

**The Descendants of William Yeo and Agnes  
Savery of Totnes, including David Yaw and Mary  
Jessop of Bickington**

**Also Including Family Details of William Yeo 1617-1699 Non  
Conformist Minister of Wolborough & Family details of  
Admiral John Yeo 1681-1756 of Wolborough**

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## Acknowledgements

It is commonly held in many walks of life that those undertaking any endeavour stand on the shoulders of others who have gone before. That is certainly the case here, which we are pleased to acknowledge.

Martyn Yeo digitised Sheila Yeo's research papers and correspondence between 2013 and 2021. A few years ago Sheila asked Mike Darch if he would cooperate with Martyn to ensure her work was not lost to future generations of amateur genealogists.

Sheila had been Mike's mentor when he started about 20 years ago and since then he has worked with David Yaw on many projects with her help. Over time many more records have become more accessible and initial assumptions made in research sometimes need to be changed. A branch of the Yeo family which descends from William Yeo and his wife Agnes nee Savery or Saverie, who were probably married in the early 1580's in the Totnes area, which was the subject of extensive research by Sheila of Kingsteignton in Devon is a case in point.

In other research undertaken by Peter Kelly in Australia, he traced the ancestry of his grandmother Catherine Wootton Yea back to David Yaw and Mary Jessop.

The descendants of David Yaw and Mary Jessop who were married in 1756 in St Marychurch, Devon are of particular interest to us. We believe their descendants to be one of only two branches of the wider Yeo family to now use the variant surname Yea in the UK— the other being the maternal line of co-author Mike Darch.

We have made a few changes to these two pieces of work, which we have been able to join up and added considerable amounts of additional information, which has resulted in a very few instances of changes being made in Sheila's assumptions. This in no way implies any criticism of her work and we are sure she would have been excited at what we have been able to achieve in the work that follows.

Our thanks also go to Claire Tobin and Martyn Yeo for their considerable assistance in getting this report to its current stage.

It is over 30 years since Sheila and Peter first started their research on this piece of family history. It is thanks to their generosity in sharing their work that we have been able to develop it to this present stage. Sadly Sheila and Peter are no longer with us. As a mark of gratitude and respect for their early work, we are pleased to dedicate the completed pedigree of this branch to their memory as a lasting legacy.

## Introduction

As noted in the Acknowledgements, this led us into the results of two fields of previous research. One by Sheila Yeo into the descendants of William Yeo and Agnes Savery of Totnes reaches back to their marriage c1580. The other by Peter Kelly into the line of his grandmother Catherine Wootton Yea reaches back to David Yaw and Mary Jessop and their marriage in 1756 in St Marychurch, Torquay.

From our review of those two previous fields and exhaustive research of Devon and other sources, we made a key discovery in the record of the marriage of John Yow and Grace Kater in Highweek in 1718. It appears this particular record was not found by the previous researchers, perhaps because it was not in the public domain at the time of their research.

Two pieces of circumstantial evidence provide important context to this individual record. One lies in the geographical proximity of parishes with a sequence of baptisms, marriages and burials over a period of about 50 years – from Wolborough via Bovey Tracey to Highweek and Bickington, and thence to St Marychurch, all small parishes separated by no more than a few miles. A second piece lies in the recurrence of certain forenames chosen for children, including Grace, Jacob and Christopher. As will be seen, these appear to reflect the names of parents, their siblings or grandparents and suggest a continuity from previous generations. Combining all this, our research shows that John who married Grace Kater was a descendant of William Yeo & Agnes Savery through William Yeo, the non-conformist preacher. His youngest son John born 1664 in Wolborough buried in 1721 in Bovey Tracey was the father of John Yow born 1688 in Bovey Tracey who married Grace in Highweek in 1718 and was buried in Bickington in 1761. He was the father of David Yaw born in 1721 in Bickington who married Mary Jessop. David was therefore the Great Grandson of William the preacher. Having identified these vital links and by joining the previous fields of research, which in places we have been able to develop and expand, our task thus morphed into documenting this into the single consolidated family tree presented in this volume.

It appears that the progenitor of this branch William was a prosperous, even wealthy, man with legal training, for in his will of 1611/12 he bequeathed his law books to his son, and the inventory of his assets amounted then to the very large sum of £994. Two of his descendants followed him into legal training and served as Town Clerks in Totnes and in Plymouth.

A later descendant served as a Chaplain in Cromwell's army and later became a

prominent Non-conformist Preacher and his legacy may well be reflected in the many Yeo family members who worshipped in non-conformist congregations. As might be expected in this area of South-West England, some descendants were mariners, some of whom served in the Royal Navy, one reaching the rank of Admiral. Other descendants followed careers in medicine – one becoming Governor of the first Royal Naval Hospital. These were to some extent exceptions, and many descendants were tradesmen, husbandmen and labourers.

There was also a geographical dispersion aspect to this branch, with members moving elsewhere either temporarily or permanently in England and to Scotland, the USA and Australia, in each of which descendants survive in 2021 as well as to Malta and South Africa.

In her earlier research Sheila Yeo suggested that a descendant moved to Ireland and established a branch around Dublin. The present authors have reviewed that and consider it unlikely – our report on the Yeo family of Ireland can be found here

<http://yeoonline.net/a-yeo-family-of-ireland/>

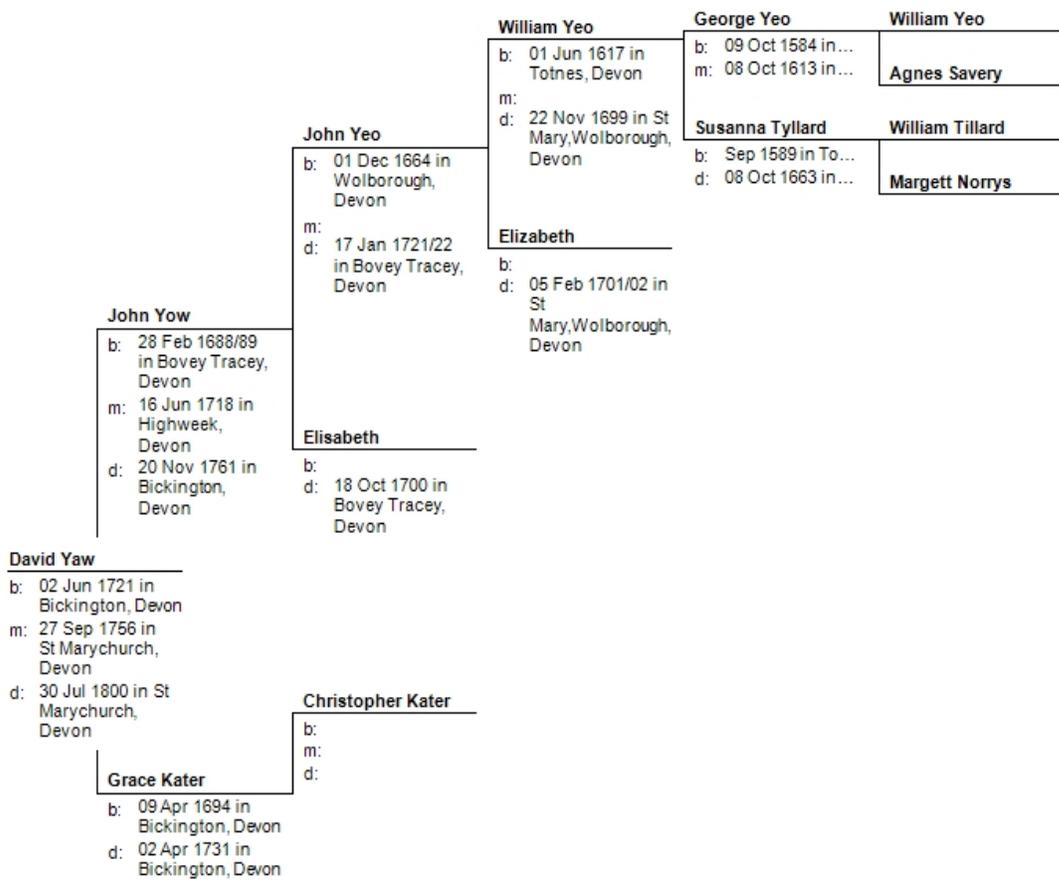
The pedigree set out on the following pages includes details of basic life events of births, baptisms, marriages, deaths & burials. We should note here that baptisms are often used as date of birth and burials as date of death. Since the periods between births and baptisms and between deaths and burials were usually a matter of days, this does not adversely affect the timeline in the pedigree. The pedigree also includes extensive information drawn from wills, court cases, property transactions, directories and almanacs and for more recent generations from the England & Wales, Scotland and USA censuses.

Sheila and Peter left a rich vein of information to which we have been able to add. Some of their original research contains correspondence of a personal nature which we considered was inappropriate to include here. We would be pleased to respond to queries from other researchers and can be contacted as follows:

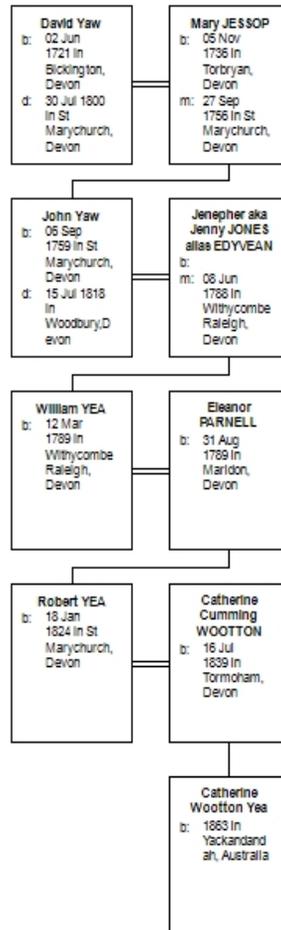
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**Pedigree Chart for  
David Yaw**



**Line of Descendancy from David YAW to Catherine Cumming Wootton in Australia**



# The Descendants of William Yeo and Agnes Savery of Totnes including David Yaw and Mary Jessop of Bickington, Devon

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## Generation 1

1. **WILLIAM<sup>1</sup> YEO** was born about 1552. He died on 02 Feb 1612/13 in Totnes, Devon. He married **AGNES SAVERY**. She died on 17 Feb 1645/46 in Totnes, Devon.

Notes for William Yeo:

**About 1552:** We find no birth or baptism record for William - he was probably born just before the introduction of formal parish registers. He lived in Totnes where his six children were born and where he owned a number of properties as is clear from his will. As will be seen, he was to have a son George who was mentioned in a court case in 1612 which referred to George's father as "William Yeo senior of Totnes gent where he lived for 40 years and is now aged 60 years". That suggests William was born in 1552, though we cannot rely on such a statement as firm evidence of his year of birth - we could reasonably expect a margin of say plus or minus two years. The foregoing statement also implies he was born elsewhere than in Totnes and moved there when he was aged about 20, ie in about 1572. We might speculate that might have been at his marriage, though we find no record of it in the Totnes parish register, where entries date from 1556.

We have no firm evidence for William's immediate ancestors. However, we may infer he came from a relatively prosperous though not a "titled" family, and that he probably benefitted from a university education and entered the legal profession. He certainly had significant assets which he bequeathed in his will, though some of those may have come via his marriage.

We can identify two individuals who were likely to have had the local social status and wealth to be considered as William's potential ancestors. Both were Members of Parliament albeit some years apart, and the History of Parliament suggests the two were "kinsmen", without stating the the actual family relationships .

The earlier of the two was Hugh Yeo of Hatherleigh, who was Member for Barnstaple in 1529. His entry in the History of Parliament states he was born before 1499, the son of John Yeo of Hatherleigh and his wife Joan nee Asshe.

<https://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/yeo-%28ya-we-yowe%29-hugh-1499-1548> *(If this link doesn't work please copy and paste it into your browser)*

Hugh had a legal education and was admitted to the Middle Temple on 9 Feb 1517. He died and was buried at Braunton on 25 Oct 1548. His entry in the History notes that Hugh had a brother William, as well as a son William who was later confirmed as Hugh's heir at the inquisition held in Exeter on 2 Oct 1550 and was then aged 30.

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## Generation 1 (cont.)

The later of the two was Leonard Yeo, who was Member for Totnes in 1555, 1558 and 1559. His entry in the History of Parliament states he was born before 1512, the second son of Nicholas Yeo of Heanton Sachville by Joan, daughter of Richard Lybbe of Tavistock.

<https://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/volume/1509-1558/member/yeo-leonard-1512-86>

The present authors consider the statement concerning Nicholas's wife to be an error. Careful reading of the will of Richard Libbe (sic) (senior) of Tavistock from 1504 reveals the names of his four sons Richard, John, William & Robert; his daughter Joan; and wife also Joan, the latter appointed his Executrix and who proved the will on 10 Dec 1504. The will of his son William Lybbe of 1526 refers to “my brother Leonard Yeo”. And the will of Richard’s son Richard Lybbe of Tavistock from 1527 refers to “my father-in-law Nicholas Yeo”. Interpreting these together suggests Nicholas married Joan the widow of Richard Lybbe (senior) sometime after Dec 1504 and by her was the father of Leonard - hence William’s reference to his brother (ie half-brother, same mother & different fathers) Leonard, and Richard junior’s reference to his father-in-law (ie step-father) Nicholas.

In his will of April 1586, Leonard Yeo then living in Exeter left charitable bequests to the poor of Hatherleigh, of Totnes, and of “Tavistock where I was born”. To family members, Leonard left bequests to his son George Yeo, his wife Elizabeth and their son Leonard; to daughter Marie married to Nicholas Martyn and their five children; and to daughter Millicent and her daughter Chrispian Britnall. He left a bequest to his godson Leonard Yeo and his heirs, son of his brother John Yeo, and in default to John and then William; two other sons of his brother John, and making his said brother one of his Trustees.

In summary, we can identify two lines for the potential ancestry of William of Totnes. Given the proximity of Hatherleigh where Hugh lived and Heanton Sachville where Leonard’s father Nicholas Yeo lived- the two parishes lie just north of Okehampton and are about 5 miles apart - Hugh and Leonard may well stem from a common family root, though their relationship is unclear.

We can certainly exclude Hugh as William’s father, though Hugh’s son William born ca 1520 would be a credible candidate. William born 1520 could be a match for the record in the Devon Wills Project of an Administration for a William Yeo in Totnes from 1582, the original document having been destroyed in the bombing of Exeter in 1942.

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## Generation 1 (cont.)

Similarly, we can exclude Leonard as William's father, though Leonard's nephew William - son of his brother John - would be a candidate for William himself.

One further comment is that we do NOT find the forenames Hugh or Leonard among William & Agnes's five sons. They did name their fourth son Nicholas - which also happened to be the forename of Agnes's father. While it seems very likely that William's ancestry lies somewhere in these Yeos whose roots collectively lie in Hatherleigh, Tavistock and Totnes, we just don't have sufficient evidence to determine which - if either - of these might be the correct match.

### Footnote:

We should comment here that it appears that descendants of this or these lines of Yeo from Hatherleigh were among the early settlers to Virginia in what became the United States of America. A Leonard Yeo received a grant of 850 acres in Elizabeth City county in 1637. He was later to be appointed to the command of Elizabeth City County. He died in or before 1670. Leonard had at least one brother in Virginia. In 1654 Robert Yeo was granted 650 acres in Westmoreland County. In 1656, Leonard brother and administrator of Robert Yeo, made an assignment of this patent.

There are other references to Yeos. In about 1649, a Hugh Yeo appears as a merchant in Accomac and Northampton Counties also in Virginia. A record in Northampton County in 1681 refers to Justinian Yeo of Harton in the parish of Hartland, Devon, brother of Hugh Yeo of Virginia.

A detailed review of this Virginia branch and its evident links back to Devon is beyond the scope of this present work . For further information, the reader is referred to the following sources:

Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents Source: The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography , Oct., 1899, Vol. 7, No. 2 (Oct., 1899), pp. 190-195

Yeo and Selden Families: English Ancestry and Virginia Descents Source: The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography , Jan., 1933, Vol. 41, No. 1 (Jan., 1933), pp. 87-93

Both sources were published by the Virginia History Society and are available via JSTOR, for which researchers may need to register for access

[https://www.jstor.org/stable/4242246?refreqid=excelsior%3Ae5c34d14bf393af5d10d32c9a7db525d&seq=1#metadata\\_info\\_tab\\_contents](https://www.jstor.org/stable/4242246?refreqid=excelsior%3Ae5c34d14bf393af5d10d32c9a7db525d&seq=1#metadata_info_tab_contents)

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## Generation 1 (cont.)

**1574:** We find a potential match for William in the records of the Alumni of Oxford University, listed as “William Yeo BCL 28 July 1574”. If this is indeed William later of Totnes, he was about 22 at graduation, which is rather late in contemporary terms. However, as will be seen, it appears William had a legal education, so this may well be a credible match. (Alumni Oxonienses Vol 4, p 1702)

**1578/1581:** William was recorded as an “Attorney” for “livery and seisin” in a series of five property transactions in Totnes, brief details set out below. Note “Attorney” in this sense did not necessarily imply a legal qualification, but concerned the role of representative for the acquirer in physically entering the property which was the subject of the transaction or part thereof in the name of the whole.

The acquirer in each case on whose behalf the named attorneys acted was Luke Seyret of Totnes, Merchant, his surname in some records rendered as Serrott. In his will of 2 Feb 1597/8, he made provision for a loan against security to be made to a “Merchant Venturer” of Totnes who had fallen into difficulty, suggesting Seyret was such a “Venturer” himself.

**20 Oct 1578:** From Edward Collyns of Totnes, merchant and Margaret his wife. Attorneys William Yeo & John Nosworthy. (SWHT Exeter doc ref 48/14/96/3)

**2 March 1580:** Hugh Hamlyn of Ermyngton yeoman. Attorneys George Upton gent & William Yeo. (SWHT Exeter doc ref 48/14/40/5)

**1580/1:** From Robert Stabb of Loddiswill the Elder. Attorneys Richard Every the Younger & William Yeo (SWHT Exeter doc ref 48/14/91/2)

**2 July 1581:** Joan & Ann Stabb daughters of Robert Stabb of Loddiswill. Attorneys Richard Every the Younger & William Yeo (SWHT Exeter doc ref 48/14/91/5)

**8 July 1581:** From John Mychel of Harberton. Attorneys Richard Every the Younger & William Yeo (SWHT Exeter doc ref 48/14/91/5)

Richard Every the Younger, the second Attorney named in the three latter transactions, was one of five sons of “Richard Every the Elder” of Totnes whose will of 1581 has also survived. The father was evidently a wealthy man - he left his wife £1000 which must have been a considerable fortune at this time, an indication of how prosperous some residents of Totnes had become. Richard the Younger was Seyret’s son-in-law - he married Seyret’s daughter Elizabeth in Totnes on 2 Aug 1574. In engaging Richard the Younger as an Attorney, Seyret was perhaps “keeping it in the family”. We considered whether in appointing William Yeo as an Attorney there might be some family link too, though we have NOT identified any such link. However, we should note here that Seyret left a bequest of £10 and a lodging room

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## Generation 1 (cont.)

in Totnes for her lifetime to “Gyllian Yeo” (*She was buried in Totnes 9th January 1622/3 but we have not been able to identify who she was*)

**1581/2:** From William’s will (see below), we can infer that he married Agnes Savery, also rendered as Saverie. They were probably married about 1581/2, as Agnes was to bear William six children between April 1583 and August 1593, all born in Totnes. We might expect William and Agnes to have been married in Totnes too. However, careful reading of the online images of the parish register - which at this period is in good order and readily legible - reveals no such record, nor do we find one elsewhere.

**1596:** Bargain and Sale 1. Henry Everie 2. William of Totnes Lands in Brixham, Churston Ferrers, Kingswear

**1596:** William was included in a list of about 20 people as “Officers of the field for Devon appointed by the Deputy Lieutenants at Totnes on 29 November 1596” called up for service in a militia as part of the defence against a possible Spanish attack. William Yeo, John Yarde, Arthur Harte and Andrew Pottle were appointed as corporals of the field. (SWHT Exeter doc ref 3799M/3/0/4/7, previously 80/43)

**About 1600:** In a similar record to that of 1596, William Yeo was included in a list of about 25 people appointed to defend various part of Devon. George Cary of Clovelly and William Abbott esquires, seconded by John Speccott and William Yeo, were appointed to defend Clovelly in the Northern Division of the county. As there were Yeos living in central and north Devon at this period, we can’t be certain this refers to William of Totnes. (SWHT Exeter doc ref 3799M/3/0/4/58, previously 144/66)

**1603:** 1. Henry Everie of Totnes, merchant and William Yeo of Totnes yeoman  
2. Allan Saverie of Haccomb, gent. All messuages, land and tenements in Brixham in the tenure of Walter Miller, Margerie Luscombe, Robert Luscomb, Andrew Luscomb, Stephen Lament in the right of Luce his wife formerly inheritance of John Heddon and Wilmote. (SWHT Exeter Z 15/39/2/2420)

**1611:** William Yeo of Totnes, yeoman, made his will on 27 May 1611, from the beneficiaries of which we can determine his immediate family members. As will be seen, William bequeathed to his son George his “legal books” and “precedent book” which suggest William had a legal education and career. He was also a wealthy man - his estate valued at the then large sum of almost £1000. We have two transcriptions of this will which appear to supplement each other,

**1611** Abstract of Will from Sheila Yeo's collection

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### Generation 1 (cont.)

To poor of Totnes £3. 6s. 8d. To William Yeo, my son £10 and goods which are to be delivered after death of my wife Agnes, and she shall have use of them for her life.

To George, my son £100, writing tables, desk and all my books of law and precedent book and dictionary and my parchment to be delivered to him immediately on my death, also household goods after death of my wife.

To Richard, my son, £100 and goods after death of Agnes, my wife.

To Nicholas, my son, goods after death of my wife.

To Agnes, daughter of my son William Yeo 40s

#### 1611 Abstract of Will by Olive Moger

To my sister Thomasin Bartlett 40s

To William Bartlett and Elisabeth Bounder, her children 20s

To the children of my sister Anna Russen 20s

To Agnes Yeo, my wife, all my parts of a messuage and 2 gardens and a meadow in Totnes without the Westgate in tenure of Edward Holland which I late purchased of John Kennycott and a close of land in manor of Little Totnes which I purchased of Arthur Fowell, esq and my garden in Totnes of late in tenure of Ebbote Langworthie and Xpor Langworthie her son, which I purchased of Sir Edward Giles, knt. After death of my wife, the close and garden is to be to George, my son.

To said George Yeo, my son, messuage or tenement in Totnes within the gates now in tenement of Elienor Holmer, widow and Christopher Pottle and a third of a messuage and garden in Totnes without the Westgate there near Lechwill Street now in the tenure of the said Ebbot Langworthy and Xper Langworthy, which I purchased of said Sir Edward Giles, knt.

To Richard Yeo, my son, after death of Agnes, my wife a half acre messuage or tenement in Totnes, without the west gate near Lockwill Street, which I late purchased of William Blackall deceased,

To Nicholas, my son, after death of Agnes my wife messuage and garden in Totnes, without the west gate near Lechwill Street, now in occupation of Edward Barter and my estate in a close called Pit parke in manor of Little Totnes, now in the occupation of Henry Cropp and my estate in 3 closes called Long Aishes in Little Totnes.

To William, my son, my estate in a parcel of wood called Lower Hinkley wood in Little Totnes.

To George, my son, my estate in a wood called Higher Hinckley wood in Little Totnes.

To Richard, my son, (if he makes his continual dwelling in Totnes), my interest in wood called Lower Hinckly Wood, not enclosed, otherwise to Nicholas.

To George and William, my sons, a piece of ground 80feet in length near St Peters

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## Generation 1 (cont.)

Chapel, in the manor of Little Totnes.

Residue to Agnes my wife, executrix. Overseers my brother in law Richard Savery and my brother in law William Bartlett. Witnesses William Bartlett, George Harris, Thomas Tirreye

**1612/13:** The Totnes parish register records the burial of Mr William Yeo on 2 Feb 1612/13. William's will was proved on 8 March 1612/13 by his executrix. An inventory by Thomas Tirry and George Harris taken 2 March 1612/13 valued his law books and other books £13. 6s. 8d; 5 black gowns £16; and a total sum of £994. (Archd of Totnes, Devon Record Office Catalogue of Deeds 27th April, 1993)

Notes for Agnes Savery:

**Abt 1565:** A family tree in the public domain on Familysearch shows Agnes born about 1565, the daughter of Nicholas Savery and his wife Joan Giles - and Nicholas as the son of Richard Savery & Agnes Buckingham. No source is cited for her birthdate.

As mentioned in William Yeo's notes above, in his will of May 1611 he appointed as Overseer or Trustee his brother-in-law Richard Savery, from which we infer William's wife was Agnes nee Savery, though we have found no marriage record. However, we do have the record of Richard Savery's will dated 1 Sept 1618 in which he makes a bequest to "my sister Agnes Yeo my first wife's ring of gold" - thus consistent with our inference. Richard directs that he should be buried in Rattery beside his first wife.

We find no will for Nicholas Savery, though the Devon Wills Project has an entry in 1589 for an Inquisition Post Mortem (IPM) of Nicholas Savery of "Lytle Totnesses" with a reference to Richard Savery esq son & heir. The Totnes parish register records the burial of Mr Nycholas Savery on 27 Feb 1588/9, which would be consistent with this IPM.

Moreover, in a case in the Court of Chancery *Martyn vs Snowden* concerning the Manor of Rattery, we find reference to "Richard Savery Esq and Nicholas Savery his son and heir". The range of dates for the case is given as 1558/1603. (National Archives doc ref C2/Eliz/M12/67). It seems probable the case was heard earlier in that range rather than later as we find the will made on 1 Sept 1571 of Richard Savery the Elder of Totnes in which he left a bequest to his son Nicholas - though not specifically referring to him as his heir. The Totnes parish register records Richard's burial of on 5 Feb 1571/2. We thus have a credible immediate ancestry of Agnes.

**1581/2:** We have found no record for the marriage of William & Agnes. Their first

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### Generation 1 (cont.)

child William was baptised in Totnes in April 1583, and we might thus infer that his parents were married in 1581/2. If Agnes's birthdate cited above is correct, she was aged about 16 when she married and 18 when she bore her first child. Marriages and childbirth at these ages were not uncommon at this period - though it might also be the case that Agnes was born a little earlier.

**1620:** In his will made 5 August 1620, William & Agnes's son George left a gold ring to his mother. He pre-deceased Agnes, dying just one week after he made his will.

**1645/6:** Agnes Yeo made her will on 21 Jan 1645/6, partial transcription by Oswyn Murray as follows:

£10 to the poor of Totnes. £20 yearly to the mayor and burgesses of Totnes for putting poor children to apprenticeship. To William Yeo, son of my son William Yeo deceased, all goods devised to my son William Yeo by will of my husband William Yeo, also silver and other goods. My grandchild Margaret, wife of the said William Yeo, silver. To the next child of the said William Yeo, my grandchild, £20, payable to the said William Yeo my grandchild, for his said child within 12 months after my decease if any such child be then born, or within 6 months after the birth of such child.

To my daughter-in-law Susan Yeo, my wedding ring and £20. William Yeo, son of my son George Yeo deceased, £150. To his wife, a ring and silver. My cousin Anthony Downe, silver-gilt wine goblet. Agnes Downe his wife, goods £20., to his son, payable at the end of 2 years. To my son Richard Yeo, the moiety of a messuage in Totnes without the Westgate, in or near Leechwell Street, late purchased to me and my heirs, of William Blackhall deceased. To Elizabeth, his wife, goods. William, son of the said Richard, £50, payable at the end of 2 years. Agnes Yeo, daughter of the said Richard, £100, payable at the end of one year. Elizabeth and Susanna Yeo, two other daughters of the said Richard, £50 each, payable at the end of 2 years.

To my son Nicholas Yeo, £50 within 6 months. To each child which he hath or shall have after my decease, £30, provided that the said Nicholas do not have, or meddle with, the said legacies. Small sums or goods to my god daughter, Mrs Jane Dyer, my godson, Abraham Tillard, cousin Eleanor Torroway, Elizabeth Sumpter, my god daughter Mary Frost, the daughter of Christopher Pottle, my god daughter Agnes Pridham, my cousin Thomas Blackhall, schoolmaster, and Joan his wife, my cousin Katherine Poole the daughter of William Poole, Mary Tillard daughter of Mr. William Tillard. Phippe Emmott my now servant. Wearing apparell to be divided between my said grandchild Margaret Yeo, the said Susan Yeo and the said Agnes Downe; and such as they will not wear to be given to the wife of my son Nicholas

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### Generation 1 (cont.)

Yeo. Executors and residuary legatees: son Richard Yeo and grandchild William Yeo. Overseers:- Mr. Henry James and Henry Eveleigh.

**1645/6:** The Totnes parish register records the burial of Mrs Agnes Yeo on 17 Feb 1645/6. If she was indeed born in 1565, she was aged about 80 at death, so enjoyed a long life for this period. Her will was proved by her Executors on 10 May 1646.

William Yeo and Agnes Savery had the following children:

2. i. WILLIAM<sup>2</sup> YEO was born on 28 Apr 1583 in Totnes, Devon. He died on 09 Jan 1630/31 in Totnes, Devon. He married Catheren Michelmores on 19 Oct 1608 in Newton Ferrers, Devon.
3. ii. GEORGE YEO was born on 09 Oct 1584 in Totnes, Devon. He died on 11 Aug 1620 in Totnes, Devon. He married Susanna Tyllard, daughter of William Tillard and Margett Norrys, on 08 Oct 1613 in Blackawton, Devon. She was born in Sep 1589 in Totnes, Devon. She died on 08 Oct 1663 in Northam, Devon.
4. iii. RICHARD YEO was born on 21 May 1586 in Totnes, Devon. He died on 19 Mar 1655/56 in Exeter St Kerrian. He married Elisabeth Lant, daughter of John Lant, on 07 Aug 1627 in Exeter St Petrock. She was born on 16 Apr 1603 in Exeter. She died in 1674.
- iv. NICHOLAS YEO was born on 02 Jun 1587 in Totnes, Devon.

Notes for Nicholas Yeo:

Inherited land in Totnes from his father William Yeo. Mentioned in the will of his brother George Yeo

- v. ROBERT YEO was born on 18 Apr 1590 in Totnes, Devon. He died before 1612 in Totnes, Devon.

Notes for Robert Yeo:

**1590:** The Totnes parish register records the baptism of Robert son of William Yeo on 18 April. Robert is not mentioned in his father's will of 1612, nor that of his mother Agnes's will of 1645/6. He probably died before 1612, though we have found no burial record for him.

- vi. MARY YEO was born on 02 Aug 1593 in Totnes, Devon. She died before 1612 in Totnes, Devon.

Notes for Mary Yeo:

**1593:** The Totnes parish register records the baptism of Mary daughter of William Yeo on 2 August. Mary is not mentioned in her father's will of 1612, nor that of her mother Agnes's will of 1645/6. She probably died before 1612, though we have found no burial record for her.

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## Generation 2

2. **WILLIAM<sup>2</sup> YEO** (William<sup>1</sup>) was born on 28 Apr 1583 in Totnes, Devon. He died on 09 Jan 1630/31 in Totnes, Devon. He married Catheren Michelmores on 19 Oct 1608 in Newton Ferrers, Devon.

Notes for William Yeo:

**1608:** We find a credible match for the marriage of William **Yaw** and Cateren (sic) Michelmores in Newton Ferrers on 19 Oct 1608.

**1611** His father William left to William, my estate in a parcel of wood called Lower Hinkley wood in Little Totnes in his will of 27 May 1611

**1630/31:** We find a possible match for the burial of Mr William Yeo in Totnes on 9 January 1630/31. This date is consistent with two other later records. In the register of admissions to the Middle Temple in 1639, his son William is recorded as “son of William Yeo of Totnes deceased”. In her will of 21 Jan 1645/46, Agnes Yeo left a bequest to “William Yeo, son of my son William Yeo deceased”. We can be pretty certain this is the correct match for William, who was aged only about 47 at death. (Please see also personal notes for his mother Agnes Yeo and his son William Yeo)

William Yeo and Catheren Michelmores had the following children:

- i. **AGNES<sup>3</sup> YEO** was born on Jan 1610/11 in Halwell, Devon.

Notes for Agnes Yeo:

**Jan 1610/11** (day illegible) baptism of a child of William Yeo in the parish of Halwell, Devon. Name illegible Halwell is approx 3-4 miles away from Blackawton

**27 May 1611** In his will of her grandfather William Yeo, he left a legacy to “Agnes daughter of my son William Yeo 40 s”. We found no baptism in Blackawton of Agnes though we may surmise she was born between the years of her parents’ marriage and of her grandfather’s will. We can be fairly certain that the baptism above is now known to be of Agnes. We find no further record of her

- ii. **ELISABETH YEO** was born on 07 Feb 1612/13 in Halwell, Devon. She died on 23 Mar 1613/14 in Blackawton, Devon.

Notes for Elisabeth Yeo:

**7 Feb 1612/3** Baptism of a child of William Yeo in the parish of Halwell, Devon. Name illegible Halwell is approx 3-4 miles away from Blackawton

**23 Mar 1613/4** Burial of Elisabeth Yeo, child of William Yeo in

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## Generation 2 (cont.)

Blackawton, Devon

5.     iii. WILLIAM YEO was born on 17 Jan 1613/14 in Blackawton, Devon. He died about 1686 in Boraton, Saltash, Cornwall. He married Margaret Curson, daughter of Humfredi Curson and Richorda Chaffe, on 29 Mar 1642 in Exeter St Petrock. She died about Sep 1688 in Boraton, Saltash, Cornwall.
3.     **GEORGE<sup>2</sup> YEO** (William<sup>1</sup>) was born on 09 Oct 1584 in Totnes, Devon. He died on 11 Aug 1620 in Totnes, Devon. He married Susanna Tyllard, daughter of William Tillard and Margett Norrys, on 08 Oct 1613 in Blackawton, Devon. She was born in Sep 1589 in Totnes, Devon. She died on 08 Oct 1663 in Northam, Devon.

Notes for George Yeo:

This piece found in the Moger abstract in Exeter Record Office, gives us proof as to the identity of George. Moger Abstract of Chancery Causes Exeter Records Office

### **208 Date 1612** Part of the Cause of Thomas Everie's will

George Yeo of Totnes where he had lived from birth age 28 years. About 17 April last he was sent to write Thomas Everie' s will, Thomas being his uncle who passed all his land to Richard Savery and others, William Yeo senior of Totnes, gent his father, where he lived for 40 years, and is now aged 60 years. (William was born around 1552)

Of interest is that George Yeo of Huish married Elizabeth Smith of Totnes, and inherited all the Smith land. This was then sold off to Thomas Everie and Richard Savery etc.

### **188 Date 1613 Thomas Everie's will... Totnes Page 219 Bundle**

George Yeo is a son of a sister of Joan Everie and William Yeo is husband of that sister and there is a legacy of £3 to John Yeo by the pretended will. Joan has never had a child and this caused him to bequeath his goods to his brother's children.

NB This is a very shortened version of this case, but helps to explain the relationship of George and William. William was married to Agnes Savery and Joan Savery her sister married Thomas Everie. Richard Everie the Elder of Totnes referred to in the notes of William Yeo above had five sons including a son Thomas, who is probably the Testator in this case. Thomas's brother Richard Everie the Younger served as "Attorney" with George's father William Yeo in a series of property transactions by Luke Seyret, Merchant of Totnes. Please refer notes for William Yeo 1578/81 above

### **1620 5th August**, Will of George Yeo in the county of Devon, yeoman (Totnes)

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To poor of Totnes 40s

To Laurence Adams and Richard Lear the elder of Totnes merchant £10, towards the erecting and building of a new prison in town of Totnes

To my son George Yeo 100 marks and to my son William 100 marks and to my daughter Agnes Yeo 100 marks to be paid when they are 21.

Half the money to be paid to my executrix for the maintenance of the children and the rest pat at interest for their benefit when they come of age.

To my son George and his heirs the messuage, tenement and gardens in Totnes now in the tenure of Christopher Pettell of Totnes, tailor, but my executrix shall have use and profit of same as long as she shall continue a widow and if my son George, shall molest and trouble his said mother during her widowhood, my gift to him of said messuage etc. shall be void.

To the said aid George the meadow in Little Totnes which my Father purchased off Arthur Voyell, esq., which he gave to me and my heirs by his last will.

To said George the..., herbgarden lying near Liechwill Street ,..... purchased of Sir Edward Gyles, knight . . . and my heirs by his last will and testament

To my son William Yeo half a messuage, tenement and garden now in the tenure of George Harris and Christopher Hodge and also my piece of ground lying at Northford in the parish of Dartington which I purchased of John Foxe and. William his son.

To Robert Savery, esq and William Tillard the younger of Totnes, merchant the third part of a messuage, tenement and garden in Liechwill Street in which Christopher Langworthy dwells to hold in trust to sell and to pay over of the money to William Yeo my brother's son £10 when he is 21 and to pay the rest to my executrix.

To my brother, Nicholas £10 which he oweth me,

To Agnes Yeo, my daughter, £50, which is due to me from my father in law Mr William Tillard.

To my son George my signet of gold

To my mother Mrs Agnes Yeo and to my mother Mrs Tillard and to my father Mr Tillard, unto my brother William Yeo, unto Kattern his wife, unto Isabell Tillard, to Protayne Tillard, a gold ring each for remembrance.

Residue to Susanne my wife, executrix Overseers said Robert Savery and William Tillard. Signature and Seal. Witnesses Robert Savery, William Tillard Proved 24 November, 1620 by executrix.

**1620:** The Totnes parish register records the burial on 11 August 1620 of "Mr George Yeo stuarde (*steward*) of the Towne"

Notes for Susanna Tyllard:

**1589:** The Totnes parish register records the baptism of Susanna daughter of William on 13 Sept 1589 - William's surname recorded as "Tyllar". We find the record of the marriage of "William Tyller & Margett Norrys" in Totnes on 17 Sept 1581

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## Generation 2 (cont.)

**1663:** It seems Susanna had a long widowhood, surviving her husband by over 40 years. We find a credible match for Susanna's burial in Northam as "Susana Yeo widdow of the towne of Totnesse" on 8 Oct 1663. She was about 74 at death. Her daughter Agnes was married to Anthony Downe, who was sometime Vicar of Northam. The Clergy of the Church of England database has him as incumbent there from 19 Jan 1641. Another source suggests he was still there at St. Bartholomew's day, and lost the living in 1662, and it may be that in her old age Susanna was living there with her daughter and son-in-law

George Yeo and Susanna Tyllard had the following children:

6. i. GEORGE<sup>3</sup> YEO was born on 10 Dec 1615 in Totnes, Devon. He died on 07 May 1668 in Wolborough, Devon. He married (1) MARY WEY, daughter of William Wey, on 17 Apr 1655 in Wolborough, Devon. She died on 18 Jun 1664 in Wolborough, Devon. He married (2) MARY FLASHMAN on 09 May 1665 in Wolborough, Devon.
  7. ii. WILLIAM YEO was born on 01 Jun 1617 in Totnes, Devon. He died on 22 Nov 1699 in St Mary, Wolborough, Devon. He married ELIZABETH. She died on 05 Feb 1701/02 in St Mary, Wolborough, Devon.  
iii. PHILIP YEO was born on 01 Dec 1618 in Totnes, Devon. He died on 05 Sep 1619 in Totnes, Devon.
  8. iv. AGNES YEO was born on 02 Jul 1620 in Totnes, Devon. She died about 1671 in Northam, Devon. She married Anthony Downe, son of Thomas Downe and Susan Payne, on 07 Sep 1642 in Totnes, Devon. He was born on 24 Apr 1614 in Buckland Brewer, Devon. He died in Oct 1690 in Exeter.
4. **RICHARD<sup>2</sup> YEO** (William<sup>1</sup>) was born on 21 May 1586 in Totnes, Devon. He died on 19 Mar 1655/56 in Exeter St Kerrian. He married Elisabeth Lant, daughter of John Lant, on 07 Aug 1627 in Exeter St Petrock. She was born on 16 Apr 1603 in Exeter. She died in 1674.

Notes for Richard Yeo:

Richard inherited property in Totnes in his father's will and in his mother's, and was made a Joint Executor of the latter. He was a merchant at some point trading with Spain

**1611** Freeman of the city of Exeter and apprentice to his future Father in law John Lant 1611

**1627/9** We find a potential match for Richard Yeo in a court case in Chancery in

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## Generation 2 (cont.)

1627/9. He was a co-defendant with Robert Lant and Richard Lant in a case brought by William Waad concerning the import of tobacco from Calais to Dover and directions given by the plaintiff to the defendants for disposal thereof. (National Archives doc ref E134/3&4ChasI/Hil9)

1644 Richard Yeo also served as Sheriff of Exeter

<http://www.exetermemories.co.uk/em/sheriffs.php> accessed Nov 2020

### **1655/1656 Richard Yeo of the City of Exeter, Merchant Date of Will, 10 March 1655/6.**

In the name of God Amen. The tenth day of March One Thousand six hundred fiftie five I Richard Yeo of the Cittie of Exeter Merchant being sick of Bodie but of a perfect and disposing memorie thanks be unto Almightye God doo make this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following.

First I commend my immortal Soule into the hands of my Everliveing God being fully assured that by the death and passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ my sinns are fullie pardoned and that I shall raigne with him in glory for ever. And my bodie I commit to the Earth to be buried in a decent and comly manner in the Parish Church where now I live.

Item I give to the poore of the Cittie of Exeter fortie shillings.

Item I give to the poore of the Towne of Totnes fortie shillings.

Item I give to Loveing Wife Elizabeth all the plate and Linnen which was given to her or my self either by my Mother, her Mother or by Susanna Lawdie late deceased.

Item I give to my two servants Sarah Hewett and Charitie Adams fortie shillings a years or a goune as they or My Executrix shall agree.

Item I give to Priscilla Jewell Wife of John Jewell of the Parish I live in fortie shillings to be paid and allowed her out of the monnie her husband oweth me.

Item I give to John Jewell my God sonne sonne of the foresaid John Jewell five pounds lawfull monie of England to be paid or allowed ti his Father John Jewell for his sonnes use forthwith out of the monnie he also oweth me.

Item I give to my sonne William Yeo all my Land to him and his heires for ever But in case my said sonne dye without issue then to my heires Generall for ever to beginne to my said sonne after the death of his Mother or before if my Overseer hereafter named thinke it fitt.

Item I give to my Loveing Wife all my Lease or Leases during her life and after her decease to my son William. And also I give to my sonne William all my household goods during her life or widowhood and after her decease or marriage to my fower children equallie to be divided amongst them or soe manie of them as shall be then living.

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As for the rest of my goods and chattels not yet given I give as followeth that is to say two thirds I give and bequeath to my fower children equallie namelie William Yeo Agnis Yeo Elizabeth Yeo and Susanna Yeo they allowing and paying to my Executrix hereafter named two thirds of all debts Legacies and also the two third parts of my funerall charges.

And for the other third part of my estate not yet given and all other my goods and chattels I give and bequeath unto my Loveing wife Elizabeth Yeo whome I make and appoint my sole and whole Executrix of this my last Will and testament. And I doe hereby appoint my Loveing freinds and Kinsmen William Yeo of Plimmouth in the county of Devon Esquire and William Yeo of Newton in the same Countie clarke to be the overseers of this my last Will intreating them to be ayding and assisting to my said Executrix in the execution and performance of this my last Will and testament to whome I give ten pound a peece.

And soe into thy hands Lord Jesus I commend my spirritt Richard Yeo Sealed in the presence of Ro: Pate Richarid Curson Edward Furlong John Jewell.

*(Overseers, my loving friends & kinsmen William Y, of Plymouth Esq, and William Yeo, of Newton, clerk. These Overseers were his two nephews - William son of his brother William & Catherine, and William cleric, the future non-conformist preacher son of his brother George & Susan).*

This Will was proved att London The ninth day of Aprill In the yeare of our Lord God one thousand six hundred fiftie and six before the Judges for probate of Wills and granting Administrations Lawfully authorized by the oath of Elizabeth Yeo the Relict and sole and onlie Executrix named in the above written Will to whome Administration of all and singular the goods chattels and debts of the said deceased was committed she being first Legallie sworne trulie and faythfully to administer the same.

Notes for Elisabeth Lant:

The Exeter St Petrock parish register records the baptism on 16 April 1603 of Elizabeth daughter of John Lant. *John served as Sheriff of Exeter in 1606 and as Mayor in 1611.*

**1674** Yeo, Elisabeth of the city of Exeter, widow; sick & weak in body: Date of Will, 8 Dec 1674. Proved 17 February, 1674/5 by Elizabeth Anthony

To my son William Y, £50 and my great silver salt..

To my godson Bartholomew Anthony my great silver cup.

To my granddaughter Elizabeth Anthony my silver spout quart.

To my grandson Phineas Anthony a silver cup.

To my granddaughter Susanna Anthony, a silver dish &c.

To my cousin William Y, of Burrington my lesser guilt silver salt.

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To Mr Marke Down of Exeter £5

To Priscilla Jewell of Exeter £5.

To my son William Y, other silver.

Residue to my daughter Elizabeth Anthony, whom I make my exx. (W) Thomas White, Samll. Anthony, R (sic) Dorcas Evans. (P.C.C. 27 Bence)

We should comment here on Elizabeth's bequest to "my cousin William Yeo of Burrington in the County of Devon". Elizabeth may have been referring to Burrington, a small parish between High Bickington and Chulmleigh and about 12 miles south-east of Barnstaple, although we find no other record connecting a Yeo with this place. The term "cousin" was at this time commonly used to refer to a nephew or to some other relative. We can identify three potential candidates:

1. William born Jan 1613/4. He was her nephew, the son of her brother-in-law William & his wife Catherine - which seems unlikely as we know at the time she made her will he lived in Boraton, Saltash. Although the text of her will in the transcript in the National Archives is fairly clear in stating Burrington, we might speculate whether Elizabeth was referring to Boraton or Borraton - although it lies just over the county border in Cornwall. William was an Overseer or Trustee of her late husband Richard Yeo's will of March 1655/6
2. William born June 1617. He was also her nephew, the son of her brother in law George and his wife Susan. Records suggest that at the time she made her will, he was living in Wolborough where he was preaching. William was also an Overseer or Trustee of her late husband Richard's will.
3. William born July 1648. He was what in today's terminology we would refer to as Elizabeth's great nephew, the son of William cited as the first candidate above and his wife Margaret. He was certainly still alive in 1671 when he witnessed the marriage settlement of his brother George, and probably deceased by April 1684 when his father made his will, of which William was NOT a beneficiary.

We can't be certain which, if any, of these candidates was the beneficiary of her will.

Richard Yeo and Elisabeth Lant had the following children:

- i. UN NAMED INFANT<sup>3</sup> YEO. Un Named Infant died on 19 Apr 1628 in Exeter St Petrock.
- ii. AGNES YEO was born on 31 May 1629 in Exeter St Petrock. She died in 1674 in Exeter.

Notes for Agnes Yeo:

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It appears Agnes was unmarried. She predeceased her mother and administration of Agnes's will was granted on 6 May 1674 in Exeter

The Devon Wills Project states admn was granted to Elizabeth, no surname, in 1674. In the absence of a surname, we can't be certain whether the will was proved by her mother Elizabeth Yeo, who wrote her own will just a few months later, or by her sister Elizabeth Anthony, then the wife of Bartholomew Anthony.

- iii. RICHARD YEO was born on 09 May 1633 in Exeter St Kerrian. He died on 21 Aug 1634 in Exeter St Kerrian.
- iv. ELIZABETH YEO was born on 06 Oct 1634 in Exeter St Kerrian. She died on 07 Oct 1634 in Exeter St Kerrian.
- v. ELIZABETH YEO was born on 08 Oct 1635 in Exeter St Kerrian. She died after 1674. She married Mr Bartholomew Anthony on 26 Mar 1657 in Exeter St Kerrian.
- vi. SUSANNAH YEO was born on 11 Jan 1637 in Exeter St Kerrian.
- vii. RICHARD YEO was born on 03 May 1640 in Exeter St Kerrian. He died before 1655.

Notes for Richard Yeo:

He apparently died before 1655 as he was NOT a beneficiary of his father's will of that year.

- viii WILLIAM YEO was born on 30 Oct 1642 in Exeter St Kerrian.

Notes for William Yeo:

William was a beneficiary of his mother's will of 1675. (*So what became of him. Might it be his burial as Mr William Yeo at Exeter Holy Trinity in 2 Oct 1715 ?*)

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- 5. **WILLIAM<sup>3</sup> YEO** (William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) was born on 17 Jan 1613/14 in Blackawton, Devon. He died about 1686 in Boraton, Saltash, Cornwall. He married Margaret Curson, daughter of Humfredi Curson and Richorda Chaffe, on 29 Mar 1642 in Exeter St Petrock. She died about Sep 1688 in Boraton, Saltash, Cornwall.

Notes for William Yeo:

**1613/14:** The Blackawton parish register records the baptism of William son of William Yeo of Totnes on 17 Jan 1613/14. No mother's name is cited. He was born after his grandfather William Yeo made his will, indeed after the latter's death, and

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hence was not listed as a beneficiary.

Some land deeds re William listed in the Devon Records Office, under Catalogue of Deeds.

**1637** Recovery. Gilbert Everleigh, gent. William Yeo, gent, demandants Richard Bogan, gent. Edward Howse, common vouchee, 8 messuages and 5 gardens etc in Clifton, Dartmouth, Hardness, Totnes, Rattery and Dartington. ( NA Kew 48/14/134/5 ) *We suspected this deed could have concerned his father - but the latter probably died in 1631 - see his notes. William was only 24 when this deed was executed*

*Note. This document was found on the Discovery search engine at the National Archives in Kew. We could not locate this document on the SWHT Exeter website but maybe available to view in Exeter even though it is not showing in their current online search engine due to incompatibility problems with the two systems.*

**1639:** The register of members to the Middle Temple records the entry on 18 May 1639 of “William Yeo, son and heir of William Yeo of Totnes Gent deceased. To achieve admission to the Middle Temple, it seems likely that William must have had some university education, though we find no record for him in the registers of the Alumni of Oxford or Cambridge. The Middle Temple register states he was called to the Bar on 26 Nov 1647.

**1642:** The Exeter St Petrock parish register records the marriage of Mr William Yeo and Mrs Margaret Cussens (Mrs does not imply she was previously married, but was a courtesy title for a spinster of some social standing in the local community) on 29 March 1642. It appears that Margaret bore him ten children, six sons and three daughters and one child of unknown gender who apparently died very soon after birth. Their first two children William & George were baptised in Exeter St Petrock in 1643 and 1646 respectively. However as will be seen, William & Margaret were then living in Totnes, and it seems likely those two baptisms were held in Exeter because that was where Margaret and her family came from. Their first-born son died in infancy - the Totnes parish register records the burial of “William the son of Mr William Yeo” on 15 May 1645. Shortly afterwards, the couple moved to Plymouth, where the Plymouth St Andrew parish register records another eight children of Mr William Yeo or William Yeo Esq, though no mother is named. For some children we find baptisms only, for others burials only and yet others baptisms and burials as infants. It seems likely that only George b 1646 & Humphrey b 1649 survived, the other children probably all dying in infancy or childhood, as those two sons were the only beneficiaries of William’s will of 1684 (which mentioned property assets in both Exeter & Plymouth) and Margaret’s of 1688. We should note here that we cannot rule out that some children did indeed survive and were simply

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### Generation 3 (cont.)

not left bequests. Nor can we rule out the possibility of some of these children being the offspring of another family headed by a William Yeo - though we have discovered no other records to suggest this might be the case. We can be certain some children died in infancy, and that others did too seems the most likely explanation.

**1645/46:** William was a beneficiary of the will of his grandmother Agnes Yeo dated 21 January 1645/46. She devised "to William Yeo, son of my son William Yeo deceased, all goods devised to my son William Yeo by the will of my husband William Yeo, also silver and other goods".

**1647:** We find no record of William's occupation immediately following his admission to the Middle Temple. However, it appears his legal training stood him in good stead as the Plymouth archives hold the record of the letters patent by which "William Yeo of Totnes" was appointed by the "Mayor & Coyaltie" (i.e. Commonality) to the position of "Towne Clarke & Steward" of the Borough and Borough Court of Plymouth on 12 October 1647. About six weeks later, William was called to the Bar on 26 Nov 1647 - though it is unclear if that was in recognition of his securing such a position.

The Town Clerkship was apparently a lifetime appointment - though see the note for 1662 below. Under the patent, William was required to reside in the Borough - in fact as will be seen he lived at Boraton in St Stephens by Saltash - and was not to absent himself from the borough for more than ten days at a time without the express permission of the Mayor. Among his duties, William was to be ready upon all occasions to attend upon the Mayor; to write and answer letters; answer for and account to the Town Audit for sums involved in "suits, alienations and releases" (ie bringing and defending court cases; transfer of title of real estate; and execution and determination of leases) involving the Borough; and ensure records of the Court were kept in appropriate order. The patent imposed one other obligation on William - he was not to "sell let or depart with his office to any other man" (Plymouth & West Devon Record Office doc ref 1/107. Authors have a full transcription on file)

**1662:** It appears that William's tenure as Town Clerk, as well as that of other officials, was terminated when he and they refused to take the oath of allegiance and supremacy and were accordingly removed:

Title: Plymouth Borough records: Certificate re Oaths of Allegiance. Description: By the same commissioners, that William Allen, Mayor; Oliver Ceely, Justice; Christopher Ceely and Samuel Northcott, Magistrates; William Yeo, town clerk; and Thomas Durant, Richard Mayne, Thomas Yabsley, John Jope, Nicholas Karkite, Peter Gregor, Samuel Brett, Abraham Serle, Richard Clapp, and Walter Trout, common-councilmen, refused to take the oaths of allegiance and supremacy and removing them accordingly. Date: 14 Aug 1662 (Plymouth Archives doc ref 1/13)

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**1671:** William Yeo was a party to a tripartite marriage settlement with his son George, also a party, and with Nicholas Wills, John Walters and Ann Hobbs collectively the third party for the marriage between George & Ann. For further details please refer to the personal notes for George Yeo

**1672:** William was appointed a Beneficiary in Trust in the will of Dorothy Bigilston, widow of Exeter. Dorothy was née Chafe and was the sister of Thomas Chafe and Richarda Chafe, the mother of of William's wife Margaret (see also will of Thomas Chafe in Margaret's notes below). She was the Relict and Executor of the will of Robert Bigilston gent of Exeter, who made his will on 1 Jan 1635/6. Therein he left to his wife Dorothy a lifetime interest in the main part of his extensive estate, with provisions after her death for their sons Thomas, Phillip, Peter and James. Robert appointed his brothers-in-law Thomas Chaffe and Humphrey Curson as his Overseers. Dorothy proved the will on 12 March 1635/6.

Robert & Dorothy's son James, then of St Martin Ludgate, London made his will on 18 Oct 1665. The assets due to him from his father's will upon his mother's death, James left to one Anne Goodwin and in default to his brother Peter Bigilston, then residing at Lisbon, Portugal. James appointed his mother as Executrix and his "kinsman" John Curson as an Overseer. Dorothy proved the will on 14 Feb 1665/6. We should note in passing here that in her own will of which an abstract follows below, Dorothy made NO provision for any of her sons:

#### **22 Jun 1672** Probate Dorothy BIGILSTON PCC WILL

£25 to the Non Conformist Ministers hereafter named in a note with my Will. To the poor people of Exeter £5, her executors choice to who received it.

To William YEO of Boraton in Saltash and John CURSON of Exeter their heirs and assigns forever to be equally divided my messuage, tenement, malthouse courtilage and garden lying in the parish of St Stephen in Exeter now in the possession of Ambrose PAGE on the East part, a tenement and gardens now in the tenure of Richard Reynell Barber on the west part, a garden now in the possession of Thomas Long Clerke on the north part and the high street of the said city in the South part, which said tenement and the appurts. are late in the several tenures and occupations of Thomas Savage and Nicholas Joyce.

I also give to my beloved kinsman William Yeo and John Curson to be equally divided between them all the right, title, interest, terms of years, claim and demand whatsoever which I have in and unto All that Castle called Exeter Castle or the Castle of Exeter with all houses edifices and buildings therein and thereunto belonging with their appertenances which I have in a lease for several years yet to come from our Sovereign Lord the Kings Majestie that now is. And for the better

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satisfaction of my debts and legacies I do further give and bequeath to William Yeo and John Curson all my goods, chattels debts and credits. Both to be her joint executors and for them to give my relations as they see fit a token as a testimony of my love.

I also give to my executors and their heirs forever all that messuage, and tenement with the appurtenances situated in the parish of St Laurence in Exeter, part in the possession of Benjamin Risdon, brewer.

Witnesses: Richarda CURSON, Humphrey YEO and Elisabeth WARMINGTON

A list of the Non Conformist ministers she gave money too - Mr Robert ATKINS £5, Mr Thomas FORD £2, to Mr John BARTLETT £2, to Mr Thomas TRESKOT £2, to Mr Robert CARELL £2, to Mr John MORTIMER £2, to Mr Robert GILLORD £2, to Mr Mark DOWNE £2, to Mr Edward HUNT £2, to Mr William COMPTON £2, to Mr John HILL £2, witnessed by Humphrey YEO, Richard CURSON & Elizabeth WARMINGTON.

Note: Regarding the witnesses Richarda Curson was Dorothy's sister; Humphrey Yeo was the brother of William Yeo. We should also comment here that Dorothy did NOT include in the list of Non-conforming Ministers William Yeo of Wolborough, the cousin of Margaret's husband William Yeo

**1678:** William was party to a legal agreement dated 10 October 1678 concerning a property in St Stephen, Saltash: 1. William Yeo of Buraton, St Stephen by Saltash Esq; 2. John Curson of Exeter, merchant 3. Thomas Lang of Exeter, clerk: Agreement relating to newly erected wall near a newly built messuage and land called Highschool garden in the parish of St Stephen. Consideration - controversies between parties. (SWHT Exeter doc ref 5311M/T/48)

**1684** William Yeo made his will on 21 April 1684, an abstract of which follows:

To my 2 daughters in lawe 40s each for rings.

To my 5 grandchildren £20 each, to be paid when they are 21 or are married.

Under marriage settlement of my son and heir George Yeo with Ann Hobbs his now wife I agreed to convey in trust an eighth part of my manor and hundred of Plympton and all my messuage, orchard, orchard House and garden in Totnes, late in the tenur of Gilbert Everleigh, gent, deceased and now or lately in tenure of William Alford deceased and now in the tenure of James Rich and Johane Cowker, widow and 2 messuages and gardens in Plymouth now or late in tenure of George Strelley, esq and Hugh Oldriffe. Now doubting that I shall not live so long as to settle and convey the same in such manner as was agreed, I bequeath to my said son George,

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all the above premises, to hold to George and his issue male by Anne Hobbs his now wife or in default, to his issue male by any other wife, with remainder in default to my right heirs, By the said settlement that the tenement called Borraton or in Borraton, then in my tenure should descend to several persons. In accordance with a proviso made in the settlement, I hereby make void this arrangement, which limited the estate called Borraton to my said son Humphrey Yeo and his issue male, and will that the estate shall remaine to said George Yeo, his heirs and assigns forever.

To my said son Humphrey Yeo half of a messuage malthouse, courtlage and garden in parish of St Stephen the marter in city of Exeter which was given me by the last will of Dorothy Bigilstone of city of Exeter, widow, deceased, to be held by Humphrey for her life towards the completing of her jointurem with remainder to their sons intail male, with remainder to their daughters intail.

To my said son Humphrey 5 messuages in the borough of Plymouth, late in the tenure of Thomas Shorte of Plymouth, mercer, which I purchased of John Buckeham, gent and Elizabeth his wife, to hold to Humphrey intail male with remainder to my right heirs.

Residue to my dear and loving wife Margaret Yeo, executrix, not doubting but that she will be very kind to my children and grandchildren (who I earnestly desire may live in peace) and also my cousen Thomas Searle whom I commit to her particular tuition and care.

Overseers. My friend Isaac Tillard of Plymouth and my brother in law John Curson of Exeter, merchant. Date of will 21 April, 1684. Witnesses. Richordes Symonds wife of John Symonds, John Harris, John Reepe, John Babbich, John Clenicke, Thomas Payne (1684) two signatures of William Yeo and seal. ( Yeo Arms 3 birds and a chevron). proved at Exeter 23 May 1687

Inventory 4th January 1686/7 by Richard Eare & Walter Pethen - Effects £598. 9s. 0. (His purse, girdle, ready money, watch, rings and apparel £40, Plate £70. Eastate for years in two tenements in Plymouth near the Old Town Gate £9. Estate for two lives in 5 small tenements there £90. Estate for two lives in small field called Babs close in Totnes £13. Tablebord in study & books £20. In Madam Yeo's closet, glass & china £1. 10s. (Exeter EPR) We have found no burial for William. He probably died in Boraton in 1686, as an iinventory of his assets was taken on 4 Jan 1686/7.

