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Lots of activity during the past six months, mostly due to the Minney web site. If you can access the web please check it regularly as I am constantly adding to it. I hope some time in the future to make available past newsletters on the site but this depends on being able to afford the software.

The big announcement is the first (and probably the only!) Minney re-union to take place in the UK. The venue is Yardley Hastings Memorial Hall on Saturday, 16th September. I have never organised anything like this before so I will be calling on a few of you to help out. I will certainly need to borrow some display items and a couple of computers. I do have some ideas for a display but if there is anything you would like to see let me know. I intend 'advertising' the event in some parish magazines.

Inside this newsletter I have inserted a 'flyer', please copy this and pass it around your family. It doesn't matter if your Minney line cannot be connected to Yardley Hastings just come along. Not all of the display items will be connected to Yardley Hastings anyway. Even at this early stage numbers attending would be useful. The exact times on the day will be confirmed in the next newsletter, but I expect it to run from midday to teatime. This will give people time to wander around the village as well to soak up the atmosphere (and call in the pub afterwards for some more 'atmosphere'!).

Brenda Peet wrote to me with some very sad news, her husband died suddenly in August last year and then Dot (Hannah) Beatrice passed away in November aged 90. Hannah was the youngest child of Joseph and Mary Ann Minney from Great Barford.

Don't forget subscriptions are due now. I have removed several names from the mailing list after receiving no subscriptions from them since 1998. However, the mailing list is still over 50 and is growing each year.

Don't forget I want to see you in September at Yardley Hastings.

Regards

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New Members

Four new members;

Chris Minney of 972 Argyle Road, Friday Harbor, Washington USA 98250. Email at cminney@rockisland.com

Chris's line is believed to have originated in Scotland. See later article supplied by Chris and John Minney.

John Minney of 86 Sullivan Drive, Moraga, California USA 94556-1240. Email at jcminn@aol.com.

John's line is similar to that of Chris Minney.

Peter Minney of 9 Green End Road, Great Barford.

Many years ago¹ Peter supplied an article on the Market Gardeners of Great Barford. I hope Peter can supply more articles or snippets on the Minney line in Great Barford and the village life in general.

Brenda Rasmussen of Njalsvej 54, 5210 Odense Nv, Fyn, Danmark. E-mail at poulerik.rasmussen@post.tele.dk

My father's name was Lawrence Charles Minney and he was born 1906. He had a brother Harold and a sister Doris, but his brother never had any children. I was born in 1944, married a Dane in 1967 and moved here to Denmark in 1974.

Letters and E-mails

Since the web site has been up and running since last summer (and has begun to appear in various search engine listings), I have had a number of emails, many with useful pieces of information.

From **Lloyd Curtis (Curt) Minney Jr.** email Lminney@aol.com

Can you help tie the following together for me? I will work in reverse to help you work back in the history of what I believe to be my branch of the Minney family tree;

Lloyd Curtis Minney born 24.8.1956 Chillicothe, Ohio

son of

Lloyd Curtis Minney born 31.8.1935 and Elaine Faye Minney (nee Wheeler)

son of

Lewis Minney and May Minney (nee England)

son of

Henry Louis Minney born 1852 and Lavina Jane Minney (nee Vangundy)

¹ January 92 newsletter

son of

? Silas N Minney and Rose Anna Minney

son of

Henry Minney born 1.11.1814 and Sarah Minney (nee Penrod)

son of

Barnabas Minna or Barney Minney born 1778 and Susan Johnson

Records indicate that Barney was born in Alsac-Lorraine, Germany. Married 29.10.1814 at Ross County, Ohio (Northwest Territory). Died 10.9.1828, source – monument at Minney cemetery, Twin Township, Ross County. Will probated in 1828.

Various additional information; Barney Minney was in war of 1812 and died in service, Susan died in 1832. A Barney Minney evidently worked for Williams Bros. in 1880 (?) source – History of Ross & Highland Counties (Hillsboro, Ohio).

Minney cemetery has another gravesite for a Carnol Minnie died 10th September 1828. Came into USA on a ship called the Traveler (Captain George Ballas). Port of entry Philadelphia from Anderson, Germany.

None of the above persons are in my index. I have emailed Lloyd back to confirm his sources of information and to see if he has more on this 'Minney' cemetery.

From **Julia C Pineda** email at britishbrat@juno.com

We hail from Kettering. My father John Richard Minney was born in Burton Latimer in 1945 at the old gashouse. He is the only child of Thomas Harry Noel Minney and Gwenneth Minney. We are all living in California now, although we still have ties to the mother country.

I replied;

I have a Thomas H N Minney's birth registered at the General Register Office in March quarter 1914 at Kettering. His mother's maiden name was Agutter. There also appears to be a sister, Ena whose birth was registered in 1922. I am going to need Thomas's father's details to take this back further.

Julia replied;

Thomas was born 28th December 1913, Ena Alice is his sister. She died around 1984 in Oxford, possibly. They were born to Harry Minney and Alice Maude Minney (nee Agutter). He was a soldier in WW1. We have pictures. Harry died around 1929 in Kettering.

I replied;

Found the following on Harry, I hope it's of use.

Harry Minney age 46, died 21st June 1929. Address of Fernleigh, 68 Beatrice Road, Kettering. Will proved 12th October 1929.

I was hoping to find Harry in the 1881 census but it appears he was born 1883/4. I found one possible birth registration at Wellingborough, March quarter 1883. To do any more work on this line I will need his birth certificate – unless you have details on Harry's parents.

