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Family History

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Oh! Rather give me commentators plain,
Who with no deep researches vex the brain;
Who from the dark and doubtful love to run
And hold their glimmering tapers to the sun.

George Crabbe
"The Parish Register"

This book is dedicated to my nièce

Shusanah Pillinger

whose name, an antique spelling of Susannah, was first encountered by her father in the registers of St Luke the Evangelist, Brislington. The first "H" is as silent as the second. Though our Shusanah may well be found wandering abroad at times, I hope that, unlike her namesake, she will always be able to give a good account of herself.

Author's Note

As every genealogist knows, the ONLY way to trace your family tree is to go from the known to the unknown, "killing off" impostors on the way. However, in this account of the Pillingers of Brislington and Beyond, I have tried to do the impossible, which is to take the family forward from its origins. Since becoming involved with genealogy over 30 years ago, my self imposed task has been to collect all the Pillingers who ever lived in order to put each member on his or her rightful branch of the family tree. In some cases my suppositions, based as far as possible on the evidence available, are quite possibly wrong. If I have erred, I apologise now. I am willing to be corrected at any time by those who wish to disprove any of my deductions, as on many occasions, I have been driven nearly mad, trying to put the pieces together. Two Johns "of Redland" and some spare Jeremiahs are cases in point. A Frederick who was transported seems never to have belonged to anyone, which is perhaps why he led such a miserable life.

As time has moved nearer the present, the work, like the world, has become ever more complicated. Many of the Brislington Pillingers dispersed into the neighbouring city parish of Bedminster, to other places in Bristol, and bravely, farther afield. I do hope you will enjoy reading about them as much as I have enjoyed finding and writing about them. But.....if any Pillingers reading this are searching for their own specific ancestors, I urge them to do the right thing and work backwards from themselves, one step at a time.

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Brislington is a village pleasantly situated on the great road from Bath to Bristol and distant from the latter by two miles. It stands on the slope of a hill and is washed by a small stream which has its source at Saltwell in the parish of Whitchurch.
Collinson, "History of Somerset".

The arrival of the Pillingers in Brislington.

Jeremiah, the patriarch of the Brislington family was christened at Batheaston, the son of Jeremiah and Susan Pillinger, on 17 February 1705, and is descended from the long line of Pillingers of Box, Wiltshire, whose lives will form another chapter in the Pillinger story.

A record of his marriage to Betty has never been found. They may have been married by a "lawless minister" who offered cheap rates, but left no written trace, which was not particularly unusual in the years before Lord Hardwicke's Marriage Act of 1754.

Jeremiah and Betty Pillinger arrived in Brislington about 1730, and are first mentioned in the parish register on 31 January 1731, when their daughter Sarah was christened.

They went on to have

John son of Jeremiah and Betty his wife 17 February 1733/4
Henry, their son, 30 March 1741
Shusanah, their daughter, 9 April 1746
and
Jeremiah, their son, in 1749.

There was another son, Isaac, whose baptism is not in the parish register. He was married in 1762, but at the time of his death in 1807 was said to be "60", obviously a wild guess. I therefore suppose he must have been born in 1742 or 1744, at the latest.

Sarah, the eldest daughter is perhaps the Sarah Pillinger who was married to George Thorne at St Philip and St Jacob in Bristol on 10 September 1750.

I believe Jeremiah was a small tenant farmer, but apart from the brief announcements of his children's arrivals, nothing is known of him until 2 June 1752, when he had become sufficiently respected to be summoned to take part in a vestry meeting where elders pronounced on the fate of the walking wounded of the parish.

Here we have 18th century village life in the raw. First up was Isaac Treasure, who had been forcibly removed once before from the parish. The meeting agreed that he and his family should "be carried away and his base born children be put out to apprentice, the least to the occupier of the Pot House, and the biggest, if not above age, to the Farm." "The Farm" was the home farm of the Langton Court estate, and the Pot House the last

remnant of the famous Brislington pottery manufactory. It is disgraceful that the smallest little Treasure should be placed with someone whose name nobody could remember. (The system of parish apprenticeship was how the overseers disposed of destitute or orphaned children, and the chosen master got a small stipend as well as years of unpaid labour.) Next in the queue was Rachel Tibot, an unmarried expectant mother, who was to be "carried to St Werbergh's in Bristol as soon as brought to bed and fit to be removed." Abigail Peasley's child was to be "put to apprentice at Captain Braikenridge's, Mrs Prist's boy to Thomas Daniel, the girl to Mr Edols, or Mr Branch." Betty Elliott was to have two shillings towards the support of her child and "all the young women living at their own hands be warned out to service immediately" presumably to keep them out of mischief. Finally came a demeaning order that the Overseers were to "provide badges for all those on monthly pay and not to pay them except they respectively wear the badge."

Jeremiah made his mark, the only one among the list of signatures and went home. He would attend the Vestry meeting only twice more, perhaps because he was out of his depth, or because he felt there was more to life than committee meetings.

Then came a change of lifestyle. On 17 March 1759, Jeremiah was engaged as a scavenger, our very own rag and bone man, for the parish of Christchurch and St Ewens in Bristol for £36 per annum, not bad for two days a week, despite the unpleasantness of the work. Besides, one man's rubbish is another's treasure, and he was bound to have picked up the occasional perk. (I look upon Jeremiah fondly as a proto-environmentalist. The scavenger tradition was inherited by my late father, and devolved upon me and my husband, even though we are from "the other Pillinger lot" across the Avon. We cannot pass a skip without peering inside.)

The job lasted just over two and a half years. Jeremiah possibly picked up a disease from the scavenging, but whatever the cause, he died and was buried on 27 September 1761. He left no will. Although most of the children were old enough to fend for themselves, the two youngest, Shusanah and Jeremiah were only 15 and 11, and Betty had to scrape a living for them. With two of her sons, John and Henry, she appears on a list of the poor who were given bread on St Thomas's Day in 1769. In time Betty became "a burden on the rates" and probably "wore the badge" of her shamed poverty.

Betty's son, Henry, a labourer, was married on 6 May 1764 to Mary Yard. Henry and Mary's lives were marred by the infant deaths of at least six of their children. These children are mainly unnamed, and appear with tragic frequency in the burial register as "a child of Henry". Mary, with perhaps only one of her children left, died in April 1780. That child, Henry, junior was baptised on 11 April 1773, in a triple ceremony with his cousins, Susannah and Jeremiah, the children of Henry's brothers, John and Jeremiah. Nothing more is known of him until 1794 when the parish paid two shillings to take a Henry Pillinger to the Infirmary, where he died of typhus. His age in the Infirmary register is given as "28", and I feel this may have been mistakenly copied and "20" was meant, for there is no other Henry who can possibly fit. The parish paid for the funeral (4s 4d) on 17 July 1794. On 30 November 1794, another Henry Pillinger, who I presume

Agreed March 17th 1759 With Jeremiah Pillingor
as Sawyer for the Parish of Christchurch
and St. Lewis as follows That for the sum
of Thirty six Pounds the said Pillingor agree
to Clean the Streets and take away the dirt
and Ashes at least Two days in Every Week
that is to say Wednesdays & Saturdays and at
such Other Times as Occasions may require
for One Year from the 25th of March Next;
and ~~for~~ on the said Jeremiah Pillingors Signature
to Clean the Streets and carrying away the
Dirt & Ashes aforesaid then it shall be Lawful
for the Wardens of Each Parish to Employ
Any Other Person they shall think Proper
to Carry it away and deduct the Expence out
of the Above Summ of Thirty six Pounds
the Above Salary to be Paid Quarterly
as Witness Our Hands

The Mark of
Jeremiah Pillingor
Michael Will

I agree to pay six Pounds
part of the above Summ
for the Parish of St. Lewis
as Mayor and warden thereof
Witness my Hand

At: St. Michael's

JEREMIAH PILLINGER- SCAVENGER

Agreed March 17th 1759 with Jerremiah Pillinger as Scavenger for the Parrish of Christchurch and St Ewens as Follows that for the sum of Thirty Six Pound the sail Pillinger agrees to clean the streets and take away the dirt and ashes at least Two days in Every Week that is to say Wednesdays and Saturdays and at such Other Times as Occafsions may Require for One Year from the 25th March Next and if the said Jerremiah Pillinger Neglects to Clean the Streets and Carrying away the Dirt and Ashes aforesaid then it shall be Lawfull for the Waywardens of Each Parish to Employ Any Other Person they shall think Proper to Carry it away and deduct the Expendour of the above sum of Thirty Six Pounds the above Sallery to be Paid Quarterly as Witnefs Our Hands

 The Mark of
Jerremiah Pillinger
Michael Wilks

**I agree to pay Six Pounds
part of the above sum
for the Parish of St Ewens
as waywarden thereof
Witness my Hand
Richd Winpenny**

Christians 1744/5

John y son of John & Ann McBeth
was Baptized Feb 17th

John y son of John & Mary Gane was
Baptized y same Day

John y son of Benjamin & Mary
was Baptized Feb 24th

John y son of John & Mary
was Baptized March 3rd

The entry for Shusanah dated 9 April 1746 is
in the margin and can barely be read

John y son of John & Mary
was Baptized 16th March

John y son of John & Mary
was Baptized y same Day

John y son of John & Mary
was Baptized March 24th

John y son of John & Mary
was Baptized March 24th

John y son of John & Mary
was Baptized March 24th

Shusanah y daughter of John & Mary
was Baptized April 9th 1746

11. Thomas son of Thomas Pillinger and
Elizabeth his wife was Baptized
the 14 day of January 1730

12. John son of Thomas Pillinger and
Elizabeth his wife was Baptized the 8 day of
January 1730
Elizabeth daughter of John and Mary
Pillinger was Baptized the 10 day of
January 1730

13. Aaron son of John and Mary
Pillinger was Baptized the 13 day of
January 1730

14. Mary daughter of John and Mary
Pillinger was Baptized the 22 day of
January 1730

15. Elizabeth daughter of John and Mary
Pillinger was Baptized the 24 day of
January 1730

The entry for the baptism of Sarah, daughter of "Jeramiah Pillinger
and Elizabeth his wife" on the 31st January 1730. (It was 1731 by current
dating as in Jeremiah's time the year ended on March 24th.)

Sarah daughter of Jeremiah Pillinger and Elizabeth
his wife was Baptized the 31 day of January 1730

16. Abraham son of Isaac and Sarah his wife was Baptized
the 4 day of February 1730

17. Richard son of Richard and Elizabeth
Pillinger was Baptized the 14 day of February 1730

18. John son of Thomas and Mary
Pillinger was Baptized the 21 day of
February 1730

to be his widowed father, Henry senior, married Grace Somerville, and they disappear from Brislington, and our story.

"Wandering abroad".

Six years after her father died, Shusanah, Jeremiah and Betty's daughter, now aged 21, married William Challenger (recorded as *Challinder*) on 13 December 1767. Neither party could write their names. They had Ann in 1772, Richard in 1773, John in 1775 and James in 1778. When William Challenger, her husband died, Shusanah went to church to make arrangements for the funeral. I cannot but believe that the vicar demanded to know whether the youngest boy she carried in her arms had been christened. He had not. The vicar baptised him on the spot, and recorded the event in the register for 12 February 1780, "James, son of William and Shusanah Challinder, being two years old". William was buried the following day. In 1786 the widowed Shusanah was living rough on the streets of Bristol with her two surviving sons, John aged ten, and James, now eight. The Overseers of the Parish of St Peter found her "wandering abroad, lodging in the open air, and not giving a good account of herself." It was the middle of December and she must have been incoherent with the cold. Poor woman. As soon as they found she belonged to Brislington, she and her sons were sent back there and they dismally joined the rest of the family on the rates. She may have gone to live with her mother Betty who according to a document of 1785 resided "in the Southward rise of the Road from Bristol to Bath, near the White Hart." Young James Challenger was apprenticed in 1787, and Shusanah was supported by the parish until she died. On 20 January 1792 she received a parish funeral costing 10 shillings and sixpence (about 53p). This finished off Betty too. She survived less than six weeks after her daughter's death, and was buried on 1 March. (The name Betty Pillinger disappears from the Poor Book for several years, and it seems likely that the small sums paid to "Betty Pillinger, being sick" in 1795, refer to another Betty, perhaps the daughter of Isaac.)

Jeremiah, the youngest of Jeremiah and Betty's children, married Mary Mearn, on 19 April 1772. Their only certainly known child was Jeremiah, who was baptised on 11 April 1773, in the same triple ceremony with his cousins as described above. In 1780, the boy was given over as a parish apprentice to William Bristow.

Meanwhile, in the neighbouring parish of Temple, a Pillinger widow, though I have no idea which one, for there is no record of her name, married a man called John Palmer, a blacksmith. Betty Pillinger was her daughter.

A sordid tale unfolds in the Bristol Quarter Sessions Records on 15 April 1788.

The evidence was placed before Thomas Harris JP that "Betty Pillinger on her oath stated that she lived in the house of her Father in Law, (sic: he was her stepfather), John Palmer at Temple Gate within the City of Bristol which house is opposite to another house in the same Entry which one Henry Bishop now lives. That a little better than a fortnight since upon a Work day (but what day she does not recollect) about Four in the afternoon the said Henry Bishop was at work at the business of a pinmaker in a room upstairs in his

dwelling house next door to the house of the informant's father. That said Henry Bishop asked (her) if she would be so good as to help him down with a clock. That to do so she went upstairs into a bedchamber of Bishop where such a clock was, that as soon as she entered the room Bishop shut the door and threw her on the bed, pulled up her petticoats and put his nakedness in her nakedness and afterwards put up his fingers that hurt (her) very much, that no moisture came from his nakedness but that he hurt her with his fingers very much to bring blood that (she) cried out afterwards but no person heard her although the maid of Bishop was below in a room next storey, that afterwards (she) went down to her Father's house and soon after Bishop followed her and sat down by her and offered her a penny and an orange if she would not tell and (she) saith that she never told any person what Bishop had done to her for a week or better after the transaction happened and then mentioned it to Mrs Hunt that she did not mention it to her Mother because she was afraid and ashamed."

John Palmer decided to prosecute and gave a surety of £20 for Betty's appearance to give evidence and also £10 for the appearance of Elizabeth Stops, midwife.

I do not know the outcome, but it all sounds horribly plausible to me.

Meanwhile, in Brislington - if only the vicar had recorded their ages! - young Jeremiah either survived his apprenticeship and died in September 1800, or survived longer and married a woman called Jane. This pair make a fleeting visit to Brislington, where they christened a daughter Frances on 13 November 1814, and then disappear for good.

John, the son of Jeremiah and Betty.

At the time of his father's death, John, the second son of Jeremiah and Betty, born in 1734 was already married to Sarah, though once again, a record of the marriage has not been found.

They had

James, their son, 5 April 1756

Henry, their son, 2 January 1759

Ann, their daughter, 7 March 1762

John, their son, 2 April 1764

Susannah, their daughter, 4 March 1765, (who was buried aged 17 months on 29 August 1766)

Mary, their daughter, christened on 25 March 1770 (in a double ceremony with Sarah, the daughter of John's brother Henry)

A second Susannah, their daughter, was christened on 11 April 1773 in the triple ceremony of the three cousins as above.

and finally

Jeremiah, their son, in 1779.

City of London
Bristol Street

The Examination of Shusanah
Challenger, Widow of William Pillinger
deceased. A warrant apprehended in the parish
of St. Peter in the City & County containing
a warrant lodging in the open air and giving a
good account of herself with John a servant
of 10 years & James aged a servant of 10
years her children taken on her oath
this 16th Day of Decr. 1786

Who saith that the place of her last legal
settlement is in the parish of Kensington in the
County of Gloucester in which parish her husband
was last legally settled

Shown before me
John Dunning Mayor

John Dunning
Mayor

Shusanah Challenger (nee Pillinger) "a vagrant....lodging in
the open air & not giving a good account of herself,
December 1786.

An Account of the Weekly Pay to the
 Poor of the Parish of Bristlington from the
 7 April 1798 to the 29 Sept. 1798.

			L	S	D
Wm. Leagus	25 Weeks at 2		2	10	0
Mary Dabry	25 D ^s		2	10	0
Isaac Pillinger	25 D ^s		2	10	0
John Coggins	25 D ^s		2	10	0
Mary Allen	11 D ^s		1	2	0
James's two Children	11 D ^s at 4		2	4	0
D ^r one Child	14 D ^s at 2		1	8	0
Joan Wilby	25 D ^s at 2		2	10	0
Ann Challenger	25 D ^s at 6		1	17	6
Martha Powell	25 D ^s at 1		1	5	0
Martha Haskins	25 D ^s at 2		2	10	0
Betty Haskins	25 D ^s at 1		1	5	0
Anthony Widow	25 D ^s at 2		2	10	0
Sarah Coggins	25 D ^s at 2		2	10	0
John Challenger	25 D ^s at 2		2	10	0
Mary Dabry	25 D ^s at 6		1	17	6
Sam. Plaisters 3 Children	25 D ^s at 3		3	15	0
Henry Burton's Fam ^l	3 D ^s at 4		0	12	0
			£ 37 10 0		

ISAAC PILLINGER receives his pay from the parish
 - 25 weeks 7 April to 29 September 1798



23.

Indenture, made the

Day of

July in the

Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and so forth; and in the Year of our Lord One thousand, seven hundred and Seventy Seven

Witnesseth That

Church-Wardens of the Parish of

Worsington

in the County of Somerset

And Robert Worsington

Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish, by and with the consent of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County whose Names are hereunto subscribed, have put and placed, and by these Presents do put and place Edward Pillingor a poor Child of the said Parish, Apprentice to Isaac Pillingor of the said Parish

according to the Statute in that Case made and provided.

During all which Term the said Apprentice his said Master faithfully shall serve in all lawful Business, according to his Power, Wit, and Ability; and honestly, or, leserly, and obediently, in all things demean and behave himself towards his said Master and all his during the said Term. And the said Isaac Pillingor for himself, his Executors and Administrators doth Covenant and Grant to and with the said Church-Wardens and Overseers, and every of them, their and every of their Executors and Administrators, and their and every of their Successors, for the Time being, by these Presents, That the said Isaac Pillingor the said Apprentice in Hereditary shall be and be taught and instructed

And shall and will during all the Term aforesaid, find, provide, and allow, unto the said Apprentice, meet, competent, and sufficient Meat, Drink, and Apparel, Lodging, Washing, and all other Things, necessary and fit for an Apprentice. And also shall and will so provide for the said Apprentice, that he be not any way a Charge to the said Parish, or Parishioners of the same; but of and from all Charge shall and will save the said Parish and Parishioners harmless and indemnified during the said Term. In witness whereof, the Parties aforesaid to these present Indentures interchangeably have put their Hands and Seals, the Day and Year above-written.

Scaled and deliver'd in the Presence of

Thos. James



Isaac Pillingor

WE whose Names are subscribed, Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, (

Edward Pillingor) do consent to the putting forth of the aforesaid Apprentice, according to the Intent and Meaning of the above Indenture.

Isaac Pillingor

Isaac Pillingor, yeoman of Oakenhills, takes on an apprentice, July 1777.

Maybe John was a quack doctor. How else can I explain the curious entry in the churchwardens' accounts: "November 1st 1777, that John Pillinger be paid five shillings in hand and sixteen shillings more when Hannah Woodham is cured of a scald (sic) head but not to be paid for 3 months afterwards."

It is known that he rented a small plot of land for one shilling from Bridget Langton, the heiress to the Manor, in March 1783, determinable on the lives of himself, then aged "about 50", Sarah his wife, and their son James "about 26".

In 1791 John is amongst other named Langton tenants as having a cottage and two small gardens lying between the church and the river.

Sarah was buried on 30 March 1797, and according to the inscription on her gravestone, which can just be made out, she was fifty six, though I suspect she was a few years older, otherwise she was only fifteen was she had her first child. She had at least lived to see her children grow to maturity and marry.

John, aged 70, died on 10 January 1805, and lies beside his wife though the parish register is silent on the matter. In his will drawn up in 1804, he describes himself as a yeoman, and leaves ten shillings and sixpence (52 and a halfpence) each to his children James, Henry, John, Ann Brain, Mary Coggins, and Shusanah Challenger. (Though her marriage has not been found, this is the second Shusanah Pillinger who married a man called Challenger!) The remainder of his fortune went to his youngest son, Jeremiah, that is the house, garden, orchard, and appurtenances, and he was also to be sole executor.

James & Hannah & how their gravestone changed my life.

James, born 1756, was the eldest son of John and Sarah. He married Hannah Ellis on 8 April 1782 in a double wedding shared with his brother Henry, who married Eunice Parsons on the same day. James and Hannah are special to me, because theirs is the first Pillinger gravestone I ever saw. "Too poor to put any up" my father always said - which proved to be untrue, even in "our" Kingswood family.

When we were newly married, we went to live in Brislington, first in Wick Road, before moving in the autumn of 1972 to Clayfield Road, then fairly new, and carved out of the old hamlet of "The Rock", just up the road from the ancient parish church of St Luke the Evangelist. One damp afternoon, our three toddlers and I set out on our daily tour of exploration, known in the family as "going on the hippie trail to Afghanistan". (When the USSR invaded that afflicted land some while later, I had to reassure my infantry that it was not actually within walking distance.) Our route led through St Luke's Churchyard, and just short of the church door, my life changed forever. On a flat stone, waiting discovery, and gleaming in the rain were the names of James and Hannah Pillinger! I dropped to my knees in high excitement, and began grubbing around in the moss, dirt and leaves. My two little girls knelt to help, whilst my son, trapped in a pushchair complained noisily. The inscription was revealed as follows:

**"Sacred to the Memory of James Pillinger
who died July 25th 1824
Aged 68 years
Also Hannah, wife of the above who
died April 17th 1839
Aged 79 years**

**Death may our souls divide
From these abodes of day
But love shall keep us near his side
Through all the gloomy way.**

Which is not exactly cheerful - unlike my mood. At this time, I had no idea that parish registers existed let alone that you could actually look at them. When my brother Colin relayed this information, it took my breath away! A few nights later he and I sat with the vicar's wife in the freezing St Luke's vicarage extracting all the Pillingers from the parish register. At the time, we believed them to be our ancestors. Of course they were not, but far from proving a deterrent to future activity, I became driven to excess. These Pillingers of Brislington sent me subsequently in search of my own line, a story told in Volume One of this saga, "From Yatton Keynell to Outer Space". But first a diversion.

A Field Trip - just to show it's not all libraries and dusty documents.

The arrival of the Pillinger name in Kingswood and Brislington was roughly contemporary, give or take twenty years or so, and for a time I believed that "my lot" were somehow a prodigal branch of the Brislington family who had got away and had taken up residence on the other side of the river. I fondly imagined both sets standing on opposite banks of the Avon, waving and shouting greetings to each other! This was two hundred years and more before the Netham Bridge, and should they wish to communicate, the only way of avoiding a long road trip would have been via the ancient ferry across the river to Conham, which even now, very occasionally operates. This, I decided, was how they had migrated, and even visited. I decided on a field trip to prove the theory. One bright sunny morning the infantry and I set out to take the direct route our ancestors could have used. The gods were on our side, for as the four of us sat hopefully dangling our legs over the riverbank, a solitary boatman hove into view, rowing a dinghy. I hailed him and explained our mission. He didn't seem at all fazed, and helped me lift the children into the boat. Then he dipped his oars and pulled for the opposite bank. He refused any payment, and went off with a cheery, "Glad to be of help!" Nan, my mother, in Kingswood, though astonished by my cheek, was thrilled with our early arrival. Q.E.D. It would have been no trouble for the Pillingers to have visited each other, even though I now know it didn't happen. I must say that attempts to repeat the experiment resulted in total failure. Requests for a lift across the water, however nicely put, were nastily repudiated in the Anglo Saxon vernacular.

So to return to James and Hannah who had

Betsey, their daughter in 1783

Sarah, in 1785, (who married John Dunn in 1815)

Martha in 1788, (who married George Bishop across the river at St George, in 1805)

Christian, in 1789 (who married Silas Bartlett at St John's, Bristol in 1811)

James, in 1792, who became a butler

Hosannah, (Hannah), baptised 1795, who remained single

Ann, in 1798 about whom nothing else is known

and finally

John, in 1802.

I discovered that James had moved away, because his sister Hannah, died intestate.. The formal notice of her intestacy reads:

"Appeared personally, James Pillinger of Pontypool Park, Butler to Capel Hanbury Leigh, esquire, and alleged that Hannah Pillinger, late of Clifton, spinster, died on or about 10th October 1844. Appearer is next of kin and lawful brother. Effects under £100. Signed by James Pillinger, John Pillinger of Redland, gardener and John Dunn, bailiff of Brislington."

Hannah "of Clifton" was buried at Brislington on 13 October 1844.

Bound for Australia

Betsey, born 1783, the eldest of James and Hannah's children, married George Kingsbury at St Paul's, Bristol in 1808, and thereafter appears as Elizabeth, more fitting to her status as a married woman. George and Elizabeth had a daughter, Louisa, who married John Sircom by licence at St Augustine the Less, Bristol on 13 September 1834. They took up residence in Brislington about 1842 when John became schoolmaster at the Church Hill House Academy "for the sons of gentleman". By the time of the 1851 census, Elizabeth now widowed, aged 68, and an annuitant, had moved in with the Sircoms who by now had a long family: Maria Clayfield, 13, John, 11, Louisa Elizabeth, 10, Sarah J., 8, Augusta Mary, 6, Emily Kingsbury, 4, George Kingsbury, 3 and Adelaide Edith, one. Also living in were four pupils and two maidservants.

Within two years, Louisa was dead, and John Sircom, aged 40, upped sticks and with his son John, now said to be 12, sailed out of the Port of Bristol for Australia aboard the "Clara Symes". They arrived in Melbourne on 7 February 1853. Elizabeth stayed in Bristol to look after the remainder of the family, and then, remarkably, on 5 July 1855 she herself embarked aboard the "Rajah of Sarawak" with her eight grandchildren. Her age was now given as 73! The party arrived safely in Melbourne on 19 November. John Sircom became a schoolmaster and later a respected Inspector of Schools. He died at his

J. DUNN 76 b Sircom
11
Wid. BAZ. 1861 census.

daughter's home in St Kilda in 1894, aged 84. Of the doughty Elizabeth Kingsbury, I have no further information.