Notes for Margaret Curson:

The parish register for Exeter Cathedral records the baptism of Margaret daughter of Humphrey Curson on 21 December 1616. Margaret's surname in some records is rendered as Cussen or Cussens. She was born into a family of some social standing, as is clear from a number of wills from which we can determine her immediate family.

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### Generation 3 (cont.)

Her father Humphrey was the only son of Leonard Curson of London and his wife Elizabeth, the daughter of Humphrey Rosser. Leonard died when still quite young and in his will of 1602 left a bequest of £120 for his son Humphrey, then a minor, to be "placed" - i.e. into some trade or profession. After his father's death, Humphrey's mother Elizabeth re-married to George Cotton of Exeter - his brother William Cotton was the Bishop of Exeter and this may account for the baptisms of Margaret and her siblings in the cathedral there.

Humphrey Curson and Richarda Chaffe were granted a marriage licence in Exeter on 1 Feb 1611/2, though we have not discovered the record of the marriage itself. Richarda was one of seven children of Thomas Chaffe, notary public of Exeter and his wife Dorothy viz three sons William, John & Thomas; and four daughters Elizabeth, Dorothy, Pascall (presumably born near Easter-time), and Richarda. The latter three daughters were each left £300 in their father's will of 1604, which must have made them desirable spouses.

Richarda was to bear Humphrey nine children, viz six sons - George & Humphrey both of whom died young, and Leonard, Thomas, John & George; and three daughters - Elizabeth who would marry John Fathers; Marie who would marry Daniel Searle (the latter "sometime Governor of Barbados"); and Margaret - the only one of the three daughters to survive their mother. Humphrey Curson and his first two children were beneficiaries of the will of his stepfather George Cotton of 1612/3.

**1638:** Margaret and her sister Maria were left legacies of £40 each in the will from 1638 of Elizabeth Cotton, her paternal grandmother and widow of George Cotton.

#### **Will of Elizabeth Cotton (Humphreys mother) of Exeter PCC Will, Probate 18 May 1638**

To my Daughter in Law Richarde Curson my best wearing Apparel

To my Grandchild Elizabeth Fathers wife of John Fathers my best riding suit.

**To my Grandaughters MARGARET and Marie CURSON £40 a piece to be given on their day of marriage**

To my Grandchildren Leonard and Humphrey Curson £40 to be paid when they are 21 and all my plate to be equally paid between them

To Thomas, John and George CURSON my grandchildren £20 a piece when they are 21

To John Fathers my wedding ring

To his three daughters, my grandchildren , Judith, Alce and Elizabeth 40 shillings to be paid at the day of their marriage

To my cozen Ann ROW wife of Richard Row merchant 10s to buy a ring

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### Generation 3 (cont.)

To my cozen Richard ROSSER of the Cathedral Church Exeter £6 to buy him and his wife mourning.

All the rest of my goods and chattels to my son Humphrey CURSON merchant and to be sole executor

Overseers friends Mr George ARNDALL Gent of Exeter and Mr Henry PAINTER Clerk and to each 10s for a ring

Witnesses: George ARNDALL and Honor HEATON.

**1647:** Margaret was also a beneficiary of her father Humphrey Curson's will of 1647 in which he left a legacy of £3 to "Margarett my daughter wife of William Yeo Gent":

#### **Will of Humfredi Curson PCC Will Probate: 13 Dec 1647**

To my daughter Elizabeth wife of John FATHERS £3 and to her daughter my Grandchild Elizabeth £5 at her marriage

To my son Leonard my land for want of a male heir, if not passed to son Thomas, if he had no male heir it passed to his son John, and then on to son George

He gives to his son Leonard the house he (Humphrey) now lives in, and £200 to be given a year after his decease

To his second son Thomas a house and garden in Cullompton and all that he bought of Sir Thomas MALET Judge. And £200 to be paid within two years after his decease.

To my third son John a house and the land in Topsham which I bought off my cozen William MARTIN, three houses I bought off Chappels Heires lying within Westgate and £200 payable within two years after my decease

To my fourth son George the house which Mrs Mary SPRATT widow now dwells and £200 payable within two years after my decease.

**To Margarett my daughter, wife of Mr William YEO Gent £3,** and to my daughter Mary £3.

All the rest of his estate to wife Richarda CURSON her being sole executrix £20 to the poor of Exeter.

Overseers and witnesses: Mr Samuel CLARKE and Mr William SANFORD and 20s apiece for a ring.

**1648:** Margaret and her husband William were bequeathed nominal legacies of 20 shillings and 10 shillings respectively in the will from 1648 of Margaret's uncle Thomas Chafe, her mother Richarda's brother:

#### **Abstract of Will of Thomas Chafe dated 12 Feb 1648/9**

To the poor of St Giles 20s

To my wife a mourning gown.

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### Generation 3 (cont.)

To niece Mrs Katherine BROOKING £20 and to her good husband Thomas £5.  
To his dearly beloved sisters Mrs Dorothy BIGILSTON and Mrs Richard CURSON  
12s a piece

To his loving nephew Philip BIGILSTON £7 and to his brother John BIGILSTON  
£7 and his brother Thomas BIGILSTON £10, but if he is dead to be given to his  
mother

To cozen Philip BIGILSTON £7, cozen James BIGILSTON £10. To niece Dorothy  
BIGILSTON £10

To nephew Mr Thomas CURSON £6, to nephew Mr John CURSON £6, to nephew  
Mr George CURSON £7 To niece Mary SERRELL £6.

**To virtuous niece Mrs Margaret YEO 20s and to her good husband 10s - I  
desire their noble goodness to accept of my myte.**

Niece Joane SERRELL 20s Nephew William RISEDON £10 Mr Arthur ROLLS £1  
and 2s. Friend Thomas BAYLIS £1 2s

To nephews wife Katheryn CHAFE £1 2s for a ring. Godson and nephew Thomas  
CHAFE £40 and all plate after the death of his father

Makes nephew Thomas CHAFE sole executor and he receives all the rest of his  
estate.

No witnesses - as the Will was written in his own hand "and everybody knew him he  
didn't see the need."

**1680:** Margaret's mother Richarda outlived her father by over 30 years. Margaret  
was the only one of Richarda's three daughters to survive her. We find no burial  
record for Richarda, though she must have died before June 1686 when her will was  
proved. Margaret, her husband William Yeo and their children were beneficiaries of  
Richarda's will, a transcription of which by Oswyn Murray follows:

**Will of Richoard (Richarda) Curson of Exeter, widow. Date of Will: 31 July  
1680**

To be buried in my husband's grave at St Peters Church in the Cloister behind the  
Bishops Haye.

To the poor of St. Mary the More in Exeter 40/-

To my son-in-law William Yeo of Boraton Cornwall Esq. and his wife Margaret my  
only daughter £100, out of the rents and profits of my tenement near Callender Hay  
within the close where Mr. Nicholas Webber now dwelleth held by grant and the  
custos and College of the Vicars Choral dated 30 June 30 K.Charles 11 (1678)

To my daughter Margaret my silver sugar box or trunk with my late husband's and  
my Coat of Arms on it and the silver spoon belonging to it &c.

To my Grandson George Yeo 30/- for a ring and to his wife a mourning ring with  
letters IH on it.

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### Generation 3 (cont.)

To my Grandson Humphrey Yeo my signet gold ring with my late husbands, and my Coat of Arms on it and to his wife my wedding ring.

To my Grandson John Curson my scriptorium and a silver Wind bowl which was my own fathers marked T.C.D.

To my Granddaughter Alice Curson my gold ring with a Toad stone &c and my silver chain which I wear to my girdle.

To my Grandson George Curson my said tenement now in the tenure of Mr Nicholas Webber for 20 yrs after my death, subject to the payment of said £100 for satisfying which I give said tenement to my son John Curson merchant for 10 years.

To my Granddaughter (Alice Allyn, widow, Erased) my best arrowes coverlett &c.

To my Granddaughter Dorothy Dore Widow my silver Mawdlin pot with a cover.

To my Granddaughter Judith Preston, wife of William Preston Minister a chest &c.

To my son-in-law Daniel Searle now resident in Barbados, a gold ring.

To my Grandson Thomas Searle resident in Barbados one of my silver flagons, and to my Granddaughter Mary Searle now resident in Barbados a sister of said Thomas Searle., my other silver flagon and a gold ring with deaths head on it with this inscription on it, "A friend is known in adversity"

To my Great Grandson Thomas Searle £20 at 14 towards his putting out to some convenient calling.

To my maidservant Elizabeth Warminster.

To Hester Cheeke that usually doth work in my son Curson's house.

To Elizabeth Esgar if she be living with my son Curson at my death, my best coat.

Residue to my son John Curson, whom I make my Executor. Overseer, **my son in law William Yeo of Boraton and his wife Margaret my only daughter** and I give him my silver bottle with a silver chain on it.

(Seal, indistinguishable) Witnesses: ----- Atherton, John Atherton & James Bond (Exeter, P.C.D) Proved: 16 June 1686 by John Curson

**1688:** Margaret survived her mother and husband William by only a couple of years. She made her own will on 3 May 1688. Transcription by Oswyn Murray:

To poor of St Stephens 10s,

To George Yeo, gent, my houses, etc in Plymouth whose entrance is in the west side of the Old Town Gate, adjoining my said son's lands of inheritance, also moiety of my 6 houses etc there called the Vicarage Houses during the term granted to my husband, aldo my two silver flagons, best silver salter and best silver Trencher and plate.

To Anne his wife my best diamond ring etc and to their son George Yeo, my silver skillett and cover

To my grandson William Yeo, their son my silver trunk or sugar dish with my father's coat of arms on it etc

To my granddaughter Margaret Yeo, their daughter my wedding ring etc

To my granddaughter Elizabeth Yeo, ring etc

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### Generation 3 (cont.)

To my granddaughter Agnes Yeo, £10 at 21, also a ring.

To my son Humphrey Yeo, gent, my house in Plymouth next in the East side of the Old Town Gate, also moiety of the Vicarage Houses, plate, £40, & term of years in field in Totnes called Babbages Close, (being lands of William Savery, Esq.), also benefit of money that may be recovered from exors, or admins of George Bowden late of Plymouth decd, for which my husband long since obtained a judgement.

To my daughter Anne, wife of my son Humphrey Yeo a ring etc in satisfaction of a legacy of 40s from my husband.

To my granddaughters, Sarah Yeo and Margaret Yeo, plate etc, if they die before 21 or marriage the legacies of £20 given them by my husband to revert to their father.

To my cousin Thomas Searle £10 to place him an apprentice when capable thereof.

To my dear and only brother, John Curson, Merchant, my Turkey stone ring which was formerly my fathers and desire him to assist and advise my sons in their business and affairs,

To my sisters Anne Wills of Orchard and Margaret Lydstone, my kinswoman, (*Margaret Liddlestone her sister in law? Her son Humphrey's second marriage was to Ann Liddlestone*) Prudence Andrews & Sarah Tillard of Plymouth & Elizabeth Hayne of Exon, and my cousins George and Alice Curson, rings.

To my servant Mary Parsons. Residue to my son, George Yeo, whom I make exor. Seal. Witnesses Richard Eare, Noty Public, John Hitt, Thomas Short. (Exeter P.R.)

**1688/9** We find no record of Margaret's burial. She must have died late 1688 or early 1689 as her will was proved on 12 April 1689

William Yeo and Margaret Curson had the following children:

- i. WILLIAM<sup>4</sup> YEO was born on 23 Jul 1643 in Exeter St Petrock. He died on 15 May 1645 in Totnes, Devon.

Notes for William Yeo:

**1643:** The Exeter St Petrock parish register records the baptism of William son of William & Margaret Yeo on 23 July 1643. Records however suggest William & Margaret were then living in Totnes, and the child may have been baptised in Exeter because Margaret and her family came from there (see also personal notes for his father William). Their son died in infancy and we find the burial of "William the son of Mr William Yeo" in Totnes on 15 May 1645. William died about 8 months before his great-grandmother Agnes Yeo made her will, and consequently does NOT appear among the beneficiaries.

9. ii. GEORGE YEO was born on 13 Dec 1646 in Exeter St Petrock. He died on 14 Sep 1703 in Saltash, Cornwall. He married (1) MARY CROCKER in Sep 1669 in Saltash, Cornwall. She died on 12 Mar 1671/72. He married

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### Generation 3 (cont.)

(2) ANN HOBBS, daughter of William Hobbs and Anne Wallis, on 12 Mar 1671/72 in Moretonhampstead, Devon. She was born on 02 Nov 1652 in Saltash, Cornwall. She died on 19 May 1716 in Saltash, Cornwall.

- iii. WILLIAM YEO was born on 25 Jul 1648 in Plymouth. He died between 1671-1684.

Notes for William Yeo:

**1648:** William's baptism is clearly recorded on 25 July 1648 in the Plymouth St Andrew parish register as son of Mr William Yeo.

**1671:** In a tripartite marriage settlement between his elder brother George and Ann Hobbs to which his father was also a party, William as his father's second son is clearly referred to as the potential beneficiary of certain provisions in the settlement should George have no issue by his intended wife Ann and in default thereof should have no issue by any other wife. William was a witness to the deed, which he signed as "Will Yeo Jun'r"

**1671/84:** Though we find no burial record for him, it seems William must have died sometime between 1671 and 21 April 1684, on which latter date his father William made his will of which William was NOT a beneficiary. He may have been a beneficiary of the will of Dec 1674 of Elizabeth (nee Lant), widow of Richard Yeo - please see her personal notes.

10. iv. HUMPHREY YEO was born on 09 Oct 1649 in Plymouth. He died on 14 Aug 1702 in Exeter St Olave. He married (1) HONOR FOUNTAINE on 22 May 1678 in Wolborough, Devon. She was born on 10 Oct 1652 in Stokenham, Devon. She died on 17 Jan 1679/80 in Saltash, Cornwall. He married (2) ANNE LYDSTONE, daughter of John Lydstone and Margaret Whiddon, on 05 Aug 1680 in Bickington, Devon. She was born on 22 Nov 1654 in St. Mellion, Cornwall. She died on 11 Aug 1729 in Moretonhampstead, Devon.
- v. MARGARET YEO was born on 24 Jan 1650/51 in Plymouth. She died on 30 Jan 1651/52 in Plymouth.
- vi. ELISABETH YEO was born on 03 Nov 1653 in Plymouth. She died before 1684.

Notes for Elisabeth Yeo:

Elisabeth's baptism is clearly recorded in the Plymouth St Andrew parish register as daughter of William Yeo Esq. She probably died in

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infancy or childhood, as she is NOT mentioned in her father's will of 1684, though we find no burial record for her in Plymouth.

- vii. THOMAS YEO was born about 1654 in Plymouth. He died on 10 Jan 1655/56 in Plymouth.

Notes for Thomas Yeo:

Thomas's burial is clearly recorded in the Plymouth St Andrew parish register as son of William Yeo Esq. He died about 6 months after the baptism of Richard. We find no baptism for Thomas, but he must have been born at least 9 months before Richard - say about 1654.

- viii RICHARD YEO was born on 20 Jun 1655 in Plymouth. He died before 1684.

Notes for Richard Yeo:

Richard's baptism is clearly recorded in the Plymouth St Andrew parish register as son of William Yeo Esq. He probably died in infancy or childhood, as he is NOT mentioned in her father's will of 1684, though we find no burial record for him in Plymouth.

- ix. UNNAMED CHILD YEO was born in Oct 1656 in Plymouth. Unnamed Child died on 15 Oct 1656 in Plymouth.

Notes for Unnamed Child Yeo:

Note: We find the burial of a child of William Yeo Esqr. The child was apparently not stillborn as is remarked for other burials on the same page. We find no corresponding baptism, and we might surmise he or she died very shortly after birth and before a baptism could be arranged.

- x. MARY YEO was born on 27 Oct 1658 in Plymouth. She died on 23 Nov 1658 in Plymouth.

6. **GEORGE<sup>3</sup> YEO** (George<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) was born on 10 Dec 1615 in Totnes, Devon. He died on 07 May 1668 in Wolborough, Devon. He married (1) **MARY WEY**, daughter of William Wey, on 17 Apr 1655 in Wolborough, Devon. She died on 18 Jun 1664 in Wolborough, Devon. He married (2) **MARY FLASHMAN** on 09 May 1665 in Wolborough, Devon.

Notes for George Yeo:

The Totnes parish register has a clear record of the baptism of George son of George Yeo on 10 Dec 1615. The child was born about 3 years after the death of his grandfather William and hence was not a beneficiary of the latter's will. His father died in 1620 when George was only aged about 5, and as the elder son he was one of

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the principal beneficiaries of his father's will. However, George was NOT a beneficiary of the will of his grandmother Agnes Yeo from 31 Jan 1645/6, which perhaps suggest he may have died though we find no burial record.

We should note here that we subsequently find two marriages for George Yeo in Woolborough. The parish register records the marriage of George Yeo and Mary Wey, daughter of William Wey of Chudleigh, on 17 April 1655 - when George would have been about 40. We then find the burial of Mary, wife of George Yeo, in Woolborough on 18 June 1664.

The register then records a marriage between George Yeo and Mary Flashman on 9 May 1665, when George would have been about 50. This is followed by a baptism record for Mary, daughter of George Yeo on 8 Feb 1665/6. We then find a record of the burial of George Yeo on 7 May 1668.

We can't be certain that all these records relate to one and the same George Yeo. However, we have no other candidate in our database, and for the purposes of capturing these events, we have assumed they do indeed concern the same person.

George Yeo and Mary Flashman had the following child:

- i. MARY<sup>4</sup> YEO was born on 08 Feb 1665/66 in Wolborough, Devon.
7. WILLIAM<sup>3</sup> YEO (George<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) was born on 01 Jun 1617 in Totnes, Devon. He died on 22 Nov 1699 in St Mary, Wolborough, Devon. He married ELIZABETH. She died on 05 Feb 1701/02 in St Mary, Wolborough, Devon.

Notes for William Yeo:

**1617:** The Totnes parish register has a clear entry for June 1617 that "ye first was christened William son of George Yeo". The register makes no reference to George as "Mr" or "Esq", though other sources suggest the Yeo family has some social standing at the time. As will be seen, William had a noteworthy career. He is the descendant of William Yeo & Agnes Savery about whom we find the most references in the historical sources, and which we consider merit inclusion here at some length.

**1634/41:** William benefitted from a university education, and studied at both Oxford and Cambridge. His academic career and some of his later life are summarised as follows:

William Yeo son of George of Totnes, pleb (ie plebeian or not "gentry"), attended Oxford University's New Inn Hall where he matriculated 26 Sept 1634 aged 16; was awarded BA on 18 Jan 1637/8; and MA from Emmanuel College, Cambridge in 1641. He served as chaplain in Colonel Gold's regiment (probably Col William

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Gould - see later). He was Minister of Brighthelmstone, Sussex, and was later rector of Newton Abbot from where he was ejected in 1662 for non-conformity. (Alumni Oxonienses 1500-1714, Vol 4 p 1702, accessed via British History Online)

(Readers should please note that William is not to be confused with another cleric William Yeo, son of John Yeo & his wife Rebecca nee Rolle of Hatherleigh, Devon, born ca 1608 and who was ordained Deacon at Exeter in 1635, appointed Rector of East Buckland in 1637, and ordained Priest at Exeter the same year. This William had a brother Bartholomew Yeo, also a cleric and who was like-wise ejected from his tenure)

**1641/2:** We don't know at what point William took up a post of cleric near Newton Abbot. We have not identified him in the 1641/2 Presentation Returns where the incumbent at Highweek and Newton Bushel was Thomas Bridgman, and in Newton Abbot and Wolborough was Thomas Johnson.

**1642/1646:** We have found no record of William's activities immediately after he left university in Cambridge. But it appears that at some point he returned to Devon where he became engaged as a Chaplain to the Parliamentary army. A doctoral thesis citing Calamy (see later) states that William was chaplain to "Colonel Gold's regiment" - though without stating when or where - and that Gold had succeeded Col. Wardlaw as commander of the garrison at Plymouth. This is probably a reference to Colonel William Gould who took over command of the Plymouth garrison from Wardlaw in January 1643/4. Gould's tenure was to prove a short one - he died in July 1644. The same source states that a Mr Yeo, chaplain to Col Leighton's regiment, was paid for 21 days in Sept 1644 by warrant from (the Earl of) Essex, and that Yeo was minister at Brighton, Sussex in Dec 1645. (Parliamentary Army Chaplains, 1642-1651 by Ann Laurence, Table 1 on p 198 of Volume 1, and p 306 of Volume 2, Biographical Index thereto)

Comparing with other sources, this latter note suggests William served as Minister at St Nicholas, the parish church of Brighton which is situated on a hill on the edge of the old town and near the ancient fishing settlement of Brighthelmstone. However, the Clergy of the Church of England database (which it must be acknowledged is incomplete) does NOT include William as serving in this church at the time, nor indeed anywhere else in the Diocese of Chichester which encompasses this part of Sussex.

**About 1646/7:** At some point, probably about 1646/7, William married Elizabeth, surname unknown, who was to bear him eight children between 1648 & 1664, all baptised in Wolborough, Devon. We might expect William and Elizabeth to have married there, but detailed review of the online parish register reveals no such record there or elsewhere in Devon. Since William had been the incumbent at

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### Generation 3 (cont.)

Brighthelmstone, we also reviewed the parish records for Sussex, where we found the entry for the marriage of Wilham Gawe to Eallen in Hastings on 10 Dec 1645. We explored whether that could be a mis-transcription of William Yeo's marriage but careful inspection of the online image reveals the record is indeed more likely to read Gawe. The date and location of William's marriage and maiden name of his wife remain unknown.

**1648/1699:** Sometime around 1648, sources state William took up the rectorship of Wolborough, although again the Clergy of the Church of England Database has no record of this. William served in the parish until his ejection following the Act of Uniformity 1662, which was passed shortly after the end of the Protectorate and the restoration in 1660 of Charles II. As a consequence, many Puritan ministers - perhaps as many as 2,500 - were forced out of their positions in the established Church of England in what became known as "The Great Ejection"

The Act of Uniformity prescribed that any minister who refused to conform to the Book of Common Prayer by St Bartholomew's Day (24 August) 1662 should be ejected from the Church of England. This date became known as "Black Bartholomew's Day" among Dissenters, a reference to the fact that it occurred on the same day as the St Bartholomew's Day massacre of 1572. The tribulations of William and other ejected clerics were described in a work of 1713 by Edmund Calamy, Doctor of Divinity (lived 1671-1732), whose grandfather Edmund Calamy the Elder was also one of those ejected. A transcript of Calamy's comments on William is set out below:

#### **Newton Abbots; or Newton Bushel; Mr William Yeo MA**

He was a Native of Totness, bred up at Exeter School, and Cotemporary both there and at Oxford with Dr Manton. Having pursu'd his Studies for some time at Exeter-College he remov'd to Emmanuel in Cambridge, and there took the degree of M.A, Archbishop Sancroft (Archbishop of Canterbury 1678-1690) being the senior, and himself the Junior of the Thirty who took their degrees at this time. Removing from the University, he was Chaplain in Coll Gold's Regiment (ie Colonel William Gould); but being soon weary of such a Station, he settled for some time at Brighthelmstone in Sussex. He was remov'd from thence by an Order of the Committee of Parliament to Newton in the parish of Wolborough; where he lived in much Repute and did good Service by his serious and affectionate Preaching and exemplary Life. He found the Town very Ignorant and Profane, but by the Blessing of GOD upon his Labours, the People became very Intelligent, Serious and Pious. He had a great Authority among them, and was a Terror to loose Persons, and put a stop to the open Profanation of the Lord's Day, by walking with a Constable round the Town, after the Publick Worship was over. He was highly esteem'd by his Brethren in the Ministry, and well respected by the Neighbouring Gentry, being a

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genteel Man, and very Facetious (sic) and Pleasant in Conversation. He was of a generous Spirit, an affectionate Preacher, and a close Student; one that had well digested what he had read. While he was in his Living, he lost an Augmentation of 80 li per annum (ie £80 p.a.) for refusing the Ingagement: And after that he was Silenc'd in 62 (ie 1662), he continu'd firm to his Principles, and Preach'd as the Times would bear it. A severe Order of Sessions offering a reward of Forty Shillings, to him that should apprehend a Dissenting Minister, a malicious Constable forc'd him to hide himself in the Fields, in a time of deep Snow. Often he was obliged to leave his House and Family, but never seiz'd. Once it pleased GOD to touch the Heart of a Man that came to hear him with an ill Design. He became afterwards very serious, and continu'd his Hearer, and a Communicant with him to the Day of his Death. His Judgement, Fancy, Memory and Chearfulness, continu'd to Admiration to the last. He never discover'd the least Repentance of his Nonconformity, but much Satisfaction in it. When his End drew near, he had no timerous Apprehensions. He was satisfy'd with long Life, and us'd to say My Life is continually in my Hand, ready at GOD's call. After he had discharg'd his Office in the Parish, in Publick and Private, about 53 years he dy'd full of Days on Octob. 1699, Aetat 82. And his Funeral Sermon was preach'd by Mr Richard Evans, his Son-in-Law. (Edmund Calmady DD; An Account of the Ministers, Lecturers, Masters and Fellows of Colleges and Schoolmasters who were ejected or silenced after the Restoration in 1660 by, or before, the Act for Uniformity, London 1713, Vol II, pp 243/4.)

(Note: This transcript follows the spelling and conventions such as the use of capital letters for most nouns in the original text).

**1693:** William Yeo made his will on 20 July 1693, an abstract of which follows:

To poor of Wolborough 40 s to be distributed by John Chapple and Robert Bearne  
To poor of my communion 30s to be distributed by Samuel Stronge  
To my old servant Amy Larrymore £5  
To my daughter, Elizabeth for maintenance £14 a year for life out of my messuage  
etc at Rydon in Wolborough, and the messuage etc. itself I give to my wife  
Elizabeth, remainder to my son William.

To my wife Elizabeth and her heirs my close called Rydon Moor in  
Abbotskersewell which I purchased off of Jeffery Bulley the elder of the same,  
Yeoman and the reversion of tenement in same parish which I purchased off him.  
Also piece of ground bought off Peter Bulley, clothier in said parish and one called  
Beer in East Ogwell bought of Bartholomew Fox of Denbury and reversion of two  
other closes after his death ; and a piece of ground in Wolborough bought off Sir  
William Courtenay and another in Fishjonters lane in Little Totnes bought of  
William Fell of Totnes deceased.

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To my son William , my ring & to his wife 20/.. for a ring, & to each of his children 20/.. To my son John Y, piece of ground called Charing Cross in Little Totnes, also the house in Totnes, & estate in tenement in Manor of Little Totnes being the lands of Robert Savery Esqre, for life (after my wife's death); remainder to my son William Y, & his heirs. To my daughter, Ann Drake & niece Ann Burrige each 20s for a ring. To my son John Y, my books.

To my daughters Amy Y, and Frances Y,, £300 each, my wife to give them their diet until their portions are paid. Residue to my wife Elizabeth whom I make my exx. Desire my wife and my son William and my other children to be careful of & provide well for my daughter Elizabeth, Witnesses Nicholas Searle, Christopher Searle, William Venning

Memo..To John Drake a guineau. To William, John and Mary Hollock 10s each if in my service. Admon cum Test. 30 October 1710 to William Yeo, son, the exx Elizabeth Yeo being deceased. (Exeter, C.C.B.)

**1699:** The Wolborough parish register records the burial of "Guiliel: Yeo Sr", short form for Guilielmus, the Latin form of William, in St. Mary, Wolborough on 22 Nov 1699. The register entry makes no mention of his former position as a cleric.

**1710:** As we have seen above, William appointed his wife Elizabeth as Executrix of his will. For some reason, Elizabeth failed to complete the executorship - perhaps her death in 1701/2 came before she could do so. Given his career as a Preacher and judging by the modest bequests he left in his will, it does not appear that William possessed a large and complicated estate. However, it was another 8 years until administration was eventually granted to his son Willian on 30 October 1710 - the same day as he was granted administration of his late mother's estate.

**Footnote:** William's reputation was to prove enduring, with articles citing his life appearing well over 200 years after his death.

In 1899, the Rev. S. G. Harris, M.A., writing of the Wolborough Church registers, states that one "Contains a list of Rectors from the year 1620. Included in this is the name of W. Yeo preacher of Wolborough, under date 1648. I cannot learn that there is, in the Wolborough Church Registers, any mention of this Mr. Win. Yeo, under the name of Rector, and I suppose in the unsettled state of things both in Church and State during the Cromwellian period, a regular appointment to the Rectory of Wolborough by the legal patron could scarcely be looked for; nor is it clear from the evidence that I have been able to examine whether this Mr William Yeo was in what the Church of England regards as 'Holy Orders' or not. Dr. Calamy, in his 'Nonconformist Memorial,' states that he was a 'native of Totnes,' bred at Exeter School; that he pursued his studies for some time at Exeter College, Oxford, and

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removed to Emmanuel College, Cambridge'. that removing from the University, he was Chaplain in Colonel Gold's Regiment; but being soon weary of that station he settled for some time at Brighthelmstone (Brighton) in Sussex; and was removed thence by an order of the Committee of Parliament to Newton Abbot.

There he continued to officiate in Wolborough Church until 1662, when, in company with some hundreds of other ministers, he declined to conform to the laws of the Church of England, and was, therefore, called upon to retire, as a larger number of clergy had, some seventeen years before, being turned out from their benefices by the party of Oliver Cromwell. (Notes on the History of Newton Abbot; Rev S G Harris MA in Transactions of the Devon Association for the Advancement of Science, Literature & Art, Vol 31, p 297; Paper read at Great Torrington, August 1899)

In 1904, a local history recorded William's contribution to the local nonconformist congregation as follows

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THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH. The Rev. William. Yeo, M.A., who for 14 years was clergyman in charge of the parish and Church Wolborough, was really the founder of the body which this Church eventually sprang. When he was expelled from Wolborough in 1662 he used to meet, at night, a band of Puritan Christians in a large pit on the Ogwell side Bradley Woods. In 1672 he was licensed as a minister, preached at Newton Abbot and Newton Bushell, and in 1689 his house at Rydon was licensed as a place of worship. Afterwards a chapel was erected in Wolborough street, and he ministered there as a Presbyterian until 1699 having laboured in the parish for 52 years

The county historians, however, include Mr. Yeo in their lists of Rectors. Both Dr. Oliver in his "Ecclesiastical Antiquities of Devon," and Withy in "Devonshire Parishes" recognise him, without question, as Rector, and seeing that it is not disputed that from 1648 to 1662 he was in charge of Wolborough, there seems little reason for questioning his Rectorship

In the Congregational schoolroom there is hung a picture of the spot in Bradley Woods where Mr. Yeo conducted his services, and it bears the following inscription " Place of meeting in Bradley Woods, Devon, 1662." Presented by P. T. Sparke Evans, Bristol". Underneath in a small frame is the following. This painting was presented to the Congregational Church, Newton Abbot, by a descendant of the minister ejected from Wolborough in 1662, as a memorial of the sacrifices made by those who desired liberty to worship God according to the dictates of their conscience, and who were compelled to leave the Church they loved and find a place for a service of prayer and praise amongst the quiet beauty of the rocks and woods in God's own temple." In the lobby of the Church is a handsome tablet

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erected in 1875 by his descendants of the fifth generation, bearing the following inscription -"To the honoured memory of the Rev. William Yeo, M.A., some-time Rector of this parish. On the passing of the Act of Uniformity, in the year 1662, he with a noble fidelity to conscience, resigned his living, and to avoid persecution, so rife in those troublous times, met his sympathising parishioners by night in Bradley Woods, for the worship of God, until a chapel was built in Wolborough-street, at which he became minister, and thus the founder of Nonconformity in this town. Born at Totnes 1617; died 1699."

The first chapel stood on the, site of 51, Wolborough Street. A chapel also stood on the site of No. 68, but being eventually closed, the congregation in 1787 joined the Pound Chapel, which had previously been erected where the Salem Church later stood. Another Chapel was erected in 1786 in the court next to the present Locomotive Inn. It was called Providence Chapel.

(Source: Newton Abbot; Its history and development with description of places of interest in the neighbourhood; Albert John Rhodes; 1904)

Notes for Elizabeth:

We have found no clue to Elizabeth's birth, baptism or marriage. She survived William by about 2 years and was buried in Wolborough as Domina (Latin for Madam) on 5 Feb 1701/2.

#### **1710 Administration of Elizabeth Yeo, then of Wolborough**

Bond of William Yeo of parish of St Thomas, near Exon, gent, in £500 Date of Admin 30th October, 1710, Condition that William Yeo, being admitted administrator of goods etc, of Elizabeth Yeo, his mother late of Wolborough, Devon, deceased do make an inventory etc. Signature and seal of William Yeo. Witnesses Francis Oliver and Thomas Henwood. Administration of goods of within named Elizabeth Yeo was granted to William Yeo, son of deceased 30th October, 1710.

It must have been a large and complicated estate for it to take 9 years for admon to be granted - note it was settled at the same time as for William her husband to their son William

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William Yeo and Elizabeth had the following children:

11. i. ANN<sup>d</sup> YEO was born on 08 Mar 1647/48 in Wolborough, Devon. She died on 26 Oct 1719 in Barnstaple, Devon. She married (1) WILLIAM NOYES on 29 Jun 1675 in Wolborough, Devon. He died on 08 Mar 1679/80 in Exeter. She married (2) HENRY DRAKE on 16 May 1682 in Barnstaple, Devon. He was born about 1621 in Barnstaple, Devon. He died on 15 Oct 1688 in Barnstaple, Devon.
- ii. ELIZABETH YEO was born on 03 Nov 1650 in Wolborough, Devon. She died on 03 Mar 1700/01 in Wolborough, Devon.

Notes for Elizabeth Yeo:

In his will, her father asked his wife and other children to take special care of her. It may be she had an invalidity. "To my daughter, Elizabeth for maintenance £14 a year for life out of my messuage etc at Rydon in Wolborough, and the messuage etc. itself I give to my wife Elizabeth, remainder to my son William"

She was not mentioned in her sister Anne Drake's will of 1710 as were most of her siblings and she is presumed to have died before then

We find a potential match for her burial in Wolborough on 3 March 1700/01

- iii. SUZANNE YEO was born on 20 Mar 1653/54 in Wolborough, Devon. She died on 15 Sep 1654 in Wolborough, Devon.
- iv. GEORGE YEO was born on 04 May 1655 in Wolborough, Devon. He died on 26 Sep 1656 in Wolborough, Devon.
- v. AMY YEO was born on 22 Aug 1656 in Wolborough, Devon. She married Richard Stevens on 22 Jun 1696 in Wolborough, Devon.

Notes for Amy Yeo:

At her baptism she was described as daughter of Mr William Yeo the Minister

The Wolborough parish register records the marriage on 22 Jun 1696 between Richard Stevens of Denbury and Amy Yeo daughter of Mr William Yeo of Rydon. Amy was also mentioned in the will of her sister Ann Drake 1718.

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Notes for Richard Stevens:

Richard was Parish Clerk at Collaton

12. vi. WILLIAM YEO was born on 11 Mar 1658 in Wolborough, Devon. He died on 22 Apr 1726 in Plymouth. He married (1) SUSANNA YOULDEN on 01 Oct 1679 in Totnes, Devon. She died on 24 Mar 1696/97 in Wolborough, Devon. He married (2) ELIZABETH OLIVER on 08 Nov 1709 in Exeter Cathedral. She was born in Exweek, Devon. She died on 26 Apr 1712 in Exeter.
  13. vii. FRANCES YEO was born on 30 May 1660 in Wolborough, Devon. She married Richard Evans on 06 Aug 1696 in Wolborough, Devon. He died in 1743 in South Huish, Devon.
  14. viii JOHN YEO was born on 01 Dec 1664 in Wolborough, Devon. He died on 17 Jan 1721/22 in Bovey Tracey, Devon. He married ELISABETH. She died on 18 Oct 1700 in Bovey Tracey, Devon.
8. AGNES<sup>3</sup> YEO (George<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) was born on 02 Jul 1620 in Totnes, Devon. She died about 1671 in Northam, Devon. She married Anthony Downe, son of Thomas Downe and Susan Payne, on 07 Sep 1642 in Totnes, Devon. He was born on 24 Apr 1614 in Buckland Brewer, Devon. He died in Oct 1690 in Exeter.

Notes for Agnes Yeo:

First Mentioned in the will of her grandmother Agnes Yeo.

We have no firm record for Agnes' death, but she probably pre-deceased her husband Anthony as he made no provision for her in his will of 1689/90 (see Anthony's notes) FMP has a possible match for her burial as "Mistris Agnes Downe" in Northam & Appledore in 1671.

Notes for Anthony Downe:

**1614:** The Buckland Brewer parish register records the baptism on 24 April 1614 of Anthony, son of Thomas Downe and his wife Susan. Anthony's twin brother Mark was baptised the same time. Their father Thomas was married to Susan Payne daughter of Mark Payne and Joan. He was Perpetual Vicar in Buckland Brewer from 1612, concurrently with the same post in Stratton held from 1606, until his death in July 1630. As will be seen, Anthony and Mark had an elder brother Thomas. Their father had been educated at Cambridge University, and his three sons would also be educated there.

**1628/1635:** Anthony matriculated sizar (ie an under-graduate receiving a

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maintenance allowance) from Pembroke College Cambridge at Michaelmas 1628, reportedly as Ambrose. He graduated BA in 1631/2 and MA in 1635. His university record states he had two sons Thomas (b ca 1646) and John (b ca 1661) who were to follow him to Cambridge. His record also refers to his appointment as Vicar of Northam and to his ejection - see below. (Alumni Cantabrigienses, pt 1 vol 2 page 60)

**1637/1641:** Anthony was ordained as Deacon on 4 June 1637 and as Priest on 24 September 1637, both ceremonies taking place at Exeter. He was appointed Vicar of Northam on 19 Jan 1641. (Clergy of the Church of England database)

**1641/2:** In the Protestation Return for Northam, Devon taken on 6 March 1641/2, Anthony Downe is clearly recorded as the Vicar at the head of the list of those taking the oath. We should note here that Christopher Yeo and William Yeo appear in the list of those taking the oath there, though we have discovered no record to suggest they were descendants of William Yeo & Agnes. (Parliamentary Archives, Shebbear Hundred, doc ref HL/PO/JO/10/1/84/19)

**1642:** Anthony Downe and Agnes Yeo were married in September 1642. The Northam parish register records the marriage on 6 September and Totnes register the following day - it seems likely that banns were published at both places

We speculated whether Anthony may have met Agnes through her brother William Yeo who was also educated at Cambridge and would likewise become a preacher, but it seems their academic careers there did not overlap.

Agnes was to bear Anthony nine children between 1642 and 1660, whose baptisms are recorded on Familysearch and are presented below. We have captured them as listed, but note here the caveat that we have NOT been able to independently verify these in the on-line images of the original register, of which several pages are damaged.

**1642:** Anthony's sister Grace married, prior to which their widowed mother Susan executed a formal marriage settlement as follows::

(1) Susan Downe of Stratton, widow (2) Samuel Gayer of Stratton, mercer. Dwelling house or tenement with appurtenances in which Walter Rose formerly dwelt, since in the possession of Philippa Rose, deceased, and a little garden or orchard adjoining on the east side, in the manor of Stratton Sanctuarye; and a garden or orchard, and meadow adjoining called Wyneyeat's Garden and Meadow; 1 1/2 acres, leased by Thomas Tayler of Biddeford, gent., to Thomas Downe of Stratton, clerk, deceased and (1) his wife, 25 July 1621, for 99 years or the lives of Thomas, Anthony and Mark Downe, sons of Thomas Downe. Term: residue of the said term. Consideration: an intended marriage between (2) and Grace Downe, daughter of (1)

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Dated: 10th September 1642. (Repository SWHT Exeter; Reference number Z16/2/12/24 Alternative reference number DD47927 )

**1645/6:** Anthony was a beneficiary of the will of January 1645/6 of Agnes Yeo nee Savery who bequeathed “to my cousin Anthony Down a silver-gilt wine goblet; Agnes Down his wife goods; £20 to their (un-named) son”. Although she referred to him as her “cousin”, Anthony was in fact the husband of her grand-daughter Agnes. The two relationships are not mutually exclusive, but we have found no evidence to suggest the testatrix Agnes and Anthony were cousins as we would currently understand the term.

**1662:** We have found no record to suggest that Anthony led anything other than an unremarkable life as Vicar of Northam, a typical rural Devon parish. However, like many other ministers, including his two brothers and his brother-in-law William Yeo, in 1662 he was ejected from his tenure following the Act of Uniformity. In his list of those who suffered in this way, Calamy referred to Anthony and his brothers together as follows:

#### **Northam Mr Anthony Downe:**

Mr Mark and Mr Tomas Down and he were brethren; all three eminent in the Ministry and in Piety. The eldest Mr Thomas was most eminent for Zeal and Affection; the second Mr Anthony (being the first of the twins) was so for Neatness and Exaction of Expression; the third, Mr Mark, for Texts of Scriptures search'd out, and produc'd from Places of the Bible that were not thought of, but most aptly apply'd, and clearly interpreted. All three died in Exeter. Mr Thomas after long and grievous Pain of the Stone which he bore with wonderful Patience, being us'd to answer his Friends Questions, about his body, with “I am upon my Fathers rack”. Mr Mark dy'd next, having his Reason impair'd for some time before his Decease; And this Mr Anthony dy'd last, at about Fourscore Years of Age. They have all left a sweet smelling Perfume in the Nostrils of the Christians of Exeter, both upon the Account of their Labours, and their Conversation. (Edmund Calamy DD; An Account of the Ministers, Lecturers, Masters and Fellows of Colleges and Schoolmasters who were ejected or silenced after the Restoration in 1660 by, or before, the Act for Uniformity, London 1713, Vol II, pp 246/7)

**1689/90:** The Devon Wills Index Project has two entries for the will of Anthony Downe, both referring to “clerk”- one in 1689 which appears to be an abstract and the other in 1690 which is a list entry.

**A transcript of the will of Anthony Downe of St Mary Arches Exeter, clerk dated 21 Feb 1689/90,**

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### Generation 3 (cont.)

An abstract of which follows, Date of probate not stated

To poor of Northam, Stratton and Exeter

To grandchildren John & Hanna Pearce, children of son-in-law Joseph Pearce [husband of testator's daughter Agnes Downe]

To grandson Thomas Down my interest in an annuity of £6 out of tenement in Hartland and if he dies to granddaughters Hannah & Eliz Down

To my said grandson Thomas Down all the books in my study in my house in St Mary Arches Lane and £40

To Trustees my son-in-law Mr Joseph Pearce, Mr William Yeo and Mr Jerome King my interest in Short's living & the lease in Wineyeats in Stratton, in trust to pay £8 a year for maintenance to my grandson Thomas Down and after his death to my granddaughter Hannah Down

To my grandchild Hannah that lives with me (I being administrator to my son Thomas and his wife both deceased) all the estate of her parents left to my disposal as administrator & for her education etc & also interest from estates in Falmouth & Stratton & £30 in plate in my possession to dispose of as Administrator of her mother Edith.

To my brother [i.e. brother-in-law] Mr William Yeo late Minister of Newton Abbot & his wife & children and to William Yeo Jun'r & his wife.

To my cousin Mr Thomas Phillips of Poughill in Cornwall & his wife 20 shillings each for rings

To my Rev cousin Walter Quarme Rector of Falmouth & his wife for their kindness to my grandchildren

To my Rev cousin Mr John Flavill of Dartmouth and his wife rings

To my honoured cousin Mr Abraham Tillard, merchant in London, and his wife, rings

To my cousin Hunt, a Minister in South Molton 40 shillings

To my kind cousin Mr Jerome King & his son 40 shillings

To Mr George Hume of Pilton & his wife, rings

To Mrs Susanna Marshall of Exeter widow £6

To John Heale & William Thomas both of Northam 20 shillings each

To my servant Deborah Mitchell.

My cousin Allen [perhaps his nephew Samuel Allen]

My Reverend friends and brethren Mr Barthomew Yeo, minister; Mr Wiliaml Crompton of Exeter £5; Mr Jonathan Bowden of Bideford; Mr George Trosse of Exeter; Mr Gaylard of Exeter; Mr Palke of Ogwell

Mr Simon Pincombe of Exeter tailor

To Mr Michael Taylor his wife and daughter Lavington for rings £6

Residue to said Mr Joseph Pearce, Mr William Yeo & Mr Jerome King upon trust to suffer my dear daughter Agnes, wife of Joseph Pearce to receive the rents & profits of my lands and tenements and to have possession of all my goods for life with power to dispose thereof and I make my said Trustees my Executors and give them

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each 20 shillings for a ring.

Witnesses Benjamin Robins, Hannah Mortimer, Mary Mortimer.

**1690:** We find a credible record for the burial of Mr Anthony Down Minister in Exeter St Petrock on 31 July 1690.

#### **Foot note:**

The three Downe brothers benefitted from a university education at Cambridge, and then followed similar callings in the church - eventually suffering the same fate of ejection from their respective posts. For completeness, we set out below for Thomas and Mark the summary of their academic records taken from Alumni Cantabrigienses pt 1 vol 2, page 60; their entries in the Clergy of the Church of England database; and observations on their careers from Calamy Vol II p 218:

#### **Mr Thomas Downe:**

Matric. sizar from St John's Easter 1625; Of Cornwall; Migrated to Queen's 8 June 1625; B.A. 1628-9; M.A. 1632; Ejected from St Edmund's Exeter 1662; Probably brother of Anthony (1628) and Mark (1629)

Possible match, ordained Priest 1 Dec 1633 in Exeter; Preacher Goodleigh and throughout Diocese of Exeter 10 Feb 1633 (1633/4 ??); appointed Rector of Goodleigh 15 June 1633

He was a diligent and useful Preacher, but grievously afflicted with the Stone and Gout, which at last put a Period to his Life, just before the Oxford Act took Place. A young Minister taking his leave of him with these Words "Sir you are now going into the Heaven, and we in the Storm", referring to the Oxford Act; "No (said he) you are in the Heaven and I am in the Storm; Oh my Pain and grievous Torments ! But the Lord will end them Speedily". He dy'd an hour after. He had two Daughters, the one of which marry'd Mr Whiddon of Totness, and the other Mr Flavel of Dartmouth.

#### **Mr Mark Down M.A.**

Admitted sizar at Queen's 6 Apr 1629. Of Devon. BA 1631-2; MA 1635: Ejected from St Petrock's Exeter 1662; Died Oct 1680; Brother of Anthony (1628) and Thomas (1625).

Ordained Deacon 13 March 1636 and Priest 4 June 1637. Appointed Preacher Exeter St Petrock and throughout Exeter Archdeaconry 31 March 1640.

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He was a judicious Preacher, and had an excellent Gift in Prayer. He dy'd and was buried at Exon in October 1680.

Anthony Downe and Agnes Yeo had the following children:

- i. UNKNOWN MALE<sup>4</sup> DOWNE.

Notes for Unknown Male Downe:

Anthony and Agnes had a son born between 1643 and Jan 1645/6, who was a beneficiary of the will of Agnes Yeo nee Savery, his great grandmother. This may have been their son Thomas who according to the notes for Anthony's university records was born around 1646

- ii. SUSANNA DOWNE was born on 19 Sep 1647 in Northam, Devon.

Notes for Susanna Downe:

She probably died in infancy as another Susanna was born in 1652.

- iii. UNKNOWN DOWNE was born on 01 Oct 1649 in Northam, Devon.

Notes for Unknown Downe:

**1 Oct 1649** Family Search has 2 transcriptions for this date in Northam. One is for an unnamed female, father Anthony Downe. The other is for an unknown male, father John Downe or Hinge. We cannot determine whether these are two transcripts of one entry or 2 seperate entries. There is also an entry for 6 Oct 1659 which states Mary Downe with father only named as Downe. We cannot therefore determine if this is Anthony's daughter

- iv. AGNES DOWNE was born on 26 Dec 1650 in Northam, Devon. She married JOSEPH PEARCE.

Notes for Agnes Downe:

She married Joseph Pearce

- v. SUSANNA DOWNE was born on 19 Aug 1652 in Northam, Devon.
- vi. ANTHONY DOWNE was born on 24 Aug 1654 in Northam, Devon.
- vii. MARY DOWNE was born on 28 Aug 1656 in Northam, Devon.
- viii MALE DOWNE was born on 14 Jan 1657 in Northam, Devon.

Notes for Male Downe:

This record is undated but is transcribed as Will son of Anthony Downe  
On the same microfilm there is a Henry Downe son of Will Downe 29th

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January 1651 and is possibly an incorrect transcription of these 2 records  
ix. WILL DOWNE.

Notes for Will Downe:

This record is undated but is transcribed as Will son of Anthony Downe

On the same microfilm there is a Henry Downe son of Will Downe 29th  
January 1651 and is possibly an incorrect transcription of these 2  
records

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9. **GEORGE<sup>4</sup> YEO** (William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) was born on 13 Dec 1646 in Exeter St Petrock. He died on 14 Sep 1703 in Saltash, Cornwall. He married (1) **MARY CROCKER** in Sep 1669 in Saltash, Cornwall. She died on 12 Mar 1671/72. He married (2) **ANN HOBBS**, daughter of William Hobbs and Anne Wallis, on 12 Mar 1671/72 in Moretonhampstead, Devon. She was born on 02 Nov 1652 in Saltash, Cornwall. She died on 19 May 1716 in Saltash, Cornwall.

Notes for George Yeo:

**1646:** The Exeter St Petrock parish register records the baptism on 13 Dec 1646 of “George son of Mr William Yeo in the close of St Peters”. No mother’s name is cited.

**1671:** George Yeo and Ann Hobb were granted a marriage licence granted **29 Nov 1671**. George was then of St Stephen's near Saltash, Cornwall, widower aged about 25, son of William of Burraton, Esq (who alleges), and Anne Hobb spinster of St Stephens, about 19; her mother's consent; at St Stephens, or Botes Flemin alias Blow Flemin, Cornwall. (Marriage Allegations in the Registry of the Vicar-General of the Archbishop of Canterbury (sic), page 196) Botus Fleming is a small parish, between Landulph and Landrake.

**1671/2:** The Plymouth Archives hold a copy of the marriage settlement between George Yeo & Ann Hobbs:

**Title: Morley Estate papers, Yeo and Hobbs Description: Marriage settlement [articles of agreement], George Yeo, gentleman and Anne Hobbs, both of Orchard, Cornwall. Date: 11 Mar 1671/2**

The document comprising the marriage settlement consists of three skins, with a general introduction, transcribed in full below by the authors, and seven articles of which an abstract then follows:

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Articles of Agreement Tripartite indented had made concluded and agreed upon the eleventh day of March in the ffower and twentieth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord Charles the Second of England Scotland France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c Anno Domini one thousand six hundred seventy and one (11 March 1671/2) by and between William Yeo of Boraton in the parish of St Stephens next to Saltash in the County of Cornwall Esq of the first part; George Yeo son and heir apparent of the sd William Yeo Gent of the second part; And Nicholas Wills of Orchard within the same parish of St Stephens Gent John Walters of Trematon within the same parish the Elder Gent and Ann Hobbs the daughter and heir of William Hobbs late of Orchard afsd Gent deceased of the third part as followeth:

Whereas there is a marriage already agreed upon and by God's permission shortly to be had and solemnised by and between the above named George Yeo and Ann Hobbs :

- 1, Under the first article George Yeo and Ann Hobbs with the approval of Nicholas Wills and Ann his wife, mother of Ann, promise each other by permission of Almighty God to marry "in time convenient".
2. Under the second article, William Yeo covenanted that in consideration of the bride's marriage portion, he would provide for the couple and any children a "servant maid, meat, drink, lodging and other necessaries" as well as "the keeping of one gelding mare or nag" for three years after the marriage should William and George & Ann live together. Should George & Ann decide to live elsewhere, then William was to pay them £20 per annum for as much of the three years as was un-expired.
3. Under the third article, William further covenanted to convey to Nicholas Wills & John Walters one eighth of his properties in the Manor & Hundred of Plympton; Orchard, and Orchard House & garden in Totnes; four fields or closes of land in Totnes; one tenement in Totnes; two tenements in Bigbury; and two tenements and gardens in Plymouth - all to the use of William for his lifetime and after his decease to the use of George Yeo and his male heirs to be begotten by Ann; in default his (other) male heirs; in default to the use of William Yeo, second son of William party to the settlement, and his heirs male; and in further default to Humphrey, third son of William and his male heirs. The right was reserved to William to lease any part of his estate for three lives - but not more than three lives.
4. In a further covenant under the fourth article, William covenanted that after the deaths of him and his wife Margaret, his estate in Boraton which he enjoyed by purchase from and surrender by Henry Wills gent deceased and others would pass to George Yeo and his male heirs to be begotten by Ann, and in case of serial defaults

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as in Article 3.

5. The fifth article recites that Ann Hobbs is possessed or will at age 21 be possessed of certain properties in Orchard, Linkingshorne and St Stephens by Saltash constituting her marriage portion - including with her mother's agreement a property in Orchard being the latter's jointure. This article provided that following the marriage the sd properties should be held "by friends" in trust for the use of George Yeo for term of his life; thereafter for the use of Ann ditto; and after her death to the use of the heirs of George to be begotten by Ann, and for default his heirs - presumably by a second marriage.

6. Under the sixth article, William Yeo and George Yeo covenanted that after the marriage and the conveying of the properties of Ann Hobbs to George, William or George would settle on Ann a jointure of £90 per annum to be paid to her should she survive her husband in quarterly payments.

7. The seventh and final article provides that if the parties to the present settlement should agree any alteration thereto concerning the present settlement of the various estates, then the said present settlement should "cease determine and be utterly void to all intents and purposes is if the same had never been made".

The document was made in three copies - the copy to be retained by Nicholas Wills, John Walters and Ann Hobbs to be signed and sealed by William Yeo & George Yeo; that to be retained by William Yeo to be signed by all the other parties; and that to be retained by George Yeo ditto.

The document was witnessed by William Yeo Jun'r; Josias (Pelson ??); and Mary Billand

The document in the Plymouth Archives bears the signatures and seals of William Yeo and George Yeo, and must be the first of the three copies noted above.

### **Footnote:**

We should note here that the marriage settlement included certain provisos giving William Yeo, father of the future bridegroom George, the right to amend the provisions therein concerning the transfer of various properties mentioned. He duly exercised that right in his will made 21 April 1684. We should also note that William Yeo Junior, witness to the settlement, apparently pre-deceased his father as he was NOT a beneficiary of the latter's said will.

(Plymouth & West Devon Record Office doc ref 69/M/3/145)

However, although the licence stated the marriage should be solemnised in either of the two parishes above, for some reason it was held in Moretonhampstead where we

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find it recorded on **12 March 1671/2** the day after the marriage settlement deed was executed

**1702/3** When George died he left a will which was proved on the 4th December, 1703

This is a transcription of the will which was transcribed by Olive Moger

To the poor of St Stephens 40s

To my son George Yeo, my best silver tankard and best silver salt.

Whereas I did heretofore at a court of the "Duchy Manor" of Trematon in Cornwall, I surrendered divers lands belonging to said Manor for them to be regranted to my brother in law Francis Wills of Wivelscombe in said parish near Saltash, esq and his heirs for their uses.

a. to raise debts of £100 and £400 due on two bonds

b. to raise £300 as a portion for my daughter, Margaret Yeo at marriage or one year after my death, and £15 for her maintenance meanwhile.

c. to raise £300 as a portion for my daughter, Agnes Yeo at 21 or marriage with her mother's consent and £15 a year for maintenance meanwhile.

d. to raise £300 for my son William Yeo, part to place him as an apprentice and the rest to be paid at 21, and £15 a year for maintenance meanwhile.

e. to raise £10 each for my grandsons John Torr and George Torr at 21.

In case said lands are not sufficient to raise said sums, my personal estate shall be charged therewith.

To said Francis Wills and my son in law John Torr, clerk, rings

Residue to my wife, Amy (*Surely an error for Ann*), whom I make exx.

Seal Witnessed by, John Torre, George Simons, John Blake. (Exeter P.R.)

George was buried at St Stephens Church, Saltash on 14 Sept 1703. His will was proved by his Executrix Ann on the 4th December 1703

**1722/23:** Given the comments George made at the end of his will, it seems he either knew or at least suspected that his assets were insufficient to satisfy the various bequests he had made. In fact, as will be seen, George was in debt and although he made efforts to ensure his legacies could be paid by placing in trust some properties in the Manor of Trematon (Tremerton), the death of his brother-in-law and others, and then the customs of the manor precluded his wishes being given effect. In due course, this led to a case being brought in the Court of Chancery in London, for which we find records as follows:

Short title: Torre v Wills.

Document type: Bill and answer.

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### Generation 4 (cont.)

Plaintiffs: John Torre, clerk of St John, Cornwall.

Defendants: Elizabeth Wills, Charles Wills, George Yeo, Abraham Sault, Dionis Rouse, Peter Greenwood, John Torre, junior and Agnes Rouse.

Date of bill (or first document): 1722

National Archives doc ref C 11/470/57

Short title: Torre v Knighton.

Document type: Answer only.

Plaintiffs: John Torre, clerk.

Defendants: Thomas Knighton, gent of St Stephen Saltash, Cornwall and Agnes Knighton (formerly Agnes Rouse, widow of John Rouse, esq deceased late of St Stephen Saltash, late Agnes Yeo, the daughter of George Yeo, gent deceased late of Borraton, St Stephen Saltash) and others.

Date of bill (or first document): 1722

National Archives doc ref C 11/474/66

Short title: Torre v Yeo.

Document type: Depositions.

Plaintiffs: John Torre, clerk.

Defendants: George Yeo, gent, Elizabeth Wills, widow, Charles Wills infant (by said Elizabeth Wills, his grandmother and guardian), Abraham Sault, gent, Dionis Rouse, Peter Greenwood, John Torre junior, Thomas Knighton, gent and Agnes Knighton his wife.

Depositions taken at Saltash, Cornwall. Date of bill (or first document): 1723

National Archives doc ref C 11/902/5

### The Parties in the case

It is appropriate to add here a note on the parties named in the case. The plaintiff John Torr or Torre clerk (i.e. cleric) was married to the testator's daughter Elizabeth Yeo, who predeceased her father. John & Elizabeth had two sons John Torre junior and George, the latter apparently dying in infancy as only John junior was named as a co-defendant.

Among the other co-defendants, Elizabeth Wills was the widow of Francis Wills of Wiveliscombe, Somerset, the testator's brother-in-law. Ann's father William Hobbs died in about 1653/4 after which her mother re-married to Nicholas Wills, by whom she bore three sons. The eldest of the three sons Francis was thus Ann's half brother and hence became brother-in-law to George. Francis & Elizabeth had a son Thomas Wills, also deceased when the court case was brought, leaving a son Charles Wills, also one of the co-defendants and under the guardianship of his grandmother Elizabeth.

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## Generation 4 (cont.)

Abraham Sault married George's daughter Margaret Yeo, and she too had died before the case came to court. Agnes Knighton alias Rous or Rouse was also George's daughter. Agnes was first married to John Rous(e) by whom she had two daughters Dionis, also a co-defendant, and Phoebe married to Peter Greenwood, the latter also a co-defendant in the case, presumably Phoebe having pre-deceased him. After her husband's death Agnes re-married to Thomas Knighton, the latter thereby becoming a co-defendant too.

### The pleadings

Many cases brought in the Court of Chancery were settled out of court, but this particular case received a full hearing on 17 July 1723, apparently before the Right Honourable Thomas, Earl of Macclesfield, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain (Thomas Parker, 1st Baron Parker served 1718-1725). In summary, the case concerns the surrender by George Yeo in 1692 of property in the Duchy Manor of Trematon (Tremerton) In Trust to Francis Wills, his brother-in-law, who was to re-surrender the lands to raise money for uses directed by George.

George Yeo was indebted to the plaintiff John Torre for the sum of £400 and also to one Elizabeth Skelton for £100, for both of which debts George and Francis Wills furnished bonds for double the amount of the respective debts. Then in 1702, George Yeo executed a "writing", later confirmed by his last will and testament, to the effect the said trust lands should be sold to satisfy the five provisions set out in his will. However, the plaintiff claimed that although after George's death Francis Wills had received the profits of the lands and settled some of the legacies - the testator's sons-in-law claiming the right to their deceased wives' entitlement - he had failed to settle the outstanding debts. After Francis died in about 1716, the trust properties apparently passed to his son Thomas, and after the latter's premature death to Francis's widow Elizabeth as guardian of Thomas's infant son Charles. Compounding the situation, it appears the customs of the manor of Trematon prevented or at least complicated the disposal of the trust lands by Elizabeth.

