

First, I would like to thank all of you who continue to send more than the minimum subscription. Such generosity is very welcome.

Any one watching the recent BBC production of Ivanhoe would have seen in the credits; 'Standby Props - Tony Minnie'. Spooky eh, considering the recent discovery of Minney Moor adjacent to Conisbrough Castle and its influence on Scott's Ivanhoe.

I have left over for future issues The Times extracts, Somerset House entries and Minney details from Great Barford charity lists.

The release of R J Minney's 'A Place of Ones Own' on video was a pleasant surprize. It comes with a copy of the original poster advertising the film. Well worth getting if only to hang the A4 poster on the wall!

It seems that the computer/internet area of genealogy is growing at an amazing rate. Unfortunately I do not have a modem and so cannot 'surf the net'. If anyone does have access to the internet/world wide web I would be interested to know how many Minneys they could find, either from various databases or e-mail users. I am told that there is a Minney in the UK with a web site.

Moving on to my own database of Minney, this now stands at 7,450 entries. I have had some very successful searches on it recently for various people. If you want a copy then just send a disc to me. I will compress it down, scan it for viruses and send it back. All you have to do is insert disc and type 'Minney'. The database will extract itself onto your hard disc.

Many thanks to all of you who have sent articles in, I will use them all eventually .

Regards

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New Members

Welcome to;

Rose Bounds of 71 Thornton Road, Fallowfield, Manchester; and

Mrs Alma Ansell-Sutton of 36 Bury Court, Church Lane, Goldington, Bedford.

Phyllis Minney

From Rosemary Minney

"I am writing to let you know of the death of my mother-in-law Phyllis Minney of 4 Sunny View, Yardley Hastings. Although she had only received the newsletter in the last couple of years she thoroughly enjoyed reading it. As my father-in-law and indeed all of us would like to continue to receive it could you please forward it in future to Maurice Minney."

I was sorry to hear that Phyllis had died. Sadly, I never met her although she did send me a couple of lively letters. My condolences to Maurice and his family.

World Wide Minney Marriages from the IGI

Joan Robinson has supplied the following list of marriages for Minney and variants appearing in the 1994 IGI.

firstname	surname	firstname	surname	date	place	country
Juan	Minnie USA	Raafi 'Ralph'	Yazhi	1906		Shiprock, San
	Minnie	Salow Neez	Bitá	1914		Shiprock, San

Juan	USA							
Ada	Minney	Frederick	Flanders	26	12	1867	Little Staughton	
	ENG							
Agnes	Minnie	John	Docherty	30	12	1872	Greenock	SCT
Agostino	Mini	Domenga	2	11	1650	Poschiavo	SWI	
Agostino	Mini	Orsina	Menga	9	5	1716	Poschiavo	SWI
Alexander	Minnie	Betha	12	4	1798	Edinburgh	Canongate	SCT
Alexander	Minnie	Euphemia	8	11	1834	Dundee	SCT	
Alice	Minney	William A	Cottrill	13	5	1875	Ross	
	USA							
Andrew	Minnie	Helen	13	7	1793	Aberdeen	Saint Nicholas	SCT
Ann	Menney	John	Menney	4	11	1804	Peterculter	SCT
Ann	Minney	George	Marlin	9	10	1856	Little Staughton	
	ENG							
Anna	Mini	Antonio	Lanfranchi	22	3	1730	Poschiavo	SWI
Anna	Mini	Lorenzo	Matossi	14	1	1818	Poschiavo	SWI
Anna	Minelle	Johan Henrik	Sterenius	29	2	1820	Vaasa	FIN
Anna	Mini	Antonio	Piazzini	12	1867	Poschiavo	SWI	
Anna	Mini	Giacomo A.	Lardelli	11	9	1872	Poschiavo	SWI
Antonia	Minnie	Cornelius	Kapiteijn	13	6	1881	Oudenbosch	
	NTH							
Antonio	Mini	Anna Maria		15	8	1778	Poschiavo	SWI
Antonio	Mini	Maria Ursula		20	7	1782	Poschiavo	SWI
Antonio	Mini	Teresia			1848	Poschiavo	SWI	
Arthur	Minnie	Jane	26	11	1853	Edinburgh	SCT	
Benjamin	Minney	Eliza	3	2	1891	Carlton	ENG	
Bridget	Minnie	Alnathan	Fish	6	11	1855	Seekonk, Bristol	USA
Carolo	Mini	Ursula			1807	Poschiavo	SWI	
Carolus	Mini	Dominica	20	6	1770	Poschiavo	SWI	
Caterina	Mini	Gaudenzio A	Olgiati	20	11	1867	Poschiavo	SWI
Catharina	Mini	Benedetto	Bassi	3	11	1795	Poschiavo	SWI
Catherina	Mini	Laurentius	Mengotti	8	5	1729	Poschiavo	SWI
Catherine	Minney	Edward	Ford	11	12	1844	Harrison	USA
Catherine	Minnie	John	Ritchie	31	12	1869	Greenock	SCT
Catherine	Minnie	George	MGuthart	5	7	1881	Ohio	
	USA							
Cathrina	Miny	Joannes	Lutz	22	2	1856	Katholisch, Euren	PRU
Catterina	Mini	Eberhardt	Lod. Vegmann	19	12	1844	Poschiavo	SWI
Charlotta	Minell		25	6	1810	Vaasa	FIN	
Christiaan	Minnee	Leijbetje	19	2	1862	Katwijk Aan Zee	NTH	
Cornelis	Minnee	Meinsje	Jans	20	5	1752	Rijnsburg	
	NTH							
Cornelis	Minnee	Mensje	18	2	1753	Rijnsburg	NTH	
Cornelis	Minnee	Hester	18	5	1755	Rijnburg	NTH	
Court	Minnie	Annetje	6	4	1665	Rotterdam	NTH	
Cyntha	Minney	John W	Guy	29	5	1878	Harrison	USA
Daniel	Minney	Deborah	E	3	10	1872	Harrison	
	USA							
Dirk	Miny	Petronella	28	11	1770	Willemstad	NTH	
Domenica	Mini	Andrea	Olgiati	23	11	1808	Poschiavo	SWI
Domenica	Mini	Antonio	Hosig	30	4	1856	Poschiavo	SWI
Domenico	Mini	Caterina	26	10	1825	Poschiavo	SWI	
Druzilla	Minney	Jeremiah	Caslinger	3	10	1862	Ross	
	USA							
Elia	Mini	Maria	17	2	1892	Bidogno	SWI	
Elisabeth	Minnie	Robert	Slorach	4	2	1860	Keith	SCT
Eliza	Minney	Stacy H	Knowlton	5	5	1881	Jefferson	
	USA							
Elizabeth	Minney	David	Austin	2	7	1835	Morgantown	
	USA							
Elizabeth	Minney	Isaac	Gunby	21	7	1855	Plumstead Twp,	
Ocean	USA							
Elizabeth	Minney	Robert	Allen	27	6	1865	Little Staughton	ENG