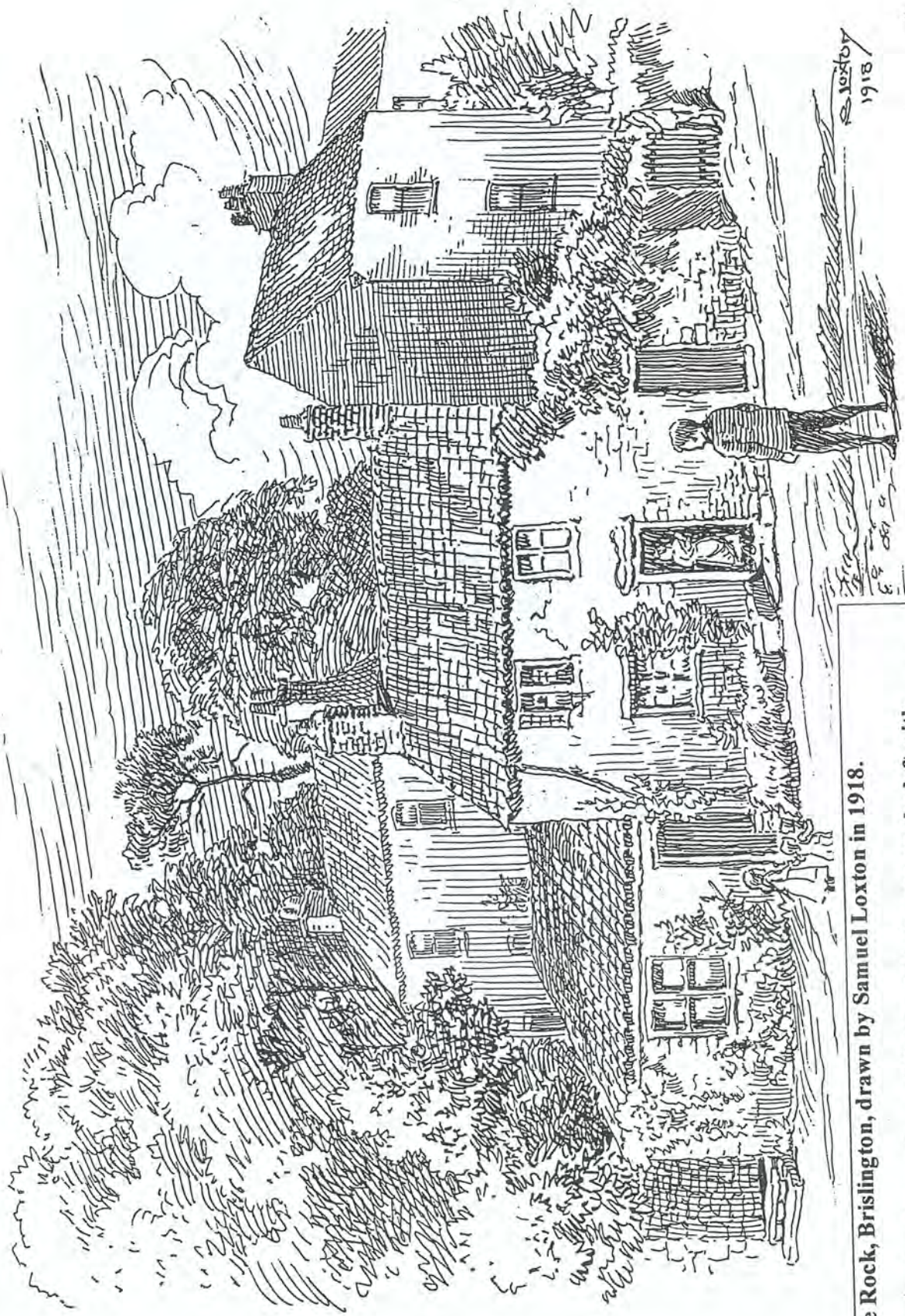
A terrible mistake

In 1861, James, the son of James and Hannah, now aged 68, was a butler working for Capel Hanbury Leigh, esquire, at his mansion in Pontypool, South Wales. Mr Leigh was Lord Lieutenant of the County and lived in a style commensurate with his wealth and position. That year in September, a horrific tragedy occurred. Originally, a lurid newspaper headline, which announced Mr Leigh's death at Penarth on 28th of the month, implicated James Pillinger. It alleged that Mr Leigh had died because his butler had administered embrocation, which was to have been applied to his back, as oral medicine. On 1st October the Western Daily Press printed the following report:

"The accident took place at Plymouth House because arrangements had been made for painting the rooms at Pontypool. On Friday, the valet gave his master what he thought to be his medicine and though the mistake was immediately discovered and efforts made to counteract the poison, Mr Leigh speedily became worse and expired in the greatest agony. The valet, William Jennings Riddlesdale, 28 years in Mr Leigh's service, is distracted by the dreadful mistake he has made. It has been stated publicly that the lotion was given by the butler, but in justice to Mr James Pillinger who has been 45 years butler, and is now upwards of 60 years of age, we have to say he was at Pontypool Park superintending the new decorations when the unfortunate occurrence took place at Penarth."

Mr Leigh was 84 years old, and left a young second wife by whom he had two daughters aged 12 and 11 and a son and heir aged 8, who inherited a fortune in the region of £100,000. It is not known what became of the distraught valet. James must have found himself redundant at an advanced age. Despite being in service, he was married and had one son James E., born at Pontypool, and who in 1861, aged 20, was living at St Mary de Crypt in Gloucester. James the butler, died on Christmas Day 1869, by which time his son too was dead. The administration of his estate was granted to Hester Thomas, formerly Pillinger, the wife of William Price Thomas, of Pontnewydd, Llanvrechva, Monmouthshire, the mother and guardian of Joseph James Pillinger and Henry Edward Pillinger, minors, and only next of kin. James's effects were under £100. Henry Edward became a groom and gardener and in 1911 married Mary Ellen Nickels at Pontypool Register Office. Their daughter Gwendoline, born 1911, who became Mrs Harvey, told me that Henry died in 1932, disappointed that he had no son to pass on the Pillinger name, but she herself had a daughter living in South Africa.

John, born 1802, the younger son of James and Hannah seems likely to have been the John, a garden labourer, "aged 35", who at the census of 1841 was living in Brislington with his wife Elizabeth "aged 40". John's age could have been anything between 35 and 39, as ages were rounded upwards in the cumbersome system adopted in 1841. I have not found them in 1851, but in 1861 the couple were aged 58 and 64 living at Ashley Down Cottages, Stapleton. John, "born Brislington" was still working as a garden labourer and



Old houses at the Rock, Brislington, drawn by Samuel Loxton in 1918.

The two houses in the background are still occupied, the one on the left with considerable additions. The little cottage in the middle where the woman and baby are in the doorway was demolished about 1973.

Nothing was put in its place and the hole where it stood has reverted to nature and waste. It was used as a meeting place for Brislington's Home Guard during the 2nd World War but the metal sign to this effect regrettably disappeared during the



Compare this photograph of the cottage at the Rock in 1973 with the Loxton drawing of 1918, on the previous page.

Elizabeth was "born Fishponds". The fact that John was said to be "of Redland" in 1844 when Hannah's will was proved confuses him with another John who married Joanna Walker on 1 November 1835, and who signed his name on the marriage register of St James in Bristol. However, this other couple had a son called William Morris which seems to place them in the family of Jeremiah Pillinger, born 1779, and his 2nd wife Mary Morris, and that is where they will be found later in this narrative.

"Let Evry Englishman do his Duty!"

Joan and Sarah's second son Henry, baptised in 1759, was variously a farmer and a collier, which generally meant a coal haulier, rather than an underground miner. A note in the Poor Rate Book of the 1780s states that he was paid three shillings and twopence (about 16p) for a sack of coal and for hauling goods. In February 1794 he made five shillings for supplying four sacks of coal to the Poor House.

He married firstly, Eunice Parsons on 8 April 1782, (as already noted in a double wedding with his brother James), and with her had

William (1782-86)

Elizabeth baptised 1783, who died an infant

Hannah, baptised 1785, (who married a widower, Isaac Nash in 1805)

Elizabeth, 1788

Mary, (1790-1808)

Joseph, 1796

William, 1798

and Sarah, baptised 1803.

In 1814, aged 57, Henry took out a lease from William Gore-Langton, the Lord of the Manor based on the lives of his sons Joseph, 16, and William, 14, and he was able to build a house, which he called with patriotic fervour, "Nelson's Glory". It is still there in School Road, just across the road from where we live, and the plaque Henry included in the façade "Let Evry Englishman do his Duty" abbreviation and all, is still just legible, though I wish the present owners had not painted the whole thing white! I have coveted that house for years.

When Eunice died, Henry married for the second time, Sarah Williams, on 5 October 1816, at the neighbouring parish across the river at St George.

Their children were

Charles, 1817

Mary Ann, 1820

Eliza, born and died in 1823

and James, 1825.

Joseph, a survivor of the first brood, is probably the Joseph Pillinger, aged 22, who along with Robert Bryant, also 22, was convicted of "housebreaking and stealing goods from a

person" at the Taunton Assizes on 28 March 1818. They were sentenced to two years gaol with hard labour. There was no early release for good behaviour in those days, and they served the full term until 28 March 1820. In December that year, Joseph married Eleanor Thomas at St John's, Bedminster. We meet Joseph and Ellen, as she was now called, in 1829 when Charles Ranken, the curate, who was rounding up backsliders among his flock, came to call. The notes he kept of these visits to his parishioners between 1827 and 1829 are vivid snapshots of the Brislington rank and file. According to Ranken, "Joseph [is] 35, seldom goes to church, works for [Mr] James, for 10 shillings a week, [is] a steward in the club. [The Brislington Friendly Society which met at the White Hart]. Ellen, 33, cannot read, goes to church irregularly, works sometimes at the White Hart and at Nelson's Glory, a shilling a day. Ann Bennett, niece, lives with them, in Mrs Allpass's school, £5 per year". Joseph and Ellen were childless, and I am sure they found it a comfort to have the little girl, and to be paid as well.

In 1841, Joseph, an agricultural labourer, and Ellen, both aged 40, were living at the Rock, (again near to our house in Clayfield Road!)

Ellen died aged 57 in May 1850. In 1851 Joseph, aged 55, was still at the Rock, though in lodgings with Henry and Louise Farler. Shortly afterwards, he married a widow, Mary Anne Smith, and started a family. A son, Walter Edwin was baptised on 22 May 1853 followed by a daughter, Eunice Rebecca, named after Joseph's mother, on 27 May 1855. The children were christened at St Philip and St Jacobs, Bristol, when Joseph was "a labourer of Dings", a district in the east of the city. Baby Eunice Rebecca had sadly died before the next census in 1861, when they were back in Brislington and living at Nelson's Glory. Joseph was now 65, and Mary Anne, 40. He had moved with the times, and was working as a railway labourer, probably on the local line at St Anne's. Living with them were Joseph John Smith, Mary Anne's son by her previous marriage, a potter's labourer, aged 22, and Walter Edwin Pillinger, aged 9, a scholar. Walter Edwin as an adult joined the Bristol Police Force, and was issued with warrant number 3072. Apart from his height, 5 feet 7 inches, there are no other details. Either he, or the job, failed to live up to expectations, for he resigned on 2 June 1875, and then decided to emigrate. He next turns up in 1880 at Northampton, Hampshire, Massachusetts, USA, aged 29, as an attendant in a hospital. What became of him thereafter is presently unknown. His father, Joseph was buried in St Luke's Churchyard, aged 69 on 19 February 1864.

William, the brother of Joseph, baptised in 1798, married Harriet Britton in 1822 at St George. When the Reverend Ranken called they had just had their first baby, christened William Britton. Said Ranken, "William Pillinger, can read, seldom goes to church, works for his father at Nelson's Glory, 12 shillings a week, in club. Harriet, 30, can read a little, does not go to church, [they have] one child, William, 6 months, and a nurse child, taken care of by his sister, Ann Britton, 12, 6 shillings a week. Lodgers Joseph Ward, Cornelius Wyatt, John Jellamy, £9 a year."

As well as her own baby, Harriet evidently suckled "the nurse child" and his sister was on hand to look after him. Their name, Britton, suggests they were related to Harriet,

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Jeremiah & Mary Pillinger

Jeremiah abt. 49 - reads -
church - works for Phute. 10s. a wk -
in club - sings in church -

Mary 53 - reads - church - takes
in washing -

5 Children

John - 21 - reads - church - works
at Miller's Nursery - plays in ch. in ch.

William - 18 - reads - church - works
in M^{rs} Hume's quarry 8s. a wk -

Fanny - 13 - reads -

Susanna 11 - in M^{rs} Allpatt's sch. ch.

Mary - 6 1/2 in - 5 -

Virtue Fand - 19 1/2 - reads - church -

own house for life - for life -

The entry for Jeremiah and Mary Pillinger and family
from Charles Ranken's Visiting Book.



How Ranken might have looked - a "Jane Austen" type clerical
gentleman.

perhaps her orphaned niece and nephew. The parish paid up, otherwise the baby would have died.

On the same day, 8 September 1827, the vicar called on Henry and Sarah Pillinger, William's father and stepmother, at Nelson's Glory. Henry "[is] between 60-70, cannot read, does not go to church, works for himself. In club. Sarah, [is] about 40, has a Bible, goes to church very seldom. In club. Five children, two at home: Charles, 10, in [Mr] Taylor's school, James, 2. They own their own house. Ann Shepherd (lodger), 22, can read, has a Prayer Book."

Henry told Ranken correctly that he had five children, Hannah, now Mrs Nash, as well as Joseph and William, but only the two survivors from his second marriage were living with him. Henry and Sarah had also buried two girls, Eliza, an infant, in 1823, and Mary Ann, aged 7, shortly before Ranken's visit.

In 1841, the Nelson's Glory family consisted of:

Henry	Pillinger	80	Farmer	Yes (born in this county)
Sarah	Pillinger	55		N(ot born in this county)
James	Pillinger	14		Y
Ann	Rake		Female servant	Y
Charles	Pillinger	20	Ag lab	Y
Ann	Pillinger	25		Y

Henry was 84 when he was buried on 26 March 1843. Sarah was still alive in 1851, residing with her son James at Nelson's Glory. The vicar, George Leopold Cartwright mentions in his diary for 12 February 1855 that he paid "the widow Pillinger" a visit, but alas gives no other details. The weather had been extremely cold since the 14 January, and on 24 February Cartwright records that the River Avon at Conham Ferry was frozen over for a mile! He and his family had walked over to see the skaters! Sarah Pillinger survived the harsh winter, but died the following summer. She was buried on 25 June 1856 aged 74.

A tragedy in the family.

Let us return to William, Henry's son, and his wife Harriet, who, in addition to William Britton, now have Joseph who was born in 1829 and Edward in 1832. Joseph may be the Joseph Pillinger who won a prize for his apples at the Brislington show in 1853, as recorded in the Bristol papers on 13 August that year, otherwise both he and his brother disappear. Harriet was buried 17 August 1838 aged 48, and William, described as "a publican of St James' Back" in Bristol, married for the second time, at St James on 10 December the same year, Maria Kibbey, who was 20 years his junior.

In 1841, they were in Brislington at the Pilgrim, in Hollywood Road, which is still in business: the family consisted of:

William	Pillinger	40	Publican	Y
Maria	Pillinger	20		Y
William	Pillinger	13		Y
Joseph	Pillinger	11		Y
Edward	Pillinger	8		Y
Harriet	Pillinger	6 weeks		Y
Matthew	Kibbey	36		Y
Elizabeth	Kibbey	35		Y
Thomas	Kibbey	9		Y
John	Kibbey	6		Y

After Harriet, who must have been named after William's first wife, they went on to have Mary Ann, in 1843, Maria, in 1847, Emily Eunice, (named after William's mother), in 1850 and Alice in 1854.

By 1851, still at the Pilgrim, William was now 54 and Maria, who was 34, had a maid, Maria Edgell, to help her. With four children aged between 9 and 6 months, as well as running the pub, she surely needed as much help as she could get. William continued to carry on business as a haulier of coals.

On 10 June 1854, with a new baby, Alice, just born, tragedy befell the family. William was killed in a road accident.

A week later the local press reported the inquest held "at the Infirmary on the body of William Pillinger, aged 56. The deceased was a haulier residing at Brislington. On the preceding day he had been to the Bedminster collieries and was proceeding homewards with a heavily laden waggon. As the waggon was descending the hill near Mr Ricketts' house, the deceased being behind, the horses began to move down the declivity quicker than the deceased wished and he ran forward with a view of stopping them. In doing so, he slipped and one of the wheels went over his thigh, crushing it in a dreadful manner. He was quickly taken to the Infirmary, but died in four hours. The deceased was perfectly sober at the time." The coroner brought in a verdict of accidental death. William was buried on 14 June 1854.

Maria continued as licensee of the Pilgrim, and in 1861 is described as aged 40, a beerhousekeeper. Her first two daughters, Harriet aged 20 and Mary Ann, aged 17 were working as tailoresses, and the three youngest aged 13, 10 and 7 were all scholars. Maria died aged 43, and was buried on 20 April 1862. Emily Eunice married Thomas Reynolds, a carpenter from Clifton, in 1873. Two daughters, Louisa and Ellen, were born in 1877 and 1880. In 1881, they were living at Holby Cottages, Pershore Road, Northfield, Worcestershire, and on the night of the census had visitors, Jonathan and Emily Tucker, and their three year old daughter Lilly. Maria's youngest daughter Alice married Alfred Clements, a local sawyer, in 1878, and they are found in 1881, aged 25 and 26 respectively, living at 1 Fry's Hill, with their three children, William, Alice and Elizabeth.

Charles Pillinger, born in 1817, the son of Henry and Sarah, a labourer, married Ann Kibbey, who was 4 years older and probably a relative of his Aunt Maria, on 23 December 1839. They had a son, Henry in 1841. Charles died at the early age of twenty seven and was buried at St Luke's on 20 March 1845. His widow Ann was married again

on 9 July 1848 at St Paul's, Bristol, to William Bishop, a widower with children, with witnesses William Pillinger and Louisa Bishop. These two would themselves marry at St Paul's on 24 September 1848, with William's uncle James, who was his near contemporary, and his wife Ann, as their witnesses. On the 1851 census, the Bishop family is as follows: William, 44, blacksmith, Ann, his wife, aged 38, John, son, 18, labourer, Henry, son, 16, labourer, Fanny, daughter, 16, scholar, Ann, 9, scholar, followed by William and Ann's own child, George, aged 1, and bringing up the rear, Henry Pillinger, son in law, (i.e. stepson), aged 9. Ten years later Henry, then 19, was still at home, but then left to work as a railway platelayer at nearby Keynsham. He married Charlotte by whom he had Henry Charles in 1867, Sarah Ann, 1869, Joseph, 1870, Alfred George, 1875, Charlotte Lavinia, 1876, Frederick, 1882 and finally Arthur William in 1884.

In 1881, Henry aged 39 and Charlotte aged 35, are listed at Keynsham with all the children, aged 13 down to 4 years attending school. Charlotte died aged 45, and though said to be "of St Philip & St Jacobs" was buried at Brislington on 20 March 1886. In 1894, Henry was at Lena Street, Easton, Bristol when his son Joseph, also a railway plate layer married Catherine May Leonard, at St Mark's. The witnesses were the groom's brother and sister, Arthur and Charlotte Pillinger. Joseph & Catherine's son Joseph, was baptised at St Mark's on 10 March 1895.

Bound for Australia II.

Of the rest of the children, Alfred George married Minnie Louisa Janes at St Luke's Bedminster in 1898. Minnie Pillinger witnessed the marriage of William James Bray, and Alice Janes, (her sister?), at Holy Trinity, Easton on 28 October 1901. Phyllis, daughter of Alfred George and Minnie was born on 5 July 1904, her father described as a bootmaker, (master), and the family was living at 42 Colston Road, Easton. They went on to have Blanche who was baptised at Holy Trinity, Kingswood in 1907, in a double ceremony with her sister Phyllis aged 3. Sadly baby Blanche died at 8 months. The next child was Winifred, and then came Irene, Stanley and finally Lenora. Alfred George, their father, died in August 1917 and was followed not long after by Lenora who was buried aged 11 months in 1918.

In 1987, I was contacted by Susan Lee, of Toolern Vale, Victoria, Australia. David Pillinger, who emigrated from the Box branch of the Pillinger family, was her local postman and he gave her my name and address. Susan is Phyllis's daughter. On 5 August 1933, Phyllis, then 29, a tailoress, of 391 Bath Road married Arthur Vyvian Pilbeam, 27, an aeroplane fitter of the same address, at St Christopher's Church, Brislington. A chicken come home to roost, but not for long, as they emigrated to Australia where five little Pilbeams, four sons and a daughter were born between 1937 and 1941, all of whom are now married with children. Susan Pilbeam, the youngest, married David Lee in 1975 at a place called Sunshine!

Minnie Louisa Pillinger of Coronation, Villa, North Road, Yate, Gloucestershire, widow, died on 1 August 1942, leaving £452 19s 10d, with probate to William Janes, labourer. Her daughter Irene Pond, nee Pillinger, was still living in Brislington in 1987.

Charlotte Lavinia, aged 24, of 16 Lena Street, married George Webb, also 24, a stoker, of 38 Chelsea Road, in 1900, the wedding witnessed by Emma Emily Cooper and Charlotte's brother Frederick.

It is intriguing that Henry, the railway platelayer from Brislington seems to have found a supplementary occupation. In the register of St Mark's Easton, entry 96, it says "for signature of Louisa Elizabeth Cornell, read Louisa Elizabeth Wellington, corrected by me. 10th day January, 1894, T.H. Barnett, vicar, in the presence of Henry Pillinger, deputy registrar."

In 1901, Henry is found in Bristol, aged 59, still working on the railway, and his two youngest sons, Frederick, 19, an electric car conductor, and Arthur, 16, a clerk. Another son, Keynsham born Henry, now aged 32, was living in Bristol and working as a bootmaker.

A spot of bother and emigration to Hanham

In the meantime, what happened to William Britton Pillinger, the son of William Pillinger's first marriage to Harriet Britton, who was six months old when Charles Ranken came to call in 1827? He married Louisa Bishop, the daughter of William Bishop, Brislington's smith at St Paul's on 24 September 1848, the event witnessed by his half brother James and sister in law Ann. As we have seen, their sister in law, another Ann, the widow of their brother Charles had only just before married Louisa's father at the same church, thus keeping it all in the family!

Their first born were twins, Charles and Emily, who died at 3 weeks old in September 1849. They then had Ellen Louisa in 1852, Edward Joseph in 1853 and William Joseph in 1860.

In 1851 they were living near the brook in Brislington, possibly in one of the small row of cottages, which still remain:

William	Pillinger (junior)	Head	Married	24	Gardener	Born	Brislington
Louisa	Pillinger	Wife	Married	23	Laundress	Born	Brislington
Ellen	Pillinger	Daughter		5 months		Born	Brislington

In 1860, William got into spot of bother, when he was arrested on a piffling charge, accused of taking chaff worth 2s 6d, in a bag, value 6d, which he found on a wall. It had been left there by two hauliers called Cox and Young, to feed their horses when they passed on their return journey. William was apprehended before he actually did anything with the bag and contents. It was a surely a case for discretion, but instead he was brought before the court. "A long array of witnesses from Brislington testified to the

respectable character of the prisoner", (Western Daily Press, 7 July 1860), and he was duly acquitted.

In 1861, he and his family were still in Brislington....

William	Pillinger	Head	Married	35	Labourer	Born	Brislington
Louisa	Pillinger	Wife	Married	32		Born	Brislington
Ellen	Pillinger	Dau		9	Scholar	Born	Brislington
Edward	Pillinger	Son		7	Scholar	Born	Brislington
William	Pillinger	Son		9mths		Born	Brislington

.....but soon after they left to join William's half brother James, who as we shall see, had already become a gardener across the river at Hanham. William and Louisa's last child, Fanny was born in 1864, and baptised at Hanham Christchurch, the following year.

On 17 June 1877, Ellen Louisa married John Woodey, a labourer, at Hanham Abbots, (the marriage witnessed by William, Edward and Fanny), and in 1878, her brother Edward Joseph married Elizabeth Goodenough at nearby Bitton.

In 1881, William was at home with his parents at Jefferis Hill, Hanham:

William	Pillinger	Head	Married	53	Gardener	Born	Brislington
Louisa	Pillinger	Wife	Married	52		Born	Brislington
William	Pillinger	Son	Unmar	20	Stay Presser (Milliner)	Born	Brislington

I am surprised that William junior's occupation appears to belong with the Kingswood felt hat trade in which many were engaged rather than corsetry. Langridge's Corset Factory, responsible for buckling the local women into whalebone "stays" as fashion demanded, was presumably in full spate too. Perhaps he did a bit of both. We shall see that he could turn his hand to most things.

William's sister Fanny, 18, worked as a stay machinist. On the night of the census she was at Milsom's Cottages, Hanham, with Ellen and John Woodey, her sister and brother in law.

By 1891, William was 30, and though still living at Hanham, was now a married man and a bootmaker. His wife Matilda aged 23 was the family staymaker!

William Britton Pillinger, the father of the family died on 1 April 1892, aged 64, and was buried at Christchurch.

By 1901, William junior had yet another occupation:

William	Pillinger	Head	Married	40	Florist and gardener, own account	Born	Brislington
Matilda	Pillinger	Wife	Married	35		Born	Hanham
Wallace	Pillinger	Son		8		Born	Hanham

Louisa Pillinger, the mother, of "128 Bryants Hill, St George" died aged 83, in 1912 and was buried at Christchurch.

Wallace married Nellie Hicks in 1911 at Whitefield Tabernacle, in Kingswood. Matilda, his mother, of "41 Green Street, Totterdown", widow, died 15 May 1939, leaving £122.7s.6d, with probate granted to her son Wallace William Pillinger, salesman.

Edward Joseph, born at Brislington 1852, continued to live in Hanham where he worked as a plumber and gas fitter, and his wife Elizabeth as a stay machinist. In 1881 they were 26 and 24, and by then had a son, Herbert aged 2. By 1891, aged 37 and 35 respectively, with Elizabeth still working for the stay factory, their children were Herbert, now 12, Albert, 10, Ethel, 8, Sydney, 7, Marion 5, Gertrude, 4, and Lewis, 3. Another baby, Stanley, baptised at Christchurch in 1889 seems to have died in infancy. A daughter Clarice Nellie was born in 1895, and finally Mildred May in 1898, who died aged one. Edward Joseph himself died 19 October 1900 aged 47 and was buried at Christchurch. In 1901, the family was living at number 280 on the main street at Hanham.

Elizabeth	Pillinger	Head	Widow	45		Born	Hanham
Herbert	Pillinger	Son	Unmar	22	Clicker, boot trade	Born	Hanham
Albert	Pillinger	Son	Unmar	19	Packer	Born	Hanham
Ethel	Pillinger	Dau	Unmar	18	Boot trade	Born	Hanham
Sidney	Pillinger	Son		17	Trimmer, boot trade	Born	Hanham
Marion	Pillinger	Dau		15		Born	Hanham
Gertrude	Pillinger	Dau		14		Born	Hanham
Lewis	Pillinger	Son		13		Born	Hanham
Clarice	Pillinger	Dau		6		Born	Hanham

Herbert William married Florence Pollinger on 2 August 1902 at St Matthew Moorfields. George Pain and Ethel Pillinger who would marry in their turn were witnesses. The Pollingers - though similarly spelt, were, confusingly, a separate family from the Pillingers, but likewise had lived in Kingswood since the mid 18th century, arriving about the same time as my ancestors, the established Pillinger family. (See the Pillinger Family, Part I).

Herbert and Florence had Mildred Florence in 1903 and Edward Stanley in 1905. The boy lived less than a year. Herbert died on 10 January 1927 aged 47, and Mildred his daughter died unmarried on 13 May 1932 aged 29. Florence lived on until 1953 when she died on 23 October aged 77.

Ethel Louisa married George Pain at Holy Trinity, Kingswood in 1907 and Clarice Nellie married Arthur Gerald Olds at the same church in 1920. Albert Edward remained a bachelor and was buried at Christchurch aged 40 on 10 December 1922.

Elizabeth, then of 73 High Street, Hanham, widow, died on 1 August 1938, leaving probate to her daughters, Ethel Louisa Pain and Clarice Nellie Olds.

Lest we forget.

The banns of marriage for Sidney John Pillinger and Miriam Wilthy Golding were called at Christchurch in May 1915. It is not known where they married, but they had a son Sidney Edward Peter in 1923.

Flight Sergeant (Navigator) 1316290 RAF (VR) Sidney Edward Peter Pillinger of 40 Squadron was tragically killed on 17 February 1944, a casualty of the Allied invasion of Italy, and is buried at the War Cemetery in Bari, Plot 10, Row B, Grave 18, described as the son of Sidney J and Miriam W Pillinger of Tavistock. His will giving his address as Whittam Park, Tavistock, shows that he left £148.3s.8d, with his father Sidney John Pillinger, manager, to administer. I do not know if there were other children.

The Kingswood Market Woman.

James, born in 1825, the youngest son of Henry, the coal haulier of Nelson's Glory, and Sarah his wife, married Sarah Ann Smith at St Mary Redcliffe in 1845. James was variously an agricultural labourer and a gardener. Their first child was Selina, christened on 11 June 1848. (She appears as "Sarah" in the census). Their son Charles was privately baptised on 25 January 1850 and died just two weeks later. A second son, Edwin Charles was baptised in April 1851, and appears in the census at Nelson's Glory, aged one week!