The court rendered judgment that same day 17 July 1723 finding in favour of the plaintiff. The court ordered Elizabeth Wills to surrender the trust lands to her grandson Charles, and the latter to surrender the same to the plaintiff, who was to dispose of the properties, recover the sums due under the debts, give effect to remaining legacies, and pay any surplus after the court's costs to the testator's son George Yeo.

The pleadings and judgment in the case have been filmed at the National Archives under the University of Houston's Anglo-American Law Tradition project and can be found via this link:

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[http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT7/C78/C78no1458/IMG\\_0805.htm](http://aalt.law.uh.edu/AALT7/C78/C78no1458/IMG_0805.htm)

The authors have made a full transcription of the case, copy on file.

Notes for Ann Hobbs:

Ann was the daughter of Mr. William Hobbs and his wife Anna nee Wallis, and was baptised in St Stephens by Saltash on 2 Nov 1652. Sadly, William died some time in 1653/4 when Ann was still an infant. The Cornwall OPC database holds a transcription of William's nuncupative will dated 21 June 1653. In essence he left his assets to his wife Ann during her lifetime or widowhood, and thereafter to his two daughters Jonas (whom we have not identified) and Ann whom he made his joint executrixes. Letters of Administration were granted to his Trustees on 10 July 1654 in the minority of his two Executrices. (Cornwall OPC Database, National Archives Doc ref PROB 11/235/479 transcribed by Angela Wood)

At some point after William's death, his widow Ann re-married to Nicholas Wills. She bore him sons Francis and Thomas and a daughter Elizabeth, whom thus became half brothers and half sister to her daughter Ann by her first marriage. The Cornwall OPC database also hold a record of the will of Ann Wills dated 23 Sept 1689, and an inventory of her goods and chattels taken 2 October 1689 and amounting to about £39. Among other legacies, Ann "bequeathed unto my daughter Ann Yeo and her husband 40 shillings to be bestowed as they shall think fit". (Cornwall OPC Database CRO ref AP/W/1385 transcribed by Karen Start)

We have found no will for Anne Yeo. She survived George by about 14 years. The Cornwall OPC database records from the bishop's transcripts that Mrs Ann Yeo widow was buried in St Stephens by Saltash on 19 May 1716. She was aged about 64 at death.

George Yeo and Ann Hobbs had the following children:

- i. ANNE<sup>5</sup> YEO was born on 19 Aug 1673 in Saltash. Cornwall. She died on 29 Aug 1673 in Saltash. Cornwall.
15. ii. MARGARET YEO was born on 05 Feb 1674 in Saltash. Cornwall. She died on 17 Jul 1706 in Saltash. Cornwall. She married Abraham Sault on 23 Sep 1705 in Saltash. Cornwall.
16. iii. ELIZABETH YEO was born on 23 Feb 1676 in Saltash. Cornwall. She died on 30 Jun 1701 in St Johns, Cornwall. She married John Torr on 07 Jul 1697 in Saltash. Cornwall.
- iv. ANNE YEO was born on 29 Oct 1679 in Saltash. Cornwall. She died on

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02 Nov 1679 in Saltash. Cornwall.

17. v. GEORGE YEO was born on 23 Mar 1682 in Saltash. Cornwall. He died on 12 Mar 1757 in Saltash. Cornwall. He married (1) SARAH PATTISON on 10 May 1701 in Plymouth St Andrew. She died before 1721. He married (2) GERTRUDE ROGERS on 24 Jul 1721 in Saltash. Cornwall. She died on 27 Jul 1746 in Saltash. Cornwall.
18. vi. AGNES YEO was born on 26 Apr 1685 in Saltash. Cornwall. She died on 16 Aug 1754 in Saltash. Cornwall. She married (1) JOHN ROUS on 12 Mar 1716/17 in Saltash. Cornwall. He died on 26 Mar 1717 in Saltash. Cornwall. She married (2) THOMAS KNIGHTON on 02 Jan 1722 in Saltash. Cornwall. He died on 26 Mar 1736 in Saltash. Cornwall.
- vii. WILLIAM YEO was born on 08 Mar 1687 in Saltash. Cornwall. He died about 1722 in Saltash. Cornwall.

Notes for William Yeo:

William probably died about 1722. In a court case brought in 1723 by John Torre, husband of William's elder sister against beneficiaries of George Yeo's will, William was NOT a co-defendant. Moreover, in his evidence to the court, Torre stated he was the administrator of William's goods and chattels.

**1723** William Yeo of St Stephens within Saltash, Cornwall

Admin granted to John Torre of Crediton accompanied by this letter, renouncing their claims

We, George Yeo, late of Borroton and now of Orchard within the parish of St Stephen in Saltash, Cornwall, gent eldest son of George Yeo late of Borroton aforesaid gentleman and brother of William Yeo late of Borroton aforesaid which said William Yeo was the youngest son of the said George Yeo the elder. And Thomas Knighton of Stocketon, Saltash, gent and Agnes my wife (*surely an error for HIS wife*), daughter of the said George Yeo, the father and sister of the said George Yeo the son and of the said William Yeo. And Abraham Sault, late of St Stephens and now of the parish of Landrake, gent, who intermarried with Margaret Yeo the other daughter of the said George Yeo the father and sister of the said William Yeo send greetings. Whereas our said late deceased brother William Yeo dyed intestate and whereas letters of administration of all the effects of the said William Yeo deceased do of right belong or appertaine to us the said George Yeo, Thomas Knighton and Agnes my wife and Abraham Sault or some or one of us, Now know yee that we the said George Yeo, Thomas Knighton and Agnes my

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### Generation 4 (cont.)

wife and Abraham Sault hereby release and disclaim, freely and absolutely any interests in the estate of the said deceased borther William Yeo hereby deferring and granting the said letters of admon in due forme of law to John Torre, the elder of St Johns in Cornwall, principal creditor of the said deceased. Signed and sealed.

10. **HUMPHREY<sup>4</sup> YEO** (William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) was born on 09 Oct 1649 in Plymouth. He died on 14 Aug 1702 in Exeter St Olave. He married (1) **HONOR FOUNTAINE** on 22 May 1678 in Wolborough, Devon. She was born on 10 Oct 1652 in Stokenham, Devon. She died on 17 Jan 1679/80 in Saltash, Cornwall. He married (2) **ANNE LYDSTONE**, daughter of John Lydstone and Margaret Whiddon, on 05 Aug 1680 in Bickington, Devon. She was born on 22 Nov 1654 in St. Mellion, Cornwall. She died on 11 Aug 1729 in Moretonhampstead, Devon.

Notes for Humphrey Yeo:

**1649:** The Plymouth St Andrews parish register records the baptism of Humfry son of Mr William Yeo on 9 Oct 1649.

**1671:** Humphrey was mentioned in the marriage settlement of 1671 between his elder brother George and Ann Hobbs. As his father William's third son, Humphrey was a potential beneficiary of certain provisions in the settlement should neither of his brother's George and William produce any male heirs. (please refer to personal notes for his brother George)

**1684:** Humphrey was the beneficiary of his father William's will of April 1684, whereby he inherited properties in Exeter and Plymouth.

**1702:** The Exeter St Olave parish register records the burial on 14 Aug 1702 of Mr Humphrey Yeo of the parish of Allhallows on the Wall, Merchant. Humphrey was aged only about 52 at death.

**1702:** Shortly after Humphrey's death, on 28 Dec 1702, his widow, daughters and his elder brother executed a lease on a property in St Stephens by Saltash:

1. Anne Yeo of Saltash, Cornwall, widow of Humphrey Yeo of Saltash, gent Sarah Yeo of Exeter, spinster, Margaret Yeo of Saltash, daughters and only children of Humphrey Yeo. George Yeo of Boraton, parish of St Stephens, near Saltash esq, eldest son and heir of William Yeo, esq, of same place deceased.
2. Daniel Slade of Exeter, Goldsmith.

Premises 2 newly erected messuages in St Stephen, Saltash in High Street, Highschool garden on the north, High St on the south. Consideration 5 sh, rent 6d. Conveyed from Yeo to Slade. (SWHT Exeter doc ref 531M/T/50)

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Notes for Honor Fountaine:

The Stokenham, Devon parish register records the baptism of Onner daughter of John Fountain on 10 October 1652.

She married Humphrey on 22 May 1678 in Wolborough, Devon. She bore him a daughter Sarah baptised 5 Nov 1679. Alas, it was to prove a short marriage as Honor died just over two months later. She died and is interred at St Stephens by Saltash, where a memorial stone inside the church reads

"Here lyeth the body of Honor Yeo ye Daughter of John Fountayne of Stockley, in ye parish of Stockingham (Stokenham), in ye Countye of Devon Esq, deceased, and late wife of Humphry Yeo ye Citty of Exon, Merchant, and Sonne of William Yeo, of this parish Esq, who departed this Life ye 17 day of January 1679" (i.e.1679/80) (*Complete Parochial History of the County of Cornwall*, Vol iv, p173)

Humphrey Yeo and Honor Fountaine had the following child:

- i. SARAH<sup>5</sup> YEO was born on 05 Nov 1679 in Saltash. Cornwall.

Notes for Sarah Yeo:

She was a spinster in 1702 when she was named in a legal transaction with her step mother, her father's second wife Ann, following Humphrey's death (see notes for Humphrey). We find a credible match for the marriage of Sarah Yeo and John Angel in Exeter St Thomas on 2 Sept 1707, Sarah noted as of this parish. She would have been aged about 28. We find another potential match in the marriage of Sarah Yeo and George Pollard at Exeter St George on 20 Sept 1719, Sarah noted as of the parish of St Paul and when she would have been aged about 40. Either of these might be the correct match.

Notes for Anne Lydstone:

The premature death of Humphrey's first wife Honour left him with a small daughter to raise. He probably engaged a wet nurse immediately following Honour's death, and then a few months later he re-married to Anne Liddelstone (*Lydstone*) in Bickington on 5 August 1680. She was to bear him a daughter Margaret. We do find a credible burial record for Mrs Anne Yeo widow in Moretonhampstead 11th August 1729 where both her parents and grandparents were buried.

Humphrey Yeo and Anne Lydstone had the following child:

- ii. MARGARET YEO was born on 05 Jun 1681 in Exeter. She died on 24 Dec 1761 in Moretonhampstead, Devon. She married Charles Doidge on 17 Apr 1716 in Exeter. He died on 04 May 1737 in Moretonhampstead,

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## Generation 4 (cont.)

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Notes for Margaret Yeo:

We have find the baptism record for Margaret, daughter of Humphrey Yeo, in Exeter on 5 June 1681. She could NOT be Humphrey's daughter by his first wife Honor who died just 2 months after giving birth to their daughter Sarah. Therefore, Margaret must be Humphrey's daughter by his second wife Ann - presumably named after Humphrey's mother. Margaret was a spinster in 1702 when she was named in a legal transaction with her mother following Humphrey's death (see notes for Humphrey). We find a credible marriage for Margaret to Charles Doidge in Exeter on 17 April 1716, when she would have been aged about 35.

Notes for Charles Doidge:

We find the burial of Mr Charles Doige in Moretonhampstead on 4 May 1737. Moretonhampstead lies about 10 miles south west of Exeter. We also find a will list entry there for Charles Doige in 1737 & 1738, probably duplicates of the same will. In the same parish we find a credible match for the burial of Margaret Doige on 24 Dec 1761, though the register is silent on whether she was a daughter, wife or widow. If this is indeed the correct match for Margaret, she would have been about 80 at death.

11. **ANN<sup>4</sup> YEO** (William<sup>3</sup>, George<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) was born on 08 Mar 1647/48 in Wolborough, Devon. She died on 26 Oct 1719 in Barnstaple, Devon. She married (1) **WILLIAM NOYES** on 29 Jun 1675 in Wolborough, Devon. He died on 08 Mar 1679/80 in Exeter. She married (2) **HENRY DRAKE** on 16 May 1682 in Barnstaple, Devon. He was born about 1621 in Barnstaple, Devon. He died on 15 Oct 1688 in Barnstaple, Devon.

Notes for Ann Yeo:

**1647/8:** The Wolborough parish register records the baptism on 9 Marc 1647/8 of "Ann the daughter of Mr William Yeow [sic] at that time preacher of Wolborough".

**1675:** The Wolborough parish register records the marriage on 29 June 1675 of William Noise and Anne Yeo. Ann was then in her late twenties. It was to prove a short marriage, with William dying just 5 years later. We find no record of any issue of the marriage before William's untimely death, and none are mentioned in Ann's will (refer notes below) (His surname in another record is rendered as Noyce - see his personal notes)

**1682:** About 2 years after her husband's death, Ann re-married by licence to Henry

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Drake on 16 May 1682 in Barnstaple. Ann was to bear him TWO children - NOT one as is cited in some genealogical sources - although one of whom died in infancy. A reference in a family tree in the public domain states this was a second marriage for both parties and was by licence, and cites an extract from the Principal Registry of the Bishop of Exeter as follows: "1682, May 16 Lin'ia mri' inter Henricum Drake de Barum at Annam Moyse de civitate Exon' Vid'

**1718:** Ann Drake, widow of Barnstaple, made her will on 10 Nov 1718. The original will was lost in the 1942 bombing of Exeter, though a partial transcription was made by Worthy the full text of which, including Worthy's annotation thereto, follows: Mentions "brothers" William Yeo and Richard Evans of Cullompton (Brother and Brother in law); sister Amy Stephens of the parish of Denbury (sister Amy married to Richard); daughter (in law) Christian Standish and grandson Henry Drake. Cousins Robert Daw of Exeter and John Pearce. Grandchildren Henry and John Drake are both under age.

Mentions Richard, George, William, and Elizabeth, children of said "brother" (Brother in law) Richard Evans; Elizabeth and Amy, daughters of said William Yeo (her brother).

Desires a private funeral, no funeral sermon, orders "hatt bands and gloves," and appoints her "bearers," Messrs. Bowchair (Bouchier?) and Spark, Nicholas Glass, Samuel Berry, John Richards, and Walter Tucker. Said John Pearce Executor in trust during minority of said grandson. Proved 10th Nov 1739.

**NOTE.** This will was proved twenty years after the death of the testatrix, who was buried at Barnstaple, October 26th, 1719. She was the widow of Henry Drake, sometime Mayor of Barnstaple. (Olive Moger, the respected family historian who transcribed many records, recorded that probate was granted in 1728 some 10 years later and not in 1739. Charles Worthy in his 1896 book Devonshire Wills: a collection of testamentary abstracts, also shows the year of probate as 1739).

Her " daughter (in law ) " Christian Standish was the younger daughter and co-heir of Robert Hatch of Satterleigh, and after the death of her first husband John Drake, son of testatrix, she married Charles Standish of Barnstaple. The grandchild of testatrix, John Drake, mentioned in the will as "under age" in 1718, had been baptized 27th September, 1710. He died in 1770, and was succeeded by his son Henry Drake, born 1745, subsequently Town Clerk of Barnstaple, who died in 1806. The latter was the grandfather, through his second son, of the late Sir William Drake, knighted 1st October, 1869, and, through his eldest son, he was the great grandfather of General John M. C. Drake, C.B., Royal Engineers, born 1833, who had issue. (Source: Devonshire Wills, Charles Worthy, p 265)

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### Generation 4 (cont.)

The first generation of Ann's descendants through her son John as referred to in her will are included in this report - but see the authors' comments reference to Ann's husband Henry Drake in his personal notes.

**1719:** Ann Drake died and was buried in Barnstaple on 26 October 1719. The bishop's transcript refers to her as Mrs Anne Drake - the "Mrs" a reference to her social standing in the local community - and not her marital status, but there can be little doubt this is the burial of the tetratrix, who outlived her second husband Henry by around 30 years.

Notes for William Noyes:

**1680** There is a record of a will listed in the Devon Wills Project, however it may now be missing William Noyes. His surname is also rendered as Noyce - see below (source FRYA SWHT Archives Exeter)

**1679/80:** We find the burial record for Mr William Noyce, grocer in Exeter St Mary Major on 8 March 1679/80. The Devon Willis Project records that William left a will proved in the Archdeaconry Court of Exeter in 1680, though this is a list entry only, the original having been destroyed in the bombing of Exeter in 1942.

Notes for Henry Drake:

Establishing the key events in Henry's life has proved difficult since the contemporary parish register for Barnstaple has not survived and the series of B bishop's transcripts is incomplete. Some family trees in the public domain give Henry's date of birth as 1621; his first marriage to Marie Bayley in Barnstaple in 1650, who bore him four children; his second marriage to Ann in 1682, who bore him one child; and his death in 1688. The present authors have been unable to validate Henry's birth and first marriage, though we have identified the baptisms of five probable children; we have been unable independently to validate the licence for his second marriage (see also comments below), but have validated the burial dates of Henry and Ann.

It seems Henry came from a long established family Drake of Ashe, to whose pedigree Burke refers in some detail as follows: "This family is of considerable antiquity in the county of Devon. Sir William Pole makes mention of Roger le Drak, who, 31 Edward I. (1303), held Hurnford, cum terra de la Wood, of Dertington, at half a knight's fee; and prior to that, of others of the family who were possessed of several lands in the county. John DRAKE, Esq. of Exmouth, co. Devon, described as "a man of great estate, and a name of no less antiquity," m. temp. HENRY V.,

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### Generation 4 (cont.)

Christiana, elder dau. and co-heir of John Billet, Esq. of Ashe, by which alliance the estate of Ashe, in the parish of Musbury, accrued to the Drake family. He was ancestor of the DRAKES of Ashe". (Burke's Genealogical and Heraldic History of the Landed Gentry Vol 1, pp 364/5)

With specific reference to Henry, Burke states that "HENRY DRAKE, Esq., 4th son of Sir John Drake, Knt. of Ashe, and brother of Sir John Drake, 1st Bart. of Ashe, and (also brother) of Elizabeth, wife of Sir Winston Churchill, and mother of John, Duke of Marlborough, settled at Barnstaple, co. Devon, for which borough he (1679) served the office of mayor".

Henry was thus the maternal uncle of John Churchill, perhaps Britain's most famous soldier, though as will be seen Henry died before John's perhaps best known victory at the Battle of Blindheim in 1704, for which his stately home and future family seat at Blenheim, Oxfordshire would be named. One wonders whether Ann may have met the great general and future Duke, her nephew by marriage.

Burke continues that Henry "was twice married. By his 1st wife he had one child, who d. young; and by his 2nd, Anne Yeo, whom he m. 1682, he had issue one son, who, on his death (1688), s. him. This John DRAKE, Esq. of Barnstaple, b. 1682; m. 1706, Christian, dau. and co-heiress of Robert Hacche, Msq. of Satterleigh Park, co. Devon, by whom he left two sons ....."

At this point, the present authors refer the reader to the Visitation of Devon of 1620. The pedigree therein for the Drake family of Ashe does indeed show Henry as the 4th son of Sir John Drake and his wife Elinor - who according to the pedigree also had 8 daughters. The introductory text to the Visitation suggests that the pedigrees are as presented when the Heralds made the Visitation. Thus unless Henry was the last born of Sir John & Elinor's children, he may well have been born some years before 1620. At his marriage to Anne in 1682 he must have been at least 62 and in his mid-60's - and possibly even older - when their children John & Henry were born in 1683 and 1684 respectively.

While such paternity cannot be ruled out entirely, the present authors contend that it is improbable. We suggest there may be an alternative scenario whereby Henry had a son by his first marriage also named Henry who survived (one son Henry died in infancy - see below), who was Anne's second husband and father of her two children, and who also predeceased her as she was a widow when she made her will - though the absence of parish records precludes confirmation of such a hypothesis. For these purposes, we have followed the pedigree set out by Burke and set Henry b ca 1620 as second husband of Ann.

Detailed consideration of the Burke family is beyond the scope of this report.

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Researchers interested in this branch may wish to consult Burke who presents further details of successive generations of descendants of Henry & Anne. Another source may be found in two manuscript volumes of Drake Genealogy which were donated to the Society of Genealogists (SOG) in 1948 by "F. Gunther", compiled by Dr Henry Holman Drake (1820 Nova Scotia - 1905 Islington), M.A., LL.D, a school master by profession, mostly in St Austell.

**1688:** Bishop's transcripts for Barnstaple record the burial there on 15 Oct 1688 of "Mr Henry Drak" (sic).

**1689:** The Devon Wills Project records that administration of the will of Henry Drake of Barnstaple was granted in 1689 to Anne, the relict. The original will was lost in the bombing of Exeter in 1942

From transcriptions on Family Search (images of the original records are not accessible by the authors) Henry Drake and his first wife had the following children:

Hendrye Dracke bapt 6 Sept 1652 (twin?) died 29 Sept 1655

Mary Dracke bapt 6 Sept 1652 (twin?)

William Drake b 4 Dec 1653

Jacob Drake b 12 April 1655 bapt 29 April 1655

Francis Drake b 8 Mar 1656 bapt 23 Mar 1656 (male)

Henry Drake and Ann Yeo had the following children:

19. i. JOHN<sup>5</sup> DRAKE was born on 16 Mar 1683 in Barnstaple, Devon. He died in Jan 1713 in Barnstaple, Devon. He married Christian Hatch on 09 May 1706 in Barnstaple, Devon.
- ii. HENRY DRAKE was born on 16 May 1684 in Barnstaple, Devon. He died on 29 Sep 1695 in Barnstaple, Devon.
12. WILLIAM<sup>4</sup> YEO (William<sup>3</sup>, George<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) was born on 11 Mar 1658 in Wolborough, Devon. He died on 22 Apr 1726 in Plymouth. He married (1) SUSANNA YOULDEN on 01 Oct 1679 in Totnes, Devon. She died on 24 Mar 1696/97 in Wolborough, Devon. He married (2) ELIZABETH OLIVER on 08 Nov 1709 in Exeter Cathedral. She was born in Exweek, Devon. She died on 26 Apr 1712 in Exeter.

Notes for William Yeo:

**1706:** The Devon archives hold the record from the Hooper of Chagford collection of a lease by William Yeo of Exeter Gent and his son John in Middlecot in Chagford - land settled by the will of John Youlden. It is unclear how this property came into

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### Generation 4 (cont.)

the Yeo family - well over a century earlier, it was in the hands of the Yolden or Youlden family, but then passed to others (please see notes for Susanna Youlden below). It appears that the property known as Middlecot somehow remained in the Yeo family, for it was the subject of a subsequent lease some 70 years later by William's great grandson also William in 1775. However, it does not appear in an inventory of William's goods and chattels - see below.

1. William Yeo of Exeter gentleman; John Yeo his son and Nicholas Brooking of Upplepen (Ipplepen) merchant

2. Thomas Baron Mayor of Exeter

Premises: land in High Week, Woodtown and Middlecott in Chagford - land settled by the will of John Youlden (SWHT Devon doc ref 2157/M/T/6. For readers interested this deed is available for inspection in the SWHT Exeter archives. Please see also personal notes for John Yeo b 1681 and William Yeo b 1750))

**1710:** William was granted administration of his late mother's estate almost 10 years after her death. William Yeo of the parish of St Thomas, near Exon, gent provided a bond in the sum of £500 . Condition that William Yeo, being admitted administrator of goods etc, of Elizabeth Yeo, his mother late of Wolborough, Devon, deceased do make an inventory etc. Signature and seal of William Yeo. Witnesses Francis Oliver and Thomas Henwood. Administration of goods of within named Elizabeth Yeo was granted to William Yeo, son of deceased 30th October, 1710.

**1714:** William was granted administration of his late (second) wife's estate some 2 years after her death. Administration of goods of Elisabeth Oliver alias Yeo of Exeter, deceased, was committed 25th March 1714 to William Yeo, husband of deceased. Bond of William Yeo of city of Exon, gent and John Yeo of same, gent in £500 Condition that William Yeo being admitted administrator of goods of Elizabeth Oliver alias Yeo, his wife, late of Exon, deceased shall make an inventory, etc. Signatures of William and John Yeo. Witness Nicholas Webber.

**1718:** In her will of 1718, his sister Ann Drake nee Yeo left a bequest to her brother William Yeo

**1718:** William assigned a lease on a property in East Ogwell to his brother-in-law Richard Evans, husband of William's sister Frances:

Title Deeds, Assignment of Lease 99 Years, Close of land called Bear Park, East Ogwell

Description: Assignment of lease for 99 years 1. William Yeo of St Thomas, gentleman 2. Richard Evans of Cullompton, clerk Close of land called Bear Park, East Ogwell .

Date: 1718 (Plymouth Archives doc ref 273/58)

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## Generation 4 (cont.)

### 1718 William Yeo of Exeter St Thomas Last Will and Testament - Transcription

In the name of God Amen. I William Yeo of St Thomas ye Apostle in the County of Devon Gent being in health and of sound & perfect memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner & form following (viz) Imprimis I give and bequeath my soul to God that gave it me and my body to be buried (if I die in this parish) by my late dear wife and children in St Thomas church but if it should please God to take me to him in the country then my desire is to be buried by my former wife and children in Woolborough Church with as little expense and as much privacy as my surviving relations shall think fit to perform my interment.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Yeo two hundred pounds of lawful English money and all my right title and interest that I have in my house commonly called the Three (Tuns ??) lying and being in Newton Abbot being the lands of Sir Wm Courtenay the back court part of the stable the little garden and house of office being my land I give to my Executor hereafter named. ITEM I give and bequeath unto my daughter Susanna Cudlipp now the wife of the Rev Mr Richard Cudlipp Minister of Denbury two hundred and fifty pounds of lawful English money.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my daughter Amy Yeo £250 of lawful English money. ITEM I give unto my son Richard Yeo five shillings his many disobedient and extravagant courses is the occasion of my giving him no more. I pray the Almighty God to be merciful to him in bringing him to a sense of his errors & give him repentance. ITEM I give unto my grandson William Yeo son of Jno Yeo my silver gilt bowl and unto my granddaughter Katherine Yeo my jug which is ornamented with silver gilt. I give likewise to those grandchildren (£50 ??) of lawful English money.

I also give and bequeath unto Amy Cudlipp my granddaughter (£40 ??) of lawful English money and my seal ring. I give into my son Jno Yeo all the rest of my plate rings jewels. It is my desire it should be parted by weight or value between Elizabeth Yeo Susanna Cudlipp & Amy Yeo. I give to my old servant Mary Hollock £5 and it is my will that my daughters Elizabeth & Amy should have each of them a bed performed and each of them a great looking glass & my china ware to be divided between them and the chairs in the parlour & hall.

All my lands goods and chattels not before given and bequeathed I give unto my son Capt Jno Yeo now Commander of His Majesty's Ship the Ferrett sloop (*The Royal Navy has had many ships named Ferrett. This was probably HMS Ferrett a 10 gun sloop launched in 1711. It was later captured by the Spanish*) whom I make my

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whole & sole Executor of this my last will and testament. And if it should happen that all or any of the sd legacies shall be unpaid in part or in all at the end of three years next after my deceased then & from thenceforth I do grant and devise all my lands and tenements with their and every of their appurtenances reversion and reversions of them lying and being in the parishes of Woolborough (Abbotskerswell ??) Totnes & Eastogwell (East Ogwell) in the County of Devon to my trusty and well-beloved brother the Rev Mr Richard Evans of Cullompton and my very good friends Mr William Crossing of (blank) in the parish of (Ipplepen ??) and my brother-in-law Joseph Oliver Esq of Exweek in the County of Devon & my good friend Mr Jno Stevens Sr of the City of Exon, the Executors of them and the survivors of them for and during the term of ten years fully to be completed and ended IN TRUST nevertheless & to the only intent and purpose that they or one of them to take levy and receive all the issues profits and rents of the premises and the same to employ for and towards the discharge & payment of all and every the foresaid legacies and bequeathings of money but before the charges are paid to my daughters Elizabeth & Amy my will is that they shall be paid twelve pounds pid each for their maintenance and the overplus if any to go to my Executors provided that if my heir or Executors shall discharge and pay all and every the legacies before mentioned at any time before the end of the term last mentioned then this Trust to be void and of none effect.

IN witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this first day of march Anno Dom 1717 (i.e. 1st March 1717/18) (Transcribed by the authors from the original at Plymouth & West Devon Record Office doc ref 572/9/4)

**1726:** The Plymouth St Andrew parish register records the burial of Mr William Yeo on 22 April 1726. He would have been about 68 at death.

We duly find an inventory of the goods of William Yeo late of Exon (Exeter) (died Plymouth St Andrew) made by his son John. These locations and other relations in the text surely confirm this is the estate of William born Wolborough in 1658.

The following was recorded in the Extracts from Deeds and Documents in Exeter City Library No 963:

Inventory of goods on William Yeo, late of Exon, hand of John Yeo, his son. The odd houses in town of Newton Abbot. An old clock at house of Rev. Mr Cudlippe, Value £184.12. Discharge Various debts paid. Mary Wood for rent of a room for deceased goods allowed for 2 years and 2 months diet, washing, lodging for the deceased and this accountant's house and £25 per annum (as agreement). The forepart of an old house in the town of Newton Abbot, held by lease from Sir William Courtenay for 99 years and for a little field belonging to same.

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Notes for Susanna Youlden:

We have found no birth or baptism record for Susanna. If she was of full age at marriage, she would have been born pre-1658. It appears that a family with the same name who may have been her ancestors had an interest in a property called variously Middlecot or Middlecott in Chagford in the Manor of Southteygn, otherwise South Teign. (The Devon Heritage Centre in Exeter holds records concerning this property in the Lists documented by Olive Moger and collected in the series 1508M/O/Moger/ ).

Three early records concern the Yolden family as follows:

Document ref /252 of 1484 which mentions John & William Yoldon

Document ref /179 from the 16thC possibly Henry VIII which mentions John Yolden the Elder and was witnessed by William Yolden

Document ref /178 of 1543 which mentions Thomas Yolden and his widowed mother Johan Yolden.

It appears that later the property passed out of the hands of the Youldens, as they are NOT mentioned in the following documents - ref /176a-b of 1629; ref /177 of 1677; ref /175 of 1696; and ref/ 174a-b of 1699.

Some time later this property came into the Yeo family, where in later wills the lease seems to pass down through the Yeo family, though we have found no evidence they actually lived there.

William Yeo and Susanna Youlden had the following children:

20. i. JOHN<sup>5</sup> YEO was born on 16 May 1681 in Wolborough, Devon. He died on 03 Dec 1756 in Plymouth. He married (1) EMBLYN FIELD, daughter of Henry Field and Emblyn Gennys, about 1713. She was born on 15 Apr 1687 in Launceston, Cornwall. She died on 07 Sep 1724 in Plymouth. He married (2) LUCRETIA HARRIS on 11 Nov 1724 in Plymouth. She was born between 1696-1703. She died on 13 Jan 1741/42 in Plymouth.
- ii. ANN YEO was born about 1683 in Wolborough, Devon. She died on 18 Sep 1684 in Wolborough, Devon.
21. iii. RICHARD YEO was born about 1685 in Wolborough, Devon. He died in 1760 in Exeter St Thomas. He married Hannah Salter on 05 Jul 1716 in Exeter St Thomas. She died on 14 Feb 1737 in Exeter St Thomas.

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- iv. WILLIAM YEO was born about 1690 in Wolborough, Devon. He died on 07 Jul 1694 in Wolborough, Devon.

Notes for William Yeo:

**1694:** The Wolborough parish register is somewhat disordered at this period, though we find the burial of “Gulielmi filius Gulielmi Yeo Jun’r” (i.e. William son of William Yeo Junior) on 7 July 1694.

(We should note here that in her previous research Sheila Yeo identified this William as married to Mary Ralfe in 1720 in Ruan Major, Cornwall. It appears she failed to discover William's burial in childhood, recorded in abbreviated Latin form in the Wolborough parish registers. She had their son William b19th Jun 1721 in St. Blazey, Cornwall as marrying Marrying Mary Reyland in 1754 and secondly Mary Waymouth in 1760. This could not have been correct. William and Mary did indeed have a son William as noted here but he married and died in St Blazey before 1754 and could not have had the two marriages noted here in Devon)

- v. SUSANNA YEO was born about 1693. She married Richard Cudlipp on 05 Jul 1716 in Exeter St Thomas.

Notes for Richard Cudlipp:

**1711-1746** Richard was Rector of Denbury

- vi. ELISABETH YEO. She died after 1718.

Notes for Elisabeth Yeo:

Named in Ann Drake's will as her Brother William Yeo's daughter along with Amy.

We have the baptism of Amy in Cullompton but have not found the baptism of Elisabeth

- vii. AMY YEO was born on 28 Jan 1695/96 in Cullompton, Devon. She died after 1718.

Notes for Amy Yeo:

We found the baptism of Amy daughter of Mr William Yeo of **Newton Bushel** on 28 Jan 1695/6 in Cullompton Presbyterian She was probably

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baptised by Richard Evans who was married to Frances Yeo

She was noted in the will of Ann Drake in 1710

viii GEORGE YEO. He died on 11 Feb 1705/06 in Wolborough, Devon.

Notes for George Yeo:

**1705/06** George was buried as son of Gul (i.e. William) Yeo in Wolborough

Notes for Elizabeth Oliver:

**1709** The Exeter Cathedral register clearly records the marriage of William Yeo of Woollborough (sic) Gent and Elizabeth Oliver of the parish of St Thomas on 8 Nov 1709. This was a short marriage - the Exeter St Thomas parish register records the burial of Elizabeth wife of Mr William Yeo on 26 April 1712. We might assume they were living in Exeter at this time, though sometime after Elizabeth's death William moved to Plymouth where he lived with his son John and family (see notes for William's granddaughter Catherine Yeo).

**1710/1714:** It appears that Elizabeth made a will on 30 Oct 1710, though we have found no copy. Note that is the same date on which William was granted administration of the effects of his late father and mother, and the distribution of family assets may have been the reason for Elizabeth making her will then. Administration of goods of Elisabeth Oliver Alias Yeo of Exeter, deceased, was committed 25th March 1714 to William Yeo, husband of deceased. Bond of William Yeo of city of Exon, gent and John Yeo of same, gent in £500 Condition that William Yeo being admitted administrator of goods of Elizabeth Oliver alias Yeo, his wife, late of Exon, deceased shall make an inventory, etc. Signatures of William and John Yeo. Witness Nicholas Webber. We should note here that the John Yeo Gent acting as joint bondsman could in theory have been William's brother born 1664 - but it seems much more likely that it was William's son born 1681, especially since the latter was made Executor of William's own will.

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13. **FRANCES<sup>4</sup> YEO** (William<sup>3</sup>, George<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) was born on 30 May 1660 in Wolborough, Devon. She married Richard Evans on 06 Aug 1696 in Wolborough, Devon. He died in 1743 in South Huish, Devon.

Notes for Frances Yeo:

In each case of the baptisms of their children each entry reads "I baptised my son/daughter etc" - and because no surname is given, the entries are NOT picked up in the transcriptions on Find My Past - see notes for her husband Richard.

Notes for Richard Evans:

A note in the Cullompton Presbyterian register reads "I preached my first sermon at Ashburton on Jan 6th 1693/4. On August 16th 1694 I was together with others ordained a Minister of Gospel". He commenced baptising the next day. A later note states he removed from Staverton and was the Minister from 1697 until his death in 1743. We couldn't find a record for his death, nor that of Frances. The Devon Wills Project has a list entry for Richard Evans in South Huish in 1743 which corresponds to his death given in the Cullompton register notes.

**1718:** Richard was assigned a lease on a property in East Ogwell from his brother-in-law William Yeo, brother of his wife Frances:

Title Deeds, Assignment of Lease 99 Years, Close of land called Bear Park, East Ogwell.

Description: Assignment of lease for 99 years 1. William Yeo of St Thomas, gentleman 2. Richard Evans of Cullompton, clerk Close of land called Bear Park, East Ogwell.

Date: 1718 (Plymouth Archives doc ref 273/58)

Richard Evans and Frances Yeo had the following children:

- i. **ELIZABETH<sup>5</sup> EVANS** was born on 23 Jun 1697 in Cullompton, Devon.
  - ii. **RICHARD EVANS** was born on 04 Apr 1699 in Cullompton, Devon.
  22. iii. **WILLIAM EVANS** was born on 23 Jan 1700 in Cullompton, Devon. He married Mary Burd on 24 Oct 1723 in Okehampton, Devon.
  - iv. **GEORGE EVANS** was born on 23 Jul 1704 in Cullompton, Devon.
14. **JOHN<sup>4</sup> YEO** (William<sup>3</sup>, George<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) was born on 01 Dec 1664 in Wolborough, Devon. He died on 17 Jan 1721/22 in Bovey Tracey, Devon. He married **ELISABETH**. She died on 18 Oct 1700 in Bovey Tracey, Devon.

Notes for John Yeo:

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We find no marriage record for John. It appears that at some point John moved from his birthplace of Wolborough a mere seven miles to Bovey Tracey, where we find the baptisms of his two sons John & Thomas in in Feb 1688/89 and May 1694 respectively, and a daughter Grace there in 1698/89. While we would thus expect to find a marriage for John in Wolborough or in Bovey Tracey ca 1686, we find no such record in either, nor indeed elsewhere in Devon.

John was certainly still alive in 1693 when he was left a legacy in his father's will: "To my son John Y, piece of ground called Charing Cross in Little Totnes, also the house in Totnes, & estate in tenement in Manor of Little Totnes being the lands of Robert Savery Esqre, for life (after my wife's death); remainder to my son William Y, & his heirs". (*Note the house in Totnes was a leased property that he only inherited for his own lifetime*)

As will be seen, records confirm there was an established Yeo family presence in Bovey Tracey and the neighbouring parishes. John's wife Elizabeth died there in 1700; his son John celebrated his first marriage there in 1713; John himself died there; and his second son Thomas married there in February 1721/2:

We find a credible match for the burial for John on the 17th January 1721/22 in Bovey Tracey, his surname recorded as Yeo. He was only in his late 50's at death.

Notes for Elisabeth:

We find the burial of an Elizabeth Yow in Bovey Tracy on 18 October 1700, who may have been John's wife though she is NOT referred to as such. For these purposes we have assumed this was indeed the burial of John's wife.

John Yeo and Elisabeth had the following children:

23. i. JOHN<sup>5</sup> YOW was born on 28 Feb 1688/89 in Bovey Tracey, Devon. He died on 20 Nov 1761 in Bickington, Devon. He married (1) JANE BERRY on 02 Apr 1713 in Bovey Tracey, Devon. He married (2) GRACE KATER, daughter of Christopher Kater, on 16 Jun 1718 in Highweek, Devon. She was born on 09 Apr 1694 in Bickington, Devon. She died on 02 Apr 1731 in Bickington, Devon.
- ii. THOMAS YEAW was born on 09 May 1694 in Bovey Tracey, Devon. He married Ellenor Potter on 06 Feb 1721/22 in Bovey Tracey, Devon. She died on 26 Nov 1765 in Bovey Tracey, Devon.

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Notes for Thomas Yeaw:

The Bovey Tracey parish register records the baptism on 9 May 1694 of Thomas son of John - the surname rendered here as Yeaw. In such a small community it seems highly probable the father was John whose name in other baptisms is rendered as Yow. The same register records the marriage of Thomas - his surname now rendered as Yea - and Ellenor Potter after banns at Bovey Tracey on 6 Feb 1721/2. We find no baptisms of any children, nor a burial for Thomas. We do find a credible match for Ellenor's burial in Bovey Tracey on 26 Nov 1765. The parish register at this period makes no reference to marital status - wife of, widow etc.

- iii. GRACE YOW was born on 05 Mar 1698/99 in Bovey Tracey, Devon.

Notes for Grace Yow:

The Bovey Tracy parish register records the baptism of Grace daughter of John Yow on 5 March 1698/9.

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15. **MARGARET<sup>5</sup> YEO** (George<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) was born on 05 Feb 1674 in Saltash. Cornwall. She died on 17 Jul 1706 in Saltash. Cornwall. She married Abraham Sault on 23 Sep 1705 in Saltash. Cornwall.

Notes for Margaret Yeo:

Abraham SAULT married Margaret YEO 23 Sept. 1705 after Banns at St Johns Saltash. Sadly, it was to prove a short marriage, for Margaret died less than one year later. She was buried just a few days after the birth of their son Benjamin, and we might speculate that her death may have been due to complications following childbirth. We find no further record for Benjamin to confirm whether he died in infancy or survived into adulthood. Abraham was a co-defendant in a court case brought in 1723 by his brother in law John Torr or Torre in a dispute over the will of their father-in-law George Yeo (please see the latter's personal notes)

Abraham Sault and Margaret Yeo had the following child:

- i. **BENJAMIN<sup>6</sup> SAULT** was born on 14 Jul 1706 in Saltash. Cornwall.
16. **ELIZABETH<sup>5</sup> YEO** (George<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) was born on 23 Feb 1676 in Saltash. Cornwall. She died on 30 Jun 1701 in St Johns, Cornwall. She married John Torr on 07 Jul 1697 in Saltash. Cornwall.

Notes for Elizabeth Yeo:

John TORR, rector of St Johns and Mrs Elizabeth, daughter of George YEO, gent

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were married 7 July 1697 at St Stephens by Saltash. Elizabeth was to bear him two sons, John junior and George. Elizabeth's marriage was to prove a short one too - Elizabeth TORRE wife of John Torre rector of this parish buried 30 June 1701 at St Johns, Cornwall. At the time of his death in 1703, Elizabeth's father George Yeo was indebted to John Torr for the sum of £400 for which George had furnished a bond of £800. This eventually led to a court case brought in 1723 by John against various beneficiaries of George's will to recover the debt and see various legacies paid. Elizabeth's sons John Torre junior and George were both beneficiaries of their grandfather's will. (please see personal notes for George Yeo)

However, only John junior was named as a co-defendant in the case, suggesting George had died in infancy or childhood. John junior may have followed his father into taking Holy Orders, as we find a record of the ordination of "Johannes Torre" as deacon at St Peters parish church, Cornhill London on 23 Dec 1722.

John Torr and Elizabeth Yeo had the following children:

- i. JOHN<sup>6</sup> TORR was born on 11 Dec 1698 in Saltash. Cornwall.

Notes for John Torr:

John bapt 11 Dec 1698 son of Mr John Torre rector and Elizabeth

- ii. GEORGE TORR was born on 02 Jan 1700 in Saltash. Cornwall.

Notes for George Torr:

George bapt 2 Jan 1700 son of Mr John Torre rector and Elizabeth

17. **GEORGE<sup>5</sup> YEO** (George<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) was born on 23 Mar 1682 in Saltash. Cornwall. He died on 12 Mar 1757 in Saltash. Cornwall. He married (1) **SARAH PATTISON** on 10 May 1701 in Plymouth St Andrew. She died before 1721. He married (2) **GERTRUDE ROGERS** on 24 Jul 1721 in Saltash. Cornwall. She died on 27 Jul 1746 in Saltash. Cornwall.

Notes for George Yeo:

**1701:** It appears George was married in 1701 when aged about 19 to Sarah Pattison in Plymouth St Andrew. She was to bear him a daughter Sarah, though it seems both mother and daughter died prematurely, though we find no "sure" matches for their burials.

**1705:** George was involved in a lease of property in the Manor of Plympton:

Title: Morley Estate papers, Manor of Plympton: multiple lands and tenements  
Description: Release [from a Lease and Release] 1) George Yeo of Burraton,

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Cornwall, gentleman, (eldest son and heir of George Yeo late of Burraton, deceased) and Anne Yeo of Burraton, widow, mother of said George 2) Thomas Mogridge of Wembury, yeoman 3) Thomas Boger of Plymstock, yeoman. 1/8th part of Carons tenement situated at Elburton. Also 1/8th part of two tenements and a farthing of land situated in Elburton held by Daniel Candish, Also 1/8th part of one tenement and ½ farthing of land at Elburton and of four closes of barton land Fluds Northlakes and Wallond and land at Stonely held by Mary Stevens. Also 1/8th part of a barn and two closes called Banhall and Deane, part of tenement called Northin Town . Also 1/8th part of a tenement called Deanes. Also 1/8th part of another tenement and ½ farthing of land situated in Elburton held by Thomas Boger. Consideration: £117 paid by 2) to 1).

Date: 6 Jun 1705

(Plymouth Archives, doc ref 69/M/2/192)

**1721:** It appears George was the father of a daughter Gertrude Yeo Rogers, daughter of Gertrude Rogers - George married the mother about two months after the child was born. The couple had two further children in the 1730's, when George was well into his 50's.

**1723:** George was named as a co-defendant in a court case brought by his brother-in-law John Torre, husband of George's sister Elizabeth in a dispute concerning the will of George's father George Yeo (please see the latter's personal notes)

Notes for Sarah Pattison:

Sarah must have died before 1721, the year when George re-married. We find a possible match for her burial in Plymouth St Andrew on 23 May 1713. The parish register records her simply as Sarah Yeo with no mention of "wife of" - though at this period, it appears the only status cited in the parish records is "child".

George Yeo and Sarah Pattison had the following child:

- i. SARAH<sup>6</sup> YEO was born on 29 Apr 1702 in Plymouth.

Notes for Sarah Yeo:

**1702:** The Plymouth St Andrew parish register records the baptism of Sarah, daughter of George & Sarah Yeo on 24 April 1702. We find no further record for Sarah. She may have died in infancy or childhood as George was to have a daughter also called Sarah by his second wife - see below.

George Yeo and Gertrude Rogers had the following children:

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24. ii. GERTRUDE YEO ROGERS was born on 29 May 1721 in Saltash. Cornwall. She died on 13 May 1768 in Saltash. Cornwall. She married Nicholas Daw on 06 Jul 1757 in Saltash. Cornwall. He was born about 1726. He died on 23 Oct 1770 in Saltash. Cornwall.
- iii. SARAH YEO was born on 30 Jul 1733 in Saltash. Cornwall. She died on 1742/43 in Plymouth.

Notes for Sarah Yeo:

**1733:** The Cornwall OPC records cite the baptism of Sarah Yeo, daughter of Mr George and Mrs Gartrude (sic) Yeo in St Stephens by Saltash on 30 Jul 1733.

**1742/3:** We find a credible match for the burial of Sarah in St Stephens by Saltash on 7 Feb 1742/3 - the FTM and Cornwall OPC database having slightly different dates and dual years for what appears to be the same burial - though neither source document refers to the deceased as "child of" or "daughter of" George Yeo

25. iv. WILLIAM YEO was born on 16 Aug 1736 in Saltash. Cornwall. He died on 03 Feb 1797 in St Marychurch, Devon. He married (1) MARY REYLAND on 27 Dec 1754 in St Marychurch, Devon. She died on 20 Oct 1755 in St Marychurch, Devon. He married (2) MARY WAYMOUTH on 07 Sep 1760 in St Marychurch, Devon. She died on 04 Aug 1783 in St Marychurch, Devon.
18. AGNES<sup>5</sup> YEO (George<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) was born on 26 Apr 1685 in Saltash. Cornwall. She died on 16 Aug 1754 in Saltash. Cornwall. She married (1) JOHN ROUS on 12 Mar 1716/17 in Saltash. Cornwall. He died on 26 Mar 1717 in Saltash. Cornwall. She married (2) THOMAS KNIGHTON on 02 Jan 1722 in Saltash. Cornwall. He died on 26 Mar 1736 in Saltash. Cornwall.

Notes for Agnes Yeo:

John ROUS Esq married Mrs Agnes YEO 12 March 1716/17 at St Stephens by Saltash. It was to prove a tragically short marriage - John died and was buried just two weeks later on 26 March 1717 at St Stephens by Saltash. Agnes - later re-married - Mr Thomas KNIGHTON married Mrs Agnes ROUS by Licence 2 Jan 1722 St Stephens by Saltash (Licence dated 29 Dec ). Agnes was to bear him three children, including twins.

Agnes was still single and in her late teens when her father left her a legacy in his will of 1703. But when in 1723 her brother-in-law John Torre, husband of her sister Elizabeth, initiated a court case against beneficiaries of her father George Yeo's will,

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Agnes was named as a co-defendant - as was her husband Thomas Knighton who by virtue of their marriage had an interest in her said legacy. (please see personal notes for George Yeo).

We find two burial records in for Thomas Knighton in St Stephens by Saltash, both noted as "Gent", on 26 Mar 1736 and 8 Aug 1747. Though we can't be certain, it seems probable the former is for Agnes' husband Thomas and the latter for their son Thomas born in 1727.

Thomas Knighton and Agnes Yeo had the following children:

26. i. ANNE<sup>6</sup> KNIGHTON was born on 19 Nov 1723 in Saltash. Cornwall. She married James Luce on 01 Feb 1744 in Saltash, Cornwall.
- ii. THOMAS KNIGHTON was born on 17 Jun 1727 in Saltash. Cornwall. He died on 08 Aug 1747 in Saltash. Cornwall.

Notes for Thomas Knighton:

Twin with Mary

- iii. MARY KNIGHTON was born on 17 Jun 1727 in Saltash. Cornwall.
19. JOHN<sup>5</sup> DRAKE (Ann<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born on 16 Mar 1683 in Barnstaple, Devon. He died in Jan 1713 in Barnstaple, Devon. He married Christian Hatch on 09 May 1706 in Barnstaple, Devon.

Notes for John Drake:

In his commentary on the pedigree of Drake family of Ashe referred to earlier, Burke notes that John Drake and Christian Hatch had two sons viz:

"HENRY, the elder, m. Mary, dau. of John Tucker, Esq., R.N., and had issue. John. The 2nd son, John DRAKE, of Barnstaple, b. 1710; m. 1743, Anne, dau. of the Rev. Mr. Gregory; and d. 1770, leaving two children, Joan, m. to George Edwards, Esq., R.N. and HENRY DRAKE, Esq. of Barnstaple, only son and heir, b. 1745; d. Feb. 1806, having m. 1771, Ann, dau. of Richard Hammett, Esq. of Kennerland, in the parish of Clovelly, and sister to Sir James Hamlyn, of Clovelly Court, co. Devon, Bart., by whom he had issue"

In fact as will be seen, John & Christian also had a daughter Ann and another son Francis.

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We have found no burial record but the Devon Wills Project records his will in the Archdeaconry of Barnstaple for 1712, a list entry only as the original will was destroyed in the bombing of Exeter in 1942.

John Drake and Christian Hatch had the following children:

- i. ANN<sup>6</sup> DRAKE was born on 19 Jan 1708 in Barnstaple, Devon. She died on 02 Dec 1708 in Barnstaple, Devon.
- ii. HENRY DRAKE was born in 1709 in Barnstaple, Devon. He married Mary Tucker on 28 May 1757 in Barnstaple, Devon.

Notes for Mary Tucker:

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  - iii. JOHN DRAKE was born on 27 Sep 1710 in Barnstaple, Devon. He married Ann Gregory on 11 Sep 1733 in Barnstaple, Devon. She was born on 26 Oct 1709 in Barnstaple, Devon. She died on 18 Oct 1747 in Barnstaple, Devon.
  - iv. FRANCIS DRAKE was born on 26 Jan 1712 in Barnstaple, Devon. He died before 1756. He married Emblin Yeo, daughter of John Yeo and Emblyn Field, on 11 Oct 1742 in Plymouth. She was born on 07 Dec 1719 in Plymouth. She died on 23 Apr 1770 in Plymouth.

Notes for Francis Drake:

A record in the public domain lists land tax assessments for the parish of Wolborough in the period 1780-1832. A Francis Drake was assessed in the years 1782; 1783; 1784; and 1787. The Francis listed here could not be the husband of Emblin Yeo - he died in 1756. Moreover, we have not identified any children born to Francis and Emblin. It seems likely the tax-payer was a descendant of the same Drake family into which Ann Noyce nee Yeo, the daughter of William Yeo the Non-conformist Minister of Wolborough married in 1682. We are unable to discern whether these properties somehow descended to the Drake family through marriages with the Yeo family, or were independent thereof. However, they suggest the Drake family had an enduring link with Wolborough, as did the Yeo family. (LDS film #1526151

Notes for Emblin Yeo:

**1719:** The Plymouth St Charles Martyr parish register records the

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baptism of Emblin daughter of “Capt Jno & Emblin Yeo” on 7 Dec 1719. Emblin was thus only about 5 when her mother died in 1724. In her sister Catherine’s memoirs, the latter notes that Emblin was also sent to boarding school after her father re-married, and that for a time the sisters received tuition on the harpsichord. We might infer the two sisters were not close, and in one of the few references to Emblin, Catherine is somewhat dismissive of her as a rather dull girl - though Catherine herself comes across as somewhat immature.

**1742:** Lt Francis Drake and Mrs Emlen Yeo were married by licence at Plymouth St Andrew 11 October 1742 - the “Mrs” here for “Mistress”, a reflection of a certain standing in the community. Francis was a descendant of Henry Drake of Barnstaple to whom Ann Yeo was married. Marriage licence was granted on the 10th October the day before the actual marriage ‘Lieut. Francis Drake & Mrs Emlen Yeo Li: granted ye 10 Inst.’

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20. **JOHN<sup>5</sup> YEO** (William<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, George<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) was born on 16 May 1681 in Wolborough, Devon. He died on 03 Dec 1756 in Plymouth. He married (1) **EMBLYN FIELD**, daughter of Henry Field and Emblyn Gennys, about 1713. She was born on 15 Apr 1687 in Launceston, Cornwall. She died on 07 Sep 1724 in Plymouth. He married (2) **LUCRETIA HARRIS** on 11 Nov 1724 in Plymouth. She was born between 1696-1703. She died on 13 Jan 1741/42 in Plymouth.

Notes for John Yeo:

**1681:** The Wolborough parish register has a clearly legible record of the baptism of John the son of Mr William Yeo **Jun’r** on 16 May 1681. (John's father and grandfather, both called William still alive at this time)

**1706:** In a note on previous research, Sheila Yeo suggested that John inherited the

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family home at Wolborough, and was living in the Whitestone/Exeter St Thomas area 1700/1750. The present authors have been unable to discover any testamentary record to confirm the former statement. Regarding the latter, his daughter Catherine in her memoirs (see her personal notes below) states the family moved from Exeter to Plymouth in about 1714, where the remainder of John's children were born, and hence contradicts the second statement.

What is certain is that in 1706, together with his father William Yeo, John was a party to a lease of property in Middlecot, Chagford and elsewhere to Thomas Baron, Mayor of Exeter. It appears the property Middlecot remained in the Yeo family, as it was the subject of a subsequent lease by John's grandson William Yeo in 1775 - though we should note here it is NOT specifically referred to in John's will. (SWHT Devon 2157M/T/6, Please refer also notes for William Yeo b 1658 and William Yeo b 1750. Source)

**1706/1747:** We have found no record of John's early years and education. An apparently well-researched website Three Decks citing Admiralty records provides some details of John's naval career. His earliest recorded service dates from 25 July 1706. John was then aged about 25, and we might surmise that instead of a route into the navy as a "boy" sailor, John joined by purchasing his rank of Lieutenant. In this rank, he served aboard the Eagle (70 guns); Saint George (96); and Kent (70).

He was promoted Commander in 1717, and served as Commanding Officer aboard the Ferret (10). Less than a year later, John was promoted Captain, and during the period 1718/1739 served as Captain and Commanding Officer aboard the Greyhound (20); Lowestoffe (32); Mermaid (36); Lynn (42); Enterprise (42); Mary Galley (40); Exeter (60); Jersey (60); and Deptford (60). His last recorded service was as Superannuated Admiral on 27 July 1747. The Three Decks source provides no details of any naval actions John may have been involved, nor of any voyages undertaken.

Catherine's memoirs also fail to provide any such detail, though she does offer some insights into his personality. It seems he was steeped in naval discipline, as she states "he was a finished tar in his own house, a baashar (= Pasha ??) whose single nod of disapprobation struck terror in the whole family". Referring to his homecoming on the very day his first wife was buried (see also below), Catherine noted "my father to apologise for his coming to England without the permission of the Lords of the Admiralty pleaded his extreme fondness and passionate regard to his wife. However, he was severely reprimanded for it by their Lordships and had not, as I have been informed, a ship to command for nine years after". We should note there that her latter statement is not consistent with his service dates on the Three Decks site - though we should also note here that the present authors have NOT independently validated those records.

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**1724** He married (2) LUCRETIA HARRIS on 11 Nov 1724 in Plymouth St Andrew by License.

**1726.** His brother William died in Plymouth St Andrew in April. An Inventory of Williams estate was made by John and signed for in Plymouth. Please see the notes for William above

**1756:** John Yeo made his will on 25 July 1756, the text of which is set out below:

In the name of God Amen I John Yeo of Plymouth in the County of Devon, Esq., being very weak and infirm of Body but of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding for which I return thanks to Almighty God and seriously considering the uncertainty of this life do therefore while I have opportunity think it highly expedient to settle my worldly affairs and t make my will And I do accordingly make publish and declare this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say I give and devise unto my son John Yeo all my lands and freehold estates until my grandsons, William Yeo and John Yeo (who are minors) [*they were born 1750 and 1752 respectively*] shall have attained the age of twenty five years and on my said grandsons attaining the age of twenty five years my said grandsons attaining the age of twenty five years I give and devise all my lands and freehold estates unto them the said William Yeo and John Yeo and to the survivor of them and to the heirs of their bodies lawfully to be begotten and from and after the death of my said grandsons and on failure of issue of their bodies or body I give and devise all my lands and freehold estates unto my son John Yeo and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten or to be begotten and in default of such issue I giveand devise all my lands and freehold estates unto my brother Richard Yeo and to his heirs and assigns for everm but I do hereby declare it to be my mind and intention that all my lands and freehold estates shall stand charged and chargeable with the payment of two annuities herein after mentioned I give unto my daughter Emlen Drake, widow twenty pounds to be paid her by my executor after my death, Item: I give unto the said Emlen Drake the yearly sum or annuity of twenty pounds to be paid her yearly and every year during her natural life by equal quarterly payments and to be issuing and payable out of all my lands and freehold estates and I do hereby charge and incumber all my lands and freehold estates ith the payment thereof. Item: I give unto my servant Sarah Harry the clear yearly sum or annuity of four pounds to be paid her yearly and every year during the natural life by equal quarterly payments and to be issuing and payable out of all my lands and freehold estates and I do hereby charge and incumber all my lands and freehold estates with the payment thereof. Item: I give unto my servant Thomas Harris the sum of forty pounds the same as be paid him by my executor in trust herein after named at the end of three months next after my death. Item: I give unto each man servant who shall be living with me at the time of my dath provided he hath lived two years in my service but not otherwise five guineas the same to be paid by my executor in Trust hereinafter named at the 2nd of

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at the request and in the presence of each other. Philip Phillips, Michael Barrett and John Fry. I, John Yeo of Plymouth in the County of Devon, Es do declare this to be a codicil to be annexed to and taken as and for part of my last will and testament which bears date this present day being the twenty fifth day of July 1756. I give unto my servant Thomas Harris for and during the term of his natural life a certain tenement or dwelling house situate and lying in Plymouth aforesaid outside a place there called the Old Town Gate which said dwelling house is now in the possession of George Harris son of the said Thomas Harris and immediately from and after death of the said Thomas Harris I give and devise the same unto the said George Harris for and during the term of his natural life in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written. John Yeo signed sealed published and declared by said John Yeo as and for a codicil in presence of Philip Phillips, Michael Barrett, John Fry. (PCC)

**1756:** We find a possible match in the burial of John Yeo in Plymouth on 3 December 1756, though the parish register makes no mention of his naval rank. Catherine makes no reference to her father's death in her memoirs. The Three Decks website also states this date of death citing as a source "Commissioned Sea Officers of the Royal Navy". Note the will was proved a mere ten days after the Testator's death.

Notes for Emblyn Field:

**1687:** Emblyn the daughter of Mr Henry Field was baptised on 15 April 1687 at Launceston St Mary Magdalene. Her mother Emblyn Gennys was born in Launceston on 8 Aug 1657, the daughter of Thomas Gennys and his wife Emblyn nee Waddon. Thomas & Emblyn also had a son Nicholas Gennys born 2 Nov 1659 in Launceston - hence a brother to Emblyn.

**1713:** We have found no marriage record for Emblyn and John Yeo, but they probably married about 1713 as their first child Catherine was born in late 1714.

**1718:** Emblyn's brother Nicholas Gennys made his will on 24 May 1718. Among other beneficiaries, Nicholas left bequests to "my cosins William Yeo and Katherine Yeo son and daughter of my cosin (ie niece) Emblyn Yeo who is daughter of my sister Emblyn Feild (sic) and the now wife of Captain John Yeo ...". He also bequeathed to Captain John Yeo a guinea to buy a ring and to John's wife Emblyn his gold watch and best diamond ring. He also appointed his niece Emblyn as one of his joint Trustees and Executors of his will. Nicholas made a codicil to his will on 6 June 1720, and his will with the codicil was proved on 15 Sept 1720.