Elizabeth	Minney USA	Robert E	Pierce	16	10	1884	Tuscarawas	
Ellen	Minie	John	Hannan	2	5	1856	Dundee SCT	
Elspet	Minnie	James	Morrison	19	11	1845	Bellie SCT	
Emily	Minney USA	David	Vandemark	5	12	1866	Chillicothe, Ross	
Esther	Minney ENG	John	Hawkins	5	10	1869	Little Staughton	
Euphemia	Minnie	Alexander	Duncan	26	11	1874	Dundee SCT	
Florance	Minney USA	James	Kemton	22	4	1861	Lenawee	
Florance	Minnie	Paul D	Jean	25	4	1880	Bay USA	
Franca	Mini	Rodolfo	Mini	19	2	1817	Poschiavo SWI	
Francesco	Mini	Maria		13	11	1689	Poschiavo SWI	
Francescus	Mini	Catherina		16	1	1760	Poschiavo SWI	
Francis	Minney	Lucy Ann		22	11	1840	Sherington ENG	
Genevieve	Miny Vezouse	Etienne	Gr'montag	30	4	1765	Cirey-Sur-	
George	McMinney	Fanny		2	9	1813	Lincoln USA	
George	Minney	Elizabeth		4	11	1816	Little Staughton ENG	
George	Minney	Rebecca		22	10	1843	Colmworth ENG	
George	Minney	Charlotte		27	6	1865	Little Staughton ENG	
Gerard	Minnie NTH	Wilhelmina			23	5	1858	Oudenbosch
Geremino	Mini	Domenga		10	12	1786	Poschiavo SWI	
Geremio	Mini	Catharina	Alci.		10	11	1841	Poschiavo SWI
Gertrude	Minnie	John C	Kern	14	1	1885	Bay USA	
Giacomo	Mini	Anna	Domenga		15	4	1683	Poschiavo SWI
Giacomo	Mini	Nesa		2	9	1758	Poschiavo SWI	
Giacomo	Mini	Maria		30	8	1786	Poschiavo SWI	
Giacomo	Mini	Anna		12	10	1809	Poschiavo SWI	
Giacomo	Mini	Caterina		7	11	1821	Poschiavo SWI	
Giacomo	Mini Poschiavo	Anna Maria Barb			19	1	1854	SWI
Giacomo	Mini Poschiavo	Caterina Anna E			16	9	1868	SWI
Giovanni	Mini	Giovanna		16	5	1680	Poschiavo SWI	
Giovanni	Mini	Anna		7	10	1724	Poschiavo SWI	
Giovanni	Mini	Maria		21	7	1772	Poschiavo SWI	
Giovanni	Mini	Orsola		22	9	1791	Poschiavo SWI	
Giovanni	Mini	Margaretha			15	2	1797	Poschiavo SWI
Giovanni	Mini	Maria		17	4	1833	Poschiavo SWI	
Giovanni	Mini Poschiavo	Amanzia Cath.S.			16	2	1834	SWI
Giovanni	Mini	Anna			11	1834	Poschiavo SWI	
Giovanni	Mini	Orsola Joseph.			19	9	1860	Poschiavo SWI
Gottfried	Minney	Frances		19	6	1777	Philadelphia USA	
Harriet	Minney USA	Thomas	Hoiles		27	7	1862	Wood
Harriett	Minney ENG	John	Young		22	6	1845	Little Staughton
Helen	Minnie	John	Scott	10	8	1817	Kinnoul SCT	
Henry	Minney	Elizabeth		25	7	1825	Little Staughton ENG	
Henry	Minnie	Alice		22	11	1872	Ross USA	
Henry	Minnie	Alice		5	3	1873	Ross USA	
Henry	Minney USA	Leonie Jane			11	8	1876	Ross
Hermann	Miny Aachen	Anna Sibilla			8	11	1856	Vital, Alsdorf
Hindrich	Minni	Maria		28	12	1764	Laihia FIN	
Isabella	Mini	Tomaso	Lanfranchi		6	11	1728	Poschiavo SWI
Jacob	Minney USA	Margrat R			29	12	1859	Tuscarawas

