

Apologies for the lateness of this issue. One reason being that the photocopier I use has had problems recently and I have had to await its repair. However, my real excuse for the delay is that I have had so little time to spend on the newsletter due to the birth of our son Thomas George Handford Minney on 2nd February (the Handford part of his name is traditional in my line of Minneys). After two daughters, Alison and Charlie, I have a boy to carry on the name, although Alison has said she would like to keep her surname as it sounds distinguished. As you can imagine life has been hectic adjusting to the little chaps every need! I remember Christine saying that when he was born he would have to fit around our life and not vice versa. How wrong we were. You should see the bags under my eyes!

Spence has produced an Australian based newsletter designed to keep kith and kin informed of current events. It is called "Insight" and can be obtained from 20 Wentworth Street, Dubbo. NSW 2830. Australia. I will pinch one or two relevant articles for this newsletter as and when. A 'must' for all related Minneys down under.

Dorothy Hone has kindly offered to do reciprocal research at Hertford Record Office. Her areas of interest are Northants, Beds, Bucks, Warwick and Sussex. Her address is 12 Park Road, Hertford.

I still have some articles held over for future issues as I try to keep a balanced feel to the newsletter. So do not despair if you have sent something in and it has yet to appear. All articles sent will be published eventually. Having said that I could do with more, particularly cuttings, copies of photos etc.

Updating the Minney Index has come to a halt but I intend to get cracking soon with perhaps a publication in about 12 months time if all goes well once the main areas of research have been entered.

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New Members

Four new members of the Newsletter this issue. Welcome to you all and in particular a special welcome to Phyllis Minney, the first Minney to receive the Newsletter in Yardley Hastings, that bastion of the Minney name.

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Some Northamptonshire Books

This Green and Pleasant Land

The above title is from Mr E. C. Revitt's book on the history of Yardley Hastings. It is now sadly out of print and is unlikely to be reprinted. If anyone has a copy that I could borrow I would be grateful. Mr Revitt has published an additional booklet called "Yardley Hastings 1950 - 1990". Two Minney names are mentioned, Mrs P Minney, (see above) of 4 Sunny View, the secretary of the Yardley Oaks Senior Citizen Club and R H Minney, a painter and decorator of 11 Highfield Way. Mr Revitt can be contacted at 24 Highfield Way, Yardley Hastings, NN7 1HQ. He does have copies of this latter book at £4.00 each.

Like Dew Before The Sun

A very useful book on the life and social history of Northamptonshire. It has been compiled and written by Mrs Dorothy Grimes. It sets out to record the memories of ordinary Northamptonshire people before they are lost "Like Dew Before The Sun..." There are two entries for a Mrs Minney of Yardley Hastings (credited jointly with Mrs Emmott of Little Houghton);

Page 19 - under the heading Food & Drink.. "If any fish or meat had been boiled, they thickened the water with flour, cooked it and ate it. It was called flurrups."

"Warm dannies, Warm dannies (hands)
Folk is gone to plough,
If you want to warm your dannies
Come and warm them now."

Mrs Grimes states that Mrs Minney used to work for Mrs Emmett who rang her up with the above entries. Mrs Grimes adds that she used to know a family of Minney in Yardley Hastings some years ago but lost touch when they moved.

The book is over 350 pages long and there is a useful Northampton glossary. It is excellent value at £9.40 including postage or you can order it through the inter-library loan scheme. The author can be contacted at 27 Winchester Road, Delapre, Northampton.

A useful book on the background of rural life on the Northants/Oxfordshire border is Flora Thompson's Lark Rise to Candleford.

If anyone knows of other useful books that I could mention or review in future newsletters then please let me know.

The Cornwall Connection

In newsletter number 5 (January 90) I mentioned the family of William Minney (minus William) who appeared in the 1871 census return for Padstow. Some of you may know that the 1881 census is being transcribed and indexed in its entirety by the family history societies in conjunction with the Mormons. Quite a task. Some microfiches are now being released. One of the first is for Cornwall.

