

Time for some patting on the back! The Guild of One Name Studies recently reviewed a number of one-name newsletters including this one (see GOON Journal, July 1992). Below is their review;

" THE MINNEY NEWSLETTER Number 8, July 1991. A4 format 24 pages"

"An excellent and well prepared Newsletter that has a bright future. I particularly liked the way that the Editor has included articles that cover a time span from the 18th century right up to the present day and also gives news of other members of the family from around the world."

As a result of this I received several requests for copies from other newsletter editors, one has promised to carry out some research at Durham Record Office on Minney.

I did notice from the other reviews that their content was a lot less with smaller formats (A5 paper size) and averaging less than 10 pages.

I have decided from this issue to index certain entries and put these on the rear of each newsletter.

There will be three headings; Minney first names mentioned, place names mentioned and lastly, an index of other surnames appearing in each issue.

In the last issue I promised an article on either the Abingdon or Hereford Minneys. However I am still putting the finishing touches to them. The Hereford research has taken some time and I have had to use a professional researcher to finish it off.

Usual plea - if you have anything of interest for the newsletter or index please send it in, I am beginning to run low on articles. In particular, I do need cuttings, photos etc so please have a hunt through your old scrapbook for me!

My thanks this issue to Dorothy Hone, Agnes Hulman and Diane Harriman

Regards

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Subscriptions

Subscriptions are now due. Please forward your subs of £3 for the UK and \$10 for the USA. The special arrangement still applies for Australian subscribers - contact Diane Harriman at 39 Carawa Road, Cromer NSW 2099. Sadly, I have had to cross two names off the mailing list because of non-payment of the subscription. The membership remains constant at forty.

New Members

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The Minneys of Flamstead, Hertfordshire

In the last newsletter I referred to the Bedfordshire Parish Poor Law Papers and the three index entries for Minney. The oldest entry was dated 1773 and was a Removal Certificate for William Minney, his wife Ann and their daughter Sarah to Flamstead from Cardington, Beds.

This is a transcript of that certificate;

"Upon the complaint of the churchwardens of the parish of Cardington aforesaid in the county of Bedford unto us whose names are hereunto set and seals affixed, being two of his majestys justices of the peace in and for the said county of Bedford and

one of us of the quorum that William Minney, Ann his wife and Sarah his child, aged about three years have come to inhabit in the said parish of Cardington not having gained a legal settlement there, nor produced any certificate owning them to be settled elsewhere, and that the said William Minney likely to be chargeable to the said parish of Cardington; We the said justices upon due proof made thereof, as well upon the examination of the said William Minney upon oath, as otherwise, and likewise upon due consideration had of the premises do adjudge the same to be true; and we do likewise adjudge that the lawful settlement of him, the said William Minney is in the said parish of Flamsted in the county of Hertford. We do therefore require you the said churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said parish of Cardington or some, or one of you to convey the said William Minney, his wife Ann and child aged about three years from and out of the parish of Cardington to the said parish of Flamsted and then to deliver to the churchwardens and overseers of the poor there, or to some, or one of them, together with this our order, or a true copy thereof; And we do also hereby require you the said churchwardens and overseers of the poor of the said parish of Flamsted to receive and provide for them as inhabitants of your parish."

"Given under our hands and seals the First day of February in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy three."

Signed - Wm Hinde, John Nesbitt

It seems a harsh decision to refuse settlement as William was baptised and married in Cardington.

The following entries are from the Minney Index;

Cardington

William bpt son of John and Elizabeth Minney on 24th August 1746

William Minney wed Ann Wilcox on 17th July 1769

Sarah bpt dau of William and Ann Minney on 15th April 1770

Sometime after the baptism of Sarah the family must have moved to Flamstead for reasons yet unknown. They then attempted to resettle in Cardington without success. However, they did settle in Flamstead.

Dorothy Hone has been searching the records at Hertford Record Office and extracting Minney entries for Flamstead and elsewhere. Listed below are the Minney records for Hertfordshire currently in the index and includes those supplied by Dorothy. The list is in date order.

