

# *Rob's Family History Journal*

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## **Waterhouse Update**

The first thing to do is update the information from the July Journal. I have been trying to bring forward the WATERHOUSE family from Totland on the Isle of Wight. This involved trying to find any living ancestors. The other line that I was researching was what happened to Phoebe Waterhouse who was left behind when the family moved from London to the Isle of Wight.

## **Phoebe Waterhouse**

To find out what became of Phoebe, other than what was on census records I applied to the Nottingham Archives to look up the records on Sneinton Asylum. They hold 'The Register of Pauper Patients, 1861 – 1871' and 'The Indexes of Patients, 1861 – 1883'. Unfortunately this drew a blank. I know she was there during this period but they were unable to find her. I received her death certificate recently which shows she did indeed die in the Lunatic Asylum. She died of 'Bronchitis' on the 11<sup>th</sup> January 1883.

## **Ellen Louise Waterhouse**

Ellen married Frederick Gilmour LATHAM at Christ's Church, Totland, Isle of Wight on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1884. Frederick was born in Mitcham, Surrey. On a visit to the records office recently on the Isle of Wight I found a child, Beatrice Ellen. This was all I could find.

She was born in 1885 and baptised at Christ's Church, Totland Bay on 26<sup>th</sup> December 1885. Just two years later Ellen had died. I can find no trace of the family on the Isle of Wight after this. I will now start searching in Surrey as Frederick may have gone home with his daughter. I have now received Ellen's death certificate. It shows she died on the 12<sup>th</sup> February 1887 in Totland. Sadly Ellen died from 'Confinement 6 days, Peritonitis and Congestion of the Lungs'.

## **Nellie Waterhouse**

Nellie married Harry Wilfred KELLEWAY in Christ Church, Totland Bay, Isle of Wight in 1921. I have only been able to find one child that they had namely Barbara Joan. She was born in 1923 in Totland. The KELLEWAY family were quite a big family in this area of the Isle of Wight and I am investigating them to try and see if there is a link between Nellie's husband and Nellie's mother Martha Jane KELLEWAY. I have sent off for Nellie's death certificate and also marriage certificate for a Joan KELLEWAY who married in 1945. This may be Barbara Joan, or not!

The certificates have arrived and show that the marriage certificate I applied for was not for my Barbara Joan. However, the death certificate for her mother, Nellie, proved to be very helpful. It shows that Nellie died in the Shanklin

Cottage Hospital on the Isle of Wight. The cause of death was a Cerebral Atheroma and Auricular Fibrillation. What was most interesting on the death certificate was the informant. This was B.J. WOODWARK, daughter. I think this must be Barbara Joan. This means she did marry. She was living in Peterborough at the time of death of her mother. The other interesting piece of information was that it shows Nellie to be the widow of Harry William (Wilfred) KELLEWAY, a Naval Pensioner.

This now gives me a new lead to follow up, trying to find any living relations of Barbara Joan WOODWARK from Peterborough. I will also look into any possible naval records for Harry KELLEWAY.

### **The Wright Family**

I have had some correspondence this month with someone tracing the WRIGHT family on the Isle of Wight. They are linked to the HENDY and DOWNER families on the Isle of Wight. Dianne Wright has been very helpful in sharing her information on the WRIGHT family which she has agreed to be uploaded onto the website. This has added another family to look up which will tie up a lot of my research time over the next month.

### **Harvey Graves**

I have been to most of the graveyards on the Isle of Wight so was surprised to find a graveyard I had missed! I took a trip to one of the oldest and smallest churches in England, St Lawrence old church. I thought I was going to find some DOWNER memorials. To my surprise I found a group of HARVEY graves. They were as can be seen in the

photograph all near to the door of the church. Mind you is quite a small churchyard so most graves are near to the door!



This opened up a new line of research for me. Who were these people and do they appear in my family tree? I needed to do a lot of research into this line.

Firstly I needed to transcribe the memorials. This took a few trips but eventually I managed to get as much as I could from the stones. This information I took to the IOW Records Office to try and trace their BMD data. The baptism records for St Lawrence went back to 1738; the marriage records to 1747 and burial records back to 1746. I went through each of these records which I transcribed. These can be seen in the HARVEY family page on my website. I went through the census data available but found very little, considering the number of graves. However, it did confirm that James Harvey (Fisherman, Born 1801) lived in St Lawrence. His family lived in Duck Cottage, an infamous house in relation to smuggling of spirits.

After gathering all the information together for these graves and the village of St Lawrence I intend to write a bigger report on these people as it is going to be very difficult to place these people within my tree as there only appears to be tenuous links. As I have said previously I do not like to leave the

memory of people down to a gravestone and a baptism record. With good research I feel I should be able to put their lives in context to the rest of my family on the Isle of Wight.

There is one link that I think I have and that relates to one of the graves, namely Robert HARVEY (Death 21/02/1827) and his wife Fanny (Death 12/08/1821). They lived in Whitwell, Ash Farm. This brings in the ATTRILL family who were running Ash farm in the late 1800's. This at the moment is one of the only leads I have.

One other grave that may yield some information is that of Robert HARVEY who drowned in July 4<sup>th</sup> 1753, aged 47 years.

I am sure this is going to prove to be a very rewarding piece of research. What it does show that research of all kinds is important? The internet is now an invaluable tool to genealogical research but the aesthetic thrill of finding real clues in a graveyard or in a records office still gets me every time.