Below are the Cornish entries;

Surname	Firstname	Age	Sex	Rel.	Place	Occupation	Born
Minnie	Mary	19	Fem	Servant			St Breock
	Nurse	London, Middx					
(Head of family William R Matthews)							
Mennie	Fred	7	male	Son			Padstow
	Scholar	Padstow					
Mennie	Henry	13	male	Son			Padstow
	Scholar	Padstow					
Mennie	William	39	male	Head			Padstow
	Shoemaker	Bashwood Beds					

Mennie	William	10	male	Son	Padstow
	Scholar			Padstow	

The three sons over are all shown as sons of the head, William.

There is no mention of Eliza, his wife nor of William who was baptised in St Merryn on 31st Jan 1864.

I sent for the census entry of the above from Truro Library and discovered this additional information;

The address is 134 Church Road, Padstow. The surname is quite clearly spelt Minnie. The place of birth for William is Bushmead, Bedfordshire. He is also shown as a widower.

Bushmead is a small hamlet near Colmworth. I have the 1851 census index for Bedfordshire and although there are a few entries for Colmworth there is no mention of a William anywhere in the county.

According to my index I have one William birth registered at St Catherines House appearing in the March quarter of 1839. However as compliance with civil registration was not 100% in the early days this William may not be the correct one. Next stop is the Colmworth parish registers.

1881 Census

Also available on the index so far are the following;

Royal Navy -	negative result of search for Minney and variants
Cambridge -	negative result of search for Minney and variants
Rutland-	negative result of search for Minney and variants

Isle of Man-	positive result - see below
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Surname	Firstname	age	sex	rel	place	occ
Miney	Daniel	24	male	son	Conchan	
	tailor			Douglas IOM		
Miney	Elen	23	fem	dau	Conchan	
	dressmaker			Douglas IOM		
Miney	Elizabeth	55	fem	head	Conchan	
	housewife			Douglas IOM		

The Infamous Halberts

I have been sent the 'Historiography' and coat of arms which the firm of Halberts would have you believe (for a fee) is accurate!

The only useful information was the number of USA households with the name Minney, 250. They calculate this to show a total of 775 Minneys living in the USA in 1971. I assume the figure of 250 came from telephone directories. See the Halbert entry opposite, it would be laughable if it was not for the fact that this firm con people into paying £20 for this rubbish.

From Minin(m) to Minnell

Until recently the only variant spelling of Minin for Minney appears in the parish register of Eaton Socon as follows;

William son of Spencer and Sarah Minim baptised on 19th October 1788

This information came from the transcription at Bedford Record Office. The surname may well be a transcribing error and most likely Sarah should be Ann née Malling.

Moving on from this Bedfordshire entry, last year I visited Northampton Record Office and found the marriage licence for Daniel Minnel of Brackley and Jane Dowlton of same dated 1701 in the parish of Wapenham (see front cover).

The marriage took place on 10th March 1701 at Wapenham.

There are no other Minnells mentioned for Wapenham. A search of the Brackley registers did result in a number of Minnel and Minin records from 1688 onwards. I have not completed my search of these registers so I apologise for the omissions in advance.

Firstname	Surname	Rel of	Parents/Spouse	Event
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Date

Daniel	Minin	son	Thomas & Katherine	bpt	09/03/1681
Thomas	Minin	son	Thomas & Katherine	bpt	09/19/1683
Katherine	Minin	dau	Thomas & Katherine	bpt	12/04/1686
Elizabeth	Minin	dau	Thomas & Katherine	bpt	01/28/1689
Henery	Minin	son	Thomas & Katherine	bpt	03/05/1691
Unknown	Minin	unk	Thomas	bur	
			03/21/1691		