Jacoba	Minnee NTH	Arij	Van Beele	3	11	1859	Katwijk Aan Zee	
Jacobo	Mini	Lucretia			1747	Poschiavo	SWI	
James	Minney	Margaret	2	12	1858	Wythe	USA	
James	Minnie	Mary	8	9	1871	Old Monkland	SCT	
James	Minnie	Sarah A	29	10	1879	Cooper	USA	
Jean	Mini	Rose	3	12	1877	Auboue-Et-Moutiers	FRA	
Jeanne	Miny FRA	Jean Pierre	Guyon	26	11	1805	Bar-Le-Duc	
Jno	Minney	Margaret	29	11	1855	Boonville, Cooper	USA	
Joanne	Mini	Margarita			1722	Poschiavo	SWI	
Joanne	Mini	Anna			1730	Poschiavo	SWI	
Joannes	Mini	Maria Anna		11	9	1786	Poschiavo SWI	
Johan	Minni	Marg	16	11	1766	Laihia	FIN	
Johanna	Minnigh NTH	Dirk	Rietveld	27	12	1854	Dordrecht	
John	Minnie	Elspet	3	9	1795	Drumblade	SCT	
John	Menney	Ann	4	11	1804	Peterculter	SCT	
John	Minie	Elizabeth	10	11	1816	Clackmannan	SCT	
John	Minney	Mary	11	1	1824	Hunterdon	USA	
John	Minney	Nancy	10	4	1856	Harrison	USA	
John	Minnie	Lillie F.	21	10	1879	Van Buren	USA	
Joseph	Minnie USA	Amanda P		15	6	1857	St Clair	
Joseph	Minney	Harriet	30	6	1865	Wilshamstead	ENG	
Josephi	Mini	Dominica De			1646	Poschiavo	SWI	
Leendert	Minnigh	Margrieta	22	7	1831	Dordrecht	NTH	
Lydia	Minny USA	Frederick Ranyon		28	3	1864	Summit	
M	Minney	Thomas	Wood	7	10	1869	Cooper	USA
Mahala	Minnie USA	Allen	Newham		31	1	1863	Ross
Mahala	Minney	Charles	Lee	14	2	1864	Ross	USA
Margaret	Minie	John	Sailer	18	3	1701	Lasswade	SCT
Margaret	Minney USA	John	Austin		13	8	1840	Morgantown
Margaret	Minnie	William	Sivewright		24	10	1856	Dundee SCT
Margaret	Minie	James	Ford	6	10	1862	Hamilton	ENG
Margarita	Mini	Bartholomeus	Felina		24	11	1625	Revo AST
Maria	Mini	Jacobo	Mengotti				1716	Poschiavo SWI
Maria	Miny FRA	Francois	Dufaut		23	12	1806	Bar-Le-Duc
Maria	Mini	Otto De	Carisch		14	12	1825	Brusio SWI
Maria	Minnie	George E	Bean	10	4	1867	Allegan	USA
Marion	Minie	Michael	Kennedy		4	12	1848	Edinburgh SCT
Mary	Minney	James	Scott			1826	Monroe	USA
Mary	Minney	Levi		25	12	1834	Kempston All Saints	ENG
Mary	Minney ENG	Robert	Flanders		26	7	1840	Little Staughton
Mary Warren	Minney USA	Samuel M	Porter		4	4	1841	Knowlton,
Mary	Minnie	John	Duffy		7	1847	Eastwood	SCT
Mary	Minnie			16	1	1861	Richland	USA
Mary	Minnie	Alex	Annandale		26	8	1864	Dundee SCT
Mary	Minney USA	Peter	Strivey		18	4	1871	Ross
Mary	Minney	Frederick	Kern	24	9	1882	Putnam	USA
Melinda	Minney USA	Jacob Louis	Spellman		27	11	1873	Janesville, Rock
Mollie	Minnie USA	William C	Van Fleet		25	2	1885	Bay
Nancy	Minnie USA	Harmon S	Parson		3	4	1854	St Clair