Xname	Event	Male_rel	Female_rel	Date	Place	Source
William	bpt	William	Mary ¹	05/19/1776	Flamstead	Flamstead
	PRFLAMSTED					
Samuel	bpt	William	Ann	09/02/1781	Flamstead	PRFLAMSTED
Thomas	bpt	William	Ann	04/17/1785	Flamstead	Flamstead
	PRFLAMSTED					
John	bpt	William	Ann	03/19/1786	Flamstead	PRFLAMSTED
Hannah	bpt	unnamed		08/28/1791	Flamstead	Kings Langley IGI88
John	bur			04/20/1792	Flamstead	PRFLAMSTED
Richard	witm		Sarah	10/11/1796	Flamstead	Flamstead
	PRFLAMSTED					
Sarah	mar			10/11/1796	Flamstead	PRFLAMSTED
Richard	mar		Mary	11/27/1796	Flamstead	Flamstead
	PRFLAMSTED					
William	bpt	Richard	Mary	08/23/1798	Flamstead	Flamstead
	PRFLAMSTED					
Hannah	bur			02/06/1799	Flamstead	Flamstead
	PRFLAMSTED					
Mary	bpt	Richard	Mary	02/13/1799	Flamstead	PRFLAMSTED
Thomas	mar		Sarah	12/27/1806	Flamstead	Offley IGI88
Elizabeth	bpt	Thomas	Sarah	08/20/1809	Flamstead	Offley IGI88
William	bpt	Thomas	Sarah	01/12/1812	Flamstead	Flamstead
	PRFLAMSTED					
George	bpt	Thomas	Sarah	03/06/1814	Flamstead	PRFLAMSTED
Mary	bpt	Thomas	Sarah	02/11/1816	Flamstead	PRFLAMSTED
Sarah	bpt	Thomas	Sarah	11/29/1818	Flamstead	PRFLAMSTED
Anne	bur			10/14/1819	Flamstead	PRFLAMSTED
Thomas	bpt	Thomas	Sarah	09/23/1821	Flamstead	Flamstead
	PRFLAMSTED					
Hannah	mar			04/15/1823	Flamstead	Flamstead
	PRFLAMSTED					
Hannah	bpt	Thomas	Sarah	08/08/1823	Flamstead	Flamstead
	PRFLAMSTED					
William	bur			11/05/1823	Flamstead	Flamstead
	PRFLAMSTED					
John	bpt	Thomas	Sarah	09/17/1826	Flamstead	PRFLAMSTED
Thomas	quar			04/01/1829	Hertford	Hertford
	SESSIONHRT					
Thomas	quar			06/21/1830	Hertford	Hertford
	SESSIONHRT					
George	bur			04/18/1836	Flamstead	PRFLAMSTED
Mary	mar			10/22/1836	Offley IGI88	Offley IGI88

¹Probably a mistake, should be Ann

William	mar		Lucy	07/24/1842	Hemel Hmpd	IGI88
William	mar			09/30/1842	Hemel Hmpd	GRO6 653
Hannah	born			09/30/1842	Hemel Hmpd	GRO
Anna	bpt	William	Lucy	10/30/1842	Hemel Hmpd	IGI88
Richard	born			06/30/1844	Hatfield	GRO
Richard	bpt	William	Lucy	08/11/1844	Flamstead	IGI88
Richard	bpt	William	Lucy	08/11/1844	Flamstead	
	PRFLAMSTED					
Richard	bur			05/25/1845	Flamstead	
	PRFLAMSTED					