James	Pillinger	Head	Married	25	Ag labourer	Born	Brislington
Ann	Pillinger	Wife	Married	26		Born	St George
Sarah	Pillinger	Mother	Widow	68	Washerwoman	Born	Frampton Cotterell
Sarah	Pillinger	Daughter		2		Born	Brislington
Edwin C	Pillinger	Son		1 week		Born	Brislington
Sarah	Smith	Sister in law	Unmar	28	Monthly nurse	Born	St George

Another child, Sarah Ann, like her first born brother, was privately baptised, but unlike him, survived, to be received into the church proper on 15 March 1853. Elizabeth Mary, Ann's last child followed on 16 September 1855. She was buried at the early age of 32 on 8 November 1857.

James remarried on 2 February 1859, Mary Broadribb, who came from North Petherton, Somerset, at St Mary Redcliffe. She and James soon set off for pastures new, leaving Nelson's Glory in the occupation of James's half brother Joseph. As we know, Joseph stayed there until his death in 1864 and the house passed out of the family. By 1881 William Bevan, a Brislington gardener aged 48 was resident there with his wife Anna aged 54, their adult children Albert and Rosanna, his sister Elizabeth Lyncombe and a lodger, Susannah Hawkins. It appears from the original agreement that the house was leasehold, and it reverted to the Langton Court estate, for no money seems to have changed hands.

James and Mary set up across the river at Hanham, then in the parish of Bitton. Until then, those other Pillingers, my ancestors, who had been there since 1755, had thought of

this place as their own. "No relation", everybody said huffily, and this time it was true, or else the kinship went so far back, it is lost in the mists of time. Certainly there was no excess cash, for James obtained work as an agricultural labourer, whilst Mary brought green stuff to Bristol market. James and Mary appear on the census of 1861 at Hanham Lane:

James	Pillinger	Head	Married	36	Ag lab	Born	Brislington
Mary	Pillinger	Wife	Married	34	Market woman	Born	Brislington (incorrect)
Selina	Pillinger	Dau		12	Servant & scholar	Born	Brislington
Charles	Pillinger	Son		10	Scholar	Born	Brislington
Sarah Ann	Pillinger	Dau		8	Scholar	Born	Brislington
Elizabeth	Pillinger	Dau		6	Scholar	Born	Brislington
James	Pillinger	Son		1		Born	Brislington

A photograph of "The Kingswood Market Woman" appears in Reece Winstone's book "Bristol as it was, 1874-1866", which was according to the blurb "identified as her grandson as Mrs Hannah Pillinger". I have therefore placed her with the Kingswood family, as Isaac's wife, who was described in censuses "a hawker". (See page 38 of the Pillinger Family History, Part 1.) It is quite evident to me now that the photograph might just as well be of Mary, (despite the identification, - and the dates fit better), who drove her cart full of vegetables to the Bristol market.

Braine in his "History of Kingswood Forest" (1891) supplies a vivid picture of this indomitable breed of women: "They usually carried fruits, flowers and vegetables and had for this purpose donkeys with panniers. (They) wore large hats, called 'shovel hats' and thick heavy blue coats with capes. (They) were generally fine women, and perched upon their donkeys, rain or shine, seemed to defy the weather. A grave old dame, thus attired and nicely balanced between two panniers on her way to market, was accosted by some young fops just leaving the city. 'Good morning, mother of donkeys,' said one. 'Yeaah,' said the old lady, 'good mornin' to thee, my son.' The dandy retreated."

In Kingswood, the family joined in with local activities. At the Kingswood, St George and Bitton Cottagers' Horticultural Society Show on 19 August 1865, young Edwin Charles, now known as just Charles, won the 2nd prize for a "Bouquet of wild flowers, children under 15", pipped by a girl, Bessy Barton, who took 1st prize.

By 1871, the family was at Mounthill. Selina and Charles had left home, and more children had been born:

James	Pillinger	Head	Married	46	Labourer	Born	Brislington
Mary	Pillinger	Wife	Married	45		Born	North Petherton
Sarah	Pillinger	Dau		17		Born	Brislington
Elizabeth	Pillinger	Dau		15		Born	Brislington
James	Pillinger	Son		11		Born	Hanham
Henry	Pillinger	Son		9		Born	Hanham
Mary	Pillinger	Dau		6		Born	Hanham
Sophia	Pillinger	Dau		3		Born	Hanham

In 1881, the family remained at Mounthill:

James	Pillinger	Head	Married	54	Gardener	Born	Brislington
Mary	Pillinger	Wife	Married	48		Born	Bridgwater
Sarah Ann	Pillinger	Dau	Unmar	27		Born	Brislington
James	Pillinger	Son	Unmar	20	Lab	Born	Bitton
Henry	Pillinger	Son	Unmar	18	Lab	Born	Bitton
Mary	Pillinger	Dau		15		Born	Bitton
Sophia	Pillinger	Dau		13		Born	Bitton
John	Broadribb	Relation	Married	71		Born	West Newton, Som

Meanwhile, Charles had ventured far afield to Yorkshire where in 1881 he is found at 12 Lyndhurst Street, Thornaby:

Charles	Pillinger	Head	Married	28	Driller in Shipyard	Born	Brislington
Hannah	Pillinger	Wife	Married	21		Born	Wales
Frederick	Pillinger	Son		3		Born	S. Stockton, York
Emily	Pillinger	Dau		9 months		Born	S. Stockton
Samuel	Simpson	Boarder	Widower	75	Ret'd butcher	Born	Leeds

(By 1901, the boy Frederick may have returned to Bristol as he is the right age to be Frederick Pillinger, ship's engineer, 23, born Bristol. The place of birth does not tally, but there is no other candidate. Even more intriguing is the baptism of "William, son Benjamin and Elizabeth Pillinger", baptised at Thornaby on 5 September 1852, who seem to have fetched up there by coincidence, as nothing else is known about this little family, and they do not seem to be connected with Brislington.)

In 1881, Selina, (transcribed incorrectly as "Pallinger"), aged 30, a servant, was living at 93 Old Market Street, Bristol, with her uncle and aunt, William and Ellen Broadribb. William, a 39 year old potato salesman, born at North Petherton, was her stepmother's brother. On 9 November 1884 at Holy Trinity, St Philips, Sophia Elizabeth Mary, the illegitimate daughter of Selina, of 56 Jacob Street, a domestic servant, was christened. I find it comforting that the baby was named after three of her sisters. Of the rest of the children of James's first family, Charles, as we have seen moved to Yorkshire, Elizabeth Mary married Joseph Peacock at Bitton in 1880. Sarah Ann aged 27, married a collier, Henry Watts, of Burchill's Green, also 27, at St Michael's Two Mile Hill on 24 July 1881. It would be a strange coincidence if Sarah Ann's Henry Watts was a descendant of the man of the same name who we shall meet later, who spoke so angrily about the state of the rope at the trial of a distant kinsman, Henry Pillinger, for manslaughter, in 1843!

In 1891, back at Mounthill,

James	Pillinger	Head	Married	66	Gardener	Born	Brislington
Mary	Pillinger	Wife	Married	60		Born	Bridgwater
Sophia	Pillinger	Dau	Unmar	23		Born	Hanham

Of the second family, James married Emily Cowley at Bitton in 1890, and in 1891 they were living at 59 Hanham Road. Henry William married Emily Golding at St Matthew Moorfields on 18 August 1887. Mary married Robert Beese at Bitton on 6 April 1885.

The elder Pillingers appear to have worked at the market garden until Mary died in 1895 aged 68, and James, in 1900 aged 75. He left £190, with the probate granted jointly to his son James, and unmarried daughter, Sophia.

James, junior aged 42, appears on the 1901 census as a carter/labourer at Kingswood, whilst his wife Emily carried on the market garden. They had one daughter, Emily, a corset stretcher, who married Graham Pearce, then a private in the Royal Berkshire regiment, in 1919. James Pillinger aged 71, died on 9 March 1931, leaving £130. He shares a grave at Holy Trinity, Kingswood with Emily, his wife, who died 24 February 1940, aged 79, and with his son in law, Graham Pearce, who died 21 January 1952. Emily Pearce must be there as well, but as she was last of the line, there was no one to pay for an inscription on the stone.

In 1901, Charles Pillinger, 50, iron driller, born Brislington, was still at Thornaby and his half-brother Henry, aged 39 was a gardener at Oldland. It is quite safe to say that they had completely lost touch.

Charles (shown as Charles Edward) of 4 Cromwell Terrace, Thornaby on Tees, Yorkshire, died 21 January 1921, leaving £286.1s 4d with probate to his widow, Hannah Maria, and John Henry Trevett, commercial traveller.

A shotgun wedding.

To return to Brislington, and John, the third son of John and Sarah, who was born in 1764. He got into trouble of the amorous kind. On 7 August, 1786, James Skinfill (sic), "the base born son of Ann" was baptised. Tongues wagged, Overseers and Churchwardens made enquiries and decided it would not do, and sternly commanded on 4 June the following year "that John Pillinger be compelled to marry Ann Scanfield, or to give security to the parish for his bastard by the said Scanfield". They were married on 8 July, with John's sister Mary, and the clerk, William Peasley, (to stop him running off), as witnesses. They went on to have eight more children:

Thomas, 1790
Sarah, 1792-97
Susannah, 1793
William, 1795
Sarah, 1798
Leah, 1799
Elizabeth, 1803
and
Henry, 1807

By 1796, all forgiven, John was back in favour with the parish, for on 25 March, a substitute was found at ratepayers' expense to serve for him in the militia, which acted as a Home Guard whilst the regulars were otherwise engaged against Napoleon. Three shillings was paid to a woman whose husband went in John Pillinger's place, and who must have been truly desperate.

A Professor of Music.

It is not known what became of the others, but John and Ann's third son was Henry baptised on 28 June 1807. He married Martha Britton who came from the nearby village of Queen Charlton, at St John's, Bristol, in 1828. Their son William was baptised by the Reverend Ranken on 24 May 1829, when Henry is described as a milkman. Martha later deposed in 1863 that this was a mistake, and that William was actually George, and had always been known by that name! (This is "typical Pillinger" as readers of Volume One, will confirm.) Regrettably, I know nothing else about George. On 4 May 1834, a second son, John Britton was baptised, son of Henry, a labourer. He was followed by Frederick on 15 May 1836, Albert, topically named after the soon to be Prince Consort on 21 October 1838, and Fingal in 1841, evidently after a certain cave. Appropriately Fingal became "a Professor of Music", which shows that people can grow into their names.

In 1841, the family was at Fry's Hill:

Henry	Pillinger	30	Ag lab	Y
Martha	Pillinger	30		Y
George	Pillinger	12		Y
John	Pillinger	7		Y
Frederick	Pillinger	5		Y
Albert	Pillinger	2		Y
Fingal	Pillinger	10 weeks		Y

By the time their only daughter Pamela, named after Richardson's heroine, was born in 1850, Henry and Martha had moved to Queen Charlton, where she was baptised on 14 May, and Henry was working as a gardener. They remained in Queen Charlton for the rest of their lives. Pamela made an interesting marriage in 1877 with an artist, Charles Walter Cumberbatch, who was born in the West Indies. The name Cumberbatch has connections with the infamous triangular trade on both sides of the blanket. By 1881, Henry was dead and Martha was living with her daughter and son in law:

Charles	Cumberbatch	Head	Married	35	Pictorial Artist	Born	West Indies
Pamela	Cumberbatch	Wife	Married	30		Born	Queen Charlton
Lilian E	Cumberbatch	Dau		2		Born	Bristol
Elkin P	Cumberbatch	Son		9 mths		Born	Queen Charlton
Martha	Pillinger	Mother in law	Widow	74	Income from property	Born	Queen Charlton
Mary A	Ford	Servant		13	General domestic	Born	Pensford

Two children Elkin Percy and Alice Beatrice Martha, the son and daughter of Charles Walter and Pamela Cumberbatch of Hammersmith, London, Gentleman, were baptised at Queen Charlton on 16 August 1891.

Although George Pillinger is nowhere to be found in 1851, his brothers, John Britton Pillinger and Frederick had left home, aged 16 and 14, and are lodging in Bristol with a Mr J. Hawkins, a haulier. John was a grocer's porter and Fred an ironmonger's porter. Soon both boys departed to seek their fortunes in London. John married Sarah Susannah Daymond and they produced Florence Edith in 1859, Walter Sidney in 1860, Adelaide Louisa in 1862 and Ernest Seymour Herbert in 1864, all at St Pancras.

Lest we forget II

Ernest Seymour married Elizabeth, and they had a son, Sidney Walter born in 1895. He was a young married man when he joined up in the First World War and became Private 21586 of the 11th Battalion, the East Surrey regiment. He died 3 February 1917 aged 22 and is buried at Battersea, (Morden Cemetery) Merton and Morden, Surrey, Sector N, grave 399. His wife is named as Daisy Ann Elliott, formerly Pillinger, of East Apple River, Cumberland County, Nova Scotia, Canada.

In 1881 John Britton, 46, a trunk maker, and Sarah Susannah, 44, were alone at 6 Myatts Road, Lambeth.

Frederick returned from London to marry Maria Caswell, the daughter of a coachman, at Keynsham on 22 October 1859. Their son Gustavus George was born at St Pancras the following year. Whether there were other children between him and the their next born, Frederick Caswell in 1872, I have not been able to discover. Certainly Gustavus had left home prior to 1881 when the family had come home, and are found at Hill House, Bath Hill, Keynsham. (The parents' ages should have been 45!)

Frederick	Pillinger	Head	Married	35	Portmanteau maker	Born	Brislington
Maria	Pillinger	Wife	Married	35		Born	Brislington
Frederick	Pillinger	Son		10	Scholar	Born	London
Henry	Abraham	Boarder	Unmar	23	Railway clerk	Born	Tiverton
Henry G	Cotterall	Boarder	Unmar	19	Railway clerk	Born	Bristol

In 1901, they were at 74 Dragon's Hill, Keynsham:

Frederick	Pillinger	Head	Married	64	Retired trunk maker	Born	Brislington
Maria	Pillinger	Wife	Married	64		Born	Brislington
Frederick	Pillinger	Son	Single	30	Portmanteau maker, at home on own account	Born	St Pancras
George	Pillinger	Grandson		3	Scholar	Born	USA Brit Cit

Young George is presumably the son of the missing Gustavus George, but where his parents were, is anybody's guess.

In 1904, Frederick married Maud Mary Lock, and their son, Wilfred John, was born in 1905, followed by Ida Marion, 1908 and Charles Frederick Fingal. Many years ago I corresponded with Wilfred, a retired teacher, who in 1980 lived in Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire. He married Isobel May in 1934. They had three children, Anthony Caswell, 1936, who married Veronica, and had three daughters, June, Helen and Rachel, Vivien Isabel, 1934, who married Brian Kington, and had Nicholas, Bridget and Claire Kington, and Anthea Margaret, 1944, who married Richard Burston and had Joseph and Amy Burston. Ida Marion, Wilfred's sister married Gordon Bennett, and his brother Charles Frederick Fingal, had Cynthia by his first wife, Edith, and Patricia, by his second. Wilfred said "So! No more Pillingers from this source." He added, "My mother was a teacher, I was a teacher, Ida Marion was a teacher. Vivien and Anthea were both teachers!" Exceptions were Charles, then a retired farmer, and Anthony who worked at Cadbury's, the chocolate makers.

Uncle Fingal, the Professor of Music, who was also a portmanteau maker, married twice, first in 1867 to Sarah, the daughter of Henry Cornish. She died aged 25, and was buried at Arno's Vale. In 1871, he was aged 29, a widower, lodger, portmanteau maker, at 24 Orchard Street, St Augustine's, in the home of Lavinia Beard. By 1881, still a portmanteau maker, aged 40, he was remarried, and living at 28 Brislington Crescent, Bedminster with his wife Elizabeth, aged 36, born Moultsford, Berkshire, and a lodger, Mary Ann Cooke, aged 68, a retired widow. He appears in the Bristol Directory of the same year at 28 Bath Road. In 1886 and 1888, as - perhaps the fulfilment of a dream - he is described "Professor of Music". In 1901 Fingal is shown as aged 59, and indexed incorrectly as "Fergal". Elizabeth died on 31 December 1907, leaving £382 2s 7d. Her will was proved the following year. Fingal himself died 15 June 1922, when living with his brother Frederick, at Devonshire House, Knowle Road, Totterdown. He was described "retired portmanteau maker", so the music was only a dream after all, but he was not badly off. He left £1,384. 13s 1d, with probate granted on 11 September to George Henry Butler Golledge, yeoman and his nephew Elkin Percy Cumberbatch.

Frederick Pillinger died aged 74 in 1911, and his wife in 1913, aged 76. Their monuments are to be seen at Queen Charlton churchyard. Frederick Caswell, Wilfred's father, died in 1914 and is buried at Queen Charlton like the rest. He left £2,665.4s 7d with his widow Maud Mary to administer. Wilfred was only nine when his father died, and there were two younger children.

Bound for Australia III

A history of Walter Sidney, the son of John Britton Pillinger born St Pancras in 1860 and his descendants was sent to me by Winifred Pillinger of Victoria, Australia, and this is the gist of her tale of which I have no corroborative evidence. Walter Sidney married a French-Polish woman called Olga Helen Duss in France, and they had three children, Sidney Walter, 1900, also known as John, Ernest Leon Jules in 1902 and Helen Olga,

1904-81, who married Edward Scorfield in 1925. Although Sidney Walter and Ernest Leon were educated at Southdown College in Kent, Walter Sidney was in France during World War One, and was a prisoner of the Germans. As he would have been 54 in 1914, it seems unlikely he was a combatant. His son Sidney Walter, 1900-82, married Eve, a South African woman, and by her had three children, William, Jillian and Simon. At the time Winifred contacted me, William had three children, Jillian, a University lecturer was unmarried, and Simon, a father of two, was a warden at a game reserve in Zululand.

Ernest, born 1902 worked on the Cunard Line, and whilst ashore in Australia met Winifred Borer, (my informant), and they were married on 13 November 1926. Walter Sidney died the same year in Australia, where he had come to settle, along with Helen, his daughter. Ernest and Winifred brought up their four children in Australia. Barbara Joan, born 1927 who married Maurice McLeish and had two children; Jack Leon, 1930-49, who sadly died as a result of an accident; Barry Ernest, 1936, who married Patricia Mullaly in 1965, and had Damon Leon in 1966, and Nicole and Jacqueline, twins, in 1968, and finally Wendy Susan, born 1949 who married Graham McAlpine. (Wendy McAlpine posted a request for information on the Internet on 18 March 2004.)

Back to Brislington to catch up with Jeremiah.

The youngest son of John and Sarah, born 1779, was Jeremiah, who as we have earlier seen was his father's residual legatee.

At the age of 20, on 11 November 1799, he married Anne Saunders. Neither party could sign their names. Their witnesses were Thomas Saunders, perhaps the bride's father, and John Brown. The Browns were well to do Brislington farmers, and I suspect he was Jeremiah's employer. Jeremiah - more often known as Jeremy - drew the short straw in 1800, and like John before him, should have served in the militia as part of the village's quota. Again a substitute was procured and Thomas Johnson took his place at a cost to the parish of £2.12s 6d a quarter. Perhaps John Brown pulled strings for our Jeremy.

Anne, his wife, gave birth to Sarah in 1801, but seemingly both mother and child died, and we hear of the young widower again on 1 July 1805, when he married Mary Morris, who signed the register, this time before witnesses Thomas Roberts and Grace Fisher, who later married James Pillinger.

Jeremy and Mary had John, in 1806, William, in 1809,* Frances (Fanny), in 1814, Susannah, in 1816 and Mary, in 1821.

In 1809 they took out a lease in reversion of 99 years determined on the lives of "Jeremiah aged 29 and Mary aged 28", at a yearly rent of one shilling between themselves and William Gore-Langton, the Lord of the Manor.

When the Reverend Charles Ranken, came on his rounds on 20 August 1827, they were described thus: "Jeremiah, 49, can read, goes to church, works for [Mr] Shute, 10 shillings a week, sings in church. Mary, 53, can read, goes to church, takes in washing.

Five children, John, 21, can read, works [Mr] Miller's nursery, plays in church, William, 18, can read, goes to church, works at [Mr] Hurle's quarry, 8 shillings a week, Fanny, 13, can read, Susannah, 11, goes to Mrs Allpass's school, Mary, 6, goes to Mrs Allpass's school. Virtue Faux, 19, lodger, can read, goes to church. Their own house for life."

Charles Ranken must have been well pleased with this family. Not only were they regular churchgoers, but reminiscent of the Mellstock Town Band in Under the Greenwood Tree, the father sang in the choir and one of their boys supplied the music. The church musicians had got into trouble with the vestry in 1817 when they were required to sing such tunes "as only the Minister and Churchwardens shall appoint, the words to be selected by the Minister", but maybe by Jeremy's time, they were far more respectable.

Jeremy and Mary's little daughter Mary died on December 21 1820 aged 8, and her perfectly preserved tombstone in the churchyard bears the poignant legend:

"Old and young behold and see
How quickly death did conquer me
Therefore repent make no delay
For no-one knows their dying day."

Jeremiah died on 8 September 1833 and is commemorated on the same stone, which lies on the opposite aisle to that of James and Hannah Pillinger. When I last visited in March 2004, daffodils made a fine show at the foot of the stone.

Of their other children, John, baptised 1806 married Joanna Walker on 2 December 1835 at St James. They had William Morris, (given John's mother's surname as a middle name) who was baptised at Redland Chapel in 1837, Mary Ann, baptised at Henbury in 1839 and Edward Peter, also at Henbury, in 1841. At the 1841 census they were living at Kingsweston, where John, described as a male servant, was presumably a gardener at the great house there.

John	Pillinger	30	Male servant	Yes
Johana	Pillinger	30		Yes
William	Pillinger	4		Yes
Mary	Pillinger	2		Yes
Edward	Pillinger	1 mth		Yes
Not Known	Draper	40	Female servant	NK

(I must say, one feels for the poor cipher Draper, about whom hardly anything was known.)

According to the 1874 Electoral Roll, John owned property at The Rock, in Brislington, and by the time of his death on 19 October the following year, he was in business at Chepstow in Monmouthshire. He left an estate "under £1,500" with probate to his son, William Morris Pillinger, also a nurseryman. William Morris himself died on 4 April 1880, leaving an estate of "under £3,000", with probate to his widow, Eliza Emma. At the census of 1881 she is living at 3 Station Road, Chepstow:

Eliza	Pillinger	Head	Widow	35	Seed dealer	Born	Chepstow
Eliza	Pillinger	Other		9	Scholar	Born	Chepstow
Laura	Pillinger	Other		8	Scholar	Born	Chepstow
Florence	Pillinger	Other		3	Scholar	Born	Chepstow
Sam	Hay	Other	Unmar	26	Shopman (general shopkeeper)	Born	Worcester
Annie	Dunn	Other		18	Domestic servant	Born	Tidenham, Glos

It is odd that the children's relationship to Eliza is described "other", so it is currently not known whether they were her daughters or not. Sam Hay, as well as living in, had his feet well and truly under the table, and began to court the widow. The wedding between Samuel R. Hay and Eliza Pillinger took place at St Mary de Lode, Gloucester in the June Quarter of 1881!

Helen Mary ("Nellie") Pillinger who also presumably belongs to this family "died 2 June 1899 at Tutshill, the result of a carriage accident, late of the Nurseries, Chepstow. Deeply loved and mourned." She was only twenty seven. Her obituary appeared in the Bristol Observer of 10 June 1899, showing that she was still remembered locally. She was of Rocklea House, Tutshill, and left £1077 12s 9d, with administration to John Pillinger. The name Rocklea obviously shows a sure nostalgia for Brislington.

In 1881 Joanna was living at 2 Mount Pleasant, Chepstow:

Joanna	Pillinger	Head	Widow	74	Annuitant	Born	Lydney, Glos
Mary Ann	Pillinger	Dau	Unmar	32		Born	Henbury
Mary	Morgan	Servant	Unmar	18	Domestic	Born	Whitcroft, Glos

Joanna's death, aged 77 was registered in the December Quarter of 1883 at Chepstow.

William, the son of Jeremy and Mary, born in 1809, married Mary Harrill, member of a long established Brislington family, at St James, Bristol on 5 November 1832. They had a boy, Alfred Thomas, the same year, at St Thomas's, when the father was described "labourer of Brislington". He was followed by Jeremiah in 1834 and Henry Harrill in 1839. Only Jeremiah seems to have survived. In 1841, little Jeremiah is in an elderly household at Langton Court Cottages with his grandparents Henry and Leah Harrill, aged 70 and 65, respectively, and Ann Weymouth, 70. Of his parents there is no sign.

In 1851, the family was living at Birchwood in Brislington:

William	Pillinger	Head	Married	41	Gardener	Born	Brislington
Mary	Pillinger	Wife	Married	53		Born	Brislington
Jeremiah	Pillinger	Son		16	Gardener's labourer	Born	Brislington
Leah	Harrill	Mother in law	Widow	76	Ag lab's widow, pauper	Born	Brislington

Mary died aged 62 and was buried on 3 March 1859. William died aged 50, and was buried at St Luke's on 19 April 1860.

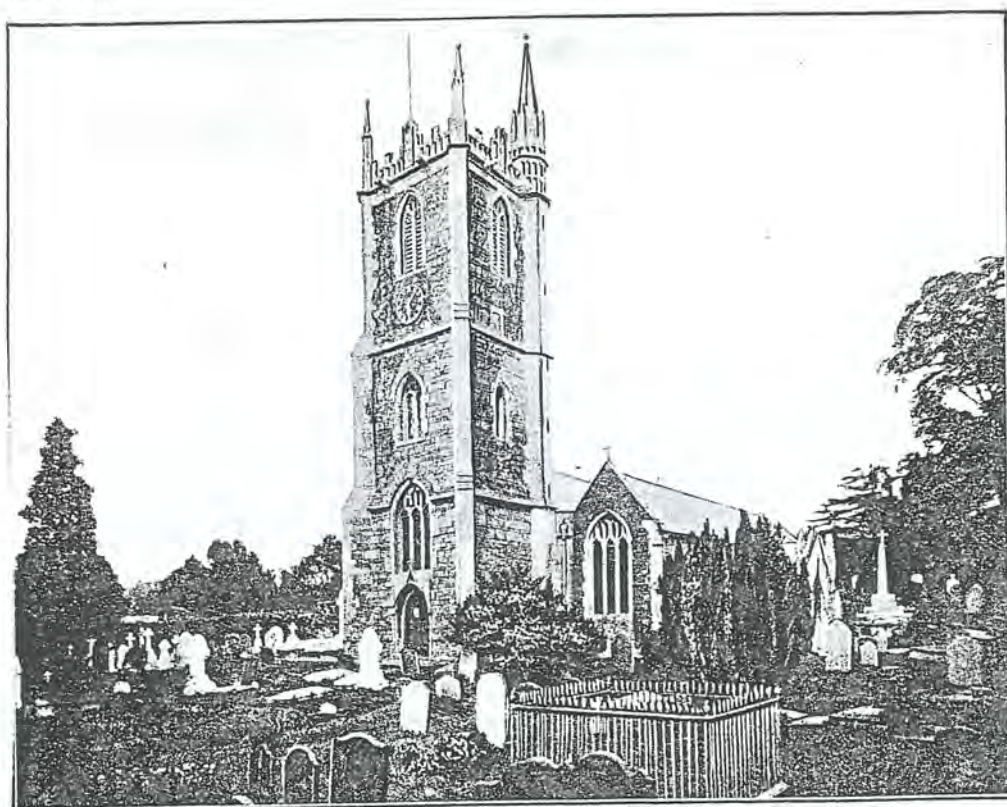
In 1861, Jeremiah was 25, a labourer, living at Brislington with his wife Mary Ann, aged 32, a dressmaker. They appear to have been childless, and by 1881 he was a widower, of 46, living at Grove Road, Brislington as a lodger in the house of Francis Bishop. Jeremiah seems to have been the last of the male Pillinger line to have lived in Brislington, though several girls who had married local men, and therefore changed their name were still around. Francis Bishop may have been a relation, as Jeremiah's Aunt Frances (Fanny) married Henry Bishop in 1837, and other Pillingers and Bishops had intermarried. (He may have been Jeremiah Henry Pillinger who married Charlotte Coggins at Temple Church on 6 August 1881.)

