

First and foremost, we have had another addition to the Minney household - Grace Elisabeth born on November 10th. Needless to say my spare time has all but vanished, so you can appreciate that it has been an epic struggle to get this newsletter out!

Sadly, we have to say farewell to Leonard Joyce who has decided to give up family history research. Leonard was very generous and helpful in my early days of Minney research.

I had a pleasant surprise on October 1st when Stephen Minney, Spence's son arrived for the day just before he was due to fly home. At least Stephen can say that he has visited the home of the Sheffield Shield (a cricket trophy awarded by the third Earl of Sheffield which is competed for by Australian state teams).

I have added to my useful books on family history with; Bedford Pennsylvania (see later), the Shell Guide to Northants, the Kings England Guide to Beds & Hunts, the County book of Northants by Tony Ireson, a Festival of Britain Guide to Chilterns & Black Country and Tracing Ancestors in Bedfordshire by Colin Chapman.

Barbara Snodgrass and her husband visited parts of Britain last year, sailing over on the QE2, visiting the West Country, Wales, Scotland and London and flying back on Concorde. The trip was marred by the discovery at home of the theft of postcards, film and gifts from the trip. I am sure if Barbara wanted some particular pictures or postcards replaced one of us could oblige.

I have been given two copies of 'The Book Of Minneys', one from Agnes, the other from Sarah. I see the Minney coat of arms has changed! I must look this up to see whose coat of arms we have nicked! The list of Minneys is predictable apart from one or two in Europe and provided these addresses are current I will try to contact them. I will also put them in a future newsletter.

A belated happy new year.

Regards

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1881 Census Index

Northamptonshire

As some of you know the whole of the 1881 census is being indexed by volunteers from various family history societies with assistance from the Mormon Church. A lot of the counties have now been completed and released on fiche. Two of the most awaited counties, London and Middlesex have yet to be released.

I decided to tackle the two largest Minney concentration areas first; Northants and Beds. Some of the entries made interesting reading and I have listed the Northants entries below. Let me know if you want extracts from these two counties.

Northants

1) George Minney, age 29 of Burton Latimer with wife Margaret who was born in County Tyrone, Ireland. They had a daughter Susan, age 7 who was born Pennsylvania USA. No place of origin was given for George.

2) Charles Minney, age 17, a border (sic) in Stanwick. Occupation given as a blacksmith's apprentice. Place of birth is Little Hampton, Beds. This is probably a transcription error.

3) H F H Minney, age 30 of Little Houghton. His occupation is given as police constable. Claims to be born in Ipswich. I could not find him in the birth records at GRO.

4) Zenas Minney age 16, son of John, of Rushden. His occupation is given as 'clicker'. What is a clicker? Any ideas?

I did a sample check on some of those born prior to 1860 and found that many of them did not have a corresponding birth entry in the GRO. This makes the 1881 census index a very important finding aid.

Bedfordshire entries will appear in the next newsletter.

Books by R J Minney

My collection of books by R J is slowly growing, to date I now have; *Carve Her Name With Pride*, *The Tower of London*, *Rasputin*, *Hampton Court*, *The Two Pillars of Charing Cross*, *Viscount Southwood* & *The Governor's Lady*.

I have a spare copy of *Carve Her Name with Pride* in paperback if anyone wants it. I have also seen another copy of *Viscount Southwood* for sale at £4.00. This is quite a heavy book so I would have to add postage. Drop me a line if you are interested, first come, first served.

The Governor's Lady, which was published in 1951, has a short biographical note and photo of R J Minney but the photo was faded and did not copy very well. Here is the accompanying note;

"The author of *The Governor's Lady* is a novelist, playwright, and film producer whose work is known to millions throughout the world.

He was educated at King's College in the University of London, where he studied History, has lectured at a number of universities, and has broadcast in many countries.

His extensive travels include a journey to Tibet on horseback across the Himalayas. He was attached to the staff of the Duke of Connaught for the opening of India's first Parliament, and was the first to fly across India in a plane that arrived in a packing case. He has been to Malaya, most of the countries of Europe, and the United States of America, where he worked in a film studio in Hollywood.

As a journalist he was Editor of *Everybody's*, *The Sunday Referee* and *The Strand Magazine*, to which some of the most famous writers of our time contributed. The films he produced include *The Wicked Lady*, *Madonna of the Seven Moons*, *The Magic Bow* and the most artistic of them all, *A Place of One's Own*, for which Rex Whistler designed the settings. Among the many well-known stars who appeared in his pictures are Ronald Coleman, Loretta Young, James Mason and Margaret Lockwood.

Of Minney's plays, *Clive of India* (written with W P Lipscomb) ran for over a year in London and was later filmed. He is also the author of *Gentle Ceaser*, which he wrote in collaboration with Sir Osbert Sitwell. His last novel was *Bring Out the Drum*."

Intrigued by the description "...most artistic film of them all" for "A Place of One's Own" I looked up Halliwells Film Guide (11th edition) for the following entry;

A Place Of Ones Own

Great Britain 1944 (re-issued by Eros 1949) Gainsborough Pictures. Producer R

J Minney. Director Bernard Knowles. 92 minutes b/w.

"In Edwardian times, an old house is taken over by an elderly couple and their young companion is possessed by the spirit of a murdered girl. Charming little ghost story, not quite detailed enough to be totally effective. Novel by Osbert Sitwell. Music by Hubert Bath (composer of Cornish Rhapsody). Starred James Mason, Margaret Lockwood, Dennis Price and Dulcie Grey.

"A fine piece of work...gripping, marvellous, outstanding, eerie, perky, beautiful, lovely and different." - C A Lejeune.

"One comes away with an impression of elegance which has not so far been frequent in the British cinema." - Dilys Powell.

A number of Margaret Lockwood's films have recently been released on video but not this one, unfortunately.

Some of Paul Pettit's Ancestors

Paul Pettit writes...

My grandmother was baptised Emily Gertrude Minney at Yardley Hastings on 27th March 1863 and married John Alfred Pettit at Olney, Bucks on 27th December 1886. John was a publican and shoemaker at the time of his marriage and he was baptised at Olney.