Nancy	Minnie USA	Henry Prince		26	9	1870	Marion
Nancy	Minney USA	John Moffitt		25	9	1890	Jefferson
Nesotta	Mini	Tomaso Lanfranchi		3	3	1660	Poschiavo SWI
Pauline	Minnie USA	Alexander Tissandier		2	10	1860	Highland
Peter	Minnie	Julia	29	5	1854	St Clair	USA
Petro	Mini	Jacobina			1712	Poschiavo	SWI
Phebe	Minney USA	Benjamin M Mallernee		9	10	1872	Harrison
Pierre	Mini	Jeanne	30	1	1850	Auboue-Et-Moutiers	FRA
Rachel	Minee USA	Henry Johnson		1	6	1758	New York
Rachel	Minney USA	James Rinard				1834	Washington
Raymond	Minnie USA	Rosamond A		20	6	1885	Bay
Richard	Minney	Mary	24	10	1796	Flamstead	ENG
Rodolfo	Mini	Franca	19	2	1817	Poschiavo	SWI
Rodolfo	Mini	Ana Lea	11	1	1826	Poschiavo	SWI
Rodolfo	Mini	Maria	20	7	1852	Poschiavo	SWI
Rosala	Mini	Vincenzio Godenzi				1845	Poschiavo SWI
Rose	Minney USA	John Strouse		24	12	1871	Ross
Rose	Minney	Henry Blyth	2	2	1891	Bedford St Cuthbert	ENG
Sarah	Minney ENG	Thomas Parsons		11	10	1796	Flamstead
Sarah	Minney USA	Samuel Unger		2	12	1850	Ross
Sarah	Minney	Sam Cragg	28	8	1864	Ross	USA
Sarah	Minney	Charles J Hornby		21	11	1868	Evansville,
Sarah	Minney	Thomas Brooks		18	10	1870	Kempston All
Sarah	Minney ENG	Alfred Bennett		3	8	1885	Bedford St
Spencer	Minney	Eliza	29	3	1844	Little Staughton	ENG
Spencer	Minney	Jane	23	1	1872	Keysoe	ENG
Susan	Minnie USA	William Farsons		2	10	1834	Wood
Susan	Minnie	Henry A Mann	7	4	1881	Van Buren	USA
Susanna	Minni	Jacob Finni	28	5	1767	Laihia	FIN
Teresia	Mini	Petro Antonio Lardi				1849	Poschiavo SWI
Thomas	Mini	Catarina			1713	Poschiavo	SWI
Thomas	Mini	Anna Maria		30	5	1738	Poschiavo SWI
Thomas	Mini	Margarita	3	6	1738	Poschiavo	SWI
Thomas	Mini	Ursula			1805	Poschiavo	SWI
Thomas	Mini	Margarita	28	8	1815	Poschiavo	SWI
Thomas	Mini	Maria Elisabeth		25	10	1819	Poschiavo SWI
Thomas	Mini	Anna Marie				1837	Poschiavo SWI
Thomas	Minney	Cynthia	23	12	1838	Washington	USA
Thomas	Minney USA	Mary Jane		26	12	1846	Tuscarawas
Thomas	Minney	Hannah	19	10	1859	Keysoe	ENG
Thomas	Minney	Ella	23	6	1883	Putnam	USA
Thomas	Minney ENG	Annie Maria		11	4	1886	Bedford St Paul
Thomton	Minney	Malinda	27	2	1842	Ross	USA
Tommaso	Mini	Maria Agnese		23	7	1864	Poschiavo SWI
Walker	Minney	Rosa Lee	17	3	1887	Crawford	USA
William	Minney	Sarah	12	10	1772	Cold Brayfield	ENG
William	Minie	Jean	24	10	1795	Perth	SCT

William	Minnie	Lilias	5	12	1813	Elgin	SCT
William	Minney	Mary	6	12	1814	Kempston All Saints	ENG
William	McMinney	Abigail	21	3	1840	Monmouth	USA
William	Minney	Eliza	14	7	1861	Saint Pancras	ENG
Zilpha	Minney	Genirem B	Bolon	19	11	1873	Belmont
	USA						

For reasons of space I have left out the maiden names, counties and states. Some of the less obvious abbreviations for country are NTH = Netherlands, PRU = Prussia, FIN = Finland and AST = Austria.

Northampton River Tragedy

There is an entry at Somerset House, Wills Section for the death of Lois Maud Minney on 3rd August 1944 at Peachs Meadow, River Nene, Northampton. Rosemary Minney has very kindly spent some time at the Northampton Library researching copies of the Northampton Chronicle & Echo. The death of Lois appears in two editions of the paper, Friday August 4th and Saturday August 5th. These are the extracts;

Friday 4th August 1944

"Woman Found Floating"

The second death¹ was that of Mrs Lois Maud Minney (56) of 20 Agnes Road Northampton who was last seen at 11.15am when she left the house of Mrs Lilley 87 Cedar Road Northampton. Later, a nurse on holiday Miss Eileen Westbury of 78 Perry Street Northampton and her friend - a Czechoslovakian soldier - were walking along the riverbank downstream from Midsummer Meadow bathing pool when she saw a woman's hat, coat and handbag on the ground. Becoming curious she noticed an object floating in the river and realised it was a woman. She obtained help from a river warden and they recovered Mrs Minney's body at 2pm. An inquest will be held at the Borough Police Court tomorrow at 11 o'clock.