From **Don Hagen** email at JamesGang1@compuserve.com

I am the eldest son of Mary K Hagen (nee Minney). I am doing a study of the Minneys and trying to connect the dots. My gt grandfather was John Landis Minney of Strasburg, PA. His father was Jacob Minney. The latter's birth was around 1860, I guess. The Minneys would have settled somewhere in and around eastern Pennsylvania or maybe even Maryland or Delaware or even New Jersey. My family was located in the Lancaster and Strasburg area as far back as I can remember. If you can help me in any way to find the family before Jacob I would greatly appreciate it.

Unfortunately I have nothing in the index to help Don. If anyone in USA can assist either contact Don or me.

From **Larry R Minney** email at NOV1149@aol.com

I live in Lancaster, PA. My grandfather's name is John Minney and my father's is Richard Minney. I have a son Matthew and grandson Tyler Minney. I would also like to know if there is a Minney coat of arms. It is very interesting to learn about the history of the Minney name.

I replied;

There are a couple of alleged Minney coats of arms, totally bogus of course. One is dished out by Burkes Peerage (formerly Halberts) and should know better and belongs to the extant family of Minne from Rutland. One day I shall research this name for interest. The other is alleged to be Irish and 'sold' by the Hall of Names.

I am waiting for Larry to come back with more information.

Letter from **Mrs P H Kilham** of 18 Extons Road, Kings Lynn PE30 5PG

My maiden name is Minney. My Minney family lived in Yardley Hastings in the 1830s and by the 1881 census had moved to Finedon, Northants. My father's name was Alfred (1907-1981), my grandfather was Harry Minney (18747-1936), and my gt grandfather was Nathan (1833 -?).

I replied;

Your great grandfather Nathan Minney was baptised on 16th April 1833 at Yardley Hastings Independent Church, the son of Thomas and Deborah. There are several Nathan Minney marriages in the index so I cannot be certain which one is correct. Nathan appears in a census entry for Finedon in 1881 with your grandfather Harry as one of his children. No mention of a wife, though. He is 48 years old and a shoemaker.

From **Pat and Joe Minnie** email at jminnie@sprint.ca

We don't have a lot of information on my husbands line but are familiar with the 1871 Ontario Index². Joe's gt-great grandfather is listed there, of Scottish origins, born here in Canada in 1834. His parents were born in Scotland and we think his father's name was Robert. I have sent off an enquiry to the Clan Menzie Society of Canada because I have been led to believe that Minnie is part of that clan. As yet I have not had a reply.

I am currently transferring my files into a Family Tree program. Once I get my information in a more organized state I will email you. I will certainly keep an eye on your site for any new Minnie data.

² See newsletters Winter 98/99 and Summer 99

From **Brenda Minney** email at Bminney@aol.com

My husband's grandpa was Vessie Minney of Virginia. My husband's dad and brother are also in Virginia, Roger H Minney 1 and Timothy Minney of Lychburg.

From **Bridgette Robinson** email at bridgette.robinson@virgin.net

My dad, James Minney, born 1933 Glasgow, His father, John Minney born Glasgow 18th April 1887. A shipyard labourer, married Mary Ellen McGarrigle, died 1956.

His father, Thomas Minney born c1856, married Jane McDougall in 1877. He was an iron foundry worker, she was a steam loom weaver.

His father, Thomas Minney married a Jane Hepburn. No other details.

From **John Minney** email at JCMinn@aol.com

My father was Earl Thornton Minney who was born in Leadville, Colorado in the early 1900s. His father was Earnest Thorn Minney who was one of several children born in the Midwest and moved to Denver as a young man.

From **Alma Ansell-Sutton**, Church Lane, Bedford

Many thanks for the newsletter and to read the full story of Uncle George³, as all the family were older I never knew about him. I was told it was a very foggy night, no lights of course and he walked into the river by the town bridge and drowned. I can see the Old Swan Public House from here, now renamed The Wayfarer.

I do remember being told when brother George was born, Dad (Harry Minney) forgot his given name (which was supposed to be George Frederick, after his late Uncle) by the time he arrived at Kempston to register him, so he gave his second name as Patrick.

Anglia TV recently interviewed a Vincent Minney who worked for Thames Waterboard, any ideas?

Vincent Minney has had several national articles about him, including a spread in the Sunday Times magazine. I believe it's because his speciality is Victorian sewers!

Charles Minney

Scotland to America?

Chris Minney in Washington and John Minney in California supplied the following information. Chris's father, Martin William Minney, wrote some of it in 1988. Martin is the grandson of Martin Tompkins Minney. Additional information is dated 1955 unknown compiler, but I suspect it was Ernest, son of Charles and Vinah. Ernest is the grandfather of John Minney.

³ The drowning of George Frederick Minney, Bedford 1906, see Summer 99 newsletter.

The real surprise is the letter from a cousin of John Minney, Helen S Charles who has carried out some research with the LDS at Salt Lake City. I have put this letter at the end because it challenges the early assumption of where Charles Minney originates.

The first known American Minney was Charles, who had been born in Scotland on June 3, 1834. On December 23, 1858, in Bureau County, Illinois, he married Vinah Tompkins, who had been born on August 25, 1841, in Richmond, Virginia (he was 24 and she was 17 at the time of their marriage). The marriage entry states that Charles is from New Jersey.