According to the family he was born at the Robin Hood public house¹ and attended Clifton Reynes school. His father Thomas kept the Robin Hood for a while, he is described as "beer retailer and shoemaker" in Kellys Directory. He later kept the Duke of Connaught in Northampton.

Emily's father was George Minney, a cordwainer who was born 8th December 1832 and baptised at Olney Independent Meeting House. He married Elizabeth Kate Morgan at Olney Independent Meeting House on the 21st April 1851. Her 3xgreat Uncle John also kept the Robin Hood and The Bull at Olney. John's wife Barbara has gone down in fame in a letter from William Cowper, the poet to his cousin Lady Hesketh dated 1st May 1786 which says "*...at The Bull indeed, they keep a chaise²...the extortionate demands that the woman of The Bull even makes....her steeds are so seldom disengaged that you would find the disappointments endless...*"

According to George's grandchildren he lived at Little Street, Yardley Hastings after his wife died in February 1889. He is supposed to have "got thick" with two women who were interested in his money. He made a death bed confession that he had buried all his money in a corset under a tree. Perhaps the money is still buried under a tree in Yardley Hastings.

¹Paul states that the pub has a framed history which shows David Minney as landlord 1967 - 1979.

²Chaise - a type of travelling coach.

George's parents were William Minney and Mary Ann Minney who were married at Clifton Reynes on 17th October 1832, witnesses were Samuel Minney and Joseph Luck. The only other issue that I have been able to trace is Henry born 1835. Mary, baptised at Clifton Reynes on 19th June 1808 was the illegitimate child of Martha Minney who had two other illegitimate children; Samuel baptised on 7th November 1814 and George baptised on 9th February 1817, both at Clifton Reynes. Martha died in 1862 and was buried in Clifton Reynes on 15th March 1862. She would appear to have been 76 when she died but her age was given as 77 years on the 1861 census when she was shown as "unmarried age 77".

According to my calculations the William Minney that married Mary Ann Minney is the William born at Yardley Hastings and baptised there on 15th November 1812. The reasons that lead me to this conclusion are that the witnesses were Samuel Minney and Joseph Luck, Samuel being Mary Anne's brother and Luck being a name associated with the family later on. The earliest record of a Minney at Clifton Reynes that I have found is the marriage of Samuel Minney to Martha Harrison on 19th August 1759.

Paul sent a number of colour photographs of Clifton Reynes but the office photocopier is next to useless and they did not photocopy well enough for the newsletter. The next time I am in the area I shall certainly call in for a pint at the Robin Hood. Parish register entries for Clifton Reynes appeared in July 94 and Jan 95 newsletters.

IGI93

Joan Robinson has been attending her local Mormon Family History Centre and extracted the following baptism/ birth entries from the latest IGI. There were nearly 300 entries but to keep this list shorter I have removed spellings such as Minnigh and Mineagh although they are on my computer index. Joan was not able to access any marriage records so I hope she will be able to go back at some time to rectify this.

	Minnie	d	Gerard	Wilhelmina	born	24	12	1861	
	Oudenbosch		NBR NTH						
Abner	Minnie	s	Charles	Diadama	born	5	9	1861	East
Amwell Twp,	Hunterdon	NJY	USA						
Abraham	Minnie	m	Elizabeth	unkn	6	4		1676	
	Whittington		STS ENG						
Ada	Minney	d	Spencer	Eliza	bapt	15	11	1850	
	Little Staughton		BDF ENG						
Agnes	Minnie	f		born	0	0		0	Aberdeen
	ABD	SCT							
Agnes	Minie	d	Gelbert		bapt	3	9	1663	
	Banff	BAN	SCT						
Agnes	Menney	d	Joseph	Jean	bapt	18	4	1824	
	Gorbals	LKS	SCT						
Albena	Minnie	d	Frank Margaret	born	4	4		1872	
	Millbury, Worcester		MAS USA						

Albena	Minnie d	Xavier	Margaret	born	4	4	1873	
	Millbury, Worcester	MAS USA						
Albena	Minnie d	Exavier	Margaret	born	25	3	1874	
	Millbury, Worcester	MAS USA						
Alcule	Minnie s	Frank Margaret	born	24	4		1870	
	Millbury, Worcester	MAS USA						
Alexander	Minnie s	Robert		bapt	6	4	1790	
	Auchterless	ABD SCT						
Alfred	Minney s	John Ann Elizabeth		bapt	5	5	1861	
	Little Staughton	BDF ENG						
Ann	Minnie d	William		bapt	4	4	1790	
	Auchterless	ABD SCT						
Ann	Minney d	John Martha	bapt	16	2		1817	
	Great Barford	BDF ENG						
Ann	Minney d	John Martha	bapt	26	9		1819	
	Great Barford	BDF ENG						
Ann	Minny d	Thomas	Elizabeth	bapt	25	12	1823	
	Great Barford	BDF ENG						
Ann	Minney d	Spencer	Eliza	bapt	15	11	1850	
	Little Staughton	BDF ENG						
Anna	Miny d	Matheus	Clara	bapt	24	4	1782	
	Leobschuetz	SCH PRU						
Anna	Miny d	Matheus	Clara	bapt	7	7	1786	
	Leobschuetz	SCH PRU						
Anna	Miny d	Matheus	Clara	bapt	21	4	1789	
	Leobschuetz	SCH PRU						
Annie	Minney d	John Anne Eliz.	bapt	3	6		1866	
	Little Staughton	BDF ENG						
Arthur	Minney s	Spencer	Eliza	bapt	22	2	1870	
	Little Staughton	BDF ENG						
Ava	Minney d	Sylv. D	Annetta	born	2	4	1889	
	Stumptown, Gilmer	WVI USA						
Barbara	Minnie d	Alex. Margaret	bapt	23	3		1815	
	Auchterless	ABD SCT						
Bernhart	Minnie m		unkn					
Carel	Minni m		born				1865	
	Kroonstad OFS	SA						
Carolus	Minnie m		bapt				1748	
	Swellendam	CAP SA						
Charles	Minney s	John Ann	bapt	3	7		1864	
	Great Barford	BDF ENG						
Charles	Minney s	John Ann Elizabeth		bapt	25	12	1864	
	Little Staughton	BDF ENG						
Charles	Minnie m		born	21	7		1869	
	Lafayette, Montgomery	VIR USA						
Charlotte	Minney d	George	Hannah	bapt	24	6	1866	
	Great Barford	BDF ENG						
Christina	Minnie f		bapt	28	9		1783	
	Swellendam	CAP SA						
Cornelia	Minnie d	Gerard	Wilhelmina	born	12	11	1863	
	Oudenbosch	NBR NTH						
Daniel	Minel s	John Mary	bapt	8	4		1733	
	Shalborne WIL	ENG						
Daniel	Mynel m		unkn	28	6		1746	
	Weston on Trent	DBY ENG						
Daniel	Minnie s	JamesMary	born	15	5		1873	Old
Monkland	LKS SCT							
David	Minee s	Arch. Leonice	bapt	27	7		1838	
	Meteghan, Digby	NOS CAN						
David	Minney s	John Ann	bapt	5	6		1870	
	Great Barford	BDF ENG						
Delia	Minnie d	Exavier	Amelia	born	11	4	1868	