Elizabeth	Minell	dau	Daniell & Joan		bpt
			11/20/1701		
Thomas	Minin				bur
			11/12/1702		
Henery	Minin	son	Daniel & Jane		bpt
			06/06/1703		
Thomas	Minin	son	Daniel & Jane		bpt
			01/21/1705		
John	Minnell	son	Daniel		bpt
			03/27/1707		
John	Minnig	son	Daniel & Jane		bpt
			03/27/1707		
Thomas	Minnel	hus	Sarah Cannill		mar
			10/05/1707		
Thomas	Minig	hus	Sarah Camell		mar
			10/05/1707		
John	Minell	son	John		bpt
			10/16/1707		
Jane	Minill	dau	Daniel		bpt
			01/16/1709		
Jane	Minin	dau	Daniel & Jane		bpt
			01/16/1709		
Richard	Minin	son	Thomas & Sarah		bpt
			05/28/1710		
Richard	Minin	son	Thomas & Sarah		bpt
			05/28/1710		
Daniel	Minin	son	Daniel & Jane		bpt
			12/15/1711		
Daniel	Minin	son	Daniel		bpt
			12/25/1711		
Thomas	Minig	hus	Elizabeth Warr		mar
			04/06/1712		
Sarah	Minim				bur
			07/30/1712		
Sarah	Minin	fem			bur
			07/30/1712		
Unknown	Maning	wid			bur
			02/02/1713		
John	Minin	mal			bur
			03/10/1713		
John	Minig	mal			bur
			03/13/1713		
Thomas	Minig	hus	Elizabeth Warr		mar
			04/06/1713		
Elizabeth	Minin	dau	Thomas & Elizabeth	bpt	12/21/1713
Ann	Minin	dau	Thomas & Elizabeth	bpt	12/21/1713
Anne	Minig	fem			bur
			12/29/1713		
Elizabeth	Minin	dau	Thomas		bur
			12/29/1713		

Ann	Minin	dau	Thomas		bur
				12/29/1713	
Catherine	Minin	dau	Daniel & Jane		bpt
				11/09/1714	
Anne	Minim	dau	Thomas & Elizabeth		bur 07/17/1715
Ann	Minin	dau	Thomas & Elizabeth		bpt 07/17/1715
William	Minn	hus	Mary Judge		mar
				10/04/1715	
Mary	Minnin	dau	Thomas & Elizabeth		bpt 01/02/1718
Mary	Minnin	fem			bur
				01/12/1718	
Mary	Minnill	dau	Thomas & Elizabeth		bpt 03/06/1719
Elizabeth	Minnell	fem			bur
				03/27/1722	
Thomas	Minnill	son	Thomas & Elizabeth		bpt 07/22/1722
Catherine	Minnill	fem			bur
				07/28/1724	
Sarah	Minnin	dau	Henry & Anne		bpt
				04/02/1725	
John	Minnill	son	Henry & Ann		bpt
				07/01/1728	
Catherine	Minnell	wif			mar
				10/30/1742	
Daniel	Minnill	hus	Mary Orchard		mar
				11/08/1742	
Thomas	Minnel	son	Daniel & Mary		bpt
				06/11/1743	
Jane	Minnill	wif			mar
				10/12/1743	
Thomas	Minnill	hus	Alice Porter		mar
				12/26/1745	
John	Minnill	son	Thomas		bpt
				11/06/1746	
Elizabeth	Minnil	dau	Daniel		bpt
				01/01/1747	
Ann	Minnil	dau	Daniel		bpt
				01/01/1747	
John	Minill	son	Daniel		bpt
				04/03/1748	
Daniel	Minill	son	Daniel		bpt
				08/04/1751	
Harry	Minnil	mal			bur
				04/21/1754	
Thomas	Minnell	mal			mil
				01/01/1762	

Some of the entries above are duplicated and appear misleading. This is because some were taken from Bishop Transcript entries and show some differences in spelling and dates. Fuller entries appear in the Index.

Where is Gunner Minney?

Margaret Goodwin has sent the following extract from the 'Biggleswade Chronicle' dated June 11th 1993;

"A meeting was held on May 26th of the Royal British Legion, Biggleswade branch.....Information is requested from anyone who may have knowledge of a Gunner Minney who was stationed at RA Bolt Head, served in France, came back from Dunkirk and whose family were involved in an air raid in Salcombe, South Devon on September 8, 1942 when sadly his daughter KWJ Minney was killed."

"It is understood that at one time he worked at the brewery in Biggleswade, then known as Wells and Winch. It is possible that a Gunner(?) Frank Barford who may have come from Sandy but who worked at Bryants Motorcycles or a Lt Rose from Bedford, also stationed at RA Bolt Head may recall Gunner Minney."

The only clues/information that I have appear in previous newsletters. From January 1991, page 15 'A letter from South Africa' where a Dave Minney states that he was born in Exmouth, Devon and that he had an uncle Vivian Minney. From January 1993, page 22, appears the obituary of Capt Vivian Raymond Minney late of the Royal Artillery. He served in 65 ATk Regt in WW2.

Please let me know if you have any information that I could pass on to the secretary of the British Legion. I wonder why they want to contact him?

