911 census return for 57 Barkworth Road, Camberwell, RG14/2541 ED22 SN221

⁷ ONS death reference for John W GREEN aged 61, Q3/1926, Camberwell, 1d 577

Appendix 008Q: Susannah Eliza GREEN (1867 – 1905)

A scholar in 1881¹, Susan was still living at home ten years later² and employed as an 'ironer/wash[er]woman'. She married George AINGE³ in 1893⁴ and by 1901⁵ they had three children; George (1884), Ada (1888) and William (1900). A fourth child, Susan, was born in 1903⁶.

Susannah died in 1905 aged just 38⁷, and in 1909 George married again, to Mary Ann MARSH⁸, a widow. The 1911 census return shows George and Mary living in Battersea⁹ with George's sons George and William, John and Albert MARSH from Mary's first marriage, and Robert and Louisa, the two children from the second marriages.

Ada, George's elder daughter, was living with her grandfather Thomas and his new wife Mary in Freda Street (see page 13); Susan, her younger sister, was living with her aunts and uncle in Balham (see the earlier section, appendix 008N, on page 45).

¹ 1881 census return for 4 Granby Buildings, Lambeth, RG11/592 f48 p22

² 1891 census return for 4 Granby Buildings, Lambeth, RG12/392 d119 p32

³ ONS birth registration for George Frederick AINGE, Q3/1867, Lambeth, 1d 336

⁴ ONS marriage reg. for George Frederick AINGE and Susannah Eliza GREEN, 2/1893, St Saviour, 1d 352

⁵ 1901 census return for 30 Neville Street, Lambeth, RG13/409 f152 p47

⁶ ONS birth referenced for Susannah Louisa AINGE, Q1/1903, Lambeth, 1d 369

⁷ ONS death reference for Susannah Eliza AINGE aged 38, Q2/1905, Lambeth, 1d 161

⁸ ONS marriage reference for George Frederick AINGE and Mary Ann K MARSH, Q1/1909, Lambeth, 1d 456

⁹ 1911 census return for 78 Sterndale Road, Battersea, RG14/2170 ED27 SN1

Appendix 008R: Kate Elizabeth GREEN (1869 – 1954)

Kate was born on 23 FEB 1869, and appears in the 1891 census¹ as a servant (cook and general domestic) to the BELL household in Vauxhall.

She married Charles William GOODE² shortly after her 29th birthday, on 01 MAR 1897³. At the date of their marriage her address was 43 Cowley Road⁴; his was 80 Hackford Road. These roads are both in Stockwell, about half-a-mile apart. They appear in the 1901 census⁵ living in Clapham. Charles, some 17 years her senior (and a widower – this was his third marriage⁶), was a ‘cab proprietor’; he had been born on 29 JUN 1852 in Much Marcle (Herefordshire). The census shows two children: Caroline, aged 11, presumably his daughter from an earlier marriage, and Lily E, aged 3.

The 1911 census return shows Charles and Kate living in Brixton⁷ with six children. The return states that seven children had been born within this marriage, of which two had died. The children were Cissie (1889)⁸ (from Charles’ first marriage), Lily (1897)⁹, Georgie (1903)¹⁰, Ivy (1904)¹¹, Kate (1907)¹², and Edward (1909)¹³. There were two other birth registrations: Charles (born and died 1900) and William (born and died 1903), which were the two deaths referred to in the census return.

Charles died at home (17 Melbourne Square, Kennington) on 05 DEC 1926¹⁴. The funeral took place at Norwood Cemetery; among the mourners were sons G W, P, and E and daughters L, K, and I. These were, presumably, Georgie, Edward, Lily, Kate and Ivy. Son ‘P’ was Percy Henry, born on 17 JUL 1911 and so after the census. Probate, amounting to some £38,000 was awarded to Kate Elizabeth GOODE, George BENNETT (taxi proprietor), Charles STURGESS (gentleman), and Edwin Arthur GOODE (contractor).

Kate survived him by some 28 years, and died on 01 JUL 1954 in Leeds.

¹ 1891 census return for 316 Clapham Road, Vauxhall, RG12/401 f7 p8

² information about Kate Elizabeth from Roger GOODE, see above

³ ONS marriage reference for Charles William GOODE and Kate Elizabeth GREEN, Q1/1897, Lambeth, 1d 369

⁴ Marriage register for Christ Church (North Brixton), page 131

⁵ 1901 census return for 47 Union Road, Clapham, RG13/463 f125 p11

⁶ Charles first married Emma PRITCHARD (Q1/1877, Lambeth, 1d 326) but she died soon after (Q3/1877, Lambeth, 1d 276); he then married Caroline FRENCH (Q2/1879, Lambeth, 1d 709), from Bletchingley, who died (Q2/1896, 39, Wandsworth, 1d 386)

⁷ 1911 census return for 17 Melbourne Square, Brixton, RG14/2061 f12 p32

⁸ ONS birth reference for Caroline Cissie GOODE, Q4/1889, Lambeth, 1d 470

⁹ ONS birth reference for Lily Evelina GOODE, Q4/1897, Wandsworth, 1d 701

¹⁰ ONS birth reference for George William GOODE, Q2/1903, Lambeth, 1d 419

¹¹ ONS birth reference for Ivy GOODE, Q4/1904, Lambeth, 1d 418

¹² ONS birth reference for Kate Evelina GOODE, Q4/1906, Lambeth, 1d 423

¹³ ONS birth reference for Edward Charles GOODE, Q3/1909, Lambeth, 1d 431

¹⁴ obit published in the *Brixton Free Press*, 10 December 1926

Appendix 008S William GREEN (1873 – ?)

William is listed in the 1881 census, aged 8. In the next census, that of 1891, he is shown as 'John W' and is a 'craneboy'¹.

He has not been found in the 1901 census. A possible entry² for him is as a visitor in the household of Alice RAINS, a 38-year-old widow, and her son Percy, who were living in Edithna Street (between Clapham and Stockwell). William is shown as an 'omnibus driver', and his place of birth as Newington, so this entry is not conclusive.

Ten years later³ he was still unmarried and living with his sisters Martha and Ada in Balham, where he was an 'assistant traveller'.

¹ this seems to have been a job, presumably operating a crane, in an iron foundry or similar heavy industry

² 1901 census return for 8 Edithna Street, Lambeth, RG13/423 f128 p23

³ 1911 census return for 34 Oakmead Road, Balham, RG14/2311 ED26 SN115

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