
MINNEY NEWSLETTER

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Firstly, apologies for not getting this newsletter out sooner. I am still trying to buy a house and all my family history stuff is still in storage. Also, I have been busy at work setting up a national enforcement association, and serving on a government advisory group (sadly unpaid!).

I thought I would pull all the emails I had received during the past 18 months and put some of the information from them into a newsletter.

Of course, this newsletter will be nothing like the old one! But it will be a quicker and cheaper way to publish useful information. There will be no photographs and each newsletter will be just 3 or 4 pages long.

I will try to get these out on a regular basis but you know how it is! Seriously though I will try to get them out so that any information is disseminated as quickly as possible. The newsletters will also be available on the webpage. I now have a decent scanner and intend to get lots more pictures on the web site. I would like to have a gallery just devoted to old photographs, that is anything taken before 1945. So, if you have any please send scanned images or copies to me.

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FONS

Remember this very useful database? Here are some recent entries sent to me;

Source: Public Record Office: E179/144/120 Title: London Lay Subsidy 24th October 1541 Saynt Sepulcres paryish Alyens in Saynt Sepulcres paryish **Alexaunder Miney 4d**

Source: Printed Title: The Royal Kalender: and Court and City Register, for England, Scotland, Ireland and the Colonies, 1830 London 212-213 1830 War Office Horse Guards Clerks 3rd Class (amongst others) **John Minney**

Source: Printed Title: State Papers Domestic: William & Mary: Warrant Book xxxvi 166 4th March 1692 Whitehall Passes and post-warrants for the engineer **Minie** and his servant to go to Harwich and Holland

Source: Printed Title: All the works of Epictetus which are now extant..translated by Elizabeth Carter.With introduction and notes by the translator, 1758 London. 1758 List of Subscribers **Revd Mr Miney**

Source: Printed

Title: The Imperial Calendar for 1809, or, General Directory of the United British Empire, containing Accurate Lists of all the Official Departments of State, and Branches of Public Service, the Law, the Church, National or Commercial Companies and Institutions, and many additional Articles of Public Liability, by B P Capper, assisted by Gentlemen of the different Offices, 1809, London: 106

1809 His Majesty's Household Whiteners: **John Minney** (amongst others)

Minney Cricketer

Found this on the Northants Cricket Archives Website via www.cricket.org County Championship 1967

Northamptonshire v Middlesex, County Ground, Northampton, July 1967. Northants won by 79 runs

1st innings J H Minney bowled Stewart 10 (batting at number 5 for Northants) Minney caught D J Ling in Middlesex 1st innings

2nd innings Minney had the highest score of 58 and was bowled out by Titmus (famous Fred) and caught by Parfitt.

In Middlesex 2nd innings Minney caught Fred Titmus off the bowling of Steele.

Mr Minney teacher at Woking

Sometime ago Noel Mitchell wrote and told me he had been taught by a Mr Minney. He has recently sent some additional information;

Mr Minney had the initials G H K and taught at Woking from 1944 to 1968.

Noel has a school photo showing Mr Minney and has promised to send me a copy for the website.

Jacob Minney

Sarah Minney sent this enquiry to Northants Record Office:

I wonder if you can give me some assistance please. My husband's ancestors had a shop during the 1890 onwards in Woodford. However, we don't know what sort of shop it was. The 1891 census just gives occupation as "shop-keeper" for Mary Minney, a widow who was running the shop after her husband Jacob's death in 1890. Any ideas of records I could look at that might assist?

Reply:

Dear Mrs Minney

Thank you for your e-mail of 4 November 2001. We have checked Kelly's Directories of Northamptonshire for 1885, 1890 and 1894 under Woodford by Thrapston. There is only one entry for Jacob Minney, shopkeeper in 1890. Unfortunately the entry does not specify the type of shop.

We had a transcript of the Woodford by Thrapston burial register here (the original register is still held at the church) and the burial entry for Jacob Minney on 31 March 1890 aged 47 does not give his occupation. It may be worth writing to Mrs A Oakley Churchwarden, 75 Mill Road, Woodford, Kettering NN14 4HL in case the full burial entry gives his occupation. There is no will for Jacob Minney included in our Northampton and Peterborough Wills Series here.

Hitbox

As you know I recently added a 'hitbox' to collect user statistics for me (hence the flashing advert on the website). It's a bit train-spotterish but has in the three months since I've had it, given some useful information. For example; most people spend up to 5 minutes on the site, hits average 124 a month, 85 different isp's (Internet Service Providers) were used in accessing the site (including a few that were obviously done in works time, a few government sites!). Don't worry actual users cannot be recorded, just the isp (such as AOL). 88% use

Microsoft Internet Explorer, mostly using 5 or 5.5 version. This information is useful for any HTML coding that I do to the web pages.

47% use Windows 98 but surprisingly, the vast majority are using a screen resolution of 800 x 600. Again, useful information for laying out the web pages. I can also get information on most popular times and days and of course, the less popular days but for this type of website, this information is of limited value.

The number of new visitors and returning visitors statistics are a bit confusing (to me!). All the 'hits' from October and November were from new visitors. Only this month are people returning. One disturbing fact is that quite a few people are entering the main page and leaving without visiting any other pages.

An amazing 95% of visitors are from USA. Google and Yahoo search engines share the honours on directing traffic.

I'll keep this going for a few months, out of curiosity!

Emails from Simon Haddock, Bognor Regis, UK (simon.haddock@which.net) and Arthur Bone, Ontario, Canada (arthur.bone@sympatico.ca) concerning Flamstead Minneys

From Simon Haddock;

My gggrandmother was Mary Minney who was born in Flamstead, Herts in 1817, she married James Gillams in 1836 in Offley. They lived in Luton, probably from about 1840. On James Gillams death certificate a Lucy Minney is noted as informant, both resided in Luton at his death in 1872.

The widow Mary Gillams (minney) was living in Luton in 1881, listed as a retired bonnet sewer.

From Arthur Bone;

My great grandfather James Bone was born in Flamstead, date unknown. Married Sara Minney (born Flamstead 29th November 1818 in St Marys, Luton. Her father was listed as Thomas.

If any one has a line connected to the Flamstead Minneys, then Simon and Arthur would like to hear from you.

South African Archive spellings of Minney

Marie (Minnie) Hansell (mariekind@prodigy.net) has forwarded the following comments from a South African genealogist (researching in Pretoria) in response to a query from her. The comments regarding the different spellings of Minney are interesting.

There is a death notice of Marthinus Johannes Minny. There is a claim for damages handed in by Carl Johannes Miny of Standerton after the Anglo Boer. I came across referrals to William Frank Minny (1966), David Schalk Minny (1962) and Johannes Lodewicus Miny who was married to Lilian Burton Miny (born Leath) (1922).

There were the following variant spellings on the (Pretoria) archive computer;

- Minnie 4518 times,
- Minie 228 times
- Minny 93 times
- Miny 78 times
- Miennie 29 times
- Minni 14 times
- Minney 8 times
- Miney 4 times

That's about if for this first newsletter in this format. I didn't want to make it too long because I'm assuming most people will want to print it out. I will try and keep them coming on a regular basis, little and often!

Have a very happy Xmas and a great New Year (when hopefully I shall be installed in my new home)

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