Fanny Bishop died aged 41 on 21 March 1857 and her husband Henry aged 81 on 30 April 1897. Their graves are near that of Fanny's father, Jeremy and her sister Mary. Susannah, Fanny's sister, baptised 1817 married James Barnwood at St Paul's Bristol on 12 June 1842. Mary Ann, baptised 1821, who replaced Mary lost the previous year, married Frederick Royal at Walcot, Bath. Their children were Mary Ann, Fanny, Emily and Susannah. Between 1851 and 1881 she was living at 12 Bath Street. She was widowed in the 1860's and died at New King Street in 1905. (This information is from her descendant Debbie Clement of Benfleet, Essex.)

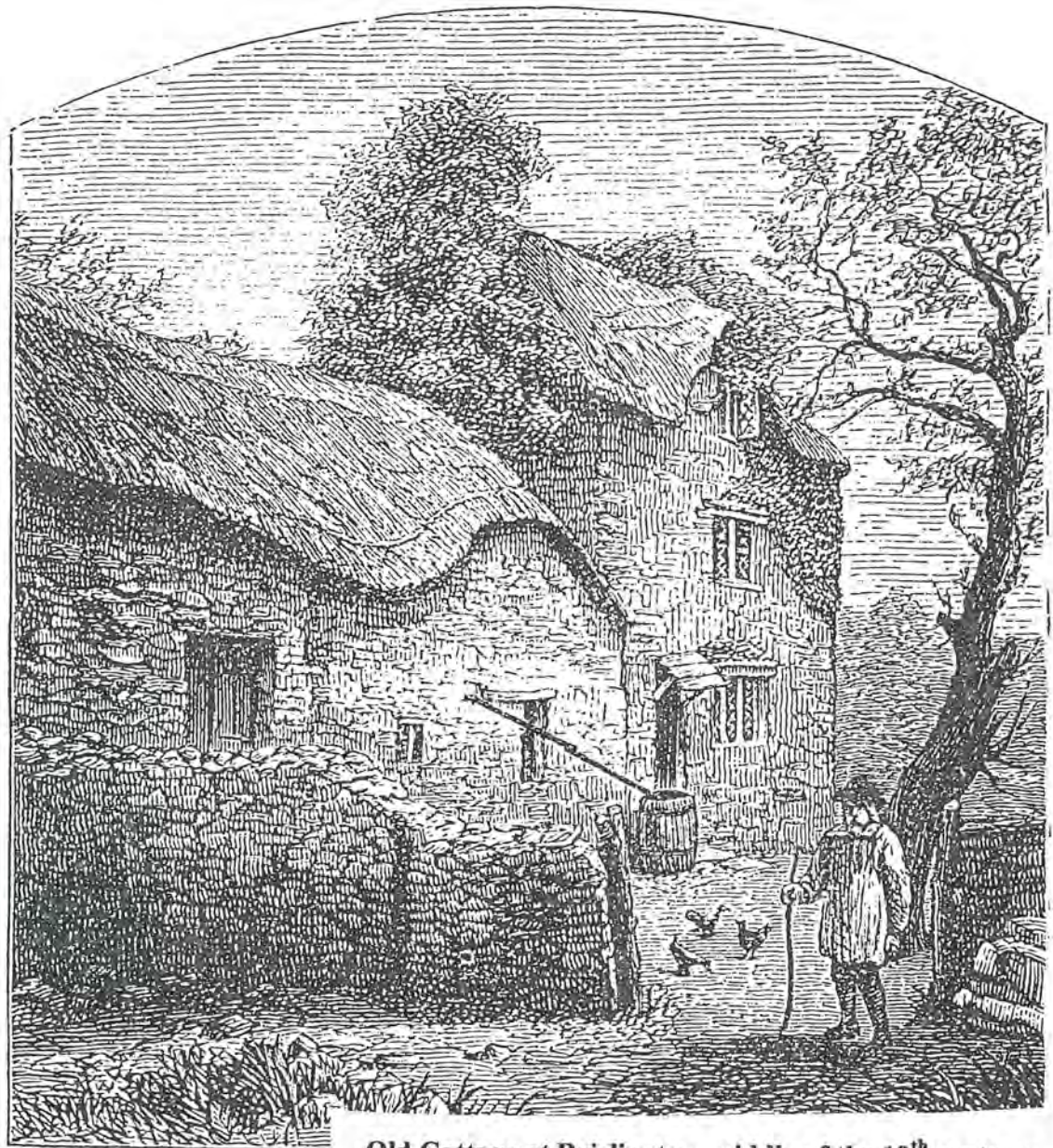
"Old" Jeremy's widow Mary, aged 79, who was living at 43 the Rock in 1851, had a visitor on census night, Leah Harrill, aged 12, born Mangotsfield. Mary was still a laundress, and her birthplace of Llangattock, Brecon, is confirmed by the inscription on her tombstone:

**"Arise ye and depart, for this is not your country.
Oh may you find a home in the mansions of the Lord."**

She died on 18 December 1859.



ST LUKE BRISLINGTON.



Old Cottage at Brislington, middle of the 19th century.

Part 2.

Now we go back to the beginning again.

**Here's success to the Plough,
The Fleece and the Flail
May the Landlord ever Flourish
And the Tenant never Fail. (Anon, 18th cent.)**

Jeremiah and Betty's son Isaac married Mary Smith on 31 May 1762, and confidently described himself "farmer" at his wedding.

They lost their first born, John, in 1763, but twins, Betty and another John, were baptised in 1764, followed by Jeremiah in 1766, William in 1770, Susanna in 1774, Mary in 1776, Isaac in 1777, who died aged 3, and finally James in 1780.

Isaac who rented his farm, Oakenhills, from John Hawkins esquire, in time needed a boy to help out, and in February 1766, took on an urchin "apprentice", William Smith. He was paid two shillings a week by the parish for his trouble. In July 1777, described as a yeoman, he took on another "apprentice", eight year old Edward Pope, who was due to serve his master as a husbandman until the age of *24 years!* This slavery under another name presumably came to a premature end, for the harvest, or the farm itself seems to have failed and in 1783 Isaac himself had to go cap in hand to the Overseers of the Poor. They paid him £3 2s 6d, (25 weeks at half a crown a week) and when matters got even worse, £5, (20 weeks at five shillings a week). If this wasn't a bad enough blow, he had to put out two of his daughters as parish apprentices in 1784. Susanna aged 10, to James Ireland, one of Brislington's gentry, and Mary aged 8, to William Jones, a farmer, "until 21, or married". Susanna served her time and married John Clark at St George's church in 1804. Mary may be the Mary Pillinger who married Daniel Moreweather (Merryweather) at St Mary le Port, Bristol on 15 October 1810. A Merryweather family had lived in Brislington for nearly two centuries.

On 4 August 1792, Isaac was paid two shillings by the parish for conveying a certain M. Bullen to the hospital. Despite hard times, if nothing else, it shows he still had a horse (or perhaps a donkey), and cart. From time to time he went "on the parish" again: for instance he was paid £2.10s 0d for 25 weeks between 7 April and 29 September 1798.

In 1807, he fell and broke his thigh and was taken to the Infirmary in Bristol. Sadly, he did not recover and died on 4 April that year. According to the hospital records, he was aged 60, though he was at least 65, and possibly older.

Isaac's son John appears to have been buried on 20 November 1797, his daughter Betty makes a few appearances in the Poor Books but no more is known of her.

To Bedminster

Jeremiah was the third survivor of Isaac and Mary's children. On 18 July 1790, at the age of 24, he married Sally Onfield at St Augustine's Bristol, and their son John was baptised there in 1792. Mary Harding, their daughter was born in 1794, but by the time of her christening on 19 July 1795, the family had moved to St John's Bedminster, where two more sons followed, Jeremiah in 1797 and Henry in 1799, who was buried at Bedminster in 1823, "aged 22". The parents too were buried at Bedminster: Sally, shown formally as Sarah, on 11 December 1836 aged 77, and Jeremiah "of Long Ashton", aged 74, in 1843.

Jeremiah & Sally's son John, born 1792, was a haulier, and married Harriet Wood at Clifton in 1813. They had six sons and two daughters, baptised variously at Bedminster and St Mary Redcliffe, Eliza in 1815, Henry in 1816, William in 1820, who evidently died before the next son, William Bryant was born in 1822. Then came Frederick in 1825, John in 1826, Louisa in 1829 and Thomas in 1832.

By 1851 when the family appears on the census of that year, Eliza, Frederick and Louisa are not named, and Henry was married, but the rest were at home at Rennolds Buildings, Bedminster. It is worth noting the casual cruelty in the way William is described.

John	Pillinger	Head	Married	62	Haulier	Born	St Augustines
Harriet	Pillinger	Wife	Married	64	Charwoman	Born	Bedminster
William	Pillinger	Son	Unmar	30	An idiot	Born	Bedminster
John	Pillinger	Son	Unmarried	26	Haulier	Born	Bedminster
Thomas	Pillinger	Son	Unmar	21	Day lab, jobber	Born	Bedminster
Henry	Pillinger	Grandson		10	Scholar	Born	Bedminster

By 1861, John and Harriet were living with their son Thomas.

Henry, John and Harriet's eldest son, who was baptised in 1816 at Bedminster, married Mary Evans in 1837. Their children were Harriet born in 1838, Mary in 1839, Henry in 1841, John in 1845, Frederick in 1850, Sarah in 1853 and Richard in 1860. (Henry born 1841, is the grandson aged 10, who was staying with John and Harriet, see above).

In 1851, they were living at Mill Lane, Bedminster:

Henry	Pillinger	Head	Married	36	Tanner	Born	Bedminster
Mary	Pillinger	Wife	Married	37		Born	Bedminster
Mary	Pillinger	Dau		12		Born	Bedminster
John	Pillinger	Son		10		Born	Bedminster
Frederick	Pillinger	Son		1		Born	Bedminster

In 1861, they lived at 1 Marshfield Court, Bedminster:

Henry	Pillinger	Head	Married	46	Haulier's labourer	Born	Bristol
Mary Ann	Pillinger	Wife	Married	47		Born	Bristol
John	Pillinger	Son		16		Born	Bristol

Fred	Pillinger	Son		9		Born	Bristol
Sarah	Pillinger	Dau		8		Born	Bristol
Richard	Pillinger	Son		1		Born	Bristol

John, born in 1845, worked variously as a collier and general labourer. He married Mary Ann Lloyd in 1866. Their first born was Alice, followed by Mary Ann in 1870, and in 1871 appear thus:

John	Pillinger	Head	Married	23	Coalminer	Born	Bedminster
Mary Ann	Pillinger	Wife	Married	23		Born	Bedminster
Alice	Pillinger	Dau		4		Born	Bedminster
Mary Ann	Pillinger	Dau		1		Born	Bedminster

John and Mary Ann did not know how old they were, and became even more confused later. They went on to have John born about 1872, Frederick about 1877 and Alfred, about 1878.

Henry's wife Mary Ann died before 1881, for in the census of that year we find him with his son John at 6 St John's Square, Bedminster:

John	Pillinger	Head	Married	25	Gen Lab	Born	Bedminster
Mary Ann	Pillinger	Wife	Married	23		Born	Bedminster
Mary Ann	Pillinger	Dau		11	Scholar		
John	Pillinger	Son		9	Scholar	Born	Bedminster
Frederick	Pillinger	Son		4	Scholar	Born	Bedminster
Alfred	Pillinger	Son		3	Scholar	Born	Bedminster
Henry	Pillinger	Head	Widower	60	Haulier	Born	Bedminster
Richard	Pillinger	Son	Unmar	21	Mason's lab	Born	Bedminster

(John and Mary Ann were actually 35 and 33 respectively!)

Mary Ann, aged 19, married a coal porter, William Bryant, at St Luke's, Bedminster in 1889.

In 1891, Henry, now "aged 72" and "a horse dealer, neither employee nor employed", was living alone in Catherine Mead Street, though his son John and family were not far away, still at 43 St John's Square:

John	Pillinger	Head	Married	45	Coalminer	Born	Bedminster
Mary Ann	Pillinger	Wife	Married	43		Born	Bedminster
Mary Ann	Bryant	Dau	Married	22		Born	Bedminster
John	Pillinger	Son	Single	20		Born	Bedminster
Frederick	Pillinger	Son		14		Born	Bedminster
Alfred	Pillinger	Son		12		Born	Bedminster
Sarah	Pillinger	Dau		9		Born	Bedminster
Richard	Pillinger	Son		7		Born	Bedminster
George	Lloyd	Father in law	Widower	89	No occ	Born	Bedminster
Elizabeth	Parsons	Niece	Single	23	Box maker	Born	Bedminster

The younger children with two additions appear under this address as attending St Paul's School. Evidently both boys were known as Fred, for the register states Alfred Pillinger,

born 11 August 1876, admitted 4 September 1882; Alfred Pillinger, born 3 September 1879, admitted 4 September 1882; Sarah Pillinger, born June 1882, left 4 February 1889 for the girls school; Richard Pillinger born December 1883, left 27 September 1889.

The Loss of the "Massasoit"

In 1982, I was contacted by John Rich, a Bristol Channel Pilot, who drew my attention to a brass memorial plate hanging in the St Nicholas Church Museum, whence it had been moved after the demolition of the Seamen's Institute in Prince Street in 1954. (As the Museum closed about five years ago, due to "Council cuts", it is anybody's guess where it is now.) The memorial reads as follows:

IN MEMORY OF THE OFFICERS AND CREW of the S.S."MASSASOIT"

Which foundered at sea during the month of March 1896 while on a voyage from the United States to England.

This Memorial is erected by their sorrowful widows, orphans and dependant relatives.

Charles A	Murray	Master
Daniel B	Scott	1 st Mate
James G.	Sullivan	2 nd Mate
John G	Peters	1 st Engineer
James	Thomson	2 nd Engineer
Alexander	Frank	3 rd Engineer
James	Carle	Boatswain
Carl	Ostergen	Carpenter
Maurice	Callaghan	Steward
William	Campbell	Cook
William	Chamberlain	Donkeyman
Frederick	Sully	Able Seaman
James	Woods	Able Seaman
Charles	Erlandsen	Able Seaman
George	Bentley	Able Seaman
William A.	Saunders	R.N.R. Able Seaman
Denis	Arcade	Able Seaman
John	Sage	Able Seaman
Henry J.	Pillinger	Fireman
John R.	McMullin	R.N.R. Fireman
John	Leahy	Fireman
William	Peaple	Fireman
Frederick	Crews	Fireman
Henry	Williams	Fireman
William	Jones	Fireman
Frank	Woodrow	Assistant Steward

Resting until that Great Day when the Sea shall give up her dead.

8	J. Bark	V	33	do	(1) 8. Foxhane Baptist Church
9	L. Sully	V	28	do	(2) 5. Ambrose St. Clifton
10	James Woods	V	22	Liverpool	(1) 208 Wether St. Liverpool
11	Charles Erlanson	V	34	Sweden	(1) 7. South Green St. Bristol
12	George Bentley	V	23	Bristol	(2) 2. Littlewood St. do.
13	William Gamble	V	30	Bristol	(1) 3. Osborne St. Brandon Hill
14	Deris Drake	V	48	Rouen	(1) 49 Harrow Quay. Bristol
15	John Heyge	V	35	Ramsay	(2) 49 do do
16	John S. Peters	V	33	Bristol	(1) 6. Curragh Rd. Southwell
17	J. Thompson	V	28	Dundee	(2) Peep o day Lane Dundee
18	J. Francis	V	26	Cardiff	(1) 45 Fitzhammond Embankment
19	W. Chamberlain	V	26	Bristol	(2) 40 Philip St. Bristol
20	J. Oullenger	V	22	do	(1) 6. St. John's Lg. do
					(2) do
					(1) do
					(2) do

Part of the crew list of the "Massasoit" showing
J. Pillinger, 22 of St John's Square, Bedminster

† The capacities of Engineers not employed on the propelling engines and boilers should be described here and in Dis. †

* If a British Subject, state Town or County of birth, and if born in a

Who was Henry Pillinger, fireman, in Queen Victoria's Merchant Fleet in the great age of steam? I found he had signed his name in the crew list as simply "J. Pillinger", so like many another Pillinger, he was christened with one name and known by another. He was 22 years old and gave his address as 6 St John's Square, Bedminster. The ship's manifest shows that his voyage aboard the "Massasoit" was not his first time at sea; he had previously been paid off aboard the "Lycia" in Liverpool. He signed for what was to be his last voyage on 3rd February 1896 as a fireman at a wage of £3.15.0d (£3.75) per month - five shillings (25p) more than he would have made as an able seaman. He asked for - and received - an advance on his wages of exactly half - £1.17.6d. There were six other firemen: the Royal Naval Reserve John McMullin, aged 36, from Bath; John Leahy, aged 29, from Cork; William Peaple of Bristol, 25; Fred Crews, of Barton Hill, 33; Henry Williams, of Bedminster, 29, and W. Neville, 24, of St Michael's, Bristol. The rest of the crew were a melting pot of the British nation, English, Welsh, Scots and Irish, apart from three. Carl Ostergen, the 36 year old ship's carpenter, who gave an address in Swansea, and Charles Erlandsen, 34, of 7 South Green Street, Bristol, were both Swedes, and Denis Arcade, living at Narrow Quay, came from Rouen in France. Young Frank Woodrow, the assistant steward, was only 17.

The ship regularly plied the North Atlantic. She had recently returned from a routine crossing, leaving America on 21 December 1895, stopping to discharge cargo at Swansea and arriving at Bristol on 31 January 1896. She began taking on a new crew three days later.

The rations distributed to each man make interesting reading: there was a daily provision of 3 quarts of water; an eighth of an ounce of tea, half an ounce of coffee beans; 2 ounces of sugar and 1 pound of bread plus the following:

Sunday - one and half pounds of beef, half a pound of flour. Monday one and a quarter pounds of pork, one third of a pint of peas; Tuesday - as Sunday; Wednesday - as Monday; Thursday - as Sunday; Friday - as Monday. Saturday - One and half pounds of beef, half a pound of rice.

An almost completely meat diet with only peas - boiled into a mess of pease pudding by William Campbell, the cook, with merely the daily loaf and weekly rice to relieve constipation! I hope the men themselves provided a few apples at least, and perhaps onions and turnips to give some sort of tang to the boiled beef and salt pork.

The day of the sailing came, and the crew mustered at Bristol docks. Captain Murray, the 36 year old master from Hull, must have been furious to note that Fireman Neville had failed to arrive. William Jones, 26, from Hotwells, who was hanging about the Quay, looking for a berth, was only too eager to take his place.

The outward crossing was uneventful, but during the return voyage the "Massasoit" went missing. As the days overdue gave way to weeks and then months, it had to be assumed that she had sunk with all hands. On 11 May 1896, just over three months after our man had signed on, the General Register and Record Office of Shipping sent a memorandum

to the owners: "From a report in the wreck abstract it appears that 29 lives were lost with the vessel, please state why only 26 are reported."

This discrepancy suggests that perhaps some of the crew had jumped ship in the United States. G.C. Whitwill replied on behalf of the firm of Whitwill & Co. the next day: "the names of the seamen have been written in full; also the seaman who failed to join. The Superintendent of the Massasoit Steam Ship Company states that so far as he is aware there were only twenty six lives lost with the vessel." Among these was the miserably unlucky William Jones, who had replaced Neville. Whatever the reason for Neville's non-appearance, he could count himself the most fortunate of men. His time had not yet come.

The family placed an "In Memoriam" in the Bristol Observer on 30 March 1901: "In loving memory of our dear son John Pillinger, lost in ss "Massasoit", 29 March 1897. Sadly Missed. To Memory ever dear."

The date seems to have been a misprint. The younger of the two Freds also went to sea and appears in the census of 1901 as "Fred Pillinger, 23, Ship's Engineer, born Bristol".

Another casualty of the Great War.

Richard, who was seven in 1891, may be Richard Pillinger AB, Howe Battalion. R.N. Division. R.N.V.R who died on 26 August 1917 and is buried at the Duisans British War Cemetery near Arras in France. He is described as "the son of Mrs M.A. Pillinger, of 7 Victoria Street, Bedminster.

A Mystery Solved.

The next son of John the Haulier and Harriet Wood, is John, baptised 1826 at St John's Bedminster. He married Mary Ann about 1850, and they had Louisa Esther in 1851, Emily in 1853, Ada Harriet in 1854, William John in 1855, Fred in 1857, Charles Henry in 1859 and Rosa Jane in 1865, all the children baptised at Bedminster. An Emily Pillinger, aged 10, who could belong to this family, was taken to the General Hospital on 11 March 1863 with strabismus, which is a squint. (I know nothing about eye surgery, but I would have thought a squint was something you had to put up with then.) A Charles H. Pellingier [*sic*] of Bristol, aged 48, arrived in the USA in 1908, and could well be the Charles Henry baptised in 1859, above.

In 1861, John was the licensee of the "Beehive" pub at West Street, Bedminster. By 1871, he was a widower and coal haulier, aged 45, with only Ada, 19, a barmaid, (William) John, 17, and Frederick, 15, still at home. Emily his daughter, squint notwithstanding, married Hezekiah King, a lithograph printer at St Luke's Bedminster on 30 June 1875. Ada Harriet, then 27, of Woodbine Cottage, Prospect Place, married Henry Church, a clerk, aged 22, on 31 October 1881 at St Paul's Bedminster. In attendance as a witness was her brother, William John Pillinger. I have to say that William John caused me a great deal of anguish, and for many years appeared in the section of this history marked "Puzzles".

In 1881 he was living at 2 West Street with his wife Sarah Ann and their son, Albert E, aged 2.

William J	Pillinger	Head	Married	24	Haulier, employing 1 man	Born	Bedminster
Sarah A	Pillinger	Wife	Married	22		Born	Bedminster
Albert E	Pillinger	Son		2		Born	Bedminster

At this stage, I must make the aside that though the reminiscences by the living of the dead are invaluable, memories do play tricks, and throw up conundrums which initially seem insoluble. Following are the ramifications and contradictions concerning Alfred, the son of Josiah Pillinger, born about 1836, and which also eventually encompassed the above named William John.

Lilian Thomas, nee Pillinger, wrote to me in response to a newspaper article in which I enquired about my grandfather, Albert. She assumed that my Albert and her cousin Albert were one and the same, but they had no connection at all. Lilian was the daughter of Benjamin William, "who inherited Glen Farm from his father", who in turn was the son of Alfred, "who kept a pub in the wilds of Bedminster Down before moving to Abbots Leigh." She remembered going to see cousin Albert "who was an engineer at Wills" (W.D. & H.O. Wills, the tobacco firm, which employed half of Bedminster.) "And there was something about a Josiah Pillinger, who was a chapel parson." Lilian was "no good at dates" but another correspondent Alfred Henry Weeks, who styled himself "a member of the clan", through his mother Kate, was far more detailed. In Alfred Henry's version, Alfred, born circa 1834, of "Upper Farm, Beggar Bush Lane, Failand", had three children by an unknown first wife: John, Lizzie and Tilda. Lizzie - Elizabeth - was born about 1861, for I found her marriage on 19 March 1882 at St Luke's Bedminster to James Henry Cooksley, a farmer, aged 26. Elizabeth was the daughter of Alfred, a farmer. A.H. Weeks said there was no issue. Tilda married firstly Tom Emery and secondly Jim Hinton and departed for New Zealand. John married Sarah Ann and had Beatrice, Albert, (who married a wife called Lizzie), Rose, (who married a Charles), Harry, Will, and Nancy, (who married Charles, who was the widower of Beatrice). Alfred, who was the founder of this tribe, married secondly, Elizabeth Bartlett and had three more offspring: these were Alf, who married Ada Stitfall in 1890, begat May in 1893, and went to Canada; and Kate, who married H.G. Weeks, and had Alfred Henry in 1903, my obliging informant. The last child, Ben, married Kate, and had six children, Lily, (who married Austin Thomas), Stan, (who married Hilda Imber), George, who was killed in a motor cycle accident, Ivy, (who married Tom Bailey), Harry and finally May, (who married Gilmore Dickens).

Lilian Thomas, who indeed appeared on A.H. Weeks' tree, agreed with him that Alfred had removed to Abbotsleigh, but disagreed over the name of the farm. On census night, it 1881 it was neither "Upper" nor "Glen" Farm, where Alfred dwelt, but Martock Farm, Easton, (in Gordano), Somerset. He was in a considerable way of trade, and certainly had a house full:

Alfred	Pillinger	Head	Married	45	Farmer of 150 acres employing 6 labourers	Born	St Mary Redcliffe, Bristol
Elizabeth	Pillinger	Wife	Married	46		Born	St Mary Redcliffe, Bristol
Rosina	Pillinger	Dau	Unmar	22		Born	St Mary Redcliffe, Bristol
Matilda	Pillinger	Dau	Unmar	21		Born	St Mary Redcliffe, Bristol
Elizabeth	Pillinger	Dau	Unmar	19		Born	St Mary Redcliffe, Bristol
Alfred	Pillinger	Son		13	Scholar	Born	St Mary Redcliffe, Bristol
Kate	Pillinger	Dau		11	Scholar	Born	St Mary Redcliffe, Bristol
Benjamin	Pillinger	Son		9	Scholar	Born	St Mary Redcliffe, Bristol
Mary Ann	Rood	Visitor	Widow	29	Laundress	Born	St Mary Redcliffe, Bristol
Henry	Rood	Visitor		8	Scholar	Born	St Mary Redcliffe, Bristol
Amelia	Rood	Visitor		6 mths		Born	St Mary Redcliffe, Bristol
Thomas	Emery	Visitor		24	Mason	Born	St Mary Redcliffe, Bristol
Frederic	Reeves	Servant	Unmar	22	Farm servant, indoor	Born	St Philips
Henry	Weadon	Servant		15	Farm servant, indoor	Born	Easton in Gordano

(Matilda married at St John's not long after on 16 November 1881. She was 21, a spinster of Whitehouse Street, father Alfred, farmer. Her bridegroom was Thomas White Emery, a confectioner of the same address, thus confirming A.H. Weeks' information.)

The second marriage of Alfred Pillinger took place at Holy Trinity, Easton on 1 July 1867: Alfred Pillinger, full age, widower, gardener, of Oxford Street, father, Josiah, gardener and Elizabeth Bartlett, full age, widow, ironer, of the same address, father James Grubb, waterman. Both parties signed the register, which was witnessed by Josiah, (Lilian's "chapel parson") and Maria, father and sister of the groom respectively.

At about the same time, my third cousin of the blood, Dennis Pillinger, had a chance encounter with a certain Maurice Pillinger who made his somewhat sketchy contribution: Grandfather, name unknown, kept a pub called the Ostrich, not far from St Mary Redcliffe, near the Quay at Princes Street. He had five children, Albert, Harry, Rose, William Alfred and Beatrice. William Alfred, Maurice's father married "a relative of General Picton of the Peninsular War". The marriage register of St John the Baptist in 1921 gave me: William Alfred Pillinger, 24, bachelor, civil servant, 28 Garnett Street, father, William John, deceased, licensee & Dorothy Margaret Picton, 20, spinster, 15 Nelson Street, father Edward, fire constable. (A kinship with the famous General Picton, who has a Bristol street named after him, is clearly not out of the question!)

I now compared the "Ostrich" family according to Maurice:

Albert, Harry, Rose, Beatrice, William Alfred

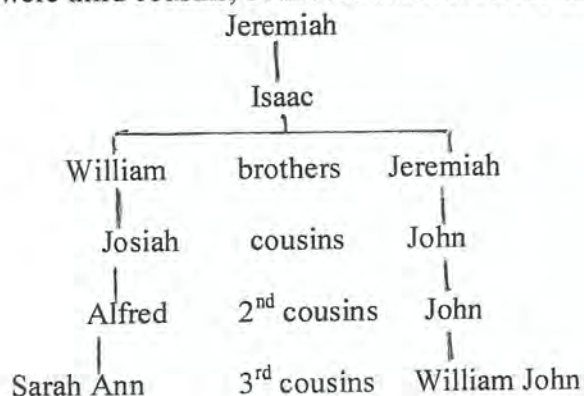
with the children of John and Sarah, according to A.H. Weeks:

Lilian, Albert, Rose, Beatrice, Harry, Will and Nancy.