Charles served in Company H⁴, 9th Illinois Cavalry during the Civil War⁵ (remarkable, considering that he was married to a woman who was born in Richmond, Virginia, which served as the capital of the Confederacy). He was discharged from service on November 1, 1865. He must have had numerous leaves or served a great deal of his duty near home or enlisted late in the conflict, because three children were born to him and Vinah between 1862 and 1865.

Charles and Vinah had seven children whilst in Illinois;

Name	Born	Died
Mary E	1860	1936
Nellie	1861	1903
Rose	1862	n/k
Charles John	1864	1932
Alfred	1865	1865
William H	1866	n/k
Alexander	1869	1888

Being a veteran, Charles was entitled to 160 acres homestead and in May 25, 1871, after living in Illinois since 1858, the family arrived by ox team in Fillmore County, in south eastern Nebraska, to homestead 160 acres of prairie land. They had with them their first six surviving children – Mary, Nellie, Rose, Charles, William and Alexander.

Many⁶ hardships were encountered in the covered wagon from Illinois to Nebraska and in getting the farm started. The start West was made with a team of horses with five colts following. Mud was deep, the load heavy, so the older children walked and drove the young horses. On the way a trade was made, two colts for a milk cow, then they had milk.

At Burlington, Iowa some gypsies stole all the horses but they were found three days later in an isolated barn. Sometimes the horses broke loose during the night and started back for Illinois. These breaks caused much delay. Finally, the horses were traded for oxen.

Charles Minney was never much of a teamster or mechanic and the homestead was heavily sodded to natural grasses. It took the oxen, father, mother and older children to make a furrow in the tough sod, and then the problem was to get two furrows together, father finally traded the old clock for help.

The first school was in a sod house at a neighbours, the Post office was at another neighbours. A neighbour woman taught school.

⁴ H stands for Henry County according to the Illinois GenWeb page.

⁵ 861 to 1865

⁶ The following seven paragraphs are from the additional history sent by John Minney.

The Sunday School was at the same farm as the Post Office but only one of the three older girls could go to Sunday School because at that time there was only one pair of good shoes.

Only four families furnished pupils during the first years and the school lunches consisted mostly of corn bread made from home grown and ground corn.

The later Minney children attended the Harmony country school where the attendance was around forty, with one teacher.

They lived for 10 years in an 18x36 dugout sodhouse, not building a permanent home until 1881. In spite of the obvious hardships, or perhaps because of them, eight more children were born in Nebraska;

Fannie J	1871?	1951
Martin Tompkins	1872	1951
David F	1875	1930
Ernest	1878	1971
George W	1880	?
Lillian May	1881	1939
Arthur	1883	1901
Gracie Ethel	1885	1949

Vinah Minney died on the farm near Ohiowa, Fillmore County, of pneumonia, on February 25, 1890 aged 48.

Charles Minney died at the age of 67 on March 13, 1902, in Denver, having lived on the Nebraska farm until then.

Martin Minney states in the history "I have been unable to locate his grave". However, the additional history supplied by John Minney gives a location as follows;

Mrs Minney died 25th February 1890 and Chas. Minney died 13th March 1902. They are both buried, together with son Arthur, in the family cemetery near the Methodist Church they attended near the old homestead. Minney being a veteran, the Sons of Veterans take care of the burial plot in Harmony Cemetery.

This is the letter from Helen Charles dated October 1999. The 'tree' supplied with it states that Charles Minney was born 2nd June 1834, Round Valley, New Jersey and that Lovinah Tompkins was born in Tiskilwa, Bureau County. She gives the parents of Charles as John and Mary Minney, both born Scotland.

Charles Minney was born in Round Valley, New Jersey. I couldn't find a town by that name, but I did find a Round Valley Reservoir just outside Lebanon⁷. Charles' father John died in 1845 at an early age. Charles' parents were said to have come from Scotland; both were buried in New Jersey. Charles attended school in New Jersey but at some point moved to Illinois where he worked as a farm hand until he married Lovinah Tompkins. His sister (?) Mary married a Mr Huffman and was living in Mauch Chunk, Pennsylvania in 1899. My atlas doesn't show such a town.

Curious and curiouser. Who said family history was dull? This needs a lot more clarification and I would like to see the information that Helen has obtained. My index shows a John Minney wed

⁷ Lebanon is one of the locations for Daniel Minney circa 1770s. See Winter 98/99 newsletter or refer to the website

Mary Dilts on 11th Jan 1824 at Hunterdon, New Jersey, admittedly this is an IGI entry and the original record has not been seen. Lebanon Township, Hunterdon County is the place where the earliest Minneys were recorded in the USA starting with Daniel in 1770s.

Yardley Hastings Village Day

St Andrews Church Baptism Rolls

Last September 4th I went to the Yardley Hastings Village day. It was a great day out for my mother and myself (unfortunately my wife Christine had to work that weekend). First, we visited the church at Clifton Reynes, St Mary The Virgin, wonderful effigies at the Reynes Chapel and a number of stuffed owls seen hanging from the vaults, apparently to deter the bats! We had lunch at the Robin Hood pub, met Paul Pettit and family. He had walked up from Olney via the water meadows; it looked like a very scenic route and one probably taken by our ancestors many years ago. There is a plaque inside the pub listing previous landlords, one of whom was David Minney from 1967 to 1979. I bet he was more cheerful than the current 'mien host'!