Richard	died			06/30/1845	Hemel Hmpd	GRO
Thomas	bur			03/17/1846	Flamstead	
PRFLAMSTED						
Sarah	bpt	William	Lucy	11/08/1846	Flamstead	IGI88
Sarah	bpt	William	Lucy	11/08/1846	Flamstead	PRFLAMSTED
Sarah	born			12/31/1846	Hemel Hmpd	GRO
Thomas	died			03/31/1847	Hemel Hmpd	GRO
Richard	bur			12/27/1847	Flamstead	
PRFLAMSTED						
Caroline	born			09/30/1848	Hemel Hmpd	GRO
Caroline	bpt	William	Anne	11/05/1848	Flamstead	
PRFLAMSTED						
Caroline	bpt	William	Jane	11/05/1848	Flamstead	IGI88
Richard	died			12/31/1848	Hemel Hmpd	GRO
Samuel	born			12/31/1850	Hemel Hmpd	GRO
Samuel	bpt	William	Lucy	02/09/1851	Flamstead	PRFLAMSTED
Samuel	bpt	William	Lucy	02/09/1851	Flamstead	IGI88
Joseph	bur			12/09/1852	Flamstead	PRFLAMSTED
Anne	mar			12/31/1852	Hemel Hmpd	GRO 3A 455
George	bpt	William	Lucy	09/13/1854	Flamstead	PRFLAMSTED
George	born			09/30/1854	Hemel Hmpd	GRO
William	bur			11/30/1855	Flamstead	
PRFLAMSTED						
William	died			12/31/1855	Hemel Hmpd	GRO
George	bur			03/23/1856	Flamstead	PRFLAMSTED
George	died			03/31/1856	Hemel Hmpd	GRO
John	mar			09/30/1856	Hemel Hmpd	GRO 3A 406
Henry	born			03/31/1857	Hemel Hmpd	GRO
John	born			03/31/1857	Hemel Hmpd	GRO
Henry	died			06/30/1857	Hemel Hmpd	GRO
John	bpt	William	Lucy	08/12/1857	Flamstead	PRFLAMSTED
Sarah	born			06/30/1858	Hemel Hmpd	GRO
Arthur	born			06/30/1860	Hemel Hmpd	GRO
Arthur	bpt	John	Eliza	08/05/1860	Flamstead	PRFLAMSTED
Sarah	mar			10/19/1861	Flamstead	PRFLAMSTED
George	bpt	John	Eliza	06/29/1862	Flamstead	PRFLAMSTED
George	born			09/30/1862	Hemel Hmpd	GRO
Jane	mar			11/20/1862	Flamstead	PRFLAMSTED
Samuel	bpt	John	Eliza	06/30/1867	Flamstead	PRFLAMSTED
Samuel	born			06/30/1867	Hemel Hmpd	GRO
William	born			09/30/1869	Hemel Hmpd	GRO
Emma	born			09/30/1869	Hitchin	GRO
Samuel	bur			07/27/1870	Flamstead	PRFLAMSTED
Elizabeth	born			09/30/1871	Hemel Hmpd	GRO
Elizabeth	bpt	John	Elizabeth	10/29/1871	Flamstead	IGI88
Elizabeth	bpt	John	Eliza	10/29/1871	Flamstead	
PRFLAMSTED						
Rose	born			03/31/1872	Hitchin	GRO
Emma	bpt	John	Ann Eliz	07/25/1873	Knebworth	IGI88
Herbert	bpt	John	Ann Eliz	07/25/1873	Knebworth	IGI88

Rose	bpt	John	Ann Eliz	7/25/1873	Knebworth	IGI88
Francis	born			12/31/1873	Hitchin	GRO
Clara	born			12/31/1875	Hitchin	GRO

John	parm	George	Alice	08/22/1882	Flamstead	PRFLAMSTED	
Georgemar			Alice	08/22/1882	Flamstead	PRFLAMSTED	
Annie	born			09/30/1882	Hemel Hmpd	GRO	
Arthur	born			09/30/1884	Hemel Hmpd	GRO	
Adalaide	born				12/31/1901	Hatfield	GRO
Walter	born			06/30/1903	Hatfield	GRO	
Arthur	born			09/30/1906	Hitchin	GRO	
William	born				06/30/1909	Hitchin	GRO

I intend at a later date to give a fuller description of the index but I ought to explain the headings and codes used in the above records;

Event = I have devised my own code for the various events that have been recorded, some are self explanatory ie 'bpt' for baptism, 'mar' for marriage and so on.

'parm' is used to describe a parent mentioned at a marriage.

'witm' similarly this is used to describe a Minney witness at a wedding

'quar' is used to describe an entry from the quarter session records. These two entries for Thomas Minney are for Easter 1829 and Midsummer 1830. On the first occasion Thomas received one months imprisonment (offence unknown) and on the second, Thomas with a Henry Flint, was Fined 14s 3d for destroying fish. Thomas's address was given as Berkampstead St Peter. Dorothy states that the hearings usually took place at Shire Hall Hertford and there was once a prison in Hertford.