In five instances, they tally. Could they be the children of William John & Sarah? Could William John have dropped his first name and been known as "Uncle John"? Soon all would be revealed. In 1861, in Bedminster lived:

Alfred	Pillinger	Head	Married	24	Collier	Born	Bedminster
Eliza Ann	Pillinger	Wife	Married	24		Born	Bedminster
Sarah Ann	Pillinger	Dau		2		Born	Bedminster
Matilda	Pillinger	Dau		1		Born	Bedminster

There was no other Alfred of an appropriate age - and he should have had a son John or William John, if the pieces were to fit. At this rate, I not only had a spare Alfred, about whom nothing else was known but a spare Sarah Ann and a spare Tilda, or Matilda. Then I found the answer. It was not John, (in fact William John), who was Alfred's child, but Sarah. It was no wonder A.H. Weeks had erred! The marriage register of St Luke's Bedminster for 11 December 1876 has William John Pillinger, 21, bachelor, labourer, father John, haulier & Sarah Ann Pillinger, 19, spinster, Bedminster, father Alfred, dairyman. The couple were third cousins, both descended from Jeremiah of Brislington!



I suspect that when they met, they were astonished to have the same surname, and may even have been unaware of their kinship to each other.

As we know, in 1881, William John and Sarah Ann were living at 2 West Street with their son, Albert E, aged 2. If this was the Albert remembered by Lilian Thomas as her cousin, where was he in 1891 when he should have been aged 12? There is no sign of him in the census entry for Alma House, Clifton:

William John	Pillinger	Head	Married	35	Coal haulier, employer	Born	Bristol
Sarah Anne	Pillinger	Wife	Married	32		Born	Bristol
Elizabeth	Pillinger	Dau		9	Scholar	Born	Bristol
Rosina	Pillinger	Dau		7	Scholar	Born	Bristol
Beatrice	Pillinger	Dau		5	Scholar	Born	Bristol
Florence	Tuckett	Visitor	Single	16		Born	Bristol

Albert Edward certainly survived, for he was married on 24 July 1904 at St Paul's, Bedminster. The entry reads: Albert Edward Pillinger, 26, bachelor, engineer, Allington Road, father William John, haulier and Lizzie Price, 25, spinster of the same address, father John, warehouseman.

Sadly, his eldest sister who was christened Elizabeth Kate on 19 March 1882, did not reach adulthood. Her obituary appears in the Bristol Observer of 1 February 1896: "Elizabeth Kate, January 28, at the Ostrich, Guinea Street, beloved eldest daughter of John and Sarah Pillinger, aged 14, deeply regretted." She was buried at the Hebron burial ground.

William John, described "beerhousekeeper" was still the licensee of the Ostrich Inn, Guinea Street when he died on 4 January 1901, leaving £131.8s 4d to Sarah Anne, his widow.

Other daughters married after his death. On 26 June 1920, Rosina Matilda, 35, spinster of 28 Garrett Street, father William John, deceased, licensee, married Howard Charles Reeves, 24, fitter, 6 Upper Perry Hill. Their witnesses were Sidney Reeves and William A Pillinger. On 22 April 1922, it was the turn of Sarah Ann, 23, spinster of 111 Victoria Street, father William John, publican, deceased and Charles John Rogers, 24, a clerk of 69 Langton Road, father Geoffrey, tailor. The witnesses were Frederick George Rogers, William Alfred Pillinger and Beatrice Pillinger, the bride's brother and sister.

William Alfred, OBE, whose obituary notice appeared in the Cambridge Evening News on 24 September 1980, died at Cambridge on the 23 September 1980 "after an illness bravely fought". He was 83, the dearly loved husband of Dorothy and father of Pat and Maurice. Donations were sought for Professor Mitchell's Cancer Research fund. I do not know for what service to the country he received his "gong" - and as far as I know, apart from my brother Colin, CBE, and Herbert, MBE, the recruiting officer, both from the Kingswood family, he is the only other Pillinger to receive one.

The Battle of the Mushroom Field.

To return to Alfred, Sarah Ann's father and William John's father in law: his wife Eliza died "aged 30" in the March Quarter of 1867, and as we have already seen, he married a second wife, Elizabeth Bartlett. In 1871 Alfred and Elizabeth and the family are found at the Sportsman Tavern, West Street, Bedminster:

Alfred	Pillinger	Head	Married	34	Gardener & innkeeper	Born	Bristol
Elizabeth	Pillinger	Wife	Married	36		Born	Bristol
Rosa	Bartlett	Step dau		12	Scholar	Born	St George
Sarah A	Pillinger	Dau		12	Scholar	Born	Bristol
Matilda	Pillinger	Dau		11	Scholar	Born	Bristol
Elizabeth	Pillinger	Dau		8	Scholar	Born	Bristol
Alfred	Pillinger	Son		2		Born	Bristol
Kate	Pillinger	Dau		1		Born	Bristol

In 1892, Alfred achieved a certain notoriety in what became known as the Battle of the Mushroom Field. A headline in the Bristol Mercury of 30 July reads:

FATAL SHOOTING AFFRAY: ABBOTS LEIGH TRESPASSERS One killed - Others injured

"A fatal affray occurred at Abbots Leigh on Sunday in which a Long Ashton man named Rossiter received injuries which resulted in his death and the circumstances reveal a most serious and remarkable conflict between a gang of trespassers, and a farmer and his employees.

"Mr Alfred Pillinger who occupies a farm of several hundred acres at Abbots Leigh, has been put to great annoyance for several days past by the wholesale robbing of mushrooms from a fifty acre field belonging to his farm at Beggar's Bush Lane, situated about one and a half miles from Clifton Suspension Bridge. It appears that this familiar field is almost abnormally productive of mushrooms which Mr Pillinger is in the habit of sending to Bristol by the cartload. But the fame of the mushroom field having got abroad, labourers and others from Long Ashton and Bedminster have recently made a practice of visiting the field and stripping it of mushrooms nearly every day. Mr Pillinger had sent three cartloads off the field on the Saturday, and was waiting to reap a fresh crop on Monday morning, but anticipating a repetition of the depredation which had been made during the week, he employed about ten men to keep watch over the land on Sunday to warn off all who trespassed upon it. It was said there was no effort made to keep the public out of other fields on the farm where mushrooms grew less plentifully than upon the fifty acre piece, but the farmer placed great value upon the crops to be obtained from the latter, which he endeavoured to preserve from all marauders.

"In addition to securing the assistance already mentioned, Farmer Pillinger had complained to the police of the wholesale trespassing upon his property and on Sunday

Superintendent Drewitt arranged for a couple of officers to be near the spot. Knowledge of the steps being taken to guard the field had evidently reached the ears of the men who were in the habit of robbing it, for on the Sunday afternoon a gang of from forty to fifty of them - mostly quarrymen and other labourers, and not mostly colliers as has been stated - came to Beggar's Bush Lane by the road from Providence Place, Long Ashton, and entered the mushroom field armed with large sticks and stones. Mr Pillinger and his men, Albert and James Merritt, (brothers), James Pennell, John Rowles, a man named Lansdown, and one or two others - were hidden in a small abandoned quarry near the centre of the field and waited until the trespassers approached them. They came out from their place of hiding and told the men to leave the field as they had no right there. The latter defied the defending party to prevent them picking the mushrooms, and a quarrel ensued which quickly led to blows. Farmer Pillinger and his men attempted to drive the roughs off the land but they retaliated with stone throwing, and dealt several blows with large sticks. It is also alleged the trespassers brandished knives, and assumed a very threatening attitude. PC Biggin, who was on the field at the time, tried to interfere in the fracas, but he received a blow to his thumb and left the field to get it bandaged. Hearing the report of the gun he ran back to the spot and found the man, William Rossiter, lying on the ground, apparently seriously injured, with some of his companions standing round him. The remainder were pursuing Farmer Pillinger and his party, who were doing their best to get clear of the field to a place of safety.

"Biggin obtained the assistance of PC Warner and PC McBrady, of the Bristol Police, who was off duty and happened to be walking in the neighbourhood and ran to the field on hearing the report of a gun, and they moved Rossiter on a cart to the Infirmary. On arrival it was found the injured man, who was unconscious had been shot in the groin. The charge had apparently penetrated the abdomen and Rossiter succumbed at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

"The statements as to the part in the encounter in which the gun firing occurred are extremely conflicting and it is difficult to obtain a clear narrative of the actual facts of the case. Unfortunately no independent witness seems to have been present just at this moment: PC Biggin and the other constable not arriving on the scene until after the fatal shot was fired. The allegation of Rossiter's companions and those of the other side differ. Several trespassers complained to the police that in the midst of the affray Albert Merritt deliberately levelled his gun and fired at the deceased, who immediately fell. Whether this assertion is considered with the fact that the charge lodged in the man's groin is only a matter of conjecture.

"Merritt himself says he was savagely attacked by intruders and in running away from them was struck in the head by a man with a knife. As he fell, the gun he was carrying went off. It is certain that Rossiter was shot, but it is also certain that Merritt was severely wounded in the head. With a force of about 40 men at his heels, Mr Pillinger's party was broken up and it is alleged that Pillinger himself was brought to bay, and threatened to blow the leg off the first man who attacked him. It is also stated he did fire, and some of the shots passed through the trousers of a man called Parker, a labourer of Long Ashton. Amongst others who received injuries in the conflict were Joseph Beames and George

Mitchell, both labourers of Ashton, who both went to the hospital on Sunday afternoon, the former with a cut across the left eyebrow and the latter with slight injuries to his face. Neither was detained.

"When Rossiter fell, the crowd seems to have become infuriated and Pillinger and his men made a clean bolt from the field. The two Merritts fled home, both having been knocked about. PC Fowler went to Albert Merritt's house and found him seated in an armchair in a downstairs room. The Sergeant formally charged him with having wounded Rossiter with intent to do him grievous bodily harm, but the accused begged to be allowed to remain where he was until he had received medical attention. Meanwhile, Mr Ross, the surgeon of Pill, had been sent for and on arrival examined Merritt's injuries, finding that in addition to bruises there was a wound in his head, two and a half inches long, which had apparently been inflicted by a knife. Mr Ross declared the accused was not fit to be moved from his house, and a constable was left in charge. The brothers Merritt were in the employ of Lady Miles, but have only been in Abbots Leigh a few months and were not well known in the neighbourhood.

"After the flight of the farmer and his party the Ashton men fell to picking the mushrooms with a will, and completely stripped the field of the crop. Other people also took advantage of the state of affairs and it is stated that about £20 worth was thus taken. Bands of men were in the field right on until the night, picking mushrooms as they grew up and shouting and giving vent to their feelings of indignation at the occurrence of the afternoon.

"It is stated that on their return from taking the deceased to the Infirmary on Sunday afternoon, the police were attacked by a crowd of men at Long Ashton and had to leave their cart and seek protection behind a hedge. Securing two hurdle stakes, the constables attempted to charge the crowd, but were unsuccessful and were obliged to find refuge on the other side of a stone wall."

It appears that threatened summonses against Alfred Pillinger were dropped, but Parker, Beames, William Mitchell and a man called Pool were sent for trial at the Quarter Sessions and as we know, Albert Merritt was charged with the more serious charge of grievous bodily harm. So far I have been unable to discover what happened to any of them.

Monuments at Abbotsleigh add more information on the Abbotsleigh family:

Rosina Bartlett, step daughter of Alfred Pillinger, died 1894 aged 35
Elizabeth Pillinger, mother of the above and wife of Alfred, died 1904 aged 70
Benjamin Pillinger, died 4 February 1966 aged 94
Kate Pillinger, wife of Benjamin, died 1948, aged 73
George Pillinger, youngest son of the above, died 1933 aged 20
Hilda Pillinger, died November 1944 aged 41.

Rosina Pillinger who was named on the 1881 census list is of course the Rosa Bartlett named above, who was Elizabeth Pillinger's daughter by her first marriage. She was Sarah Anne's stepsister. With all the combined information, I was able to put together a family tree, which appears on the facing page.

Benjamin was the landlord of the George Inn, Abbotsleigh in 1915 when the whole village went under the hammer. Mr Melville Wills wanted to purchase Upper and Glen Farm, but mistook the date of the sale by one day. He subsequently acquired the two farms from Benjamin, who made a handsome profit of £3 per acre. Benjamin and Kate, (nee Godfrey), had a son Stanley Edward, 1903-61, who married Hazel Edwina Prescott, born 1923. Their son Christopher Richard, born 1950 married Linda Margaret Wells. Kathryn S. Pillinger, born 1983 is their daughter.

Harry Osman Pillinger, the son of Benjamin and Kate, died aged 95 at Ham Green Hospital on 10 November 1987. His funeral took place in Failand Church, and as an "old soldier" it was appropriate that donations in lieu of flowers were to be sent to the British Legion.

John & Harriet's last child Thomas

Thomas was baptised at St Mary Redcliffe in 1832, as previously stated. The Bedminster register of 1 February 1861 contains a job lot of christenings:

Thomas Pillinger, son of Thomas and Ann Griffin (putative father Pillinger, West Street)
 Harry Pillinger, son of Thomas and Ann, West Street, labourer
 John Pillinger, son of Thomas and Ann, West Street, labourer.

The vicar was presumably a stickler for correctness, and it seems Thomas and Ann were not legally married when young Tom was born. Another of their sons, Jeremiah, baptised Bedminster in 1860, appears to have died an infant.

At the census of 1861, taken a few weeks later, husband, wife, children, parents and retarded brother were all at Alma House, Rennolds Buildings:

Thomas	Pillinger	Head	Married	29	Sawyer	Born	Bedminster
Ann	Pillinger	Wife	Married	29		Born	Bedminster
Thomas	Pillinger	Son		7	Scholar	Born	Bedminster
Henry	Pillinger	Son		4	Scholar	Born	Bedminster
John	Pillinger	Son		3	Scholar	Born	Bedminster
John	Pillinger	Father	Married	73	Haulier of coals	Born	Bedminster
Harriet	Pillinger	Mother	Married	77		Born	Bedminster
William	Pillinger	Brother	Unmar	41	Haulier	Born	Bedminster

More children were born: Ada in 1862, Mary, known as Polly, in 1864, Emily 1868, and Hannah, in 1871, who became Annie. In the census of 1871, young Thomas is missing from the family, now at 46 West Street:

Thomas	Pillinger	Head	Married	39	Sawyer	Born	Bedminster
Ann	Pillinger	Wife	Married	40		Born	Bedminster
Henry	Pillinger	Son		15	Labourer	Born	Bedminster
John	Pillinger	Son		13	Labourer	Born	Bedminster
Ada	Pillinger	Dau		9		Born	Bedminster
Mary	Pillinger	Dau		7		Born	Bedminster
Emily	Pillinger	Dau		3		Born	Bedminster
Hannah	Pillinger	Dau		6 mths		Born	Bedminster
William	Pillinger	Brother	Unmar	52	Labourer	Born	Bedminster

A daughter, Louisa Eliza, baptised 1873, appears to have died before 1881, when the family, then at 2 King William Street, Bedminster consisted of:

Thomas	Pillinger	Head	Married	49	Steam sawyer	Born	Bristol
Ann	Pillinger	Wife	Married	53		Born	Bristol
William	Pillinger	Brother	Unmar	54		Born	Bristol
Polly	Pillinger	Daughter		17		Born	Bristol
Emily	Pillinger	Daughter		12	Scholar	Born	Bristol
Annie	Pillinger	Daughter		10	Scholar	Born	Bristol

The two surviving eldest boys had by now left home and were married:

Henry Pillinger (x) 22, bachelor, collier of North Street, father Thomas, labourer, married Mary Ann White, 19, West Street, father John, collier, at St John's 21 December 1879
and

John Pillinger (x) 23 bachelor, labourer, West Street, father Thomas, sawyer, married Ellen Elizabeth Sarah Lansdown, 22, spinster, West Street, father, William, blacksmith, at St John's on Christmas Day, 1880. John's sister Ada witnessed the marriage, along with John Parker, senior.

By the time of the census of 1881, Henry, aged 25, a coalminer, Mary Ann, his wife, 20, who was born at Weston super Mare, and their daughter Ada, 8 months, were at 3 Davis Buildings, West Street. Henry's brother John, 24, a mason's labourer, and his wife, now named as just Sarah, 22, a tailoress, were at 5 Luckwell Lane. Ada, their sister aged 19, was working as a barmaid at the Angel Inn, Redcliff. Her employer, the innkeeper, was an immigrant, John Joseph Ehmann, aged 38, from Baden, Germany. His wife Maria came from Liverpool. Also living with them was John's married sister Maria Glucker, from Baden, a barmaid, and presumably over Ada, and 17 year old Kate, the other barmaid.

Ada, aged 23, married George William Lethbridge aged 25, a traveller, the son of "a Captain", on 17 October 1886 at St Luke's, Bedminster. Her father was a witness, just as he was to Annie, aged 22 on 11 May 1893 when she married Horace Russett, 23, a tobacconist at St Paul's. The vicar wrote his name, "Tom Pillinger" and Tom made his "x" beside it.

At the time, Tom was living next door to "76, The Nursery", in four rooms, as shown in 1891:

Tom	Pillinger	Head	Married	60	Steam sawyer	Born	Bedminster
Ann	Pillinger	Wife	Married	64		Born	Bedminster
Emily	Pillinger	Dau	Single	23	Tailoress	Born	Bedminster
Ann	Pillinger	Dau	Single	21	Tailoress	Born	Bedminster

Henry Pillinger, in 1891 was living at 7 Rowley Street:

Henry	Pillinger	Head	Married	34	Coalminer	Born	Bedminster
Mary	Pillinger	Wife	Married	30		Born	Weston super mare
Ada	Pillinger	Dau		10	Scholar	Born	Bedminster
Harry	Pillinger	Son		8	Scholar	Born	Bedminster

Henry aged 44, was still a coalminer in 1901.

In 1891, his brother John lived at 7 Martin Street:

John	Pillinger	Head	Married	32	Fitter's lab	Born	Bedminster
Sarah	Pillinger	Wife	Married	31		Born	Bedminster
Tom	Pillinger	Son		9	Scholar	Born	Bedminster
Mary	Pillinger	Dau		4	Scholar	Born	Bedminster
James	Pillinger	Son		2		Born	Bedminster
Ann	Pillinger	Dau		2		Born	Bedminster

In 1901, John aged 42, was still a fitter's labourer.

It's a wise child who knows his own father. (Old saying – pre DNA).

Isaac's 3rd surviving son was William, born in Brislington in 1770, who married Maria Robbins at St James, Bristol in 1793. Their children were George, baptised Brislington in 1795, then possibly James, born 17 October 1799 and baptised at Bedminster the following February who is given as the son of William and *Mary*. Next born was Josiah Robbins, 1801, then Henry, 1804, Mary, 1812 and Harriet, 1814, all baptised at Bedminster.

It is not hard to notice that there is a sizeable gap between births, 1804 and 1812. At the risk of blackening William's name, I am going to suggest he was playing away during those years. I can offer no other explanation for the births of two children, Isaac in 1805 and Elizabeth in 1809 baptised in Bedminster to William and *Jemima* Pillinger. No marriage entry exists for this pairing, and no death for a Jemima Pillinger. So very likely she was Jemima something else. It would make sense that William would call these latest children after his father Isaac, and his grandmother Betty (Elizabeth). No more is heard of Elizabeth and nothing is known of Isaac either until, on the 27 June 1831, aged 26, he married Ann Fryer, at St Paul's Portland Square, Bristol.

A Bristol Policeman

**"No qualification is more indispensable to a policeman than a perfect command of temper."
(Bristol Watch Committee Rules, 1836)**

In 1835, official decisions were taken which would prove to be the hub on which the rest of Isaac's life would turn. After municipal elections in December, the newly elected Bristol council set up a "Police Committee" with the view of establishing a regular force to keep the peace of the city. Lessons had been learned after the disastrous riots of four years before when the deployment of irregulars and the army had proved unsatisfactory. The Bristol Gazette of 28 January 1836 reported that the assistance of an intelligent officer of a superior class had been sought and in due course, Mr Joseph Bishop, formerly of the London police, was appointed the first superintendent of a newly formed Bristol Police Force at a salary of £350 per annum. There were to be four station houses: the Guard House in Wine Street, St Philips and St Jacobs opposite Trinity Church, Bedminster at Turnpike Road and Clifton at Brandon Hill. (The latter still stands and is presently the Headquarters of the Avon Wildlife Trust.) Rates of pay for recruits were set as follows: Inspectors £1.10s.0d, (£1.50) Sergeants £1.1s.0d (£1.05) and Constables 16 shillings (80p). Constables' wages compared favourably with labourers and servants and there was no shortage of applications. Applicants had to supply their name, address and previous occupation in their own handwriting. They had to pass a medical and references were taken up from previous employers and others as to their general character, sobriety and temper. Finally there was an interview with Watch Committee officials. Five hundred and sixty seven men came forward, and one of them was Isaac Pillinger. Literate, ambitious, robust, and three-quarters of an inch taller than the regulation height of 5 feet seven inches, he was selected along with 232 others. He had previously been a labourer - though later he was described as formerly a milkman of the Plough, Bedminster. He was sworn in on 22 June 1836 and given the warrant number 192. Like the rest of the new officers he was issued with a cape, greatcoat, frock coat, trousers, boots, top hat, stock, buttons, truncheon, rattle and a lamp. The niggardly Councillor Herapath had wanted to reduce the constables' wages to 14 shillings and issue them with cheaper uniforms but was squashed by the Mayor, who asserted "You must give the men something which will put them above temptation."

Naturally, the new constables' behaviour had to be above reproach "...civil and attentive to persons of every rank and class; insolence or incivility will not be overlooked; he must not enter onto conversation with anyone except on matters relating to his Duty; he is particularly desired not to enter into conversation with female servants or other women when on duty or to walk or converse with his comrades; when these meet him, he is merely to exchange a word and walk on; he must be particularly cautious not to interfere unnecessarily with others; when required to act, he must do so with decision and calmness, remembering that no qualification is more indispensable to a Police Officer

than a perfect command of temper....." (In the light of future events the last line would prove ironic.)

The Watch Committee decided that the new force would commence its duties of upholding the law and keeping the peace on 25 June 1836. I imagine that PC 192, dashing in his shiny new outfit almost burst beneath his buttons as he kissed Ann goodbye, and fingering his bright new truncheon, commenced his beat, wondering what that midsummer day would bring forth. Within months, he was recommended for promotion to sergeant, which seems to have caused some jealousy, for in 1837 he was charged by Mark Coleman, a fellow PC with "going into his house on several occasions whilst on duty". This trivial charge was dismissed and it was a case of the biter bit. For improper conduct, failing to substantiate his accusation, Coleman was fined 2s 3d (about 11p).

Isaac's promotion was confirmed on 25 October 1837 and he was now Police Sergeant Number 3, of the Bristol force. The vacancy arose due to expansion of the St Philips Station House, and Isaac and Ann moved about this time to a place near Trinity Church. They do not appear to have had children. Perhaps Ann was not strong, hence Isaac's calling home to check she was all right, and therefore bringing about Coleman's risible charge.

In 1838 he appeared prominently for the prosecution in "the Queen versus Gillard". The case gives a vivid picture of the seamy side of life in Bristol among the minor criminal classes of the time.

"William Gillard and Jane his wife were placed at the bar for re-examination. Police Sergeant Cooper, No. 13, deposed that on Friday last, the prisoners were brought to the St Philips Station House on a charge of having a pair of stolen boots in their possession, when, knowing them to be in the habit of uttering counterfeit coin, he searched Gillard, who told him that he was "too wide awake to carry any about with him". Afterwards he went to the prisoners' lodgings in Cheese Lane where he saw Robert Gillard, a lad of about 14 years, son of the prisoners.

PS Cooper tricked the boy into believing his mother had sent him for the sixpences, she had left at home, whereupon Robert Gillard went to a place under the stairs where rabbits were kept, and pulled out a piece of paper containing seven counterfeit sixpences in an unfinished state.

Cooper returned to the lodgings later with Sergeant Pillinger, and they searched the premises finding a quantity of Plaster of Paris, lime, a file, a ladle, and other instruments, which could be used for the purposes of coining. Sergeant Pillinger confirmed his colleague's remarks, and produced a piece of rag containing 34 counterfeit sixpences which he had found concealed between the rafters and the tiles in the back kitchen.

Dr Day, for the prosecution called Jane Gillard, aged 10, daughter of the accused. Mr Drake, for the defence, asked if they could proceed without her testimony, but Dr Day

insisted they must use her and the child was duly sworn. She deposed that she had seen her mother and father make counterfeit coin, using the instruments produced for the purpose. She then went into a detailed account of the process and the means used to sell the coin and avoid detection, which said the newspaper report "we do on think it prudent here to repeat." Her brother Robert, called next, said his mother gave him counterfeit sixpences to take care of, and that he had often seen one of the implements in his father's hands.

Some persons living at the same house were then examined to prove they knew nothing of the concealment of the coin in the rafters over the kitchen, which was used in common by all the lodgers. An expert witness concluded all the coins were made in the same mould. The prisoners were remanded for the Attorney General's opinion. On the 26 July when the trial resumed, it was remarked that the mother had been heard to threaten the children whilst in Bridewell. His worship the Mayor told the children they must tell the truth at all times, assured them of his protection and in a kindly gesture, gave them half a crown to share between them. The Attorney General decided to proceed against the husband but not the wife, and decreed the children were not to be further used as witnesses against the father, but the damage had been done. When Jane Gillard was put up on the original charge of stealing shoes, the court heard she had ill-treated the children. The magistrates instructed the children to "run and tell their father in the Bridewell, should such a thing happen again." For all Gillard's coining activities, he was obviously the better parent. On 13 October 1838 at the Michaelmas Sessions, Gillard was convicted and sentenced to 2 years imprisonment. Jane Gillard was acquitted of all charges and freed. The children disappear from the record, but I can well imagine their lot returned to their none too tender mother.

Business remained brisk at the St Philips Station House. The gin shops in the back alleys of Isaac's manor were doing a roaring trade. Drunkenness and petty crime was rife, and many of the dregs of society preyed upon each other. In August 1838, Sarah Porter and Eliza Hawkins were charged with stealing £2 18s 6d from a Welsh hawker called Thomas Evans, who had come to Bristol to buy slippers. He had drunk "rather freely", had gone to a lodging house where he drank more, and fell into company with the accused women. At half past one in the morning of 25 August, PC 150 came upon Evans lying dead drunk on the ground in St Ann's Street, St Philips. The constable called Sergeant Pillinger, and when they failed to arouse the man, the sergeant sent the constable for a stretcher. Isaac told the court that he was standing over the man keeping watch, when he heard the two females approaching. He slipped into the shadow of a door way, and heard one say to the other, (with an oath) "Here he is!" and they stooped over the drunk and Porter took some money from his pocket. Isaac jumped out and took hold of them, whereupon Porter threw the money into a can of beer Hawkins was carrying. When asked what had been thrown into the can, Hawkins said it was two or three shillings of her own money. Later Evans, having slept it off, said he had £4 in his pocket when he came to Bristol, and now had nothing. The two slatterns protested their innocence. They had, they said, merely stooped down to pick the man up - an act of charity - and could not account for the money getting into the can!

In 1844, Isaac was charged with neglecting his duty in not warning PC 175 to attend the Council House to give evidence, for which he was cautioned. The year 1851 saw him back in favour and he was promoted to Patrol Sergeant. In the census of that year he is at 16 Harleston Street, Trinity, aged 42, with his wife Ann, 49, born St Augustine's, and a visitor Emily Jane Meare, 18, a dressmaker, born at Wrigton.