On to Yardley Hastings itself – the fete was reminiscent of a typical village summer fete, an event that is disappearing from many villages today. Met many Minneys and promptly forgot most of their names! Still I did manage to find Martin and Rosemary Minney, from this meeting came about the idea of a Minney Reunion, more on this can be found on the insert.

This was the first time I had managed to get inside St Andrews Church (on a previous visit it had been shut) inside was a display of village life during the century amongst which was a photo of the Home Guard listing a Pte A Minney, 11th November 1944. I was told that this was Alfred Minney.

On the wall inside the church was a plaque⁸ “For Freedoms Cause 1939 – 1945” Just three names listed, Alfred Picton, Hubert Partridge and Robin Minney.

In another part of the church hung several Baptism Rolls. These appear to be badly affected by damp and probably won't be legible for much longer. I have listed the Minney entries below;

20 th Jul 1930	Phyllis Agnes Minney
18 th Oct 1931	Mary Cherry Munro Minney
19 th Jun 1932	Guald Arthur Minney ⁹
25 th Jun 1933	Clifford Minney
28 th Oct 1934	Peter Douglas Minney
3 rd Apr 1938	John Howard Minney
17 th Apr 1938	Brenda Margaret Minney

⁸ A similar plaque can be found on the wall of the village hall.

⁹ I am not sure of the first name. The nearest GRO record I could find shows an Arthur G Minney birth registered June quarter 1932 at Northampton, mother's maiden name Britton.

26 th Feb 1939	Ivy Joyce Minney (adult)
25 th May 1944	Colin Edward Minney
27 th Oct 1949	Martin Minney
5 th May 1957	Robert Minney
12 th Nov 1967	Carol Ann Minney (adult)
6 th Feb 1972	Sarah Jane Minney
15 th April 1979	Louise Minney
2 nd May 1982	Darren Minney
19 th May 1985	Tanya Minney

I understand one or two of you also attended the event, including Tod Miller who travelled down (or is it across?) from Norfolk on the Sunday.

Letter from Harold Minney

In the last newsletter, the front cover picture was that of Lt Harold Minney with several other USA military personnel, picture taken 1945 in Holland. The photo appeared on the Internet courtesy Don Kreipke, I was not sure if Harold had seen it before. Here is his response dated 4th Oct.

“First of all, I want you to know I was surprised and pleased when I opened the Summer edition of the newsletter to see my picture on the cover.

There were a couple of errors on the inscription of the photo. I was third from the left, instead of the second. The officer seated was not Lt Szabo but Lt Dittenbir (?).

I joined the 26th Ord. Co. in November or December 1942 when it was stationed at Ft Lewis, Washington, and not 1944 in Seattle. We later moved to Seattle.

When my son, who is working in Washington DC visited the latter part of September, he contacted Don Kreipke by e-mail. Had a nice reply. Lt Kreipke was his father who was in our company, 26th Ord. About a week later I received a very nice letter from his father, Herman Kreipke from Indiana.

I celebrated my 81st birthday last Sunday. My three sons and their wives and a sister and her husband helped me celebrate.

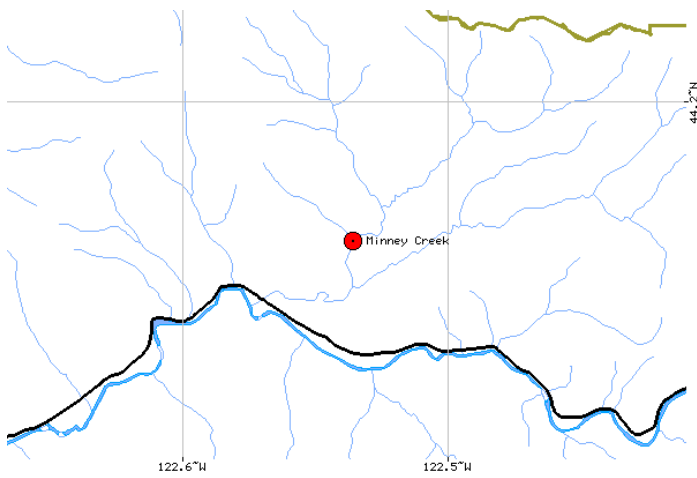
PS. Still working on getting a map of Minney Creek¹⁰

It would be really nice if Harold could get to Minney Creek and of course take some pictures for the newsletter!

Just to help anyone find Minney Creek I have added some maps opposite which I found on the internet.

¹⁰ See newsletter Summer 99 for details on Minney Creek, Oregon

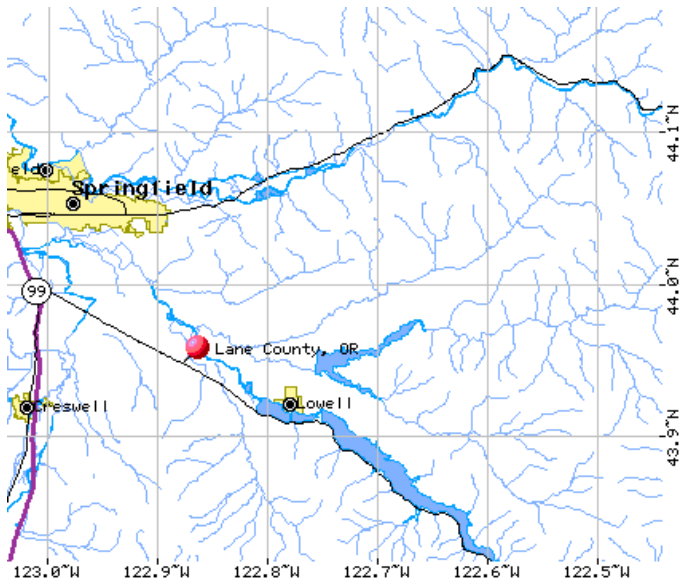
Minney Creek 4km NE of Vida, Oregon – courtesy of Microsoft TerraServer Image Page.