**1724:** Emblyn bore John three children - their third child Emblyn was baptised on 7 Dec 1719, though her uncle Nicholas did not amend his will to leave this third child a legacy. As recorded in their daughter Catherine's memoirs (which may not be

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wholly accurate - see Catherine's notes below), Emblyn died when they were still in their early childhood. We find the record of her burial in Plymouth on 7 Sept 1724. She was aged only about 37 at death.

Catherine's memoirs suggest a dramatic scene that day. She writes that John arrived home from a long voyage on the very evening of Emblin's interment, whereupon "He was so enthusiastically fond of her as to insist on having her corpse taken up from the grave to bid a last adieu to the inanimate lifeless body buried in the clay. However, with much difficulty was eventually persuaded from doing so".

John Yeo and Emblyn Field had the following children:

- i. CATHERINE<sup>6</sup> YEO was born on 12 Nov 1714 in Exeter St Thomas. She died on 29 Oct 1766 in St Martins in the fields, London. She married Samuel Jemmat on 26 Dec 1735 in Devonport, Devon.

Notes for Catherine Yeo:

**1714:** The Exeter St Thomas parish register records the baptism of Catherine, daughter of Mr John Yeo on 12 November 1714. Note the register does not refer to him by his then naval rank of Captain, nor does it mention her mother's name.

Catherine was the first of John's three children by his first wife Emblin. Emblin died when Catherine and her siblings were still in childhood. She developed into what we might describe as a "spirited" young lady, especially for this period in social history. Later in life she wrote her memoirs which not only provide fascinating insights into contemporary society, but also yield important comments on her parents and siblings which allow us to establish this part of the Yeo family tree.

For her observations of Catherine as an early woman writer, we are indebted to Sheila Yeo, who citing from the first volume of Catherine's memoirs noted:

"At the time of my birth my father, the late Admiral Yeo, was a captain in His Majesty's Navy and resided at Exeter in Devonshire, where I was born. My parents when I was yet an infant removed to Plymouth, a principal sea port and very compatible with his maritime employment, where he raised to the rank of half-pay admiral".

The death of her mother is captured in Catherine's memoirs as follows:

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“Between five and six years of age, I unhappily lost a tender mother, my father was then at sea and arrived the very night her funeral rites had been performed .... the first time to my remembrance I had ever seen him. My mother left in his care besides myself, a brother and a sister who were yet younger”. Catherine refers here to her siblings William b 1716 and Emblin b 1718, although her memory was not very reliable - Emblin died in 1724 when Catherine was about 10. Her father re-married to Lucretia Harris - see Lucretia’s notes for Catherine’s comments.

In what must have been a trying time after losing her mother and her father’s re-marriage, Catherine noted in her memoirs:

“To complete the dismal scheme that was opening to us, new characters in the great drama of life, my grandfather, a plain, pious, upright man who boarded with us, was snatched away by death. Had heaven pleased to have lent us his life a little longer, he would have at least have seen us properly instructed in the principles of religion and morality. He was a majestic venerable old man, full of years and wisdom, whose conduct was the best example for his children and servants to imitate”. Here Catherine refers to her grandfather William Yeo, who she apparently held in high regard, and who died in 1726 when Catherine was just 12.

After her father’s re-marriage, Catherine and her younger sister were sent to boarding school. That seems not to have endured in Catherine’s case, and she was sent to live a few miles from Plymouth with the three daughters of a deceased clergyman.

Much of the remainder of Volume I of Catherine’s memoirs is given over to an account of her various suitors of whom it appears there were many, typically young naval officers, and her attempts - not always successful - with the covert assistance of house servants to exchange love letters and arrange assignations with them. One suitor died shortly after Catherine broke off their correspondence; another was sent to sea on a 4 year voyage to Jamaica; another, the son of an admiral was deemed unsuitable by her father - on the grounds he hated the said admiral; and in an insight into mores of the time, another vouched his membership of the Presbyterian church would not prejudice Catherine’s own beliefs from her upbringing in the Church of England. With an apparent air of desperation, Volume I of her memoirs concludes with the vow that she will marry at the first offer she would receive - though that was to prove a rash decision.

**1735:** The St Budeaux parish register records the marriage on Boxing

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Day, 26 December 1735 of Mr Samuel Jemmat and Mrs Catherine Yeo both of Plymouth. The village of St Budeaux became part of Devonport at the end of 1899. Fifteen years later, the towns of Devonport, Stonehouse and Plymouth merged to form the City of Plymouth.

In the opening pages of Volume II of her memoirs, Catherine records that “among the many who courted my notice and smiles at the assembly was one Mr Jemmat, who kept a mercer’s shop in Plymouth”. Her suitor told her he had a fortune of three thousand pounds, “well laid out in business”. Initially, Catherine paid little heed to his attentions, but while she was staying with a family she was awoken in the small hours of the night by the arrival of Jemmat, apparently come express from Catherine’s father, from whom she may have been estranged as Jemmat states (Memoirs, Vol II, pages 7 & 8) he had “come to rid you from the tyranny of a relentless father and the base artifices of an obdurate stepmother”

Making clear her indifference to the man, she nevertheless gave him her hand, and as we have seen above, they later married. The subsequent pages of her memoirs are full of Catherine’s woes and regret, as Jemmat turned out to be a violent drunkard who ill-treated her despite her being with child - though in the subsequent pages of her memoirs, Catherine makes no reference to giving birth, nor have we found the baptism record of a child.

Catherine probably turned to publishing her memoirs and other works of poetry & prose to make ends meet - she was NOT a beneficiary of her father’s will, nor was she to receive any support from her half-brother John Yeo (see his notes below)

**1765:** At some point, Catherine apparently moved to London where Volume I of her memoirs was published in Charing Cross in 1765. The frontispiece contains a dedication to no less a person than HRH the Duke of York, and the list of subscribers includes various Earl’s, Lord’s and other titled and non-titled members of society. Volume I second edition can be read online here:

[https://play.google.com/books/reader?id=EHoEAAAAYAAJ&hl=en\\_GB&pg=GBS.PA1](https://play.google.com/books/reader?id=EHoEAAAAYAAJ&hl=en_GB&pg=GBS.PA1)

**1766:** We find a credible burial for Catherine Jemmett in October 1766 at St Martin in the Fields, Charing Cross. The register states she was buried at 5 o’clock on Wednesday, but gives no day of the month nor her

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marital status. It notes a figure of 47, apparently her age at death - that is about 5 years off her actual birth. The register also includes a column of figures with an entry against each burial which may have represented the value of the collection at the burial service - in Catherine's case 18 shillings and 2 pence, one of the higher values for October & November which may imply she was mourned by friends with means.

**1771:** Volume II second edition of "The Memoirs of Mrs Catherine Jemmat, daughter of the late Admiral Yeo of Plymouth, Written by Herself" was published in London in 1771. This fascinating record is in the public domain and can be downloaded for free below

<https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=LXwEAAAAYAAJ&printsec=frontcover&dq=jemmat#v=onepage&q=jemmat&f=false>

- ii. WILLIAM YEO was born on 31 Jul 1716 in Exeter St Thomas. He died before 1756.

Notes for William Yeo:

**1716:** The Exeter St Thomas parish register records the baptism of William, son of John Yeo on 31 July 1716. In Volume I of her memoirs (pp 13 & 14), Catherine records that after their mother died, William was sent to a Latin school near Totnes. It appears his father intended William should study either "physick or the law", but the boy chose a career at sea, to which his father made no opposition. We have found no details of his career. Catherine wrote in her memoirs (Volume II, p 137) the following poem in which the first letters of each line spell out the name of her brother:

W hen tempests with their thousand horrors rife,  
I nspect th'intending ruin not with eyes  
L oaded with tears; but when destruction's near  
L ook on and fight it with intrepid air  
I n gulph of uncertainty ne'er know  
A passion that does in cowards glow;  
M indful of Heav'n and that that Heav'n design'd,  
Y ield to its providential care resign'd;  
E ternal Gods unto them submission show,  
O ft think of them as we on the poor Yeo

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On the following pages of her memoirs, she cites a poem received “from a young gentleman” on the death of her brother. Catherine’s memoirs give no clue as to when, where or how her brother died, but like Catherine, he was NOT a beneficiary of their father’s will of July 1756 and so had probably died before then.

- iii. EMBLIN YEO was born on 07 Dec 1719 in Plymouth. She died on 23 Apr 1770 in Plymouth. She married Francis Drake, son of John Drake and Christian Hatch, on 11 Oct 1742 in Plymouth. He was born on 26 Jan 1712 in Barnstaple, Devon. He died before 1756.

Notes for Emblin Yeo:

**1719:** The Plymouth St Charles Martyr parish register records the baptism of Emblin daughter of “Capt Jno & Emblin Yeo” on 7 Dec 1719. Emblin was thus only about 5 when her mother died in 1724. In her sister Catherine’s memoirs, the latter notes that Emblin was also sent to boarding school after her father re-married, and that for a time the sisters received tuition on the harpsichord. We might infer the two sisters were not close, and in one of the few references to Emblin, Catherine is somewhat dismissive of her as a rather dull girl - though Catherine herself comes across as somewhat immature.

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the bombing of Exeter in 1942.

Notes for Francis Drake:

A record in the public domain lists land tax assessments for the parish of Wolborough in the period 1780-1832. A Francis Drake was assessed in the years 1782; 1783; 1784; and 1787. The Francis listed here could not be the husband of Emblin Yeo - he died in 1756. Moreover, we have not identified any children born to Francis and Emblin. It seems likely the tax-payer was a descendant of the same Drake family into which Ann Noyce nee Yeo, the daughter of William Yeo the Non-conformist Minister of Wolborough married in 1682. We are unable to discern whether these properties somehow descended to the Drake family through marriages with the Yeo family, or were independent thereof. However, they suggest the Drake family had an enduring link with Wolborough, as did the Yeo family. (LDS film #1526151)

Notes for Lucretia Harris:

**1696-1703:** Lucretia was the daughter of Samuel Harris and his wife Joanna nee Yonge. We find no baptism record for her but as will be seen she was born in Plymouth between 1696 and 1703, and probably in the St Andrews parish of the town.

Samuel Harris, woollen draper of Plymouth, made his will on 14 April **1703**. His "loving wife" Joanna was a principal beneficiary, and he appointed her as an Executor in Trust together with his father-in-law James Yonge Senior and others. Samuel probably knew or at least suspected that his wife was carrying a child at the time he made his will. He made provision should such a son be born for him to inherit the testator's extensive property in the parish and borough of Plymouth, and in that eventuality for the son to pay £200 each to the testator's two daughters Elizabeth and Lucretia. In default of a son being born, then the estate was to go to the said two daughters and any other daughter who might be born. We find a credible baptism for Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel & Joanna Harris in Plymouth St Andrew on 28 June 1696 - and since she was named first in Samuel's will, we might expect Lucretia to have been born *after* June 1696 and *before* April 1703.

It seems Joanna was indeed carrying a child, for we find the baptism of a daughter Joanna Harris in Plymouth St Andrew on 26 Oct 1703 - some 6 months *after* Samuel made his will, though he saw no need to make a codicil to reflect her birth. But we find NO baptism for Lucretia in between these dates - though we do find a baptism of Jane, daughter of Samuel & Joanna Harris on 10 Aug 1698, and we might speculate whether Jane might later have been given the forename Lucretia. We find a credible burial for Mr Samuel Harris in Plymouth St Andrew on 10 Jan 1706/7. His

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Executors proved his will on 26 April 1707.

**1721:** Samuel's father-in-law James Yonge, Physician of Plymouth made his will on 11 July 1721. He left a legacy of £200 to his widowed daughter Johanna Harris and forgave her £500 loaned to her after the death of her husband Samuel to establish herself as a woollen draper. He bequeathed to his granddaughter Elizabeth Harris £200 and his late wife's gold watch, and to his granddaughters Lucretia and Joanna Harris £300 each - all contingent on his granddaughters reaching the age of 21 or marriage, though Elizabeth had in fact already reached that age. James Yonge's will was proved on 25 October 1721.

**1724** Shortly after his wife Emblin died, John re-married to Lucretia Harris in Exeter by licence on 11 November 1724. With her legacies, she must have been a desirable match.

Catherine's thoughts on the matter are clearly expressed in her memoirs - "such was his grief that nine weeks later he married a giggling girl of 19". In fact Catherine's comment is incorrect - based on the dates in her father's will, Lucretia was already in her majority at her marriage. "She had five children, four of whom it has pleased providence to call to a better state, and had the worthy captain my half-brother completed the number of the deceased, the world and myself might well have borne the loss with christyn patience and resignation". The half-brother referred to here was John & Lucretia's son John, who was to forge a career in the Marines. (please see his personal notes below)

It seems that initially at least Catherine got on well with her step-mother, who was only about 10 years older than Catherine and must have felt more like an elder sister, but that was not to last and later in her memoirs she writes of her dismay at the treatment she received from Lucretia and one of her scheming house servants.

**1741/2:** We find the burial of Mrs Lucretia Yeo in Plymouth on 13 January 1741/2. Based on our deductions from Samuel Harris' will above regarding Lucretia's birth, she was in her late 30's or early 40's at death.. The parish register entry states she was buried in linen.

John Yeo and Lucretia Harris had the following children:

- iv. LUCRETIA YEO was born on 01 Sep 1725 in Plymouth. She died on 14 Sep 1725 in Plymouth.

Notes for Lucretia Yeo:

First daughter Lucretia d/o Capt John Yeo & Lucretia bapt 1 Sept 1725 in Plymouth

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Lucretia Yeo child buried 14 Sept 1725

28. v. JOHN YEO was born on 27 Dec 1726 in Plymouth Charles the Martyr. He died on 01 Mar 1771 in Plymouth. He married Alice Williams about 1748. She was born before 1727. She died on 02 Jan 1780 in Plymouth.
- vi. JOANNA YEO was born on 09 Jan 1727 in Plymouth St Andrew.

Notes for Joanna Yeo:

It is clear from a comment in Catherine's memoirs that four of John & Lucretia's five children died in childhood. Since it is certain son John survived, those dying must include Joanna, though we have found no burial record for her.

- vii. SUSANNA YEO was born on 28 Nov 1730 in Plymouth St Andrew. She died on 29 Jan 1734/35 in Plymouth.
- viii LUCRETIA YEO was born on 28 Oct 1734 in Plymouth St Andrew. She died on 04 May 1735 in Plymouth.

21. **RICHARD<sup>5</sup> YEO** (William<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, George<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1685 in Wolborough, Devon. He died in 1760 in Exeter St Thomas. He married Hannah Salter on 05 Jul 1716 in Exeter St Thomas. She died on 14 Feb 1737 in Exeter St Thomas.

Notes for Richard Yeo:

**1716:** The Exeter St Thomas parish register records the marriage of Mr Richard Yeo and Mrs Hannah Salter on 5 July 1716 - the same day as the marriage there of his sister Mrs Susanna Yeo and Mr Richard Cudlipp. We can be certain that Richard survived beyond 1756 as he is mentioned in the will of his brother John Yeo dated 25 July 1756. We find a credible match for the burial of Richard Yeo in Exeter St Thomas on 24 Jan 1760. The Devon Wills Project has a list entry in 1760 for the will of Richard Yeo of Exeter St Thomas the Apostle, though the original will was lost in the bombing of Exeter in 1942.

Notes for Hannah Salter:

We find a credible match for the burial of Hannah, wife of Mr Richard Yeo in Exeter St Thomas on 14 Feb 1737.

Richard Yeo and Hannah Salter had the following child:

- i. GEORGE<sup>6</sup> YEO was born on 12 Mar 1718 in Exeter St Thomas. He died in 1751.

Notes for George Yeo:

**1718:** The Exeter St Thomas parish register has a clear record of the

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baptism of George son of Mr Richard Yeo on 12 March 1717/18.

**1742/1751:** We have discovered no sources which give direct evidence of George's later life. However, we have his will made in 1742 and the grant of Letters of Administration from 1751. Transcripts of both documents are set out below, followed by some deductions we can make from them:

#### **Will of George Yeo made 7 June 1742:**

In the name of God Amen I George Yeo of London Surgeon being of sound and disposing Mind and Memory do hereby make this my last Will and Testament First and Principally I commend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping for Remission of all my sins through the Merits of Jesus Christ my blessed Saviour and Redeemer and my Body to the Earth or Sea as it shall please God.

And as for such Worldly Estate and Effects which I shall be possessed of or intituled unto at the time of my decease I give and bequeath the same as followeth that is to say unto my Uncle Captain John Yeo of Plymouth in the County of Devon his heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns for ever I give All my Messuages Lands Tenements and Hereditaments with their Appurtenances situate lying and being in the County of Devon or elsewhere and also all such pay wages Goods Chattels and Estate whatsoever as shall belong or appertain unto me at my decease.

And I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my said Executor all the rest and residue of my estate whatsoever both real and personal hereby revoking and making void all other and former wills by me heretofore made and do declare this to be my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Seventh day of June Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and forty two and in the fifteenth year of the Reign our our Sovereign Lord George the second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the faith. Geo: Yeo.

Signed sealed published and declared by the said George Yeo as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses in the presence of the said testator. Jn Penkethman, Geo Huish, Jun, George Huish Junr [illegible] att Portsmouth.

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**Grant of Letters of Administration 6 Dec 1751:**

Thomas [Herring] by Divine Providence Archbishop of Canterbury  
Primate of All England and Metropolitan

To our well beloved in Christ Richard Yeo the natural and lawful ffather  
of George Yeo late belonging to the East India ship Durrington in the  
East Indies a bachelor deceased.

Greeting whereas the said George Yeo having whilst living and at the  
time of his death Goods Chattels or Credits in diverse Diocesses or  
Jurisdictions did as is alleged in his lifetime rightly and duly make his  
last Will and Testament hereunto annexed and did therein nominate and  
appoint his Uncle John Yeo sole Executor and Universal Legatee who  
hath renounced as well the Execution thereof as Letters of  
Administration (with the said will annexed) of the Goods Chattels and  
Credits of the said deceased.

And we being desirous that the said Goods Chattels and Credits may be  
well and faithfully administered applied and disposed of according to  
law DO therefore by these presents grant full power and authority to you  
in whose fidelity we confide to Administer and faithfully dispose of the  
said Goods Chattels and Credits according to the Tenor and Effect of the  
said Will and first to pay the Debts of the said deceased which he did  
owe at the time of his death and afterwards the Legacies contained and  
specified in the said Will so far as such Goods Chattels and Credits will  
thereto extend and the Law requires you first being sworn by  
Commission well and faithfully to administer the same and to make a  
full and perfect Inventory of all and singular the said Goods Chattels and  
Credits And to exhibit the same into our Prerogative Court of Canterbury  
on or before the last day of May next ensuing and also render a just and  
true account thereof And we do by virtue of these presents ordain depute  
and constitute you Administrator of all and singular the Goods Chattels  
and Credits of the said deceased (with the will annexed).

The Letters of Administration of the Goods of the said deceased as dying  
intestate heretofore to wit in the Month of October in the Year of Our  
Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty granted to John (Boaman ??)  
as a creditor of the said deceased being first brought in voluntarily and  
declared null and void as by the Acts of our Court more fully appears.

Given at London the sixth day of December in the Year of Our Lord one  
thousand seven hundred and fifty one and in the fifth year of Our  
Translation. [signed] Wm. Legard; Pet. Eloy; Hen. Stevens; Deputy

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So we can conclude that George spent at least part of his short life - he was a bachelor and aged only about 33 when he died - in the service of the East India Company. Given that he was a surgeon, he probably had some medical training before he entered the Company's service. If that entailed some university or equivalent tertiary education, he was probably at least in his late teens or early 20's, rather than in his mid-teens as may have been the case of an ordinary seaman.

We might speculate that he made his will in 1742 at or shortly after he entered the Company's service - perhaps before he embarked on a first voyage to the "East Indies" ?? We should note that as his Executor, George named NOT his father Richard, but his Uncle John Yea - though we have no context to suggest why that might have been the case.

According to the Three Decks Forum, the vessel Durrington on which George sailed and/or served was acquired by the Company in 1739. She was a 555 ton, nominal 26 gun merchantman with a complement of 99 crew. She made four recorded voyages to the East Indies - 1739/40-1741; 1743/4-1745; 1746/7-1750; and 1751/2-1755. She typically called at ports on both the east and west coasts of the Indian sub-continent - including Bombay & Madras.

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We can't be sure on which of these voyages George sailed, nor whether his calling as surgeon was as a member of the ship's complement or perhaps ashore at one of the Company's trading stations. If George was indeed a member of the crew, from the date cited on the grant of Letters of Administration, we might speculate he sailed on the fourth of the listed voyages and that he died before the Durrington reached the Cape in December 1751 - these sailings were more than a century before the opening of the Suez Canal.

Also from the Grant, George was initially recorded as having died intestate, so it appears that his ship-mates (assuming he died on board) were unaware of his will. Letters of Administration were initially granted to one John Boaman (?), a Creditor of George, though we have not been able to identify him. It appears that once the existence of a will was discovered, Boaman surrendered the Letters granted to him, which were declared null and void by the Prerogative Court. George's nominated Executor his Uncle John Yeo then renounced the

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executorship, though we have no indication for what reason. Letters were granted instead to George's father Richard Yeo, presumably as his next of kin in the absence of any siblings or male or female heir of bachelor George

We have found no record of where and when George was buried - perhaps at sea..

22. **WILLIAM<sup>5</sup> EVANS** (Frances<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born on 23 Jan 1700 in Cullompton, Devon. He married Mary Burd on 24 Oct 1723 in Okehampton, Devon.

Notes for William Evans:

We have the baptism of his son William in 1742 some 18 years after his marriage in 1723 and have not researched this line to discover if he had further children

William Evans and Mary Burd had the following child:

29. i. **WILLIAM BURD<sup>6</sup> EVANS** was born on 04 Apr 1742 in Cullompton, Devon. He died about 1814. He married Sarah Pream, daughter of William Pream and Sarah, on 04 Nov 1778 in Ottery St Mary, Devon. She was born on 31 Dec 1752 in Ottery St Mary, Devon.
23. **JOHN<sup>5</sup> YOW** (John<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born on 28 Feb 1688/89 in Bovey Tracey, Devon. He died on 20 Nov 1761 in Bickington, Devon. He married (1) **JANE BERRY** on 02 Apr 1713 in Bovey Tracey, Devon. He married (2) **GRACE KATER**, daughter of Christopher Kater, on 16 Jun 1718 in Highweek, Devon. She was born on 09 Apr 1694 in Bickington, Devon. She died on 02 Apr 1731 in Bickington, Devon.

Notes for John Yow:

We find no baptisms for children of John & Jane, nor any death for Jane. We have assumed that after Jane's death and his 2nd marriage with Grace Kater he named their first daughter Jane in memory of his first wife.

The Bovey Tracey parish register has a clear record for the baptism of John son of John Yow on 28 Feb 1688/9. In our extensive database, the only candidate for the father here is John Yeo bapt 1 Dec 1664, son of William Yeo the non-conformist preacher

The Bovey Tracey parish register records the marriage there on 20 April 1713 of John Yow and Jane Berry. The register is silent on the residence of bride and groom suggesting they were both "of the parish". It appears that Jane did not bear John any

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children, and died prematurely, though we have found no burial for her.

It appears that after Jane's death, John moved to the adjacent parish of Highweek, where the parish register records what we might conclude was John's second marriage on 16 June 1718, recorded as John Yaw of Highweek and Grace Kater of Bickington. Highweek is a mere 5 miles away from Bovey Tracey where John was born and where he married his first wife. Bickington, Grace's birthplace as one of seven children of Christopher Kater, is even closer at about 4 miles from Highweek.

We should note here that the contemporary marriage records simply note the names of bride and groom, sometimes with their residence, but rarely mention the names of the respective parents as we find in later records. Moreover, we should also flag up an increasingly common adherence to the non-conformist congregation in this branch of the Yeo family - probably in no small part a legacy of William Yeo, the preacher of Wolborough. There is known to have been an "Independent" chapel in Bovey Tracey from early times, and we must recognise the possibility that some Yeo baptisms and burials may have taken place there or non-conformist churches elsewhere - though marriages at this period could still only be solemnised in churches of the Church of England. As a result we cannot be completely certain of the identities of bride and groom as is the case with later, fuller records

However, the names John & Grace gave to their five children offer hints to succession. The couple appear to have made their home in Bickington, where four of their children were baptised - the other child was baptised in West Ogwell about five miles away, though the parents were noted as from Bickington. The first child was a daughter Jane born Feb 1718/9, and was perhaps named after John's first wife. The second, son David was born just over two years later in June 1721, the first time we find this forename in this branch of the Yeo's. We might speculate the third child, son Thomas was perhaps named after his father's younger brother. The fourth child was called Jacob - only the second time we find this name in this branch, the other occasion being Jacob brother of John's father. The fifth child was Benjamin, also a first case of this forename in this branch

The Bickington parish register records the burial of Grace, wife of John Yaw on 2 April 1731. Grace was only about 37 at death. John survived her by some 30 years and was buried there on 20 Nov 1761 when he would have been in his early 70's

Notes for Jane Berry:

Possibly Joan Berry d/o George Berry baptised in Bovey Tracey

We find no death for Jane nor any baptisms for John in the interim period and have assumed that after Jane's death and his 2nd marriage with Grace Kater he named his

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first daughter Jane in memory of his first wife

John Yow and Grace Kater had the following children:

- i. JANE<sup>6</sup> YEO was born on 27 Feb 1718/19 in Bickington, Devon.

Notes for Jane Yeo:

Baptised on 27th Feb 1718 (Calendar year 1719)

30. ii. DAVID YAW was born on 02 Jun 1721 in Bickington, Devon. He died on 30 Jul 1800 in St Marychurch, Devon. He married Mary JESSOP, daughter of Jacob Jessop and Mary Tamlyn, on 27 Sep 1756 in St Marychurch, Devon. She was born on 05 Nov 1736 in Torbryan, Devon. She died between 1783-1791.
- iii. THOMAS YEO was born on 29 Mar 1723 in Bickington, Devon.
- iv. JACOB YEO was born on 18 Apr 1726 in West Ogwell, Devon.

Notes for Jacob Yeo:

The West Ogwell parish register carries a note which states “The account of marriages, baptisms & burials which have occurred in the parish of West Ogwell, the year before the date hereof . The said date is recorded as 18 April 1726 and lists “The son of John Yaw of **Bickington** called Jacob

- v. BENJAMIN YAW was born on 21 Apr 1730 in Bickington, Devon. He died on 28 Apr 1731 in Bickington, Devon.

## Generation 6

24. GERTRUDE YEO<sup>6</sup> ROGERS (George<sup>5</sup> Yeo, George<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, William<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born on 29 May 1721 in Saltash. Cornwall. She died on 13 May 1768 in Saltash. Cornwall. She married Nicholas Daw on 06 Jul 1757 in Saltash. Cornwall. He was born about 1726. He died on 23 Oct 1770 in Saltash. Cornwall.

Notes for Gertrude Yeo Rogers:

Gertrude was born to her mother Gertrude Rogers in St Stephens by Saltash on 29 May 1721 and baptised with the middle name Yeo. Her mother and father George Yeo were married in St Stephens about 2 months later. Gertrude married Nicholas Daw on 6 July 1757 when she was about 36, by whom she bore three children. She died in St Stephens on 13 May 1768, when aged only about 47.

Nicholas Daw and Gertrude Yeo Rogers had the following children:

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- i. WILLIAM<sup>7</sup> DAW was born on 05 Jun 1758 in Saltash. Cornwall.
  - ii. SARAH DAW was born on 10 Sep 1761 in Saltash. Cornwall.
  - iii. NICHOLAS DAW was born on 10 Apr 1764 in Saltash. Cornwall. He died on 31 Oct 1767 in Saltash. Cornwall.
25. WILLIAM<sup>6</sup> YEO (George<sup>5</sup>, George<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) was born on 16 Aug 1736 in Saltash. Cornwall. He died on 03 Feb 1797 in St Marychurch, Devon. He married (1) MARY REYLAND on 27 Dec 1754 in St Marychurch, Devon. She died on 20 Oct 1755 in St Marychurch, Devon. He married (2) MARY WAYMOUTH on 07 Sep 1760 in St Marychurch, Devon. She died on 04 Aug 1783 in St Marychurch, Devon.

Notes for William Yeo:

We should note here that in previously unpublished research Sheila Yeo identified the marriage of a William Yeo and Mary Ralfe in 1720 in Ruan Major, a small parish on the Lizard Peninsula on the south-western tip of Cornwall. She further identified the baptism of their son William born 1721. Sheila therein proposed that the son William married firstly Mary Reyland in 1754, and secondly Mary Waymouth in 1760, both marriages solemnised in St Marychurch, near Torquay, Devon.

Recent research by the present authors demonstrates this is most probably incorrect. William and Mary did indeed have a son William baptised on 19 June 1721 in Ruan Minor, the adjacent parish to Ruan Major. William and Mary also had a daughter Anne born in Ruan Minor in 1722/3. It appears they then moved to the parish of St Blazey near St Austell where William & Mary had sons John born 1725 and Samuel born 1733. The Cornwall OPC records three burials in St Blazey - William Yeo in October 1756; William Yeo in March 1765; and Mary Yeo in Jan 1766. The records are insufficiently detailed for us to be certain, but these would be credible burials for William born 1721 and his parents, though we cannot discern in which order William "senior" and William "junior" died. Based on these burial records and considering that Mary Weymouth was bearing children from 1763 to 1775, the present authors contend that it is very unlikely that William born 1721 could have married to her or previously to Mary Reyland.

(As an aside, and although not forming part of this particular family tree, we should note here that in her research she demonstrated that Samuel born 1733 was the progenitor of a family who became prosperous ropemakers in East Stonehouse and Newton Abbot and we have validated Samuel from Cornwall was the correct choice for that particular line)

From our comprehensive database we have found the only known possible candidate from Devon and Cornwall to have married Mary Reyland and Mary Waymouth as

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William, son of George Yeo and his wife Gartrude, whose baptism is recorded on the Cornwall OPC online database in St Stephens by Saltash on 16 Aug 1736. William would have been about 18 at his first marriage to Mary Reyland. She bore him one daughter and apparently died from the effects of child-birth. He was about 24 at his second marriage to Mary Weymouth who bore him a further six children

We have discovered no documents relating to William in property transactions or court cases, nor a will. We find a credible match for the death of William Yeo in St Marychurch on 3 Feb 1797. He was about 61 at death.

Notes for Mary Reyland:

Mary ye wife of William Yaw was buried at St.Marychurch on the 20 October 1755 (FMP has it incorrectly transcribed as Yane)

William Yeo and Mary Reyland had the following child:

- i. MARY<sup>7</sup> YEO was born on 05 Nov 1755.

Notes for Mary Yeo:

Mary's mother was buried some 15 days before her baptism so presumably her mothers death was probably caused by birth complications

Notes for Mary Waymouth:

We find a credible match for the death of Mary Yeo in St Marychurch on 4 Aug 1783, though the record is silent on her marital status - eg wife of, widow etc..

William Yeo and Mary Waymouth had the following children:

- ii. ELIABETH YEO.
- iii. REBECCA YEO was born on 11 Oct 1763 in St Marychurch, Devon.
- iv. JOHN YEO was born on 08 Jan 1768 in St Marychurch, Devon. He died on 07 Jan 1836 in Combeinteignhead, Devon. He married MARY. She was born in 1774 in Combeinteignhead, Devon. She died on 09 Jun 1837 in Combeinteignhead, Devon.
- v. JAMES YEO was born on 14 Sep 1770 in St Marychurch, Devon. He died on 19 Oct 1833 in Tormoham, Devon. He married Hanna Saunders on 19 Aug 1804 in East Stonehouse, Devon.
31. vi. GEORGE YEO was born on 17 Nov 1775 in St Marychurch, Devon. He died on 22 Jan 1862 in Ipplepen, Devon. He married Mary Sharland on 16 Sep 1802 in Denbury, Devon. She was born on 02 Sep 1773 in West Ogwell, Devon. She died on 18 Mar 1857 in Ipplepen, Devon.

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26. **ANNE<sup>6</sup> KNIGHTON** (Agnes<sup>5</sup> Yeo, George<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, William<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born on 19 Nov 1723 in Saltash. Cornwall. She married James Luce on 01 Feb 1744 in Saltash, Cornwall.

Notes for Anne Knighton:

Anne bapt 19 Nov 1723 dau of Mr Thomas & Mrs Agnes Knighton St Stephens Saltash. The Cornwall OPC records the marriage by licence granted 29 January of James Luce and Ann Knighton at St Stephens by Saltash on 1 Feb 1744.

James Luce and Anne Knighton had the following child:

32. i. **THOMAS<sup>7</sup> LUCE** was born on 29 Nov 1745. He died on 14 Feb 1799 in Saltash. Cornwall. He married Ann Eleanor Bentley on 06 Dec 1767 in Saltash. Cornwall. She died on 27 Feb 1825 in Saltash. Cornwall.
27. **JOHN<sup>6</sup> DRAKE** (John<sup>5</sup>, Ann<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born on 27 Sep 1710 in Barnstaple, Devon. He married Ann Gregory on 11 Sep 1733 in Barnstaple, Devon. She was born on 26 Oct 1709 in Barnstaple, Devon. She died on 18 Oct 1747 in Barnstaple, Devon.

John Drake and Ann Gregory had the following children:

- i. **ANN GREGORY<sup>7</sup> DRAKE** was born on 15 Feb 1742 in Barnstaple, Devon. She married George Edwards on 23 Jan 1782 in Barnstaple, Devon.
33. ii. **HENRY DRAKE** was born on 09 Nov 1745 in Barnstaple, Devon. He married Anne Hammett on 20 Oct 1771 in Clovelly, Devon.
28. **JOHN<sup>6</sup> YEO** (John<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, George<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) was born on 27 Dec 1726 in Plymouth Charles the Martyr. He died on 01 Mar 1771 in Plymouth. He married Alice Williams about 1748. She was born before 1727. She died on 02 Jan 1780 in Plymouth.

Notes for John Yeo:

**1726:** As is clear from the memoirs of his half-sister Catherine Yeo (please see her personal notes), John was the only one of the five children born to his father John and his second wife Lucretia to have survived into maturity. The Plymouth Charles the Martyr parish register records the baptism of "John son of Cap'n John & Mad'm Lucretia Yoe" on 27 Dec 1726

**Abt 1745:** At some point, probably in his teens, John followed his father into the Royal Navy which was to be his life-long career. We have been unable to discover any details of his naval record, and whether he might have joined as a "boy" or perhaps through purchasing a rank. By 1765 he had certainly reached the level of Captain, by which rank his half-sister Catherine referred to him in Volume I of her memoirs published that year.

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**Abt 1748:** Perhaps when he was just into his majority - John married Alice, referred to in his will (see below) as his dear wife, though we have not discovered a marriage record. In his will, John appointed as his Trustees John Mompessom, Lt-Colonel in the Army and Smith Callis, Rear Admiral in His Majesty's Fleet - and stated the former was his brother in law. We have found no record for an Alice Mompessom, but it transpires that John Mompessom married Jane Williams in Stoke Damerel on 1 Dec 1746. We infer that John Yeo married her sister Alice, hence the two men becoming brothers-in-law.

**1761:** John Yeo, Captain in the Marines, made his will on 28 February 1761. It is unclear what prompted John to make his will at this time - perhaps some hazardous voyage he was about to undertake - as he lived for another ten years. The full text of his will follows:

### **Will of John Yeo, Esq of Plymouth 28th Feb 1761**

I, John Yeo of Plymouth in the County of Devon, Esquire Captain in His Majesty Forty Eight Company of Marines belonging to the Plymouth Division being weak and infirm in body but nevertheless of a sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, thanks be to God for the same do make publish and declare this my last will and testament I manner following.

First and principally I commend my soul to God who gave it hoping for pardon and forgiveness of all my sins through the meritorious death and passion of my Blessed Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ and as for the temporal estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me. I give and dispose thereof as follows,

I give and devise to my dear wife Alice Yeo for and during the term of her natural life all that messuage and barn, hay and Mowhay and four closes and parcels of land (the closes) and called and commonly known by the names of the Barn Park, Kay Park the Esther Clift Park and the two Summer Parks situate lying and being within the Burrough of Plymouth aforesaid an ornamental place there called the Lay and also all that parcel of land being a Landscape within the said Burrough lying among the Lands herefore of John Vowell Esq in a certain fields next adjoining on the Eastside of the said fields called the Esther Cliff Park and also all those closes of land lying together within the said Burrough of Plymouth at or near a place called Mount Gold and northward from the aforesaid four closes all which said premises are called or commonly known by the name of the Lacy Estate and are now in the possession of William Harman of Plymouth aforesaid victualler as my undertenant

Item. I give and devise unto my dear said Dear wife Alice Yeo for and during the terms of her natural life all that meadow commonly called the Maltmill Meadow lying in Plymouth aforesaid near the Maltmills and which said meadow is now in the

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possession of John Symons of Plymouth aforesaid Gardener as my undernamed. Item. I give and devise to my said Dear wife Alice Yeo for and during the term of her natural life all that field or close of land called Stone Park containing by estimation one acre and a quarter lying opposite to Malt Mill Meadow aforesaid and now in the possession of Richard Berryball of Plymouth aforesaid. But her as my undertenant

And I do hereby declare that what I have herein before given to my wife is to be accepted of by her in full satisfaction and Bar of her Dower and immediately from and after the decease of my said dear wife I give and devise the aforesaid premises called the Lasy Estate And also the Mall Mill Meadow and Stone Park to my sons William Yeo and John Yeo and the heirs of their respective bodys lawfully to be begotten and in case of the death of either of my said sons without lawful issue or on failure of his lawful issue I give and devise the said Lary Estate, Malt Mill Meadow and Stone Park to the survivor of my said sons and his lawful issue but in case of the death of both of my said sons without lawful issue or on failure of their lawful issue I give and devise these properties unto my daughter Elizabeth Chidley Yeo and to her heirs and assigns for ever.

I give and devise to my brother in law John Mompesson Equire, Lieutenant Colonel of His Majesty's Eighth Regiment of Foot and to Smith Callis Esq Rear Admiral of his Majesty's Fleet and to the survivor of them and to the heirs or the survivor of them for ever all that my messuage and tenement situate lying and being in Mutley within the tything of Weston Peverill in the county of Devon and also all the lands, mussuage, pasture and hereditts whatsoever to the said messuage and tenement belonging and which said messuage and common is called Middle Mutley, to have and to hold unto the said John Mompesson and Smith Callis and the survivor of them and the heirs of the survivor of them do and shall permit and suffer my dear wife Alice Yeo to receive and hold the rents, issues and profits of my said tenement called Middle Mutley during the minority of my daughter the said Elizabeth Chidley Yeo provided my said wife shall remain unmarried and my wife shall lay out and expend those rents, issues and profits in the maintenance and education of my said daughter during her minority.

But in case my said wife shall happen to dye or be married during my said daughter's minority then upon trust that they the said John Mompesson and Smith Callis and the survivor of them and the heirs of the survivor of them do and shall lay out and expend the rents, issues and profits of the said tenement in the maintenance and education of my said daughter during her minority and in case my said daughter shall not happen to be married during her minority then upon trust that the said John Mompesson and Smith Callis and the survivor of them etc shall permit and suffer my said daughter immediately on her attaining twenty one years to enter into and upon the possession of the said tenement called Middle Mutley and to receive and take the rents, issues and profits thereof to her own use for and during the time she

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remains unmarried but immediately on her marriage whether she be of age or not provided she marries with the consent of her mother or with the consent of the said John M and Smith Callis then upon trust the said John Mompesson and Smith Callis shall sell the freehold and inheritance of the said tenement for the most money that can be gotten for the same and shall thereout pay my said daughter the sum of one thousand pounds provided the said tenement sells for more than that sum, but in case it sells for less then the whole purchase money to be paid to my said daughter and in case the said tenement sells for more than one thousand pounds then the surplus money over and beyond the said one thousand pounds after my charges expenses have been paid, to my sons William and John Yeo and their heirs.

And in case my daughter shall marry under the age of twenty one without the consent of her mother or John Mompesson & Smith Callis I do order and direct that the said tenements called Middle Mutley shall not be sold till my said daughter attains the age of twenty one years and the rents, etc shall be laid out for her till her age of twenty one years in the same manner as though she was sole and unmarried and in that case the said tenement shall be sold on her attaining the age of twenty one years and she shall be intitled to the sum of five hundred pounds of the purchase money and no more.

I give the surplus money arising from the sale to my sons William and John Yeo and in case my daughter shall happen to dye unmarried then upon trust for the said John Mompesson and Smith Callis to permit and suffer my wife if then living to receive the rents etc during her lifetime and immediately after her death upon trust, the freehold then passes to my two sons. All that close of land, containing four acres lying within the said Burrough of Plymouth near a place called the Maudlyn on the east side of a way leading from Plymouth to Tavistock which said fields is now in lease to Jonathan Ridout of Plymouth and also a piece of land containing approx. three acres situated in Plymouth near a place called Galkeynes Gate which said field is now in lease to Thomas Jenkins, also a messuage, dwelling house and garden without the Old Town Gate in Plymouth wherein Thomas Harris, labourer held in interest for three lives, to have and to hold the said last mentioned two fields or closes of land dwelling house and garden unto the said John Mompesson and Smith Callis, heirs etc upon trust to sell the aforementioned freeholds and from this pay my debts which I shall have at my decease and any surplus to my sons William and John Yeo.

I give to the said John Mompesson and Smith Callis etc all such right estate and interest as I have in my late deceased father John Yeo, Esquire's estate as given me by my late father's will and testament upon trust, to permit my wife Alice to receive profits etc whereon by my father's will so long as she remains a widow to be laid out for the maintenance and education of my sons William and John Yeo until they have attained the age of twenty one years and in case my sons die before this and my

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wife survives then I give and bequeath these to John Mompesson and Smith Callis to permit my wife to take the same to her use during her lifetime.

I give and bequeath to the said John Mompesson and Smith Callis etc all my household goods, china and plate and also all the moneys as shall be all such ready moneys I have at my decease, on trust that firstly they will pay and discharge all costs charges and expenses relating to my funeral which I desire may be as private and frugal as possible and thereout in the next place to provide mourning for my family and to apply the surplus towards payments of my debts and I do hereby constitute and appoint my dear wife Alice Yeo and the said John Mompesson and Smith Callis joint executors of this my last will and testament and it is my will and intention and I do hereby order and direct that the said John M and Smith Callis shall not be answerable or accountable for anymore or other of my said trust estates or effects than shall come to his or their hands or shall be received by him or them respectively.

I revoke all former wills and set my hand and seal this twenty eighth day of February, one thousand seven hundred and sixty one, John Yeo, witnessed by Francis Hile, John Fry, William Reynolds.

**Footnote:** Although we have not found his service record, John may well have held a senior post, if as seems likely his Trustees were friends and peers. John Mompesson had a distinguished career with the 8th Regiment of Foot, serving in America and Germany. In 1766/1768 he served as Lieutenant Governor of the Isle of Wight. Smith Callis also had a distinguished career in the Royal Navy, and has a memorial in Bath Abbey.

**1771: 1st March** John Yeo was buried in Plymouth. The parish register states he was a Major in the Marines, and that he was buried in linen.

**1771 30th May** Probate proved and granted to Alice Yeo, widow and surviving executor to whom administration was granted. (PCC)

Notes for Alice Williams:

We have found no baptism for Alice, though if she was of full age at her presumed married ca 1748, she was born pre-1727. Alice was to bear him two sons and a daughter, and survived John by almost a decade. The Plymouth St Andrew parish register records the burial of Mrs Alice Yeo widow on 2 Jan 1780.

John Yeo and Alice Williams had the following children:

- i. WILLIAM<sup>7</sup> YEO was born on 25 May 1750 in Plymouth. He died on 14 Jun 1808 in Alverstoke, Gosport. He married Martha Duer, daughter of

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Edward Duer, on 05 Feb 1776 in Chichester, Sussex. She was born in 1761. She died in 1811 in Alverstoke, Gosport.

Notes for William Yeo:

**1750:** The Plymouth St Andrew parish register records the baptism of William Yeo on 25 May 1750.

**Abt 1760/1770:** At some point, probably in his teens, William followed his father into the Royal Navy which was to be his life-long career - as his father and grandfather. As with his father, we have been unable to discover any details of his naval record, and whether he might have joined as a “boy” or perhaps through purchasing a rank. We should note here that in 1775 William executed two property leases, the summary citations of which make no reference to a naval rank.

**1775:** The National Archives cites a record held by SWHT Devon in which William Yeo of Plymouth Esq executed a lease and release with William Clampit of Chagford on a property called Middlecott lying in South Teign. The record clearly sets out the lessor William’s immediate ancestry and establishes beyond any doubt he was the grandson of Admiral John Yeo. The record states the property was previously in the occupation of Thomas Clampit deceased, great uncle of the William Clampit, the lessor in the present lease. Middlecott/Middlecot must be the same property originally leased by William’s great grandfather William Yeo and grandfather John Yeo in 1706. (please see their respective personal notes). We might infer the property came down to William by inheritance, though it is **NOT** specifically referred to by name in any legacy in the wills of his father, grandfather or great grandfather. Note, Leasehold property was not very often quoted in wills at that time.

Scope & content: Lease & Release:

1. William Yeo of Plymouth esq. son and heir of John Yeo late of Plymouth Esq major in the Marines, deceased who was son and heir of John Yeo of Plymouth Esq Rear Admiral in the Navy deceased
2. William Clampit of Chagford, yeoman

Premises: one messuage known as Middlecott, lying in the manor of South Teign otherwise Hampton Week, formerly in the occupation of Thomas Clampit deceased, great uncle of 2, and now of 2.

Consideration: £160 (SWHT Devon doc refs 4930 B/C/T/50 & 51)

The Devon Heritage Centre holds the record of a separate lease executed

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by John in the same year for a property in Chagford, perhaps for other parcels of land which had come down to him by inheritance from his father and grandfather:

1. William Yeo of Plymouth
2. John Hooper of Chagford gentleman

Premises: Woodtown, Higher, Middle & Lower Woodpark Meadows and the Old Orchard. Consideration £80 (SWHT Devon 2157M/T/21 & 22)

**1776:** On 3 Feb 1776, William Yeo aged 24 bachelor of Plymouth was granted a licence by the Peculiar Jurisdiction of Canterbury to marry Martha Duer, aged 15 daughter of Edward Duer of All Saints, the Pallant with consent of her father. The marriage was duly solemnised at All Saints, Pallant, Chichester on 5 Feb 1776. (Source Familysearch England marriages 1538-1973 and Sussex OPC database).

#### **1781 16th April Will of William Yeo, Esquire of Plymouth, Devon**

This is the last will and testament of me William Yeo of the Borough of Plymouth in the County of Devon, Esquire Captain in the Royal Navy which I make publish and declare in manner and form following (that is to say) I give and bequeath all that my messuages or tenement Garden and Cartilage with the appurtances situate and lying within the said borough of Plymouth wherein I now live and of which I have lately purchased a leasehold term and termable upon the death of the survivor of three lives of Humphrey Hall, esquire unto George Anderson of Plymouth aforesaid Esquire & Major of Artillery and Tubal Lewis of the same & Gentleman for and during all such Estate term or Interest as shall be unexpired therein at the time of my death in trust nevertheless that they the said George Anderson and Tubal Lewis and their survivor of tem and the executors and administrators of such survivor shall and do permit and suffer my ever most dear and affectionate wife Martha Yeo and her assigns to have possess and enjoy the same for and during the term of her natural life and from and immediately after her death then upon trust and to and for the use and benefit of all and every such child and children in the Body of my said wife by and lawfully begotten as shall be then living and if more than one to be equally divided between them share and share alike and for default of such issue or in the case they shall all die in the lifetime of their mother without leaving any living issue at her death then upon this further trust and I do hereby give and bequeath my said leasehold messuages ,tenements and premises with the appurtances unto my dear sister Elizabeth Chudley Mackenzie now the wife of Thomas Mackenzie of the Royal Navy for and during 10

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in any years of the estate term or interest as shall then remain unexpired upon trust and to and after her death then to the benefit of her child and children in the same in aim as have before given the same to my own child or children and in default of such last mentioned issue or in case they shall all die in the lifetime of their said mother, Elizabeth Chudley MacKenzie without having issue living at her death then I give and bequeath my said trust leasehold messuage or tenements and premises with the appurtenances unto my dear relation Miss Jane Cambior youngest daughter of Admiral James Cambior her executors administrators and assigns and to for and upon us other use trust intent or purpose whatsoever and as to for and concerning all and singular my several messuage, lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises situate lying and being at or in Mutley in the tything of Weston Peverill otherwise Penny Cross in the said County of Devon and at Mount Gold within the parish of Charles within the said Borough of Plymouth and also my several fields or closes of land with the appurtenances situate lying and being within the said Borough of Plymouth and not let at will and in lease for lives together with all other the messuages lands tenements and hereditaments whereof or wherein I am seized of any estate or freehold or inheritance either in possession, reversion, remainder or expectancy situate lying and being in the Borough of Plymouth aforesaid or elsewhere in the County of Devon.

I give and devise the same and every part and parcel thereof with the appurtenances unto the said George Anderson and Tubal Lewis, their heirs and assigns for ever upon trust nevertheless and to and for the several uses, ends, intents and purposes here in after mentioned expressed and declare of and concerning the same that is to say, in trust that they the said George Anderson and Tubal Lewis and the survivor of them and the heirs and assigns of such survivor shall and do as soon after my decease as conveniently may be absolutely sell and dispose of all and singular my said messuages, lands, tenements hereditaments and freeholds estates so by me given and devised in trust as aforesaid either public ally or privately as they my said trustees or the survivor shall think fit for the best price or prices that can be had or gotten for the same and by and out of the monies arising by such sale and sales pay and apply in the first place so such and such part or parts thereof as shall be necessary in discharge and satisfaction the mortgage or the mortgages debts or incumbrances charges thereover or affecting the same and in the next place of all such other debts as I shall justly owe at the time of my death.

Together with my funeral charges attending the examination of this my will and the trusts hereby created and from and after full payment and

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### Generation 6 (cont.)

satisfaction thereof and of every part and parcel thereof then upon this further trust that they my said trustees and the survivor of them and the executors, administrators and assigns of such survivor shall and do put and place out the overplus or remainder of new trust monies which shall or may arise from new residue or remainder of my personal or testamentary estate hereinafter mentioned in the purchase of stock or annuities in the public funds or on private security or think fit and so alter the same as often thereof and pay the dividends interest or proceeds thereof and of every part thereof unto my said wife Martha Yeo and her assigns for and during her life in the same manner as this shall be by this my will entitled to hold and enjoy my said lease holds messuage or tenement and premises aforesaid and from and after her death then I give and bequeath all and singular my said trust monies in like manner unto such of her children by me in her body lawfully begotten as shall be then living in equal shares and proportions and in default of all such issue or in case they shall all dye without leaving issue living at there said mother's death then in trust to pay in like manner all the dividends interest or proceeds of my said trust monies unto my said sister Elizabeth Chudley Mackenzie and her assigns during her life and to pay the principal thereof unto such of their child or children or their issue in equal shares and proportions as shall be living at her death in the same manner as the same is as to be paid to my own child or children or their issue and in default of all such last mentioned issue then upon further trust and I do hereby give and bequeath all my said trust monies and every part thereof unto the said Jane Gambier her executors administrators and assigns and to and or no other use must intent or purpose whatsoever provided always an my will is and I do hereby declare and direct that the receipt or receipts of the said George Anderson and Tubal Lewis or the survivor of them or the heirs and assigns of each survivor for the money or monies arising by such sale or sales of my freehold estate so to be made as aforesaid shall be full and sufficient discharge and discharges to the person or persons who shall be full and sufficient or persons who shall become the purchaser or purchasers thereof and that such purchaser or purchasers from and after payment of his her or their purchase money or monies shall be absolutely acquitted there from and shall not be obliged to look to the application thereof or be answerable or non application thereof of any part or parcel thereof any thing in this my will contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding and as to all my household goods, furniture, plate, linen and china.

I give and bequeath the same unto the said George Anderson and Tubal Lewis their executors administrators and assigns. In trust to pass and go

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along with my said dwelling house and premises and to from time to time held used and enjoyed therewith by the person or persons who shall from time to time be in the possession thereof under and by virtue of the trusts and limitations aforesaid they my said trustees or the survivor of them his executors administrators or assigns taking an inventory of such household goods furniture plate linen and china as soon after my death as possible in order that the same may be ascertained and preserved for the uses and trusts aforesaid and see the rest residue and remainder of my goods chattels and other personal estate and moveable effects except my said wife Martha Yeo's full paraphernalia and the jewels, rings and other ornaments of her person which I desire may be given up to her.

I also give and bequeath unto my said trustees their executors administrators and assigns In trust to be sold or converted into ready money, and such monies to be by them placed out in the same manner and to be upon the same trusts, and to be paid and applied to and for the same uses and purposes as the residuum of my other trust monies arising from the sale of my freehold estate and the interest dividends or proceeds thereof is and are to be paid and applied and to and for no other use or purpose whatsoever and I do direct that my said trustees shall not be answerable for the acts or receipts of the other of them but each of them for his own acts and receipts only in or for any loss that may happen in my trust monies or estate unless the same happen through their willful neglect or default and lastly I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint the said George Anderson and Tubal Lewis sole executors in trust of this my will hereby revoking all former and other will or wills by me at any time or times hereto before made declaring this only to be my last will and testament In witness I have to this my will written upon four sheets of paper set my hand to the bottom of the said first sheets thereof and my hand and seal to the bottom of the last sheet thereof this sixteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty one. Signed William Yeo. Witnesses Elizabeth Gard, Benj Pardon.

We should note here that the authors have been unable to determine with certainty the identity of “my dear relation Jane Gambier youngest daughter of Admiral James Gambier” referred to in William’s will. Jane, the sister of William’s mother Alice was married to John Mompesson, the latter being a trustee of the will of William’s father John Yeo. Vice-Admiral James Gambier (1723-1789) was a Royal Navy officer who went on to be Commander-in-Chief, North American Station. He became Rear-Admiral of the Red from seniority in 1778 ie shortly before William Yeo made his will. James Gambier married three times - his

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second wife being Jane Mompesson, daughter of the said John Mompesson. Gambier's wife was thus William's first cousin. Jane bore Gambier a daughter Jane, who is probably the "dear relation" referred to in William's will.

**1795:** As will be seen from his will, William was appointed to take command of the naval hospital at Haslar. It might be thought this was perhaps a sinecure after long service, but a source identified by Martyn Yeo suggests this was more likely a position of significant importance.

The history of the Royal Hospital in Haslar dates from 1745 when plans for a hospital were put to King George II. It was to be one of three hospitals to provide care for sailors of the Royal Fleet. Construction probably started at the end of that decade, but the building was still incomplete in 1753 when the Admiralty ordered that the first hundred patients be admitted - for context, this same year saw the publication of the "Treatise of the Scurvy" by James Lind, who would later become Chief Physician at Haslar, the treatment of which sickness would revolutionise healthcare among mariners.

Although Lind suggested that Haslar would be the largest hospital in Europe when finished, insufficient accommodation was to be a problem for over 100 years. Built to hold 1500 patients, by 1758 1800 had to be accommodated. Unfortunately, the hospital was to suffer from mis-management and malfeasance in office of certain leaders. As a result of complaints by the Executive Captains of the Navy, the Admiralty was forced to act. The Privy Council ordered two major investigations in 1780 and in 1794.

As a result, on 26 August 1795 Naval Commanding Officer Captain William Yeo was appointed to take command of Haslar assisted by two lieutenants, an arrangement which lasted until the end of the 19th century. We have not identified a date when William completed his service there - in fact from his obituary (see below), it appears he died while still in office. After many re-organisations the Royal Hospital Haslar finally closed in 2009 after 256 years of history & service. (Source: Birbeck E 2011; The Royal Hospital Haslar: From Lind to the 21st Century. JLL Bulletin: Commentaries on the history of treatment evaluation. [www.jameslindlibrary.org](http://www.jameslindlibrary.org) )

**1808** William died at the hospital on the 14th June at which he had served as Governor, aged only about 53. His passing was recorded as follows:

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*'On the 14th June at the Royal Hospital at Haslar, William Yeo, being governor of that institution, and one of the captains of His Majesty's Navy on the superannuated list'. [Obituary from the Naval Chronicle, vol. XIX, p.515, quoted in Mary Yeo papers MFC 165-2 frame 98]*

The Authors of this report have been unable to find his burial record. Is it possible he left his body to the hospital for research?

**1808** 30th June, Probate proved for William Yeo, Esq. then late Governor of the Royal Hospital at Hasler, near Gosport, Southampton, and admin granted to George Anderson and Tubal Lewis.(PCC)

Footnote: We should remark here that in previous research on this line, Sheila Yeo suggested that William & Martha had a son Henry born ca 1777, who moved to Dublin where he married Martha Byrne in 1808. The present authors have undertaken a detailed review of the Irish records and contend that it is more likely that Henry was the son of Henry Yeo, carpenter who received the Freedom of the City of Dublin in 1770.

A report on our Yeo Family in Ireland can be found here

<http://yeoonline.net/a-yeo-family-of-ireland/>

Notes for Martha Duer:

Martha Yeo of Hasler, Hants, Widow - 1811

I Martha Yeo, widow of William Yeo, Esq. Late governor of the Royal Hospital at Haslar in the county of Hampshire do make published this my last will and testament in manner following first I desire that my Exors hereinafter named to pay all my just debts & funeral expenses, whatsoever Sum may then remain I direct lthat it shall be disposed of as follows namely

I give & bequeath to my sister the sum of twenty pounds which I wish to be considered as a token that I sincerely forgive any injury she may have intended to do me & that I feel no resentment towards her I give and bequeath to such female servant as may be living with me at the time of my death provided she shall at the time have command in my service for six months previous to my decease the sum of ten pounds and such of

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my wearing apparel my exors may deem proper this sum I mean of course to be over & above the wages that may be due to her

I give to my friend Mrs Kenyon, wife of Samuel Kenyon of Colleton Crosswell, Exeter my point lace which is packed up & sealed & endorsed with Mrs Kenyon's name.

I give to my friend Mr. Samuel Kenyon my eider down quilts as a token of my remembrance

I give to my friends Miss Ethel Benett & Miss Hannah Benett & Miss Elizabeth Goodenough a box of my most valuable cloaths which are to be divided among them in such way as they may best approve and deride on among themselves

I give to Mrs Hannah Benett aforesaid my Gold thimble which was given me by my late departed friend Captain James Moir

I give to my friend Mrs Purston of Hareham the gold chain which my nephew John Mitten brought me from Venice.

I give to Miss Ethel Benett aforesaid all my old china and I direct that the new set of china shall be sold.

I also direct that the four dozen of Madeira Wine at present in the possession of Mrs Ann Holloway at Haslar hospital shall if not previously consumed or disposed of be sold, the linen & plate left under the care of Mrs Ann Holloway aforesaid of which an extra amount will be found in my writing box as they may be useful to my three nephews, John Mitten, William Mitten & Rolland Mitten. I direct that they shall be divided into three equal shares according to value & if any one of my nephews wishes to have the proportion belonging to another I recommend that the proportion may be given up on payment of the value to the one so resigning his share whatsoever sum the articles mentioned to be sold may produce with all the rest & residue of my property of every kind not already disposed of I give & bequeath to my three nephews aforesaid John Mitten, William Mitten & Rowland Mitten or such of them as maybe living at my death their heirs, exors and admors forever but I take this occasion of mentioning my earnest wish that my nephews may be able & incline to raise among them such a sum of money as may be sufficient to place out their sister as an apprentice to some respectable business.

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Lastly I do appoint and constitute my friends Mr Samuel Kenyon & Mr Stephen Dorall of Highgate my Exors of this my last will & testament In witness wareof I have signed, sealed the same this 30th day of Jan in the year of our Lord, 1809. Martha Yeo (SS) Signed, Sealed published & declared by the testatrix as her last will & testament in the presence of us who at her request have signed our names as witnesses, John Weaver, Agnes Wakeham, servants to Mr Kenyon Proved at London, 4th July 1811 (PCC)

- ii. JOHN YEO was born on 17 Apr 1752 in Plymouth St Andrew.

Notes for John Yeo:

**1752:** The Plymouth St Andrew parish register records the baptism of John Yeo on 17 April 1752. Somewhat surprisingly for the son of a prominent naval officer, we find no further record for John in a career, marriage or burial.