Saturday 5th August

"River Suicide of Worried Woman"

Evidence that she was simple minded, which had probably caused her to exaggerate her worries was given at the inquest at Northampton Borough Police Court today on Lois Maud Minney (56) a maid-companion of 7 Kingsland Gardens, Kingsthorpe whose body was found in the River Nene. She had been unemployed since July 7.

A verdict of suicide while her mind was unbalanced was entered by the Borough Coroner (Mr A J Darnell).

¹The newspaper article also dealt with the death of a 7 year old boy who drowned the same day further upstream.

Ralph Minney, painter and decorator of 33 Yardley Road, Denton brother of the dead woman said he had not seen his sister for 12 months. Elizabeth Rose Lewis of 20 Agnes Road Northampton said that Miss Minney had been employed at that address by the late Mrs Bachelor. When her employer died in July Miss Minney moved to Kingsthorpe. She was extremely worried about finding other employment. She seemed very depressed but perhaps this was more pronounced as she was rather simple minded.

Inspector Bishop said he applied artificial respiration without success.

Index records show that Lois' birth was registered in the March quarter 1888 at Hardingstone, Northants. Letters of Administration were granted to her brother Ralph in September 1946, after a two year delay. She left £574 15s 2d.

Attempted Murder of William Minney

Rosemary also tried to find details on the drowning of Charlotte Minney on 17th April 1855. She was unable to find an inquest entry in the newspaper but she did find the following report;

Northamptonshire Summer Assizes

"Our assizes commence with the opening of the commission on Tuesday next before Mr Justice Coleridge and the Hon Mr Justice Maule. The following prisoners are for trial on Wednesday:-

*Hackleton*¹ - Charles Smith (40) for shooting at William Minney, with intent to murder him."

I think the paper is dated Saturday July 7 1855(?). There are mentions elsewhere of the Crimean War and the death of Lord Raglan. As the assizes records are at the Public Record Office it would probably be easier to search later editions of this newspaper for the result of the hearing.

1881 Census Index for Middlesex

Sarah Minney has supplied photocopies of the above index. There were only 36 altogether for Minney and variants (Minnell not searched for yet) so I have listed them all. I have the original index

¹Hackleton- a small village outside Northampton.

cross references to link up household members if needed. Some only gave the county as their place of origin which is not very helpful!

Firstname	Surname	Relationship	Place	Occupation	Age	Origin
Alex	Minnie	male	Whitechapel	painter	57	aberdeen
Anna	Minney	wife	St Pancras		20	hunts
Anne	Miney	daughter	Willesden		4	marylebone
Beatrice	Miney	daughter	Willesden		1mth	kilburn
Charles	Miney	son	Willesden		6	marylebone
Daniel	Minnie	son	Kensington	scholar	5	northants
David	Minnie	male	Hackney	wool labr	67	bishopgate city
Edward	Minnie	head	Shoreditch	scaffold builder	30	chelsea
Eliza	Minney	female	Kensington	domestic h'maid	20	colmworth
Elizabeth	Minney	female	Chelsea	teacher	27	chelsea
Elizabeth	Minney	wife	St Marylebone		27	st johns parish w
Ellen	Miney	head	Whitefriar	coffee house	63	kildare, ireland
Emma	Minney	daughter	St Marylebone		8mths	st johns parish w
George	Minney	head	St Marylebone	labr	29	st johns parish w
George	Minney	son	St Marylebone		6	st johns parish w
Grace	Minney	granddaughter	Chelsea		1	chelsea
Henrietta	Minnie	wife	Shoreditch		27	ipswich
Isabella	Miney	wife	Willesden		27	chelsea
Jessie	Miney	daughter	Willesden			kilburn
John	Miney	male	Mile End	paup	48	plymouth
John	Miney	head	Willesden	french polisher	28	st johns wood
Joseph	Minney	head	St Pancras	platelayer	25	beds
Kate	Miney	female	Spitalfields	washer	42	bradford
Louisa	Minney	head	Kensington		56	clapham surrey
Louisa	Miney	wife	Willesden		28	brighton
Martha	Minney	female	St George+	servant	23	hanworth mdx
Martha	Miney	daughter	Willesden		9	kilburn
Martha	Miney	daughter	Willesden		2	marylebone
Mary	Minnie	head	Kensington	laundress	29	northants
Rose	Minnie	female	Kensington	servant	19	colmworth
Sarah	Minnie	female	St Alban+	servant	21	cripplegate
Taylor	Minnie	female	Mile End+	sack maker	25	london
Thomas	Miney	head	Willesden	boot maker	32	aylesbury
Thomas	Miney	son	Willesden		6	kilburn
William	Miney	son	Willesden		2	kilburn
William	Minney	male	Islington	baker's asst	19	burford oxon

Minney Moor

Linda Waite and David Minney have both visited Minney Moor, Conisbrough and have sent photographs and reports.

I have obtained further information on the references to Minney Moor from the last newsletter.