Minney Creek as shown on USGS Geographic Names Information System Server. Scale is 4miles to 1"approx. (1:205265)

Lat:44.11 N

Long: 122.53W



Lane County, Oregon as shown on the Tiger Mapping Service courtesy U.S. Census Bureau.

GRO Certificates

This is a list of some of the of births, marriages and death certificates that you have copied and sent to me. Keep them coming.

Births

Martha Minney, daughter of Joseph, a labourer and Hannah (formerly Goodship) born 28th May 1849 at Cotton End, Bedfordshire

Adin William Miney,¹¹ son of Abraham, a labourer and Elizabeth (formerly Collins) born 27th February 1853 at 13 Felton(?) Terrace, Hoxton Old Town, London

Martha Minney, daughter of George, a labourer and Elizabeth (formerly Shawley) born 30th June 1853¹² at Great Barford, Bedfordshire

Thomas Minney, son of Joseph, a shoemaker and Susanna (formerly Rollins) born 22nd October 1857 at Wollaston, Northamptonshire

William Minney, son of Jeffery, a shoemaker journeyman and Elizabeth (formerly Minney) born 8th March 1863 at Yardley Hastings, Northamptonshire

Emma Elizabeth Minney, daughter of George, a carman and Elizabeth (formerly Kendle) born 12th August 1880 at 13 Gt Peter Street, Westminster, London

William John Minney¹³, son of John, a coachman (domestic) and Gertrude Emily (formerly Abbot) born 26th May 1903 at 10 Wavel Mews, Priory Road, Kilburn, London

Marriages

On 11th August 1845, George Minney, of full age, a labourer, a bachelor, residing at Great Barford, Bedfordshire son of John Minney, a labourer wed Betsey Shawley, of full age, a lacemaker, a spinster, residing at Great Barford, daughter of James Shawley, a labourer. Both made their mark. Witnesses; William Murphin and Selena (?) Harris.

On 28th September 1868, John Richard Pitts, of full age, a labourer, a bachelor, residing at Great Barford, Bedfordshire, son of Thomas Pitts, a labourer wed Martha Minney, age 20, a spinster, residing at Great Barford, daughter of George Minney, a labourer. Both made their mark. Witnesses; Reuben Pitts and Ann Pitts.

On 30th December 1874, George Minney, age 23, a labourer, a bachelor, residing at 2 St. Matthew Street, Westminster, son of Abraham Minney, a labourer wed Elizabeth Kendell, age 21, a spinster, residing at 2 St Matthew Street, Westminster, daughter of George Kendell, labourer. Both signed. Witnesses; William Lodrigan and Emma Davies.

On 27th February 1897, George Abraham Minney, age 21, a bachelor, a carman, residing at 52 Romney Street, Westminster son of George Minney, a gas stoker wed¹⁴ Catherine de Coursey,

¹¹ Later known as William Aden Minney

¹² Date difficult to read, may be 20th June 1853

¹³ My index indicates that William John died less than a year old. Death regd Paddington June quarter 1904

¹⁴ Roman Catholic wedding

age 21, a spinster, residing at 52 Romney Street, daughter of John de Coursey (deceased) a bootmaker. Both signed. Witnesses G Lundie and E Minney.

Deaths

Jacob Minney, age 47, a general dealer, died on 26th March 1890 at Woodford, Thrapston, Northamptonshire. Informant was Mary Minney, widow of deceased. Cause of death; broncho pneumonia, emphysema, cardiac (next word illegible)

William Minney, age 83, formerly a shoemaker, died on 23rd May 1920 at 29 Cotehele Avenue, Plymouth, Devon. Informant was F Minney, son in attendance of 25 Tavistock Road, Plymouth. Cause of death, Senectus.¹⁵

Chelsea Out-Pensioners

This is the common name for British Army pensioners who are accommodated at Chelsea Royal Hospital, London. Those old soldiers not accommodated were known as 'Out-Pensioners'. The following information on Samuel was supplied by Avril Anderson and obtained from the PRO whilst searching for another ex-soldier Samuel who retired to India. Joan Robinson supplied the details on William. I am assuming this information also came from the PRO but no reference was supplied

William Minney

Barracks Office, Gibraltar 11th August 1818

“This is to certify that William Minny, late QuarterMaster Sergeant 11th Regiment Foot and Barracks Sergeant at Gibraltar, has not received any pay or emoluments from the Barracks Department at Gibraltar since 23rd April last, the date which he was paid up to by the said Department, having obtained his Excellency General Dons (?) permission to retire to England, with his family, on his pension, and relinquish the situation of Barracks Sergeant at Gibraltar from the above mentioned date. Given under my hand at Gibraltar this tenth day of August 1818. R Hockings. Witness Wm Goddard BMO. ”

Barracks Office, Spring Garden 2nd September 1818

“The Barracks at Gibraltar not being under the Control of this office, the usual letter cannot be sent for placing (?) the above Barrack Sergeant on the Chelsea Pension List, but the above signature of Rich. Hockings is known to be the handwriting of the Barrack Master at Gibraltar. Wm Hemming Accountant.”