Dominic	Millbury, Worcester Minnie s	MAS USA Dominic	Angleque	born	5	9	1836	
Edwin	Marine City, St Clair Minney s	MIC USA William	Lucy	bapt	5	10	1862	
Elisabeth	Luton Christ Church Minell d	BDF ENG John Elisabeth		bapt	13	3	1757	
Eliza	Inkpen BRK Minney d	ENG John Ann		bapt	2	6	1861	
Elizabeth	Great Barford Minnel d	BDF ENG Thomas	Mary	bapt	3	12	1742	
Elizabeth	Yardley Hastings Minnell d	NTH ENG John Maria		bapt	25	4	1773	
Elizabeth	Aspley Guise Minney d	BDF ENG William	Minney	bapt	1	6	1828	
Elizabeth	Kempston All Saints Minnel f	BDF ENG unkn			1	1	1842	
Elizabeth	Moulsoe BKM Minney d	ENG Henry	Elizabeth	bapt	8	5	1835	
Elizabeth	Little Staughton Minney d	BDF ENG Ezekiel	Mary	bapt	24	7	1864	
Elizabeth	Horsham SSX Minnie d	ENG Sarah	born	15	10	1865	East	
Amwell Twp,	Hunterdon NJY	USA						
Elizabeth	Minnie d	George	Elizabeth	bapt	29	9	1867	
Ellen	Great Barford Minney d	BDF ENG Spencer	Eliza	bapt	22	2	1870	
Emily	Little Staughton Minney w	BDF ENG unkn			0	0	1847	
Emily	Ross OHO Minnie w	USA	marr	0	0	0	Gower	
Emily	GLA WLS Minnie f		unkn	13	3	1835		
Emma	Gower GLA Minney d	WLS Thomas	Elizabeth	bapt	9	7	1838	
Emma	Great Barford Minney d	BDF ENG John Ann		bapt	29	9	1858	
Enos	Great Barford Minney s	BDF ENG William	Lucy	bapt	7	2	1864	
Eva	Luton Christ Church Minney d	BDF ENG Thomas	Cynthia	born	0	6	1842	
Eva	OHO USA Minye d		born				1921	
Ezra	Budapest PES Minney s	HUN Sylv. D	Annetta	born	7	5	1882	
Frances	Stumptown, Gilmer Minney d	WVI USA George	Charlotte	bapt	22	6	1867	
Francois	Little Staughton Minee s	BDF ENG Adrien	Anne	bapt	8	6	1841	
Fred	Meteghan, Digby Minney s	NOS CAN George	Charlotte	bapt	1	7	1866	
Frederick	Little Staughton Minney s	BDF ENG Elizabeth Ann		bapt	26	12	1847	
George	Kempston All Saints Minney s	BDF ENG John Martha		bapt	4	5	1815	
George	Great Barford Minney s	BDF ENG Thomas	Cynthia	born	0	0	1844	
George	OHO USA Minney s		Elizabeth	bapt	22	7	1844	
George	Little Staughton Minnie s	BDF ENG Joseph		born	8	5	1848	
George	Saint Clair, St Clair Minney s	MIC USA George	Elizabeth	bapt	6	5	1860	
	Great Barford	BDF ENG						

George	Minnie s	Peter Mary	born	10	9	1870	
	Millbury, Worcester	MAS USA					
George	Minney s	Geo Hy	Nathalie	born	7	9 1950	Fort
Worth, Tarrant	TEX	USA					
Gerard	Minnie s	Anthony	Johanna	born	21	11 1828	
	Oudenbosch	NBR NTH					
Haled	Minnie s	John Sarah	born	19	10	1869	
	Ionia MIC	USA					
Hannah	Minney d	Henry	Elizabeth	bapt	22	7 1844	
	Little Staughton	BDF ENG					
Hans	Minnie m		born			1690	
	GER						
Harriet	Minney d	George	Elizabeth	bapt	17	6 1838	
	Little Staughton	BDF ENG					
Harriet	Minney d	Spencer	Eliza	bapt	22	2 1870	
	Little Staughton	BDF ENG					
Harry	Minney s	Spencer	Eliza	bapt	22	2 1870	
	Little Staughton	BDF ENG					
Hazel	Minnie d	Ray. Jn	Rosamond A.	born		8 2	
	1891 Bay City, Bay	MIC	USA				
Helen	Minnie d	J. E.	bapt	8	5	1820	
	Culsalmond	ABD ENG					
Henry	Minney s	Henry	Elizabeth	bapt	8	5 1835	
	Little Staughton	BDF ENG					
Henry	Minnie s	Henry	Sally	born	0	0 1837	
	OHO USA						
Henry	Minney m		born	0	0	1852	
	Ross OHO	USA					
Henry	Minney s	John Ann Elizabeth		bapt	3	3 1864	
	Little Staughton	BDF ENG					
Hermann	Miny s	Johann	Johanna Eva	bapt	27	6 1852	
	Civil, Eschweiler Stadt	RHE	PRU				
Hester	Minnie d	Henry	Elizabeth	bapt	8	7 1849	
	Little Staughton	BDF ENG					
Hulurah	Minnie f		born	0	0	1799	
	Mcminn Co	TEN USA					
Ione	Minney d	Robert	Ocea Dell	born	3	2 1911	
	Cedar Rapids, Linn	IOW USA					
Ira	Minney s	Sylv. D	Annetta	born	5	1 1881	
	Gilmer WVI	USA					
Isaac	Mynell m		unkn	9	10	1587	
	Fleet LIN	ENG					
Isom	Minnie s	Henry	Sally	born	0	0 1832	
	Chillicothe, Ross	OHO USA					
James	Minie s	Hellen	bapt	1	8	1791	
	Logie-Pert ANS	SCT					
James	Menneie s	John Agnes	bapt	14	5	1809	
	Shoreditch St Leonards	LND	ENG				
James	Minnie s	JamesMary	bapt	30	8	1874	Old
Monkland	LKS	SCT					
Jan	Miny s	Carl J Jacoba C	born	7	4	1847	
	Winberg OFS	SA					
Janet	Minie f		born	0	0	1622	
	Kilmarnock	AYR SCT					
Janet	Minny f		born	0	0	1788	
	Paisley RFW	SCT					
Janos	Minye s	Peter Czezilia	born	26	8	1892	
	Budapest PES	HUN					
Janos	Minye s	Janos Terezia	born	14	5	1923	
	Gede-Szarvas	NOG HUN					
Jean	Minee s	Charles	Anne C	bapt	10	3 1840	
	Meteghan, Digby	NOS CAN					
Jeremiah	Minney s	Daniel M	Emily V	born	20	10 1869	