'born' and 'died' are most often used for entries from General Register Office records (St Catherines House)

Male_rel & Female_rel = are headings used to describe other Minney members referred to in a document, most commonly as parents at a baptism.

Date = The index exports the date as mm/dd/yyyy although in the index it can be displayed in any format. The date is as taken from the record except for GRO and Quarter Session entries where they are dated quarterly and I have had to add days to the quarter eg; 31st Mar and 30th Sep.

Place = this is where the event took place.

Source = I have used an eight figure code to describe the source document. All those with source 'PRFLAMSTED' (parish register of Flamstead) were supplied by Dorothy. GRO stands for General Register Office and IGI88 is for the indispensable Mormon compiled Index, 1988 version. The GRO entries are not complete, I have a large number of marriages and deaths entries left awaiting input. The above is just a small example of what the index holds. For example there are twenty two fields (headings) available for each entry (record) and the index has 3000 records with a substantial amount waiting to be recorded. This extract took less than a few minutes to collate and transfer into this document.

Dorothy has also supplied the 1841 census return for Flamstead (two addresses). I have yet to input this information onto the index;

Richard 70yrs Head Ag Lab Born in Hertfordshire (Richard was living alone)

Sarah 50yrs	Head	Plaitter	Not born in Herts	
William	25yrs	Son	Ag Lab	Born in Herts
Sarah 20yrs	Dau		Born in Herts	
Hannah	17yrs	Dau		Born in Herts

Dorothy's local library has a good local studies section and she found that during the 1700s and 1800s Flamstead was a small village surrounded by farms. Most of the men were farm workers. The women and children supplemented the family's income by plaitting straw for the hat trade in Luton, walking to Luton at regular intervals to deliver their work to the various factories. The only large property of note was Beechwood Park, west of the village, built in 1702, now a private school. This would have provided work for both men and women. Beechwood was owned by the Sebright family. Sir John Saunders Sebright was MP from 1826-1831.

I wonder why William, Ann and Sarah left Cardington to go to Flamstead and why they returned only to be rejected? There also appears to be a gap from 1770 to 1776 when their son Richard was born (1771?) to the first baptism at Flamstead of William.

Chadstone, Northamptonshire

Keeping to the theme of the index I recently came across two records that referred to a place called Chadstone. The entries are as follows;

Mary dau of Robert & Susanna Minney of Chadstone bpt on 12th Mar 1809 at Yardley Hastings Ind Chapel

Lydia dau of Valentine & Ann Minney appears in the 1881 census at Northampton Road, Yardley Hastings. She is aged 21, a lacemaker and place of birth is given as Chadstone.

I was unable to find Chadstone on my map. Does anybody know where it is

"CYCLES MINNEY RADIO"

I took this photo of a Minney shopfront in High St, Olney, Buckinghamshire last year. I believe the shop has been there for many years. There are other Minney businesses around, for example a Minney accountant in Dunstable, Beds and a yacht chandler in California, USA. Photos of these or any other Minney enterprise would be welcome.

Letters From America

Last year Agnes Hulman supplied a list of all the USA Minneys who appear in telephone directories. I wrote to a dozen addresses with pre-paid envelopes (courtesy of Agnes).

I had the following three replies;

From Samuel L Minney of Lawnside, New Jersey;

"It was surprising to hear of a Minney from England. I was in Lands End during the 2nd World War, the name of the place eludes me but there were towns named St Dennis, St Austell and more Sts.

I am sending you what I have on Minneys and some photos. I am preparing more facts on Minneys in the United States. You have aroused my curiosity to the research of the Minney tree. It will be my New Years Resolution to do some research.

You can see in my Minney family the distribution of color. The first Minneys in my immediate tree were Caucasian, some later mixed with Indian. My grandfather, his sisters and brothers married Indians and Negroes.

I hope that the next time you hear from me I will have a lot of good news for you."

Samuel very kindly sent extracts from Halberts book of Minney showing Minney entries from telephone directories and other listings for USA & Canada plus some family photographs.