William obviously got his pension, Sarah Minney found this reference in the PRO recently:

Index to Chelsea Out-Pensioners 1806-1836

William Minney, aged 55. Pensioned 1818. Born Hereford.

¹⁵ Senectus = Old Age

Samuel Minney

Discharge Papers 4th April 1834. PRO ref WO 97/1104

“Samuel Minney, Serjeant (*sic*). Born in the parish of Clifton, near the town of Olney, in the county of Bucks, by trade a labourer, attested for the said regiment of Militia at Buckingham in the county of Bucks on the 21st April 1808 at the age of Twenty One. Service after the age of 18 years = 25 years 353 days.”

Regiment	Rank	Period From	Period To	Service
Royal Bucks	Private	21 st Apr 1808	13 th Jul 1810	2yrs 84days
and 1 st Provisional	Corporal	14 th Jul 1810	14 th Feb 1814	3yrs 216days
Battn of Militia	Serjeant	15 th Feb 1814	8 th Apr 1834	20yrs 53days

Cause of Discharge

“I hereby certify that Samuel Minney has a bad ulcerated leg with varicose veins which unfits him for military duty. Wm Stow, Surgeon, Buckingham 13th March 1834”

“I, Samuel Minney do hereby acknowledge that I have received all my clothing, Pay, Arrears of Pay and all just demands from the time of my entry into the service to the date of discharge. Signed Sml Minney, Serjeant”

Description at time of Discharge

Character – Good. He is 46 years of age, 6 feet 0½ inches in height, Dark hair, Dark eyes, Dark complexion.

Joan Robinson supplied a copy of an entry in a Militia List stating that on 9th April 1834, Saml. Minney received his pension. Underneath was noted his date of death as 8th December 1843.

Bedfordshire Muster Lists¹⁶

1539 - 1831

Able-bodied men between the ages 16 to 60 were liable to perform military service for local defence and occasionally further afield. Formal inspections were known as ‘muster’. By the 1787 Militia Act a form of conscription was used: each year, the parish was supposed to draw up a list of adult males. Obviously, not all the lists survived. Some men were able to pay for substitutes.

National Defence. Vol. 1803

John Minney labourer 4th class Barford Hundred

¹⁶ Taken from Beds Historical Record Society. Volume 71 1992

Beds Dismantled Horse Artillery Roll 1803

William Minney 5' 11" Cople

Militia Enrolments 1807

Samuel Minney No29 Eastcotts

Militia Enrolments 1816 – 1831

21st April 1817

Thomas Minney age 24, class 1 a substitute for Thomas Ekins Eaton Socon

24th March 1827

Edward Gardner age 18, class 1 a substitute for William Minney Gt Barford

FONS

A couple more entries from this very useful subscription service.

Bedford Archdeaconry Probate Calendar

1844

Probate of the will of William Minney of Cople

1851 Census

Melcombe Regis, Dorset¹⁷

No 3 East Street

Harriet Minney appears as a servant in the household of Soloman Allen and family. She is described as an unmarried servant, aged 19, born Guernsey.

This is the first time I have seen a reference to the Channel Islands. It may not be too surprising to see persons from Guernsey living in Weymouth because even today there are ferry crossings from the port of Weymouth to the Channel Islands.

I contacted the archivist at Priaulx Library, St Peter Port, Guernsey as the library holds the parish and civil registers. Unfortunately, they could find no trace of Harriet's birth or baptism.

¹⁷ Melcombe Regis does not appear on most maps. However, it is part of Weymouth.

Personal Name Database

This database which is being compiled by the Northants Family History Society now has over 433,000 references. Every now and again I send of my enquiry (ref: 029991) for Minney and Minnell. This time there were just two. Visitors to the Northampton Record Office can quote the reference, year and place to obtain the correct resource file.

Surname	Forename	Reference	Year	Place
Minney	William	Landtx	1801	Yardley Hastings
Minney	Ann	C	1855	Rothwell

National Roll of the Great War

In the newsletter of July 92, I listed extracts (four) from the Bedford and Luton volumes. This entry is from the Northampton volume:

Minney C Pte RASC (MT)

Volunteered January 1916 and was sent in the same year to the Western Front where he rendered valuable service with a supply column during engagements on the Somme and the Ypres and the Arras sectors, being chiefly engaged in taking ammunition and food stuffs to the Front Line. He carried on this important and often dangerous duty until the end of the war and being demobilised in March 1919. Holds the General Service and Victory medals.

Address: 22 Silver Street, Northampton. Z1558/b

Bedford Directory

Extracts from this directory, found at Bedford Library, local studies section. This is one of the first directories that list occupiers in surname order. The directory finishes around the late 1930s.

pre1883

Thomas Minney 7 Cauldwell St..