- iii. ELIZABETH CHUDLEIGH YEO was born on 09 Oct 1756 in Plymouth. She died on 05 May 1837 in Walcot [Nr Bath]. She married Thomas Mackenzie on 18 May 1780 in Plymouth.

Notes for Elizabeth Chudleigh Yeo:

The Plymouth St Andrew parish register records the baptism on 9 Oct 1756 of Elizabeth Chudleigh, daughter of Jno & Alice Yeo. We find no indication of how she came by this unusual middle name - Chudleigh being a village about 5 miles north of Newton Abbot.

29. **WILLIAM BURD<sup>6</sup> EVANS** (William<sup>5</sup>, Frances<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born on 04 Apr 1742 in Cullompton, Devon. He died about 1814. He married Sarah Pream, daughter of William Pream and Sarah, on 04 Nov 1778 in Ottery St Mary, Devon. She was born on 31 Dec 1752 in Ottery St Mary, Devon.

Notes for William Burd Evans:

**1778:** William Burd Evans, Mercer of Ottery St Mary swore an oath seeking a marriage licence for his marriage to Sarah Pream spinster also of Ottery St Mary, confirming both were in their majority, not related to one another within the degree prohibited, and that William had his usual place of abode in Ottery St Mary for “four weeks and upwards immediately preceding the date hereof”. William and Robert Dare of Ottery St Mary, sergemaker, jointly executed a bond in the sum of £500 to John, Bishop of Exeter for the issue of the marriage licence. The marriage was solemnised in Ottery St Mary on 4 Nov 1778. Sarah was to bear him seven children, all born in Ottery St Mary and all baptised at the Non Conformist Independent Chapel there.

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**1810/1814:** William Burd Evans made his will on 21 April 1810. The opening reads “To prevent my houses and lands becoming the property of my oldest son I make this my last will that there (sic) value after my decease shall be estimated and all be divided equally between our seven children”. The Testator stated that their three oldest children had previously received £250, and the other four were to have the same. He directed that son Samuel was to receive £300 more than his siblings as he had lived with his parents and had “not so much money expended on him or for him”. He also directed that if his “dear wife” should give up her jointure, then she should receive £130 yearly for life - and stated that she should make her own will to divide her estate equally between their children. The Testator appointed his wife as Trustee along with his two cousins William Evans of Axminster and Richard Evans of Exeter, and (John ??) Clyde son-in-law of Exeter. The will was witnessed by Wm Coles, Ann Brooks and Mary Burow.

The Testator evidently struck through and/or annotated parts of his will, for which Sarah Clyde spinster and Ann Brooks swore on oath to be the Testator’s own handwriting. The will was proved in London on 14 Dec 1814 by Sarah Evans widow the relict, the other executors William Evans, Richard Evans and Jonathan Lavington Clyde (having renounced ??)

William evidently died between 1810 and 1814, though we have found no burial record for him - nor for his widow Sarah. Since the baptisms of their children clearly show their adherence to a non-conformist congregation, we might infer they were buried at a local chapel whose burial records have not survived.

Notes for Sarah Peream:

**1752/3:** Sarah was the daughter of William Peream and his wife Sarah. She was born in Ottery St Mary on 31 Dec 1752, and baptised at the Independent Chapel there on 21 Jan 1753.

William Burd Evans and Sarah Peream had the following children:

- i. MARY<sup>7</sup> EVANS was born on 05 Sep 1779 in Ottery St Mary, Devon.
- ii. SARAH EVANS was born on 07 Apr 1782 in Ottery St Mary, Devon.
- iii. WILLIAM EVANS was born on 10 Jan 1784 in Ottery St Mary, Devon.
34. iv. LAVINGTON EVANS was born on 25 Jun 1785 in Ottery St Mary, Devon. He died on 12 Mar 1864 in Bristol. He married MARY SPARKE. She was born in 1795 in Ashburton, Devon.
- v. SAMUEL EVANS was born on 16 Sep 1787 in Ottery St Mary, Devon.
- vi. JOHN EVANS was born on 19 Jul 1789 in Ottery St Mary, Devon.

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vii. RICHARD EVANS was born on 08 May 1791 in Ottery St Mary, Devon.

30. **DAVID<sup>6</sup> YAW** (John<sup>5</sup> Yow, John<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born on 02 Jun 1721 in Bickington, Devon. He died on 30 Jul 1800 in St Marychurch, Devon. He married Mary JESSOP, daughter of Jacob Jessop and Mary Tamlyn, on 27 Sep 1756 in St Marychurch, Devon. She was born on 05 Nov 1736 in Torbryan, Devon. She died between 1783-1791.

Notes for David Yaw:

**1721:** The Bickington parish register has a clear record of the baptism on 2 June 1721 of David, son of John - the surname rendered as Yaw. The record gives no mother's name, nor residence of the father. In the earlier research by Peter Kelly and Sheila Yeo, it appears they did not identify the marriage of David's parents John and Grace Kater - it may be that this record was simply not in the public domain at the time of their research. This marriage record has proved to be a key discovery in our research.

Two pieces of circumstantial evidence provide context to this record. One lies in the geographical proximity of the parishes where baptisms, marriages and burials - from Wolborough via Bovey Tracey to Highweek and Bickington, and as will be seen thence to St Marychurch, all separated by no more than a few miles. A second piece lies in the recurrence of certain forenames chosen by David & Mary for their children suggesting a continuity from previous generations, in particular Grace, the name of David's mother and his father's sister; Jacob, David's brother and Mary Jessop's father; and Christopher, father of David's mother Grace. Coupled with our extensive database this gives us the confidence to connect the descendants of William Yeo and Agnes Saverie and the ancestors of David Yaw and Mary Jessop into the single family tree presented in this volume.

**1756:** The parish register of St. Marychurch, Devon records the marriage between David Yaw of this parish and Mary Jessup, sojourner in this parish. Banns were published 25th July and 1st & 8th August, and the marriage was solemnized on 27th September 1756 by J.A. Salter, vicar. Groom and bride both signed with their mark. Witnesses were Samuel Tozer and Elnor Jessup - the later perhaps a sister of the bride. St Marychurch lies on the coast about 12 miles south-east of David's birthplace of Bickington. Mary's birthplace Torbryan lies about 5 miles south of Bickington, and about 8 miles from St Marychurch.

**1800:** The St Marychurch parish register has a credible record for the burial of David Yeo on 30 July 1800 - we also find probable burials there of his wife and daughter. (see notes for wife Mary below). Unfortunately, after a Visitation the previous month, the register ceased to include the ages of the deceased, which would have helped in validating this record. If this is indeed the match for David's burial he was about 79 at death.

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Notes for Mary JESSOP:

**1736:** The Torbryan parish register records the baptism of Mary daughter of Jacob Jessup on 5 Nov 1736. Her father married Mary Tamlyn at Torbryan on 19 May 1730

**1756:** David and Mary were married in St Marychurch on 27 September when Mary was probably just below the age of majority. She was to bear David nine children.

**1783/1791:** We find two credible but not conclusive burial records for Mary in St Marychurch - Mary Yeo on 4 Aug 1783 and Mary Yaw on 31 Jan 1791. We might speculate these are the burials of David's wife and of his daughter Mary born 1761 - though with no ages at death recorded in the register, we cannot determine which is which

David Yaw and Mary JESSOP had the following children:

35. i. WILLIAM<sup>7</sup> YAW was born on 31 Jul 1757 in St Marychurch, Devon. He died on 14 Nov 1844 in St Marychurch, Devon. He married Mary GREGORY on 04 Apr 1779 in St Marychurch, Devon.
36. ii. JOHN YAW was born on 06 Sep 1759 in St Marychurch, Devon. He died on 15 Jul 1818 in Woodbury, Devon. He married Jenepher aka Jenny JONES alias EDYVEAN on 08 Jun 1788 in Withycombe Raleigh, Devon. She died on 09 Jun 1807 in Littleham, Exmouth, Devon.
- iii. MARY YAW was born on 10 Sep 1761 in St Marychurch, Devon. She died between 1783-1791.

Notes for Mary YAW:

Mary d/o David **YEOW** baptised 10th Sep 1761 at St Marychurch

**1783/1791:** We have found no marriage record for Mary. We find two credible burial but not conclusive records for Mary in St Marychurch - Mary Yeo on 4 Aug 1783 and Mary Yaw on 31 Jan 1791. We might speculate these are the burials of David's wife and of his daughter Mary born 1761 - though with no ages at death recorded in the register, we cannot determine which is which.

- iv. GRACE YAW was born on 06 Sep 1764 in St Marychurch, Devon. She married James Surfleyn on 25 Dec 1789 in St Marychurch, Devon.

Notes for Grace YAW:

**1764** Grace d/o **Davy YEO** baptised 6 Sept 1764 at St Marychurch. We

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might speculate that Grace was named after David's mother Grace nee Kater who died in 1731

**1789:** The St Marychurch parish register records the marriage by banns on Christmas Day, 25 Dec 1789 of James Surfle (surname not quite clear) sojourner, occupation labourer and Grace Yaw of this parish. Groom and bride both signed with their mark. Witnesses were John Hooper and Samuel Waymouth. Could Samuel be related to Mary Waymouth who married William Yeo in 1760 also at St Marychurch (William was Grace's 4th cousin)

Notes for James Surfle:  
Surname suspect

37. v. ELEANOR YAW was born on 15 Mar 1767 in St Marychurch, Devon. She married John HUDDER on 19 Feb 1787 in St Marychurch, Devon. He was born in Dartmouth, Devon.
38. vi. JACOB YAW was born on 30 Mar 1769 in St Marychurch, Devon. He died on 23 Dec 1819 in St Marychurch, Devon. He married Anne COLWELL on 02 Jan 1794 in Tormohan, Devon. She was born about 1749. She died on 14 May 1816.
- vii. DAVID YAW was born on 23 Jan 1772 in St Marychurch, Devon. He died on 02 Feb 1772 in St Marychurch, Devon.

Notes for David YAW:

**1772** David s/o David & Mary **YOW** baptised 23 Jan 1772 buried 2 Feb 1772 at St Marychurch

39. viii CHRISTOPHER YAW was born on 04 Jul 1773 in St Marychurch, Devon. He died on 19 Nov 1846 in St. Marychurch, Devon. He married Mary GIBSON on 05 Sep 1826 in Woodbury, Devon. She died in 1837 in Newton Abbot Reg District.
40. ix. DAVID YEA was born on 26 Feb 1778 in St Marychurch, Devon. He married Mary ELLIOTT on 21 Jan 1801 in East Ogwell, Devon.

### Generation 7

31. **GEORGE<sup>7</sup> YEO** (William<sup>6</sup>, George<sup>5</sup>, George<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) was born on 17 Nov 1775 in St Marychurch, Devon. He died on 22 Jan 1862 in Ipplepen, Devon. He married Mary Sharland on 16 Sep 1802 in Denbury, Devon. She was born on 02 Sep 1773 in West Ogwell, Devon. She died on 18 Mar 1857 in Ipplepen, Devon.

Notes for George Yeo:

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### Generation 7 (cont.)

**1841** census: We find a possible match for George Yeo 65 Agricultural Labourer living with wife Mary 65 and son John 25 all born in county and living at Coominteignhead

**1851** Census Haccombe & Combeinteignhead Newton Abbot. George YEO Head M 77 M Greenwich Pensioner St Mary Church Mary YEO Wife 76 F---West Ogwell.

His descendants in the U.S.A have him as having fought under Lord Nelson at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805.

**1861** census for Broadhempston shows George as a Greenwich pensioner, Wid-88 M b St Marychurch and as a lodger at the residence of John Fletcher, farmer of Ipplepen. His place of abode on the burial entry is shown as Broadhempston, so it is likely that after the death of his wife in 1857, he found lodgings with John Fletcher, who was most likely his daughter in law's brother.

Notes for Mary Sharland:

Mary was the daughter of Roger and Elizabeth Sharland.

George Yeo and Mary Sharland had the following children:

41. i. GEORGE<sup>8</sup> YEO was born on 01 May 1803 in Abbotskerswell, Devon. He died on 14 Jan 1884 in Torquay, Devon. He married (1) ELIZABETH NICKELLS DREATON on 18 Jun 1830 in St Marychurch, Devon. She was born in 1799 in St Marychurch, Devon. She died on 30 Jan 1834 in St Marychurch, Devon. He married (2) ELIZABETH FLETCHER on 17 Nov 1834 in Ipplepen, Devon. She was born on 06 Jun 1811 in Ipplepen, Devon. She died in Dec 1876 in Tormoham, Devon. He married (3) ELIZA MORGAN in Mar 1882 in Torquay, Devon. She was born on 23 Oct 1823. She died on 29 Oct 1900 in Torquay, Devon.
42. ii. JOHN YEO was born on 02 Apr 1815 in Wolborough, Devon. He died between 1861-1871. He married Mary Ann Warren in 1842 in Newton Abbot Reg District. She was born on 25 Mar 1821 in Ipplepen, Devon. She died on 27 Feb 1903 in Torquay, Devon.
- iii. WILLIAM YEO was born on 02 Jun 1816 in Wolborough, Devon.

Notes for William Yeo:

The Wolborough parish register has a clear record of the baptism on 2 June 1816 of William, son of George & Mary their surname recorded as "Yew". George's occupation was given as Mariner and residence Newton Abbot.

We have found no other records for William

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32. **THOMAS<sup>7</sup> LUCE** (Anne<sup>6</sup> Knighton, Agnes<sup>5</sup> Yeo, George<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, William<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born on 29 Nov 1745. He died on 14 Feb 1799 in Saltash. Cornwall. He married Ann Eleanor Bentley on 06 Dec 1767 in Saltash. Cornwall. She died on 27 Feb 1825 in Saltash. Cornwall.

Notes for Thomas Luce:

**1794:** Thomas Luce of Saltash, Carpenter on HM Ship Ganges made his will on 5 April 1794, with a codicil added two days later. The details of the distribution of his modest assets need not detain us - suffice to note here that he had a home, other property and assets and an unusually detailed will considering his modest station in life. He appointed Jewell Doidge and William Trail (his son-in-law) as Trustees for the execution of his will and distribution of legacies to his six sons and five daughters. Thomas' will was proved in London on 7 April 1799 by William Trail, the surviving Executor appointed in the will.

Thomas and Ann also had the following children besides Mary, all born in Saltash

- ii Sarah Luce b 22 Oct 1769. She married William Trail of Stoke Damerel
- iii Ann Luce b 26 June 1771
- iv James Luce b 8 Dec 1773
- v Margaret Luce b 1 Feb 1776
- vi Henry Luce b 26 Apr 1782 (triplet ??)
- vii John Luce b 26 Apr 1782 (Triplet ??)
- viii Thomas Luce b 26 Apr 1782 (triplet ??)
- ix Francis Luce (son) b 20 Feb 1784
- x William Luce b 7 Jun 1786
- xi Elizabeth Luce b 13 Jun 1790

Thomas Luce and Ann Eleanor Bentley had the following child:

43. i. **MARY<sup>8</sup> LUCE** was born on 10 Apr 1768 in Saltash. Cornwall. She died on 30 Jan 1815 in Saltash. Cornwall. She married John Rowe on 01 Apr 1788 in Saltash. Cornwall. He was born about 1753. He died on 08 Feb

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## Generation 7 (cont.)

1837 in Saltash. Cornwall.

33. **HENRY<sup>7</sup> DRAKE** (John<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Ann<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born on 09 Nov 1745 in Barnstaple, Devon. He married Anne Hammett on 20 Oct 1771 in Clovelly, Devon.

Notes for Henry Drake:

1771 Henry Drake and Miss Ann Hammett were married by licence in Clovelly on 20 Oct 1771. Henry was recorded as the Town Clerk of Barnstaple. The witnesses were Zachary Hammett and Mary Hammett.

Henry Drake and Anne Hammett had the following children:

- i. ANN<sup>8</sup> DRAKE was born on 12 Apr 1774 in Barnstaple, Devon.
- ii. HENRY DRAKE was born on 12 Nov 1775 in Barnstaple, Devon. He died before 1781.
- iii. ZACHARY HAMMETT DRAKE was born on 05 Sep 1777 in Barnstaple, Devon.
- iv. JOHN DRAKE was born on 05 Oct 1779 in Barnstaple, Devon.
- v. HENRY DRAKE was born on 22 Jun 1781 in Barnstaple, Devon.

Notes for Henry Drake:

- vi. ELIZABETH DRAKE was born on 19 Apr 1784 in Barnstaple, Devon.
- vii. RICHARD DRAKE was born on 17 Feb 1786 in Barnstaple, Devon.
44. viii WILLIAM DRAKE was born on 27 Jul 1787 in Barnstaple, Devon. He died on 09 Jun 1821 in St Andrews, Holborn, London. He married Frances Lincoln, daughter of Robert Lincoln, on 13 Aug 1816 in Reading, Berks. She died on 10 Jan 1855 in Reading, Berks.
- ix. CHARLES DRAKE was born on 30 Mar 1789 in Barnstaple, Devon.
- x. GEORGE DRAKE was born on 11 May 1792 in Barnstaple, Devon.

34. **LAVINGTON<sup>7</sup> EVANS** (William Burd<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, Frances<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born on 25 Jun 1785 in Ottery St Mary, Devon. He died on 12 Mar 1864 in Bristol. He married **MARY SPARKE**. She was born in 1795 in Ashburton, Devon.

Notes for Lavington Evans:

Lavington was born 25 June 1785 and baptised 17 July 1785 in the Independent Non-conformist Chapel.

He left a will in 1864 with probate granted in Bristol to his relict Mary. Effects under

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Lavington Evans and Mary Sparke had the following child:

i. PETER FABYAN SPARKE<sup>8</sup> EVANS was born in 1827 in Ashburton, Devon.

35. **WILLIAM<sup>7</sup> YAW** (David<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup> Yow, John<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born on 31 Jul 1757 in St Marychurch, Devon. He died on 14 Nov 1844 in St Marychurch, Devon. He married Mary GREGORY on 04 Apr 1779 in St Marychurch, Devon.

Notes for William YAW:

**1757** William s/o David **YAW** baptised 31 July 1757 at St Marychurch

**1841** census: William - his surname recorded as Yea - aged 80 (ages in this census were typically rounded down) occupation Quarryman born in Devon was living at Barton, St Marychurch. There is no entry for his wife who had probably pre-deceased him.

**1844:** The GRO records the death of William - his surname transcribed as Yen - in Newton Abbot district in 1844 Q4 aged 87. The St Marychurch parish register records the burial of William Yeo aged 87 on 14 Nov 1844.

William YAW and Mary GREGORY had the following child:

i. SUSANNA<sup>8</sup> YEA was born on 06 Nov 1789 in St Marychurch, Devon. She died on 26 Feb 1791 in St Marychurch, Devon.

36. **JOHN<sup>7</sup> YAW** (David<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup> Yow, John<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born on 06 Sep 1759 in St Marychurch, Devon. He died on 15 Jul 1818 in Woodbury, Devon. He married Jenepher aka Jenny JONES alias EDYVEAN on 08 Jun 1788 in Withycombe Raleigh, Devon. She died on 09 Jun 1807 in Littleham, Exmouth, Devon.

Notes for John Yaw:

**1759** John s/o David **YEO** baptised 6th Sep 1759 at St Marychurch

**1788** 8th June married by licence as John Yea of Marychurch and Jenny Jones, widow. Note John's surname mis-transcribed on FMP as "Gaw".

**1818** John was buried in Woodbury as John **YEA** he died 15 Jul. 1818 aged 60

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## Generation 7 (cont.)

Notes for Jenepher aka Jenny JONES alias EDYVEAN:

Jenepher aka Jenny maiden name Edyvean was the widow of Thomas Jones, who she married by licence on 5 Jan 1782 in Stoke Damerel. At their marriage Thomas was recorded as late the Captain's servant aboard HMS Terrible. We find a possible match for her burial as Jane Yeo in Littleham, Exmouth on 9 June 1807, her residence cited as Woodbury, where John died in 1818 and may be where one of her sons lived. Woodbury, Withycombe Raleigh and Littleham are all within a few miles of each other

John Yaw and Jenepher aka Jenny JONES alias EDYVEAN had the following children:

45. i. WILLIAM<sup>8</sup> YEA was born on 12 Mar 1789 in Withycombe Raleigh, Devon. He died on 22 Mar 1863 in Torquay, Devon. He married Eleanor PARNELL, daughter of John Parnell and Elisabeth, on 06 Feb 1816 in Kingskerswell, Devon. She was born on 31 Aug 1789 in Marlton, Devon. She died on 18 Mar 1851 in Tormoham, Devon.
46. ii. THOMAS YEA was born on 31 Oct 1790 in Withycombe Raleigh, Devon. He died in 1869 in Woodbury, Devon. He married Elizabeth COCKERAM, daughter of John Buncombe and Mary Cockeram, on 20 May 1830 in Woodbury, Devon. She was born on 25 Mar 1798 in East Budleigh, Devon. She died in 1860 in St Thomas Reg District, Devon.
47. iii. JAMES YEA was born on 08 Apr 1795 in Woodbury, Devon. He died on 01 Nov 1868 in Woodbury, Devon. He married (1) MARGARET WATKINS on 29 May 1839 in St Thomas Woodbury, Devon. She was born on 11 May 1817 in Woodbury, Devon. She died on 13 Aug 1842 in Woodbury, Devon. He married (2) ELIZABETH PARSONS on 23 Nov 1845 in St. Sidwell, Exeter, Devon. She was born about 1807 in Jacobstowe, Devon. She died in 1886 in Woodbury, Devon.
37. ELEANOR<sup>7</sup> YAW (David<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup> Yow, John<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born on 15 Mar 1767 in St Marychurch, Devon. She married John HUDDER on 19 Feb 1787 in St Marychurch, Devon. He was born in Dartmouth, Devon.

Notes for Eleanor YAW:

**1767** Elnor d/o David YAW baptised 15 Mar 1767

Notes for John HUDDER:

At his marriage John was described as a Mariner from Dartmouth

John HUDDER and Eleanor YAW had the following child:

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## Generation 7 (cont.)

i. JOHN<sup>8</sup> HUDDER.

Notes for John HUDDER:

In his will of 1847 Christopher Yea left a bequest of £20 to his nephew John Hudder - son of his sister Eleanor Hudder - with the further direction that his Trustee should let out Christopher's lime kilns to the nephew.

38. **JACOB<sup>7</sup> YAW** (David<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup> Yow, John<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born on 30 Mar 1769 in St Marychurch, Devon. He died on 23 Dec 1819 in St Marychurch, Devon. He married Anne COLWELL on 02 Jan 1794 in Tormohan, Devon. She was born about 1749. She died on 14 May 1816.

Notes for Jacob YAW:

**1769** Jacob s/o David & Mary **YOW** baptised 30 Mar 1769 at St Marychurch. We might speculate that Jacob was named after his father's younger brother Jacob, or his mother's father Jacob Jessup.

**1819** Jacob surname recorded as **YEA** was buried in St Marychurch on 23 Dec 1819 aged 50, his residence cited as Barton.

Jacob YAW and Anne COLWELL had the following child:

48. i. **SUSANNAH<sup>8</sup> YEA** was born on 27 Feb 1795 in St Marychurch, Devon. She married James BEARD on 27 Apr 1819 in St Marychurch, Devon. He was born in Jan 1793 in Holne, Devon. He died on 28 Mar 1879.
39. **CHRISTOPHER<sup>7</sup> YAW** (David<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup> Yow, John<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born on 04 Jul 1773 in St Marychurch, Devon. He died on 19 Nov 1846 in St. Marychurch, Devon. He married Mary GIBSON on 05 Sep 1826 in Woodbury, Devon. She died in 1837 in Newton Abbot Reg District.

Notes for Christopher Yaw:

**1773** Christopher s/o David & Mary **YOW** baptised 4 July 1773 at St Marychurch. This is the first occasion we find this forename in this branch of the Yeo family. We might speculate that he was named after Christopher Kater, David's maternal grandfather

**1841** census: Christopher Yea aged 60 occupation Farmer was living at Mattocks, Woodbury, Devon with his daughter Mary Jane aged 13. (His wife had already died) Living with them were John Manley 20 and Joseph Gooding 15, both man-servants. All four listed were born in Devon.

**Will of Christopher Yea of Woodbury, Devon, Yeoman - 1847**

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### Generation 7 (cont.)

This is the last Will and Testament of me **Christopher Yea** of Woodbury in the county of Devon Yeoman. I give to my sister **Eleanor Hudder** the sum of Forty shillings. I give my nephew **John Hudder** the sum of Twenty four pounds and I request my Trustee hereinafter named to let my said nephew my Lime Kilns at Saint Mary Church in the County of Devon together with the right of Common belonging thereto for a term of seven years at he rent of Eight pounds per annum he paying all the outgoing payable in respect thereof and a proper lease to be signed by my said nephew to be prepared at the expense of my Estate. I give to my servant **James Haines** Thirty shillings. To **Mary Harris** my nurse Twenty shillings. To **Tommy Moore** an old servant of mine Twenty shillings. To **Anne Stevens** my Great Niece Twenty shillings. To **Susanne Stevens** her daughter I give ten shillings to be placed in the Savings Bank at Exeter until she attains twenty one years of age and then paid to her with the accumulated Interest therein provided she lives to attain Twenty one. And I direct my trustees to receive from **Samuel Gibbs** who owes me twenty pounds on Mortgage Interst after the rate of two pounds and ten shillings per cent Interest instead of Five pounds per Cent which he now pays me an also to receive the same Rate of Interest from his wife in case she should survive him, such reduced interest to continue during the lifetime of the said **Samuel Gibbs** and his said wife should they so long require the said money to remain on the said mortgage. And I direct the said Legacies to be paid within three calendar months after my death. All the residue of my Property real and personal I give and bequeath unto my Friends **Rees Charles Price** of Lympston in Devon Surgeon and **Elias Blackler** of Maidencombe in the Parish of Stokeinteignhead Yeoman their heirs Executors Administrators and assigns according to the nature and quality of the several properties upon trust for my daughter **Mary Jane Holdsworth Yea** for her sole use during her natural life separate and apart from any husband she should happen to marry and not to be subject to his Debts Control Interference or intermeddling and the Receipts of my said Daughter alone for the Income to be good and sufficient discharges to my Trustees from time to time and after the decease of my said daughter upon trust for all her children who shall live to attain the age of Twenty one years as tenants in common And in case my daughter shall die without leaving any children or Child or in the case of leaving such and then his or her afterward dying under the said age then upon trust for such person or persons for such Estate or Estates Interest and purpose as she my said Daughter shall by her Will or any codicil thereto give or dispose of the same and for want thereof then my real Estate I give to my said nephew **John Hudder** and my personal estate to my next of kin. Provided and I give full power to my Trustees to sell all or any part of my said Real and Personal Estate at their discretion and to receive the purchase money and give receipts for the same and which shall discharge the purchase from all liability to see to the application thereof. And I declare that in the event of either of my said Trustees dying declining or refusing to act in the said Trusts before the same shall be performed it shall be lawful for my said Daughter if living and if not then for the surviving or continuing Trustee to appoint any other person or persons to act in the

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name of the Trustee or Trustees so dying declining or refusing to act and thereinformy said Trust estate shall be conveyed and assigned to such new Trustees or Trustee jointly with the continuing or surviving Trustee if any and if none then in such new Trustees only land I give to my Nephew **Thomas Yea** the sum of twenty shillings to be paid in three months from my death And I appoint the said **Rees Charles Price** and **Elias Blackler** Executors fo my Will and Guardian of my said Daughter during her minority and I declare that they may deduct and allow to each other all reasonable charges for their journies and all expenses incurred therein and all other reasonable costs and expenses to be incurred in the Executing of the Trusts of this my Will and I evoke all former Wills I have heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand an seal this Fourth day of January 1845. The mark and X seal of the said **Christopher Yea** Signed in the presence of us who being all present together at the same time With the said **Christopher Yea** have hereto set our names as Witnesses thereto And to the acknowledgement by him that the same contains his last Will and Testament the alteration in the fifth and sixth lines from the top having been first made.**John Hogdon** of Exeter, Attorney ,Nicholas Hardy, James Glanville. Proved 31st May 1847 in the Principal Registry of the Lord Bishop of Exeter by **Rees Charles Price** and **Elias Blackler** the Executors Testator died 15th November 1846. Effects sworn under £450 Ralph Barnes, Dep reg.

Probate granted to **Rees Charles Price** of Lympton in the County of Devon Surgeon and **Elias Blackler** of the Parish of Stokeinteignhead in the said County of Devon Yeoman, executors named in the last Will and Testament of **Christopher Yea** late of Woodbury in the County of Devon on the 31st May 1847. Effects sworn under £450 signed Ralph Barnes, Dep Registrar (Exeter EPR)

Buried as Christopher YEA

Christopher Yaw and Mary GIBSON had the following child:

- i. MARY JANE HOLDSWORTH<sup>8</sup> YEA was born on 14 Sep 1827 in Woodbury, Devon. She died in 1864 in Newton Abbot Reg District. She married James GRANVILLE, son of Henry Glanville and Mary Lee Unknown, on 01 Mar 1845 in Woodbury, Devon. He was born on 16 May 1821 in Woodbury, Devon.

Notes for Mary Jane Holdsworth YEA:

James Glanville son of Henry Glanville and Mary Lee Glanville was baptised in Woodbury with Exton, Devon on 16 May 1821. James Glanville of Woodbury, Devon, yeoman, bachelor aged over 21 was granted a licence on 24 Jan 1845 to marry Mary Jane Holdsworth Yea also of Woodbury aged 18 with consent of her father Christopher Yea. It appears the marriage was solemnised at Woodbury on 1 March 1845 and reported in the Western Times on 8 March.

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40. **DAVID<sup>7</sup> YEA** (David<sup>6</sup> Yaw, John<sup>5</sup> Yow, John<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born on 26 Feb 1778 in St Marychurch, Devon. He married Mary ELLIOTT on 21 Jan 1801 in East Ogwell, Devon.

Notes for David YEA:

**1778** David s/o David & Mary **YOW** bapt 26 Feb 1778 at St Marychurch

David YEA and Mary ELLIOTT had the following child:

49. i. **WILLIAM<sup>8</sup> YEA** was born in 1801 in East Ogwell, Devon. He died in 1865 in Newton Abbot Reg District. He married Mary WEBBER on 31 Jan 1828 in East Ogwell, Devon. She was born about 1798 in East Ogwell, Devon. She died on 07 Jul 1881 in West Ogwell, Devon.

### Generation 8

41. **GEORGE<sup>8</sup> YEO** (George<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>, George<sup>5</sup>, George<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) was born on 01 May 1803 in Abbotskerswell, Devon. He died on 14 Jan 1884 in Torquay, Devon. He married (1) **ELIZABETH NICKELLS DREATON** on 18 Jun 1830 in St Marychurch, Devon. She was born in 1799 in St Marychurch, Devon. She died on 30 Jan 1834 in St Marychurch, Devon. He married (2) **ELIZABETH FLETCHER** on 17 Nov 1834 in Ipplepen, Devon. She was born on 06 Jun 1811 in Ipplepen, Devon. She died in Dec 1876 in Tormoham, Devon. He married (3) **ELIZA MORGAN** in Mar 1882 in Torquay, Devon. She was born on 23 Oct 1823. She died on 29 Oct 1900 in Torquay, Devon.

Notes for George Yeo:

George became a builder in Torquay and the 1851 census shows him as employing 12 men. Records show his address in Torquay as "Clairville" (1875), "Kent's Villa"(1880) until his death there in 1884. A brief note in the Torquay Directory shows him as being well respected, as he was 'followed to the grave by a long train of carriages filled with old and attached friends.

**1851** census George was living in Cary Villa, Warren Road, Torquay

George YEO Head M 47 M Carpenter Employing (12) Men born Abbotskerswell  
Elizabeth YEO Wife M 39 F -Ipplepen  
Elizabeth YEO Daur U 19 FTormoham  
George YEO Son15 MTormoham  
William Flet YEO Son11 M Tormoham  
Richd. F.YEO Son 8 M ScholarTormoham  
Charles H.F.YEO Son 5M Scholar Tormoham  
Mary G. YEO Daur 3 F Scholar Tormoham

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Samuel YEO Son-1M Tormoham

Edward YEO Son 2m M Tormoham

Ann B. FLETCHER Serv15 F General Serv Ipplepen-

Address:Cary Villa Warren Road, Newton Abbot #283 Census Place:Tormoham  
Newton Abbot

**1861** census No 2 Woodlands, Tormoham: For reasons unclear, George and Elizabeth were living at separate addresses, at least on the night the census was taken, while son Charles had commenced an apprenticeship to his future trade:

George YEA Head married 57 Builder Master employing 12 men born  
Abbotskerswell

Elizabeth YEA Daughter Unmarried 28 b Torquay

Richard YEA Son unmarried 18 Joiner b Torquay

Samuel YEA Son 11 Scholar b Torquay

**1861 Census** Odlehill House, Abbotskerswell:

William YEO Head unmarried 21 Butcher b Tormoham

Elizabeth YEO Mother married 49 Builder's wife b Ipplepen

Mary G YEO Sister unmarried 13 Scholar b Tormoham

James PALMER Servant unmarried 18 Butcher's servant b Kingskerswell

**1871** census: George & Elizabeth were living at Kent Terrace Tormoham:

George YEO Head married 67 Builder born Abbotskerswell

Elizabeth YEO married 59 b Ipplepen

Mary G YEO 23 unmarried b Torquay

Also living with them were two boarders and three servants

**1881** George was living at Caledonia Villa and was a widower. Mary Grace was the only daughter at home, so was probably looking after him. However she married in December, 1881.

Dwelling:Caledonia Villa Babba Rd Census Place:Tormoham

George YEO W 76 M Abbotskerswell, Devon, HeadBuilder

Mary Grace YEO U 30 F Torquay, Devon, Daur

Jane COLLORD U 16 F Wellington, Somerset, General Domestic Servant

**1882** George's will

This is the last will and testament of me George Yeo of Torquay, Devon, retired builder.

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I bequeath the charitable legacies following, namely, To the Wesleyan Foreign Missionary Society, twenty pounds. To the Thanksgiving Fund of the Wesleyan connexion Ten pounds. To the Sunday School connected with Wesley Church at Torquay to be disposed of in the way of Income and not as apital five pounds. And I direct that the said Charitable legacies be paid exclusively out of such part of my personal estate as may lawfully be appropriated to such purposes and in preference to any other payment.

I bequeath the pecuniary legacies following namely to my daughter Elizabeth Northcott £150 to be her sole and separate use free from marital control and her receipt alone to be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same.

To the wife of my son George Yeo £100 to be her sole and separate use free from marital control and her receipt alone to be sufficent discharge for the same to my executors.

To my son William Fletcher Yeo £150. To my son Richard Fletcher Yeo £100. To my son Charles Fletcher Yeo £400. To my son Samuel Yeo £100. To my daughter Mary Grace Yeo £50 to be for her sole and separate use free from marital control. To each of my grandchildren living at the time of my decease £1 1s to be paid to the mother of such as them as may be under age at the time when payable

To my wife £700. I give and bequeath unto my wife all the household furniture, books, pictures, plate, linen, china, glass, liquors, fuel, housekeeping stores and other household effects which shall belong to me and be in my dwellinghouse at the time of my decease, subject aforesaid and to the payment of my just debts and funeral and testamentary expenses and the conditional legacy herein after bequeathed, I devise and bequeath all the real and personal estate to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease unto and equally between my children, the said Richard Fletcher Yeo and Samuel Yeo absolutely.

I declare that that any other provisions and advances which I have made to or in favor of any of my children shall not be brought into account as against them having apportioned here under after taking the same as well as all other my family affairs fully and fairly into consideration. I appoint my said sons Richard Fletcher Yeo and Samuel Yeo and John Lane of Torquay Accountant executors of this will Dated 19th May 1882

### 1883 George Yeo Codicil

This is a codicil to the last will and testament dated the nineteenth day of May One thousand eight hundred and eighty two of me George Yeo. I direct that until payment of the legacy to my wife of £700 bequeathed by my said will she shall be paid interest thereon at the rate of five pounds per centum per annum from the time of my decease and that should my estate prove insufficient to meet all the legacies bequeathed by my will the said legacy to my wife shall be paid in priority to all

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other pecuniary legacies thereby bequeathed. In all other respects I confirm my said will. Dated this twentieth day of March, 1883 His effects were £2, 431 12s 4d

**1884** The date of death 14th Jan 1884 was shown on the Memorial Plaque in the Babbacombe Street Wesley Church.

George Yeo and Elizabeth Nickells Dreaton had the following children:

50. i. ELIZABETH<sup>o</sup> YEO was born on 30 Apr 1831 in Tormoham, Devon. She married Richard Northcott on 13 May 1863 in Torquay, Devon.
- ii. MARY YEO was born on 09 Sep 1832 in Tormoham, Devon.

George Yeo and Elizabeth Fletcher had the following children:

51. iii. GEORGE YEO was born on 24 Jan 1836 in Tormoham, Devon. He died on 07 Jul 1915 in Wallumbilla, Queensland, Australia. He married (1) MARY JANE MANLEY, daughter of William Manley and Mary Hill, on 03 Mar 1862 in Heathcote, Victoria, Australia. She was born about 1842. She died in 1864 in Newton Abbot Reg District. He married (2) MARY GRACE PALK on 14 Oct 1865 in Ashburton, Devon. She was born on 29 Jul 1845 in Ipplepen, Devon. She died in 1910 in Wallumbilla, Queensland, Australia.
- iv. WILLIAM YEO was born in 1837 in Tormoham, Devon. He died in 1837 in Tormoham, Devon.

Notes for William Yeo:

GRO record birth and death in 4th Qtr Newton Abbot area mothers maiden name Fletcher

52. v. WILLIAM FLETCHER YEO was born on 13 Apr 1839 in Tormoham, Devon. He died on 12 Jun 1909 in Sherwood, Oregon, USA. He married Elizabeth Churchward on 09 Apr 1861 in Torquay, Devon. She was born on 29 Mar 1840. She died on 01 Aug 1931 in Dayton, Yarnhill, Oregon, USA.
53. vi. RICHARD FLETCHER YEO was born on 17 Apr 1842 in Tormoham, Devon. He died on 20 Jun 1913 in Torquay, Devon. He married (1) MATILDA CHURCHWARD in 1865 in Newton Abbot Reg District. She was born in 1843. She died in 1907. He married (2) ELLEN F HEATH in 1912 in Plymouth.
54. vii. CHARLES HENRY FLETCHER YEO was born on 30 May 1845 in Tormoham, Devon. He died on 28 Jan 1898 in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. He married Eliza Jane Reed, daughter of Edward Reed and Catharine Elizabeth Collander, in Sep 1866 in Newton Abbot Reg District. She was born on 16 Aug 1843 in St Johns, Herefordshire. She died on 30 Aug 1934 in Leura, New South Wales, Australia.

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- viii MARY GRACE YEO was born in 1848 in Tormoham, Devon. She married Robert Callard in Dec 1881 in Torquay, Devon.
55. ix. SAMUEL YEO was born in 1849 in Tormoham, Devon. He married (1) ELIZABETH PALK in Mar 1874 in Newton Abbot Reg District. She was born in 1851 in Ashburton, Devon. She died in Mar 1889 in Swansea Area, Glamorganshire, Wales. He married (2) TITA. She was born in 1851 in Oldbury, Worcester.
- x. EDWARD YEO was born in 1851 in Tormoham, Devon. He died in 1851 in Tormoham, Devon.

Notes for Edward Yeo:

Edward was recorded as 2 months old in the 1851 census. It appears he died in infancy - the GRO records the death of Edward Yeo aged 0 in Newton Abbot district in 1851 Q3

Notes for Eliza Morgan:

**1900** Eliza died in 1900 and her will is very strange, no mention of any of her step children Her effects were £1,065 6s 4d

This is the last will and testament of me Eliza Yeo of 6, Wellswood Place, Torquay, Devon, widow. I appoint James Powell of 2 Hampton Road, Worcester Park, Surrey, builder and George Hawkins Hext of Torquay aforesaid Solicitor executors and trustees of this my will. I direct that all my funeral and testamentary expenses be paid. I give and bequeath the following legacies free of legacy duty

To the said James Powell £50. To my sister Louisa Recorden, wife of Alphonse Recorden the sum of £50. To my brother James Morgan £50. To my niece Emma Ellis Hicks, wife of Frederick Hicks of Cheltenham £50. To my godchild Helen Harriett Kohler of Hanover in Germany £20. To Robert Affleck of Swindon, engineer £10. To my niece Eliza Mary Page, the wife of Palling Page of Coombe Down, Bath £200. To my nephew Alphonse Edward Recorden £50. To Lily Louise Haynes, the daughter of William and Fanny Haynes of Gladdiswoode, Torquay, aforesaid £10

All the rest residue and remainder of my property estate and effects I give devise appoint and bequeath unto my sister Mary Powell absolutely. And I direct that my trustees the said George Hawkins Hext shall be allowed all professional and other charges for his time and trouble which if employed as solicitor to my trustees not being himself a trustee he would be entitled to make.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this nineteenth day of October, 1897  
Signed by the said Eliza Yeo in the presence of us present at the same time who in

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her presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses John E Hext , Law Clerk, 1 Vaughan Parade, Torquay Elizabeth Turpin, 6 Wellswood Place, Torquay, Grocers

42. **JOHN<sup>8</sup> YEO** (George<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>, George<sup>5</sup>, George<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) was born on 02 Apr 1815 in Wolborough, Devon. He died between 1861-1871. He married Mary Ann Warren in 1842 in Newton Abbot Reg District. She was born on 25 Mar 1821 in Ipplepen, Devon. She died on 27 Feb 1903 in Torquay, Devon.

Notes for John Yeo:

**1815** The Wolborough parish register has a clear record of the baptism on 2 April of John, son of George & Mary their surname recorded as “Yew”. George’s occupation was given as Mariner and residence Newton Abbot.

After John’s baptism, as will be seen his life becomes something of an enigma. We find a credible match for him in the 1841 census recorded as John Yeo (surname mis-transcribed on Ancestry as Geo) age 25 occupation Carpenter, living with (his presumed parents) George Yeo 65 Agricultural labourer and Mary Yeo 65, living in Coombinteignhead and all three born Devon. We next find his marriage to Mary Ann Warren in Newton Abbot district in 1842 Q1. She was to bear him a son John and two daughters Susan and Mary. We don’t find John in the 1851 UK census, when Mary Ann and their three children were living with her parents in Ipplepen - Mary Ann referred to as a Carpenter’s wife. In the 1861 UK census, his son John by then 18 occupation Carpenter was living at Ipplepen - the census return stating the Family Head (presumably his father John) was “Abroad” and Mary Ann his mother was “Absent” - she is also recorded as married and living in Exeter (see her personal notes below).

By the 1871 UK census, Mary Ann was recorded as a widow - implying John died between 1861 & 1871. Son John is not found in this census - but we find him in the 1880 and later US censuses which state he immigrated in 1870.

While we cannot be certain of the chain of events, we might infer that at some point John left the UK - and perhaps emigrated to the USA with the intention that his family should follow. However he died before that could be accomplished - though we have found no death record for him in UK or USA. His son John married in Windsor, Berks in 1865 and in 1870 left UK with his wife for the USA - perhaps late in the year as he is found neither in the USA census of 1870 nor the UK census of 1871. Mary Ann spent the rest of her life in Devon where she died in 1903.

Notes for Mary Ann Warren:

**1821:** The Ipplepen parish register records the baptism of Mary Ann, daughter of George & Martha Warren on 25 Mar 1821

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**1841** census: We find a credible match for Mary Warren aged 22 Weaver with (her presumed parents) George Warren 43 Agricultural Labourer and Martha Warren 50 living in Ipplepen, all three born Devon;

**1851** census: Mary A Yeo married aged 30, **Carpenter's wife** born Ipplepen was living in Ipplepen with her father George Warren 55 Agricultural Labourer born North Tawton and her mother Martha Warren 64 born Cornwood. Living with them were three grandchildren - John Yeo 8, Margaret Yeo 6 and Susan Yeo 4, all three born Ipplepen. The GRO records the births of John Yeo and Susan Yeo with mother maiden name Warren in Newton Abbot district in 1842 Q4 and 1844 Q3 respectively, but we have been unable to identify Margaret. Taking account of the forenames of the grand-mother and mother of this daughter; her name in later censuses; at her marriage and censuses thereafter; and crucially a GRO birth record in Newton Abbot in 1846 Q4 with mother maiden name Warren, "Margaret" must surely be a mis-recording for "Martha Mary".

**1861** census: In an unusual situation, Mary Ann appears twice in this census. In one return for Ipplepen with her son John, she is recorded as **"absent"**. In a second return for Exeter St Sidwell, she is shown as living or at least staying with her two daughters Susan and Mary, all three working as servants:

Mary Ann Yeo wife no age given and marked Absent was recorded in the return for No 9 Centre Village Ipplepen. Present on the return were John Yeo son aged 18 unmarried occupation carpenter born Ipplepen; and boarders Elizabeth Law widow aged 65 Greenwich Pensioner born East Ogwell and Harriet Law 26 unmarried formerly Dressmaker and noted as "ill", born Ipplepen. The return also notes that the head of the household (ie Mary Ann's husband, John's father John Yeo) was **"Abroad"**.

Mary A Yeo 40 **married** Cook; her daughters Susan Yeo 18 House maid and Mary Yeo 14 Nurse maid all three born Ipplepen were servants at the home of Mary White widow aged 70 Gentlewoman born Woolwich, Kent in Pennsylvania, Exeter St Sidwell.

**1871** census: Mary A Yeo aged 50 **widow**, occupation Cook and Domestic born Ipplepen was living at a property in Cambridge Terrace, Exeter St Sidwell. It is unclear who was the head of the household

**1881** census: Mary A Yeo 60 **widow** born Ipplepen was living in Tormoham with her married daughter Martha M Blatchford 34 and her husband Samuel Blatchford 34 Carpenter & Joiner, and their children Kate 9; Frederick 7; Horace 5; Bertha 3; Ernest 2; and Maud 3 months.

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**1891** census: Mary A Yeo widow 69 Grocer born Ipplepen and her daughter Susan Oxenham widow 46 Grocer's Assistant both born Ipplepen were living in Tormoham. Living next door was Mary Ann's other daughter Martha M Blatchford and her husband Samuel both 44 and their nine children. Mary Ann's surname is mis-transcribed on Ancestry as Geo.

**1901** census: Mary Ann Yeo 78 widow Sub-Post Mistress & Grocer and daughter Susan Oxenham 56 widow Post Office Assistant both born Ipplepen were living at Jubilee Terrace, Tormoham.

**1903 Q1:** The GRO records the death of Mary Ann Yeo in Newton Abbot district aged 79, a good match with her yob.

John Yeo and Mary Ann Warren had the following children:

56. i. JOHN E<sup>9</sup> YEO was born on 03 Dec 1842 in Ipplepen, Devon. He died on 11 Sep 1932 in Rawlins, Kansas, USA. He married (1) MARY MOORE on 18 Jul 1865 in Windsor Wesleyan Church, Berks. She was born in 1840 in Hartland, Devon. She died in 1888 in Rawlins, Kansas, USA. He married (2) FRANCES E in 1891 in Kansas, USA. She died between 1900-1910. He married (3) ANITA MARIE DEWEY. She died on 15 May 1946 in Alameda Oakland, California USA.
- ii. SUSAN YEO was born in 1844 in Ipplepen, Devon. She died in 1929 in Newton Abbot Reg District. She married John Oxenham on 07 Oct 1870 in Lake, Illinois, USA. He was born on 26 Aug 1829 in England. He died on 05 Oct 1882 in Elgin, Kane, Illinois, USA.

Notes for Susan Yeo:

**1844:** The GRO records the birth of Susan Yeo mother maiden name Warren in Newton Abbot district in 1844 Q3. The subsequent UK censuses give her place of birth as Ipplepen, which forms part of Newton Abbot registration district.

**1851** census: Susan aged 4 was living with her mother Mary Ann and two siblings at the home of her maternal grandparents George & Martha Warren in Ipplepen. (Please see notes for her mother Mary Ann Warren)

**1861** UK census: Susan aged 18 was working as a house maid at the home of Mary White gentlewoman in Exeter St Sidwell. Her mother Mary Ann Yeo 40 was working in the same household as a cook and her younger sister Mary 14 as a nurse maid.

**1870:** At some point probably in the late 1860's, Susan emigrated to the United States - possibly accompanying her brother John. We find the

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record of the marriage of Susan - her surname rendered as Yoe - and John Oxenham in Lake, Illinois on 7 October 1870.

**1880** US census: This census taken on 8 June records that John Oxenham 50 occupation gardener and wife Susan 36 both born England were living in Libertyville, Lake County, Illinois. There were no children recorded on the census return, which states that John had been unemployed for 6 months in the year before the census.

**1891** UK census: At some point following the death of her husband John in 1882 (see his personal notes below) Susan returned to live in England. In this census, Susan Oxenham widow 46 Grocer's assistant born Ipplepen was living with her mother Mary Ann Yeo aged 69 in Ipplepen. They were living next door to Susan's married sister Martha and her husband Samuel Blatchford and their nine children.

**1901** census: Susan Oxenham 56 widow Post Office Assistant and her mother Mary Ann Yeo widow 78 Sub-post Mistress & Grocer both born Ipplepen were living at Jubilee Terrace, Tormoham.

**1911** census: Susan Oxenham 66 widow living on private means born Ipplepen was living at Westbourne Road Torquay. Living with her was her niece Maude Mary Blatchford (her sister's daughter) single aged 30 born Torquay. The return contains no record of how many years Susan was married.

**1929:** The GRO has a credible record form the death of Susan Oxenham aged in Newton Abbot district in 1929 Q2 aged 84 - a close match with her yob

**1929:** Probate of the will of Susan Oxenham of 44 Upton Road, Torquay widow died 11 April 1929 was granted in London on 31 May 1929 to Maude Mary Blatchford, spinster. (ie her niece). Effects £1126. (National Probate Calendar, Index of Wills & Administrations)

Notes for John Oxenham:

**1829:** According to an image of his headstone in Illinois USA (see notes below), John was born on 26 Aug 1829. We have been unable to firmly identify a birth or baptism for John, nor his identity in the UK censuses.

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**1870** US census: John - his surname recorded as Oxingham - aged 41 Butcher born England was living in Chicago, Illinois with Edwin Blackler 36 Butcher born England and his family. The return gives no clue as to when John arrived in the USA.

**1875:** John Oxenham born Great Britain & Ireland was naturalised as a United States citizen on 16 Mar 1875 in Lake County, Illinois. The record gives no further information as to when John was born nor when he arrived in the USA.

**1880** US census. John Oxenham aged 50 born England was living with wife Susan in Libertyville, Lake County, Illinois. Please see notes for Susan above.

**1882:** The Illinois State death & burials series records the death on 6 Oct 1882 in Elgin, Kane, Illinois of John Oxenham gardener born England 1828. Findagrave has an image of a small headstone for John Oxenham buried in Lakeside Cemetery, Libertyville, Lake County, Illinois, citing his birth date as 26 Aug 1829 and his death date as 5 October 1882.

57.    iii. MARTHA MARY YEO was born in 1846 in Ipplepen, Devon. She married Samuel Blatchford about 1870.

43. **MARY**<sup>8</sup> **LUCE** (Thomas<sup>7</sup>, Anne<sup>6</sup> Knighton, Agnes<sup>5</sup> Yeo, George<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, William<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born on 10 Apr 1768 in Saltash. Cornwall. She died on 30 Jan 1815 in Saltash. Cornwall. She married John Rowe on 01 Apr 1788 in Saltash. Cornwall. He was born about 1753. He died on 08 Feb 1837 in Saltash. Cornwall.

Notes for John Rowe:

From his burial on 8 Feb 1837 in Saltash he was 84 so a birth year of c1753

John Rowe and Mary Luce had the following child:

58.    i. CECILIA<sup>9</sup> ROWE was born on 01 Apr 1804 in Saltash. Cornwall. She died on 22 Mar 1888 in Plymouth. She married George Thomson on 29 Jul 1823 in Plymouth. He was born on 17 May 1801 in Stoke Damerel, Plymouth, Devon. He died on 29 Oct 1845 in Cape Town, South Africa.

44. **WILLIAM**<sup>8</sup> **DRAKE** (Henry<sup>7</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Ann<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born on 27 Jul 1787 in Barnstaple, Devon. He died on 09 Jun 1821 in St Andrews, Holborn, London. He married Frances Lincoln, daughter of Robert Lincoln, on 13 Aug 1816 in Reading, Berks. She died on 10 Jan 1855 in Reading, Berks.

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Notes for William Drake:

**1787:** William Drake was baptised on 27 July 1787 in Barnstaple. At some point, William presumably had some university education as he was later admitted as Attorney at Gray's Inn, one of the Inns of Court legal chambers situated then as now in the Holborn area of London.

**1816:** William married Frances, daughter of Mr Robert Lincoln on 13 Aug 1816 in Reading, Berkshire. Sadly it was to be a short marriage, as William died about 5 years later leaving Frances with three young children to bring up.

**1820:** William Drake made his will on 4 June 1820. He stated his residence as 13 Great James Street, Holborn, Middlesex, and occupation Attorney at Law. William appointed three Trustees viz Richard Drake his brother of the Auditors Office, Somerset House; Charles Stephens Esq of Broad Street, London; and Robert Sirs Gent of No 8 New Inn, City of Westminster. William bequeathed to them in trust his house in Great James St with a provision for his wife to reside there for her lifetime should she so wish, together with whatever she should select from his personal for her personal use. He directed that the remainder of his estate should be sold and for the proceeds to be invested, with the profits thereof to go to his wife. After her death, the house was to be sold, if not sold during her lifetime, with the proceeds to be distributed among his children at their respective ages of majority or marriage in the case of a daughter or daughters. William made these provisions for his children in the abstract, ie not referring to them by name or number although by the time he made his will his wife had already borne him two sons and a daughter. William also wrote that in default of such children or in the event of them dying, his estate was to pass to his brother Richard and the latter's heirs. William appointed the said Trustees as his joint Executors. His will as witnessed by Samuel Farrell, clerk to Mr Drake and Robert Lincoln, latter of St James Street, probably the Testator's father-in-law. (National Archives doc ref PROB 11/1648/465)

**1821:** William died on 9 June 1821 and was buried on 15 June in St Andrews Holborn. He was aged just 34 at death. His will was proved in London on 31 Oct 1821 by Richard Drake his brother, Charles Stephens and Robert Sirs.

Notes for Frances Lincoln:

**1841 census:** Frances Drake, aged 50 Independent Means was living at West Street, St Lawrence, Reading, Berkshire - and not born in county. None of her children were present on the night of the census, though Charlotte Chase 25 also of Independent Means and Rachael Pound 20 house servant were present.

**1849:** Frances Drake widow of Reading, Berkshire made her will on 18 June 1849.

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She bequeathed to her son William Richard Drake the lease on her property in Childerditch, Essex. To her younger son Henry and daughter Frances Ann she bequeathed £500 each. She also left her household and personal effects except two brooches which she left to son Henry. The residue of her estate she bequeathed In Trust to her two sons William Richard & Henry with direction to invest the same in Government stocks, the East India Company, Railways & Canals and the like, and the annual profits thereof to be paid to the Testator's daughter Jane for as long as she should remain single and unmarried. Frances directed that after Jane's marriage, the Trustees should divide the estate into three equal parts, one part to Jane, and one of the remaining third parts each to sons William Richard & Henry which latter two she appointed as joint Executors. The will was witnessed by William Andrews of Reading, Solicitor and Edwin Drury of Reading, clerk to Mr Andrews. (National Archives doc ref PROB 11/2204/277)

**1851** census: Frances Drake widow aged 60 Fundholder born Middlesex and her daughter Frances Drake unmarried aged 29 born Middlesex were living at 44 Marsh Place, Reading. Living with them was a cook.

**1855:** Frances survived her husband by over 30 years. She died on 10 January 1855 and was buried at the Catholic Church in the Forbury, Reading. The GRO record of her death gives her age as 74, hence calculated yob 1781, thus some 10 years off her yob in the censuses. Frances' will was proved in London on 23 Jan 1855 by her sons William Richard Drake and Henry Drake.

Footnote: There were two other contemporary baptisms of children of William Wentworth Drake and wife Frances in Holborn. William Wentworth Drake widower and Frances Arben were married at St Sepulchre, Newgate, London on 27 March 1820. We have been unable to identify any relationship between the two married couples:

Jane Drake was baptised 6 May 1821 in Holborn, Middlesex. William Wentworth Drake was baptised on 23 April 1823 in Holborn, Middlesex.

William Drake and Frances Lincoln had the following children:

59. i. WILLIAM RICHARD<sup>9</sup> DRAKE was born on 25 Aug 1817 in London. He died on 02 Dec 1890 in Kensington, London. He married Katherine Stuart Forbes Goodwin on 08 Aug 1846 in St Marylebone Church, London. She died on 21 Aug 1880 in Brookwood, Surrey.
- ii. FRANCES ANN DRAKE was born on 14 Dec 1819 in London, Westminster.

Notes for Frances Ann Drake:

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Frances Ann Drake was born 14 Dec 1819 in Westminster and baptised 1 March 1820 at St Paul's, Covent Garden.

iii. HENRY DRAKE was born on 10 Apr 1821 in London, Westminster.

Notes for Henry Drake:

Henry Drake was born on 10 April 1821 in Westminster and baptised 20 June 1821 at St Paul's, Covent Garden.

45. **WILLIAM<sup>8</sup> YEA** (John<sup>7</sup> Yaw, David<sup>6</sup> Yaw, John<sup>5</sup> Yow, John<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born on 12 Mar 1789 in Withycombe Raleigh, Devon. He died on 22 Mar 1863 in Torquay, Devon. He married Eleanor PARNELL, daughter of John Parnell and Elisabeth, on 06 Feb 1816 in Kingskerswell, Devon. She was born on 31 Aug 1789 in Marldon, Devon. She died on 18 Mar 1851 in Tormoham, Devon.

Notes for William YEA:

**1841** census: William aged 50 Labourer and Eleanor aged 50 were living at Meadfoot Row, Tormoham, Newton Abbot with their children Eleanor 20; Harriett 18; Reuben 16 (probable recording error for Robert - see his personal notes below); and Hannah 14, all born in Devon. Living with them were Samuel Barter 15 and Benjamin Vanston 20.

**1851** census: William aged 63 widower was living at Meadfoot Row, Tormoham, Newton Abbot with sons James 27 Mariner born Woodley (i.e. Woodbury) and Robert 24 Mariner born St Marychurch, and daughter Hannah 22 laundress born Torquay. Living with them were Elizabeth Peake 22 House servant and Sarah Parnell 22 visitor, laundress born Campton, Devon. Note William's birthplace is unclear, transcribed on FMP as Dorset - the 1841 census states he was born in Devon. The second of the two words of his birthplace appears to read "Widecombe", which would be compatible with his actual birthplace in Withycombe Raleigh. The visitor Sarah Parnell was probably a relative, perhaps a niece of William's wife Eleanor, who died just a few weeks before the census was taken. The GRO records her death aged 64 in 1851 Q1 in Newton Abbot district. Sarah (*Sally*) later married James Yea

Notes for Eleanor PARNELL:

**1841** Census, Tormohun, DEV. Eleanor Yea, 50, wife of William Yea

**1851**, 18th March Eleanor Yea, buried

William YEA and Eleanor PARNELL had the following children:

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- i. ELIZABETH<sup>9</sup> YEA was born on 25 Jan 1818 in Woodbury, Devon. She died in 1850 in Newton Abbot Reg District. She married Richard Harding HOLMAN on 20 Aug 1848 in Newton Abbot Reg District.

Notes for Elizabeth YEA:

**1818:** The Woodbury register of baptism has a clear entry for Elizabeth, daughter of William & Eleanor Yea on 18 Jan 1818, the family's address given as Taylors and William's occupation as Husbandman. In the 1841 census, her name is cited as Eleanor.