The year 1857 brought about Isaac's downfall. A career which had begun with such promise, ended because of ill temper and pig headedness. Police Sergeant Pillinger spoke "impertinently" to his Superintendent when asked why he was on the sick list. I am sure this impertinence took a rather less refined form than that effete word suggests. For his outburst, he was required to apologise to his superior officer. This he refused to do, and after 21 years, was dismissed the force. A little time before this debacle, Isaac became a widower. I do not know where and when Ann died, but Isaac remarried at Henbury, on 21 September 1856, and described as the son of William Pillinger, *gentleman*. (Which may simply mean his father had retired from work!)

His bride was Caroline Cooper Jenkins, the daughter of Richard Jenkins, currier. She had a young son, Frederick, who Isaac took on as well. Their only child, Laura Amelia Cooper Pillinger was christened at St Philips, on 24 March 1861, her parents being of Church Street, Newtown, her father "retired Sergeant of Police". By the time of the census later that year, the family resided at 12 Bean Street, St Philip and St Jacob:

Isaac	Pillinger	Head	Married	54	Proprietor of houses	Born	Bedminster
Caroline	Pillinger	Wife	Married	42		Born	London, Middx.
Frederick A.C	Jenkins	Stepson		12		Born	Bedminster
Laura	Pillinger	Daughter		2 months		Born	Bedminster

Evidently Isaac had prudently saved a little money to enable him to become a landlord. He appears on the Electoral Roll of 1874, at Clarence Place, St Philips, which seems to have been his last move. Sadly, Fred Jenkins died that year, aged 25. In the census of 1881 for 7 Clarence Place, this is how the family appears:

Isaac	Pillinger	Head	Married	74	Retired Sergt of Police	Born	Bedminster
Caroline	Pillinger	Wife	Married	62		Born	London
Laura	Pillinger	Dau	Unmar	20		Born	Bristol

Laura married Frederick George Bartlett, a plumber, at Holy Trinity, St Philips on 10 November 1886. Less than a year later both her parents were dead. Caroline died aged 68 in August 1887 and Isaac, a few weeks later on 14 September. They were buried at Arno's Vale cemetery in Brislington, beside Caroline's son Frederick. Laura Amelia Cooper Bartlett died in 1915 aged 53, and is in the same grave.

As to Isaac's father, who I have supposed, (perhaps outrageously), to be William of Brislington, born 1770, the son of Isaac & Mary, he must have been reconciled with his wife about 1811, as she gave birth to two more daughters, Mary in 1812 and Harriet in 1814. When young Harriet died aged 11 in 1825, and her mother Maria died aged 56, the following year, they were both buried at Brislington, though stated to be "of Bedminster".

William may have married for the second time on 11 June 1836 at St Paul's Bristol. The bride, Kezia Vowles, died at Parson Street, Bedminster on 14 January 1839. William lost no time in marrying for the third time, at St Philip and St Jacob on 22 April, 1839. He was then described "widower, labourer, son of Isaac, farmer", and his bride "Elizabeth Loney, widow, the daughter of James Young, labourer". Both appear in the 1851 census for Bedminster living at 1 Somerset Street, a little exaggerated in age as "86" and "84", born Brislington and South Combe, Wiltshire, respectively. I do not know when William died, but he was presumably still alive in 1856, when he was elevated to the gentry at his son's wedding! Elizabeth was living at Somerset Street, when she was buried aged 93 on 30 December 1860, at the Hebron Burial ground.

Josiah, the Local Preacher

William & Maria's third child, Josiah Robbins Pillinger, born 1801, married Elizabeth Fudge at St Paul's on 14 October 1821 when he was described as "of West Street". Their family home was in Parson Street, where Josiah carried on trade as a haulier as well as being an agricultural labourer and greengrocer. He was also a local preacher and appears on the Electoral Roll in 1874. Elizabeth gave birth to eleven children between 1822 and 1845, of whom their first born, William, died aged 2 years and months, but at least eight of the rest survived to adulthood.

In 1841 they were living at Bedminster as follows:

Josiah	Pillinger	35	Ag. Lab	Y (born Som)
Elizabeth	Pillinger	35		Y
Henry	Pillinger	13		Y
Frederick	Pillinger	11		Y
Edwin	Pillinger	8		Y
Harriet	Pillinger	5		Y
Arf (sic)	Pillinger	3		Y
Maria	Pillinger	1		Y

In 1851, the family consisted of

Josiah	Pillinger	Head	Married	49	Coal haulier	Born	Bedminster
Elizabeth	Pillinger	Wife	Married	49		Born	Bedminster
Henry	Pillinger	Son	Unmar	22	Tanner	Born	Bedminster
Elizabeth	Pillinger	Dau	Unmar	20	Washerwoman	Born	Bedminster
Edwin	Pillinger	Son	Unmar	18	Tanner	Born	Bedminster
Alfred	Pillinger	Son		15	Tanner	Born	Bedminster
Maria	Pillinger	Dau		12	Scholar	Born	Bedminster
Emma	Pillinger	Dau		6	Scholar	Born	Bedminster

As we already know, Josiah's son Alfred became the father of Sarah Anne who married her third cousin William John, of the Abbotsleigh family. By 1861, only three of the children were still living at home.

Josiah	Pillinger	Head	Married	59	Haulier	Born	Bedminster
Elizabeth	Pillinger	Wife	Married	59		Born	Bedminster
Edwin	Pillinger	Son	Unmar	21	Potato dealer	Born	Bedminster
Maria	Pillinger	Dau	Unmar	22		Born	Bedminster
Emma	Pillinger	Dau	Unmar	16		Born	Bedminster

In 1871, they were at Parson Street

Josiah	Pillinger	Head	Married	69	Labourer	Born	Bedminster
Elizabeth	Pillinger	Wife	Married	69		Born	Bedminster
Matilda	Waygood	Granddaughter				Born	Bedminster

By 1881, Josiah is not to be found. Elizabeth was staying with her daughter Emma Waygood at 5 Barklay Street. (Emma was married to William Waygood at Bedminster in March 1865.)

Emma	Waygood	Head	Married	36	Shipwright's wife	Born	Bedminster
William	Waygood	Son		13	Errand boy	Born	Bedminster
Florence	Waygood	Dau		12	Scholar	Born	Bedminster
Ada	Waygood	Dau		9	Scholar	Born	Bedminster
Amelia	Waygood	Dau		6	Scholar	Born	Bedminster
Kate	Waygood	Dau		4	Scholar	Born	Bedminster
Elizabeth	Pillinger	Mother	Married	79	Retired greengrocer's wife	Born	Bedminster

Both husbands were absent, but neither woman describes herself as a widow. William Waygood may well have been at sea, but where was Josiah? He was definitely alive. He lived until 22 April 1890, when at the age of 88, of 2 New Row, Back Lane, he was buried at Hebron Chapel Ground. Emma Waygood, his daughter died in March 1923.

Josiah & Elizabeth's son Henry, born 1829, described variously as a tanner's labourer or greengrocer, married Eliza Russell on 29 June 1851 at St Mary le Port. The witnesses to the marriage were his brother Edwin (signed Edward) and Hester Linton. They had six known children between 1852 and 1869.

In 1841, Henry aged 13, was living with his parents Josiah and Elizabeth.

By 1861, he was at West Street, Bedminster:

Henry	Pillinger	Head	Married	30	Tanner's labourer	Born	Bedminster
Eliza	Pillinger	Wife	Married	31		Born	Pill
John	Pillinger	Son		7	Scholar	Born	Bedminster
Ted	Pillinger	Son		4	Scholar	Born	Bedminster
Mary	Pillinger	Dau		2		Born	Bedminster
Charles	Pillinger	Son		11 months		Born	Bedminster

In 1871, the family was at Mill Lane, Bedminster:

Henry	Pillinger	Head	Married	42	Labourer	Born	Bedminster
Eliza	Pillinger	Wife	Married	39		Born	Pill
Edward	Pillinger	Son		15	Labourer	Born	Bedminster
Mary	Pillinger	Dau		14	Scholar	Born	Bedminster
Charles	Pillinger	Son		11	Scholar	Born	Bedminster
Harriet	Pillinger	Dau		9	Scholar	Born	Bedminster
Ernest	Pillinger	Son		2		Born	Bedminster

In 1874, Henry appears on the Electoral Roll, and in 1881, at 5 Mill Lane, on the census:

Henry	Pillinger	Head	Married	53	Tanners labourer	Born	Bedminster
Eliza	Pillinger	Wife	Married	50		Born	Pill
Mary	Pillinger	Dau	Unmar	20	Tobacconist's assistant	Born	Bedminster
Ernest	Pillinger	Son		11	Scholar	Born	Bedminster

Henry and Eliza's son Edward married very young on 13 April 1873, at Temple Church to Anne Stone. He was described as "a tanner, aged 20", the son of Henry Pillinger, also a tanner. He was christened Ted at Bedminster on 29 June 1856, so he was only seventeen at the most when he married, but 20 looked better, and his bride was, after all, "an older woman" of nineteen. In 1881 they were living at 26 Whitehouse Street:

Edward	Pillinger	Head	Married	26	Tanner	Born	Bristol
Ann	Pillinger	Wife	Married	28		Born	Bristol
Edward	Pillinger	Son		8	Scholar	Born	Bristol
Henry	Pillinger	Son		6	Scholar	Born	Bristol
Charles W	Pillinger	Son		3	Scholar	Born	Bristol
William E	Pillinger	Son		1		Born	Bristol

Henry was registered at St Paul's School in Bedminster in 1880, though he left in 1882, and Charles was at the same school in 1881. In 1891, at 8 North Street, only Ernest remained at home with Henry, senior and Eliza:

Henry	Pillinger	Head	Married	60	Tanner	Born	Bristol
Eliza	Pillinger	Wife	Married	59		Born	Pill
Ernest	Pillinger	Son	Single	21	Chocolate maker	Born	Bristol

After a spate of boys, Ted and Anne had girls with a vengeance, and in 1901 are listed at 184, Cotswold Road:

Ted	Pillinger	Head	Married	45	Tanner	Born	Bedminster
Anne	Pillinger	Wife	Married	48		Born	Bedminster
William	Pillinger	Son	Unmar	21	Tanner	Born	Bedminster
Lily	Pillinger	Dau	Unmar	18	Dressmaker	Born	Bedminster
Mabel	Pillinger	Dau	Unmar	16	Tobacco worker	Born	Bedminster
Louisa	Pillinger	Dau		12		Born	Bedminster
Esther	Pillinger	Dau		10		Born	Bedminster

Hilda	Pillinger	Dau		9		Born	Bedminster
Florence	Pillinger	Dau		6		Born	Bedminster

Also in 1901, there was Charles aged 23, labourer at a tannery and Emily his wife living just down the road at 194 Cotswold Road. (On 15 April 1900 at St Paul, Bedminster, Charles William Pillinger, aged 22, bachelor, tanner, of 8 Brook Street, father, Ted, tanner, married Emily Jane Gould, the same age.) Their son, Albert Edward, born 1902 married Emma Millicent Woodrow, who had children Alan and Diane. Albert Edward, according to his daughter in law, Angela, who was briefly married to Alan, (1954-58), was a fine musician, who played the piano extremely well, by ear, which Angela says was "sheer genius". In 1958 Alan left to work in Europe and he and Angela were divorced. They had two daughters Jane, (now Dr Jane), born 1957, whose learned papers on equitable pay can be found on many websites, and Katherine, now Mrs Dey, who has grown up children and lives in Edinburgh. Albert Edward was still living in 1984.

Living nearby in 1901 was Henry J. aged 25, chocolate maker with Eliza (nee George) his wife, aged 23. (They had been married at Holy Trinity, Easton on Boxing Day, 1898.) The eldest brother Edward and his family lived at 2 Bridge Avenue in 1901:

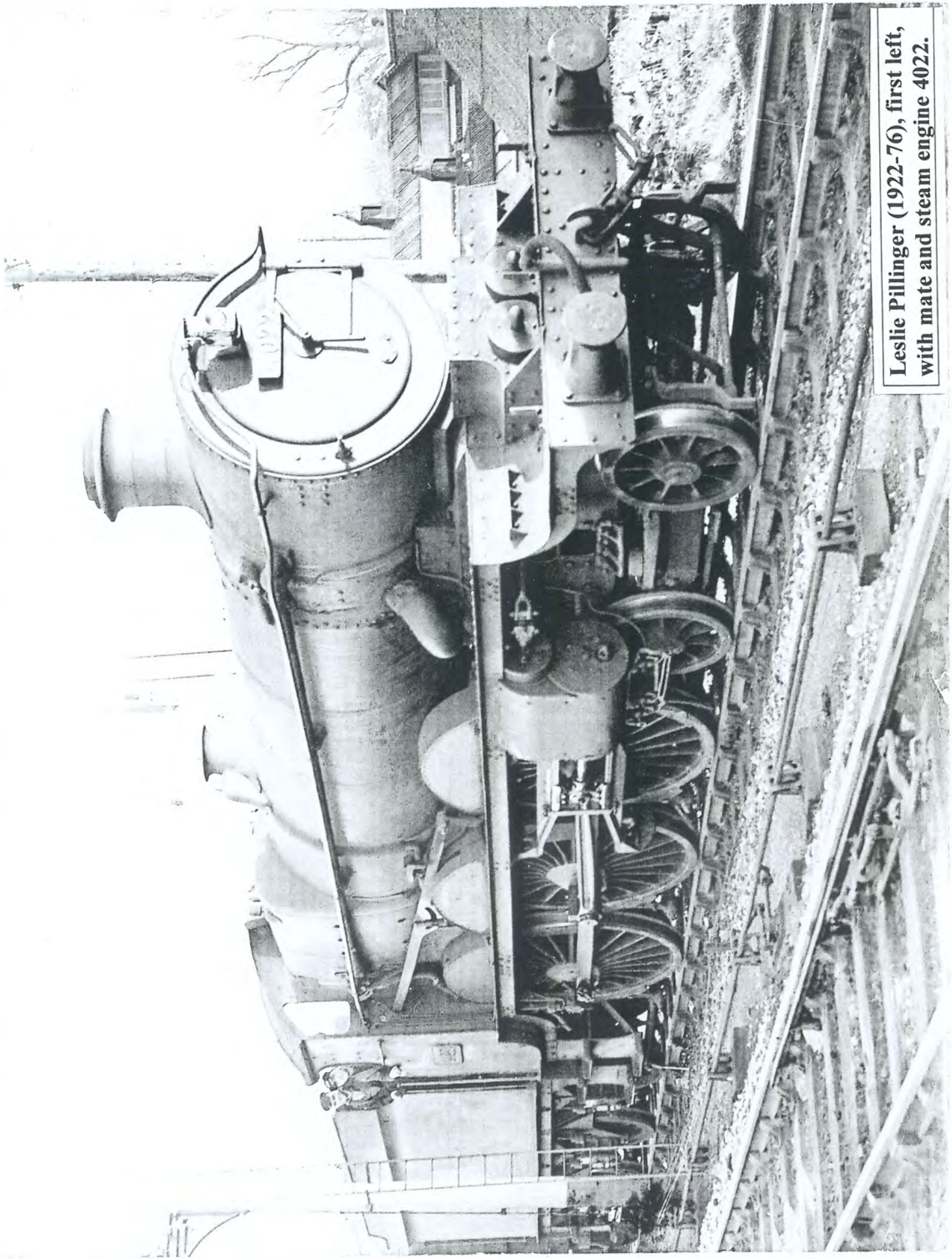
Edward	Pillinger	Head	Married	28	Cocoa operative	Born	Bristol
Minnie	Pillinger	Wife	Married	27		Born	Keynsham
Edith A.P.	Pillinger	Dau		8		Born	Bristol
Charles W.	Pillinger	Son		5		Born	Bristol
Amelia F	Pillinger	Dau		2		Born	Bristol

I was contacted in 1984 by Sheila Clark, a direct descendant of Ted and Ann Pillinger, through their eldest son, Edward, above. His bride was Minnie Jane Gould who he married in the December quarter of 1893. As well as the children named above, they had Albert John, born about 1902, who "was drawn to the water at Clevedon", (whatever this might mean), and as a result, caught pneumonia and died about 1922. Edward, according to his daughter in law Louisa, "had no sense of humour."

Charles William Sheila's grandfather, born 1894, lived at 23 Stevens Crescent. His widow Louisa, formerly Salter, was still alive, aged 92, in 1984, and supplied much of the information. Charles William worked for the Great Western Railway, subsequently British Railways, all his working life, latterly as a lorry driver. He was, unlike his father, "always ready for a joke". He died in 1970.

Leslie William, 1922-76, Sheila's father, lived at 50 Stevens Crescent. He married Myra Southall, who in 1984 was living at St Peter's Rise, Headley Park. Leslie was a train driver for British Rail, and Sheila gave me a splendid photograph, of his steam locomotive, no 4022, in which he can be seen, with his fireman, leaning from the cabin. "He was a kind, caring, quiet man, with a sense of humour." Obituaries appeared in the Evening Post of 27 July 1976.

To return to Henry and Eliza: by 1881, only Mary and Ernest were still living at home with their parents, at 5 Mill Lane, Bedminster



Leslie Pillinger (1922-76), first left,
with mate and steam engine 4022.

Henry	Pillinger	Head	Married	53	Tanner's lab	Born	Bedminster
Eliza	Pillinger	Wife	Married	50		Born	Pill
Mary	Pillinger	Dau	Unmar	20	Tobacconist's assistant	Born	Bedminster
Ernest	Pillinger	Son		11	Scholar	Born	Bedminster

Of the missing children: Harriet, then 18, married James Henry Martin, a blacksmith aged 21, at St Luke's Bedminster, on Christmas Day, 1880. Her sister Mary, and Mary's young man William Scott were witnesses.

Charles was also married by 1881, and at the census was living with his in laws at 1 Percy Street, Bedminster.

John	Hussey	Head	Married	68	Sawyer	Born	Wiveliscombe
Mary Ann	Hussey	Wife	Married	70		Born	Cullompton
Charles A	Pillinger	Son in law	Married	22	Tanner's lab	Born	Bedminster
Louisa	Pillinger	Dau	Married	26		Born	Bedminster

If this is the same Charles, "aged 21", (and there seems to be no other candidate), who was accepted into the Bristol Police that year, then his career was short lived. He resigned 19.4.1882.

In 1891, they were at the same address, but the roles were reversed:

Charles	Pillinger	Head	Married	30	Chocolate maker, confect.	Born	Bedminster
Louisa	Pillinger	Wife	Married	34		Born	Bedminster
Ernest E	Pillinger	Son		9		Born	Bedminster
Arthur J	Pillinger	Son		7		Born	Bedminster
Herbert G	Pillinger	Son		6 months		Born	Bedminster
Mary Ann	Hussey	Mother in law	Widow	79		Born	Cullompton

Twenty years later, he is "Charles, aged 40, born Bristol, chocolate cream maker", with Louisa, 47, born Bristol, and may be the Charles, of the Stone Grinding Department, 39 years service, who appears in the list of those retiring at the end of the year, and listed in Fry's Works Magazine, December 31st 1921. (As I typed these words, there was an almost overwhelming smell of chocolate, which lingered, though there was none in the room.)

On 13 September 2003, on "Open Doors Day", I found their graves when grubbing about in the undergrowth at Amos Vale Cemetery. Charles Pillinger, who died in 1948 "aged 86" and Louisa his wife, who died in 1929, "aged 75". As I wrote at the time, "Maybe they are only of the rank and file, only of interest to their nearest and dearest and to me, for I would crawl through any amount of brambles to find a Pillinger, however obscure."

Of the two at home with Henry and Eliza in 1881, Mary aged, 23, married William Scott, also 23, a soldier with the Royal Engineers, at St John's Bedminster, 20 December 1882. Her father's occupation was now "greengrocer".

The baby of the family, Ernest, married Eliza May and in 1901 they are found at 9 Clyde Terrace:

Ernest	Pillinger	Head	Married	31	Cocoa sifter	Born	Bristol
Eliza A	Pillinger	Wife	Married	32		Born	Bristol
Ernest J.	Pillinger	Son		9		Born	Bristol
Mabel	Pillinger	Dau		8		Born	Bristol
Reginald	Pillinger	Son		2		Born	Bristol
James	May	Father in law	Widower	66	Stationary fireman	Born	Bristol

Sheila Clark's grandmother, Louisa Pillinger, nee Salter, had a religious upbringing. Despite never having met him, she denounced Henry as an old reprobate, a rough diamond. According to legend he later kept a pub, in Cathay, Redcliffe, and died about 1919 aged 91, in a manner of which Louisa certainly disapproved - falling down a flight of pub stairs. I have to say his great age, and the manner of his death is apocryphal, as I have yet to find him on the latest available census of 1901.

Frederick the Potato Dealer

The next son of Josiah Robbins Pillinger and Elizabeth Fudge was Frederick, baptised in 1830, who married Louisa Flower, sometimes known as Lucy, at Dundry on 8 October 1850.

In 1851, they were at Paul Street, in Bedminster, aged 21 and 20 respectively, and Frederick was a labourer.

By the time of the 1861 census they had four children and were living at Parson Street:

Frederick	Pillinger	Head	Married	30	Gardener	Born	Bishopsworth
Louisa	Pillinger	Wife	Married	30		Born	Dundry
Frederick	Pillinger	Son		7	Scholar	Born	Bedminster
Emily	Pillinger	Dau		6	Scholar	Born	Bedminster
Eliza	Pillinger	Dau		4	Scholar	Born	Bedminster
Harriet	Pillinger	Dau		2		Born	Bedminster

By 1871, the family had grown considerably:

Frederick	Pillinger	Head	Married	40	Potato dealer	Born	Bedminster
Lucy	Pillinger	Wife	Married	40		Born	Dundry
Frederick	Pillinger	Son	Unmar	19	Potato dealer	Born	Bedminster
Emily	Pillinger	Dau	Unmar	17	Laundress	Born	Bedminster
Eliza	Pillinger	Dau		14	Laundress	Born	Bedminster
Harriet	Pillinger	Dau		12	Laundress	Born	Bedminster
Josiah	Pillinger	Son		9	Scholar	Born	Bedminster

James	Pillinger	Son		7	Scholar	Born	Bedminster
Caroline	Pillinger	Dau		4	Scholar	Born	Bedminster
George	Pillinger	Son		1		Born	Bedminster

Another child, Henry, was baptised at St John's in August, 1872. In 1881, still at Parson Street:

Frederick	Pillinger	Head	Mar	50	Market gardener	Born	Parson Street, Bed
Louisa	Pillinger	Wife	Mar	50		Born	Parson Street, Bed
Caroline	Pillinger	Dau		14		Born	Parson Street, Bed
Joseph	Pillinger	Son		19	Gardener	Born	Parson Street, Bed
James	Pillinger	Son		17	Gardener	Born	Parson Street, Bed
George	Pillinger	Son		12	Scholar	Born	Parson Street, Bed
Harry	Pillinger	Son		9	Scholar	Born	Parson Street, Bed

By 1881, Frederick Pillinger junior, was married and living at 3 Rose Hill, Alma Rise, a house they shared with the family of James Jacobs, coalminer & his wife Martha:

Frederick	Pillinger	Head	Mar	29	Potato dealer	Born	Bristol
Phoebe	Pillinger	Wife	Mar	29	Potato dealer's wife	Born	Bristol
Emily	Pillinger	Dau		8	Scholar	Born	Bristol
Louisa	Pillinger	Dau		7	Scholar	Born	Bristol
Blanche	Pillinger	Dau		3	Scholar	Born	Bristol
Anne	Pillinger	Dau		9 mths		Born	Bristol

Among the Jacobs' children, was Benjamin aged 20, a coalminer. He would grow up to marry Caroline Pillinger, Fred's sister, in 1894! And not a moment too soon, for in 1891, at 11 West Street, she sounds like Cinderella:

Frederick	Pillinger	Head	Married	60	Greengrocer, own account	Born	Bedminster
Louisa	Pillinger	Wife	Married	59		Born	Bedminster
William J	Pillinger	Son	Single	29	Gr'n grocer	Born	Bedminster
Caroline	Pillinger	Dau	Single	21	Servant at home	Born	Bedminster
Harry	Pillinger	Son	Single	19	Gr'n grocer's assistant	Born	Bedminster

Killed in Action.

Of the rest of Frederick & Louisa's children, Emily married Harry Smethhurst, and they lived at 32 West Street, Bedminster. Their son, also Harry, a Private in the 10th Battalion of the Gloucestershire Regiment, was killed on 23 July 1916, at the battle of the Somme.

Joseph	Pillinger	Son		19	Gardener	Born	Parson Street, Bed
James	Pillinger	Son		17	Gardener	Born	Parson Street, Bed
George	Pillinger	Son		12	Scholar	Born	Parson Street, Bed

Among the thousands with no known grave, he is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial. R.I.P.

Eliza, baptised 1857 married aged 18, Henry Hardwell, a haulier, aged 21, on 3 May 1875, her father Frederick described "coster monger". By 1881, they were living at 481 Liverpool Road, London, with their three children, Louisa, Frederick and Henry.

Harriet baptised 1859 married Walter Scourse, and had three daughters. (Their granddaughters, Joan Light and Joyce Birch would two generations later become bridesmaids to Marie Lyons, nee Pearce, the granddaughter Frederick and Phoebe Pillinger!)

Josiah, baptised 1862, and called "Joseph" in 1881, "never married, and sadly drowned himself at Locks Mills about 1925". (This information from Marie Lyons does not sit easily with the following will, proved in 1920: Frances Margaret, of 191 West Street, Bedminster, wife of William Josiah, died 3 April 1920. Administration with will, 24 December, to said William Josiah, greengrocer, £94.14s 6d. It seems to me that we are talking about two entirely different people.)

Nothing is subsequently known about George and Harry.

Louisa Pillinger died on 1 December 1898, and a memorial notice appears in the Bristol Observer exactly 3 years later: "Louisa Pillinger, our dear mother". Frederick senior, appears in Bristol in 1901 as aged 65, a greengrocer. He was of 200 West Street, when he died 1 January 1909, at Stapleton Workhouse Infirmary. Probate of his will was granted to his son Frederick, by then a retired beer retailer, which is how he is shown in 1901, aged 49.

Through information provided by Marie Lyons, Frederick junior and Phoebe's line can be traced down to the present day.

Frederick married Phoebe Howell in 1872, and their census entry in 1881 is shown above. In 1891 they were living at Beaufort House, West Street:

Frederick	Pillinger	Head	Married	39	Publican out of house	Born	Bedminster
Phoebe	Pillinger	Wife	Married	38		Born	Bedminster
Emily	Pillinger	Dau	Single	18	Factory hand	Born	Bedminster
Louisa	Pillinger	Dau	Single	16	Factory hand	Born	Bedminster
Phoebe	Pillinger	Dau		13	Factory hand	Born	Bedminster
Rose	Pillinger	Dau		10	Scholar	Born	Bedminster
Lillie	Pillinger	Dau		8	Scholar	Born	Bedminster
Charlie	Pillinger	Son		5	Scholar	Born	Bedminster
Kate	Pillinger	Dau		2		Born	Bedminster
Hester	Howell	Mother in law	Widow	75	Nurse-sick	Born	Bedminster

According to Marie Lyons, after Anne and Blanche (who make no appearance in 1891), the children were Rose, Charlie, Kate, Lily, and finally, Randolph who died an infant. As well as dealing potatoes, Frederick also dealt hay, straw and fodder, and was landlord of the Three Horseshoes Inn.

+ FRANCIS,
1892

Emily, baptised 1873 married Albert Thomas Edward Bunter, a confectioner on 25 June 1896, at St Paul's Bedminster, Frederick & Phoebe witnessed the marriage, and Fred was described "gentleman". According to a recent correspondent she was "a character". *

Louisa married William Voke, Rose married Charlie Abrahams, Kate married Montfred Pearce in 1915, and as well as Marie, had a son, Frederick. Francis married Olive Harrison, and went to New Zealand. Charlie married Florence Deacon, and had a son, William in 1924, who became BSc and taught at Radstock College. He married Doris Walker and had children John William & Jane. The Pillinger name in this line is continued through John William's son, Ian William, born 1989.