1884

Thomas Minney 8 Cauldwell St

1887

Thomas Minney 11 Cauldwell St
Thomas Minney 6 Edward St

1890

Harry Minney 45 Cauldwell St
Thomas Minney 3 Bower St.
Thomas Minney 11 Cauldwell St

1893

Thomas Minney 1 Bower St
Thomas Minney 12 Britannia Rd

1895

Spencer Minney 49 New Fenlake
 Thomas Minney 1 Bower St
 Thomas Minney 12 Britannia Rd

1897

Spencer Minney 45 New Fenlake
 Thomas Minney 12 Britannia Rd
 Thomas Minney 1 Bower St

1898

Mrs Eliza Minney 64 Chandos St
 Spencer Minney 45 New Fenlake
 Thomas Minney 12 Britannia Rd
 Thomas Minney 1 Bower St

1900

Mrs Eliza Minney 9 Gravel Close
 Spencer Minney 43 New Fenlake
 Thomas Minney 12 Britannia Rd
 Thomas Minney 1 Bower St

1901

Mrs Eliza Minney 9 Gravel Lane
 Spencer Minney 43 New Fenlake
 Thomas Minney 12 Britannia Rd
 Thomas Minney 1 Bower St

1903

Eliza Minney 50 Chandos St
 H. Thomas Minney 15 Amphthill St
 Spencer Minney 43 New Fenlake
 Thomas Minney 1 Bower St
 Thomas Minney 12 Britannia Rd

1904

Mrs Eliza Minney 50 Chandos St
 H. Thomas Minney 15 Amphthill St
 Spencer Minney 43 New Fenlake
 Thomas Minney 12 Britianna Rd
 Thomas Minney 1 Bower St

1905

Eliza Minney 51 Allhallows Lane
 H. Thomas Minney 7 St Johns Place
 Spencer Minney 43 New Fenlake
 Thomas Minney 1 Bower St
 Thomas Minney 12 Britannia Rd

1906

Arthur Minney 21 New Fenlake
 Mrs Eliza Minney 51 Hallows Lane
 H. Thomas Minney 7 St Johns Place
 Thomas Minney 12 Britannia Rd

Thomas Minney 1 Bower St

1907

Arthur Minney 21 New Fenlake
 Mrs Eliza Minney 51 Allhallows Lane.
 H. Thomas Minney 7 St Johns Place
 Thomas Minney 12 Britannia Rd
 Thomas Minney 1 Bower St

1908

Arthur Minney 45 New Fenlake
 Mrs Eliza Minney 51 Allhallows.
 Harry Thomas Minney 26 Newnham St
 Thomas Minney 1 Bower St
 Thomas Minney 12 Britannia Rd

1910

Arthur Minney 45 New Fenlake
 Mrs Eliza Minney 10 Hand Court.
 Harry Thomas Minney 26 Newnham St
 Thomas Minney 1 Bower St
 Thomas Minney 12 Britannia Rd

1911

Arthur Minney 45 New Fenlake
 Mrs Eliza Minney 10 Hand Court.
 Harry Thomas Minney 26 Newnham St
 John Minney 19 St Johns Place
 Thomas Minney 1 Bower St
 Thomas Minney 12 Britannia Rd

1912

Arthur Minney 45 New Fenlake
 Mrs Eliza Minney 10 Hand Court
 Harry Thomas Minney 26 Newnham St
 John Minney 19 St Johns Place
 Thomas Minney 12 Britannia Rd
 Thomas Minney 1 Bower St

1913

Arthur Minney 45 New Fenlake
 Eliza Minney 10 Hand Court
 Harry Thomas Minney 26 Newham Street
 John Minney 19 St Johns Place
 Thomas Minney 12 Britannia Road
 Thomas Minney 1 Bower Street

1923

Edmund Minney 12 The Crescent
 Mrs Eliza Minney 80 Greyfriars Walk
 Jas Allen Minney 11 Beechdale Road
 shoemaker
 John Minney 19 St Johns Place
 Thomas Minney 12 Britannia Road

1928

Edmund Minney 12 The Crescent
Francis Minney 6 Preston Road
John Minney 19 St Johns Place
Thomas Minney 12 Britannia Road

George Minney 60 Harrowden Road
John Minney 19 St Johns Place
Sidney John Minney 4 Gloucester Road
S J Minney "Cavitts" Ridge Road,
Kempston
Thomas Minney 12 Britannia Road
William H. Minney 58 Brookfield Road

1939

Francis Minney 6 Preston Road

Dukinfield, Lancs

1861 Census Entry

Supplied by Joan Robinson;

Mount Pleasant, Dukinfield

Thomas Minney head 33yrs Cotton Power Loom Weaver Clifton, Bucks
Julia C Minney wife 35yrs Stockport, Cheshire
William Minney son 4 Scholar not noted

Obituary Listings

USA

These appeared on the www.familyworkings.com page.

Name	Age	Birth Info	Death Info	Survivors	Newspaper/ Date of Pub.	Submitter
LAWSON Margaret Aileen (MINNEY)	81	2 Feb 1917 Logan WV	17 Jan 1999 Tucson AZ	Sister, Mrs Rachel Hart	22 Jan 1999	Corsby @aol.com
MINNEY Charles G.	82	1915 Eden Twp Lancaster	21 Nov 1998 Lititz PA	Nieces, Nephews, Cousins	Lancaster S- N Lancaster	reichard @redrose. net

		County PA			PA	
MINNEY Inez Elizabeth (Walters)	88	27 Aug 1909 Lincoln NE	20 Apr 1998 Hays KS	Daughter Jan	Salina Journal 23 Apr 1998	JDY222 @aol.com

Olney, Bucks

1891 Census

Supplied by Dorothy Hone

13 Market Place

Harry Minney	head	29	butcher's asst	Olney
Annie Minney	wife	29		Weston Underwood, Bucks
Maude E Minney	dau	7	scholar	Olney
John Crewe	boarder	26	police constable	Gt Marlow