Letter from the Principal Archivist, Doncaster;

"The reference to '1764 Glebe' means that at that date land called Minney Moor Close was part of lands belonging to the church. This office holds the records of St Peters Church, Conisbrough and Minney Moor was part of this parish. We do not know the origin of this information as these contain no records relating to glebe lands at this date, although Minney Moor Close may be mentioned in later documents.

The references from the *Place Names of West Riding of Minning Moor Lands, Miney Moor Close 1840TA* mean that the names are given on the Tithe Apportionment of that date. The 1840 date is probably a mistake as the only references held are in the 1858 TA (Archives ref P7/9/B3)."

Letter from Linda Peabody, professional researcher at Doncaster Record Office

"The references for Minney Moor in the 1858 TA;

	Occ	Name of Land	State	Quantity	Pay to vicar
326	Wm Lee	Minny Moor Plantation	Wood	19 Perches	£00:00s:01d
327	Francis Ogley	Minny Moor Close	Grass	8a 2r 27p	£00:10s:06d

When all else fails check the complete Oxford Dictionary, it contains several references to Minnie and Minny, one to do with lambs and mother sheep. Could sheep have been kept on Minney Moor at lambing time?"

Linda Waite writes;

"I visited Minney Moor on 21st October on a beautiful sunny autumn day. I have also tracked down '*Photographs of Old Conisbrough*' by June and Tony Greathead¹ 1990, reprinted 1996. In it there is an old photograph of the view from Minney Moor. I really enjoyed the day I spent there, it is a beautiful village built on steep slopes of the castle that dominates the surroundings. I can fully understand why Sir Walter Scott chose this castle and the surrounding area as the setting for 'Ivanhoe'. It still has a feeling of mystery and romance in its narrow streets.

After I approached the local senior citizens group at the Community Centre I received a letter back from the secretary ."

Letter from Conisbrough Community Association, Mrs Sheila Rigg (to Linda Waite)

"By the greatest of coincidences I personally live next to the Minney Moor area off Minney Moor Lane, and I can well imagine your interest as our village is steeped in history, much of it dormant.

The area known as Minney Moor is still a large, open space with a row of detached houses now bordering one side, running from the main A630 road down to the Castle Inn in Burcroft and thence

¹ISBN 1 872062 01 6. Published by June and Tony Greathead

the River Don, and on the other side is my home, with my back gate leading into Minney Moor, previously owned by a Lady Miller who is still alive but lives in South Africa. She has left Minney Moor in trust to the local authority for use as a recreation area for residents, this it currently is, and on and in it are large outcrops of rocks with medieval connections.

Letter from David Minney

"It was one early morning in September (1996). Myself, my nephew Paul and my son Steven decided after reading your article on Minney Moor to pay it a visit on the train. We boarded the train at Rugby and had several connections to make before we would connect to the local service to Conisbrough. Paul thought it would be a good idea to ask the train guard if he might know where Minney Moor is. I thought "That's a stupid idea, why would a guard on a train to Doncaster know anything about Minney Moor". After grabbing forty winks between stations I heard the guard asking for tickets. Paul asked him if he knew anything about Minney Moor.

In a broad Yorkshire accent the guard replied, "Minney Moor, that's in Conisbrough, I used to go to school there." Unfortunately he did not know why it was so called but he did give us directions "It's not that far you can catch a bus and ask the driver to drop you off at Minney Moor."

We left the train at Conisbrough, with the guard jumping off holding up the train whilst he explained where to catch our bus. Waiting at the bus stop were two ladies who told us that Minney Moor was not far away and "young lads like you could walk it in 15 minutes." We took their advice and directions and began walking.

Fifteen minutes later with no sight of Minney Moor we had arrived at Conisbrough Castle. We found a butchers shop and asked the way to Minney Moor "One hundred yards on the left, don't blink or you'll miss it." After thirty five minutes walking and what seemed like ten miles we were finally at Minney Moor.

Minney Moor is situated in a residential area on a busy main road. Being nothing more than an overgrown field. I fail to see why this has been saved from development. Minney Moor Lane runs parallel and appears to be a private road. One lady we asked thought that it was a piece of land owned by a wealthy Minney¹ and given to the children of this parish for recreation. We also searched the records in the local history section at the library but time was running short.

We also called on Tony Greathead and he also suggested that the site was a gift from a local landlord.

With a camera full of photographs and extracts of local maps from the library it was time to call it a day. We had travelled some 150 miles by train, walked a 5 mile round trip, spoken to numerous people and still had not uncovered the secret of Minney Moor."

Linda is going to make enquiries on Lady Miller (if she exists) and if that fails perhaps enquire with the local authority.

If nothing else it looks like Linda Waite and David Minney had two good days out at Conisbrough. One things for certain, the residents certainly know now of the Minney family!

The photos in the following pages were supplied by Linda and David.

¹Lady Miller perhaps?

Oxford Dictionary Entries

In the previous article, Linda Peabody made reference to Minnie and Minny entries in the full Oxford Dictionary. I have also include those for Minning because one of the entries in the *Place Names of West Riding* refers to Minning Moor Lands. They are as follows;

Minnie

Scottish & North. Dialect. Also Mynnye, Mynnie and Minny. (Of obscure origin perhaps a child's alteration of Mammy) A familiar word for mother.