James, who was baptised in 1864, was at Somerset House, West Street, in 1891:

James	Pillinger	Head	Married	26	Greengrocer	Born	Bedminster
Rose	Pillinger	Wife	Married	26		Born	Bedminster
Mable	Pillinger	Dau		8		Born	Bedminster
Frederick	Pillinger	Son		7		Born	Bedminster
Lotte	Pillinger	Dau		2		Born	Bedminster
Emily	Pillinger	Dau		2 months		Born	Bedminster

(James and Rose Bella (sic) Smith were married in the December Quarter of 1882, Bristol 6a140)

In 1901 James was aged 36, living at 173 Parson Street, described as a hawker of vegetables. Living with him were his married daughter Mabel Laurence, aged 18, her son William, aged one month, his daughter Emily aged 10, and sons Joseph and George aged six and two respectively.

His son, Frederick, born about 1884 was married at St Paul's Bedminster on 23 October 1922: Frederick Pillinger, 38, bachelor, warehouseman, 14 Birch Road, father James, greengrocer to Kate Susannah Hodge, widow, daughter of Job Birt, master mariner. Kate Susannah was buried at Canford Cemetery in 1957, when her address was given as Belmont House, Tyntesfield, Wraxall.

Rose, James's wife is missing from the census of 1901 and may have died. Two sons, William George and James sons of James and Rose, were baptised at St Paul's Bedminster in 1908, and it seems likely to me that these are the two boys named as "Joseph" and "George" above, and their christening was late and perhaps due to the death of their mother.

*Emily had an entrepreneurial spirit and a love of clothes. She would sweep into a pub in King Street in the early 1900s in full afternoon dress complete with the big hats then all the rage. She had links with clothes and shoe retailers as she kept the family well supplied with goods "on approval". My mother cannot recall ever going shopping or choosing her own clothes until well after she married." (Emily's husband, Albert Bunter was the first cousin of Pam Eales's grandmother, Elizabeth Ann Julia Stone, nee Merrick.)

An informant, George William Pillinger of Haresfield in Gloucestershire told me that his father was George (born 14 September 1898) and that his grandmother was "Rosabella Smith", who must be Rose. "A calamity overtook the family, and George and his brother Jack were placed in The Cottage Homes, Bristol". (Perhaps the people from the home had them christened?) They were taken from Bedminster to Gloucester "and boarded out, four children to a bed, head, foot, head, foot." At the age of 14, George joined the Royal Navy, and evidently served in the First World War. His brother Jack joined the Merchant Navy. I have a problem that there is no Jack named in the records I have. It may be that being a sailor he was "Jack" whatever his right name!

George, born 1898 married Doris Freeman at Haresfield, about 1923, and George William was born in 1924. Doris died when he was three and his sister was adopted. George William like his father joined the Royal Navy, and served during the Second World War. Thereafter he was 35 years in the Civil Service. He married Violet May Hales, who coincidentally came from Brislington and they have three children, Michael John, 1948, Jacqueline Georgina, 1952, and Terry David, 1958.

Frederick the potato dealer and retired beer retailer died in 1932 and was buried at Arno's Vale. His widow Phoebe, of 204 West Street, died in 27 July 1939 leaving £216.3s 11d with probate to her son Charlie [sic] a corporation worker. She too was buried at Arno's Vale.

Edwin of Bishopsworth

Josiah Robbins and Elizabeth's next son was Edwin or Edward, baptised 1834. In 1863 he married Sarah Susanna Rogers at St Mary le Port, Bristol on Christmas Day, 1863. In 1865, he was a "Gardener of West Street" and in 1871 was living at Parson Street. Edwin and Sarah had Samuel Josiah born 12 September 1865 and Thomas Henry, born 18 November 1866 (but not baptised until 1881 at Bedminster). Alice was born in 1870 and Alfred in 1873. Edwin died before the census of 1881, when Sarah was living at the house of Samuel Rogers, presumably a relation, in Bedminster

Sarah	Pillinger		Widow	48		Born	Bedminster
Samuel	Pillinger		Son	16	Gen Lab	Born	Bedminster
Thomas	Pillinger		Son	14	Gen lab	Born	Bedminster
Alice	Pillinger		Dau	12	Scholar	Born	Bedminster

In 1891, they were at (204) Farm Street, Bishopsworth. Sarah was 58, a greengrocer, and Thomas, aged 28, a gardener, and Alice, 21, were still at home.

Alice, who became Mrs Lott, died aged 27 on 6 May 1896. Her gravestone is at Bishopsworth. Sarah, who is on the 1901 census aged 68, died aged 71 on 3 March 1905, and is also interred at Bishopsworth. Samuel Josiah married Sarah Ann Cleverley at Temple, on 10 December 1888. In 1891, Samuel Josiah aged 25, an engine driver - stationary, was living in three rooms at (226) Parson Street, with Sarah Ann, also 25 and their daughter Violet Alice, aged one. In 1901 he was 35, a mason's labourer, and Sarah Ann, a laundress. Samuel Josiah of Nover's Hill, Parson Street, died aged 54 on 19 May 1919, leaving £210. For some reason probate was not granted to his widow until 1935!

Sarah Ann died 21 January 1946 aged 80. Both their monuments are at Bishopsworth like the rest. Thomas Henry aged 33, appears in 1901 at Bristol as a foundry labourer. He perhaps married another Sarah Ann, and had children Edward John, 1904, Thomas William, 1906 and Elsie Maud, 1908, all baptised at St Paul's Bedminster. It seems possible that Edward John is Edward, (known as Ted) who married Elsie Beatrice May. Their obituaries appear in the Bristol Evening Post of 3 July 1978 and 1 September 1986, mourned by a large number of descendants: children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Henry, the coalminer

William Pillinger and Maria Robbins' fourth son was Henry, baptised in 1804 at Bedminster. He married Elizabeth Smele at St Mary Redcliffe in 1827. They had seven children, John, 1829, George, 1831, Ann Maria, 1833, William, 1835, James, 1840, Harriet, 1842 and Hannah, 1843.

In 1841, he and Elizabeth are both "aged 40", living at Bedminster with their children John, 12, George, 10, Ann, 8 and William, 6. By 1851, they are at North Street, Bedminster:

Henry	Pillinger	Head	Married	46	Miner-bailiff	Born	Bedminster
Elizabeth	Pillinger	Wife	Married	50		Born	Bedminster
John	Pillinger	Son	Unmar	21	Coalminer	Born	Bedminster
Ann Maria	Pillinger	Dau	Unmar	18		Born	Bedminster
William	Pillinger	Son	Unmar	15	Scholar	Born	Bedminster
Harriet	Pillinger	Dau		9	Scholar	Born	Bedminster

George, aged 20, their second son, a coalminer, had left home, but was not faraway, staying with his uncle and aunt, Joseph Nurse, an agricultural labourer, and Esther, his wife at 17 York Buildings, North Street. It appears that neither James nor Hannah, baptised at the Wesleyan Chapel in 1843, survived.

Henry now had a position of some responsibility at the Malago pit, and the future looked set fair for the family. A few months later disaster occurred.

FRIGHTFUL ACCIDENT AT BEDMINSTER. SIX LIVES LOST.

So read the newspaper headline. At 3.20 am on Saturday 7 August a shift of men and boys climbed into the bucket for their descent, nearly three quarters of a mile, to the coal face. The flat rope, which was attached to the bucket, broke at the top. The whole of the rope and the bonnet of the bucket, not less than three tons in weight fell on the men, crushing them to death,

Two men, John Reynolds and Henry Lovell went to investigate, but could get down the shaft. The engineer had seen "the defect in the rope as it went past, but could not intervene in time."

The terrifying boom of the disaster gun brought out the people from their cottages and they hurried to the pithead; mothers, fathers, wives and children, their faces harrowed with anxiety, watched with pitiful helplessness. One man, Thomas Parsons, became so agitated with the knowledge that his son was one of those missing had a heart attack and dropped down dead. Dawn came. And morning. And afternoon. It was more than twelve hours before the first bodies, those of Robert Moffat, and Philip Pring, fearfully mutilated, were brought out.

An inquest dealt first with the death of Thomas Parsons. Ironically, his son had been working in a lower vein and was brought out alive and well.

Francis Smith, a coalminer, of North Street, brother of William Smith, another of the dead men, was called. He believed that if a scaffold had been erected over the deep water at the bottom of the shaft, then three out of the five might have been saved. George Cook, aged 14, of West Street, had a remarkable escape. He had been in the bucket with the rest, but had been let out at the top vein.

"When I was about 30 yards into the vein, I heard the rope break. We remained in the top vein until the afternoon when we were hauled up by a flat rope and cart."

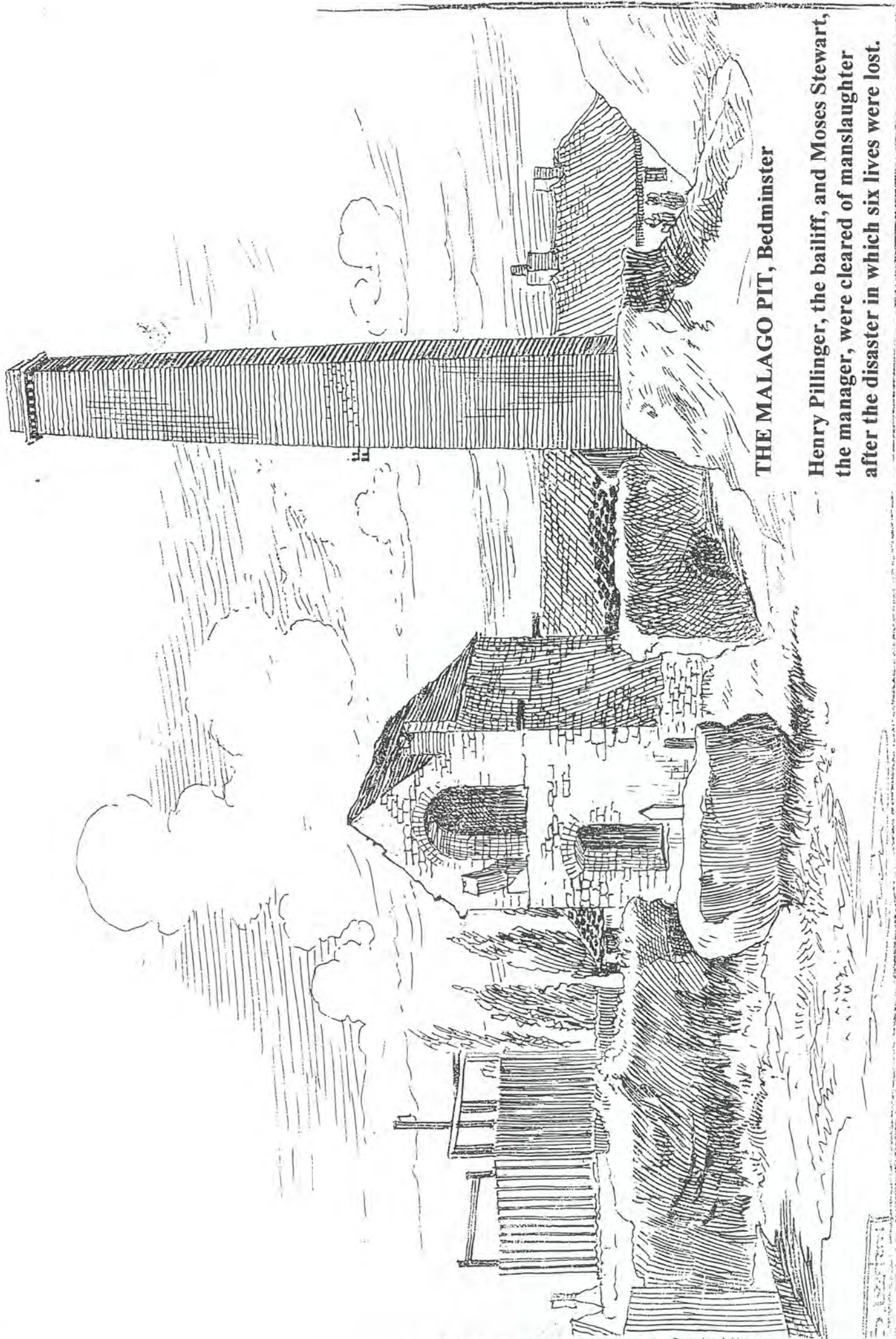
Before he went down, he heard the engineer, George Parker, say, "Be I right or be I wrong? I cannot see the witness of the rope." "The witness" continued this articulate young man, "is a piece of string tied round the rope to tell the engineer when to stop. Six of us told Mr Pillinger about the rope turning round. Mr Pillinger is the foreman. He told Arthur Brittan, a man who works in the pit at night to go and look at the rope whilst we were going down."

Young Cook stood down, and was replaced by John Ellis of North Street, the banksman at the pit. He denied hearing the complaints when the five deceased and the boy Cook got into the cart. He did not apprehend the danger. He heard neither a cry from below, nor a splash. He was with seven others when the rope broke; the carpenter and the blacksmith, and John Rennolds, Henry Smith, Henry Lovell, Arthur Brittan and Henry Pillinger, the bailiff. There were two bailiffs, Pillinger and John Phillips. They were over Ellis and the other banksman, James Durbin. Mr Stewart, the manager was over the bailiffs. He worked nearly all day, but was not there at night. Having established the hierarchy of the pit, Ellis stood down, and Arthur Brittan of Back Lane was called.

"When I came up out of the pit, I was asked by Pillinger to stand by him and examine the splice as it passed by. I had no chance to do it. Before I could see the splice the rope broke.

"Pillinger said 'Arthur the rope is turning!'"

"Commonly after making a joint we examine it for five or six days."



THE MALAGO PIT, Bedminster

Henry Pillinger, the bailiff, and Moses Stewart, the manager, were cleared of manslaughter after the disaster in which six lives were lost.

James Parker, the engine driver said he never saw anything the matter with the rope. Two men, Richard Brookman, the blacksmith, and a man called Brown had examined the rope just before midnight and had found nothing wrong. He has never heard any of the men complain.

Henry Watts passionately disagreed. "We have been dissatisfied with the rope and spoke about it amongst ourselves but not to any master. It kept on being cut so often. It was not safe. It was an old rope. Men do not like to speak their minds as they ought to do."

Further evidence was given to the state of the rope. After the latest splicing it had not been inspected by either Pillinger or the manager, Moses Stewart.

The body of the court had been growing increasingly restless, and this last remark caused uproar. Mr Bevan, the solicitor for the owners, rose to his feet and testified he had examined the rope on Friday by the light of a large fire and candles, and noticed no mark or fracture in it. Audible breaths of disbelief were drawn and the court remained noisy, suspecting a whitewash. Then Walter Smith was called and said he had worked at the Malago for almost a year and had suspected the rope to be dangerous because it was so often spliced. "The rope is bad from top to bottom. We told Henry Pillinger it was not safe. We would never venture down more than four or five at a time. I think there is scarcely a man underground who hasn't complained of it."

The witness became increasingly agitated. "On Saturday morning, just before the accident, there were five in the cart and two others got on, but we ordered them off. This was in Pillinger's presence. I am not sure if he heard it."

Henry Pillinger, staring at the ground shook his head in agreement. The next statement from the box was even more inflammatory.

"I have looked at the two pieces of rope produced. I do not believe either of them to belong to the rope that was broken on Friday night!"

Shouts were now heard from all over the court. One collier voiced the opinion of all. "We dare not speak our minds!" In the general clamour, the witness Watts was heard to say, "I shall be turned out of work for what I have said today..."

The coroner considered the evidence, and brought in a verdict of manslaughter against Henry Pillinger, the bailiff and Moses G. Stewart, the manager. The two officials were sent for trial at the next Gloucestershire Assizes. Pillinger and Stewart were held in custody for several weeks and then bailed for £40 each and sureties of £20 "by four respectable merchants of Bedminster". They immediately resumed their duties at the pit where unrest still boiled. A newly obtained rope had been wilfully cut and a £30 reward offered for the perpetrator.

The case was not heard until the following April at Gloucester. Both Stewart and Pillinger were acquitted.

Henry's wife Elizabeth "of Greens Buildings" was buried at the Hebron Chapel Ground on 10 February 1858 aged 58, and it appears that Henry Pillinger left Bedminster and went to work in South Wales, where he married his second wife, Amelia. He eventually returned to Bedminster, and continued to work as a coalminer. Moses Stewart became a respected engineer and teacher. (After the publication of this story in my book, "Killed in a Coalpit - the Bedminster Pits", I was contacted by a direct descendant of Moses Stewart, Frances Brennan. We have met several times since and I have stayed at her house in London. I believe our happy reunion may not have been the only contact between the two families since their ordeal. On 3 December 1870, a marriage took place at St Paul's Bedminster, between Maurice Goodfield, a tanner, aged 21, and Harriet Pillinger, 27, whose father was Henry Pillinger, bailiff. The witnesses were one M. Brooks, and Francis Stewart, an extremely uncommon surname in Bedminster.) (In 1881, Harriet Goodfield was living at 14 Milford Road, Bedminster, as head of the household and described "farmer's wife", with her children Laura, 6, Harry, 4, Edith, 3, and Bertie aged one. The three younger children were all born at Kenilworth, Warwickshire, which is perhaps where Maurice was in 1881)

We have already seen from Hannah's christening in 1843 that Henry had joined the Methodists. Whether he grew more religious after his deliverance, I cannot say, but it seems that like his brother Josiah and son George, he was a local preacher, and officiated at the funeral of Elizabeth Upham on 27 April 1855 at Salem Chapel, in Baptists Mills, Bristol.

Henry and Elizabeth's eldest son was John, baptised 1829, a coalminer and engine driver. He married Sarah Long in 1855 at St Philip and St Jacob, Bristol, with witnesses William and Ann Pillinger, John's brother and sister. John and Sarah had Emmeline in 1857 and Henry Ralph in 1860.

In 1861 they are found at 15 Mount Pleasant Terrace, North Street

John	Pillinger	Head	Mar	31	Engine driver	Born	Bristol
Sarah	Pillinger	Wife	Mar	28		Born	Bristol
Emmeline	Pillinger	Dau		5		Born	Bristol
Henry Ralph	Pillinger	Son		1		Born	Bristol
Harriette	Pillinger	Visitor	Unmar	19	Dressmaker	Born	Bristol

"Harriette" was John's sister, later Mrs Maurice Goodfield, whose details are above.

By 1871, the little family, now at Eldon Terrace, Bedminster had lost its wife and mother:

John	Pillinger	39	Head	Widower	Engine driver	Born	Bristol
Emmeline	Pillinger	14	Dau		Domestic servt	Born	Bristol
Harry	Pillinger	11	Son		Scholar	Born	Bristol

In 1881, Emmeline a machinist (seamstress) was 24 and a lodger at 50 Queen Square in the house of a contractor called Britt. In 1901 she was in Bristol aged 43, and said to be "living on own means". This happy state of affairs did not prevail: the creed register of the Eastville Union Workhouse reads:

"August 1st. Emmeline Pillinger, removal from Warrington Union to Lancaster. Brother Harry, 45 Haydock Street, Earlstown, Lancaster, died 1 August 1903, single. Order for detention, Miss E. Evans, 66 Stackpool Street, Southville." I have failed to find Harry in 1881 and 1901. A John, "aged 75, living on own means" in Bristol in 1901 may be their father.

Henry and Elizabeth's second son George, born 1831, was a coalminer and Primitive Methodist Local Preacher. In 1851, aged 20, was lodging at North Street, Bedminster with his uncle and aunt, Joseph and Elizabeth Bush. He married Emma Esgar at Temple Church in 1852.

By 1861, they had moved to 10 Charles Town, Bedwelty, South Wales:

George	Pillinger	Head	Married	29	Collier & Primitive Methodist Local Preacher	Born	Bedminster
Emma	Pillinger	Wife	Married	30	Dressmaker	Born	Wrrington
Emma Elizabeth	Pillinger	Dau		8	Scholar	Born	Aberystwyth
George Henry	Pillinger	Son		5	Scholar	Born	Aberystwyth
Anna Maria	Pillinger	Dau		3	Scholar	Born	Bedminster
Frank Evan	Pillinger	Son		1		Born	Bedminster

In 1881, they were living at 1 Dews Houses, Pottery Lane, Whittington, Derbyshire.

George	Pillinger	Head	Married	50	Life insurance agent	Born	Bedminster
Frank	Pillinger	Son	Unmar	21	Life insurance agent	Born	Bedminster
William A	Pillinger	Son		15	Pony driver in pit	Born	Abertillery, Monmouth
Anne K	Pillinger	Dau		9		Born	Pontypridd, Glam
Rosenia	Pillinger	Dau		5		Born	Port, Glam
Sarah	Townsend	Servant		30	Housekeeper	Born	Derby, NK

Emma was not listed, but George is described as "married" which signifies she was still alive. Whatever had befallen the family, George had been obliged to take on a housekeeper. Only Frank of the family group of 1861 was still there in 1881. It is noticeable that both father and son were trying their hands at a far less arduous occupation. There was at the time a craze for insurance. Anybody could insure anybody

else's life for a small outlay of a few coppers a week. Friends and neighbours took out policies on each other. In a few notorious cases this led to murder and the gallows. By 1901 both men had reverted to their previous occupation of coalmining.

In 1901, Frank, now 41, was living at Clayton, West Yorkshire, along with Thomas, 18, coalminer, fitter, born New Whittington, Derbyshire, with Frank, 6, born Halifax, and Henry, born Clayton, 5.

Meanwhile George, in 1901, was at St Helen's, Lancashire, aged 70, along with his son George, "born Cwmclyddith, Glamorgan", coalminer, hewer, aged 47.

William, the Customs Officer and his tragic wife.

Henry and Elizabeth's third son was William, born 1835. The education he had received until he was at least 15 had stood him in good stead and enabled him to escape from the cruel and dangerous life of the mines. He became an officer in Her Majesty's Customs and married Amelia Martin, who came from Oxford, and they had William G, 1862, Julia Ann, 1865, Amelia, 1870 and Samuel 1871.

In 1871, they were living at 13 Prospect Place, Bedminster, but only William, (35) and William George (9) were at home. Julia Ann, known as Ann, aged 6, was staying with her grandfather Henry and his new wife Amelia at Clifton View:

Henry	Pillinger	Head	Married	65	House Proprietor	Born	Bedminster
Amelia	Pillinger	Wife	Married	65		Born	Porteynon, Glamorgan
Anne	Pillinger	Grandchild		6		Born	Bedminster

In 1881, Henry aged 76, and Amelia were still living at 2 Clifton View Cottages. He is described "coalminer" but this was crossed out, suggesting he had at last retired. Henry died before 1891, when Amelia, 70, now a widow, was living at Clifton View House, and had a visitor staying with her, Sarah Denty, aged 47, a widowed tailoress. Described as "aged 76 of 1 Clifton View" she was buried on 27 February 1893, at the Hebron Chapel Burial ground in Bedminster.

In 1881 William, Henry's son, and his family were all together at 5 Sidney Street, Bedminster:

William	Pillinger	Head	Mar	45	Officer HMC	Born	Bristol
Amelia	Pillinger	Wife	Mar	45		Born	St John's Oxford
William G	Pillinger	Son	Unmar	19	Coachsmith	Born	Bristol
Julia Ann	Pillinger	Dau		16	Scholar	Born	Bristol
Samuel	Pillinger	Son		10	Scholar	Born	Bristol

Amelia was already seriously ill, and we can only guess at the tensions that simmered below the surface in the household. In June 1882, an inquest was convened at the Spotted

Cow public house, on Amelia Pillinger, 47, wife of William Pillinger, Custom's House Officer of 5 Sidney Street. He said she had been ailing for months from disease of the lungs. He wanted her to see a doctor, but she would not. However, he went to see Dr Logan and told him she had a fever, and got a bottle of medicine. Several days went by and she seemed better, and took a little cornflour and milk. He left for his duties on Friday morning and then heard she was dead.

Deputy Coroner: "I believe your wife used to drink, didn't she?"

Pillinger: "Yes, sir."

Deputy Coroner: "A report has been submitted that you neglected her."

Pillinger: "There is not the slightest truth in that. It was probably circulated by some persons I would not allow to come to my home."

Anne Pillinger, daughter of the deceased said that her mother had seemed better that morning and would not let her stay home from work.

Ann James, a widow of West Street said Pillinger's little boy fetched her and she found Mrs Pillinger was dead.

Verdict: Consumption, accelerated by drink. William Pillinger was exonerated from all blame.

By 1891, William was remarried and living at Fern Cottage in Bedminster:

William	Pillinger	Head	Married	55	Customs Officer	Born	Bedminster
Martha	Pillinger	Wife	Married	53		Born	Bedminster

I have not yet located William and Martha in 1901, but Martha of Luckwell Road, "wife of William, retired customs official" died on 18 March 1909, leaving an estate of £107.2s 8d. William, "of Ferncote, Luckwell Road custom's officer", died on 17 December 1914, leaving probate to Albert Alfred Hillier, schoolmaster, and Arthur Pascoe, chemist's assistant.

Samuel, William's son, a sawyer, aged 21 in 1891, was lodging at 8 St Luke's Road, with Herbert and Hannah Sully. In 1901, he may be "Samuel, builder's labourer, aged 31", in Bristol.

Back in Brislington and a cruel death.

This was James, the youngest son of Isaac and Mary, who was aged 15 in 1795 when he was taken to the Bristol Infirmary with a fever. He was later pronounced "cured". In the light of subsequent events, this may have been over optimistic. He married Grace Fisher at St Luke's in 1809, and they had William in 1810, Sarah, 1812, Ann, 1814, Charlotte,

1815, Henry, 1818, and Mary, 1821, all born at Brislington when James's occupation was given as "milkman". Grace was buried on 1 November 1834, aged 56. In 1841, Henry, now described as a farmer, was 55, and living with his daughter, Mary, aged 20, at Frys Hill.

Henry, the second son baptised in 1818, seems to have helped his father on the milk round at least up to 1848. He married Elizabeth Bevan at St Paul's in Bristol on 2 February 1838. Their daughters Emily and Harriet were born in 1838 and 1839. In 1841, Henry, 25, agricultural labourer, Elizabeth, 30, Emily 3, Harriet, 2, and Mary Jewell, 15, a female servant were living near Henry's father at Fry's Hill. Elizabeth was pregnant with Sydney, who born later in 1841. Their next child was Henry, born in 1846, the same year that little Emily aged 8, died. In 1848, when Edwin was baptised, Henry was described "shopkeeper".

On the 13 February 1850, James died in cruel circumstances. An inquest held at the White Hart was reported on 21 September 1850: "On Friday 13th, an inquest was held on the body of James Pillinger, a milkman. The deceased, it appeared had for some time past been much subjected to fits. The juveniles of the place, boy like, were much in the habit of teasing him and on Thursday, seeing his door open, they went in and found him a corpse. He was 67 years of age and no doubt expired in one of his fits. A verdict in accordance with the above facts was returned."

Not even a reprimand for the unruly youths, which quite simply is not good enough. James was buried at St Luke's Brislington on 10 September 1850, "aged 66".

James's daughter Mary, who was still at home when her father died, went to live with her sister Ann, and her common law husband James Diment, also from Brislington, and in 1851, they are found living at St Paul's in Bristol. Mary, a dressmaker, then 34, married William Thomas Thompson, aged 41, a saddler, at St Thomas's, Bristol on 16 August 1855.

Henry and Elizabeth's last child was Emily Grace baptised Brislington 1851. The family is shown in the census of 1851 at School Place as follows:

Henry	Pillinger	Head	Married	32	Milkman	Born	Brislington
Elizabeth	Pillinger	Wife	Married	44		Born	Shirehampton, Glos
Harriet	Pillinger	Dau		12	Scholar	Born	Brislington
Sidney	Pillinger	Son		11	Scholar	Born	Brislington
Henry	Pillinger	Son		5	Scholar	Born	Brislington
Edwin	Pillinger	Son		3		Born	Brislington
Emily G	Pillinger	Dau		4 mths		Born	Brislington

Between 1851 and 1861, Elizabeth Pillinger died. In the same year, on 15 April, their son Sydney, aged 21, and was buried at Arnos Vale. At the time of the census Henry, aged 42, a widower, was living at King Square Avenue in St James, with his sons Henry, 15, a builder's junior clerk and Edwin, 13, a scholar. Henry remarried later that year to Mary

Wall, at Holy Trinity, St Philips. Florence Jane, Mary's first child, baptised at Horfield in 1862, was followed by Sydney George in 1864. In 1867, Emily Grace, Henry's daughter from his first marriage died aged 16, and was buried at Arnos Vale on 20 August. Walter James and Kate Emily were both baptised at St James in 1868, and were followed by Ada May in 1871, and Bessie Louise in 1874, both at Bishopston.