Surname Variants

The following appeared in the Family History News & Digest in September 1992. It was written by Derek Palgrave, a well known one-namer. I have cribbed the important bits as I feel that it is a useful article and of importance to those of us looking for the various spellings of Minney.

" One of the difficulties encountered during the course of family history is the remarkable lack of standardisation of the spelling of surnames. It is most important to recognise this potential problem early on in one's research as there is a more than even chance that some data may be overlooked.

Most of us are familiar with modern corruptions of our surnames especially if we have to give our details over the telephone. The scope for misunderstanding must have been far greater for our ancestors who were not only illiterate but often spoke with strong dialects. A clergyman, who may have been somewhat hard of hearing, had to make entries in parish registers with little or no knowledge of local surnames. Rarely would it have been possible to rely on a parishioner being able to help him with the spelling.

When an ancestor moved elsewhere, it is easy to envisage the emergence of new versions of surnames in other parish registers.

For instance, it is a characteristic of East Anglian dialect that the ends of words tend to be swallowed, so that the listener is unsure about the presence or absence of a final consonant. The distortion of vowel-sounds by dialect or speech impediment is familiar to us all.

Modern information technology has gone some way towards tackling the multiplicity of variants by means of the SOUNDEX¹ system. This involves the allocation of numerical codes to represent certain consonants or groups of consonants. However, none of the vowels are coded nor are y,w, or h. The following table sets out the numerical equivalents for all the remaining letters;

bfpv = 1

cgjkqsxz =2

dt = 3

l = 4

mn = 5

r = 6

When coding surnames, the first letter is written down as it stands, followed by numerical digits representing the next three consonants. In the name Palgrave, the three consonants after the initial letter are l,g, and r. From the table these are 4,2 and 6 respectively, so the full code is P426. Where there are less than three consonants zeros are introduced. Repeated consonants occurring together count as one.

The following list illustrates the application of the system;

¹Genealogical Resources in the National Archive. US Nat Archiv & Rec Serv, 1983.

Brewin, coding r,n = B650. Few coding F000, Rumsey coding m,s = R520 and Wood coding d = W300.

The advantage of using such a code is to gather together several variants in order to treat them as one surname. This is important in indexes, where it becomes possible to group entries by their code. Many archives in the United States Archives have been compiled using SOUNDEX.

When I applied SOUNDEX to Palgrave variants 60% were covered by P426 and almost 25% could be covered by P261 (Pagrave), a most encouraging result.

SOUNDEX can produce some spurious results, Pilgrim has the same code as Palgrave and Waite the same as Wood. Clearly a measure of caution is required in these matters."

After reading this article I applied SOUNDEX to Minney and Minnell and the resulting codes are M500 and M540 respectively.

On the index of nearly 3500 records there are 61 variants to Minney and Minnell. The SOUNDEX scoring matched 90% of the Minney variants and 96% of Minnell. This success rate is not surprising when you consider the low number of consonants to code. It might be a useful way of indexing the Minney index. I daresay someone has written a computer program to do just that.

There were some oddities in the Index as follows;

Maning, Mining = coded M552. Minery, Minnery and Minner = coded M560. Minin, Minnin and Minim = coded M550 and Minnies = coded M520. Code M560 would also cover the surnames Manner and M550 Menim which do not appear in the index.

Applying the Minney code of M500 logically for other possible variants not in the index produces Money, Maney and Munney. Likewise M540 for Minnell produces Minal, Mennell and Mannell.

Food for thought?

Letters from America

Agnes has sent copies of three letters received from fellow Minney researchers.

"You asked for information on my Missouri line - my great great grandfather, Daniel Minney (son of Daniel & Phoebe Minney), had arrived there by 1870 with five of his children but no wife. Therefore, he must have remarried between then and 1873, when my great grandmother, Clara Emma Minney,

was born. On the 1880 census of Maries Co., Mo., she is orphaned and living with the Mizell family. Her sister, Katie, is boarding with another family. On the census it states that her mother was born in Arkansas - so far I have not found a record of this marriage. On Nov. 11. 1874, a Jane Minney (apparently Daniel's daughter Louisa Jane) married William Kimiell - no further trace of them has been found. Also, on June 2, 1878 a Mrs Mary Ann Minney married Rudolph Manicke - who they are I don't know, unless she was Daniel's second wife or his son, Johnathan Jame's wife - ??? All of this is in Maries Co., Missouri."