From Phil Minney of 2957 Channel Bay Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89128

"I am the youngest son of Ralph E Minney. I have two brothers, Jack Minney in Irvine, CA and Bill Minney in Desert Hot Springs, CA. My father lives in a home for the elderly in the Desert Hot Springs area, he will soon be 93 years old.

I know a few things about the family but it will take me a little time to put it together.

If you would like to continue to correspond and trade information please let me know."

From Michele Burrow of Rt 6 Box 171, Columbia, Missouri

"I am the sister of Robert Minney of Mexico, Missouri. I was born Mona Michele Minney on 2nd June 1948 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to Robert Gene and Pearl (nee Rhoades) Minney at St Marys Hospital. When I was young my parents moved to Mexico, Missouri where my mom was raised. She met my Dad on a troop train that went through Mexico during the war. My Dad was in the army and at one time was in England and France. Dad died about six years ago, but he also was very interested in our family history.

If you wish to keep up a familial correspondence I'd be very happy to send you anything I can find from my end if you would be willing to share your information with me. I have some information where the Minney family is intermarried into the St John family as descendants.

I am the eldest of six children, I have one grandson, one on the way and have 11 nieces and nephews belonging to my 5 siblings (3 brothers & 2 sisters). I can send you birthdates, marriages, divorces, places of birth etc on a whole bunch of people. I have 3 children of my own (2 boys and 1 girl)."

Michele enclosed a family lineage sheet and the following snippet;

"Nathan (her husband) and Michele met in August 1968 in Mexico, Mo. Nathan worked for a carnival, Michele sold tickets. Spent wedding night in back of tractor/trailer unit. Travelled extensively over two thirds of USA with carnival till winter then settled back in Mexico, Mo."

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Update on Minney Row (Willoughby Cottages), Gt Barford, Beds

Further to the article¹ on Minney Row, also known as Workhouse Row, Edith Minney has sent the following extract found in the transcript of the Gt Barford Parish Register;

"The thirty odd burials of inmates of the parish workhouse between 1772 and 1812 refer mainly to widows and old men suggesting a typical poor house of the period rather than the rarer workhouse proper. Their frequency seems to show that it housed perhaps as many as a dozen paupers."

This would seem to confirm the origin of the nickname 'Workhouse Row'. We already know that part of the row was owned by the Barford Charity in 1824.

Orlebar

The surname Orlibeer (Orlebar)² occurs in the Minney ancestry when Thomas Minney wed Elizabeth Orlibeer on 12th October 1760 at Yardley Hastings, Northants (see newsletter July 90). I believe that Margaret Minney is a descendant of this family.

Orlibeer is a rare surname and appears in Burkes Landed Gentry. This is the full entry;

'ORLEBAR of Hinwick.'

Lineage - Surname of Orlebar has been proved to be a corrupt 16th century form of Orlingbury derived from the hundred, or village of the name in Northamptonshire. A connected line of bearers of the name (with the pre-fix "de") of knightly rank, holding lands at Isham, Orlingbury and other places in the county, is recorded by original documents from 1130 - 1367, and from 1367 - 1514.

Bearers of the name (without the pre-fix "de") are recorded, with a significant uniformity of baptismal names and occupations, among the inhabitants of Ecton, Brixworth and other places contiguous to Orlingbury. Seat - Hinwick House, Wellingborough, Northants.

¹See January 1992 Newsletter

²Burkes Landed Gentry 18th edition Volume 1 pages 545-547

Certificates

Diane Harriman has sent copies of the following certificates and adds - " The Sarah Ann Morrisroe death certificate is the same person as the Sarah Ann Minney birth certificate. The F Goss (son) given on the death certificate is Frank Goss one of her sons from her first marriage. Sarah Ann was my gt grandmother. Ebenezer and Jane (marriage cert) were her parents. William Minney was Ebenezer's grandfather."

Marriage

On 7th August 1849 at the parish church Yardley Hastings, Northamptonshire, after banns, between Ebenezer Minney of age, a bachelor, a labourer of Yardley Hastings, son of Thomas Minney, a labourer and Jane Underwood of age, a spinster, a lacemaker, of Yardley Hastings, daughter of Joseph Underwood, a labourer. Both made their mark. Unable to read witness's names.