Joannes	Gilmer Miny	WVI s	USA Matheus	Clara	bapt	15	12 1779	
Joe	Leobschuetz Minney		SCH PRU Sylv. D	Annetta	born	2	4 1884	
Johanna	Stumptown, Gilmer Minnie	d	WVI USA Gerard	Wilhelmina	born	23	9 1858	
John	Oudenbosch Minney	m	NBR NTH	unkn	29	10	1814	
John	LND Minney	ENG s		Elizabeth	bapt	1	7 1821	
John	Great Barford Minney	s	Thomas BDF ENG	Elizabeth	bapt	28	12 1828	
John	Great Barford Minney	s	Thomas BDF ENG	Elizabeth	bapt	8	5 1835	
John	Little Staughton Minney	s	BDF ENG Thomas	Elizabeth	bapt	9	7 1838	
John	Great Barford Minney	s	BDF ENG Thomas	Cynthia	born	0	3 1845	
John	OHO Minney	USA s		Elizabeth	bapt	6	5 1860	
John	Great Barford Minnie	s	George BDF ENG	bapt	10	4	1872	Old
Monkland	LKS Minney	SCT s	JamesMary	Anna	bapt	3	7 1864	
Joseph	Great Barford Mynney	s	George BDF ENG	Catharine	born	24	5 1870	
Joseph	Ionia Minney	MIC s	USA Mathias	Lona	born	9	12 1870	
Joseph	Huron Minye	OHO s	USA Janos Terezia	born	9	5	1928	
Jozsef	Budapest Minny	PES w	HUN	marr	1	10	1746	
Katharina	Philadelphia Minya		PEN USA Peter Cecilia	born	18	4	1900	
Lazzlo	Kerekhegy Minney	MAR d	HUN Henry	Debrou	born	2	2 1853	
Liddy	Plumstead Township, Minnie	Ocean d		NJY Sally	USA born	0	0 1835	
Liza	OHO Minnie	USA d		Henry	born	0	0 1830	
Lou	OHO Minnie	USA d		Henry	born	0	0 1830	
Margaret	Auchterless Minnie	d	Alex. Margaret ABD SCT	bapt	23	2	1813	
Margaret	Monkland Minnie	LKS d	SCT Francis	Mary	born	16	6 1874	Old
Marg'rite	Meteghan, Digby Minee	d	Arch. Leonice NOS CAN	bapt	22	8	1840	
Maria	Leobschuetz Miny	d	Matheus SCH PRU	Clara	bapt	24	1 1778	
Maria	Cople Minny	BDF d	ENG William	Elizabeth	bapt	29	3 1812	
Maria	Minney Cople	d BDF	ENG William	Harriett	bapt	25	12 1848	
Maria	Miny Civil, Eschweiler Stadt	d RHE	Johann PRU	Johanna Eva	born	1	7 1849	
Maria	Miny Civil, Eschweiler Stadt	d RHE	Johann PRU	Johanne Eva	bapt	26	1 1851	
Marie	Miny Conde-Sur-L'Escaut	d NOR FRA	Jean G.	Ursule	bapt	29	3 1690	
Marie	Minee Meteghan, Digby	d NOS CAN	Gabriel	Elene	bapt	18	11 1841	
Martha	Minney Great Barford	d BDF ENG	George	Elizabeth	bapt	27	11 1845	