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"I've just started on the Minney name. That is my mother-in-laws maiden name. She was born in Willow Street, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

Her people are Mennonites. She said they came from Europe.

I am interested in Elizabeth Minney born 1865, Lancaster County and Samuel Minney died 1875, Lancaster County."

Betty L Albright
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"The furthest back I've been able to trace the line is to my great great grandfather, Charles Minney, who supposedly

¹Mennonite - a member of a Protestant sect that arose in Friesland, Netherlands in 16th century with tenets resembling those of Quakers and Baptists. (from Menno Simons, founder died 1559).

was born in Round Valley, New Jersey, in 1834. Only problem is there was no town of Round Valley only a general area in Hunterden County. They didn't keep their birth records back that far and his death certificate says name of father and mother were unknown. He was not listed in the 1850 census for that township either so by the age of 16 he was somewhere else.

He did get married in 1858 in Illinois and subsequently moved to Nebraska where he homesteaded. Somewhere along the line the name John got mentioned as being his fathers name. Since there was a John Minney (Menaugh) in Hunterton County married to a Mary Dilts I thought for a time that may be he could be the right one, but I could find no further confirmation.

There are two people you might like to contact if there not already on your list:

John Cerbin, 282 Washington St, Plainwell, Michigan 49080

Her husband's great great grandfather was also Charles and a lot of my info comes from her.

Mrs La Rita Marie Neely, 9922 NW 46th St, Silver Lake, Kansas 66539

I don't know how she ties in but I have info from her that a Martha Minney was born in New Jersey in 1775 and died in Kansas in 1858.

Both addresses are kind of old so I don't know if they're still applicable.

There has been mention in some of the letters that our ancestry is Scottish."

Carole Minney Ziegler
9 Michelle Dr
Gardiner

New Subscription System for Australian members

Diane Harriman informs me that the current cost of obtaining a Sterling draft at an Australian Bank is exorbitant. It would probably be more cost efficient if all Australian subscribers continued to forward their subscription to Diane and she will send one cheque to me in Australian Dollars. I will then be charged just the one handling fee by my bank.

I understand that the Australian Dollar is currently worth around Aus\$2.20 to £1.00. Therefore the overseas sub of £5.50 equates to Aus\$12.10. Would all Australian members please forward this sum to Diane next January. Many thanks.

Orlebar Family

I have come across two recent items regarding this family as follows;

Record Office Oddities¹

Many people will be familiar with the 18th and 19th century practise of preserving locks of hair as mementoes of deceased relatives. However the Orlebar family of Hinwick House, Podington, Beds, went one better by keeping the skin of one of their children. The skin of the infant Susanna Orlebar, who died in 1734, was "used in 1783 by Mrs Willing as excellent gold beater's skin" (ref: OR2351/4)

Seen in Country Life (February 92)

¹Bedfordshire Family History Society Journal Vol9 No1 Spring 1993.

Hinwick House, Beds for sale. No sale price given but advert stated that it had been in the ownership of the same family since 1709.

Fern Minney's book of the Minneys

In previous newsletters I have included extracts from Donald Norman's "Descendants of Daniel Minney". One of his source documents was a book written by Fern Minney on the Minney, Shock, Dobbins, Stump and related families. Agnes Hulman has obtained a copy for the newsletter. At the back of the book is a fascinating list of members of these families who have served in various wars. I have listed below the Minney contribution. The book gives further information in some instances and I have asterisked those names.