Death

On 8th February 1852 at Yardley Hastings the death of William Minney, aged 76 years, a labourer, cause of death "Old Age", not certified. Informant Mary ? (unable to read informants surname) present at death.

Birth

On 17th February 1858 at Yardley Hastings, Sarah Ann Minney daughter of Ebenezer and Jane (formerly Underwood), occupation of father is given as Master Brickmaker. Informant is Ebenezer Minney.

Death

On 27th November 1934 at 3a Castle Street, Wellingborough, Sarah Ann Morrisroe, aged 76 years of 5 Melton Road, Wellingborough, widow of James Morrisroe a railway engine driver, cause of death "Cerebral softening and arteriosclerosis, no post-mortem" Informant F Goss, son, 12 Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

The Descendants of Daniel Minney USA

Ira Minney - son of Sylvester David Minney

A further extract from Donald Norman's book

Ira Minney was born 5th January 1881, probably on the 'Tom Frame Farm' on Crooked Fork of Steer Creek (Gilmer County, West Virginia). As a young man, Ira was unusually strong and was called 'Hoss' by his friends. Two stories attest to Ira's strength. Foster Norman told about Ira lifting a cross tie that other men could not budge. Vessie Minney, Ira's younger brother told that during the time the Elk and Little Kanawha railroad was being built from Gassaway, only Ira and Clarence Sands could lift the steel rails. Ira lifted a rail and took one step. Clarence lifted his rail, but could not walk with it.

Ira married Myrtle Deletha Meadows on 24th March 1906.

Ira and Myrtle began housekeeping at a timber camp located on Rhode Run, Gilmer County. About five men lived at this camp. When they arrived at the camp after their wedding, Myrtle found that someone had set a large kettle of dried beans to cook in the fireplace. The beans were infested with bugs and the bugs were cooking along with the beans!

Their first child Ena Minney, was born at this camp on 5th January 1907, Ira's birthday.

When Ira's father, Sylvester David Minney died on 12th February 1910, Ira and family moved to a log cabin located near his mother, Anetta, so that he could help care for her. Ira's mother was "a very cranky old woman" and they soon moved to 'The Ann Chenoweth Farm'.

Ira bought a small farm on Little Crooked Fork from his cousin Robert Jeremiah "Bob" Minney who had married Myrtle's sister, Emily Virginia Meadows. Ira built a 'Jenny Lynn' house with two rooms; one a kitchen and the other serving as a living room and bedroom. Their daughter Rena was born in July 1912, their first summer in this house.

When they were children, Ena and Ina found a bird's nest near the ground and visited the nest every day. One day Ina returned to tell her father that two snakes were "singing to the birds". Ira grabbed his gun and went to the birds nest where he found two rattle snakes. The snakes had been rattling at the children, but Ina thought they were singing to the birds.

From Little Crooked Fork, the Ira Minney family moved to Chestnut Lick, Near Lockney, WV.

During their first night in this house, 17th November 1915, Ressie and Cressie were born.

Ira's children affectionately called him "Papa" and remember him as being very gentle and psychological rather than strict. Ina recalls a time at the 'Big House' on Chestnut Lick when the little run by the house froze solid and she, Rena and Ena wanted to go skating. Ira and Myrtle feared that they would fall and injure themselves but Ira wouldn't tell them they couldn't go. Instead he told

them that the ice would wear out their new shoes and they must skate barefoot. They could take a board, lay it on the ice and when their feet got cold, they could stand on the board. The board was only big enough for one girl at a time. Ina remembers that they only skated for a few minutes before giving up.

Ira was a timber man. At that time there were very poor roads and no trucks to haul logs to the sawmills. The timber was cut and the logs skidded to the creeks with horses. The creeks were usually too small to float logs except when they were in flood. When the floods came, the men built rafts and 'drifted' the logs to the sawmills. It was necessary for men to accompany the rafts to prevent logs from lodging against the creek banks and forming a 'log jam'. Ira liked 'drifting' and when there was

a flood, he would grab his cant hook and go.