Martha	Minney	d	George	Elizabeth	bapt	6	5	1860	
	Great Barford		BDF ENG						
Marthe	Minee	d	Adrien	Anne Ada.	bapt	29	1	1844	
	Meteghan	NOS	USA						
Mary	Minney	d	William	Rebecca	bapt	28	8	1768	
	Almeley	HEF	ENG						
Mary	Minney	f		born	0	0		1807	
	Monroe	OHO	USA						
Mary	Minney	d	George	Elizabeth	bapt	17	6	1838	
	Little Staughton		BDF ENG						
Mary	Minnie	f		born	4	3		1833	Port
Huron	MIC	USA							
Mary	Minney	d	Thomas	Elizabeth	bapt	9	7	1838	
	Great Barford		BDF ENG						
Mary	Minnie	d	Joseph	Ellen	born	25	5	1856	
	Auckland		NZ						
Mary	Minney	d	William	Eliza	bapt	31	1	1864	St
Merryn	CON	ENG							
Mary	Minnie	d	Rebecca	born	5	1		1866	East
Amwell, Hunterdon		NJY	USA						
Mary	Minney	d	Isaac Eliza	born	8	6		1868	
	Enfield	SAU	AUS						
Mary	Minney	d	Spencer	Eliza	bapt	22	2	1870	
	Little Staughton		BDF ENG						
Minnie	Minney	d	Thomas	Annie	bapt	15	8	1877	
	Luton Christ Church		BDF ENG						
Oe	Minney	s	Sylv. D	Annetta	born	20	4	1887	
	Stumptown, Gilmer		WVI USA						
Oye	Minney	s	Sylv. D	Annetta	born	25	11	1890	
	Stumptown, Gilmer		WVI USA						
Peter	Minya	m		born	5	4		1863	
	Kerekhegy	MAR	HUN						
Philip	Minney	s	Jacob Jane	born	23	2		1850	
	Oxford Twp, Warren		NJY USA						
Rachel	Minee	w		marr	1	6		1758	New
York	NYK	USA							
Rachel	Minney	f		born	0	8		1816	
	PEN	USA							
Rachel	Minney	f		born	0	0		1824	
	Ritchie Co	WVI	USA						
Raymond	Minnie	s	Dominic	Elizabeth	born	10	4	1862	Bay
City, Bay	MIC	USA							
Rebeckah	Minney	d	Henry	Debrow	born	16	6	1851	
	Plumstead Twp, Ocean		NJY	USA					
Rosanna	Minney	d	Spencer	Eliza	bapt	22	2	1870	
	Little Staughton		BDF ENG						
Samuel	Minnel	s	Thomas	Mary	bapt	27	8	1740	
	Yardley Hastings		NTH ENG						
Sarah	Minney	d	William	Mary	bapt	2	6	1822	
	Kempston All saints		BDF ENG						
Sarah	Mineah	d	Wm C.	Betsey	born	0	0	1825	
	McLean, Tomkins		NYK USA						
Sarah	Minney	d	Barney	Susan	born	25	5	1825	
	Ross	OHO	USA						
Sarah	Minny	d	Thomas	Elizabeth	bapt	25	12	1825	
	Great Barford		BDF ENG						
Sarah	Minney	d	Henry	Elizabeth	bapt	8	5	1835	
	Little Staughton		BDF ENG						
Sarah	Minney	d	George	Alice	born	11	2	1840	
	Vanderburgh		IND USA						
Sarah	Minney	d	Spencer	Eliza	bapt	15	11	1850	
	Little Staughton		BDF ENG						
Sarah	Minney	d	John Eliza	bapt	15	9		1858	

Sarah	Luton Wesleyan Chapel Minney d Great Barford	BDF George BDF ENG	ENG Elizabeth	bapt	25		10 1858
Sarah	Minney d Great Barford	George BDF ENG	Elizabeth	bapt	2		10 1864
Sarah	Minney d Great Barford	John Ann BDF ENG	bapt	24	6		1866
Spencer	Minney s Little Staughton	George BDF ENG	Elizabeth	bapt	17		6 1838
Spencer	Minney s Little Staughton	Spencer BDF ENG	Eliza	bapt	15		11 1850
Susanna	Minnie f Swellendam	CAP SA	bapt	28	7		1782
Sylvester	Minney s 1855 Stumptown, Gilmer	Jon. S. VIR USA	Rebecca Ann	born			15 2
Teresea	Minney d Huron OHO	Mathew USA	Magdalena	born	19		11 1868
Thomas	Minney m PEN USA		born	0	0		1815
Thomas	Minney s Little Staughton	Henry BDF ENG	Elizabeth	bapt	22		7 1844
Thomas	Minnie s Great Barford	Mary BDF ENG	bapt	12	10		1856
Unknown	Minnie d Millbury, Worcester	Peter Louisa MAS USA	born	4	3		1868
Verginia	Minnie d MIC USA	Lambert	Philomen	born	2		5 1874 Bay
Vernetta	Minney d Stumptown, Gilmer	Sylv. D WVI USA	Annetta	born	21		9 1896
William	Minney s Great Barford	Thomas BDF ENG	Elizabeth	bapt	30		5 1818
William	Minney s Little Staughton	Henry BDF ENG	Elizabeth	bapt	22		7 1844
William	Minney s Great Barford	George BDF ENG	Betsey	bapt	25		12 1847
William	Minney s Great Barford	John Ann BDF ENG	bapt	4	9		1854
William	Minney s Great Barford	John Anne BDF ENG	bapt	5	10		1856
William	Minney s CON ENG	William	Eliza	bapt	31		1 1864 St
Merryn	William	Thomas Luton Christ Church BDF ENG	Annie	bapt	6		8 1879
William	Minnie s Fairfield, Jefferson	John Prudence IOW USA	born	17	9		1914
Wonnie	Minney s Stumptown, Gilmer	Sylv. D WVI USA	Annetta	born	8		3 1886

Abbreviations on counties/states and countries as follows; CAN = Canada, CAP = Cape, FRA = France, GER = Germany, GRE = Green Cty, HNT = Hunterden Cty, HUN = Hungary, IND = Indiana, IOW = Iowa, MAR = Maramaros Megye, MAS = Massachusetts, MIC = Michigan, MON = Monongalia Cty, NBR = Noord Brabant, NOG = Nograd, NOR = Nord, NOS = Nova Scotia, NTH = Netherlands, NYJ = New Jersey, NYK = New York, OFS = Orange Free State, OHO = Ohio, PEN = Pennsylvania, PES = Pest, PRU = Prussia, RHE = Rheinland, SA = South Africa, SCH = Schlesien, TEN = Tennessee, TEX = Texas, VIR = Virginia, WVI = West Virginia, ZHO = Zuid Holland.

The Times

The reference library at Brighton has recently had installed computers with CD ROM. On these are several indexes, one of which is the Palmers Index to The Times 1790 - 1905. A quick search revealed five entries for Minney (I was surprised to find any). They are; George Minney, police 7.10.1854; George Minney, police 9.10.1872; George Minney, criminal 30.10.1872; S W Minney, police 26.5.1885; and G H Minney, bankrupt 25.8.1888. My next step was to obtain photocopies of the relevant entries. From 1906 onwards The Times index is still in book form and over several weeks I searched these up to 1993. I came up with a staggering 50 references, 36 of which referred to R J Minney. Some of these are from periodicals such as The Times Literary Supplement and my local library does not keep these.

I intend to publish the full entries in future newsletters. Sadly, all the early entries are of Minneys in trouble.

The Times 7th October 1854

Westminster

George Minney, aged 18, was charged with indecently assaulting Susan Williams, a little girl, aged 11 years, with intent to commit a felony.