Name	Relation	Campaign
Minney, Era Wayne	son of Jacob & Eliz. Minney	World War 1
Minney, Denon	son of Albert H and Frenchie Minney	World War 1
Minney, Ashby L.	son of Johnathon Gideon & Damie Minney	World War 1 *
Dobbins, Edwin Harold	son of Porter F & Osa Dobbins (née Minney)	World War 2 *
Dobbins, Ralph	son of Rex & Delaney Dobbins (née Minney)	World War 2 *
Fitzsimmons, Howard L	husband of Ruth Fitzsimmons (née Minney)	World War 2 *
Griffin, Charles	son of Mike & Martha Griffin (née Minney)	World War 2
Lewis, Wm. Calvert IV	husband of Irene May Lewis (née Minney)	World War 2
Minney, Albert	son of Oye Minney	World War 2
Minney, Robert	son of Oye Minney	World War 2
Minney, Orval Henson	son of Denon and Rosa Minney	World War 2 *
Minney, Jean Collins	wife of Orval Henson Minney	1943-1946 *
Minney, Ellsworth Martin	son of Era Wayne & Mary Minney	World War 2
Minney, Ervan	son of Sylvanis Blaine & Clara Minney	World War 2
Minney, Foster	son of Jeremiah Robert & Emma Minney	World War 2 *
Starcher, Ferd	husband of Erma née Minney	World War 2 *
Hersman, Romeo W	son of Garnet & Fannie Hersman (née Minney)	World War 2 *
Dobbins, Porter Jr	son of Porter & Osa Dobbins (née Minney)	World War 2 *
Vanhorn, Lawrence	son of E. Bee and Drusy Vanhorn (née Minney)	1943-46 *
Minney, Harry Oran	son of Earl & Sylvia Minney	Korea *
Minney, Burlin(?) O.	son of Oye Minney	Korea
Minney, Robert Franklin	son of Erra Wayne & Mary Minney	1953 *
Minney, Wayne Burdette	son of Erra Wayne & Mary Minney	1954 *
Minney, Meredith	son of Rev. Rodney & Ora Minney	Vietnam *
Minney, Steven Carl	son of Carl & Aileen Minney	1971-1975 *

Minneys in the Waiting-Room

My mother, Betty Minney has recently been attending the out-patients department at Bedford General Hospital and has told me about the following incidents;

On 21st Feb 1993 her name was called out in the crowded waiting room and a man asked her if she was related to a George Minney who used to drive a lorry for London Brick Company. She explained that she wasn't and they chatted for some time about Minneys they had known! This gentleman also said that his old school teacher was a Miss Minney. Unfortunately I do not have his name or the places he was referring to. When my mother had finished speaking to him a woman at the back of the waiting room came over and said, "The George Minney you are referring to was my uncle, he moved to Huddersfield to be with his son. Sadly, he died recently."

On 27th July my mother was back at the out-patients when her name 'Mrs Minney' was called out. As she stood up so did another lady. The receptionist said "Mrs B Minney?" At which point both ladies moved closer. The receptionist asked "Mrs Betty Minney?" They then suddenly realised that they were both called Betty Minney. The two Bettys got chatting. The 'other' Betty said her maiden name was Stimpson and her husband had originated from Cople. They had lived at Cotton End and she had recently moved to 3 Arun Close, Brickhill. She also knew a lot of our relatives on my grandmother's (Minney née Barber) side at Cotton End.

Who would have thought you could discover so much family history in an out-patients department?

Buckinghamshire -Some Olney Minneys and Newport Pagnell Minnells

Olney Marriages¹

¹Bucks Record Office Ref PR 159/1/12, PR159/1/10

On 30th October 1810, by banns - Samuel Minney to Elizabeth Gutteridge. He is from the parish of St Mary Virgin, Dover in the County of Kent and she is of the parish of Olney. Both signed (she spelt her name Elizebeth). Witnesses James Leth and Mary Minney, spinster (?).

On 10th January 1811, by banns - William Minney to Hannah Guttridge. He is from the parish of St Mary, Dover and she is from the parish of Olney. Both signed with X. Witnesses Robert Morgan, William Raban and Elizebeth Minney (similar handwriting to Elizebeth Gutteridge above).

On 28th December 1834, by banns - Samuel Minney to Sarah Gutteridge both from Olney. They are described as bachelor and spinster. Both sign with a X. Witnesses are William Minney (signed with a X) and Mary Minney (signed, basic handwriting).

On 25th November 1860, by banns - Samuel Minney to Rebecca Wright, both of full age and from Olney. He is described as a labourer and widower, Rebecca as a widow. Her father is Philip Partridge. Samuel signed his name. Witnesses John Partridge and Charlotte Robinson.

Interesting entries these, in particular the reference to Dover in Kent. Worthy of further investigation

Newport Pagnell Methodist Circuit Book¹

This book contains a list of members and accounts for the period 1814 to 1899.