**1841** Census Tormoham, Eleanor Yea, 20, daughter of William Yea and Eleanor.

**1848:** Richard Holman and Elizabeth Yea were married at Newton Abbot on 20 Aug 1848. Sadly it was to prove a short marriage. The GRO records Elizabeth's death aged 33 in Newton Abbot district in 1850 Q2. Richard Harding Holman, widower aged 25 occupation schoolmaster re-married to Sarah Markham at Tormoham on 9 Apr 1852

60. ii. JOHN YEA was born on 17 Oct 1819 in Woodbury, Devon. He married Elizabeth JENKINS nee Owens, daughter of Daniel Owen and Elisabeth, on 21 May 1845 in Liverpool. She was born on 01 Jan 1816 in Oystermouth, Glamorgan. She died in 1899 in Bristol.
61. iii. JAMES YEA was born on 17 Jan 1821 in Woodbury, Devon. He died in 1894 in Torquay, Devon. He married Sarah (Sally) PARNELL on 05 Feb 1852 in Tormohan, Devon. She was born in 1829 in Marldon, Devon. She died in 1893 in Torquay, Devon.
62. iv. HARRIET VERA YEA was born on 25 Aug 1822 in Woodbury, Devon. She died on 16 Mar 1886 in Babbacombe, Devon. She married William Sharland, son of William Sharland and Elisabeth, on 10 Sep 1848 in Tormoham, Devon. He was born on 25 Jul 1825 in Sidmouth, Devon. He died in 1890 in Newton Abbot Reg District.
63. v. ROBERT YEA was born on 18 Jan 1824 in St Marychurch, Devon. He died on 20 Nov 1894 in Kergunyah, Victoria, Australia. He married Catherine Cumming WOOTTON, daughter of John Wootton and Catherine Cumming, on 13 May 1857 in Beechworth, Victoria, Australia. She was born on 16 Jul 1839 in Tormoham, Devon. She died on 20 Jan 1876 in Kergunyah, Victoria, Australia.
64. vi. HANNAH YEA was born on 21 Jan 1827 in Tormoham, Devon. She died on 13 Nov 1886 in Torquay, Devon. She married Worthyman LATHROPE, son of Thomas Lathrope, on 14 Oct 1853 in Tormohan. He

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was born on 24 Mar 1833.

vii. MARY ANN YEA was born on 21 Mar 1829 in Tormoham, Devon.

viii WILLIAM YEA was born on 03 Apr 1831 in Tormoham, Devon.

Notes for William YEA:

William bapt 3 April 1831 at Tormoham, s/o William & Ellen, William labourer of Torquay.

46. **THOMAS<sup>8</sup> YEA** (John<sup>7</sup> Yaw, David<sup>6</sup> Yaw, John<sup>5</sup> Yow, John<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born on 31 Oct 1790 in Withycombe Raleigh, Devon. He died in 1869 in Woodbury, Devon. He married Elizabeth COCKERAM, daughter of John Buncombe and Mary Cockeram, on 20 May 1830 in Woodbury, Devon. She was born on 25 Mar 1798 in East Budleigh, Devon. She died in 1860 in St Thomas Reg District, Devon.

Notes for Thomas YEA:

**1833:** Thomas and Elizabeth had twin daughters Jane and Ann, baptised in Woodbury on 22 Sep 1833. Sadly they both died aged just 3 weeks and were buried together at Woodbury on 30 Sept 1833.

**1841 census:** Thomas Yea aged 55 Agricultural Labourer with (wife) Elizabeth 45 and (son) William 10 were living at Sparkhays, Woodbury, Devon - all three born in county.

**1847** In his will of 1847 Christopher Yea left a bequest of 20 shillings to his nephew Thomas

**1851 census:** Thomas Yea aged 63 Labourer with wife Elizabeth 55, son William 20 unmarried Labourer and nephew Samuel 7 were living at Woodbury, all four born there.

**1860:** The GRO records the death aged 60 of Elizabeth Yea in St Thomas district, Devon.

**1861 census:** Thomas Yea 73 widower formerly Agricultural Labourer born Withycombe Devon was a visitor at the home of his son William Yea 30 Agricultural labourer born Woodbury then living at Lymptone, St Thomas. The family surname is mis-transcribed on FMP as Zea, and Thomas' birthplace is mis-transcribed as Somerset, though the original document clearly states Devon.

**1869:** The GRO records the death aged 78 of Thomas Yea in St Thomas district in 1869 Q1.

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.Note Christopher also left a bequest of 20 shillings to another nephew Thomas. I think that must be Thomas b 1790 son of John Yow & Jenny Jones alias Edyvean. You might just want to add a note to Thomas' notes that he benefitted in this way too.

Notes for Elizabeth COCKERAM:

**1798:** The East Budleigh parish register records the baptism of Elizabeth daughter of John Buncombe & Mary Cockeram on 20 March 1798. It thus appears Elizabeth's parents were not married. Mary Cockeram - presumably her mother - was one of the witnesses at Elizabeth's marriage in 1830.

**1841** Census Woodbury, Elizabeth Yea, 45, wife of Thomas Yea.

**1851** Census, Woodbury, Elizabeth Yea, 55, Ag. Lab's wife, Born: Woodbury  
Thomas YEA and Elizabeth COCKERAM had the following children:

65. i. WILLIAM JAMES<sup>9</sup> YEA was born on 05 Sep 1830 in Woodbury, Devon. He died on 02 Jul 1862 in Woodbury, Devon. He married Elizabeth HILL on 02 Oct 1856 in Withycombe Raleigh, Devon. She was born on 22 Aug 1819 in Woodbury, Devon.
- ii. ANN YEA was born on 22 Sep 1833 in Woodbury, Devon. She died on 30 Sep 1833 in Woodbury, Devon.
- iii. JANE YEA was born on 22 Sep 1833 in Woodbury, Devon. She died on 30 Sep 1833 in Woodbury, Devon.

Notes for Jane YEA:

Baptised 22 Sept 1833 buried 30th Sept 1833 Woodbury age 3 weeks

47. **JAMES<sup>8</sup> YEA** (John<sup>7</sup> Yaw, David<sup>6</sup> Yaw, John<sup>5</sup> Yow, John<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born on 08 Apr 1795 in Woodbury, Devon. He died on 01 Nov 1868 in Woodbury, Devon. He married (1) **MARGARET WATKINS** on 29 May 1839 in St Thomas Woodbury, Devon. She was born on 11 May 1817 in Woodbury, Devon. She died on 13 Aug 1842 in Woodbury, Devon. He married (2) **ELIZABETH PARSONS** on 23 Nov 1845 in St. Sidwell, Exeter, Devon. She was born about 1807 in Jacobstowe, Devon. She died in 1886 in Woodbury, Devon.

Notes for James YEA:

**1839:** James Yea bachelor of Woodbury was granted a licence on 24 May 1839 to marry Margaret Watkins spinster of full age also of Woodbury. The marriage of John, son of John Yea and Margaret daughter of William Watkins was solemnised in Woodbury on 29 May 1839.

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**1841** census: James Yea 35 Farmer was living with (wife) Elizabeth 25 and (son) John 1 at Vermoor Farm, Woodbury - all three born in county.

**1842:** Margaret died on 13 Aug 1842, apparently as a result of complications from giving birth that day to son Samuel George Yea. The GRO records her age at death at just 25. The child Samuel George survived and lived into old age (see his personal notes)

**1845:** James Yea widower and yeoman of Woodbury was granted a licence on 18 Nov 1845 to marry Elizabeth Parsons spinster aged over 21 of Exeter St Sidwell. The marriage was solemnised a few weeks later and recorded by the GRO in 1845 Q4.

**1851** census: James Yea 55 Pauper heretofore Farmer born Woodbury and wife Elizabeth 44 born Jacobstowe, needlewoman with son Frederick Thomas 3 born Woodbury were living at Broadway, Woodbury. (Note James' son by his first marriage Samuel was living with James' brother Thomas and the latter's second wife Elizabeth at this census)

**1861** census: James Yea aged 66 Pauper and late Farmer born Woodbury and his wife Elizabeth 50 born Jacobstowe were living at the Village Woodbury. Living with them were James's son by his first marriage John 20 and by his second marriage Frederick 13, both agricultural labourers and born Woodbury.

**1868:** James Yea died on 1 Nov 1868 in Woodbury. The GRO records his age at death as 72, a good match with his actual yob.

James YEA and Margaret WATKINS had the following children:

66. i. JOHN<sup>9</sup> YEA was born on 29 May 1840 in Woodbury, Devon. He died on 08 Sep 1884 in Woodbury, Devon. He married Harriet Knowles Searle, daughter of Henry Searle and Anne, on 06 Sep 1866 in Woodbury, Devon. She was born on 03 Jun 1846 in Woodbury, Devon. She died in 1893 in Woodbury, Devon.
- ii. SAMUEL GEORGE YEA was born on 13 Aug 1842 in Woodbury, Devon. He died in 1891 in London, Whitechapel.

Notes for Elizabeth PARSONS:

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**1871** census: Elizabeth Yea widow aged 66 Laundress born Jacobstowe was living alone in Woodbury Village.

**1881** census: Elizabeth Yea widow aged 76 Laundress born Jacobstowe was living alone in Woodbury Village.

**1886:** The GRO records the death aged 86 of Elizabeth Yea in St Thomas district in 1886 Q4.

James YEA and Elizabeth PARSONS had the following child:

- iii. FREDERICK THOMAS YEA was born on 01 Nov 1847 in Woodbury, Devon. He died in 1939 in Lambeth. He married Emily Mary JUDGE in 1884 in Wandsworth, London. She was born about 1854 in Sandhurst, Kent. She died in 1936 in Lambeth.

Notes for Frederick Thomas YEA:

**1851** Census, Woodbury, Frederick Thomas Yea, 3 Son of James Yea and Elizabeth, Born: Woodbury.

**1861** Census, Woodbury, Frederick Yea, 13, Ag. Lab. Son of James Yea and Elizabeth

48. SUSANNAH<sup>8</sup> YEA (Jacob<sup>7</sup> YAW, David<sup>6</sup> Yaw, John<sup>5</sup> Yow, John<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born on 27 Feb 1795 in St Marychurch, Devon. She married James BEARD on 27 Apr 1819 in St Marychurch, Devon. He was born in Jan 1793 in Holne, Devon. He died on 28 Mar 1879.

Notes for James BEARD:

**1841** census: James Beard 45 and (wife) Susan 40 were living at St Marychurch with children Ann 21; Susanna 19; and James 15 - all born Devon.

**1851** census: James Beard 56 Farmer of 26 acres employing 1 labourer born Holne Devon was living with his daughter Susanna 26 unmarried born St Marychurch at Yonder Stocks, Totnes.

In this same census, his wife Susanna b Marychurch Devon was living with their son James 26 & his wife Martha 30, and their other son Jacob 1828 at Stanmore Street, St Pancras, London.

**1861** census: James Beard aged 65 Farmer of 97 acres employing one labourer and one boy, born Holne Devon and wife Susannah 60 born St Marychurch were living at Higher Cowley, Ashton, St Thomas. Living with them were son-in-law Robert

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### Generation 8 (cont.)

Cleave 27 and his wife Susanna 35 and their children Frances Sherwill 6; Robert W 3; Bessie B 2; Mary J 1; and un-named daughter 2 weeks.

**1865:** We find a credible match for the burial of James Beard in Ashton on 9 March 1865 aged 71, hence calculated yob 1794, a close match with his actual yob.

James BEARD and Susannah YEA had the following children:

67. i. ANN<sup>9</sup> BEARD was born on 10 Mar 1820 in St Marychurch, Devon. She died on 28 Apr 1885. She married James STEVENS, son of James Stevens and Susannah, on 26 Dec 1843 in Woodbury, Devon. He was born on 25 Mar 1823 in East Budleigh, Devon.
- ii. JACOB YEA BEARD was born on 10 Jan 1822 in St Marychurch, Devon. He died on 17 May 1823 in St Marychurch, Devon.
68. iii. SUSANNAH YEA BEARD was born on 10 Jan 1822 in St Marychurch, Devon. She married (1) HENRY SHERWILL, son of Thomas Hamlyn Sherwill, on 14 Sep 1853 in Farringdon, Devon. He was born in 1811 in Holne, Devon. He died on 28 Dec 1853 in Crediton, Devon. She married (2) ROBERT CLEAVE in 1856 in St Thomas Reg District, Devon.
69. iv. JAMES BEARD was born on 27 Aug 1824 in St Marychurch, Devon. He died on 30 Dec 1894 in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. He married Martha TREDGOLD on 16 Mar 1860 in St. Pancras, Middlesex. She was born on 21 Aug 1821 in Hampshire. She died on 03 Sep 1890 in Collingwood, Victoria, Australia.
- v. LOUISA BEARD was born on 11 Jun 1826 in St Marychurch, Devon.
- vi. JACOB BEARD was born on 02 Mar 1828 in St Marychurch, Devon. He married Margaret Jemima GILFORD on 06 Nov 1853 in Islington, London. She was born in 1826.

Notes for Jacob BEARD:

**1841** census: Jacob Beard aged 15 was living with John Medland 24 Butcher and his wife Mary 30 in St Marychurch, all born in county

**1851** census: Jacob Beard aged 23 un-married Carpenter born Marychurch, Devon was living with his elder brother James and the latter's wife Martha, and their mother Susanna Beard, 54 Farmer's Wife born Marychurch at Stanmore Street, St Pancras, London.

**1853:** Jacob married Margaret Jemima Gilford on 6 Nov 1853 in Islington.

**1861** census: Not found

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**1871** census: Jacob Beard 42 Licensed Victualler born St Mary's Devon was keeper of the India Arms in West Street, Gravesend, Kent. Living with him were his wife Margaret 44 born Middlesex; their son Walter 13 born Middlesex; mother-in-law Mary Gilford 79 born Essex and niece Mary Ann Gilford 17 born Surrey. The household also had two servants.

**1875:** We find a credible record for the death of Jacob's wife Margaret Beard aged 45 in Hackney district in 1875 Q4.

**1879:** Jacob's son Stanley Jacob Beard was born in Shoreditch in 1879 Q2, mother maiden name Clapshaw. We have found no marriage record for Jacob & Florence (see 1881 census) and she may have been his common law wife.

**1881** census: Jacob Beard 40 (*surely a mis-recording*) Office Fitter born Torquay Devon and wife Florence 22 born Hoxton Middlesex were living at Fairbank Street, Shoreditch, with their two children Stanley 2 and Mabel Ann 2 months, both born Hoxton

**1883:** Jacob and Florence had a further child Horace Yea Beard, mother maiden name Clapshaw, born in 1883 Q1 in Hackney district.

**1887:** Sadly, Florence's life was a short one. We find a credible match for her death aged just 29 in Hackney district in 1887 Q3.

**1891** census: Jacob Beard widower 63 Scarp Maker born St Marys Devon was living with his son Stanley 13 Scholar born Islington at Bartripp Street, Hackney.

**1892:** We find a credible match for the death of Jacob beard in Hackney district in 1892 Q4 aged 70, calculated yob 1822 - a few years off his actual yob.

- vii. CHRISTOPHER BEARD was born on 29 Dec 1830 in St Marychurch, Devon. He died on 06 Dec 1831 in St Marychurch, Devon.

Notes for Christopher BEARD:

At his death he was mistakenly recorded as Yeo

- viii WILLIAM YEA BEARD was born on 29 Dec 1830 in St Marychurch, Devon. He died on 22 Jan 1831 in St Marychurch, Devon.

- ix. ISABELLA LOUISE BEARD was born on 25 Nov 1835 in St Marychurch,

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Devon. She died on 29 Jan 1837 in St Marychurch, Devon.

49. **WILLIAM<sup>8</sup> YEA** (David<sup>7</sup>, David<sup>6</sup> Yaw, John<sup>5</sup> Yow, John<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born in 1801 in East Ogwell, Devon. He died in 1865 in Newton Abbot Reg District. He married Mary WEBBER on 31 Jan 1828 in East Ogwell, Devon. She was born about 1798 in East Ogwell, Devon. She died on 07 Jul 1881 in West Ogwell, Devon.

Notes for William YEA:

**1801** William's surname on baptism given as **YOE**

**1841** census: William 40; Mary 45; Mary Ann 10; Henry 7; and Joseph 3 were living in East Ogwell - their surname mis-transcribed on FMP as Yen.

**1851** census: William Yea 50 Lime Burner and wife Mary 53 were living in East Ogwell with sons David 18 unmarried Gardener; Henry 17 Lime Burner and Joseph 13 Scholar - all five born East Ogwell.

**1861** census: William Yea 60 Lime Burner & Farmer and wife Mary 65 were living in the Village, East Ogwell with son Joseph 23 unmarried Lime Burner, all three born East Ogwell. (William & Mary's son Henry and his family were living next door)

**1865:** William Yea was buried in East Ogwell on 10 Aug 1865, aged at death 64, a close match with his job.

Notes for Mary WEBBER:

**1795:** Mary daughter of John & Mary Webber was baptised at East Ogwell on 22 Nov 1795

**1871** census: Mary Yea 75 widow, Annuitant born East Ogwell was living at the Village, East Ogwell with her son-in-law John Marley 42 & his wife Mary Ann 40 and their daughter Ann 16.

**1881** census: Mary Yea 85 widow born East Ogwell was living at West Ogwell with her son-in-law John Marley 52 & his wife Mary Ann 50 and their daughter Ann 26. Mary Catherine Yea aged 12 born Highweek was also visiting.

**1881** Mary died shortly after the census was taken, and was buried in West Ogwell on 7 July 1881 aged 85 - a close match with her job.

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William YEA and Mary WEBBER had the following children:

70. i. MARY ANN<sup>9</sup> YEA was born in 1832 in East Ogwell, Devon. She died in 1904 in Newton Abbot Reg District. She married John MARLEY on 12 Dec 1850 in East Ogwell, Devon. He died in 1889 in Newton Abbot Reg District.
71. ii. HENRY YEA was born on 14 Mar 1834 in East Ogwell, Devon. He died on 11 Dec 1901 in Highweek, Devon. He married Ann CLEAVE, daughter of William Cleave and Mary, on 15 Dec 1853 in East Ogwell, Devon. She was born on 15 Jan 1832 in Broadhempston, Devon. She died on 07 Nov 1913 in Highweek, Devon.
72. iii. DAVID YEA was born on 29 Jun 1832 in East Ogwell, Devon. He died on 18 Nov 1916 in Highweek, Devon. He married Emma Rossiter, daughter of James Rossiter and Catherine, on 19 Nov 1857 in East Ogwell, Devon. She was born on 13 Aug 1826 in East Teignmouth, Devon. She died in 1916 in Highweek, Devon.
- iv. JOSEPH YEA was born on 15 Jul 1837 in East Ogwell, Devon. He died on 10 Mar 1867 in East Ogwell, Devon.

Notes for Joseph YEA:

**1851 and 1861** censuses: Living with parents William and Mary Yea - please refer to notes for William Yea his father above.

**1867:** Joseph Yea was buried in East Ogwell on 10 March 1867 aged just 30

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50. ELIZABETH<sup>9</sup> YEO (George<sup>8</sup>, George<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>, George<sup>5</sup>, George<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) was born on 30 Apr 1831 in Tormoham, Devon. She married Richard Northcott on 13 May 1863 in Torquay, Devon.

Notes for Elizabeth Yeo:

**1831** Born 30 Apr Tormoham. Baptised 22 May 1831 Wesleyan Methodist Torquay. Denomination

**1881** Census Elizabeth was living in Tormoham, Warren Road, close to her brother Richard Fletcher Yeo

Richard NORTHCOTT M 46 M Chagford, Head Broker  
Elizabeth NORTHCOTT 48 F Torquay, Wife  
Mark NORTHCOTT 17 M Torquay, Son Photographer

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Elizabeth NORTHCOTT 14 F Torquay, Daur Scholar

Richard Northcott and Elizabeth Yeo had the following children:

- i. MARK<sup>10</sup> NORTHCOTT was born in 1864 in Torquay, Devon.
  - ii. ELIZABETH NORTHCOTT was born in 1867 in Torquay, Devon.
51. **GEORGE<sup>9</sup> YEO** (George<sup>8</sup>, George<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>, George<sup>5</sup>, George<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) was born on 24 Jan 1836 in Tormoham, Devon. He died on 07 Jul 1915 in Wallumbilla, Queensland, Australia. He married (1) **MARY JANE MANLEY**, daughter of William Manley and Mary Hill, on 03 Mar 1862 in Heathcote, Victoria, Australia. She was born about 1842. She died in 1864 in Newton Abbot Reg District. He married (2) **MARY GRACE PALK** on 14 Oct 1865 in Ashburton, Devon. She was born on 29 Jul 1845 in Ipplepen, Devon. She died in 1910 in Wallumbilla, Queensland, Australia.

Notes for George Yeo:

George Yeo was born in Tormoham, Torquay, Devon in 1836. He emigrated to Australia probably in the mid-late 1850's when he was about the age of majority. He married Mary Jane Manley there in 1862. The following year, he brought his wife back to Devon, where sadly she died just one year later. George re-married in October 1865 to Mary Grace Palk . In 1875, by which time George & Mary Grace had two children, he took his family back to Australia. The family settled in Queensland where Mary Grace gave birth to four more children, and where the couple were to spend the rest of their days

**1850's:** George Yeo probably emigrated to Australia for the first time sometime in the mid-late 1850's, perhaps around the time he reached his majority. We find a possible match in the record for G Yeo age 21 no occupation stayed, departing Plymouth 14 Oct 1854 bound for Port Phillip Australia. (Victoria, Australia, Assisted & Unassisted Passenger Lists, 1839-1923)

**1862:** March 3rd. George married Mary Jane Manley, daughter of William Manley and his wife Mary nee Hill on 3 March 1862 in the C of E school house at Heathcote. Victoria, Australia. (Victoria, Australia, Outward Passenger Index, 1852-1915)

**1864:** The GRO records the death of Mary Jane Yeo aged 22 in 1864 Q1 in Newton Abbot Registration District vol 5B p132

**1865** The following year, George re-married to Mary Grace Palk at Ashburton Wesleyan Chapel on the 14 Oct.1865. FreeBMD records the marriage in Newton Abbot district in 1865 Q4

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**1871** Census: George Yeo Jr (his surname recorded as Yoe) age 35 Head married Builder employing 5 men born Torquay with Mary Grace Yoe 25 wife born Ipplepen and Alfred Yoe 2 Son born Torquay were living in Tormoham, Torquay

**1875:** The passenger manifest lists George Yeo 39 Carpenter; Mrs Mary G Yeo 29; and sons Alfred 6 and William F 2 as passengers aboard the vessel 'St.Osyth' bound for Melbourne & Sydney. Travelling on this ship with them were his brother Charles H F Yeo 29 Chemist, his wife Mrs Bertha Yeo 29 and daughter Bertha 8. It appears the voyage originated in London with a port of call at Plymouth, as the two families appear on manifests at both ports - that taken at London incorrectly listing George's wife as Mrs Sarah Yeo. The vessel arrived in Melbourne 27 June 1875. They were to tranship at Melbourne to go to Brisbane. (Victoria, Australia, Assisted & Unassisted Passenger Lists, 1839-1923)

**1877** George appears on the electoral roll for South Brisbane.  
Qualification: Resident of Woolloongabba, Brisbane.

**1885 -86** George listed on the P.O. Directory as a carpenter living at St. George Street, Woolloongabba.

**1910** Death of Mary Grace. Buried in Wallumbilla.

**1915** Death of George Yeo. Buried at Wallumbilla.

Notes for Mary Jane Manley:

Mary Jane Yeo died in Newton Abbot district in 1864 Q1 aged 22

George Yeo and Mary Grace Palk had the following children:

- i. ALFRED<sup>10</sup> YEO was born in 1868 in Newton Abbot Reg District. He died on 16 Nov 1957 in Lutwyche, Brisbane, Queensland. He married (1) EMMA JOHNSON in 1895 in Queensland, Australia. He married (2) SARAH ELIZABETH KITSON.
73. ii. WILLIAM FLETCHER YEO was born in 1873 in Newton Abbot Reg District. He died on Private. He married Jessie May Fensom in 1897 in Torquay, Devon.
- iii. ELIZABETH FLETCHER YEO was born on 07 Jun 1877 in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. She died in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. She married GEORGE MALLER.
- iv. EMMA YEO was born on 12 Jul 1881 in Queensland, Australia. She died on 02 Aug 1881 in Queensland, Australia.
74. v. STANLEY PALK YEO was born on 04 Jul 1883 in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. He married ELIZABETH MALLER.

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75. vi. ELSIE PALK YEO was born on 19 Jul 1886 in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. She died on Private. She married ALBERT HEWITT.
52. **WILLIAM FLETCHER<sup>9</sup> YEO** (George<sup>8</sup>, George<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>, George<sup>5</sup>, George<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) was born on 13 Apr 1839 in Tormoham, Devon. He died on 12 Jun 1909 in Sherwood, Oregon, USA. He married Elizabeth Churchward on 09 Apr 1861 in Torquay, Devon. She was born on 29 Mar 1840. She died on 01 Aug 1931 in Dayton, Yarnhill, Oregon, USA.

Notes for William Fletcher Yeo:

**1861** UK census: William Yeo Head unmarried 21 occupation butcher born Tormoham was living at Odlehill House, Abbotskerswell. Living with him were his mother Elizabeth 49, Builder's wife born Ipplepen; his sister Mary G 13 Scholar born Tormoham; and James Palmer 18 Butcher's servant born Kingskerswell.

**1861:** Just two days after the census was taken, William Fletcher Yeo and Elizabeth Churchward were married on 9 April 1861 in Torquay. The couple made their initial home in Devon where Elizabeth was to bear William six children. In about 1869, sometime after the birth of their son Arthur, William & Elizabeth and the family emigrated to London, Ontario, Canada where Elizabeth gave birth to another son Frederick.

**1871** Canada census: William Yeo 32 Farmer and wife Elizabeth 31 were living in the Township of London, Ontario with children William 9; Mary E 8; George 6; Thirza 5; James 4; Arthur 2; and Frederick 1 - all born England except Fredrick born Ontario. The family's religion was recorded as Wesleyan Methodist. Living with them were Agnes Barber 34 widow born Scotland and her two children Edwin 14 and William 7.

The family remained in Canada only two years, during which time Elizabeth gave birth to a daughter Annie. In about 1873, the family moved to the United States, initially to Michigan where the couple had another four children and then to Nebraska

**1880** US Census: William Yeo 40 Farmer with wife Elizabeth 40 and children Mary E 17; Thirza C 14; James 12; Anna E 8 - all recorded as born England (in fact Anna was born in Canada) ; and Kate 7; Samuel E 5; Henrietta and Sibilla both 4 - all born Michigan were living in Beaver City, Nebraska. We don't know how long the family remained there. Two further children were born there in the early 1880's, and William Fletcher Yeo was became a naturalised US citizen on 7 July 1894 in Furnas, Nebraska. But by 1900, they had moved to Oregon where William and Elizabeth were to spend the rest of their days.

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**1890** US census: Not found - note most records from this census were destroyed by fire.

**1900** US census: William Yeo 61 Farmer with wife Elizabeth 60 both born England were living with daughters Bella (ie Sibella) 24 b Michigan and Martha 17 b Nebraska were living at East Dayton, Yamhill, Oregon. The return records that Elizabeth had borne 14 children of whom 13 were still living. The return also states they immigrated in 1864, which appears an error

**1909:** Findagrave has the record of William's death in 1909 and his burial at Dayton, Yarnhill, Oregon, his date of birth cited as 29 Oct 1839

**1910** census: Elizabeth Yeo (mis-transcribed as Yee) aged 70 widow born England was living with her son-in-law Henery W Stermer and daughter Thurza C Stermer and their children at West Dayton, Yarnhill, Oregon

**1931:** Elizabeth survived William by over 20 years. She died on 1 Aug 1931. Findagrave records her burial at Dayton, Yarnhill, Oregon aged 90-91.

Notes for Elizabeth Churchward:

**1851** Census for the Churchward's. Both Elizabeth and her sister Matilda, who married Richard Fletcher, appear in this with their parents.

Address:9 Union St, Newton Abbot (means Torquay) Census Place:Tormoham Newton Abbot, Devonshire

Matthew CHURCHWARD Head M 36 M Butcher Emp 8 Men & Apt Stoke Gabriel  
Eliza CHURCHWARD Wife M 38 Bovey Tracey  
Elizabeth CHURCHWARD Daur 14 F Torquay  
Therzia CHURCHWARD Daur 9 F Scholar Torquay  
Elizth. CHURCHWARD Daur 11 F Scholar Torquay  
Matilda CHURCHWARD Daur 7 F Scholar Torquay  
William R. CHURCHWARD Son M Scholar Torquay  
John E. CHURCHWARD Son 4 M At Home Torquay  
Samuel CHURCHWARD Son 2 M At Home Torquay  
Anna CHURCHWARD Daur 6m F At Home Torquay  
Mary WEST Serv U 40 F Housekeeper Chichester  
John SIMMONS Serv M 42 M Accountant Somerset  
Avis HANNAFORDS erv U 23 F Housemaid Ilington-DEV?  
Mary E. HAYMAN Serv U 22 F Cook Combinteignhead  
Tryphasia ADAMS Serv U 18 F Nurse Ipplepen  
James WANDEL Serv U 23 M Butcher Assistant Plympton  
Philip ANGEL Appr U 20 M Butcher Assistant Apprentice Stoke Gabriel

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Charles KNOWLES Serv U 19 M Butcher Assistant Apprentice Teignmouth  
Philip HOWARD Serv U16 M Butcher Assistant Apprentice Torquay  
Josiah BINDER Appr U 17 M Butcher Apprentice Holne  
Henry GILHAM Neph16 M Butcher Apprentice Paignton

**1881** Elizabeth's father had moved to Edginswell Farm, Woodlands Farm Newton  
Abbot St Mary Church

Mathew CHURCHWARD M 66 MS Stoke Gabriel, Rel:Head Occ:Farmer

Eliza CHURCHWARD M 68 F Bovey Tracey, Rel:Wife

Ellen R. CHURCHWARD U 28 F Torquay Rel:Daur Occ:Assistant (Ag Lab)

Emily R. CHURCHWARD U 26 F Torquay, Rel:Daur Occ:Assistant (Ag Lab)

Emma CHURCHWARD M 38 F Trusham, Rel:Daughter In Law

Eva ABLE U1 4 F Hatherleigh, Rel:Serv

William PLIMSAUL U 15 M Hatherleigh, Rel:Serv (Ag Lab)

William ELLICOTT U 19 M Kingskerswell Rel:Serv (Ag Lab)

William Fletcher Yeo and Elizabeth Churchward had the following children:

76. i. WILLIAM<sup>10</sup> YEO was born on 21 Jan 1862 in Abbotskerswell, Devon. He died on 18 Aug 1920 in Sheridan, Oregon, USA. He married Lena Martha Henrich on 06 Jan 1896 in Lexington, Nebraska, USA. She was born on 18 Apr 1874 in Wehrheim, Germany.
- ii. MARY ELIZABETH (BESSIE) YEO was born on 18 Mar 1863 in Torquay, Devon. She died in 1931. She married Francis Orville Case on 17 Nov 1892 in Dawson, Nebraska, USA.
77. iii. GEORGE (DAY) YEO was born on 29 Aug 1864 in Shaldon, Devon. He died in 1944. He married JESSIE LEE.
- iv. THIRZA CHURCHWARD YEO was born on 15 Aug 1865 in Shaldon, Devon. She died in 1914. She married Henry Stermer on 12 Dec 1889 in Lexington, Dawson, Nebraska, USA. He was born in 1856. He died in 1928.
- v. JAMES YEO was born on 06 Jun 1867 in Maidencombe, Devon. He died in 1940. He married Mary A Hunt on 18 Jul 1894 in Huntsdale, Nebraska, USA.
- vi. ARTHUR YEO was born on 23 Nov 1868 in Maidencombe, Devon.
- vii. FREDERICK YEO was born on 18 Dec 1869 in London, Ontario, Canada. He died in 1945. He married Elizabeth Richards on 02 May 1895 in Yanhill, Oregon, USA.
78. viii ANNIE ELIZA YEO was born on 12 Sep 1871 in Alvington, Canada. She died in 1923. She married OSCAR LANE.
- ix. KATE YEO was born on 16 Feb 1873 in Fort Grabit, Michigan, USA. She

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died in 1959 in Fort Grabit, Michigan, USA. She married Grant Connor on 07 Mar 1894 in Dawson Nebraska, USA.

- x. SAMUEL EDWARD YEO was born on 30 Sep 1874 in Clyde Township, Michigan, USA. He died in 1923.
  - xi. SIBELLA YEO was born on 18 May 1876 in Ruby, Michigan, USA. She died in 1923. She married HARRIS NIMMO. He was born in 1876.
  - xii. HENRIETTA YEO was born on 18 May 1876 in Ruby, Michigan, USA. She married ERIC ANDERSON.
  - xiii MARTHA ELLEN (MATTIE) YEO was born on 18 Jul 1882 in Furnas Co. Nebraska, USA. She married CARTER SCHILLINGTON.
  - xiv ALBERT YEO was born on 16 Mar 1884 in Beaver City, Nebraska, USA. He died in 1884.
53. **RICHARD FLETCHER<sup>9</sup> YEO** (George<sup>8</sup>, George<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>, George<sup>5</sup>, George<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) was born on 17 Apr 1842 in Tormoham, Devon. He died on 20 Jun 1913 in Torquay, Devon. He married (1) **MATILDA CHURCHWARD** in 1865 in Newton Abbot Reg District. She was born in 1843. She died in 1907. He married (2) **ELLEN F HEATH** in 1912 in Plymouth.

Notes for Richard Fletcher Yeo:

Richard married Mathilda Churchward in 1865 in Newton Abbot district. Matilda bore him two children there, Florence and Albert Winsor. At some point, Richard and his family emigrated to the east coast of the United States - perhaps in late 1870 or early 1871, as we find them neither in the US census of 1870 nor the UK census of 1871. They settled in Waltham, Middlesex, Massachusetts where Richard worked as a carpenter, and where they three more children whose births were recorded as Richard Louis; Frank Churchward; and Ernest George. It seems that life in Massachusetts didn't suit the family, for sometime in the late 1870's they returned to the Newton Abbot district where two more daughters Ethel May and Beatrice Maud were born in 1880 and 1882 respectively. The couple spent the rest of their days in south Devon. Matilda died in 1907, after which Richard re-married to Ellen F Heath in 1912. He died the following year.

**1865:** Richard Fletcher Yeo and Matilda Churchward were married in Newton Abbot district in 1865 Q4. The Western Times of 27 October records the marriage was solemnised the previous day 26 October, and that Matilda was the daughter of Mr M Churchward. (British Newspaper Archive)

**1870** US census/1871 UK census: Not found

**By 1881** Richard had returned from America

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Dwelling: Warren Road 2 Tamer Villa

Census Place: Tormoham, Devon, England

Richard F Yeo M38 M Torquay, Devon, Engl Rel: Head Occ: Builder & Contractor

Matilda F Yeo M36 F Torquay, Devon, England Rel: Wife

Florence F. Yeo 14 F Torquay, Devon, England Rel: Daur Occ: Scholar

Albert Winsor F. Yeo 12 M Torquay, Devon, England Rel: Son Occ: Scholar

Richard Lewis F. Yeo 7 M United States Rel: Son Occ: Scholar

Frank Churchwd. F. Yeo 5 M United States Rel: Son Occ: Scholar

George Ernest F. Yeo 4 M United States Rel: Son Occ: Scholar

Ethel May F. Yeo 10 m F Torquay, Devon, England Rel: Daur

Kate G. WEBBER 15 F Exeter, Devon, England Rel: Serv Occ: Domestic Servant

**1891** Richard is still living at 2 Tamer Villas, Warren Road and there is another daughter, Beatrice Maud.

Richard Fletcher Yeo H M 48 Builder & Contractor (employer) b. Torquay

Matilda Yeo W M 46. b Torquay

Albert Victor Yeo S S 22 Theological student b Torquay

Florence D S 24 b. Torquay

Richard Louis Yeo S S 18 Builder's clerk b. Massachusetts, USA

Frank Churchward Yeo S S 15 Builder's clerk b. Massachusetts, USA

George Ernest Yeo S S 14 Builder's clerk b. Massachusetts, USA

Ethel Mary Yeo D S 10 b. Torquay

Beatrice Maud Yeo D S 9 b. Torquay

Harriet Malesserv S 18 Gen Servant b. Torquay

**1901** census: Richard F Yeo 58 Builder & Contractor, wife Mathilda 57 both born Torquay, with son George E b America and daughter Beatrice M 19 b Torquay were living at Bovey Tracey.

**1907:** Matilda Yeo died on 3 Sept 1907. Probate of Matilda's will was granted at Exeter on 24 Oct 1907 to Albert Winsor Yeo and Richard Lewis Yeo

**1911** census: Richard Fletcher Yeo (mis-transcribed on Familysearch as Hitcher) 68 Widowed Contractor Builder b Torquay and daughter Florence Yeo 44 were living in Tormoham Torbay

**1912:** Richard F Yeo married Ellen F Heath in Plymouth district in 1912 Q4.

**1913:** Unfortunately Richard's second marriage was to prove a very short one. He died on 20 June 1913. Probate was granted at Torquay on 4 Nov 1913 to Albert Winsor Yeo; Richard Louis Yeo; and Frank Churchward Yeo.

Richard Fletcher Yeo and Matilda Churchward had the following children:

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- i. FLORENCE<sup>10</sup> YEO was born in 1867 in Torquay, Devon.
- 79. ii. ALBERT WINSOR YEO was born in 1869 in Torquay, Devon. He died on Private. He married Leanora Gilbert in 1898.
- iii. RICHARD LOUIS YEO was born on 12 Feb 1873 in Waltham, Middlesex, Massachusetts, USA. He married Gertrude Lubbock in 1909 in Paddington Area, London.

Notes for Richard Louis Yeo:

Richard Louis Yeo was born 12 Feb 1873 Waltham, Middlesex, Massachusetts, father Richard Yeo, Carpenter. The mother's name is cited as Anna A Chadinard, which is presumably a mis-recording.

- iv. FRANK CHURCHWARD YEO was born on 09 Oct 1875 in Waltham, Middlesex, Massachusetts, USA. He married Miriam Kenwick in 1906 in Coventry Reg District.

Notes for Frank Churchward Yeo:

Frank Churchward Yeo was born 9 Oct 1875 in Waltham Middlesex, Massachusetts, father Richard Yeo, Carpenter, mother Matilda Churchward

- v. ERNEST GEORGE YEO was born in 1877 in Waltham, USA. He married Lucy Melhuish in 1908 in Totnes Reg District.

Notes for Ernest George Yeo:

Ernest George Yeo was born 25 Feb 1877 in Waltham, Middlesex, Massachusetts, father Richard Yeo Carpenter, mother Matilda Churchwood (sic)

- 80. vi. ETHEL MAY YEO was born in 1880 in Newton Abbot Reg District. She married ARTHUR KENWRICK.
- 81. vii. BEATRICE MAUD YEO was born in 1882 in Newton Abbot Reg District. She married MONTAGUE SMITH.

- 54. **CHARLES HENRY FLETCHER<sup>9</sup> YEO** (George<sup>8</sup>, George<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>, George<sup>5</sup>, George<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) was born on 30 May 1845 in Tormoham, Devon. He died on 28 Jan 1898 in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. He married Eliza Jane Reed, daughter of Edward Reed and Catharine Elizabeth Collander, in Sep 1866 in Newton Abbot Reg District. She was born on 16 Aug 1843 in St Johns, Herefordshire. She died on 30 Aug 1934 in Leura, New South Wales, Australia.

Notes for Charles Henry Fletcher Yeo:

**1835** Baptised 30 May 1845 Tormoham

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**1861** Census Wolborough St, Wolborough  
William GREEN Head married 43 Dispensing chemist b Durham, Walsingham  
Eliza GREEN wife married 45 b Dublin  
Chas YEO Apprentice 15 **Apprentice Chemist** b Tormoham

**1871** Census Paignton 25 **Chemist** b Torquay living with his wife Eliza and daughter Bertha

**1875** Charles emigrated to Australia on the St Osyth in Jun 1875 with his wife Eliza and daughter Bertha. His brother George and family were on the same voyage. On July 8th. Charles and family arrive at Brisbane on the A.S.N. Co. 'Leichardt' from Sydney. His brother George and family are not on the passenger manifest for that voyage, so they must have arrived later.

**1878** Charles appears on the electoral roll for Brisbane. Qualification: Leasehold in Edward St. where he conducted a chemist shop

**1878 -79** Charles listed in Postal Directory as a chemist in Edward St..

**1898** Charles is buried in the Toowong, Brisbane, cemetery. The headstone was erected by the Pharmaceutical Society, of which he was a member

Charles Henry Fletcher Yeo and Eliza Jane Reed had the following child:

- i. BERTHA REED<sup>10</sup> YEO was born in 1866 in Totnes Reg District. She married Charles James Duffill in 1889 in Queensland, Australia.

55. **SAMUEL**<sup>9</sup> **YEO** (George<sup>8</sup>, George<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>, George<sup>5</sup>, George<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) was born in 1849 in Tormoham, Devon. He married (1) **ELIZABETH PALK** in Mar 1874 in Newton Abbot Reg District. She was born in 1851 in Ashburton, Devon. She died in Mar 1889 in Swansea Area, Glamorganshire, Wales. He married (2) **TITA**. She was born in 1851 in Oldbury, Worcester.

Notes for Samuel Yeo:

**1851** census Samuel was living with his parents in Cary Villa, Warren Road, Torquay

George YEO Head M 47 M Carpenter Employing (12) Men Abbotskerswell  
Elizabeth YEO Wife M 39 F -Ipplepen  
Samuel YEO Son-1M Tormoham

We have not found him in the 1861 and 1871 census returns

**1881** census Samuel had married Elizabeth Palk and moved to Wales, living with

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them was his mother in law Mary Angel Palk. Is this a case of two brothers George & Samuel Yeo marrying two Palk sisters Mary Grace & Elizabeth?

Place:Oystermouth, Glamorgan, Wales

Samuel YEO M 31 M Torquay,Head Grocers Asst

Elizth. YEO M 29 F Ashburton,Wife Grocers Asst Wife

Etta YEO 4 F Torquay,Daur

Amy YEO 2 F Torquay Daur

Mary Angel PALK M 57 FToppleton Mother In Law Farmers Wife

John CHESMAN U 23 M Kireton Holme, Lincoln,Boarder Grocer Asst

Ellen JONES U 19 F Mumbles, Glamorgan,Serv Domestic

**1891** census: Samuel Yeo aged 41, widower occupation Grocer was living at Rock Terrace, Oystermouth with his children Ella 14 & Amy 12, all three born Devonshire; and Jessie 6 and Roland 5, both born Glamorganshire

**1901** Samuel was living at 11 Whitton Rd, Dean Rd. Ilseworth, Middlesex. He was still a Grocer's Assistant.

He was then married to Tita and living with them were children, Roland and Jessie.from his first marriage We have been unable to find any other trace of Tita other than this census return (She may have simply been his common law wife) or the deaths of Samuel and Tita

Samuel Yeo and Elizabeth Palk had the following children:

- i. EMMA PALK<sup>10</sup> YEO was born in 1875 in Torquay, Devon. She died in 1875 in Torquay, Devon.
- ii. ELLA YEO was born in 1877 in Torquay, Devon.

Notes for Ella Yeo:

In 1901 Ella and Amy were living together at 17, Salcott Road, Battersea  
Ella was a cook and Amy, a typist.

- iii. AMY YEO was born in 1878 in Torquay, Devon. She married X in Sep 1902 in Hackney Area.
- iv. SYDNEY YEO was born in Jul 1881 in Oystermouth, Glamorgan. He died in 1881 in Oystermouth, Glamorgan.
- v. HERBERT YEO was born in Jan 1883 in Oystermouth, Glamorgan. He died in 1883 in Oystermouth, Glamorgan.
- vi. JESSIE YEO was born in 1885 in Gower Area, Wales.
- vii. ROLAND YEO was born in 1886 in Gower Area, Wales. He died in Dec 1963 in Surrey South East. He married MADGE WHEELER. She was born on 11 Feb 1894. She died in 1981 in Surrey South East.

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Notes for Roland Yeo:

Roland has proved something of an enigma. We find no record for him in the 1911 census, no record for his marriage ca 1931, nor in the 1939 Register. He was employed as a clerk in the Civil Service, and was posted to Malta and possibly elsewhere, and it seems possible his marriage and birth of his daughter were outside UK, though we have found no records for them either

1931 Ports of Voyage: New York and Cherbourg Ship Name: Queen Mary Wife Madge, daughter Lilian born 1931

On 11 Sept 1935, Roland Yeo 49 Clerk, wife Madge 41 and daughter Lilian 4 embarked at Southampton on the Aberdeen & Commonwealth Line vessel Hobsons Bay. Their name address was given as 50 Lawson Road, Southsea, Hants and their destination and future country of permanent residence as Malta. It is unclear from this entry whether Roland's occupation was taking him to a post in Malta or if the family were "emigrating". From later travel records, we might surmise Roland was posted to Malta with his job. Madge and Lilian may have been evacuated to England at the early stage of the war, but it seems Roland may have been in Malta for the duration of the war, when the island's resistance to sustained German bombing was recognised with the award of the George Cross. At some point they returned to Britain where Roland and Madge both died.

In 1941 Roland was gazetted as a Chief Clerk at Malta in the War Office. (London Gazette, 22 Aug 1941 p 4894)

On 19 Sept 1946, Madge Yeo 52 and Lilian 15 embarked at London on the P&O vessel Carthage. Their home address was given as 71 Victoria Road, Bude, Cornwall, and their destination and future country of permanent residence as Malta

On 27 June 1949, Roland Yeo b 1886, Madge and Lilian Yeo b 1931 arrived at Southampton from New York aboard the Queen Mary.

On 26 Aug 1949, Roland Yeo 63 wife Madge 55 and daughter Lilian 18 embarked at Southampton on the Aberdeen & Commonwealth Line vessel Moreton Bay. Roland's occupation as given as Civil Servant, and Lilian's as Typist. Their home address was given as 71 Victoria Road, Bude, Cornwall, and their destination and future country of permanent residence as Malta.

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Roland died in Surrey SE district in 1963 Q4 aged 77. Madge survived him by almost 20 years - we find her death as Madge Wheeler Yeo in Surrey N district in 1981 Q3, her date of birth cited as 11 Feb 1894

56. **JOHN E<sup>9</sup> YEO** (John<sup>8</sup>, George<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>, George<sup>5</sup>, George<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) was born on 03 Dec 1842 in Ipplepen, Devon. He died on 11 Sep 1932 in Rawlins, Kansas, USA. He married (1) **MARY MOORE** on 18 Jul 1865 in Windsor Wesleyan Church, Berks. She was born in 1840 in Hartland, Devon. She died in 1888 in Rawlins, Kansas, USA. He married (2) **FRANCES E** in 1891 in Kansas, USA. She died between 1900-1910. He married (3) **ANITA MARIE DEWEY**. She died on 15 May 1946 in Alameda Oakland, California USA.

Notes for John E Yeo:

John E Yeo was a carpenter by trade. In 1865, he married Mary Moore in Reading Berkshire, where the couple initially made their home. Mary was to bear him three children there - Frederick George; Alfred Ernest; and Sidney Horace. In January 1870, John emigrated to the United States, where we find credible matches for him arriving in Boston, Massachusetts on 30 January and in Michigan in the national census taken in June of that year. Initially he left his family behind in the Torquay area, where Mary gave birth to a fourth son Charles Dennis Moore Yeo in May 1870. Mary and the four children followed him just a few months later, arriving in New York in September 1870. After a daughter Anna was born in Michigan in 1872, the family moved to Alabama where sadly their first born son Frederick died, and where another son Herbert Euclid Yeo was born in 1876. The family did not remain in Alabama for long - by 1880 they were living in Nebraska and were still there in the 1885 state census. But shortly after that, the family moved yet again to Rawlins County, Kansas, where Mary died in 1888 and where John re-married to Francis. His second marriage was not to be a long one - she died between 1900 and 1910. Sometime in that period John left Kansas to join his son Sidney, by then married and living in California, where in 1910 John married for the third time to Anita Marie Dewey. John died in 1932, though it is unclear where he died. He is buried alongside his first wife Mary in Rawlins County, Kansas. One wonders what hardships the family must have endured during their travels as they criss-crossed the United States in search of a better life.

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**1851** census: John Yeo aged 8 was living with his mother Mary Ann and his sisters Margaret (*an error. It should have been Martha Mary*) and Susan at his maternal grandparents George & Martha Warren in Ipplepen

**1861** UK census: John Yeo noted as son aged 18 unmarried occupation carpenter born Ipplepen was living at No 9 Centre Village Ipplepen. The head of the household, (ie John's father John Yeo) was marked "Abroad". His mother Mary Ann Yeo wife no age given was marked Absent. Living with John were boarders Elizabeth Law widow aged 65 Greenwich Pensioner born East Ogwell and Harriet Law 26 unmarried formerly Dressmaker and noted as "ill", born Ipplepen.

**1870:** We find a credible match for John Yeo 27 occupation labourer arriving on 30 Jan 1870 at Boston Massachusetts aboard the SS Marathon

**1870** US census: In this census taken on 11 June, we find a probable match for John Yeo aged 27 occupation carpenter born England living in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan.

**1870:** We find a match for Mary Yeo age 30 with children Fred 4; Alfred 2; Sidney and Dennis both 1 arriving on 5 September 1870 in New York from Liverpool aboard the SS City of Antwerp, apparently on their way to join John in Michigan.

**1880** US census: John Yeo 38 occupation carpenter with wife Mary 40 and children Alfred 13; Sydney 10 and Charles 8, all born England; Ann 6 born Michigan; and Herbert 3 born Alabama were living in Nebraska City, Nebraska. From their children's birthplaces, it appears that sometime after their daughter Anna's birth, John and his family left Michigan for Alabama - about 1,000 miles to the south, where the census states son Herbert was born about 1877. (The WW1 draft registration card for 1917-8 of Euclid Herbert Yeo gives his exact date of birth as 20 Oct 1876, but is silent on birthplace). Moreover, shortly after Herbert's birth the family moved again to Nebraska, almost 1200 miles to the north-west where we find them in this 1880 census. This might lead us to question whether Herbert's birthplace is correctly recorded - but it is consistently given as Alabama in subsequent censuses.

**1885** Nebraska State census: John Yeo 42 Carpenter with Wife Mary 46 and children Alfred 18; Sidney 16; Charley 14; Hannah 12 and Herbert 8 were living in Nebraska City, all born England except Anna born Michigan and Herbert born Alabama. The census return states that John had been unemployed for 12 months in the census year. We might query whether this might be a mis-recording, but several other respondents on the same census sheet were similarly recorded as unemployed for part or all of the year. We might also speculate whether it was unemployment

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that prompted John & Mary to move yet again, this time leaving Nebraska for the neighbouring state of Kansas - another 300 miles to the south-west.

**1890** US census: Not found - most of these census records were destroyed by fire

**1900** US census: John E Yeo 58 (born Dec 1842, England) occupation Farmer and wife Frances E Yeo 50 born Ohio were living at Rawlins, Kansas. The return states that John immigrated in 1870 and the couple had been married 9 years, with no children. It also states both John's parents were born in England, and both of Frances' in Germany. John's four children by his first marriage Alfred 32 and Charley 29, both born England; Annie L 25 born Michigan; and Euclid H (ie Herbert) 23 born Florida (his birthplace in other returns is cited as Alabama), all single and all three men Farmers, were near neighbours of John and his second wife.

**1910** US census: John's second wife Frances must have died between 1900 and 1910, though we find no burial record for her. In the national census taken on 15 April 1910, John E Yeo, 67 widower born England Carpenter was living in Placer County, California with his son Sidney H Yeo 37 born England Stock Farmer; Sidney's wife Emily 45 born Illinois of Swedish parents; and Emily's children by a first marriage Florence L Thurber 22 and Clarence E Thurber 21, both born California. A family tree in the public domain states that John E Yeo married Anita M Dewey in Alameda, Oakland, California on 4 June 1910 - though we have been unable to independently verify that record.

**1920** US census: John E Yeo (surname recorded as Yoe) 77 born England Carpenter and wife Anita 73 born California were living at Alameda, Oakland California. The census return gives John's year of immigration as 1869 and of naturalisation as 1894.

**1930** US census: John E Yeo 84 born England retired and his wife Anita M Yeo 60 (an under-recording ??) born California were living in Alameda, Oakland, California. Living with them as a nurse and servant was Sarah Hazelton, widow 65 born California

**1932** Findagrave holds an image of John's gravestone at Ilion cemetery, Rawlins County, Kansas. It records his birth as 3 Dec 1842 and death on 11 Sept 1932, and states he was a member of the Rawlins County Pioneers. His first wife Mary Moore is also recorded on the gravestone date of birth 23 June 1835 and death on 5 Feb 1888. The names of their children are stated too - Fred, Alf, Sid, Charlie, Annie and Herb. It is unclear if John died in Kansas, or in California and his body was brought back to Kansas for interment beside Mary. There is no mention of John's second wife Francis. His third wife Anita Marie Yeo survived him by 14 years and died in Alameda Oakland, California on 15 May 1946 aged 77.

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Notes for Mary Moore:

**1888:** Mary died on 5 Feb 1888 and was buried in Rawlins County, Kansas

John E Yeo and Mary Moore had the following children:

- i. FREDERICK GEORGE<sup>10</sup> YEO was born in 1866 in Windsor, Berks. He died in Mar 1874 in Alabama, USA.
- ii. ALFRED ERNEST YEO was born on 04 Apr 1867 in Windsor, Berks. He died on 02 Dec 1943 in Rawlins, Kansas, USA.

Notes for Alfred Ernest Yeo:

Findagrave has an image of Alfred's headstone at Ilion Cemetery, Rawlins, showing him born 4 April 1867 and died 2 Dec 1943 aged 76. He was apparently a lifelong bachelor.

- iii. SIDNEY HORACE YEO was born in 1868 in Windsor, Berks. He died on 11 Nov 1936 in Napa, California, USA. He married Emily Thurber nee Brown in 1906. She was born about 1865 in Illinois, USA. She died on 05 Sep 1942 in Napa, California, USA.

Notes for Sidney Horace Yeo:

He married Emily Thurber nee Brown in about 1906. She was previously married. In the 1910 national census, Sidney and his wife Emily 45 born Illinois to Swedish parents and her children by her first marriage Florence Thurber 22 and Clarence Thurber 21 both single and both born California were living in Placer, California. Living with them was Sidney's father John E Yeo 67 widower. Sidney died in Napa, California on 11 Nov 1936 aged 68. Emily died in Napa on 5 Sept 1942.

82. iv. CHARLES DENNIS MOORE YEO was born on 26 May 1870 in Torquay, Devon. He died in 1921 in Rawlins, Kansas, USA. He married SUSANA EVERISS. She was born in 1883 in Ohio, USA. She died on Private.
- v. ANNIE LOUISE YEO was born on 29 Jul 1872 in Detroit, Michigan, USA. She died in Rawlins, Kansas, USA. She married ALBERT HENRY EVERISS. He died in Rawlins, Kansas, USA.

Notes for Annie Louise Yeo:

Anna L Yeo, daughter of John Yeo, Carpenter, and wife Mary, was born in Detroit Michigan on 29 July 1872, both parents born in England. She

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married Albert Henry Everiss - a case of a Yeo brother (see notes for her brother Charles) & sister marrying an Everiss sister and brother. Anna Louise and Albert and are buried together in Ilion Cemetery, Rawlins County.

83. vi. HERBERT EUCLID YEO was born on 20 Oct 1876 in Alabama, USA. He died after 1935 in Rawlins, Kansas, USA. He married CLARA A TRAIL. She was born about 1881 in Nebraska, USA. She died in 1935 in Rawlins, Texas, USA.
57. **MARTHA MARY<sup>9</sup> YEO** (John<sup>8</sup>, George<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>, George<sup>5</sup>, George<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) was born in 1846 in Ipplepen, Devon. She married Samuel Blatchford about 1870.

Notes for Martha Mary Yeo:

**1881** Martha had married Samuel and was living in Tormoham. Living with them was Martha's mother Mary Ann in Le Upton Rd Faria Cotts, Census Place:Tormoham, Devon, England

Samuel BLATCHFORD M 34 M Ipplepen, Devon, England Head Carpenter  
Martha M. BLATCHFORD M 34 F Ipplepen, Devon, England Wife  
Kate Y. BLATCHFORD 9 F Egham, Surrey, England Daur Scholar  
Frederick J. BLATCHFORD 7 M Egham, Surrey, England Son Scholar  
Horace A. BLATCHFORD 5 M Egham, Surrey, England Son Scholar  
Bertha S. BLATCHFORD 3 F Egham, Surrey, England Daur Scholar  
Ernest E. BLATCHFORD 2 M Torquay, Devon, England Son  
Maud M. BLATCHFORD 3 m F Torquay, Devon, England Daur  
Mary A. YEOW 60 Ipplepen, F Devon, England Mother Nurse

Samuel Blatchford and Martha Mary Yeo had the following children:

- i. KATE YEO<sup>10</sup> BLATCHFORD was born in 1872 in Egham, Surrey.
  - ii. FREDERICK J BLATCHFORD was born in 1874 in Egham, Surrey.
  - iii. HORACE A BLATCHFORD was born in 1876 in Egham, Surrey.
  - iv. BERTHA S BLATCHFORD was born on 02 May 1877 in Egham, Surrey. She married Thomas Edward Bulleid on 27 Mar 1902 in Torquay, Devon.
  - v. ERNEST E BLATCHFORD was born in 1879 in Torquay, Devon.
  - vi. MAUD M BLATCHFORD was born in 1881 in Torquay, Devon.
58. **CECILIA<sup>9</sup> ROWE** (Mary<sup>8</sup> Luce, Thomas<sup>7</sup> Luce, Anne<sup>6</sup> Knighton, Agnes<sup>5</sup> Yeo, George<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, William<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born on 01 Apr 1804 in Saltash, Cornwall. She died on 22 Mar 1888 in Plymouth. She married George Thomson on 29 Jul 1823 in Plymouth. He was born on 17 May 1801 in Stoke Damerel, Plymouth, Devon. He died on 29 Oct 1845 in Cape Town, South Africa.

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Notes for George Thomson:

George Thomson born 17 May 1801, bapt. 19 July 1801 Stoke Damerel and died 29 Oct 1845 Cape Town, South Africa. His burial record states he was the seaman's schoolmaster aboard HMS Winchester. From 1842-1852 she was the flagship on the Cape of Good Hope station under the command of Captain Charles Eden.

George Thomson and Cecilia Rowe had the following child:

84. i. MARK ROWE<sup>10</sup> THOMSON was born on 24 Jun 1824 in Plymouth. He died on 22 Feb 1888 in Mobile, Alabama, USA. He married Elizabeth Prout Dolling on 30 Aug 1851 in Kingston upon Hull, Yorks. She was born on 16 May 1830 in Stoke Damerel, Plymouth, Devon. She died in Mar 1898 in Totnes, Devon.
59. WILLIAM RICHARD<sup>9</sup> DRAKE (William<sup>8</sup>, Henry<sup>7</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, Ann<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born on 25 Aug 1817 in London. He died on 02 Dec 1890 in Kensington, London. He married Katherine Stuart Forbes Goodwin on 08 Aug 1846 in St Marylebone Church, London. She died on 21 Aug 1880 in Brookwood, Surrey.

Notes for William Richard Drake:

**1817:** William Richard Drake was the eldest son of William Drake, Esq., of Gray's Inn in London and of Barnstaple, and Frances, daughter of Robert Lincoln, of Crowland, Lincolnshire. William was born on 25 August 1817 & baptised on 9 December 1817 at St. Paul's, Covent Garden, London. He was educated at Reading School.

**1841** census: Not found

**1843:** William was admitted as an Attorney.

**1846:** William married Katherine Stuart Forbes Goodwin on 8 August 1846 at St. Marylebone Church. She was born 19 October 1823, the daughter of Richard Thomas Goodwin, Senior Member of the Council of the East India Company at Bombay.

**1848:** William was a Treasurer of County Courts. He became a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries 17 February 1848, and contributed to the periodical *Archæologia*.

**1851** census: Not found

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**1861** census: William Richard Drake 43 Solicitor and wife Katherine Stuart Drake age 35 both born Middlesex London were living at Oaklands Lodge, Weybridge, Chertsey. Living with them was William's sister Frances Ann Drake 41 Gent (ie gentlewoman) also born Middlesex. Completing the household were a coachman, cook and two maids.

**1869:** William was knighted by Letters Patent on 1 October 1869 - see also his obituary below

**1871** census: Not found

**1881** census: William R Drake, widower, aged 63, Knight occupation solicitor born Holborn, Middlesex and his daughter Ella K H Drake aged 21 born Ireland were living at 12 Princes Gardens in the St George Hanover Square registration district. Living with them were a butler, a footman and five domestic serving maids.

**1890:** Sir William was a large shareholder in the Great Western Railway

**1890:** Sir William died at his residence Prince's Gardens, South Kensington, after an attack of bronchitis on December 2nd, 1890 at the age of 73 years.