While living on Chestnut Lick, the family contracted diphtheria almost every winter. Ira could diagnose which sore throats were diphtheria and go immediately for medicine. Ena remembers the

medicine as being nitrate of silver that would turn a pewter spoon black. Ira would trim down a chicken feather so that it looked like an artist's paint brush and dip the tip of the feather in the medicine and paint the children's throats. An Utt Putnam had built Chestnut Lick and moved away after losing a daughter to diphtheria. There is speculation that "diphtheria lived in the well". The owner of Chestnut Lick sold the house to Bob Minney and Ira moved his family to his mother's house on Laurel Fork to try once more to look after her. Time had not improved her disposition and the family moved to the Jake Lawson farm at the head of Laurel Fork. They had a garden and cow pasture on this farm and rented corn fields from Dalton Reip. The family soon moved to the Jess Snodgrass farm because this had natural gas. The family moved in the spring of 1929 to the Vick Perkins farm at the head of Laurel Fork. In July of 1929, Myrtle contracted 'spotted fever' (typhoid?). Myrtle died 5th August 1929. Ira remained on the farm until he remarried Myrtle Hess Siers, date unknown. Ira died 14th January 1955.

Children of Ira and Myrtle (Meadows) Minney

Ena born 5th Jan 1907
Ina born 3rd Dec 1908
Infant stillborn 21st Nov 1910
Rena born 28th July 1912
Infant stillborn 16th Oct 1914
Ressie born 17th Nov 1915
Cressie born 17th Nov 1915
Ira Renis born 12th Oct 1921

Children of Ira and Myrtle (Siers) Minney

Audie born 1st Nov 1935
Darlie born 8th Nov 1937
C.A. born 5th May 1940

A slightly more expanded history of Ira appears in "The Descendants of Sylvester David Minney" by Connie Allen. A copy has been supplied by Geraldine Marks, Connie's sister. Connie and Geraldine are the daughters of Ena Allen (nee Minney) and the grandchildren of Ira Minney. Geraldine has a regular column entitled 'Around the kitchen table' in "The Glenville Democrat/Pathfinder" newspaper. Some newspaper clippings from her column have previously been included in the Minney newsletter, courtesy of Agnes Hulman.

Another book "The Family Album of the Minney, Shock, Dobbins, Stump and related families" by Fern Minney, has been copied and sent by Agnes. Although all three books cover the same initial ancestors, each has different stories. They are all extremely well researched. I will include extracts from all three in future newsletters.

Missing Marriages of Yardley Hastings

The index now contains 765 records for Yardley Hastings and has highlighted five missing marriages from the early baptismal entries. I have enquired at Northampton Record office for any ideas where they might have taken place without success. These are the missing weddings;

Thomas and Mary Minnell before 1738

Henry and Sarah Minnel before 1749

John and Elizabeth Minney before 1764

William and Ruth Minney before 1767

William and Sarah Minney before 1773

Interestingly I have a record of the banns between John Minney And Elizabeth Alterwell (Altherwell?) in October 1763. He is stated as being from Yardley Hastings, where as she is described as being from Clifton in Bucks. I am not sure of the coverage of Bucks in the IGI but I have no entries for Clifton, Bucks on the index.

I would appreciate any advice as to where to look for these marriages. It is possible that all of them took place in the brides' home towns. In that case I may have to wait until the Northants Marriage Index is completed.

Censearch

Censearch are based in Perth, West Australia and offer a computer database service in respect of the 1841 census for the counties of Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Cambridgeshire, Huntingdonshire and Middlesex. An initial enquiry by Diane Harriman showed that they held the following;

Minney - total of 63 occurrences, 49 in Beds, 7 in Hunts, 7 in Middx

Minnel - total of 2 occurrences, 1 in Beds, 1 in Berks

Mিনny - total of 5 occurrences, all in Middx

Minell - total of 11 occurrences, 10 in Berks, 1 in Middx

The Minney total seems low but no request was made to search for Miney. However I sent off for 'certificates' in respect of Middlesex and Huntingdonshire and these are the results;

Middlesex

PRO ref 107/670/5 District 13

Hundred of Sulstone

Parish - St Andrew Holborn abovebars

Tash St

Name	Age	Profession	Where Born
Minney Thos 35	Painter J	n	
Minney Mary 35		y	
Minney Phillip	14		y
Minney Charlotte	11		y
Minney Thomas	9		y
Minney Frederick	7		y
Minney James 2		y	

Note = The Minny entries referred to were supposed to have been included in this 'certificate' but were not. If anyone has access to the 1841 Middx census sometime perhaps they could recheck this address. I assume Painter J stands for Painter Journeyman.

