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I thought it was about time I sent something out to you.

I have added here a number of interesting emails I have received. None more so than this first one from Maureen Minney (who has now changed her name to Minnell).

What is interesting is that her mother told her that the origin of Minney was Minnell. I find this unusual and very interesting.

The only persons who would have linked Minnell to Minney say in the 1950s would have had to be a keen genealogist with access to the original parish registers (they were then kept at the local churches). It was only in recent times that that connection became possible. The other explanation could be that one of Maureen's siblings had done some recent research (or seen a copy of an old Minney newsletter) and told her this. I often hear of an Irish connection (which is true in some cases) and a French one (which has yet to be proved).

Still it's a romantic thought about connecting to Brittany in France.

I have been in contact with all of these writers but most don't respond after the first email back.

Best wishes

Barrie

Lewes

7 August 2005

Been reading your page for some time now but been busy trying in an amateur fashion to find more about my family.

I was bought up in childrens homes in East Sussex in 50,s and 60,s We were actually born in the Lambeth area. I was bought up with 2 sisters. Linda and Christine born 1947 ,48, and 49, me being the middle one.

I remember when I was 6 being told that we had a new baby brother. I can also remember being called many names at school among them Froggie.

Many unhappy years passed by and it wasn't until we had children of our own and felt more secure that we decided to trace our Mother We did this through Westminster Social Services who gave us an address and so at 34 I met my Mother for the first time.

Any information was given very reluctantly but she did give us an address for our brother Edward.

Apparently she had lived with 3 Minney brothers who had looked very alike and she couldn,t be certain who had fathered who (mind you she was an alcoholic and from Liverpool.) My b certificate doesn't have a fathers name. So we could all be cousins as well as siblings.

She told us this story ,in early 1800,s 3 Minney bros came to England from Irish Republic, they were landed gentry and blew a fortune. Their branch of Minney,s had settled in Ireland in the 1600.s with other families coming from Brittany and that there was some Jewish blood from that time.

The 3 bros of 1800,s settled in the Irish community around Grt Peters St Westminster on b m d certificates names like LORRIGAN DRISCOLL LUNDIE SHAND and de COURSEY are witnesses as well as participants and I have seen a m certificate from same period performed under jewish rites by a Rabbi. She also told us that the original name in Brittany had been Minnell but it was changed because they were in trouble.(strange)

Her partner soon after we met died and at the funeral she introduced me to a brother named Al he was in shock as the night before she had told him there were 10 of us at least we,d known there was at least one more.My mum never spoke to us again and I heard recently that she had died without ever admitting she,d had kids.

Meanwhile linda had traced Eddie and we all met up he also was unaware he had siblings and he was also under the impression that the name was French.

A few months later I had a letter from a Tod Miller who was adopted but born Leslie Minney. He also was under the impression that there was Jewish in the family.

I hope this helps you in your research into the family name

Hope this information is useful to someone and I will tell you later how we traced our brothers

Bye for now Min.

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Hello, I've just found your site and can slightly help with your query about Samuel Minney, Chelsea out-pensioner.

He was my great-great-great-grandfather. I knew through a newly-found third cousin that he was with the 30th Regiment and that he married Mary Gainor. Mary Gainor was apparently a native Indian and I suspect this is why he chose to stay in India. If you know anymore about them I would appreciate it. Do you have their dates of birth?

His second daughter was Mary Miney (1839, Poonamallee, India). She married another soldier, John Coe Wheatley (1841-), in 1863 in Howrah, India. They had five daughters that we know of, Gertrude Emma (1864-1901), Ada Grace (1867-), Edith Ann (1868-), Bertha Jane (1874-) and Minnie Florence (1877-). I have more information about these if you wish. Edith Ann was my great-grandmother. She married Frederick Davis Burgiss in Howrah in 1888 and they had 8 children, including my Grandmother, Bertha.

Best wishes

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Barrie,

I contacted you a few years ago with regards to our family. We are a part of the Minneys from Kettering, Northants. I wanted to let you know that Thomas Harry Noel Minney, born December 28th 1913 passed away on July 16th. I cannot remember the place where he was born, but he died in Montclair California. He was the son of Harry Minney who died 1916. I hope I have given you enough information. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like more info on our particular branch.

thank you,

Julia Minney
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Hello

I have just found your Minney pages. My GG grandmother was Martha Minney, bap Clifton Reynes 11 March 1821, daughter of William Minney and Hannah Gutteridge.

She married Thomas Marsden 26 October 1845 at Manchester Cathedral and died in Stockport 15 February 1865 aged 43.

I have no connection with any Minney relatives.

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Hello

My maiden name is Gillie Minney. My father was John Minney one of five sons from Westminster, London mainly Barrow boys in Victoria and my father had a stall in Shepherds Market. Mayfair. Does anyone remember them?

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Hi my maiden name is Minney my Grandfather is Archie Minney and his dad is Charles Erastus Minney (b. 1989 in Arkansas d. 1958 Sandsprings OK. married to Frankie Hatchett they had 12 children. Charles's fathers name is Harry Brewster Minney b. 1863 in Missouri d. 1960 Arkansas he was married to Austrilla Elizabeth Gorham.