The following is an extract of an obituary prepared by Michael Steer and read by the Rev W Harpley MA at July 1891 meeting of the Devon Association held at Tiverton :

Sir William Richard Drake was the eldest son of the late Mr. William Drake (son of Mr. Henry Drake, of Barnstaple, by Ann, sister of Sir James Hamlyn), by Frances, daughter of Mr. Robert Lincoln. Sir William was born on August 25th, 1817, and married, in 1846, Katherine Stewart Forbes, daughter of Richard Thomas Goodwin, E.I.C.S., formerly senior Member of Council at Bombay. Lady Drake died on August 21st, 1880. Sir William was for many years in close and confidential relationship with the leader of the Liberal party. He was knighted at the instance of Mr. Gladstone in 1869. He was one of the founders, and for some years an active member of the Managing Committee, of the Devonshire Club. Sir William Drake contributed to Art-history "Notes on Venetian Ceramics." He was one of the original members, and at the time of his death the Chairman, of the Burlington Fine Arts Club. He edited a descriptive catalogue of etched work of Francis Seymour Haden, and was also the Honorary Secretary of the Royal Society of Painter Etchers, in which he took great interest. He was a frequent visitor to Italy, and a collector of all forms of Italian art. In conjunction with Sir H. Layard, the late Baron Heath, and other friends, he took an active part in the formation and management of the Venice and Morano Glass and Mosaic Company, which for many years maintained a successful industry in Venice and the adjoining island of Morano. His contributions to archaeological and antiquarian literature included "Notes on the Capture of the

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Great Carrack," in the *Archæologia* of the Society of Antiquaries, of which he was one of the oldest members remaining. He made numerous additions to the family history of Devonshire, some of which were published in the *Herald and Genealogist*, the *Miscellanea Genealogica* of the Harleian Society; as also many other narrative and tabular pedigrees collected and printed for private circulation under the title of *Devonshire Notes and Notelets*, copies of which he presented to the libraries of the British Museum and the Society of Antiquaries, and the principal public libraries of his native county. He became a member of this Association in 1880, and although he was unable to be present at any of the Annual Meetings, the work of the Association always received his warm approval.

Sir William was a member of the legal profession, and senior partner of the firm of Bircham and Go. He was much engaged in the formation of Public Companies under the Act of 1862, particularly in connection with the banking establishments of Messrs. Glyn and Co., J. S. Morgan and Co., and other prominent financial City firms. He was a director of the Imperial Ottoman Bank, the Lemberg Czeronowitz Railway, and other societies; and it was in connexion with projects such as these that he received from the Austrian, Italian, and Turkish Courts various orders of knighthood. (*Note: Sir William's other honours were Knight Commander of the Italian Orders of SS. Maurizio and Lazzaro, and of the Corona d'Italia: Knight of the Austrian Order of the Iron Crown: and the Turkish Order of the Medjidie, 2nd Class*) (Sir Richard William Drake Obituary: Trans. Devon Assoc., 1891, Vol XXIII, pp. 105-106. by Rev. W. Harpley, M.A. Prepared by Michael Steer)

**1891:** The Will of Sir William Richard Drake was proved 16th January at the Principal Registry by Lachlan Mackintosh, Henry John Morgan, Alfred Western Hatchell-Hornsby Drake - the latter being Sir William's son-in-law. Sir William died a very wealthy man - his effects amounted to £237,959.10s

**1893:** The heraldic and genealogical library of Sir William Drake, F.S.A. was sold by Sotheby, Wilkinson and Hodge 24 February 1893.

Notes for Katherine Stuart Forbes Goodwin:

The England & Wales census of 1861 states Katherine was born in Middlesex, though we find no baptism for her there or elsewhere in the United Kingdom. It is possible she was born in India where her father was a senior officer of the East India Company. It seems he was long established there - Richard Thomas Goodwin of Bombay is recorded as passing a public examination in oriental languages, probably Hindu and or Bengali, at the College of Fort William, in July 1803. (Source: *The Christian Observer* conducted by Members of the Established Church; Year 1804, Vol 3, p 444; reprinted Whiting & Watson, New York 1814)

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Katherine pre-deceased Sir William. She died on 21 August 1880 and was buried at Brookwood cemetery, Surrey.

William Richard Drake and Katherine Stuart Forbes Goodwin had the following child:

- i. ELLA KATHERINE H<sup>10</sup> DRAKE was born about 1860 in Ireland.

Notes for Ella Katherine H Drake:

The 1881 and 1891 censuses both record Ella's birthplace as Ireland, though in the (incomplete) Irish genealogical records we have found no birth or baptism record for her. She married Alfred Western H Hornsby in St George Hanover Square in 1887 Q3. He was born on the Island of St Helena in 1846. He joined the Indian Army and served with the 1st Madras Light Cavalry/Lancers and fought in the 2nd Afghan and 3rd Burmese Wars. He retired in 1886 and married Ella the following year. It appears that after their marriage, the couple adopted the surname Hornsby-Drake. They had two daughters Katherine Ella D Hornsby-Drake born 1888 Q2 and Ella B T Hornsby-Drake born in 1889 Q2, both in St George Hanover Square district. Ella K Hornsby-Drake died in St George Hanover Square in 1930 Q3 aged 70, a good match with her job. Alfred survived her by two years and died 86 in the same district in 1932 Q1.

60. **JOHN<sup>9</sup> YEA** (William<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup> Yaw, David<sup>6</sup> Yaw, John<sup>5</sup> Yow, John<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born on 17 Oct 1819 in Woodbury, Devon. He married Elizabeth JENKINS nee Owens, daughter of Daniel Owen and Elisabeth, on 21 May 1845 in Liverpool. She was born on 01 Jan 1816 in Oystermouth, Glamorgan. She died in 1899 in Bristol.

Notes for John YEA:

**1819:** We find a clear entry for the baptism of John, son of William & Eleanor Yea in Woodbury Devon on 17 October 1819. The family's place of residence is recorded as Woodbury and William's occupation as Husbandman.

**1841** census: Not found - he may have been away at sea.

**1845:** We find the record of the marriage after banns on 21 May 1845 at St Nicholas parish church Liverpool of John Yea of full age, bachelor, occupation Mariner, father William Yea, Mariner, and Elizabeth Jenkins of full age, widow, father Daniel Owen, Officer in HM Customs. Bride and groom both signed their names. Witnesses were Martin Connor and Ann Owen. We cannot be certain that John Yea in this

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marriage to Elizabeth Jenkins is indeed John the son of William & Eleanor. John & Elizabeth's marriage record states John was a Mariner. The authors have reviewed in depth (detailed note on file) other candidates with mariner backgrounds as the groom in this marriage and which we can eliminate with certainty viz:

John son of William & Jenny Yea bapt Kingston St Mary 24 Dec 1809

John son of George & Catherine Yeo bapt Stoke Damerel 29 May 1814

John son of William & Jane Yeo bapt South Tawton 4 Sept 1814

We should note here that on John & Elizabeth's marriage record, the occupation of the groom's father William is also stated as mariner. However, on John's baptism record his father's occupation is given there as Husbandman, and in both the 1841 & 1851 censuses as Labourer. Despite this apparent inconsistency, William & Eleanor's son John b 1819 is the only remaining candidate we have for this marriage in our extensive database. With this caveat and in order to capture the information we have gathered on Elizabeth and their children, we record herein John born Woodbury 1819 as the groom.

**1851/61:** We find no match for John in the 1851 or 1861 censuses. In the former he may have been away at sea. But as will be seen, at the 1851 census John's wife Elizabeth was recorded as married, while in the 1861 census she was a widow. However a search of the GRO death records between 1851 and 1861 yields NO record of the death of a John Yeo and similar surname of a credible age. We might speculate that John may have died at sea sometime during this period - though we find no match among the records of deaths at sea aboard British registered vessels in that specific collection on Findmypast.

Notes for Elizabeth JENKINS nee Owens:

**1815:** We find a credible match for Elizabeth Owen born 1 Jan 1816 baptised 14 Jan 1816 at Oystermouth, Glamorgan, the daughter of Daniel Owen and his wife Elizabeth. Daniel was recorded as a farmer, and the family residence was given as Newton, which lies in the Mumbles district of Swansea.

**1843:** We find the marriage on 2 Jan 1843 at the parish church Liverpool of William Jenkins bachelor of full age, Mariner, son of William Jenkins book seller and Elizabeth Owens also of full age spinster, daughter of Daniel Owens, Officer in the (Customs ??)

**1844/45:** It appears that Elizabeth bore William, a son also William. We find four births for William Jenkins in Liverpool in the period 1845/7. The earliest of these has no mother maiden name, while the later three all cite maiden names, but none as

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Owen or Owens. Moreover, in 1844/5 the GRO records two deaths of William Jenkins in Liverpool - the earlier of William aged 26 in 1844 Q3 and the later of William aged 0 in 1845 Q1. The latter was probably William Jenkins buried at St Mary's Liverpool on 14 March 1845 aged just 6 hours (sic), and residence cited as the Workhouse. We might reasonably conclude Elizabeth's child was born after her husband's death, and died just a few hours after birth.

**1851** census: Elizabeth Yea aged 30 Mariner's Wife born Swansea, Glamorganshire and daughters Martha 4 and Elenor 1 both born Liverpool were living at Toxteth Park, Liverpool. Her husband John was NOT at home on the night of the census and may have been away at sea. Note the family surname is mis-transcribed on FMP as Tea.

**1861** census: Elizabeth Yea 40 widow Dressmaker born Swansea was living with her three daughters Martha 14; Elenor 13; and Harriett 7 - all born in Liverpool - at Okehampton Street, St Thomas, Devon, now part of Exeter. We don't know why Elizabeth moved from Liverpool to Devon - it may be that her late husband originated from and/or had family in Exeter which prompted the move before or after his death.

**1871** census: Elizabeth Yea 50 widow Needlewoman born Swansea was living in Paris Street, Exeter St Sidwell with her three daughters Martha 23 no occupation; Eleanor 20 Dressmaker; and Harriett 17 Lacemaker - all three single and all born Liverpool. Living with them were Ann Webber 58 on parish relief born and her son Robert Webber 26 born Exeter.

**1881** census: Elizabeth Yea 61 Housekeeper born Wales was living at Friars Gate, Exeter Holy Trinity with her daughters Martha 33 recorded as "Imbecile"; Eleanor 30 and Harriett 27 both Dressmakers - all three single and born Liverpool. Living with them as a boarder was Wilhelmina Dormer, 61 Annuitant born Germany

**1891** census: Elizabeth Yea 73 widow, supported by family, born Swansea was living at the Mall, Clifton, Bristol. Living with her were her three daughters Martha 43, also supported by family; Eleanor 39 and Harriett 36 both Dressmakers, all three daughters single and born Liverpool. Elizabeth was noted as suffering from rheumatism, and Martha as "crippled from birth".

**1899**: The GRO records the death of Elizabeth in Bristol in 1899 Q1 aged 81 - a close match with the yob in the census returns.

John YEA and Elizabeth JENKINS nee Owens had the following children:

- i. WILLIAM<sup>10</sup> YEA was born in 1845 in Liverpool. He died in 1899 in

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Bristol. He married Mary Ann Harris nee Sutton in 1888 in Bristol. She was born about 1841. She died in 1891 in Bristol.

Notes for William YEA:

Believed to be the son of John but have no proof. William's age given as 43 on marriage cert. No birth cert ever found - this maybe because he was born out of Wedlock as John and Elizabeth were not married until 1845! In the marriage certificate he is described as a widower so he must have been married previously though we have been unable to confirm this. His trade was given as a Seaman and maybe it took place abroad. His father John deceased was also described as a Seaman. John b1819 was a seaman who married in Liverpool so this is fairly conclusive.

**1881** census: We find a possible match for William Yeo married aged 40 Railway Engine Driver born Bristol boarding with William Butler railway platelayer and his wife Jane at the Junction Houses, River Row, Llanwonno, Mountain Ash, Glamorgan.

**1891** census: William Yeo aged 59 widower, Wheelwright Assistant born St George's, Bristol was living alone at Elmgrove Road, Bristol.

**1899:** We find a possible match for the death of William Yeo in Bristol district in 1899 Q1 aged 59, a close match with the YOB of William in the 1881 census. (GRO doc ref Bristol vol 6a p 38)

Notes for Mary Ann Harris nee Sutton:

**1888** FreeBMD records the marriage of William Yea and Mary Ann Harris in Bristol district in 1888 Q3. On the wedding certificate Mary is shown as aged 47 widow father Frederick Sutton coachman.

**1891** census: Mary A Yea aged 50 married, no occupation stated, born Bristol, Somerset was living in White Friars (FMP states Garden Alley) St James, Bristol. Living with her as a boarder was Elizabeth Cridland, 29 single born Portishead.

**1891:** The GRO records the death of Mary Ann Yea in Bristol District in 1891 Q4 aged 50.

- ii. MARTHA YEA was born in 1847 in Liverpool. She died in 1911 in Bristol.

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Notes for Martha YEA:

**1847:** Martha was born about 1847 in Liverpool. We have found no birth or baptism record for her, though her date and place of birth are consistently recorded with the foregoing details in the censuses.

**1851/1891** censuses: Martha was living with her mother and two sisters - please see personal notes for her mother Elizabeth Yea.

**1901** census: It appears that after their mother's death, her sisters were either unable or unwilling to look after Martha. We find Martha aged 55 recorded (incorrectly) as a widow occupation Charwoman born Liverpool as one of 1121 inmates at the Bristol Workhouse in Eastville.

**1911** census: Martha aged 64 single Seamstress born Liverpool was registered as an inmate at the Bristol Workhouse in Eastville.

**1911:** The GRO records the death of Martha Yea in Bristol district in 1911 Q4 aged 65.

- iii. ELEANOR YEA was born in 1849 in Liverpool. She died in 1923 in Axbridge, Somerset.

Notes for Eleanor YEA:

**1849:** The GRO records the birth in Liverpool district in 1849 Q3 of Eleanor Yea, mother maiden name Owens.

**1851/1891** censuses: Eleanor was living with her mother and two sisters - please see personal notes for her mother Elizabeth Yea.

**1901** census: Eleanor Yea aged 50 and her sister Harriet 47, both single, occupation Lodging House Keeper and born Liverpool, were living at Beach Road Weston Super Mare. Visiting them was Catherine Ross, 26 Private Governess born Middlesex.

**1911** census: Eleanor Yea 61 and her sister Harriet 58, both single, born Liverpool, occupation Retired Shopkeepers "Fancy Drapery & Costumiers", were living at Elton Road, Clevedon, Somerset.

**1923:** The GRO records the death in Axbridge (Somerset) district in 1923 Q2 of Eleanor Yea aged 73.

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- iv. HARRIET YEA was born on 04 Jan 1853 in Liverpool. She died in 1928 in Axbridge, Somerset.

Notes for Harriet YEA:

**1853:** Harriet Yea daughter of John Yea and wife Elizabeth was christened on 4 Jan 1853 at St Nicholas, Liverpool.

**1851/1891** censuses: Harriet was living with her mother and two sisters - please see personal notes for her mother Elizabeth Yea.

**1901 & 1911** censuses: Harriet was living with her sister Eleanor - please see the latter's notes above.

**1928:** The GRO records the death in Axbridge district in 1928 Q4 of Harriet Yea and 75.

61. **JAMES<sup>9</sup> YEA** (William<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup> Yaw, David<sup>6</sup> Yaw, John<sup>5</sup> Yow, John<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born on 17 Jan 1821 in Woodbury, Devon. He died in 1894 in Torquay, Devon. He married Sarah (Sally) PARNELL on 05 Feb 1852 in Tormohan, Devon. She was born in 1829 in Marldon, Devon. She died in 1893 in Torquay, Devon.

Notes for James YEA:

**1851** census: James Yea 27 Mariner born Woodley (*Woodbury!*) Devon stated (*incorrectly*) as married was living with his widowed father William 63 Labourer and siblings Robert 24 and Hannah 22 at Meadowfoot Row, Tormoham

**1852:** James Yea aged 27 bachelor, seaman son of William Yea Labourer and Sally Parnell 23 spinster Laundress daughter of Daniel Parnell, Thatcher were married after banns at Tormoham on 5 Feb 1852. Bride and groom signed their names. Witnesses were Robert Yea and Elizabeth Tozer.

**1861** census: Not found

**1871** census: James Yea 47 Fisherman b Woodbury and wife Sally 41 born Marldon Devon were living at Park Lane, Tormoham with children Daniel 18 Carpenter; William 16 Gardener; Henry 11; Alice 7; Marrina 6; Leah 2; and Albert 3 weeks - all children born Torquay.

**1881** census: James Yea 60 Mariner born Woodbury Devon with wife Sarah 52 born Marldon and children Leah 12 and Albert 10 both born Torquay, were living at Park Lane, Tormoham with Torquay, Newton Abbot.

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**1891 census:** James Yea 70 Mariner born Woodbury and wife Sarah 63 born Marlton were living at Park Lane, Tormoham with son Albert 20 single Gardener born Torquay.

Also living with them were their daughter Alice Kingston 27 married and grandson Frederick Kingston 2, both born Torquay. (Surname mis-transcribed as Yed on FMP)

**1893:** Sarah pre-deceased James by a few months. The GRO records her death in Newton Abbot district in 1893 Q3 aged 64.

**1894:** The GRO records the death of James Yea in Newton Abbot district in 1894 Q1 aged 74, a close match with his actual yob.

Notes for Sarah (Sally) PARNELL:

**1852** Marriage Certificate: Sarah Parnell, age23, F: Daniel Parnell to James Yea, age 27, F: William Yea at Tormohun, 5 Feb.

**1893** GRO, Death, Sarah Yea, 64, Newton Abbot.

James YEA and Sarah (Sally) PARNELL had the following children:

85. i. DANIEL PARNELL<sup>10</sup> YEA was born on 04 Jun 1852 in Marlton, Devon. He died in 1917 in Cuyahoga, Ohio, USA. He married Margaret Narchott HOWE, daughter of Robert Howe, on 11 Feb 1872 in Tormoham, Devon. She was born on 12 Nov 1852. She died on 25 Dec 1910 in Cuyahoga, Ohio, USA.
86. ii. WILLIAM JAMES YEA was born about 1855 in Torquay, Devon. He died on 08 Jul 1936 in Melrose, Scotland. He married (1) BESSIE ELIZABETH (ELLEN) WOOD in 1878 in Totnes, Devon. She died in Melrose, Scotland. He married (2) HELEN DONALDSON, daughter of George Donaldson and Barbara Goodwillie, on 24 Jan 1882 in Eddleston, Scotland. She was born in 1883 in Melrose, Scotland. She died on 10 May 1911 in Melrose, Scotland.
- iii. ROBERT YEA was born in 1856 in Torquay, Devon. He died on 14 Mar 1858 in Tormoham, Devon.

Notes for Robert YEA:

1856/1858: FreeBMD records the birth of Robert Yea in Newton Abbot district in 1856 Q4, though no birth record is found on GRO citing mother maiden name. Robert died in infancy and was buried in

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Tormoham on 14 March 1858 aged 16 months, the family address given as Torquay. The GRO records his death aged 1.

87. iv. HENRY WIDGER YEA was born on 17 Sep 1859 in Torquay, Devon. He died on 26 Jul 1918 in Cleveland, Ohio, USA. He married (1) KEZIA BATHE in 1881 in Barton Regis, Gloucs. She was born in 1856 in Weston Super Mare, Somerset. She died on 30 Dec 1889 in Torquay, Devon. He married (2) MARY ANGUS GILES in 1898 in Axbridge, Somerset. She was born about 1866. She died in 1932 in Cleveland, Ohio, USA.
- v. ALBERT YEA was born in 1862 in Torquay, Devon. He died in 1865 in Torquay, Devon.
88. vi. ALICE ELLEN PARNELL YEA was born on 19 Jun 1863 in Torquay, Devon. She married John Randolph HINGSTON in 1885 in Newton Abbot Reg District. He was born about 1865. He died in 1907 in Paddington, London.
- vii. ELLEN MARRINA YEA was born in 1865 in Torquay, Devon. She died on 18 Aug 1914 in St.Thomas, Devon. She married Ernest John BELL in 1885 in Newton Abbot Reg District. He was born in Torquay, Devon. He died in 1941 in Exeter.

Notes for Ellen Marrina YEA:

**1865** GRO, Births, Ellen Marrion Yea, Newton Abbot

**1885** GRO, Marriage, Ellen Marrion Yea, Newton Abbot Ernest John BELL

**1911** census: Ernest John Bell 45, Outfitter Traveller, and wife Ellen Bell 47 both born Torquay were living at Oxford Street, St Thomas, Exeter. The census return states they had been married 25 years with no children

**1947:** GRO records the death of Ernest J Bell in Exeter district aged 81, a close match with his actual job.

89. viii LEAH YEA was born in 1869 in Torquay, Devon. She died in 1894 in Newton Abbot Reg District. She married Fred MACEY in 1892 in Newton Abbot Reg District.
90. ix. ALBERT JAMES YEA was born on 08 Mar 1871 in Torquay, Devon. He married (1) EDITH AVIS STRATHMORE PEARCE on 20 Dec 1894 in Tormoham, Devon. She was born about 1871. She died in 1895 in Totnes, Devon. He married (2) MARY JANE PAGE HILL on 19 Oct 1901 in

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Exeter. She was born about 1868.

62. **HARRIET VERA<sup>9</sup> YEA** (William<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup> Yaw, David<sup>6</sup> Yaw, John<sup>5</sup> Yow, John<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born on 25 Aug 1822 in Woodbury, Devon. She died on 16 Mar 1886 in Babbacombe, Devon. She married William Sharland, son of William Sharland and Elisabeth, on 10 Sep 1848 in Tormoham, Devon. He was born on 25 Jul 1825 in Sidmouth, Devon. He died in 1890 in Newton Abbot Reg District.

Notes for Harriet Vera YEA:

**1841** Census, Tormohun, Harriet Yea, 18 daughter of William Yea.

**1851** census: William Sharland 25 Carpenter born Sidmouth with wife Harriet 25 Laundress born Woodbury and their daughter Elizabeth 11 months born Torquay were living at Meadow Foot Lane, Tormoham.

**1871** census: William Sharland 45 Carpenter born Sidmouth with wife Harriet 44 Laundress born Sidmouth (error) and daughter Maria 12 born Torquay were living at Middle Warberry Road, Tormoham.

**1881** census: William Sharland 58 Carpenter born Sidmouth with wife Harriet 60 born Woodbury were living at Homefield Cottages, St Marychurch with daughters Elizabeth 30 and Maria 19 both single and Laundresses and grandchildren (Presumably Elizabeth's illegitimate) children Maud 9, Edward 8 and Sidney 5.

**1886:** Harriet Sharland died in Babbacombe, St Marychurch and was buried in Torquay Cemetery 16 Mar 1886 aged 62

Notes for William Sharland:

**1848** Marriage Certificate 10 Sep 1848 to Harriet Yea.

**1890:** William Sharland died in Newton Abbot district in 1890 Q1 aged 66, a god match with his job

William Sharland and Harriet Vera YEA had the following children:

- i. ELIZABETH YEA<sup>10</sup> SHARLAND was born on 25 Apr 1850 in Tormoham, Devon.
  - ii. MARIA SHARLAND was born in 1860 in Newton Abbot Reg District.
63. **ROBERT<sup>9</sup> YEA** (William<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup> Yaw, David<sup>6</sup> Yaw, John<sup>5</sup> Yow, John<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born on 18 Jan 1824 in St Marychurch,

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Devon. He died on 20 Nov 1894 in Kergunyah, Victoria, Australia. He married Catherine Cumming WOOTTON, daughter of John Wootton and Catherine Cumming, on 13 May 1857 in Beechworth, Victoria, Australia. She was born on 16 Jul 1839 in Tormoham, Devon. She died on 20 Jan 1876 in Kergunyah, Victoria, Australia.

Notes for Robert YEA:

**1824** St.Marychurch, Devon Bapt: 18 Jan. 1824 F: William Yea, M: Eleanor

**1841** Census, Tormohun, Reuben Yea , 16, son of William and Eleanor Yea. We have no evidence he was ever called Reuben and this may have been recorded in error for Robert in this census return

**1851** Census, Tormohun, at 7 Meadfoot Row, Torquay Robert Yea, 24, Marriner, son of William Yea

**1853** Migrant Shipping: R.Yea on barque *Bell* from Cape Town, arr. Melbourne 26 Dec. 1853. He gave his age as 25

**1857** Marriage Certificate: Robert was married in Beechworth, Australia 13 May 1857, aged 29, Father William Yea, Mother Eleanor nee Parnell to Catherine Cumming Wootton. According to Peter Kelly Robert had a bullock team, carrying goods from Melbourne to Beechworth for a time. He later ran a timber mill on the Omeo Road about a mile from Mitta Mitta, Victoria his grandson-in-law, James Larson worked with him

**1894** Death Certificate 20th Nov 1894 aged 69 He died in Kergunyah, Victoria and was buried with his wife in Yackandandah

**1895:** Robert died intestate. On 28 March 1895, the Supreme Court of the Colony of Victoria granted Letters of Administration to John William Yea of Kergunyah, Labourer, eldest son of Robert Yea, Farmer, deceased. An inventory prepared by his son and dated 26 Feb 1895 showed an estate of about £518, principally from 97 acres of land on which was erected a 5 roomed slat house with shingle roof; three other pieces of land totalling about 215 acres; and farm implements, including “one sprung cart very old & useless” and livestock including 300 sheep, 4 horses of which one was “very old”, and 2 calves. The Supreme Court issued an order on 1 July 1895 certifying that no duty was payable on the estate. This grant of administration also mentioned most of his children and grandchildren ( VPRS 28/ P0 unit 738, item 58/005 and VPRS 28/ P2 unit 409, item 58/005. Registrar of Probates, Supreme Court Public Record Office, Victoria Australia online)

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Robert was the great grandson of David and Mary Jessop and the great grandfather of Peter Kelly who originally shared most of his research with Sheila Yeo and Mike Darch

Notes for Catherine Cumming WOOTTON:

**1839** born 16th July 1849 baptised 11th August Tormohun, Devon

**1854** Catherine arrived in Australia with her parents on the "RYSWYK" which departed London in 1854 arriving in Melbourne on August 12 1854. Records show Mr. Wooton aged 47, Mrs Wooton aged 46 and Miss Wooton aged 16 years . It appears that the Cumming family arrived in Australia on the same ship at the same time

**1857** Marriage Certificate: Catherine Cumming Wootton, age 17, F: John Wootton, M: Catherine Cumming, to Robert Yea, age 29, F: William Yea, M: Eleanor Parnell at Beechworth, Australia 13 May 1857

**1876** Died 20 January Kergunyah, Victoria, Australia

**1876** Buried 22 January Yackandandah, Victoria, Australia

Robert YEA and Catherine Cumming WOOTTON had the following children:

- i. ALICE ELIZABETH<sup>10</sup> YEA was born on 14 Apr 1858 in Yackandandah, Australia. She died on 07 Jun 1930 in Arncliffe, Sydney, NSW, Australia. She married Henry Joseph Croucher on 17 Dec 1877 in Myrtleford, Victoria, Australia. He was born on 19 Oct 1854 in Beechworth, Victoria, Australia. He died on 19 May 1948 in Yackandandah, Australia.

Notes for Alice Elizabeth Yea:

Married name identified by her evidence in her father's grant of administration They had 10 children

- ii. JOHN WILLIAM YEA was born about 1860 in Yackandandah, Australia. He died about 1940 in Mitta Mitta, Victoria, Australia. He married Rebecca Jane Fitzgerald on 16 Aug 1887 in Yackandandah, Victoria, Australia. She was born on 14 Aug 1863 in Corowa, NSW, Australia. She died about 1940 in Albury, NSW, Australia.

Notes for John William Yea:

They had 6 children

91. iii. CATHERINE WOOTTON YEA was born in 1863 in Yackandandah,

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Australia. She died on 20 Aug 1907 in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. She married James Henry Lord Bradley on 01 Aug 1885 in Yackandandah, Australia. He was born on 23 Nov 1860 in Emerald Hill, Victoria, Australia. He died on 15 Aug 1938 in Springvale South, Victoria, Australia.

92. iv. ELEANOR PARNELL YEA was born in 1866 in Yackandandah, Australia. She died on 20 May 1892 in Beechworth, Victoria, Australia. She married William Robert Ward in 1889 in Yackandandah, Australia.
- v. ROBERT YEA was born in 1868 in Yackandandah, Australia. He died in 1931 in Tallangatta, Australia.
- vi. HARRIET ANNA YEA was born in 1874 in Yackandandah, Australia. She died in 1943 in Queensland, Australia. She married Arthurton Dobson on 01 Jan 1896 in Wagga Wagga, NSW, Australia. He was born about 1861 in Allans Flat, Victoria, Australia. He died about 1933 in Beechworth, Victoria, Australia.

Notes for Harriet Anna Yea:

They had 3 children

64. HANNAH<sup>9</sup> YEA (William<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup> Yaw, David<sup>6</sup> Yaw, John<sup>5</sup> Yow, John<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born on 21 Jan 1827 in Tormoham, Devon. She died on 13 Nov 1886 in Torquay, Devon. She married Worthyman LATHROPE, son of Thomas Lathrope, on 14 Oct 1853 in Tormohan. He was born on 24 Mar 1833.

Notes for Hannah YEA:

**1827** Born 21 Jan 1827 Tormoham

**1841** Census, Tormohun, Hannah Yea, 14, daughter of William and Eleanor Yea

**1851** Census, Tormohun. at 7 Meadfoot Row, Torquay Hannah Yea, 22, Laundress, daughter of William Yea Born: Torquay.

**1853** 4th October. Worthyman and Hannah were married at Tomorham solemnised by Banns. Worthyman aged 22, a Seaman, son of Thomas Lathrope. Hannah aged 24 a Laundress, daughter of William Yea. Both were resident in Torquay at that time. Thomas signed the register with his mark which might account for errors in ages and wifes spelling in later census returns

**1861** census: Worthyman Lathrope 27 Mariner born (Exeter ??) Devon with Hannah 30 Governess born Torquay and their son William 4 months born Torquay were living at Bradford Row, Tormoham.

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**1871** census: Worthyman Lathrop 38 Fisherman born Exeter with Hannah 40 Laundress born Torquay and daughters Anne 9 and Minnie 5 both born Torquay were living at Meadfoot Lane, Tormoham.

**1881** census: Worthyman Lathrope 46 Yachtsman (m/s seaman) born Ottery St Mary with wife Hannah 56 Laundress born Torquay were living at Meadfoot Lane, Tormoham with their two daughters Annie 18 Laundress & Minnie 15 Dressmaker, both born Torquay. Living with them was Worthyman's mother Elizabeth Lathrope 71 widow born Payhembury.

1886: Hannah Lathrope died in Newton Abbot district in 1886 Q4 aged 57, a close match with her actual job.

Notes for Worthyman LATHROPE:

**1832/7** Worthyman was born 24 March 1832 and baptised 25 June 1837 in Ottery St Mary. At some point he entered Greenwich Hospital School. (National Archives doc ref ADM/73/279/3)

Worthyman LATHROPE and Hannah YEA had the following children:

- i. WILLIAM<sup>10</sup> LATHROPE was born in 1861 in Tormoham, Devon. He died on 07 May 1865 in Torquay, Devon.
  - ii. ANNIE LATHROPE was born on 12 May 1863 in Torquay, Devon.
  93. iii. MINNIE LATHROPE was born on 28 Jul 1866 in Torquay, Devon. She married Alfred HOLLOWAY on 22 May 1886 in Torquay, Devon. He was born on 18 Oct 1859.
65. WILLIAM JAMES<sup>9</sup> YEA (Thomas<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup> Yaw, David<sup>6</sup> Yaw, John<sup>5</sup> Yow, John<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born on 05 Sep 1830 in Woodbury, Devon. He died on 02 Jul 1862 in Woodbury, Devon. He married Elizabeth HILL on 02 Oct 1856 in Withercombe Raleigh, Devon. She was born on 22 Aug 1819 in Woodbury, Devon.

Notes for William James YEA:

**1830** Baptised as William James Yea, 5 sep. 1830, Woodbury, F: Thomas Yea M: Elizabeth Cockram,.

**1841** Census, Woodbury, William Yea, 10, Son of Thomas Yea and Elizabeth

**1851** Census, Woodbury, William Yea, 20, Son of Thomas Yea and Elizabeth

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**1856** Marriage Certificate 2 Oct. 1856 to Elizabeth **HILL** at Withycombe Raleigh

**1861** census: William Yea 30 Agricultural Labourer born Woodbury with wife Elizabeth Yea 40 Seamstress born Clyst Hiddon and daughter Jane Elizabeth 2 born Lypmstone were living at Sawden, Lymptstone, St Thomas. Visiting them was Thomas Yea 73 widower former Agricultural Labourer born Withycombe, Somerset. (he was William's father) The surname is mis-transcribed on Findmypast as Zea.

Notes for Elizabeth HILL:

Marriage Certificate confirms Elisabeths surname as Hill and not Hitt as in one of the GRO children's birth records

**1867/9**: Elizabeth re-married to Jacob Davey in St Thomas in 1867 Q1. Sadly, it was to prove a short marriage. Jacob died in St Thomas in 1869 Q2 aged 69, leaving Elizabeth widowed for a second time.

**1871** census: Elizabeth Davey 50 widow Plain Needle Worker born Clyst Hiddon and daughter Jane Elizabeth Yea 12 born Lypmstone were living at Woodbury.

William James YEA and Elizabeth HILL had the following children:

94. i. JANE ELIZABETH<sup>10</sup> YEA was born on 04 Nov 1858 in Lypmstone, Devon. She died in 1929 in Okehampton area. She married (1) GEORGE CASELEY on 13 Jun 1885 in Woodbury, Devon.
  - ii. MARY ANN YEA was born on 06 Jul 1862 in Woodbury, Devon. She died in 1863 in Woodbury, Devon.
66. **JOHN**<sup>9</sup> YEA (James<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup> Yaw, David<sup>6</sup> Yaw, John<sup>5</sup> Yow, John<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born on 29 May 1840 in Woodbury, Devon. He died on 08 Sep 1884 in Woodbury, Devon. He married Harriet Knowles Searle, daughter of Henry Searle and Anne, on 06 Sep 1866 in Woodbury, Devon. She was born on 03 Jun 1846 in Woodbury, Devon. She died in 1893 in Woodbury, Devon.

Notes for John YEA:

**1841** Census, Woodbury, John Yea, 1, son of James Yea and Margaret

**1851** Census, Woodbury, John Yea, 11, Farm Labourer on farm of Samuel Bazley, Born: Woodbury

**1861** Census, Woodbury, John Yea, 21, Ag. lab. son of James Yea and Elizabeth.

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**1871** census: John Yea 20 (occupation illegible) with wife Harriet 24 and daughter Margaret 3, all born Woodbury Devon were living at Ebenezer Place, Bond Street, Lambeth.

**1881** census: John Yea 40 Signaller on Railway with wife Harriet 34 and daughter Margaret 13 all born Woodbury were living at Sunnyside, Bideford.

John YEA and Harriet Knowles Searle had the following child:

- i. MARGARET<sup>10</sup> YEA was born in 1867 in Woodbury, Devon. She married William BRANCH, son of William Branch, on 17 Sep 1893 in Woodbury, Devon.

Notes for William BRANCH:

**1893** At his marriage William was recorded as of St Marks Regent Park, London

67. ANN<sup>9</sup> BEARD (Susannah<sup>8</sup> YEA, Jacob<sup>7</sup> YAW, David<sup>6</sup> Yaw, John<sup>5</sup> Yow, John<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born on 10 Mar 1820 in St Marychurch, Devon. She died on 28 Apr 1885. She married James STEVENS, son of James Stevens and Susannah, on 26 Dec 1843 in Woodbury, Devon. He was born on 25 Mar 1823 in East Budleigh, Devon.

James STEVENS and Ann BEARD had the following children:

- i. SUSANA ANN SOPHIA<sup>10</sup> STEVENS was born in 1845 in Lymptone, Devon.
  - ii. ERNEST STEVENS was born in Dec 1851.
  - iii. GEORGE JAMES STEVENS was born on 29 Jan 1864 in Lymptone, Devon.
68. SUSANNAH YEA<sup>9</sup> BEARD (Susannah<sup>8</sup> YEA, Jacob<sup>7</sup> YAW, David<sup>6</sup> Yaw, John<sup>5</sup> Yow, John<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born on 10 Jan 1822 in St Marychurch, Devon. She married (1) HENRY SHERWILL, son of Thomas Hamlyn Sherwill, on 14 Sep 1853 in Farringdon, Devon. He was born in 1811 in Holne, Devon. He died on 28 Dec 1853 in Crediton, Devon. She married (2) ROBERT CLEAVE in 1856 in St Thomas Reg District, Devon.

Notes for Susannah Yea BEARD:

Twin with Jacob her brother

Susanna married Henry Sherwill, yeoman on 14 Sept 1853 in Farringdon, Devon. He was the son of Thomas Hamlyn Sherwill, yeoman. Susanna's father James, recorded as a yeoman too, was one of the witnesses. Bride & groom both signed their names. She married Robert Cleave in St Thomas in 1856 Q3:

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Henry SHERWILL and Susannah Yea BEARD had the following child:

- i. FRANCES<sup>10</sup> SHERWILL was born on 06 Aug 1854 in Farringdon, Devon.

Notes for Frances SHERWILL:

06 Aug 1854 Baptised in Clyst St Mary, Devon d/o Hent and Susannah Sherwill abode Bishops Clyst Farringdon

69. **JAMES<sup>9</sup> BEARD** (Susannah<sup>8</sup> YEA, Jacob<sup>7</sup> YAW, David<sup>6</sup> Yaw, John<sup>5</sup> Yow, John<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born on 27 Aug 1824 in St Marychurch, Devon. He died on 30 Dec 1894 in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. He married Martha TREDGOLD on 16 Mar 1860 in St.Pancras, Middlesex. She was born on 21 Aug 1821 in Hampshire. She died on 03 Sep 1890 in Collingwood, Victoria, Australia.

James BEARD and Martha TREDGOLD had the following children:

- i. JAMES EDWARD<sup>10</sup> BEARD was born on 01 Apr 1851 in Islington, London. He died on 22 Sep 1923 in Collingwood, Victoria, Australia. He married Grace CHESWAS on 18 Jan 1878. She was born in 1856 in Collingwood, Victoria, Australia. She died on 09 Nov 1928 in Richmond, Victoria, Australia.
  - ii. THOMAS FREDERICK BEARD was born on 06 Sep 1853 in Islington, London. He died on 12 Oct 1923 in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. He married Louisa JOHN on 17 May 1876 in Fitzroy, Victoria, Australia. She was born on 19 Feb 1852 in London. She died on 05 Nov 1933 in Fitzroy, Victoria, Australia.
  - iii. GEORGE SAMUEL BEARD was born on 22 Nov 1863. He died on 25 Nov 1863.
70. **MARY ANN<sup>9</sup> YEA** (William<sup>8</sup>, David<sup>7</sup>, David<sup>6</sup> Yaw, John<sup>5</sup> Yow, John<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born in 1832 in East Ogwell, Devon. She died in 1904 in Newton Abbot Reg District. She married John MARLEY on 12 Dec 1850 in East Ogwell, Devon. He died in 1889 in Newton Abbot Reg District.

Notes for Mary Ann YEA:

**1851** census: John Marley 23 Carpenter Journeyman and wife Mary Ann 21 both born East Ogwell were living in East Ogwell. The couple were living next door to Mary Ann's parents.

**1871** census: John Marley 42 Bailiff born Highweek with wife Mary Ann 40, daughter Ann 16 and Mary Ann's mother Mary Yea widow 75, the latter three all born East Ogwell, were living in the village, East Ogwell.

**1881** census: John Marley 52 Bailiff born Highweek with wife Mary Ann 50,

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daughter Ann 26 and Mary Ann's mother Mary Yea widow 85, the latter three all born East Ogwell, were living at Ogwell Barton, West Ogwell. Visiting them was Mary Catherine Yeo 12 born Highweek.

**1901** census: Mary Ann Marley 70 widow, Living on own means born East Ogwell, was living with her widowed married daughter Ann Tully and family at Abbotsbury Villas, Highweek.

**1904:** Mary Ann Marley died in Newton Abbot district in 1904 Q1 aged 73, a close match with her actual, yob

Notes for John MARLEY:

**1881** Census, Devon. John Marley, 52, Bailiff.: Born: Highweek

**1889:** John Marley died in Newton Abbot district in 1889 Q4 aged 61.

John MARLEY and Mary Ann YEA had the following child:

- i. ANN<sup>10</sup> MARLEY was born about 1855.

Notes for Ann MARLEY:

**1881** Census, Devon. Ann Marley, 22, dau.of John and Mary Ann Marley. Born: East Ogwell

71. **HENRY<sup>9</sup> YEA** (William<sup>8</sup>, David<sup>7</sup>, David<sup>6</sup> Yaw, John<sup>5</sup> Yow, John<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born on 14 Mar 1834 in East Ogwell, Devon. He died on 11 Dec 1901 in Highweek, Devon. He married Ann CLEAVE, daughter of William Cleave and Mary, on 15 Dec 1853 in East Ogwell, Devon. She was born on 15 Jan 1832 in Broadhempston, Devon. She died on 07 Nov 1913 in Highweek, Devon.

Notes for Henry YEA:

**1834** Henry Yea Bapt. 14 Mar. 1834, East Ogwell

**1851** Census, E Ogwell, Henry Yea 17, Limeburner, F: William Yea, M: Mary Yea.

**1861** Census, East Ogwell, Henry Yea Head, 27, Limeburner.

**1871** Census, East Ogwell, Henry Yea, 37, Farmer and Contractor.

**1881** Census, East Ogwell, Henry Yea, Head, 47, Coal Merchant.

**11th Jan 1901.** headstone in Highweek Churchyard, Henry Yea, 65,

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**1901.** Will proved at Exeter 5 Feb. 1901 leaving L819-10-7 to Enoch Cleve Yea and Alfred Cleave Yea

Notes for Ann CLEAVE:

**1861** Census, East Ogwell, Devon Ann Yea, Wife (of Henry Yea) 29. Born, Broadhempston

**1871** Census, East Ogwell, Devon Ann Yea, Wife (of Henry Yea) 32 Born, Broadhempston

**1881** Census, East Ogwell, Devon Ann Yea, Wife (of Henry Yea) 49 Born, Broadhempston.

**1911** census: Ann Yea 79 widow born Broadhempston was living with her son in law Thomas Cook, Farmer her married daughter Mary Rose Cook at Harolden Gestridge, Kingsteignton.

**1913** Headstone in Highweek Churchyard, Ann Yea 81, Wife of Henry  
Henry YEA and Ann CLEAVE had the following children:

95. i. GEORGE CLEAVE<sup>10</sup> YEA was born on 14 Aug 1854 in East Ogwell, Devon. He died on 01 May 1889 in Highweek, Devon. He married Isabella THOMAS on 20 Apr 1878 in Newton Abbot Reg District. She was born on 19 Dec 1854 in Breage, Cornwall.
96. ii. WILLIAM HENRY CLEAVE YEA was born in 1856 in East Ogwell, Devon. He died in 1926 in Newton Abbot Reg District. He married (1) MARTHA ANN DAVEY in 1876 in Newton Abbot Reg District. She was born about 1857 in East Ogwell, Devon. She died on 24 Apr 1910 in Plymouth. He married (2) ELLEN DOWN in 1911 in Newton Abbot Reg District.
97. iii. ENOCH CLEAVE YEA was born in 1859 in East Ogwell, Devon. He died on 14 Jun 1929 in Highweek, Devon. He married Sarah Grace NICKELS in 1882 in Newton Abbot Reg District. She was born about 1856 in Lustleigh, Devon. She died on 21 Jul 1930 in Highweek, Devon.
98. iv. ALFRED CLEAVE YEA was born on 25 Dec 1863 in East Ogwell, Devon. He died on 19 Dec 1931 in Highweek, Devon. He married (1) MARIA PROWSE NEE PERRAM, daughter of Thomas Perrem and Emily, in 1890 in Exeter. She was born on 27 Mar 1857 in Wolborough, Devon. She died on 10 Mar 1905 in Highweek, Devon. He married (2) HANNAH NEALE in 1910 in Newton Abbot Reg District. She was born about 1857 in Highweek, Devon. She died in 1923 in Newton Abbot Reg District.
99. v. FRANCIS DAVID YEA was born in 1865 in East Ogwell, Devon. He died on Private. He married Jessie GOUGH in 1885 in Newton Abbot Reg

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District. She was born in 1867 in Newton Abbot Reg District. She died in 1936 in Newton Abbot Reg District.

- vi. FREDERICK CLEAVE YEA was born in 1867 in East Ogwell, Devon. He died in 1940 in Exeter. He married Mary Jane TREVELYAN in May 1893 in Highweek, Devon. She was born about 1868 in Hemyock, Somerset. She died in 1966 in Highweek, Devon.

Notes for Frederick Cleave YEA:

**1867** GRO, Births, Frederick Yea, Newton Abbot

**1871** Census, East Ogwell. Frederick Yea, 3, son of Henry Yea and Ann Yea, Born: East Ogwell

**1881** Census, Highweek, Frederick Yea, 13, Scholar son of Henry Yea and Ann Yea, Born: East Ogwel

**1891** census: Frederick Yea 23 single Haulier born East Ogwell was living with his parents Henry & Ann and siblings at Knowles Terrace, Highweek.

**1893:** Frederick Cleave Yea 25 bachelor Coal Merchant, son of Henry Yea Road Contractor and Mary Jane Trevelyan 25 Spinster, daughter of John Trevelyan Farm Bailiff were married in Highweek on 14 May 1893. Bride & Groom both signed their names. Witnesses were Eliza Cummings and William Henry Cummings.

**1901** census: Frederick Cleave Yea 33 Coal Merchant born East Ogwell and wife Mary Jane 32 born Culmstock were living at Fern Terrace, Highweek - next door to his brother Alfred & family. Living with Frederick & Mary Jane was her niece Ethel Trevelyan 10 born Exeter and John Henry Beer, single 20, Coal Merchant's Labourer.

**1911** census: Frederick Cleave Yea 43 married Road Repair Contractor born East Ogwell was lodging with Alfred John Caunton, Gas Worker and his wife Rhoda Ann at Halcyon Road, Newton Abbot. We have found no further record for Frederick's wife Mary Jane in this census or in the 1939 register, although Frederick is recorded as married in both.

**1939** Register: Frederick Yea dob 11 Jul 1867 married was living with Lucy M Horwell (Gribble) b 1895 single and Reginald C Gribble b 1911 single Journeyman Butcher at Gladstone Place, Newton Abbot.

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Notes for Mary Jane TREVELYAN:

**1871** census in Burlescombe

**1881** census in Kenton

100. vii. BLANCHE CLEAVE YEA was born in 1869 in East Ogwell, Devon. She married George HICKS in 1896 in Newton Abbot Reg District. He was born about 1857 in Kingskerswell, Devon. He died on Private.
- viii MARY ROSE YEA was born in 1875 in Newton Abbot Reg District. She married Thomas COOK in 1898 in Newton Abbot Reg District. He was born about 1872 in Kingsteignton, Devon. He died in 1953 in Newton Abbot Reg District.

Notes for Mary Rose YEA:

**1875** GRO, 1875, Mary Rose Yea, Newton Abbot

**1881** Census, Devon, at 24 Knowles Terrace, Highweek, Mary Rose Yea, 6, UM, Scholar, dau. of Henry and Ann Yea. Born: Highweek

**1891** census: Mary Rose Yea 16 born Highweek was living with her parents Henry and Anne and siblings at Knowles Terrace, Highweek.

**1901** census: Thomas Cook 29 Blacksmith born Kingsteignton and wife Mary R Cook 26 born Newton Abbot were living at Gestridge, Kingsteignton.

**1911** census: Thomas Cook 38 Farmer born Kingsteignton and wife Mary Rose Cook 36 born Newton Abbot were living at Harolden, Gestridge, Kingsteignton. Living with them were Mary Rose's mother Ann Yea 79 widow born Broadhempston and Harold William Yea, their nephew 19 single Worker on the Farm born Newton Abbot. The census return states that the couple had been married for 12 years, with no children.

**1939** Register: Thomas Cook born 8 Dec 1870 widowed, occupation Farmer was living at 69 Gestridge FRoad.Kingsteignton.

**1953:** We find a credible match for the death of Thomas Cook in Newton Abbot in 1953 Q1 aged 82, a good match with his job.

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72. **DAVID<sup>9</sup> YEA** (William<sup>8</sup>, David<sup>7</sup>, David<sup>6</sup> Yaw, John<sup>5</sup> Yow, John<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born on 29 Jun 1832 in East Ogwell, Devon. He died on 18 Nov 1916 in Highweek, Devon. He married Emma Rossiter, daughter of James Rossiter and Catherine, on 19 Nov 1857 in East Ogwell, Devon. She was born on 13 Aug 1826 in East Teignmouth, Devon. She died in 1916 in Highweek, Devon.

Notes for David YEA:

**1871** census: David Yea 38 Gardener born East Ogwell and wife Emma 42 born Teignmouth were living at Highweek Village with their two children Harry 5 and Mary 3, both born Highweek:

**1881** census: David Yea 48 Gardener born East Ogwell and wife Emma 49 born East Teignmouth and son Harry 15 born East Teignmouth were living at Highweek Village.

**1891** census: David Yea 68 Gardener born East Ogwell and wife Emma 63 *(Both ages seem to be over-stated)* born Teignmouth with son Harry 25 single Gardener born Highweek were living at Highweek Road, Highweek

**1901** census: David Yea 67 Jobbing Gardener born East Ogwell and wife Emma 69 born Teignmouth were living at Whitehill Cottages, Highweek.

**1911** census: David Yea 76 Retired Domestic Gardener born East Ogwell and wife Emma Yea 82 born Teignmouth were living at Whitehill Road, Highweek. Living with them were their daughter Mary Catherine Tolhurst 42 married born Highweek and her children Harold 16; Blanche 14; Clifford 13; and Leslie George 8, all born "London, parish unknown". The census report states David & Emma had been married 53 years with 2 children, both living.

**1916:** David died in Newton Abbot on 18 Nov 1816 aged 84. Emma also died in Newton Abbot in 1916 Q3 aged 90.

Notes for Emma Rossiter:

**1861** Census, Highweek. Emma Yea, 22, wife of David Yea. Born: Teignmouth, DEV.

**1871** Census Highweek. Emma Yea, 42, wife of David Yea. Born: East Teignmouth, DEV.

**1881** Census, Highweek, at Highweek Villa. Emma Yea, 49, wife of David Yea.

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Born: East Teignmouth, DEV

David YEA and Emma Rossiter had the following children:

- i. HARRY ROSSITER<sup>10</sup> YEA was born in 1866 in East Ogwell, Devon. He died in 1901 in Newton Abbot, Devon.

Notes for Harry Rossiter YEA:

**1871** Census, Highweek. Harry Yea, 5, son of David Yea. Born: Highweek

**1881** Census, Highweek, at Highweek Villa. Harry Yea, 15, Gardener's Son. son of David Yea.

**1901** census: Harry R Yea 35 single was living with his married sister Mary C Tolhurst in Croydon - see her personal notes.

- ii. MARY CATHERINE YEA was born in 1868 in East Ogwell, Devon. She died in 1940 in Newton Abbot Reg District. She married William Henry TOLHURST in 1892 in Hampstead.

Notes for Mary Catherine YEA:

**1868** born East Ogwell GRO, Births, Mary C.Yea, Newton Abbot

**1871** Census, Highweek, at Highweek Village. Mary Yea, 3, daughter of David Yea and Emma Yea. Born; Highweek.

**1892** GRO, Marriage, 1892. Mary Catherine Yea, Hampstead, London.

**1891** census: Mary C Yea 25 single no occupation born Highweek Devon was a visitor at the home of Robert W Tolhurst 56 Upholstere's Salesman in Hampstead London.

**1901** census: William H Tolhurst 35 Surveyor's Clerk born London with wife Mary C 30 born Newton Abbot and children Harold 8; Dorothy B 6; and Clifford H 5 - all 3 born St Marylebone - were living at Boswell Road Croydon. Living with them were William's sister Mary W Tolhurst 33 single Draper's Cashier born London and Mary's brother Harry R Yea 35 single Butter Maker born Newton Abbot.

**1911** census: Mary Catherine Tolhurst married was living wioth her parents in Highweek - see notes for her father David Yea

**1939** Register: Mary C Tolhurst dob 1 Jan 1868 widow was living with

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her son Clifford H Tolhurst born 2 Dec 1875 at Sunny Cot, Sheldon Rd, Netherton, Newton Abbot.

**1940:** Mary C Tolhurst died in Newton Abbot in 1940 Q1 aged 72, a close match with her yob.

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73. **WILLIAM FLETCHER<sup>10</sup> YEO** (George<sup>9</sup>, George<sup>8</sup>, George<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>, George<sup>5</sup>, George<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) was born in 1873 in Newton Abbot Reg District. He died on Private. He married Jessie May Fensom in 1897 in Torquay, Devon.

Notes for William Fletcher Yeo:

William Fletcher Yeo and Jessie May Fensom had the following children:

- i. **HARRY GEORGE<sup>11</sup> YEO** was born in 1898 in Queensland, Australia.
  - ii. **PHYLLIS MAY YEO** was born in 1903 in Queensland, Australia. She married Alan Brazier in 1924 in Queensland, Australia.
74. **STANLEY PALK<sup>10</sup> YEO** (George<sup>9</sup>, George<sup>8</sup>, George<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>, George<sup>5</sup>, George<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) was born on 04 Jul 1883 in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. He married **ELIZABETH MALLER**.

Stanley Palk Yeo and Elizabeth Maller had the following children:

- i. **VIOLET MARY<sup>11</sup> YEO** was born on 03 Sep 1913.
- ii. **PERCY STANLEY YEO** was born on 25 Dec 1924 in Roma, Queensland, Australia. He married Dorothy May Hargens on 05 Jun 1946. She was born on 05 Jul 1924.

Notes for Percy Stanley Yeo:

Percy kindly shared a lot of his Knowledge with Sheila Yeo before his death

75. **ELSIE PALK<sup>10</sup> YEO** (George<sup>9</sup>, George<sup>8</sup>, George<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>, George<sup>5</sup>, George<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) was born on 19 Jul 1886 in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. She died on Private. She married **ALBERT HEWITT**.

Albert Hewitt and Elsie Palk Yeo had the following child:

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- i. MYRTLE ELSIE<sup>11</sup> HEWITT was born in 1912 in Roma, Queensland, Australia. She married PHILIP HENRY COLLINS.
76. WILLIAM<sup>10</sup> YEO (William Fletcher<sup>9</sup>, George<sup>8</sup>, George<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>, George<sup>5</sup>, George<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) was born on 21 Jan 1862 in Abbotskerswell, Devon. He died on 18 Aug 1920 in Sheridan, Oregon, USA. He married Lena Martha Henrich on 06 Jan 1896 in Lexington, Nebraska, USA. She was born on 18 Apr 1874 in Wehrheim, Germany.

William Yeo and Lena Martha Henrich had the following children:

- i. ELIZABETH MARY<sup>11</sup> YEO was born on 27 Mar 1897 in Lexington, Nebraska, USA. She married Randolph Huddle on 19 Mar 1929 in McMinnville, Oregon, USA.
- ii. WILLIAM HENRY YEO was born on 10 Apr 1898 in Lexington, Nebraska, USA. He died on Private in McMinnville, Oregon, USA. He married (1) CHRISTINE WEINS. She was born in Saskatchewan, Canada. She died on 08 Aug 1946 in McMinnville, Oregon, USA. He married (2) MABEL MCCLAIN. She was born on 03 Dec 1902 in Buena Vista, Oregon, USA. She died on 28 May 1950. He married (3) GERTRUDE GOKE. She died on Private in McMinnville, Oregon, USA.
- iii. MARTHA LENA YEO was born on 26 Jun 1899 in Lexington, Nebraska, USA. She died in Cheyenne, Wyoming, USA.

Notes for Martha Lena Yeo:

She never married

- iv. EMILY YEO was born on 15 Oct 1900 in Lexington, Nebraska, USA. She died on 18 Nov 1903 in Portland, Oregon, USA.
- v. THOMAS EDWARD YEO was born on 10 Mar 1902 in Lexington, Nebraska, USA. He married Phoebe Arvilla Lindsay on 02 Nov 1928 in McMinnville, Oregon, USA.

Notes for Phoebe Arvilla Lindsay:

Phoebe had three children by her first marriage

- vi. CLINTON PALMER YEO was born on 04 Dec 1903 in Portland, Oregon, USA. He married Rachel Curtis on 11 Apr 1931 in Port Huron, Michigan, USA.. She was born on 24 Jan 1910 in Port Huron, Michigan, USA..
- vii. FLORENCE NELLIE YEO was born on 19 Sep 1905 in Portland, Oregon, USA. She married Andrew De Soto Wilson on 08 Nov 1944 in McMinnville, Oregon, USA.
- viii JOHN FLETCHER YEO was born on 15 Aug 1907 in Portland, Oregon, USA. He died on Private. He married (1) IONE ANNA MOORE on 04 Apr 1942 in Stevenson, Washington, USA. She was born on 18 Oct 1916 in

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Arcola, Illinois, USA. She died on Private. He married (2) ERNA MARTHA FISCHER. She was born on 21 Aug 1922 in Worlach, Germany. He married (3) ALICE LINN.

- ix. LOUISE HELEN YEO was born on 08 Aug 1909 in Portland, Oregon, USA. She married William Morgan Fagan on 08 Mar 1930 in McMinnville, Oregon, USA. He was born on 01 Nov 1900 in The Dalles, Oregon, USA. He died on Private in McMinnville, Oregon, USA.
- x. ELSIE VIOLA YEO was born on 20 Jun 1911 in Sheridan, Oregon, USA. She married (1) WILBUR HENRY ELLIOTT on 29 Sep 1932 in Salem, Oregon, USA. He was born on 31 Oct 1913. She married (2) OMAR MAX LALANDE on Private in Roseville, California, USA.

Notes for Elsie Viola Yeo:

Omar and Elsie had two children

Notes for Wilbur Henry Elliott:  
They were divorced

Notes for Omar Max Lalande:  
He had 3 children by his first marriage

- xi. WILMA ESTHER YEO was born on 08 Oct 1913 in Sheridan, Oregon, USA. She married Napoleon Allen Thompson on 12 Jul 1935 in McMinnville, Oregon, USA.
  - xii. CHARLES WALTER YEO was born on 28 Mar 1917 in Sheridan, Oregon, USA. He married ANNA JEAN SCHOLL. She was born on 13 Jun 1917 in San Fransisco, Cal..
77. **GEORGE (DAY)<sup>10</sup> YEO** (William Fletcher<sup>9</sup>, George<sup>8</sup>, George<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>, George<sup>5</sup>, George<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) was born on 29 Aug 1864 in Shaldon, Devon. He died in 1944. He married **JESSIE LEE**.

George (Day) Yeo and Jessie Lee had the following children:

- i. GEORGIA LEE<sup>11</sup> DAY. She married MR BREAKS.
- ii. WILMA DAY. She married WILLIAM BLAND.
- iii. CLARENCE WRIGHT DAY.

78. **ANNIE ELIZA<sup>10</sup> YEO** (William Fletcher<sup>9</sup>, George<sup>8</sup>, George<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>, George<sup>5</sup>, George<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) was born on 12 Sep 1871 in Alvington, Canada. She died in 1923. She married **OSCAR LANE**.

Oscar Lane and Annie Eliza Yeo had the following children:

- i. GILBERT YEO<sup>11</sup> LANE.
- ii. FLETCHER LANE.

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iii. WILBUR LANE.

79. **ALBERT WINSOR<sup>10</sup> YEO** (Richard Fletcher<sup>9</sup>, George<sup>8</sup>, George<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>, George<sup>5</sup>, George<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) was born in 1869 in Torquay, Devon. He died on Private. He married Leanora Gilbert in 1898.

Albert Winsor Yeo and Leanora Gilbert had the following child:

i. FLORENCE<sup>11</sup> YEO was born in 1904. She died in 1919.

80. **ETHEL MAY<sup>10</sup> YEO** (Richard Fletcher<sup>9</sup>, George<sup>8</sup>, George<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>, George<sup>5</sup>, George<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) was born in 1880 in Newton Abbot Reg District. She married **ARTHUR KENWRICK**.

Arthur Kenwick and Ethel May Yeo had the following children:

i. MALCOLM<sup>11</sup> KENWRICK.

ii. MAY KENWRICK was born in 1911.

iii. HELEN KENWRICK was born in 1916. She married MR COOK.

81. **BEATRICE MAUD<sup>10</sup> YEO** (Richard Fletcher<sup>9</sup>, George<sup>8</sup>, George<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>, George<sup>5</sup>, George<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) was born in 1882 in Newton Abbot Reg District. She married **MONTAGUE SMITH**.