Minnie

Military Slang. Also Minny. (Abbrev of German. *minenwerfer* a trench mortar). A German Trench Mortar, or the bomb discharged by it. The expression '*moaning Minnie*' originates from this weapon.

Minnie, Minny

Scottish and Northern Dialect. To mother, to act as a mother to a lamb. To find a lamb its mother.

Minnie, -nikin

Variation. of Minnow, Minikin.

Minning

Obscure. 1. Remembrance. 2. A commemoration of a departed soul, a peal of bells rung on such an occasion. 3. Mention. 4. Premonitory symptoms (of a disease). 5. Lessening, diminuation

USA Land deed between Snodgrass & Minney 1900

Sometime ago Agnes sent a copy of a land sale between C N & Ella Snodgrass and Sylvester D & Anitta¹ Minney. The details are as follows;

State of West Virginia

Gilmer County Clerks Office, May 19th 1900

This deed made this the 10th day of May 1900 between C N Snodgrass and Ella Snodgrass his wife parties of the first part and Sylvester D Minney and Anitta Minney his wife parties of the second part,

Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of Five Dollars per acre amounting to the aggregate to Two hundred and Ninety Dollars in (*unreadable*) paid, the receipt thereof is hereby acknowledged.

The said C N and Ella Snodgrass do grant and convey unto the said Silvester D and Anitta Minney subject to the reservations herein after made the following tract or parcel of land situate in the county of Gilmer and State of West Virginia and being as part of the same land heretofore conveyed to C N Snodgrass by the deed of A Booth Attorney by deed dated 9th day of June 1894 said land hereby conveyed being described and bounded as follows; Beginning at a Jack Oak corner to lands of A Carroll and running from thereof N66 E39 poles to a Chestnut Oak N79 E42 poles to a Jack Oak N43 E 19³/₄ poles to a Hickory N19E 24 poles to a Chestnut N52 82 poles crossing the Bill Fork to a stake on the hill corner to lands of C N Watson and therein with one of his lines S83W 33¹/₂ poles to a Jack Oak corner to lands of N F Sands and therein with a line of said Sands lands S32N 82 poles to a (*unreadable*) S60N 23 poles to a (*unreadable*) S74 N 11 poles to a Birch in line of A Carroll's land and with said line S17E 55 poles to the place of (*unreadable*) containing fifty eight acres more or less.

But it is understood that there is reserves from and not included in this sale all the oil and gas that may be in or under said land with the privilege to the said parties of the first part their heirs or assignees to developed and operate the same, to lay pipe lines over and to use water only from said land and to do whatever is necessary to successfully operate for said product. Said parties of the second part are to be paid full compensation for any damage done to grazing crops by reason of such operations.

Signed and Sealed

C N Snodgrass

Ella Snodgrass

¹I think this should be Anneta

FONS

More from the FONS database 1600 - 1858 Census Return 30 March 1851

Paddington

Bloomfield Terrace

Amelia Minny, servant, age 17 and unmarried and born Halesworth¹, Sussex at the home of John Griswood, a merchant.

Chelsea

12 Hasker St

John Minney, head age 26, a solicitors general clerk, born Chelsea

Harriet Minney, wife age 25, a dressmaker, born Exeter

Jane Grace Minney, daughter age 2, born Brompton

Alice Harriet Minney, daughter age 9mths, born Brompton

Brompton

23 Queen Street

Harry Minney, head age 24, clerk at the War Office, born Clapham Surrey

Catherine Minney, wife age 26, born Chelsea

Florence Kate Minney, daughter age 1, born Kensington

¹There is no such place as Halesworth in Sussex. It would probably pay to check the original census entry. PRO: HO 107/1466 f.202r p.40 no31.

Brompton

29 Brompton Crescent

John Minney, head age 56, clerk in War Office, born Windsor, Berks

Sarah Minney, wife age 53, born Eltham, Kent

Louisa Ann Minney, daughter age 26, born Clapham Surrey

Augusta Minney, daughter age 22, born Clapham Surrey

Paddington

4 Chester Place

Elizabeth Miney, unmarried age 40, a nurse born Wymondham, Norfolk at home of Jonathan Rigg a tallow merchant.

Marylebone Archives

Some time ago I spent several hours at the Marylebone Archives in London culling Minney references from the open shelves. Since my visit this office has combined with Westminster archives and changed location. These are my notes;

St Marylebone Marriage Transcript (Bodleian Society) 1792 - 1796

31st August 1793, Jane Minie witnessed marriage of Alex Sympson and Cassandra Palermo

Boyles Court Guide January 1856

John Minney Esq, 29 Brompton Crescent

Royal Blue Book 1859

Hen. Minney Esq, 8 Cambridge Place, Kensington New Town
John Minney Esq, 29 Brompton Crescent

Post Office Directory 1873 - Court Directory

John Minney, 29 Brompton Crescent SW

Post Office Directories 1879, 1880 & 1886 - Court Directory

Mrs Minney, 29 Brompton Crescent

Post Office Directory 1880 - Commercial Directory

Ellen Minney (Mrs) Coffee Rooms, 7 Pleydell St, Fleet Street EC1

Post Office Directories 1882, 1885 & 1886 - Commercial Directory

Chas John Minney, Stationer, 5 Amersham Vale Street
Hannah Minney (Miss), Chandlers Shop, 10 Park Street, Dorset Square NW