Mr Lawrence, in the absence of Mr Parry, attended on the part of the Associate Institution for Improving and Enforcing the Laws for the Protection of Women, which had undertaken to prosecute the case.

The prisoner was committed, bail being taken, himself in 40s, and two sureties of 40s each.

The Times 9th October 1872

Westminster

George Minney, a young man, was committed for trial charged with feloniously assaulting and wounding Archibald Small, 258B (police constable), on Monday night, in Great Peter Street.

The Times 30th October 1872

George Minney, 19, labourer, was indicted for feloniously and maliciously wounding Police Constable Small, with intent to do him grievous bodily harm.

Mr Moody prosecuted; Mr Glyn defended the prisoner. The prosecutor was on duty on the night of the 7th October in Westminster, when he saw the prisoner and another man fighting. On interfering with them the prisoner deliberately drew a knife and struck him on the wrist with it.

The jury found the prisoner guilty of unlawfully wounding, and he was sentenced to 12 months hard labour.

Notice that 'the intent to harm' was not proved. Also, the case above this one involved a drunken woman who stole 1s 6d (7½p) and was sentenced to 12 years! The judge said it was best she never saw her two young children again.

The Times 26th May 1885

At Worship-Street, **Spencer William Minney**, 45, bootmaker, of York Street, Bethnal Green, was brought up on remand charged with having feloniously intermarried with Sarah Estella Ascough, his wife Elizabeth Ann being then and still alive. The prisoner had been married in the first instance at the registry office, Northampton to Elizabeth Ann Adams, in April 1872. On the 9th April in the present year he married at the registry office, Hackney, Estella Ascough. He lived with her for about a fortnight, and then he left her. She instituted the present prosecution, having

discovered that the first wife was still alive and resident in the neighbourhood of Edgware Road. Both wives were in court, and the evidence as to both marriages was complete. The prisoner, who made no answer to the charge, was fully committed for trial, bail being allowed in two sureties of £250.

I do not of the outcome and would need to make further enquiries. What is interesting apart from the amount of biographical detail, is the extraordinarily high sureties for bail.

The Times 25th August 1888

List of bankrupt adjudications

George Henry Minney of Crewe, a contractor.

I checked these Minneys against the index and was unable to connect either of the two George Minneys due to the large number of possible matches. Spencer William Minney was baptised on 15th November 1850 at Little Staughton, Beds, the son of Spencer and Elizabeth. George Henry Minney's marriage at Ellesmere was recorded in the December quarter 1863. His death was recorded in the March quarter 1924 at Nantwich.

Australian Wall Of Honour

According to the recent Family History News & Digest (Sept 95), Australia is setting up a Wall of Honour. They plan to record the name of any immigrant into any state of Australia from all countries and for any date. Apparently all you have to do is submit the name, together with where they came from, the name of their ship and the year and port of arrival. These are to be sent to Australia's Immigration Celebration, PO Box 937, Hervey Bay, Queensland 4655, with a fee of \$20.

I'll leave this to Spence & Co if they don't mind. It sounds like a good idea. Certainly makes a change from when census returns were dumped at sea because officialdom was embarrassed by the immigrant past and sought to hide it.

Bedford, Pennsylvania

There are only a few records for Minney in the USA in the 18thc and they indicate that a family(?) of Minney moved from Lebanon Township, New Jersey to Bedford County, Pennsylvania. between 1780 and 1790.

I recently found in a second-hand book shop a small booklet "A Brief History of Bedford, Pennsylvania" by Annie Gilchrist published in 1957. I have extracted some comments which help to give a feel of those early pioneering days .

"Bedford County is 40 miles north to south and 25 miles wide. The first white settlers arrived in 1732 but nothing is known of them. In 1751 a Robert Ray erected several buildings and a trading post became known as Raystown. In 1752 the land was purchased from the Indian, Chief Anonguit. The deed is still on display in the court house. Indians scalped and killed the settlers and was not resettled until 1758 when a fort was erected by the British. In 1759 the name was changed to Fort Bedford in honour of the Duke of Bedford. In 1769 American rebels captured the fort and it fell into disuse. The town was surveyed in 1761 and laid out in 1766. In 1772 there were 350 taxable persons, mainly Scotch-Irish and Germans.

First newspaper, The Bedford Gazette was established in 1805, first stage coach 1830, first railroad 1865, first bank 1814, first protestant church 1770 by Lutherans and Reformeds, first court house and gaol 1774.

Annie Gilchrist includes details of harsh punishments for criminals (pillories, whippings and mutilations) plus harrowing stories of Indian attacks and abductions.

She makes references to various documents which in the 1950s were kept by the Registrar and mentions a popular local museum in East Pitt Street. Perhaps Agnes could make some enquiries to see if there are any more useful documents available in Bedford.

The Times World Gazetteer

Interesting place names from this publication;

		Longitude	Place	Country	Latitude
Minnaar	South Africa	26.02S			29.05E
Minne	Ethiopia	8.19N	40.02E		
Mt Minnie	West. Australia	22.08S			115.33E
Minnie Downs	Queensland	25.05S			145.53E
Minnie I	Connecticut	41.30N			72.11W
Miny Ridge Mt	Canada	53.34N			118.29W

I would be interested to know how these places got their names, and if there are any pictures available.

Albert Minney - Died Africa 1903

At St Nicholas Church, Little Staughton on the headstone of Charlotte Minney, wife of George, there is added the death of their son Albert on 8th June 1903. He died from the effects of gelatine fumes during an exploring expedition in Central Africa. He was 31 years old.

Pam Garner has found a copy letter dated 9th June 1903 detailing the death of Albert. It was in the possession of Norma, the granddaughter of Ernest Minney. Ernest was Albert's older brother.

THE NORTHERN COPPER (B.S.A.) COMPANY LTD
SILVER KING MINE

9th June 1903
H U Moffat Esq

**General Manager
Northern Copper (BSA) Ltd
Bulawayo**

Dear Sir

I regret to have to report the death at 11pm last night of A. Minney from the effects of Gelatine fumes.

Minney was it appears on the day shift, and went down No. 4 shaft to blast, and after charging his holes in one drive his candle fell from the wall where he had placed it into his bag containing the other charges, and ignited the Gelatine.