- 1823 - Moulsoe Society, Thomas Minnell
- 1825 - Moulsoe, Thomas Minnell
- 1828 - Aspley, 2nd class, Mercy Minnell. Moulsoe, Thomas Minnell
- 1830 - Aspley, 2nd class, Mercy Minnell. Moulsoe, Thomas Minnell
- 1832 - Moulsoe, Thomas Minnell
- 1835 - Moulsoe, Thomas Minnell

Minneys of Wyton (Witton) Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire

In the last newsletter I listed two Minney families recorded in the 1841 census. The 1841 census does not show the place of birth nor give an accurate age, details which are so important for discovering family links. Rhoda Mayes has been to the Huntingdon Record Office and has checked the 1851 census as follows;

Surname	Firstname	Rel.	Age	Born
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¹Bucks Record Office ref NM 510/8/1

Minney	Thomas	wid. 64	Not shown
Minney	Frances	wid. 43	Sutton, Isle of Ely
Minney	George	son 15	Ramsey, I of Ely
Minney	Jane	dau. 10	Ramsey, I of Ely

In the 1861 census the only Minney shown is Frances as a visitor to a William Cox. Rhoda then checked the parish register entries and could find no mention of Frances and her family. Presumably they moved away.

Thomas Minney was buried on 18th July 1858, aged 72 years. In an earlier record there was a burial for Sarah Minney on 10th Feb 1827, aged 38 years.

Fred Minney's Butcher Bill

Diane Harriman sent the enclosed butchers bill dated 28th October 1911. A friend of hers was on holiday in Northants. As she was looking through some documents in Kettering Market she came across this bill and remembered that Diane had asked her to look out for anything on Minney. Diane believes Fred was born in Bedford, lived in Northampton and worked in Yardley Hastings (at least in 1911).

Obituary of Amy Gertrude Minney

Margaret Goodwin has sent the following obituary notice dated 1st April 1927. Amy was her grandmother. She is buried at Sandy churchyard with her husband Walter.

" With regret we record the death of Mrs Minney, wife of Mr Walter C Minney, of 13 Council Cottages, Cambridge Road, (Sandy, Bedfordshire) which occurred somewhat suddenly on Saturday evening last, from a stroke. The deceased was only ill 24 hours. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon, when the remains, encased in a polished elm coffin with brass fittings, were conveyed to their last resting place in a hand hearse, followed by Mr. Walter Charles Minney (husband), Mr Walter Stanley Minney and Mr William Handford Minney (sons), Miss Evelyn Constance Minney, Mrs Adalaide Norah Payne, and Miss Ivy Grace Minney (daughters), Mr Jacob Payne (son-in-law), Mr and Mrs J Minney (sister and brother-in-law), and Mr H E Johnson. The burial rites were undertaken by the Rector at the Parish Church and the graveside. The breast-plate was inscribed "Amy Gertrude Minney, died March 26th 1927, aged 54 years."

"The undertakers were Messrs G and H Seamer. There were a number of floral tributes. The deceased leaves a husband, two sons and three daughters to mourn her loss for whom much sympathy is felt."

Walter Stanley is Margaret's father and William Handford is my grandfather. I recall him saying that he was out in the fields when he heard the church bell ring and he knew then that his mother, known as Gertie, had died. She was 56, and not 54 when she died.

Does anyone know if 13 Council Cottages are still standing?

Spare Birth Certificate

I have the following birth certificate obtained in error. If anyone can claim William John as an ancestor they are more than welcome to have it. The details are;

William John Minney born 26th May 1903 at 10 Wavel Mews, Priory Road, Kilburn, London. Father John Minney, mother Gertrude Emily Minney formerly Abbott. John's occupation is coachman (domestic).

School Master Minney

Brian Christmas, a well known one-namer and family historian sent this in;

"When I was at Woking Grammar School for Boys from about 1947 to 1952 we had a Master named Minney, who was very good and played the organ in the School Hall. He taught I think English and I won a prize in his class with my twin brother named Roger. I think he had three Christian names perhaps beginning with E. I hope I'm correct."

Any ideas on the identity of this school master?

Chadstone, Northants

Thanks to all of you who wrote to me (enclosing maps) explaining where Chadstone is.
I have now purchased an Ordnance Survey map and have enlarged the part showing Chadstone.

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