6 Floods Court

Sarah Minney	widow/hd	36		Olney
Annie Minney	dau	16	shoefinisher	Olney
James Minney	son	14	shoefinisher	Olney
Samuel Minney	son	11	scholar	Olney
Edward Minney	son	8		Olney
Betsey Minney	dau	4		Olney
Edward Bedford	lodger	43	shoemaker	Lavendon

47 West Street

George Barwick	head	25	shoemaker rivetter	Olney
Alice Barwick	wife	21	shoemaker rivetter	Yardley Hastings
William Barwick	son	11mths		Olney
William Minney	br-in law	19	shoemaker	Yardley Hastings
James Minney	br-in-law	15	shoemaker rivetter	Olney

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55 High Street

Harry Minney	head	29	hairdresser	Yardley Hastings
Ann Minney	wife	26		Hargrave, Northants
Elizabeth Minney	dau	5		Olney
Ralph Minney	son	3		Olney
James Minney	son	1		Olney
Elizabeth Minney	sister	23	cook/dom servant	Hargrave

3 Silver End

Mary A Chater	widow	37	charwoman	Olney
Lucy L Chater	dau	8		Olney
William J Chater	son	6	Olney	
Albert V Minney ¹⁸	boarder	1		London

Seen on the Internet

One of the latest innovations on the Internet is a facility to search on a registered subject (eg; Minney) and when a match is found an e-mail is sent to you with the web page reference (URL). I have found a number of useful Minney entries this way. It certainly beats wading through search engine results. The two that I use come from www.karnack.com and Northern Light search engine.

Manx (Isle of Man) language site www.smo.uhi.ac.uk/~kelly/

Creggyn Minney, a place name in the parish of Rushen. The English translation is 'small rocks'

Living in Japan <http://jin.or.jp/nipponia/nipponia10/live.html>

In depth article on Safia Minney who founded the Fair Trade Company.

University of Sussex Collections www.sussex.ac.uk/library/manuscript/home.html

1) Labour party sub-committee on films 1947, working papers includes reference to R J Minney 'talking of films'.

2) General correspondence under the name of Maurice B Reckitt- letters from Robin Minney

¹⁸ Albert appears in the GRO as Albert Victor Minney, birth registered March quarter 1890 Marylebone, London.

Wickersham Elementary School www.lancaster.k12.pa.us/wick/

Barbara Minney – Principal

US Total Army Personnel Command

Senior NCO's promotion list January 2000. Patrick E Minney to Master Sergeant

St Louis Obituary Index 1944

An index listing from the St Louis Post - Peter G Minney 2/7

Watershed analysis on Minney Creek www.edo.or.blm.gov/water

In depth analysis on the habitat of Minney Creek, Oregon

The Times Delphic On-Line www.mac.drake.edu/org

Article on the revival of ballroom dancing, includes quotes from student Jamie Minney and her boyfriend.

Kansas Genealogical Society www.ukans.edu/~hisite/franklin/pomdeath/m.htm

Pomona Kansas Obituaries – Mrs Dr E W Minney, newspaper dated 16th June 1904, of Los Angeles, California.

NACS supporting CSREF www.nacs.org

Charitable endowment noted to William Minney African-American Scholarship Fund, amongst others

Sarah Minney www.eaf.asn.au/smin.html

Article on Sarah's recent modern art performances (1998).

USS Allen M Sumner <http://dd-692.com/>

Crew listing 1955 1956 – EM2 Glenn E. Minney

Lutheran Church Chillicothe Ohio www.luther95.org

June newsletter – welcoming newest communicant member; Evan Joseph Minney born 20th Feb 1984 to Keith and Carolyn Minney. Has older brother Ryan.

Sidewalk New York <http://newyork.sidewalk.com/detail/33576>

Review of Dear Octopus (1943) film. Credits RJ Minney as the author. Film is a version of the Dodie Smith play. Film showing October 12 and 18 (1999?) at MoMA.

St Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church, Pittsburgh

<http://qb.realpittsburgh.com>

From “A History of church” – “With the Rev A N Minney, in the late 1950s, a more formal order of service was initiated as the church progressed from a mission to a metropolitan church”

Northern Districts (Australia) MCC www.home.aone.net.au/norths/news.html

Latest News (1998) – Formula 1 race, mentions George Minney

South Australia Legal e-mail directory

www.designcad.com.au/lawdemo/santemail.htm

Lists solicitor Margaret J Minney e-mail mminney@adelaide.on.net Sole practitioner working in suburban Adelaide

The Wollaston Warrior, Northants www.ukonline.co.uk/glenn.foard/helmet2.htm

Discovery of an Anglo-Saxon burial in a gravel quarry owned by Messrs Minney and Gammidge and Pioneer Aggregates

The News Times Regional News Oct 97

www.newstimes.com/archive97/oct1897/rqi.htm

Quote from Michael Minney, president of Local 391 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees on an incident at Montville Prison, Conn.

Sth Somerset Elections <http://193.123.243.2/general/districtelection/brympton.htm>

Brian Minney, Conservative Party, from Higher Odcombe, Yeovil failed to get elected in the Brympton Ward District Council election on 6th May 1999

Churchill Lancers, Oregon <http://promax1.com/ohi98tms/churchil.htm>

Steve Minney is shown as Assistant Coach to this basketball team 1998/9 season.

Waterwatch South Australia www.sa.waterwatch.org.au/staff_people.htm

John Minney is listed as representing the Conservation Council of SA Inc

City of Redmond, Oregon www.redmond.or.us/pr02.htm

Pat Minney’s name is given as a contact for setting up a Neighbourhood Watch