Harry's father was Jno F. or John T. Minney b. 1827 Louisiana and married Mary Martha Smith.

If you could link any info you have to mine let me know, I have alot of info on his family but can't trace it back any further at this point

Thanks

Tonya Minney Moore

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Hello,

my name is Cheryl Dietrich (nee Hulme), my father, Walter Jr. is the son of the boy in that photo. My dad was born Walter Dundas Edwin Hulme to Walter Hulme and Christina Heron on March 17, 1944. Shortly after the birth of my father Walter Sr. joined the Highland Light Infantry in Galt (by the way it was Galt, not Hespeler where he lived) and was shipped overseas after sometime on the east coast. The last time my father saw him was just before he left for England as he and his mother and maternal grandfather (Dundas Heron) drove to Nova Scotia to visit him on fulough. Walter landed in England and participated with the HLI in the D-Day invasion and was killed on the 8th of July, 1944 at Buron. Incidentally, Christina died two years ago on July 8th. My father is 64 years old and today retired from work in radio and living in Milton Ont. He has expressed interest in looking into his family history as a retirement project. He was the only child of Walter and Christina. He has four children, Debbie (41), myself Cheryl (40), Heather (36) and Walter Bradley (31). Between the four of us we have 11 children and there are 3 step grandchildren for my parents. My father married Betty Jean Burns in 1962. \

My husband stumbled across your site today and was very excited to see the picture of Walter and his grandmother. I believe we have a copy of that same photo somewhere. I will add my name to your contact list. If I can be of any assistance please let me know

kindest regards

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Hello Barrie,

I just happened upon your site while beginning a search on the name 'Minnie'. I am a great-great granddaughter of Sidney Minnie in Elziver Twsp., Ontario, Canada. My mother, is a Minnie. Except for my mother, who was born in a nearby township, the ancestors back to Sidney were all born in Elziver. Never strayed too far.

Since I am just beginning, and Sidney was my earliest known Minnie, I can't help yet with much information. I have to take a moment and go through your site more thoroughly but I would be happy to share any information that I come across on my searches. That one tidbit gives me somewhere to start anyway and I would be happy for any direction you could give me about what places and documents to search.

Let me know what kind of information you are looking for and I'll see if I can help. Would you be interested in descendents of Sidney or only ancestors? I have no pictures of that side only his grandson and down. We'll talk again.
Emma Doherty
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I have just read with interest a copy of your Minney newsletter found quite by accident whilst searching for Gillam ancestors, I'm not even sure how I got to it!!
There were two items that caught my attention, concerning the Flamstead Minneys, from whom I am also descended. I have the same g g grandparents as Mr Simon Haddock in the article, but was unable to reach him by the email specified.
I have sent an email to Mr Bone.
Mary Minney was daughter of Thomas Minney (b1785) of Flamstead and Sarah Smith of Offley. I believe Thomas was a son of William Minney and Ann Wilcox married 1769.
James Gillams and Mary Minney also adopted Susan Minney (mis-transcribed from the 1871 census as Murney), and Arthur Minney was lodging with their son William in 1881.
Would love to know more about your research.
Regards
Karen Gillam
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Hi Barrie,
Recently found in a parish burial register: Eliza Minney - Madhouse - 18th June 1833 - aged 42 years St. Matthews, Bethnal Green (LMA X025/021). Hope you are keeping well.
Best regards, Sarah
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Hello barrie,
Re Cliff Minney – on Famous Page on website

Cliff was born in Kempston, his dad Sid was from Cardington.
Cliff was my husband - he died last year. Are you related to us?
If you find we are related is it possible to send some family history, trying to do a family tree, got minneys from 1745 but no link.
There was a Minney family from Great Barford who sent Cliff a version, please say it's you.
Later email...
Cliff's dad was Sidney Joseph, parents Joseph and Rose, thanks anyway. I've been in touch with Jacqui Minney of Great Barford and she is going to send me the Minney family tree when she receives her new computer. There's a lot of it.
Regards
Viv
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i was just checking out this site always very curious of my own >heritage...finally got my grandmother, maiden name betty joe holt, married to my >grandfather walter dale minney, to check into some family history. she got back to the >1700s and has some great black and whites of pics from the 1800s...

if ur >interested I'll get her to somehow send them via email.
All my minney >relatives.....and there are alot....live in and around parkersburg west virginia.....

ne ways >if u have time to chat id love to see if theres any common background >research.....

priscilla

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Hi Barrie,

Just dialled up my name and ended up on your web site. To fill you in a branch of the Portsmouth Minnells emigrated to New Zealand in the early 1900s. There is now quite a group of them based around Wanganui. I have met with the Argentinean Minnell's and they appear to be related to our family. I have also met a Minnell family on the Falkland Islands also from the Portsmouth area. Keep up with the good work

Regards Garry Minnell

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