Huntingdonshire

PRO ref 107/449/7

Hundred of Hurstingstone

Parish - Witton or Wytton

Name	Age	Profession	Where Born
Minney Thomas	40	Ag Lab	n
Minney Mary 20		y	
Minney Frances	30		n
Minney Judith 6		n	
Minney George	5		n
Minney Jane 1		n	

PRO ref 107/455/3 District 11
Hundred of Huntingdon Borough
Parish - St John
High St

Name	Age	Profession	Where Born
Minney Sarah	15	Female Servant	y

Sarah Minney is a servant at the home of Joseph Woods, bootmaker, and family

General Note = The age given for persons aged 15 years and over is rounded down to the nearest 5, eg; a person of 29 years would be entered as 25. The 'Where Born' column refers to the question "whether born in the same county? " Replies are given as 'yes' or 'no' except for Scotland (put 'S'), Ireland (put 'I') and for foreigners (put 'F').

Letter from Yardley Hastings

Sometime ago I placed a request in the Yardley Hastings Parish News asking to hear from anyone interested in the family history of Minney. I received the following letter from Mrs Phyllis M Minney of 4 Sunny View, Yardley Hastings;

" I am married to Maurice Minney, son of Jabez Henry Minney and grandson of Jabez Minney. Jabez Minney had seven sons and four daughters, Jabez Henry Minney had six sons and three daughters. We have two sons and two grandsons, so we have done our best to keep the Minney name going.

Looking through some papers I found my mother's birth certificate dated June 1889 and her mother was a Minney. What relation she was to my husband's line I do not know."

Obituaries

Minney Frederick George

From Bedfordshire On Sunday, 29th November 1992

On November 23rd 1992 at home, aged 81 years of Ashdale Ave, Kempston. Beloved husband of the late Kathleen Edith, dearest father of Graham and Cynthia, father-in-law of Janet and much loved grandfather of Paul, Sarah, Adrian, Melissa, Julia and Zoe. Funeral on Tuesday December 1st at Bedford Crematorium.

Minney Capt Vivian Raymond

From Gunner (Royal Artillery magazine), June 1992

On 26th December 1991, late RA, aged 77 years. He served in 65 ATk Regt in WW2.

USA Snippets From Agnes Hulman

More snippets collected by Agnes

The National Genealogical Society Quarterly

Vol 53-54 March 1966 page 20

28th Aug 1790 Burke County, Georgia = David Miney, convicted as a horse thief

21st Aug 1790 Burke County, Georgia = David Miney (spelt Mincy), among others, escaped from jail.

Dates may be incorrect or convicted in his absence. Agnes could not find any other reference to David. She says she can understand why he didn't stay around as the penalty for horse stealing was death.

New Jersey Census 1860 - North by Ronald Jackson

Margaret Minney, Middlesex 621, New Brunswick.

New Jersey Census 1860 - South by Ronald Jackson

Sarah Maria Miney, Burlington 324, New Hanover.

IGI - Virginia

1858 James N Minney wed Margaret Hutsell

Minnesota Census 1870

Johanna Minny

Clara Minny

Emma Minny

John Minny

Lewis Minny

Lewis Minny

Richard Minny

Barbara Minnie

Casper Minnie

Henry Minnie

Passenger List Vol 2 Calma Calif. San Fransisco Historical Records

By Louis J Rasmussen

Ship - Tennessee. From - Panama. Arrived 17th October 1851.

Passage - 15 days and 7 hours from Panama, via way of ports. Put into Acapulco, Mexico on 8th October, 1851, San Diego, California on 14th October 1851, and Monterey, California on 16th October 1851.

Passenger - James Minney

Agnes wonders if this is the same James Minney who appears in New York in 1850 and in the Mexico War in 1851.

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