After drawing the fuses he ran into the other drive in case of an explosion when the detonators went off, and then went up and blasted in No. 1 shaft.

He appeared to be all right then, and returned to No. 4 again to blast there, after which he went off shift.

After dinner, Penrose came up to report that Minney was bad and had difficulty breathing.

Mr Hicks went down and did what he could for him, but this morning about 6am a note came up from Penrose to say he had died as stated above.

Minney was able to say very little about the matter himself as he had great difficulty in speaking at all; and of course no one actually saw the occurrence, which took place about 5pm.

I will take an inventory of his effects during the day, and send anything in the nature of Jewellery etc. forward by the next mail.

The body will be buried this afternoon.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully

G R Williams
Secretary

PS. I am reporting the death to Kalomo.

My map puts Kalomo in Zambia and Bulawayo is a large town in Zimbabwe.

Census Returns for Flamstead

Dorothy Hone has again been very busy collecting details on the Minney line in Hertfordshire. These are the census entries for Flamstead.

30th March 1851¹

Friars Wash Hill

	Position	Status	Age	Occupation	Where Born
William Minny	Head	Married	38	Ag Lab	Flamstead
Lucy Minny	Wife	Married	30	Domestic	Ash, Hants
Hannah Minny	Dau	8		Straw Plaiter	Hemel Hempstead
Sarah Minny	Dau	4			Flamstead
Samuel Minny	Son	3mths			Flamstead

Unspecified address (ref no 60)

William Minney	Head	Married	54	Shoe Maker	Flamstead
Ann Minney	Wife	Married	50	Straw Plaiter	Hensworth
Ann Minney	Dau	19		Straw Plaiter	Flamstead
Mary Minney	Dau	16		Straw Plaiter	Flamstead (deaf and dumb)

Unspecified address (ref no 123)

Sarah Minney (blind)	Head	Widow	76 ²	Straw Plaiter	Offley
John Minney	Son	Unmarried	22	Ag Lab	Flamstead

7th April 1861

Unspecified address (ref no 14)

John Minnie	Head	Married	33	Bonnet Blocker	Flamstead
Eliza Minnie	Wife	Married	30	Straw Plaiter	Flamstead
Sarah Ann Minnie	Dau	2		Flamstead	

¹Ref HO 107 1715-16

²Dorothy suspects that the age should be 67 and that the enumerator got it wrong. The index does confirm the age as 67. Sarah is possibly the widow of Thomas.

Arthur Minnie Son 10mths Flamstead

Unspecified address (ref no 33)

William Minney	Head	Married	48	Ag Lab	Flamstead	
Lucy Minney	Wife	Married	39	Straw Plaiter		Ash, Hants
Sarah Minney	Dau	14		Straw Plaiter	Flamstead	
Caroline Minney	Dau	12		Straw Plaiter	Flamstead	
Samuel Minney	Son	11		Straw Plaiter	Flamstead	
John Minney	Son	4			Flamstead	

Unspecified address (ref no 57)

Anne Minnie	Head	Widow	60	Straw Plaiter		Hensworth
Mary Minnie	Dau	26		Straw Plaiter	Flamstead	(deaf & dumb)

Unspecified address (ref no 107)

Daniel Harifs	Head	Married	54	Ag Lab	Luton	
Elizabeth Harifs	Wife	Married	57	Straw Plaiter		Offley
Sarah Minnie	M-in-law	Widow	78	Straw Plaiter		Offley

(blind)

2nd April 1871

Slate Corner

John Minney	Head	Married	42	Bonnet Blocker		Flamstead
Eliza Minney	Wife	Married	40	Straw Plaiter		Flamstead
Sarah A Minney	Dau	12		Straw Plaiter	Flamstead	
Arthur Minney	Son	10		Scholar	Flamstead	
George Minney	Son	8		Scholar	Flamstead	
William Minney	Son	1			Flamstead	

Unspecified address (ref no 211)

Ann Minney	Head	Widow	70	Straw Plaiter		Hensworth
Mary Minney	Dau	36		Straw Plaiter	Flamstead	(deaf & dumb)

3rd April 1881¹

Slate Corner Cottage, St Leonards Parish

John Minnie	Head	Married	52	Blocker	Flamstead	
Eliza Minnie	Wife	Married	50	Blocker	Flamstead	
Sarah A Minnie	Dau	22		Bonnet Sewer	Flamstead	

¹ (RG 11 1445)

George Minnie	Son	18	Straw Factor	Flamstead
William Minnie	Son	11	Scholar	Flamstead
Elizabeth Minnie	Dau	9	Scholar	Flamstead

Dorothy also included details of a family called Minner. I have not included them here because I am not certain that their surname is a variation of Minney.

Out of curiosity I checked on the index for Mary, the deaf and dumb girl and Arthur, who is missing from the 1881 census.

Mary, as far as I can tell never married and died in 1903. The death was registered in Luton. I could not find a death for her mother Ann.

Arthur was working away from home in 1881 and lodging at the house of his employer at 27 Windsor Street, Luton. He was working as a builder's labourer. I believe he died in 1927, the death was registered at St Albans. I was unable to find a marriage.

The Will of Thomas Minney of Witton

Pam Garner wrote to me in December regarding her line of Minney and the above gentleman;

"I need to ask you about Sarah's great efforts at extracting the Minney entries from Somerset House for wills and letters of admins.

On page 8 of No16 newsletter there is an extract for Thomas Minney, late of Witton. This seems to match up with your article "Thomas Minney of Witton" on page 15 of No. 13 newsletter.

Are any of the Minney lines claiming him as theirs?

If not, I would like to have a go at matching him with Thomas Minney, son of Spenser who appears in the article on Parish Poor Law Papers, page 8 of No 10 newsletter.

Our line is descended from Spenser and so is Sarah's.

Reasons for thinking he is ours;

- 1) We are looking for a George's descendants (son of Spenser)
- 2) The age fits

- 3) The area around Stoughton and Little Staughton fits in
- 4) He seems elusive enough to be ours!

Thomas would be a brother to Sarah's Joseph and our Henry."