Post Office Directory 1888 - Commercial Directory

Hannah Minney (Miss), Chandlers Shop, 10 Park Street, Dorset Square NW

Post Office Directory 1892 - Commercial Directory

Hannah Minney (Miss), Chandlers Shop, 10 Park Street, Dorset Square NW
Thomas Minney, Confectioner, 25 Norland Road North, W

Post Office Directory 1892 - Court Directory

Miss Minney, 78 Lansdowne Road, W

Post Office Directories 1894 & 1896 - Commercial Directory

Hannah Minny Miss, Chandlers Shop, 10 Park Street, Dorset Square, NW

Post Office Directory 1900 - Commercial Directory

Hannah Minny Miss, Chandlers Shop, 10 Glentworth St, Dorset Square, NW

Royal Blue Book 1931

Rubeigh Jas Minney, 66 Westbourne Park Road

Correspondence

I have received some very interesting letters from you of late so here are a few excerpts;

From Tod Miller, Dereham, Norfolk

"...I was very excited when I read the article in the Jan Newsletter on George Minney's assault on a policeman in 1872. I think this is my gt grandfather. The age is rightish and Gt Peter St and district

seems to be their domain. His daughter, Emma Elizabeth indeed was born there 1880. All this are is known as the Devil's Acre, one of the worst slums in London. In fact the word slum was first ever used in describing the Devil's Acre by some Bishop or other. I have been finding out what I can about this area for a number of years and from what I know I would be surprised if any of the people who lived there were law abiding.

I wrote to the City Westminster Archives Centre to find out more about the case and was surprised to learn that there were no local papers until 1887. A very helpful Michael Smith searched in newspapers for St Marylebone & Paddington but no luck. I have not given up yet, if I can confirm that George is my ancestor then it will make a fascinating article.

I know there are other Minneys in Westminster & Chelsea who are no relation as far as I can tell. Also, I remember reading a book many years ago of a Minney connection with St Margarets Church, Westminster in the 1600s. I cannot recall the title but it was in Norwich Reference Library.

From Doris Blake, Kincumber, NSW, Australia

In 1917 my father Arthur Minney¹ was killed leaving mother with two babies. About three or four years after the war mother took a post at Colmworth to care for the old vicar, Mr Johnstone (I think that was his name) and his sister Mrs Samon. Mother was able to have Ben and I with her, and so we all lived at the old rectory which I think you refer to as an Ancient Manor House. I cannot recall any other large house in the area and certainly the rectory had lovely gardens.

On a trip home in 1984, my husband, my son & daughter-in-law and myself visited Colmworth, a few miles from Great Barford, and we were taken round the old stables and coach house, and also the old church next door. The bells had only recently been restored and we bought pottery mugs which were being sold in the church to raise funds. The small plaque on the side of the mug reads 'Colmworth Church Bells' 1635 Restored 1984'. My granddaughter was the first person to pull the big bell (the warden lifted her up to reach the rope). On the following Sunday we listened to them pealing out on the radio as we were then back in London. My husband has since painted a picture of Colmworth Vicarage on canvas.

We visited the rectory at Colmworth again on our last visit home two years ago but unfortunately no-one was home and the church was locked.

When my mother re-married several years later she married a publican and we moved to another very old house in Riseley, The Fox and Hounds, quite a contrast to the old rectory.

From Edith Minney, Brickhill, Bedford

'My sister-in-law Mrs May Jones (nee Minney) passed away in February last year. She was the last of the family of David Minney who kept The Old Crown pub at Great Barford. She was the last licensee before it was closed. She was buried on what would have been her 90th birthday.

From Lydia Minney, Redruth, Cornwall

I am a Minney by marriage. I and my husband are London born and married in 1941. We have one son. We moved from North London to Surrey, then to Borehamwood, Herts until my husband died 12 years ago. I then moved to Cornwall.

¹See Newsletter July 1991

My husband's father was Charles Loxley Minney who came from Bedford and we often used to see his family there but I have had no connections with them for quite some years now. Charles Alfred Spencer Minney, my husband was an only son.

From Alma Ansell-Sutton, Goldington, Bedford

Minney is my maiden name and I was born at Old Harrowden¹ in 1923. Father's name was Harry. His family as far as I can remember was Annie (born at Colmworth), William, Charles Loxley, Joseph (lived and died at Torquay), Arthur and Jack.

I used to work with a Barbara Minney from Great Barford. Thought you would like grandad's memorial card (*see below*), it was in mum's old photo box. She was a Trueman from Cardington who before marriage lived next door to the cemetery.

My brother George had a son Kenneth who passed away many years ago but had a son & daughter who I think live at Cotton End.

I often pass through Olney on the bus and see the Minney Cycle and Radio shop. I often wonder if it could be cousins as Uncle Arthur when he left Moggerhanger went to his son's in that area.

¹A small village south of Bedford, near Cotton End.