Montague Smith and Beatrice Maud Yeo had the following children:

i. LORNA BEATRICE<sup>11</sup> SMITH was born in 1910. She married MR LANGHORNE.

ii. FLORENCE MONICA CHURCHWARD SMITH was born in 1913. She married MAURICE DORMAN.

82. **CHARLES DENNIS MOORE<sup>10</sup> YEO** (John E<sup>9</sup>, John<sup>8</sup>, George<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>, George<sup>5</sup>, George<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) was born on 26 May 1870 in Torquay, Devon. He died in 1921 in Rawlins, Kansas, USA. He married **SUSANA EVERISS**. She was born in 1883 in Ohio, USA. She died on Private.

Notes for Charles Dennis Moore Yeo:

In the 1915 Kansas State census Charles and his brother Alfred were living together in Rawlins County. Shortly afterwards, Charles married Susanna Everiss, and we find them in the 1920 US national census living in Rawlins with their children Frederick E Yeo 2 and Edna D yeo 11 months, both born Kansas. Susanna's birthplace is cited as Ohio of English parents. Living next door were Charles' brother Herbert, his wife Clara and two children.

Charles Dennis Moore Yeo and Susana Everiss had the following children:

i. FREDERICK E<sup>11</sup> YEO was born in 1917 in Kansas, USA.

ii. EDNA YEO was born in 1919 in Kansas, USA.

83. **HERBERT EUCLID<sup>10</sup> YEO** (John E<sup>9</sup>, John<sup>8</sup>, George<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>, George<sup>5</sup>, George<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) was born on 20 Oct 1876 in Alabama, USA. He died

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after 1935 in Rawlins, Kansas, USA. He married **CLARA A TRAIL**. She was born about 1881 in Nebraska, USA. She died in 1935 in Rawlins, Texas, USA.

Notes for Herbert Euclid Yeo:

Herbert: Euclid Herbert (“Herb”) Yeo was born 20 Oct 1876, date taken from his World War 1 draft card 1917/8. He married Clara A Trail. In the 1915 Kansas State census, E(uclid) H(erb)ert) Yeo 38 Farmer born Florida and wife Clara 34 born Nebraska with daughters Blanche 4 and Eva 8 months were living in Rawlins County, Kansas. In the 1920 national census, Herbert E Yeo 43 born Alabama, wife Clara 29 (an under-stating of her age ?) born Nebraska and daughters Blanch 9 and Eva 5 both born Kansas were living in Rawlins County. His brother Charles & family were living next door. Clara died in 1935. Herb survived her by many years. They are buried together in Ilion Cemetery, Rawlins County.

Herbert Euclid Yeo and Clara A Trail had the following children:

- i. **BLANCH<sup>11</sup> YEO** was born in 1911 in Kansas, USA.
  - ii. **ENA YEO** was born in 1915 in Kansas, USA.
84. **MARK ROWE<sup>10</sup> THOMSON** (Cecilia<sup>9</sup> Rowe, Mary<sup>8</sup> Luce, Thomas<sup>7</sup> Luce, Anne<sup>6</sup> Knighton, Agnes<sup>5</sup> Yeo, George<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, William<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born on 24 Jun 1824 in Plymouth. He died on 22 Feb 1888 in Mobile, Alabama, USA. He married Elizabeth Prout Dolling on 30 Aug 1851 in Kingston upon Hull, Yorks. She was born on 16 May 1830 in Stoke Damerel, Plymouth, Devon. She died in Mar 1898 in Totnes, Devon.

Mark Rowe Thomson and Elizabeth Prout Dolling had the following child:

- i. **CECILIA ROWE<sup>11</sup> THOMSON** was born on 09 Jun 1855. She died on 29 May 1895 in Everton, Lancashire. She married Charles Edward Parry on 19 Jun 1878. He was born on 26 May 1853 in Liverpool. He died on 07 Jun 1932 in Liverpool.
85. **DANIEL PARNELL<sup>10</sup> YEA** (James<sup>9</sup>, William<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup> Yaw, David<sup>6</sup> Yaw, John<sup>5</sup> Yow, John<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born on 04 Jun 1852 in Marldon, Devon. He died in 1917 in Cuyahoga, Ohio, USA. He married Margaret Narchott HOWE, daughter of Robert Howe, on 11 Feb 1872 in Tormoham, Devon. She was born on 12 Nov 1852. She died on 25 Dec 1910 in Cuyahoga, Ohio, USA.

Notes for Daniel Parnell Yea:

**1852:** Daniel Parnell Yea son of James & Sally Yea was born on 4 June 1852 and baptised at Marldon on 15 Aug 1852.

**1872:** Daniel Parnell Yea aged 20 bachelor, carpenter, father James Yea, Sailor and Margaret Howe 19 spinster, father Robert Howe, Sawyer were married at Ellacombe a chapelry in Tormohan parish on 11 Feb 1872. Bridge & groom both signed with

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their names. Witnesses were Robert Howe and Leah Jane Howe.

**1876:** At some point Daniel emigrated to the USA, where he is recorded in the naturalisation list for Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

**1880 US census:** Daniel Yea (mis-transcribed as Yeo) 28 Carpenter with wife Margaret and daughter Sarah aged 1 were living in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

**1890 US census:** Not found

**1900 US census:** Daniel P Yea occupation carpenter and wife Margaret N Yea both aged 46 and born England were living at Glenville Village, Cuyahoga County, Ohio. The record states Daniel immigrated in 1876 and was naturalised, and Margaret in 1878. The record also states the couple had been married for 25 years and had 12 children of whom 4 were still living - in fact the four were then living with their parents viz Sarah E Groudle born Feb 1879 married 3 years with one child still living Chas R Goudle born July 1896 Ohio; Daniel P Yea jun'r born Feb 1881; Albert J Yea born Nov 1887; and Margaret N Yea born July 1889.

**1910 US census:** Daniel P Yea occupation contractor and wife Margaret both aged 57 were living in Cleveland Ward, Cuyahoga County, Ohio. Living with them were son Bert single 23, daughter Margaret single 21 and son Charles 13, all three born Ohio and the latter incorrectly recorded - he was their grandson per the previous census. The census states Daniel and Margaret had 12 children of whom 4 were still living.

**1910:** Daniel's wife Margaret died and was buried in Cuyahoga. (Findagrave)

**1917:** Daniel Yea died in 1917 and was buried in Cuyahoga. (Findagrave)

Footnote: There is also a death in Mayflower, Cuyahoga on 5 Sept 1865 of Mary Yeo aged 70 and born England, cause of death old age. We have been unable to identify any link between Mary and Daniel.

Notes for Margaret Narchott HOWE:

**1910:** Margaret N Yea made her will on 24 Dec 1910. It appears she held three parcels of real estate separate from her husband's assets and valued at \$12,000 which was rented out, and other assets amounting to a few thousand dollars. From the census returns it does not appear that Margaret had employment income, and we might speculate that the means to accrue these assets came from her family - indeed

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whether her family may have financed her and Daniel's emigration. She bequeathed one third of her estate to her husband, and the balance to be shared equally between her children Daniel P Yea Jr, Albert James Yea & married daughter Margaret N Jackson, and grandson Charles Raymond Goudel. Note married daughter Sarah E Goudle was NOT a beneficiary and may have died before then. She appointed her husband and son as joint executors.

In the event, the Executors were dilatory in applying for probate, as a result of which daughter Margaret took legal action and the Court appointed an administrator, which eventually led to distribution of the bequests in 1914. (Copy of 40 sheets of the will and legal proceedings on file)

In what must have been a sombre time for the Yea family, Margaret died on Christmas Day 1910 - the day after she wrote her will. Her death certificate cites her dob as 12 Nov 1852 and shows she had been ill since August. The cause of death was organic heart disease complicated with renal insufficiency and pulmonary oedema.

Daniel Parnell Yea and Margaret Narchott HOWE had the following children:

- i. LEAH LOUISA<sup>11</sup> YEA was born in 1873 in Newton Abbot Reg District.

Notes for Leah Louisa YEA:

Leah Louisa Yea was born in Newton Abbot in 1873 Q4. We find no marriage, emigration or death record for her in UK or USA - but see note for Lizzie Yea below

Lizzie Yea was born about 187(3 or 9 ??). She died in 1903 in Cleveland, Cuyahoga, Ohio. Her details are taken from her father's gravestone on Findagrave - the birthdate being unclear. We might speculate Lizzie was in fact Leah Louisa.

- ii. GEORGE P YEA was born about 1878 in Cleveland, Ohio, USA. He died in Apr 1879 in Cleveland, Ohio, USA.

Notes for George P Yea:

George P Yea was born about 1878 in Cleveland, Cuyahoga, Ohio. He died on 5 April 1879 aged 4 months in Cleveland, cause of death recorded as congestion of lungs.

George P Yea was born about 1879 in Cleveland, Cuyahoga, Ohio. He died on 5 April 1879 aged 4 months in Cleveland, cause of death recorded as pneumonia. (In view of the similarity in the dates and cause of death, this may be a duplicate of the previous entry).

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- iii. SARAH ELIZABETH YEA was born in Feb 1879 in Cleveland, Ohio, USA. She married Albert A. GROUDLE on 13 Feb 1896 in Cleveland, Ohio, USA.

Notes for Sarah Elizabeth YEA:

Sarah Elizabeth Yea was born Feb 1879 in Cleveland, Ohio. She married Albert A Groudle on 13 Feb 1896. Albert & Sarah Elizabeth had one child Charles Raymond Goudle b 1897

- iv. DANIEL PARNELL YEA was born on 14 Feb 1881 in Cleveland, Ohio, USA. He died on 23 Feb 1939 in Ohio, USA. He married Daisy McFARLAND on 26 Mar 1904 in Cuyahoga, Ohio, USA.

Notes for Daniel Parnell Yea:

Daniel P Yea was born 14 Feb 1881 in Cleveland, Cuyahoga, Ohio. He died on 23 Feb 1939 in Cleveland. He married Daisy McFarland on 26 Mar 1904 in Cuyahoga.

- v. ALICE YEA was born about Jun 1883 in Cleveland, Ohio, USA. She died on 25 Sep 1884 in Cleveland, Ohio, USA.

Notes for Alice Yea:

Alice Yea was born about June 1883 in Cleveland, Ohio. She died on 25 Sept 1884 in Cleveland, cause of death recorded as cholera.

- vi. MALE CHILD YEA was born on 26 Aug 1885 in Cleveland, Ohio, USA. He died on 28 Aug 1885 in Cleveland, Ohio, USA.

Notes for Male child Yea:

Male Baby Yea was born on 26 Aug 1885 in Cleveland. He died on 28 August 1885. The baby died after just two days, cause of death convulsions.

- vii. ALBERT J. YEA was born on 03 Nov 1886 in Cleveland, Ohio, USA. He died in 1947 in Cuyahoga, Ohio, USA. He married ELSIE E. SCHOTTEY.

Notes for Albert J. YEA:

Albert J Yea was born 3 Nov 1886 in Cleveland, Cuyahoga Ohio, He died in 1947 in Cuyahoga, Ohio

- viii MARGARET N YEA was born in Jul 1889 in Cleveland, Ohio, USA. She died on 11 Jun 1910 in Cleveland, Ohio, USA. She married Harry Jackson on 11 Jun 1910 in Cuyahoga, Ohio, USA.

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Notes for Margaret N Yea:

Margaret N Yea was born July 1889 in Cleveland, Ohio. She married Harry Jackson in Cuyahoga Ohio on 11 June 1910

- ix. FRANK YEA was born on 06 Oct 1891 in Cleveland, Ohio, USA. He died on 06 Oct 1891 in Cleveland, Ohio, USA.

Notes for Frank Yea:

Frank Yea was born 6 October 1891 in Cleveland Ohio. He died 6 October 1891 in Cleveland. His death record states he was stillborn.

- x. CHARLES R YEA was born in 1895 in Cleveland, Ohio, USA. He married MARGARET.

86. **WILLIAM JAMES<sup>10</sup> YEA** (James<sup>9</sup>, William<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup> Yaw, David<sup>6</sup> Yaw, John<sup>5</sup> Yow, John<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born about 1855 in Torquay, Devon. He died on 08 Jul 1936 in Melrose, Scotland. He married (1) **BESSIE ELIZABETH (ELLEN) WOOD** in 1878 in Totnes, Devon. She died in Melrose, Scotland. He married (2) **HELEN DONALDSON**, daughter of George Donaldson and Barbara Goodwillie, on 24 Jan 1882 in Eddleston. Scotland. She was born in 1883 in Melrose, Scotland. She died on 10 May 1911 in Melrose, Scotland.

Notes for William James YEA:

**About 1855:** We find no birth or baptism record for William in the GRO. He is recorded with his parents in the 1871 census aged 16, hence calculated yob ca. 1855, occupation Gardener.

**1878/1880:** FreeBMD records the marriage of William James Yea and Bessie Elizabeth Wood in Totnes in 1878 Q4. Sadly, it was to prove a short marriage, as we find the death record for Bessie Elizabeth Yea aged 29 in Melrose, Scotland. She died on 25 Sept 1880 at North Lodge, Ravenswood. The death certificate states her parents were George Wood, Sawyer and his wife Susan Wood maiden name Lane. The cause of death was recorded as septicaemia. The death was reported by her husband, who was present at her death. (Scotland's People, doc ref 799/50).

**1881 census:** We find a match for William J Yea (mis-transcribed as William I Tea) aged 27 widower, Gardener born England living at Ravenswood House in Melrose, Roxburgh. Living with him was his sister Ellen M Yea 16 Housekeeper born England. (Scotland's People doc ref 799/5/20).

**1882:** Scotland's People records the marriage after banns of William James Yea and Ellen Donaldson at the Station House, Eddleston on 24 Jan 1882. The marriage record states William, a widower, was Head Gardener at Ravenswood. His parents

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were cited as James Yea Master Mariner and his wife Sarah maiden name Parnell. Ellen's occupation was listed as Cook and Domestic Servant, daughter of George Donaldson, Station Agent, and his wife Barbara maiden name Goodwillie. Witnesses were Charles Donaldson and Jessie Donaldson. (Scotland's People doc ref 760/1).

**1891** Scotland census: We can infer that William aged 36 and Ellen aged 39 were living in Melrose, Roxburgh with three children - George 12, Barbara 8 and Albert 7. We may reasonably infer that George was William's son by his first wife, and Barbara & Albert by his Ellen.

**1901** Scotland census: William Yea aged 44 and Ellen 48 were living in Melrose with (presumed) children George 22; Leah 18; Albert 16; and Charles W 8.

**1911** Scotland census: William Gas (Jas ??) Yea 56 Gardener & Domestic Servant born England and Ellen 59 born Fifeshire were living at Ravenswood, Melrose with Leah Yea 28 single Dressmaker; Charles W Yea 18 single Seedsman, both born Melrose. The census return stated the couple had been married 29 years and had four children, all living - which probably includes George, William's son by his first marriage.

The adjacent entry in the census was for William Younger 53 Brewer, his wife Katherine 36 and their children and servants - a total household of 21 living at a property with 30 rooms having windows !

William & Ellen's son Albert Yea aged 26 was living in Galashiels, Selkirk.

**1911:** Ellen died later in the year aged 59. She died on 10 May 1911 at Ravenswood Lodge, Melrose. Her death record cited her parents as George Donaldson, Station Agent retired and his wife Barbara maiden named Goodwillie deceased. Cause of death was carcinoma of the uterus and exhaustion. (Scotland's People doc ref 799/1/21).

**1936:** William outlived Ellen by 25 years and died in Melrose on 8 July 1936 aged 81. William's death record states he was a retired Gardener and Domestic Servant, son of James Yea Sailor deceased, and wife Sally Yea, maiden name Parnell deceased. Cause of death was hypostatic pneumonia. (Scotland's People doc ref 799/1/57).

### Footnote - Ravenswood:

The Scottish censuses give a clue as to why William left Devon for Scotland - it seems it was to follow his profession as gardener at a property which benefitted from the attentions of a famous botanist. It was later acquired by William Younger,

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founder of the Scottish brewing company - he and his family were in the entry next to William's in the 1911 census suggesting the Youngers retained William's services after they acquired Ravenswood. The property remained in the Younger family for 115 years and was eventually put on the market in 2015 with a sale price of £1.5 million. The agents marketing the property described it as follows:

In 1824 Ravenswood, in its early form, was built for Major John Scott a cousin of Sir Walter Scott who had made a fortune in the East Indies. He sold the house to Adam Fairholme in 1830 whose nephew George Knight Erskine Fairholme inherited it in 1853. George made a fortune in sheep farming in Australia and was a well-known early Australian artist. He in turn sold Ravenswood to Admiral Sir Henry Fairfax in 1864, who enjoyed a distinguished naval career. He extensively remodelled the building adding the west wing containing the existing drawing room and master bedroom above and started the east wing by building a panelled library. Sir Henry was a keen botanist and is responsible for many of the trees currently growing at Ravenswood. On his death in 1900 Ravenswood was bought by William Younger, who along with his uncle Sir William McEwan were two of the most successful and prominent Scottish brewers. William Younger finished the east wing by adding the guest rooms above the library and the garden veranda.

William James YEA and Bessie Elizabeth (Ellen) WOOD had the following child:

- i. GEORGE HENRY C<sup>11</sup> YEA was born in 1879 in Totnes, Devon. He died on Private in Dungannon, Northern Ireland. He married Isabella MURDOCK in 1910 in Northern Ireland.

Notes for George Henry C YEA:

**1881** Census living with Grandparents George Wood at Dartmouth

Notes for Isabella MURDOCK:

We believe she was previously married. We found her as a mother with maiden name of Allen

William James YEA and Helen Donaldson had the following children:

- ii. BARBARA LEAH YEA was born in 1883 in Melrose, Scotland. She married William Lockie in 1913 in Melrose, Scotland.

Notes for Barbara Leah YEA:

identified in the 1891/1901 census in Scotland

- iii. JAMES ALBERT F YEA was born in 1884 in Melrose, Scotland. He married Mary Marshall in 1913 in Edinburgh.

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Notes for James Albert F YEA:

Identified in the 1891/1901 census in Scotland

- iv. CHARLES W YEA was born in 1896 in Melrose, Scotland. He died on Private. He married Margaret Ogilvie Nicol in Edinburgh.

Notes for Charles W YEA:

Identified in the 1901 census in Scotland

- 87. **HENRY WIDGER**<sup>10</sup> YEA (James<sup>9</sup>, William<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup> Yaw, David<sup>6</sup> Yaw, John<sup>5</sup> Yow, John<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born on 17 Sep 1859 in Torquay, Devon. He died on 26 Jul 1918 in Cleveland, Ohio, USA. He married (1) **KEZIA BATHE** in 1881 in Barton Regis, Gloucs. She was born in 1856 in Weston Super Mare, Somerset. She died on 30 Dec 1889 in Torquay, Devon. He married (2) **MARY ANGUS GILES** in 1898 in Axbridge, Somerset. She was born about 1866. She died in 1932 in Cleveland, Ohio, USA.

Notes for Henry Widger YEA:

**1859:** The GRO records the birth of Henry Widger Yea, mother maiden name Parnel (sic) in Newton Abbot District in 1859 Q4. However, we find no baptism record for him

**1861** census: Not found

**1871** census: Henry aged 11 was living with his parents and siblings in Tormoham - please see personal notes for father James Yea.

**1881** census: Henry Widger Yea single aged 21 Plumber & Gas Fitter born Torquay was lodging in Clifton, Barton Regis, with Sylvester Dudden and his family. Also living with the family was Sylvester's niece Kezia Bathe single aged 24 Housekeeper born Weston Super Mare.

**1881:** A few months after the census was taken, Henry married Kezia Bathe, the housekeeper at his lodgings, in Barton Regis recorded in 1881 Q3. She was to bear him four children.

**1891** census: Henry Yea widower 31 Tin Plate Worker born Torquay was living in Glebe Road, Weston Super Mare with his four daughters Alice 9 & Gertrude 8 both born Bristol; and Edith 6 and Eliza 1, both born Torquay. Also living with them was Henry's sister in law Sarah Bathe 25 single born Weston Super Mare.

**1896:** Henry Widger Yea and Mary Giles were married in Axbridge district,

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Somerset in 1896 Q4.

**1897:** In his naturalisation application (see below), Henry stated that he left Liverpool aboard the SS Campania on 13 September and arrived in New York on 22 Sept 1897. From the subsequent census, it appears he was travelling alone and his wife and two daughters joined him the following year

**1898:** The Ellis Island Immigration Records list the arrival of Mary Yea 32, Alice Yea 16, Gertude Yea 14 and Ida Yea 7 aboard the SS Compania, departed Liverpool 7 May and arrived New York 14 May. The entry record lists them all as born Newton Abbot and bound for Cleveland, Ohio.

**1900 US census:** Henry Yea born Sept 1859 in England occupation Plumber & Tinner and wife born Feb 1867 in England were living in Collinwood Township, Cugahoya County, Ohio. The census return states they had been married 5 years and had no children. Living with them were Henry's two daughters from his first marriage Gertrude born Oct 1882 and Nellie (ie Elizabeth Ellen) born Nov 1889. The return shows that Henry had been in the USA for 3 years and his wife and daughters for 2 years.

**1910 census:** Henry W Yea aged 49 born England occupation Tinner & Gas Fitter with wife Mary 43 and son Henry W Yea Jr aged 9 born Ohio were living in East Cleveland Township, Ohio. It appears Henry's daughters by his first marriage had married by then.

**1916:** Henry Widger Yea applied for naturalisation as a US citizen on 11 October 1916. He provided details of his immigration to the USA (see note above). He also stated his wife Mary was living in Ohio and that he had one child Henry Yea born 12 March 1900 in Ohio - presumably referring only to the child he had by his second wife

**1918:** Henry W Yea died in Cleveland Ohio on 26 July 1918, his dob cited as 17 Sept 1860. This is probably a calculation error - the GRO records his birth in 1859 Q4 and mother maiden name Parnel (sic). The cause of death was stated as renal colic with an operation for suspected gall stones a contributory factor. We should note here that the certificate states Henry's parents were Henry Yea and Sarah Widger - we have no explanation for that apparent error.

Footnote: There are still Henry Widger Yea's and descendants living in Cugahoya County in 2020.

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Notes for Kezia BATHE:

**1889/90:** Kezia died on 30th Dec 1889 and was buried in Torquay Cemetery on 4 Jan 1890 aged just 33. We might speculate that she died from the effects of the birth of their fourth child Elizabeth Ellen, also known as Eliza, who was born in November 1889

Henry Widger YEA and Kezia BATHE had the following children:

- i. ALICE MARY<sup>11</sup> YEA was born on 30 Sep 1881 in Bristol. She died in Cleveland, Ohio, USA. She married Benjamin Franklin ADDIS on 15 Jul 1903 in Cleveland, Ohio, USA. He was born on 23 Jul 1872 in Hudson, Ohio, USA. He died in Cleveland, Ohio, USA.
- ii. FLORENCE AMY GERTRUDE YEA was born on 11 Oct 1882 in Bristol. She died in 1951 in Cleveland, Ohio, USA. She married George W BIRCH on 25 Nov 1906 in Cleveland, Ohio, USA.
- iii. EDITH MAUD YEA was born in 1884 in Newton Abbot Reg District. She died on Private. She married (1) ALBERT J KERFOOT. She married (2) MATHIAS B DIEDERICH on 17 Mar 1904 in Summit, Ohio, USA. He died on Private.

Notes for Edith Maud YEA:

Albert J Kerfoot aged 22 and Edith Yea aged 19 were granted a marriage licence in Summit, Ohio on 17 March 1904. Edith bore Albert a daughter Alice born in 1905. It appears Albert & Edith divorced, as Albert J Kerfoot with identical parents names and birthplace as his marriage licence to Edith and previously married once, married Dora Smith in Cuyahoga County on 16 Sept 1909. Edith apparently re-married to Mathias B Diederich, cited in later documents as Matt, though we find no marriage record. In the 1910 USA census, Matt Diedrich and wife Edith with son Edmond F J Diedrich aged 12 (from his first marriage) and step-daughter Alice 5 were living in Elyria Township, Lorain County, Ohio. Edith bore Mathew a daughter Beatrice in 1916; a stillborn daughter on 7 Sept 1917; and another daughter Celia born 1925. Mathias B Diederich died and was buried alongside Matthias at St Mary Cemetery, Elyria. (Findagrave)

Edith survived her husband by about 10 years. Mathias B and Edith M Diederich are buried together at St Mary cemetery, Elyria, Lorain Country, Ohio. (Findagrave)

- iv. ETHEL KATE YEA was born in 1888 in Newton Abbot Reg District. She

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died in 1888 in Newton Abbot Reg District.

Notes for Ethel Kate YEA:

Ethel Kate Yea was identified from GRO records born 1888 mothers maiden name Bathe and died the same year in Newton Abbot district, probably Torquay

- v. ELIZABETH ELLEN AKA ELIZA YEA was born in 1889 in Newton Abbot Reg District. She married BURT BENDALL.

Henry Widger YEA and Mary Angus GILES had the following child:

- vi. HENRY ALBERT WIDGER YEA was born on 12 Mar 1900 in Cleveland, Ohio, USA. He died in Cleveland, Ohio, USA. He married Muriel Margaret COFFMAN on 09 Oct 1920 in Cleveland, Ohio, USA.

88. ALICE ELLEN PARNELL<sup>10</sup> YEA (James<sup>9</sup>, William<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup> Yaw, David<sup>6</sup> Yaw, John<sup>5</sup> Yow, John<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born on 19 Jun 1863 in Torquay, Devon. She married John Randolph HINGSTON in 1885 in Newton Abbot Reg District. He was born about 1865. He died in 1907 in Paddington, London.

Notes for Alice Ellen Parnell YEA:

**1863** Birth Certificate: Alice Ellen Parnell Yea born Torquay 19 Jun.1863, F: James Yea, **Mariner**, M: Sarah Parnell

**1881** Census, Tormohun, at 29 Old Court. Alice P. Yea 17, U M, Kitchenmaid. B: Tormohun.

**1885** GRO, Marriage, Alice Parnell Yea, Newton Abbot John Randolph HINGSTON

**1901** census: John R Hingston 36 married born Torquay was Signaller Bosun, one of the 741 crew serving aboard HMS Repulse stationed off Gibraltar.

**1907:** John Randolph Hingston died in Paddington in 1907 Q1 aged 42.

**1911** census: Alice Hingston 47 widow Laundress born Torquay was living with her daughters Edith Hingston 15 born Devonport and Winifred 5 born Torquay. The census return states Alice had been married for 25 years with 5 children of whom 2 had died.

**1942:** Alice E Hingston died in Newton Abbot district in 1942 Q2 aged 78.

John Randolph HINGSTON and Alice Ellen Parnell YEA had the following

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children:

- i. FREDERICK RANDOLPH YEA<sup>11</sup> HINGSTON was born in 1889. He died in 1934.
  - ii. EDITH ALICE PARNELL HINGSTON was born in 1896 in Devonport, Devon. She died on Private.
  - iii. EDGAR HENRY G HINGSTON was born in 1899. He died in 1907.
  - iv. WINIFRED LEAH M HINGSTON was born in 1905 in Torquay, Devon. She died on Private.
  - v. UNKNOWN HINGSTON. Unknown died before 1911.
89. LEAH<sup>10</sup> YEA (James<sup>9</sup>, William<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup> Yaw, David<sup>6</sup> Yaw, John<sup>5</sup> Yow, John<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born in 1869 in Torquay, Devon. She died in 1894 in Newton Abbot Reg District. She married Fred MACEY in 1892 in Newton Abbot Reg District.

Notes for Leah YEA:

**1869** GRO, Births, Leah Yea, Newton Abbot

**1892** GRO, Marriage, Leah Yea, Newton Abbot Fred Macey

**1892/4:** Fred Macey & Leah Yea had a son William Thomas Lacey born in Newton Abbot in 1892 Q3. Leah Macey died in Newton Abbot in 1894 Q1 aged 25.

Fred MACEY and Leah YEA had the following child:

- i. WILLIAM THOMAS<sup>11</sup> LACEY was born in 1892 in Newton Abbot Reg District.
90. ALBERT JAMES<sup>10</sup> YEA (James<sup>9</sup>, William<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup> Yaw, David<sup>6</sup> Yaw, John<sup>5</sup> Yow, John<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born on 08 Mar 1871 in Torquay, Devon. He married (1) EDITH AVIS STRATHMORE PEARCE on 20 Dec 1894 in Tormoham, Devon. She was born about 1871. She died in 1895 in Totnes, Devon. He married (2) MARY JANE PAGE HILL on 19 Oct 1901 in Exeter. She was born about 1868.

Notes for Albert James YEA:

**1871** GRO, Birth Albert James Yea, Newton Abbot

**1891** census: Albert aged 20 Gardener born Torquay was living with his parents James & Sarah at Park Lane, Tormoham

**1894** On his marriage certificate he was a gardner Gardener . John Randolph Hingston ( husband of Alice Ellen Parnell YEA his sister ) was a witness

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**1901** census: Albert J Yea 31 widower Gardener born Torquay was lodging with Richard Jennings and his family at Meadow Foot Lane, Tormoham

**1911** census: Albert Yea 40 Gardener with wife Jane 41 Lodging House Keeper both born Torquay and their daughter Edith 15 born Totnes were living at Engadine, Park Hill Row, Torquay. The census return states they had been married for 10 years with one child, still living. Lodging with them were Elizabeth Catherine Capel 78 widow living on private means born Cape Town, Cape of Good Hope and Elizabeth Goatcher 59 single Lady's Maid born Sussex

**1914** YEA Albert James Private PO/3239/S details Royal Marine Medal Roll 1914-1920 on Find my Past

**1918/9:** Albert James Yea dob 8 March 1871 enlisted on 22 July 1918 at Exeter in the Royal Marine Light Infantry, Portsmouth Division Short Service with service number 187473. He completed his service on 10 Feb 1919 and received a War Gratuity of £5 on 17 Feb 1919. His address on discharge was Engadine, Park Hill Road, Torquay.

Albert James YEA and Edith Avis Strathmore PEARCE had the following child:

- i. EDITH AVIS<sup>11</sup> YEA was born in 1895 in Totnes, Devon. She married Harold TAYLOR in 1917 in Newton Abbot Reg District.
91. CATHERINE WOOTTON<sup>10</sup> YEA (Robert<sup>9</sup>, William<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup> Yaw, David<sup>6</sup> Yaw, John<sup>5</sup> Yow, John<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born in 1863 in Yackandandah, Australia. She died on 20 Aug 1907 in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. She married James Henry Lord Bradley on 01 Aug 1885 in Yackandandah, Australia. He was born on 23 Nov 1860 in Emerald Hill, Victoria, Australia. He died on 15 Aug 1938 in Springvale South, Victoria, Australia.

Notes for Catherine Wootton Yea:

Catherine is the grandmother of Peter Graeme Kelly who provided Sheila Yeo with a lot of his Parish Records for the Yea family in Devon and Somerset that he had transcribed. Many of these records are used in the construction of this tree

***Sadly Peter died in 2010 without being able to find the ancestors of his 4th Great Uncle David Yaw who married Mary Jessop. The authors of this record have dedicated this report to the memories of Peter and of Sheila Yeo and acknowledge this report would not have been possible were it not for them sharing also with Mike Darch one of the 2 authors of this report along with David Yaw***

James Henry Lord Bradley and Catherine Wootton Yea had the following children:

- i. DAISY FRANCES<sup>11</sup> BRADLEY was born on 03 Jul 1883 in Kergunyah, Victoria, Australia. She died on Private in Kew, Victoria, Australia. She

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married Reginald Chalmer Kelly on 31 Aug 1921 in Ballarat, Victoria, Australia.

- ii. BARBARA MARY BRADLEY was born on 21 May 1886 in Allans Flat, Victoria, Australia. She died on Private. She married George John Smith on 06 Apr 1910 in Albert Park, Australia. He was born in 1884.
  - iii. JAMES NEWSHAM BRADLEY was born on 02 Sep 1888 in Allans Flat, Victoria, Australia. He died on Private in Johannesburg, South Africa.
92. **ELEANOR PARNELL<sup>10</sup> YEA** (Robert<sup>9</sup>, William<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup> Yaw, David<sup>6</sup> Yaw, John<sup>5</sup> Yow, John<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born in 1866 in Yackandandah, Australia. She died on 20 May 1892 in Beechworth, Victoria, Australia. She married William Robert Ward in 1889 in Yackandandah, Australia. William Robert Ward and Eleanor Parnell Yea had the following child:

- i. ROBERT WILLIAM<sup>11</sup> WARD was born about 1891 in Yackandandah, Victoria, Australia. He died on 27 Oct 1924 in Wodonga, Victoria, Australia. He married Ethel Handsworth about 1915.

Notes for Robert William Ward:

Identified in his grandfather Roberts probate. He was a minor in 1895 when his grandfather died and inherited his mothers share of her fathers probate, then deceased,

93. **MINNIE<sup>10</sup> LATHROPE** (Hannah<sup>9</sup> YEA, William<sup>8</sup> YEA, John<sup>7</sup> Yaw, David<sup>6</sup> Yaw, John<sup>5</sup> Yow, John<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born on 28 Jul 1866 in Torquay, Devon. She married Alfred HOLLOWAY on 22 May 1886 in Torquay, Devon. He was born on 18 Oct 1859.

Alfred HOLLOWAY and Minnie LATHROPE had the following children:

- i. DAISY<sup>11</sup> HOLLOWAY was born on 06 Jan 1888 in Torquay, Devon. She died in 1894.
  - ii. REGINALD HOLLOWAY was born on 31 Mar 1890 in Torquay, Devon. He married VIOLET BOND.
  - iii. VIOLET HOLLOWAY was born on 19 Feb 1894 in Torquay, Devon. She married ALFRED LEOPOLD ROBERTSON. He was born on 17 Apr 1888.
  - iv. PANSY HOLLOWAY was born on 26 Jun 1895 in Torquay, Devon.
  - v. IRIS HOLLOWAY was born on 22 Jan 1898 in Torquay, Devon. She married WALTER BRIAN LONG.
  - vi. ALFRED BASIL HOLLOWAY was born on 20 Jan 1900 in Torquay, Devon.
  - vii. FERNIE HOLLOWAY was born on 30 Jun 1902.
94. **JANE ELIZABETH<sup>10</sup> YEA** (William James<sup>9</sup>, Thomas<sup>8</sup>, John<sup>7</sup> Yaw, David<sup>6</sup> Yaw, John<sup>5</sup> Yow, John<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born on 04 Nov

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1858 in Lymptstone, Devon. She died in 1929 in Okehampton area. She married (1) **GEORGE CASELEY** on 13 Jun 1885 in Woodbury, Devon.

Jane Elizabeth YEA had the following child:

- i. **ELIZABETH ALICE<sup>11</sup> YEA** was born in 1877 in St Thomas Reg District, Devon. She died in 1878 in St Thomas Reg District, Devon.

Notes for Elizabeth Alice YEA:

Eliabeth was born out of Wedlock. We do not know who her father was

95. **GEORGE CLEAVE<sup>10</sup> YEA** (Henry<sup>9</sup>, William<sup>8</sup>, David<sup>7</sup>, David<sup>6</sup> Yaw, John<sup>5</sup> Yow, John<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born on 14 Aug 1854 in East Ogwell, Devon. He died on 01 May 1889 in Highweek, Devon. He married Isabella THOMAS on 20 Apr 1878 in Newton Abbot Reg District. She was born on 19 Dec 1854 in Breage, Cornwall.

Notes for George Cleave YEA:

**1861** Census, East Ogwell, George Cleave Yea, 6, Scholar, son of Henry Yea and Ann Yea. Born: East Ogwell.

**1871** Census, East Ogwell, George Yea, 16, Carpenter son of Henry Yea and Ann Yea, Born: East Ogwell

**1878** GRO, Marriages, George Cleave Yea, Newton Abbot Reg District

**1881** Census, Highweek, Devon, in Highweek Road, George C. Yea, Head 26, House Carpenter, Born; East Ogwell.

Notes for Isabella THOMAS:

**1881** Census, Devon. at Highweek Road, Highweek. Isabella Yea, wife of George C. Yea, 26, Born: Breage Cornwall

George Cleave YEA and Isabella THOMAS had the following children:

- i. **ERNEST GEORGE<sup>11</sup> YEA** was born on 25 Jan 1879 in Newton Abbot, Devon. He died on Private. He married Alice Jane PARTRIDGE on 14 May 1904 in Paignton, Devon. She was born on 26 Oct 1883. She died on Private.

Notes for Ernest George YEA:

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**1879** GRO, Births, Ernest George Yea, Newton Abbot.

**1879** IGI Birth: Ernest Geo Yea, 25 Jan.1879, F: George Cleave Yea, M: -

**1881** Census, Highweek. at Highweek Road. Ernest G.Yea, 2, son of George C.Yea and Isabella Yea.

**1904** GRO, Marriage, , Ernest George Yea, Totnes, area

- ii. VIOLA YEA was born on 18 Sep 1880 in Highweek, Devon. She died in 1950 in Newton Abbot Reg District.

Notes for Viola YEA:

**1880** GRO, Births, Violo Yea, Newton Abbot

**1881** Census, Devon. At Highweek Road, Highweek Violo Yea, 6 months, dau. of George C. and Isabella Yea born: Highweek

- iii. WILFRED YEA was born on 29 Jul 1882 in Highweek, Devon.

Notes for Wilfred YEA:

**22 Mar 1885** Baptised in Highweek

- iv. FRANCIS GEORGE YEA was born on 01 Feb 1885 in Highweek, Devon. He died on 19 Jun 1904 in Totnes, Devon.

Notes for Francis George YEA:

**22 Mar 1885** Baptised Highweek

- v. HENRY AKA HARRY YEA was born on 26 Mar 1887 in Highweek, Devon. He died on 20 Dec 1889 in Highweek, Devon.

Notes for Henry aka Harry YEA:

**29 May 1887** Baptised Highweek, devon

Headstone in Highweek Churchyard. Harry Yea, 2, 20 dec. 1889.  
Youngest son of George Cleave Yea

96. **WILLIAM HENRY CLEAVE<sup>10</sup> YEA** (Henry<sup>9</sup>, William<sup>8</sup>, David<sup>7</sup>, David<sup>6</sup> Yaw, John<sup>5</sup> Yow, John<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born in 1856 in East Ogwell, Devon. He died in 1926 in Newton Abbot Reg District. He married (1)

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**MARTHA ANN DAVEY** in 1876 in Newton Abbot Reg District. She was born about 1857 in East Ogwell, Devon. She died on 24 Apr 1910 in Plymouth. He married (2) **ELLEN DOWN** in 1911 in Newton Abbot Reg District.

Notes for William Henry Cleave YEA:

**1856** GRO, Births, William Henry Cleave Yea, Newton Abbot, DEV.

**1861** Census, East Ogwell, Devon William Yea, 5, Scholar, son of Henry Yea and Ann Yea Born; East Ogwell.

**1871** Census, East Ogwell, Devon William Yea, 14, Scholar, son of Henry Yea and Ann Yea, Born: East Ogwell.

**1876** GRO, Marriages, William Henry Yea, Newton Abbot, DEV.

**1881** Census, East Ogwell, Devon. William Yea, Head, 24, Road Contractor, Born: East Ogwell.

**1891** census: William Yea 35 Haulier and wife Martha Ann 34 were living at Knowle's Terrace Highweek with children Meda 14; Hilda Mary 11; Annie 9; Rosetta Blanche 6; and Martha Ann 2 - all persons born East Ogwell except the last two daughters born Newton Abbot.

**1901** census: William Hy C Yea 45 General Haulier and wife Martha Ann Yea 44 both born East Ogwell were living at Knowles Terrace Highweek with their daughters Meda 24 single born East Ogwell; Martha Ann 12 born Highweek; and twins Margery and Harold William 9 born Highweek.

**1911** census: William Henry Yea 46 single Farmer born East Ogwell was living at Highweek Village. Visiting him were Ellen Down 40 single Dairy Keeper born Exwick, Devon and her mother Ann Down 72 widow, birthplace unknown. Also living in the household was Leonard Eden 16 Farm Assistant born Torquay. William's marital status was recorded incorrectly - he was a widower. He and Ellen were married shortly after the census was taken, their marriage recorded in Newton Abbot district in 1911 Q2.

**1926:** The death of William H C Yea is recorded in Newton Abbot district in 1926 Q3 aged 70, a close match with his actual job.

**1930/7:** Following William's death, Ellen re-married to Albert Loder in Newton Abbot district in 1930 Q1. She died in Newton Abbot district in 1937 Q4 aged 69.

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Notes for Martha Ann DAVEY:

**1881** Census at East Ogwell, Martha A. Yea, 24, wife of William Yea. Born: East Ogwell

**1910** English Will, 12 May 1910 at Exeter

William Henry Cleave YEA and Martha Ann DAVEY had the following children:

- i. MADA<sup>11</sup> YEA was born in 1876 in East Ogwell, Devon. She married Frank PRIDDLE in 1907 in Exeter.

Notes for Mada YEA:

**1876** GRO Newton Abbot Birth

**1881** Census, Devon. at Highweek Road, Hghweek. Mada Yea, 4, dau. of William and Martha A. Yea born East Ogwell

- ii. HILDA MARY YEA was born in 1880 in East Ogwell, Devon. She married Frank HAYNES in 1904 in Newton Abbot Reg District.

Notes for Hilda Mary YEA:

GRO, Birth, 1880. Hilda Mary Yea, Newton Abbot

GRO, Marriage, 1904 Hilda Mary Yea, Newton Abbot

**1881** Census, Devon. at East Ogwell, Hilda M. Yea dau. of William and Martha A. Yea. Born: East Ogwell

- iii. ANNIE YEA was born in 1882.
- iv. WALTER HENRY R YEA was born in 1883 in Newton Abbot Reg District. He died in 1883 in Newton Abbot Reg District.
- v. ROSA BLANCHE YEA was born in 1884 in Newton Abbot Reg District. She died in 1884 in Newton Abbot Reg District.
- vi. ROSETTA BLANCHE YEA was born in 1885. She married Leonard H. R. PREDDICE in 1914 in Exeter.
- vii. MARTHA ANN YEA was born in 1888 in Newton Abbot Reg District. She married Thomas SURFIELD in 1929 in Newton Abbot Reg District.
- viii WILLIAM HENRY YEA was born in 1890 in Newton Abbot Reg District.  
. He died in 1891 in Newton Abbot Reg District.
- ix. HAROLD WILLIAM YEA was born in 1892 in Newton Abbot Reg District. He died on 16 Aug 1917 in Belgium.

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Notes for Harold William YEA:

Harold was born in 1892 in Highweek, Devon, a twin with his sister Marjorie. He served in WW1, initially as a Private with the Devonshire Regiment under regimental service number 51112, though we have no details of when and where he enlisted, nor of his early war experience. At some point he was transferred and served in the 7th Battalion, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers under regimental service number 41162. Harold's military service record shows he died on 16 August 1917.

The division participated in the Third Battle of Ypres, also known as the Battle of Passchendaele. The British attack began at 04:45 on the morning of 16 August with a heavy artillery barrage which allowed the infantry to make early gains. However the Germans responded with their own artillery and machine gun fire. The attackers were eventually forced to retreat after taking heavy casualties - the losses in the Inniskillings were so great that the 7th & 8th Battalions afterwards had to be merged. A fuller account of the battle can be found here:

<https://archives.passchendaele.be/en/soldier/1319>

Harold was one of the many killed in action. It seems likely that he was initially buried near where he fell, possibly by a German burial party in the immediate aftermath of the engagement. Harold was re-interred in the CWGC military cemetery at Tyne Cot near Ieper (Ypres) Belgium, the largest cemetery for Commonwealth forces in the world, the final resting place for some 11,954 casualties. Harold lies in grave reference number, XIII.B.15, the burial returns from 30 Sept 1919 stating he was identified from his spoon (sic). Harold was posthumously awarded the Victory Medal.

- x. MARJORIE IRENE YEA was born in 1892 in Newton Abbot Reg District.
- xi. GILBERT HENRY YEA was born in 1896 in Highweek, Devon. He died in 1896 in Newton Abbot Reg District.

Notes for Gilbert Henry YEA:

GRO, Births, 1896, Gilbert Henry Yea, Newton Abbot      Bapt: Gilbert Henry Yea, 28 Jul.1896. F:William Henry Cleave Yea

GRO, Deaths, 1896, Gilbert Henry Yea, 0, Newton Abbot

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97. **ENOCH CLEAVE<sup>10</sup> YEA** (Henry<sup>9</sup>, William<sup>8</sup>, David<sup>7</sup>, David<sup>6</sup> Yaw, John<sup>5</sup> Yow, John<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born in 1859 in East Ogwell, Devon. He died on 14 Jun 1929 in Highweek, Devon. He married Sarah Grace NICKELS in 1882 in Newton Abbot Reg District. She was born about 1856 in Lustleigh, Devon. She died on 21 Jul 1930 in Highweek, Devon.

Notes for Enoch Cleave YEA:

**1859** GRO, Births, Enoch Cleave Yea, Newton Abbot

**1861** Census, East Ogwell, Enoch Yea, 2, son of Henry Yea and Ann Yea, Born: East Ogwell.

**1871** Census, East Ogwell, Enoch Yea, 12, son of Henry Yea and Ann Yea, Born: East Ogwell.

**1881** Census, Highweek, 24 Knowles Terrace Enoch Yea, 22, Road Contractor, son of Henry Yea and Ann Yea, Born; East Ogwell.

**1882** GRO, Marriage, Enoch Cleave Yea, Newton Abbot

**1911** census: Enoch Yea 52 Road Repairing Contractor born East Ogwell with wife Sarah 54 born Lustleigh and their son Edgar 13 born Highweek were living at Halcyon Road, Highweek. The census return states they had been married for 29 years with 4 children of whom 2 were still living.

**1929** . headstone in Highweek Churchyard, Enoch Cleave Yea, aged 70. 14th Jun.1929

Enoch Cleave YEA and Sarah Grace NICKELS had the following children:

- i. **ARTHUR ENOCH<sup>11</sup> YEA** was born in 1883 in Highweek, Devon. He died in 1908 in Highweek, Devon. He married Olive Mary LANGLER in 1906 in Newton Abbot Reg District.
- ii. **EDITH GRACE YEA** was born in 1884 in Highweek, Devon. She married Mark LORAM, son of Charles Loram, on 21 Apr 1908 in Highweek, Devon.
- iii. **OLIVE ANNIE YEA** was born in 1885 in Highweek, Devon. She died in 1885 in Highweek, Devon.

Notes for Olive Annie YEA:

In the register as 1886 - late registering!

- iv. **EDGAR THOMAS YEA** was born on 25 Mar 1898 in Highweek, Devon. He

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died on 06 Feb 1919 in Highweek, Devon.

98. **ALFRED CLEAVE<sup>10</sup> YEA** (Henry<sup>9</sup>, William<sup>8</sup>, David<sup>7</sup>, David<sup>6</sup> Yaw, John<sup>5</sup> Yow, John<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born on 25 Dec 1863 in East Ogwell, Devon. He died on 19 Dec 1931 in Highweek, Devon. He married (1) **MARIA PROWSE NEE PERRAM**, daughter of Thomas Perrem and Emily, in 1890 in Exeter. She was born on 27 Mar 1857 in Wolborough, Devon. She died on 10 Mar 1905 in Highweek, Devon. He married (2) **HANNAH NEALE** in 1910 in Newton Abbot Reg District. She was born about 1857 in Highweek, Devon. She died in 1923 in Newton Abbot Reg District.

Notes for Alfred Cleave YEA:

**1863** Alfred Cleave Yea was bap<sup>t</sup> 25 Dec 1863 in East Ogwell.

**1871** Census, East Ogwell, Alfred Yea, 7, son of Henry Yea and Ann Yea, Born: East Ogwell.

**1881** Census, Highweek, Alfred Yea, 19, Haulier, son of Henry Yea and Ann Yea, Born: East Ogwell.

**1890:** Alfred Cleave Yea married (1) Maria Prowse in Exeter in 1890 Q3. Maria was the daughter of Thomas & Emily Perram, and was baptised in Wolborough with four siblings on the same day, 27 March 1857. Maria previously married Henry Thomas Prowse in Newton Abbot in 1878 Q3, by whom she bore two daughters. Henry apparently died between 1886 and 1888, though we have found no burial for him.

**1891** census: Alfred Yea 28 single Haulier born East Ogwell was living with his parents Henry & Anne and siblings Frederick, Blanche and Mary Rose at Knowles Terrace, Highweek. Alfred's marital status is recorded incorrectly here - see immediately below.

In the same census, Alfred's wife Maria Yea aged 32 Dressmaker born Newton Abbot was living at Mill Lane Highweek with her two daughters by her previous marriage Frances Prowse 12 born Wolborough & Lillie 4 born St Thomas Exeter; and her two children by Alfred, Alfred 2 and daughter Flossie 6 months. It appears Maria gave birth to Alfred junior some two years before their marriage - the GRO records the birth of Alfred Ernest Yea mother maiden name Perram in Newton Abbot in 1888 Q2

**1901** census: Alfred Yea 37 Road Contractor born East Ogwell and wife Maria 41 born Wolborough were living at Fern Terrace, Highweek. Living with them were Alfred's step-daughters - ie Maria's daughters from her first marriage Frances Prowse 21 born Wolborough and Lilian Prowse 14 born St Thomas. Also living with

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them were Alfred's children by Maria - Alfred Yea Jr 13; Flossie 11; Reginald 8 and Henry 4, all born Highweek.

**1910:** Alfred Cleave Yea married Hannah Neal in Newton Abbot district in 1910 Q2. She was probably the Hannah Neale Senior who in the 1901 census was aged 48 single, born Highweek and occupation cook in the household of Ann Wall in Highweek

**1911 census:** Alfred C Yea 46 Contractor & Haulier for the Council and wife Hannah 54 born Highweek were living at Hele Cottages Highweek. Living with them were Alfred's sons by his previous marriage Henry 14 Butcher and Leonard 9 Scholar, both born Highweek. Boarding with them was Robert Irish 44 Coach Man & Horse Dealer. The census return shows that Alfred & Hannah had been married for 1 year. The return also said Alfred had previously been married for 17 years and had 3 children of whom 2 were still living - though this is not consistent with other records.

**1931,** Headstone in Highweek Churchyard, Alfred Yea, aged 68, 19 Dec. 1931

Notes for Maria Prowse nee Perram:

1905: Maria Yea died on 10 March 1905 in Newton Abbot district aged 48, calculated yob 1857.

Alfred Cleave YEA and Maria Prowse nee Perram had the following children:

- i. ALFRED ERNEST<sup>II</sup> YEA was born in Apr 1888 in Highweek, Devon. He died in 1927 in Calgary, Canada. He married Elisabeth aka Betsey about 1910. She was born in 1886 in Scotland.

Notes for Alfred Ernest YEA:

**1888** Born out of wedlock in Highweek with Maria Perrem recorded as his mother GRO Vol 05B P 135 Newton Abbot

**1901** Census living with his father and family in Highweek born in Highweek

**1906:** Alfred E Yea 18 single was one of the 640 passengers aboard the Allan Line vessel *Carthaginian* departing Liverpool on 17 April 1906 for Canada. The Canadian landing records show Alfred Yea 18 single born Devon, General labourer, arrived in Halifax, Nova Scotia . His onward destination was recorded as London, Ontario

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**1911** Canada census: Alfred Yea b April 1888 England occupation Shipping Clerk, wife Betsey born August 1886 Scotland and son James Yea born Jan 1911 Alberta were living in Calgary, Alberta. Living with them was Alfred's brother-in-law James Pattullo born May 1888 Scotland. Alfred and James were shown as having immigrated in 1906 and Betsey in 1907. Their religion is shown as Presbyterian

**1916:** Canada Prairie Provinces census: Alfred Yea 28 b England and wife Betsey 29 born Scotland with son James 5 born Ottawa were living in Calgary West, Alberta

**1921** Canada census: Alfred Yea 32 born England, Farmer with wife Elizabeth 33 born Scotland and son James 11 born (Alberta?) were living in Alberta.

**1929:** Findagrave has a potential match for the death of Alfred Yea whose grave lies at Airdrie Cemetery, Calgary, birth given as 1888. However, his middle initial on the grave is rendered as "J"

- ii. FLORENCE AKA FLOSSIE MAY YEA was born in 1890 in Highweek, Devon. She died in 1918 in Highweek, Devon.

Notes for Florence aka Flossie May YEA:

**1901** Census born and living in Highweek as Flossie

- iii. REGINALD MAURICE YEA was born in 1893 in Highweek, Devon. He died on Private. He married Phyllis M GALE in 1922 in Newton Abbot Reg District. She was born about 1899. She died on Private.

Notes for Reginald Maurice YEA:

**1890** GRO, Births, Reginald Maurice Yea, Newton Abbot.

**1901** Census born and living in Highweek His marriage certificate states he was a Sergeant in the Royal Marines

**1914-1920** Yea Reginald Maurice Corporal PLY/14866 Royal Marine Medal Roll

- iv. ELSIE WINIFRED YEA was born in 1895 in Highweek, Devon. She died in 1895 in Highweek, Devon.
- v. PERCIVAL HENRY YEA was born on 30 May 1897 in Highweek, Devon. He married Flossie M GIBBS in 1925 in Axminster.

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Notes for Percival Henry YEA:

**1901** Census known as Henry born and living in Highweek

- vi. LESLIE THOMAS YEA was born on 20 Feb 1901 in Highweek, Devon. He died in 1901 in Highweek, Devon.
- vii. LEONARD CLEAVE YEA was born on 29 Dec 1901 in Highweek, Devon. He died on Private. He married Violet May CANN in 1920 in Newton Abbot Reg District. She was born in 1902. She died on Private.

Notes for Leonard Cleave YEA:

**1902** Baptised 14th March in Highweek son of Alfred and Maria Yea

Headstone in Highweek Churchyard. Leonard Cleave Yea,

Notes for Violet May CANN:

Headstone in Highweek Churchyard. Violet May Yea, wife of Leonard Yea

99. **FRANCIS DAVID<sup>10</sup> YEA** (Henry<sup>9</sup>, William<sup>8</sup>, David<sup>7</sup>, David<sup>6</sup> Yaw, John<sup>5</sup> Yow, John<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born in 1865 in East Ogwell, Devon. He died on Private. He married Jessie GOUGH in 1885 in Newton Abbot Reg District. She was born in 1867 in Newton Abbot Reg District. She died in 1936 in Newton Abbot Reg District.

Notes for Francis David YEA:

**1865** GRO Births, Francis David Yea, Newton Abbot

**1871** Census, East Ogwell, 5, son of Henry Yea and Ann Yea, Born: East Ogwell.

**1881** Census, Highweek, David Yea, 15, son of Henry Yea and Ann Yea, Born: East Ogwell

**1891** census: Francis David Yea age 25 Carpenter born East Ogwell was living in Highweek Road, Highweek with wife Jessie 24 and sons Fred 3 and George Cleave 11 months, the latter three all born Highweek.

**1901** census: David Yea 36 Carpenter born Ogwell with wife Jessie 34 and children Frederick 14; George 12; May 9; and Winifred, all born Highweek, were living in

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Netley Terrace, Highweek.

**1911** census: Francis David Yea 45 Carpenter & Joiner born Ogwell was living at Fisher Road Newton Abbot with wife Jessie 43, son George Cleave Yea 20 single Postman and daughters Winifred 11 and Florence 7, all born Newton Abbot. The census return states they had been married for 25 years and had 5 children all living.

**1939** Register: Francis D Yea dob 14 July 1865 was living with John Wonnacott, Miller Storeman and his wife Olive at Orchard Terrace, Newton Abbot.

Notes for Jessie GOUGH:

**1867** GRO Births Newton Abbot 5b 143

Francis David YEA and Jessie GOUGH had the following children:

- i. FRED<sup>II</sup> YEA was born in 1887 in Highweek, Devon. He died in 1934 in Bristol. He married Lucy Cordelia DEDMAN in 1914 in Romford, London. She was born in 1889 in Shoreditch. She died in Bristol.

Notes for Fred YEA:

Birth 3rd qtr 1887 Newton Abbot 5b 138

Marriage 4th qtr 1914 Romford 4a 982

Notes for Lucy Cordelia DEDMAN:

Birth 1st qtr 1889 Shoreditch 1c 34

- ii. OLIVE MAY YEA was born in 1887 in Highweek, Devon. She died in 1887 in Highweek, Devon.
- iii. WALTER YEA was born in 1889 in Highweek, Devon. He died in 1889 in Highweek, Devon.
- iv. GEORGE CLEAVE YEA was born on 05 Jun 1899 in Highweek, Devon. He died on Private. He married (1) EMILY MAY CLIST in 1920 in Newton Abbot Reg District. She was born about 1888. She died in 1943 in Newton Abbot Reg District. He married (2) MARY J SLEEP in 1944 in Totnes, Devon. She was born about 1890. She died in 1962 in Newton Abbot Reg District. He married (3) GLADYS M BRIMSON on Private. She died on Private.

Notes for George Cleave YEA:

**1899** Birth Certificate: George Cleave Yea, B: 5 Jun. 1899 F: Francis David Yea, M: Jessie Gough

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**1920** Marriage Cert states he was a Postman

- v. ELSIE MAY YEA was born in 1891 in Highweek, Devon. She died in 1892 in Highweek, Devon.
  - vi. OLIVE MAY YEA was born in 1893 in Highweek, Devon. She married John Henry Wonacott in 1920 in Highweek, Devon. He was born about 1891 in Kingerswell, Devon?.
  - vii. JESSIE YEA was born on 20 May 1893 in Highweek, Devon. She died in 1895 in Highweek, Devon.
  - viii WINIFRED YEA was born on 25 Jan 1899 in Highweek, Devon. She married William Henry Wood ADAMS in 1923 in Newton Abbot Reg District.
  - ix. AMY FRANCES YEA was born on 21 Nov 1900 in Highweek, Devon. She died in 1900 in Highweek, Devon.
  - x. FLORENCE YEA was born in 1903 in Highweek, Devon. She died in 1923 in Highweek, Devon.
- 100 **BLANCHE CLEAVE<sup>10</sup> YEA** (Henry<sup>9</sup>, William<sup>8</sup>, David<sup>7</sup>, David<sup>6</sup> Yaw, John<sup>5</sup> Yow, John<sup>4</sup> Yeo, William<sup>3</sup> Yeo, George<sup>2</sup> Yeo, William<sup>1</sup> Yeo) was born in 1869 in East Ogwell, Devon. She married George HICKS in 1896 in Newton Abbot Reg District. He was born about 1857 in Kingskerswell, Devon. He died on Private.

Notes for Blanche Cleave YEA:

**1869** GRO, Births, Blanche Cleave Yea, Newton Abbot.

**1871** Census, East Ogwell. Blanche Yea, 1, daughter of Henry Yea and Ann Yea. Born: East Ogwell.

**1881** Census, Highweek. Blanche Yea, 11, daughter of Henry Yea and Ann Yea. Born: East Ogwell

**1891** census: Blanch Yea 21 single born East Ogwell was living with her parents Henry & Ann and her siblings at Knowles Terrace, Highweek.

**1896** GRO, Marriage Blanche Cleave Yea, Newton Abbot

**1901** census: George Hicks 44 Housebuilder born Kingskerwell with wife Blanch 31 born East Ogwell were living at Abbotsbury Lodge Highweek with their children Henry Rd (Richard) Hicks 4 born Kingskerwell; Lawrence F Hicks 2 and Buller Yea Hicks 1, both born Highweek.

**1911** census: George Hicks 54 Housebuilder born Kingskerwell with Wife Blanche Cleave 41 born East Ogwell were living at Halcyon Road, Highweek with children

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### Generation 10 (cont.)

Henry Richard 14 born Kingskerwell; Lawrence Frederick 12; Blanche Yea 9; and Clara May 7 - the latter 3 all born Newton Abbot. The census return states they had been married 15 years with 6 children of whom 4 were living.

George HICKS and Blanche Cleave YEA had the following children:

- i. HENRY RICHARD<sup>11</sup> HICKS was born in 1896 in Kingskerswell, Devon.
- ii. ANNE BLANCHE HICKS was born in 1898 in Kingskerswell, Devon. She died in 1899 in Highweek, Devon.
- iii. LAWRENCE FREDERICK HICKS was born in 1899 in Highweek, Devon.
- iv. BULLER YEA HICKS was born in 1900 in Highweek, Devon. He died in 1901 in Highweek, Devon.
- v. BLANCHE YEA HICKS was born in 1902 in Highweek, Devon.
- vi. CLARA MAY YEA HICKS was born in 1903 in Highweek, Devon.

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