Just to recap on the above references to previous newsletters;

A Thomas Minney was examined under the Poor Law rules on 26th November 1808 at Roxton in Bedfordshire. This Thomas claimed to be the son of Spenser and born at Staplow¹ in the parish of Eaton Socon. The parish of Wyton is referred to as a place of employment for him. He is also alleged to be the father of a '*bastard begotten on the body of Sarah Bull*'. Apparently he wed her on the Friday prior to the examination.

Thomas Minney appears in the 1841 census at Witton, with I believe his daughter Mary, ages recorded under the 1841 rules as 40 and 20 respectively. This would make him a maximum of 44 when in fact it should be 54. I am fairly certain it is the right Thomas. He is a widower.

In the 1851 census entry for Witton his age is 64 and a widower, living on his own. The full address is 10 Huntingdon Road and place of birth is given as Staughton Moor, Beds.

He died on 15th July 1858 at Witton, a yeoman. Letters of Administration were granted to his grandson George Minney of Northampton.

The index has a reference to show that Thomas was a substitute under the Militia Enrolment Regulations for a Thomas Elkins. His age is given as 24.²

Sarah was buried in Witton on 10th February 1827. age 38. Thomas was buried on 18th July 1858, also in Witton.

The result of Pam's letter is that Sarah has obtained a copy of Thomas Minney's will. It reads as follows;

**In Her Majestys Court of Probate
The District Registry of Peterborough
In the Goods of Thomas Minney, Yeoman, deceased**

"This is the last Will and Testament of me Thomas Minney of Witton in the county of Huntingdon "as follows" that I give to my children George Minney and Sarah Clark their heirs and assigns both in America one third each of my personal property and the other third to be divided between my grandchildren Judia (?) Minney, George Minney and Jane Minney their heirs and assigns formerly of Witton in the county of Huntingdon and I appoint Frederick Clifton and John Wilmot both of Houghton in the county of Huntingdon to see that the furniture and money be properly distributed as herein stated - the mark of Thomas Minney X -Witness to the signing of this Will the 6th December 1857 - Ann Clark, Frances MacBride. "

¹Staploe was a hamlet of Eaton Socon and was made into a parish in 1965. Staploe is adjacent to Staughton Moor.

²Bedford Historical Record Society Volume 71.

I have looked at the index for more information with the following results;

Sarah Minney who I believe later become Sarah Clark appeared in the 1841 census at Huntingdon in the home of Joseph Woods as a servant. Her marriage was registered at St Ives, Hunts in the December quarter 1845, GRO ref 14 393.

The above grandchildren of Thomas appear in the 1841 and 1851 census returns for Witton (see newsletters January and July 1993). They are; Judith born 1835, George born 1837 and Jane born 1840. They lived with their widowed mother Frances. Also, the baptisms of Judith and George are in the 1988 IGI for Cambridgeshire under the surname variant of Menney;

Judith Menney daughter of Joseph and Frances baptised on 14th June 1835 at Chatteris, Cambs

George Menney son of Joseph and Frances baptised on 19th March 1837 at Chatteris, Cambs.

From the index we now know that Thomas Minney, son of Spencer and Ann was born around 1787. His parents were married on 12th October 1785 at Eaton Socon. He had at least two younger brothers but probably three altogether; William baptised 1788, Henry who had an adult baptism at Tilbrook in 1815, and Joseph who stated he was born at Eaton Socon around 1795.

Thomas wed Sarah Bull in 1808 and had four(?) children; Joseph, George, Sarah and Mary(?). His wife died in 1827 age 38. As to his children; Joseph had died before the 1841 census, George and Sarah had emigrated and I cannot discover what happened to Mary, if indeed she was his daughter. After 1851 his grandchildren had moved to Northampton. George appears in the 1881 census at Rushden, a shoemaker with wife Mary and children. His daughter-in-law Frances

did not give up her links with Witton as she is shown as a visitor in the 1861 census to a William Cox. Thomas died in 1858 age 71.

To take this particular line of research further I need to find Thomas Minney's marriage and hopefully this will lead to other entries which have been elusive for so long. I intend to visit Bedford Record Office in the coming months and will intensify my search at this corner of Bedfordshire.

The one useful fact about this particular line of Minneys is the use of the Christian name Spencer. It crops up time after time. I intend to list all of them in a future article.

Goode and Minney

Diane Harriman has been sent the following marriage certificate by Lyn Curtis. Although the Joseph Goode named is not the Joseph Goode she was looking for she is interested in hearing from anyone who has a Goode/Minney connection. Lyn's address is 35 Parkside Drive, Thornlie, Western

Australia 6108.

Joseph Goode, of full age, a bachelor, labourer, son of Benjamin Goode wed Hannah Minney, of full age, a spinster, a lacemaker, daughter of John Minney, a labourer, both of Yardley Hastings on 31st October 1852 at the parish church of Yardley Hastings, after banns.

Both parties signed with a cross. Witnesses were Abraham Fenton(?) and Elizabeth Whitney.

1851 Census of Yardley Hastings

Diane also sent this piece of information from a 1987 Footprint Journal;

Census Return

The 1851 census of Yardley Hastings gave a clear picture of the village. Of 240 households 100 were of the six most common names - Underwood 23 families, 157 names; Wooding 18 families, 111 names; Minney 15 families, 96 names. Also Johnson, King and Lack.

A quick calculation by me gives an average of just over 6 members per family.

Extracts From Somerset House

Continued

Audrey Minney

27th May 1880. The will of Audrey Minney late of Yardley Hastings in the county of Northampton, widow who died 12th April 1880 at Yardley Hastings was proved at the Principal Registry by Eliza Minney of 18 Hanover Terrace, Regents Park in the county of Middx, spinster, the daughter and the sole executrix. Personal estate under £100.

William Minney

3rd January 1882. The will of William Minney late of the town of Northampton, Gamekeeper who died 22nd November 1881 at Northampton was proved at Northampton by William Baseley, gunmaker and James Smith, painter both of Northampton, the executors. Personal estate under £300.

Henry Minney

11th March 1891. The will of Henry Minney late of Great Staughton in the county of Huntingdonshire, Farmer, who died 30th November 1890 at Great Staughton was proved at Peterborough by Harriett Minney of Great Staughton, widow the relict & one of the executors. Personal estate £3,061 6s 10d.

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