In 1881, Florence Jane, Henry and Mary's first daughter was staying with her aunt and uncle, James and Ann Diment at Stoke Bank, Westbury on Trym:

James	Diment	Head	Married	64	Retired builder	Born	Brislington
Ann	Diment	Wife	Married	66		Born	Brislington
William	Diment	Nephew	Unmarried	40	Royal Navy pensioner	Born	Brislington
Florence J	Pillinger	Niece	Unmarried	19		Born	Bishopston
Martha	Harvey	Servant	Unmar	22	General servant	Born	Bristol

In 1891 they were still at (52) Stoke Bank:

James	Diment	Head	Married	74	Living on own means	Born	Brislington
Ann	Diment	Wife	Married	76		Born	Brislington
Vallina J	Edwards	Servant		23		Born	Olveston Glos
Caroline	Jones	Visitor		64	Own means	Born	Bristol

Ann, Henry Pillinger's sister, christened 1814 at Brislington, was apparently never married to James Diment, for she is described in her will as "Ann Pillinger, spinster, otherwise Diment, of 90 Cotham Brow". She died on 21 December 1898, leaving £483.17s 9d with probate granted to John Vesie Barnett, gentleman. I would not be at all surprised if he was the father of Maria Vesie Blanche who, as we shall see later, was married to William Pillinger.

In 1881, Henry was again widowed, and living at Horfield

Henry	Pillinger	Head	Widower	62	Painter/glazier	Born	Brislington
Sydney	Pillinger	Son		17		Born	Bristol
Kate E	Pillinger	Dau		12	Housekeeper	Born	Bristol
Bessie	Pillinger	Dau		7	Scholar	Born	Bristol

The little housekeeper, Kate Emily Pillinger, 19, spinster of Bishopston, married George Martin Tidd, 20, a cutler in stationery, the son of Horace, a clerk, on Christmas Day 1887. The marriage was witnessed by Henry Strangelove and Bessie Louisa, the bride's sister. The sisters remained close, though Bessie Louisa herself never married, and was living at 101 Effingham Road Bristol when she died on 10 May 1924, leaving £82, with probate to her Kate Emily Tidd.

Henry Pillinger of 2 Princes Place, Bishopston, widower, died on 18 May 1888 leaving £197.14s 11d, with probate granted to Florence Jane Barnett, his daughter, the wife of John Bishop Barnett of Cotham. (Florence may have been his second wife, as the only John Bishop Barnett I have found married Eleanor Ann Watts, Shaftesbury, Dorset, see September Quarter 1884, national marriage registers- reference 5a 380)

In 1901, Sydney Pillinger, now 36, a joiner/carpenter, born Bristol, is listed as living at Grinshill, Shropshire.

William, baptised 1810 married Maria Gooding at Brislington on 10 November 1831. They had James, baptised 29 July 1832, Edward, born 24 May 1835, who was christened a month later, Walter William, baptised 19 February 1837, and Francis, baptised 20 January 1839. In 1841, they were living at Kings Arms Lane

William	Pillinger	30	Ag Lab	Y
Maria	Pillinger	30		Y
James	Pillinger	8		Y
Edward	Pillinger	6		Y
Walter	Pillinger	4		Y
Francis	Pillinger	2		Y

After this run of boys, their daughter Elizabeth Caroline was baptised 12 June 1842.

William and his sons were accomplished gardeners. The Brislington Cottagers Flower Show was held in August 1853 in the grounds of Mr Richard Poole King's residence of Kensington House.

"The village was alive throughout the day and crowds of ladies and gentlemen from Bristol graced the scene with their presence. The Brislington Band played throughout the day" said the local press, and it seems the rain kept off.

William took 1st Prize for carrots, cut flowers and currants, and 2nd for 6 lots of vegetables, potatoes, herbs and gooseberries. His son, known as William, junior, took 1st for leeks, apricots and apples, and 2nd for vegetable marrow, potatoes, several sorts, currants, kidney beans and hollyhocks. James took 1st for eight sorts of vegetables, onions, spring grown herbs, salads and potatoes. Their cousin Joseph was awarded a prize for his apples. I like to think that their garden was near our plot at the Park allotments where we frequently dig up the broken clay pipes of the gardeners of old.

These Pillingers left Brislington for Redland, and subsequently Clifton. James's wife was Mary Ann, and they had William James, baptised St James, on 7 November 1858 who sadly died at 21, and was buried in the graveyard of Redland Chapel, and Charles Henry Augustus, baptised at St James, on 7 January 1865. The 1871 census at 11 Highland Place, Clifton, shows James, 39, a gardener, born Brislington, Mary Ann, his wife, 46, born Westbury on Trym, William James, aged 12, and Charles Henry Augustus, 6, Both boys, born at Durdham Down, were at school. Also in the household was a servant, fifteen-year-old Sarah Ann Hill. In 1881, there is just a small family of three, with Charles aged 15, now described as a nurseryman. In 1885, they were living at Worrall

Road, Clifton, when James died aged 53. He was buried at Redland Chapel on 16 September. He left £295.11s 1d, with probate granted to Mary Ann. She died in November 1897 aged 72, and joined the others at Redland Chapel graveyard. Charles Henry Augustus married Maria Pictor, who died in 1943, at the Fishponds Institution, when she was described as the wife of C.H.A. Pillinger, retired nurseryman. In her will she left the substantial sum of £6,673.7s 6d. She is buried at the Ridgeway Park Cemetery in Fishponds, with the epitaph: "In affectionate memory of Thomas Pictor, 17 years coachman to the Mayor of Bristol, died 18 March 1890 aged 61, Maria wife of the above, died 21 October 1886 aged 64. Also Maria (Marie) Pillinger, beloved and devoted wife of Charles H.A. Pillinger, and daughter of the above, died 20 March 1943, aged 83.

The Little Hussar

Edward (1835-74), went to Monmouthshire. He married Mary Lilwall (1832-1924) and they had Elise, followed by John Rowlands on 13 May 1858 at Fair Oak, Christchurch, Newport, and Henry Lilwall, 1860-74.

John Rowlands, later known as Roland, was originally "found" by Dennis Pillinger in Army Lists, which afforded the following information:

Born: 29 May 1858 (the date is incorrect - as his descendants have his birth certificate)
Regiment: 10th Hussars

Commissioned: 29 November 1901. Engagements: Sudan Expedition, 1884; South Africa 1899-1900; mentioned in despatches 8 February 1901 and 10 September 1901. In action at the relief of Kimberley; Orange Free State; Paardeburg; Cape Colony; South of the Orange River; Transvaal.

Awarded the Queen's South Africa Medal, 5 clasps; the King's South Africa Medal, 2 clasps. He was granted the Honorary rank of Major (Quartermaster) 1911, and retired 29 May 1913. Aged 55. He was re-employed - no details - 1914-18.

Major Pillinger - nicknamed "Pilse" edited the 10th Royal Hussars Gazette from 1907 to his retirement in 1913. As Pilse departed, according to the Gazette on 31 May, he had no part in the fulsome nature of the praise heaped upon him in issue No.24, 1 July 1913. It was laid on a bit thick, perhaps embarrassingly so, for according to his son, this issue did not form part of the family collection, and maybe Pilse himself excised it!

The account of his service in No. 24 produced in Potchestroom, Transvaal, awards him yet another birthday - 13 May 1860! "His parents wanted him to train as a civil engineer, but he did not find these prospects attractive and enlisted in the 61st Foot in October 1876 where he stayed until his discharge was purchased on 10 April 1879. Eighteen days of civilian life so disgusted him that he decided to try another shillingsworth and enlisted with the 10th Royal Hussars at Canterbury depot on 28 April 1879."

In 1880 he was stationed at Rawalpindi. In 1881, when at Lucknow, he was promoted Lance Corporal. In 1882, he became Orderly Room Sergeant. By 1885, he was in Aldershot, promoted to Sergeant Major, and in 1888 at York, as Quarter Master Sergeant. Between 1891 and 1895 inclusive, he served in Ireland, then returned to Aldershot where he was promoted Regimental Quarter Master Sergeant. Between 1899-1902 he saw action in the Boer War in South Africa, where he was made Honorary Lieutenant. In 1902-1906 he was back in India, and then returned to South Africa where he completed his service in 1913.

Like many another Pillinger, he lived to a goodly age. He was 93 when he died at Folkestone on 14 May 1951.

Despite enough detail for a full (service) biography, I had no idea who he was, until years later. Dennis's letters were often wistfully postscripted "I wish we could find the Little Hussar".

In 1982, a newspaper report recording "the largest apple pie in the world" weighing in at 13.66 tonnes, alerted me to a Richard Pillinger, the manager of Bulbourne Farm, Tring, Hertfordshire, who was selling slices at 50p each towards the South Atlantic Fund for casualties of the Falklands War. He raised £170. A letter to Richard was passed on to his father Roland, of Lochcarron in Ross-shire. He was the Hussar's son! Roland wrote on 4 November 1984:

"My father Roland was a Major in the 10th Royal Hussars. Curiously, he rarely spoke of his past life and experiences, so even I am very vague as to his career. I have a presentation of his inscribed 1879-1913, which bears out the dates you quote. I have a copy of the birth certificate showing the birth on 13 May 1858 at Fair Oak, Christchurch of John Rowlands, father Edward Pillinger, mother Mary Pillinger, formerly Lilwall. I have always been puzzled by the change of name. Edward's death was notified by J.R. Pillinger on 22 March 1874, so he was still J.R. at the age of 16. I also have a copy of the birth certificate of Henry Lilwall Pillinger born 26 April 1860 at the same address, to the same parents. He died in 1874, and I can remember a photograph of a young boy who I was told, when a boy myself, that he was my uncle who died young. So it seems to tie in and J.R. and Roland were one and the same. He left home twice to enlist as a band boy. The first time, his mother bought him out, so he may have given a different name the second time to avoid recognition.

"I seem to be rather bereft of close relatives, being an only son, and my aunt, Elise did not marry. She entered a convent in France, and subsequently lived with my grandmother Mary, Edward's wife, in Torquay until they moved to Dinas Powys. The Torquay house belonged to my father, and we moved there when he finally left India, which occurred four weeks after my birth. We moved to Heath in Kent in 1935. I attained a BSc(Agriculture) and later farmed in Wittersham, Kent until we moved here (Lochcarron, Ross-shire) ten years ago where Margaret my wife and I run a guest house. (My children) Sarah is a BA in the History of Art, Richard has an HND in agriculture, Alison broke off her training to get married, but has just started nursing."

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MAJOR ROLAND PILLINGER.

1879—1913.

The retirement of Major Pillinger after over 34 years continuous service in the Regiment makes a gap which we can hardly realise. The Officers mess, the Quarter-Master's Stores, the daily function at office, in fact the whole barracks seem unreal without him.

There is a depressed feeling throughout the Regiment, and every phase of its routine, for we have suffered a very great loss.

That we should all of us be influenced, to the extent that we are, by the absence of one individual, is not surprising considering that we have none of us ever known, or considered the possibility of, the Regiment without "Pilsé."

It will be some time before we realise that he has left us for good, and many a day before we feel a complete body without his well known figure and cheery face, upon which we had come to look as an institution as unchangeable and permanent as the Regimental crest itself.

Besides the loss of a very dear friend, Major Pillinger's departure deprives us of a great and real link with the Regiment as it was in the '70's and '80's—for—although the Old Comrades Association is a very great bond, we lose the one man who up till now could boast of having served as a

10th Hussar from '79 in India to the present South African Tour.

If Major Pillinger, whose memory rivals that of 'Dadas' and whose sense of humour is proverbial, would give us the benefit of his reminiscences by instalments in the *Gazette*, the anecdotes and experiences of 34 years of Regimental life, would not be carried away with him and lost to his many friends of the Regiment past and present. When General Kayanagh conceived the idea of starting a Regimental Gazette during his command, he realised, without a second thought, that the one man who could fill the editorial chair was Major Pillinger. Without doubt there is no one who could have collected the same amount of news of old Tenth as our late editor has always managed to do. He seems to have been in intimate touch with every officer and man who has ever served with us, and brought the new production to the top of the tree of Regimental papers from its very first issue, which place of honour it has kept ever since, owing to his untiring energy.

No one can realise the amount of work Major Pillinger has put into the *Gazette*, yet the hours of 'typing' and decyphering of illegible scrawls of contributors, in no way hindered his other work or interfered with the evening Rubber of Bridge, without which to him no day was complete. It can only be supposed that many gallons of midnight oil have been expended for our benefit.

An appreciation of Major Roland Pillinger in the Royal Hussars Gazette of 1st July 1913.

The Gazette has been Major Pillinger's joy and justifiable pride, and through its columns all ranks take the opportunity of wishing once more 'Good-bye' and the most sincere wishes for a long and happy future to the staunchest 10th Hussar of perhaps any time, who has made the Regiment his life-long devotion and one who we know will never forget us.

Suffice it to say that of the several thousands who have passed through the Regiment during Major Pillinger's Regimental life, there is not one to whom the word Tenth can have meant more, or even as much, as it has always meant to him.

This is without doubt reciprocated, for there can never have been another member of the Regiment, who has had the same number of intimate and affectionate friends, that he has accumulated in his 34 years service.

His arrival at the Regimental or Old Comrades Dinner is the signal for 10th Hussars of every age and rank to press round him, all genuinely delighted to see him and anxious to shake "Little Pilse" by the hand.

That his popularity is by no means confined to the *Stone-age* or the days of *Shack Tactics* was very obviously shewn him as his time among us grew short.

The following brief summary of his service shows about as intensive an experience in cavalry stations as it would be possible to conceive for any one man to have had.

Major Pillinger was born on 13th May 1860, and though he was destined for a civil engineer by his parents, he did not find those prospects attractive and so enlisted in the 61st Foot in October 1876 with whom he stayed until his discharge was purchased on 17th April 1879.

Eleven days of civilian life so disgusted him that he decided to try another shillings worth and:-

28th April 1879 joined the 10th Royal Hussars, Canterbury Depot.

1880 moved to Rawal Pindi.

1881 " " Lucknow. (Appointed Lee. Cpl. 10th Jan).

1882 Promoted Orderley Room Sergeant.

1884 Suakin. (Medal and Star for Eastern Sudan, 1 Clasp.) Trinkat, Shorncliffe.

1885 moved to Aldershot. (Promoted Troop Sergt. Major.)

1887 moved to Hounslow.

1888 moved to York. (Promoted Quarter Master Sergeant).

1891 moved to Curragh.

1891 " " Dublin.

1892 " " Cahir.

1894 " " Ballincollig.

1895 " " Newbridge.

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1897 " " Aldershot. (Granted medal for Long Service and Good Conduct).

1897 moved to Canterbury. (Promoted Regimental Quarter Master Sergt.)

1899 moved to Aldershot.

1899-1902 South African War. 12 Medals, 7 Clasps. Promoted Hon. Lieut. and Quarter Master, 7th Feb. 1900.

1902-1906 Mhow, Central India.

1906-1912 Rawal Pindi. (Promoted Capt. 7th Feb. 1909; promoted Major 16th Dec. 1911.)

1912 moved to Tempe, Bloemfontein.

1913 " " Potchefstroom, Transvaal.

Left for home Saturday, 31st May, 1913.

Served under the following Colonels:- Lord Ralph Kerr, E. Wood, Liddell, Lord Downe, Manners Wood, Fisher, Alexander, Byng, Kavanagh, Vaughan, Barnes.

Adjutants: Sandes, Lord Airlie, Lord A. Compton, Byng, Lawley, Barclay, Brand, Dawnay, Pelliam, Mitford, Annesley, Palmer, Stewart.

All Tenth Hussars are exceedingly pleased to hear that after a short leave at home Major Pillinger goes to Cairo where he takes up the duties of assistant secretary to the club. The climate, after so much foreign service, is sure to suit him and the club is to be very much congratulated in its good fortune in securing him. No doubt, General Byng who always knows where to find the right man for the right place is responsible for this appointment.

Major Pillinger will still be among soldiers, and have round him General Byng, Capt. Annesley, and occasionally Capt. Gibbs, so he will still be in touch with the Tenth Hussars.

In conclusion we all unite in saying 'Au Revoir' to the kindest and best of friends, and assure him that we, like him, can never forget



"PILSE"—An Appreciation.

When you look back and think about some friend you have known well, who has perhaps permanently or temporarily passed out of your every day life, his memory is probably brought in relief by some characteristic which was peculiar to him. One cannot think of "Billy" without thinking of polo—or "Daddy Moon" without thinking of cricket—

Long Service and Good Conduct).

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1899-1902 South African War. 12 Medals, 7

and the subject of this small article inevitably brings to your mind that great attribute of character. There is nothing more true than the fact that success in any walk of life is chiefly determined by character--no brains, and no amount of work, will make up for the lack of it. In this respect, "Pilse" is a standing example, which should be an incentive and encouragement to every Tenth Hussar from the Colonel to Errett, the band boy. A good example is an enormous help, and here we have an excellent one in a man we all know well.

If you look around you and take note of your fellow men, you will find that a man who excels in anything has always got a lot of good in him: it is fairly easy to be second best, but much harder to be best! Well--there is no doubt that Major Roland Pillinger "excelled" in what he took up. He started from the bottom, and finished at the top--the very extreme top that the short sighted Regulations would allow him to. He couldn't go higher--so you may fairly say that he made the most of his life--and that was largely done by character--so let every Tenth Hussar take off his hat to him.

With such an example before us all, I think it would be a thousand pities not to learn what we can from it. For the good of the Regiment that we all love so much, I hope that some anyhow now in it, will be fired to emulate him. I wonder how many of us will be able to say at the finish that we have achieved, as Pilse did--the very H.P.S.

It is not for me to attempt in this little article to enumerate the various incidents and successes in the career of our late Quarter-Master--that is better done elsewhere--I am merely trying to state what I think of him as a "man", because I am sure there is so much to be learnt from him.

"Loyalty"--"Love of Regiment"--"Stedfastness of purpose"--what magnificent qualities they are, and how well "Pilse" fulfilled them. And perhaps less magnificent, but more human, was the warmth of his heart towards his comrades of all ranks, his one desire being that they should all be worthy of the Regiment.

Though he has now left us, his memory will, I am confident, be a help to the Regiment for all time.

R.B.

EDITOR'S NOTES.

It is always a difficult lot for new editors to take on the work of the old in such a Gazette as this, which has been raised to such a high pitch of excellence by Major Pillinger. We, the new editors, trust that the readers of the *Gazette* will overlook our short-comings in this our first number (and in future numbers), and refrain from comparisons with the past which, we are only too conscious, cannot be to our advantage.

Our first unenviable task is to record the sad departure from the Regiment, on May 31st, of Major Pillinger, whose loss has deeply affected us all. It is superfluous here to attempt to describe his merits as Editor of the *Gazette*, as, since its inception at Mhow in October 1907, the successive numbers, under his Editorship, have always spoken for themselves. An abler pen than ours has, in the biography of Major Pillinger which we publish in this number, given an appreciation of his worth and qualities with which we all concur. So we will not attempt more.

The same day we had to bid farewell to another and indispensable member of the staff in the person of R.Q.M.S. Hopkins. With Mrs. Hopkins and family, he sailed for England in the "Gran-tully Castle." We wish him the best of luck after his many years of useful and honourable service in the Regiment.

A reference to the 'Regimental Gazette' in this *Gazette*, will inform our readers that, by Army Orders, dated War Office, 1st April, no less than five Tenth Hussars have been awarded the Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct.

To each personally, we tender our hearty congratulations on his acquisition of this honourable proof of their worthy and meritorious services.

It possesses distinct value, not only whilst serving, but also on the return of the recipient to civil life.

Soldiers know the difficulties with which the long eighteen years' probationary period are hedged round, and are fully aware of the military and moral qualities of the wearer of the distinction, and the possession of it has also become to be recognised by civil employers as a guarantee of integrity and reliability.

Therefore, we urge upon all re-engaged Tenth Hussars the high importance of qualifying for the

MAJOR ROLAND PILLINGER

WE were deeply grieved to hear of the death of that great old 10th Hussar, Major Roland Pillinger, which took place at his home at Folkestone on 14th May, 1951.

Major Pillinger was born on 13th May, 1860, and his soldierly instincts must have developed at an early age, for, despite the efforts of his parents to guide him into the paths of civil engineering, he became a 10th Hussar on 28th April, 1879.

His subsequent service with the Regiment in an active service capacity continued until 1913, during which period "Pilse," as he was more familiarly known, rose by sheer force of character from Private to Major and Quartermaster, which at that time was the highest rank he could possibly obtain.

When Major Pillinger retired in 1913 the Commanding Officer, the late General Barnes, wrote an appreciation of him in the *GAZETTE*. In it General Barnes described him as being a man of outstanding character, whose example every 10th Hussar would do well to emulate.

Those 10th Hussars who have read the Regimental *GAZETTE* since its inception by General Kavanagh in 1907, owe a debt of gratitude to Major Pillinger, who was its first editor. Under his enthusiastic and able direction it rapidly became an established Regimental success and grew steadily in both size and popular appeal. The extremely high standard he set has been a model and an incentive to those who later succeeded him as Editor.

It is not too much to say that "Pilse" was loved by all ranks and retained a wonderful warmth of heart for all the many friends that he made during his thirty-four years with the Regiment.



Major Roland Pillinger

**Obituary of Major ROLAND PILLINGER (died 14 May 1951)
from the Royal Hussars Gazette**

In 1901, Francis, (Frank) now aged 39, a schoolmaster's assistant, was still in Bristol and on 5 February 1909, along with Rev R.W. Goodall, was granted probate of the will of Sabine Ann, widow, of 155 North Road Bishopston, his sister in law.

"A Century of Good Health"

Perhaps the most interesting of this branch of the family for his sheer longevity is Francis, born in Brislington 1839, the son of William and Maria, nee Gooding. His occupation is generally shown as "plasterer" but as can be seen from his advertisement in the Bristol Directory of 1900, he did a bit of everything in the building and decorating line, including "thik new fangled gas fitting". He married Sarah who came from Beckington, Somerset and they produced William Francis and Henry James, both baptised at St James in 1867 and a daughter, Flora Elizabeth, born circa 1869. In the census of 1871, they are at 3 Caroline Row, Clifton:

Francis	Pillinger	Head	Married	32	Plasterer	Born	Brislington
Sarah	Pillinger	Wife	Married	33		Born	Beckington, Somerset
William Francis	Pillinger	Son		6	Scholar	Born	Westbury on Trym
Henry James	Pillinger	Son		4	Scholar	Born	Clifton
Flora Elizabeth	Pillinger	Daughter		2	Scholar	Born	Clifton

Another daughter, Rosa Cecilia born circa 1873, was followed by Caroline in 1874 who died aged 2, on 6 October 1876, and was buried at Arnos Vale. In 1881 the family is as follows:

Francis	Pillinger	Head	Married	43	Plasterer	Born	Brislington
Sarah	Pillinger	Wife	Married	41		Born	Beckington
William	Pillinger	Son		16		Born	Westbury on Trym
Henry	Pillinger	Son		14	Scholar	Born	Clifton
Florence	Pillinger	Dau		12	Scholar	Born	Clifton
Rosa C	Pillinger	Dau		8		Born	Clifton

Their last child was Albert Edward, born 1881, who died on 4 February 1906 aged 25. He was buried at Arnos Vale, in the same grave that held the baby Caroline, and was described "youngest brother of the above".

On 22 September 1893, William Pillinger, a retired gardener, who had been born in Brislington in 1810, but was now of Worrall Road, Clifton, died, leaving £105.10s.2d. He had evidently been living with or near his son Francis (Frank), who was also of Worrall Road.

In 1901, Francis, a building contractor, and Sarah were going strong, both aged 62. Frank was "still young" then, and had many years of work left in him. Thirty-six years later he was one of the star turns on an advertising pamphlet put out by Bristol's famous George's Brewery, now alas no more. It seems that Frank, along with his mate Harry Baker was a

The enclosed Family Tree showed that Roland married twice, first to Blanche Annie Elizabeth Baker, and secondly to her niece, Doris Blanche. Roland, his only child was born in 1921, when Pilse was 63!

Walter William baptised in 1837 also left Brislington. A painter by trade, he married Ann, from Slimbridge and was living at Malpas in Monmouthshire when their first son, Albert was born. Later additions were Francis John, in 1862, who became a schoolmaster, and William W. in 1863, who were both born at Monmouth. (It seems likely that a daughter of this family was Eliza, born 1857, at Malpas, a draper's assistant by trade, who on the night of the 1881 census was a in the household of David Melburn, a Police Sergeant, and his wife Elizabeth Ann, at 3 Southborne Street, Clevedon.)

Perhaps Eliza still generally lived at home with her parents who in 1881 had returned to Bristol, and were living at Russel Fields, Horfield:

Walter William	Pillinger	Head	Married	46	Painter	Born	Brislington
Ann	Pillinger	Wife	Married	49		Born	Slimbridge, Glos
Albert	Pillinger	Son	Unmar	22	Clerk/build er	Born	Malpas
Francis John	Pillinger	Son	Unmar	19	Pupil teacher	Born	Malpas
Walter William	Pillinger	Son	Unmar	17	Clerk	Born	Malpas

Shortly after the census was taken, on 16 May 1881, Albert married at Bishopston. Both fathers witnessed the marriage:

Albert	Pillinger	22	Bachelor	Clerk	Bishopsto n	Father	Walter William	Painter
Sabine Ann	Harris	21	Spinster		St Andrews	Father	Anthony	Retired painter

In 1901, Albert, aged 43, is shown as a builder's clerk, born Newport: there is no sign of Sabine Ann in the index. Albert and Sabine Ann's (seemingly) only child, Albert Walter was born in 1904, 23 years after the marriage, at Bishopston, with his father Albert described "clerk of 119 Egerton Road".

By 1891, Walter William & Ann had moved to 91 Egerton Road:

Walter	Pillinger	Head	Married	54	Painter & decorator	Born	Brislington
Ann	Pillinger	Wife	Married	52		Born	Slimbridge
Frank	Pillinger	Son	Unmar	29	Schoolmast er	Born	Newport

Ann died on 4 January 1895. An obituary in the Bristol Observer reads, "At Egerton Road, Ann, beloved wife of Walter Pillinger, aged 59".

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Pie from the sky

N 85 lbs slice of the biggest pie in the world arrived by helicopter at Bulbourne Farm, Tring, on Friday, fresh from the oven. Sales of the record-breaking pie, which weighed a total of 13.66 tonnes, began immediately. And over the bank Holiday weekend, 65 pounds were sold in individual foil containers at 50p per slice.

Mr. Richard Pillinger, manager of Bulbourne Farm, was impressed with the spot-on-time arrival of the helicopter which landed

in the farm car park. Hundreds of people co-operated in the precision baking and transporting of the pie — which beat the American record of 9.62 tonnes.

The English pie was baked in a specially built outdoor oven at Hewitts Farm, Kent, and there was enough to feed 150,000 people.

Mr. Pillinger froze the 20 pounds remaining and it is available for sale. The £170 raised will be donated to the South Atlantic Fund.



What a whopper!



AN 85 lb slice of the biggest apple pie in the world arrived by helicopter at Bulbourne Farm, Tring, fresh from the oven.

Sales of the record-breaking pie, which weighed in total nearly 14 tons, began immediately. And over the bank holiday weekend, 65 lbs were sold in individual foil containers at 50p per slice.

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FRANK PILLINGER.

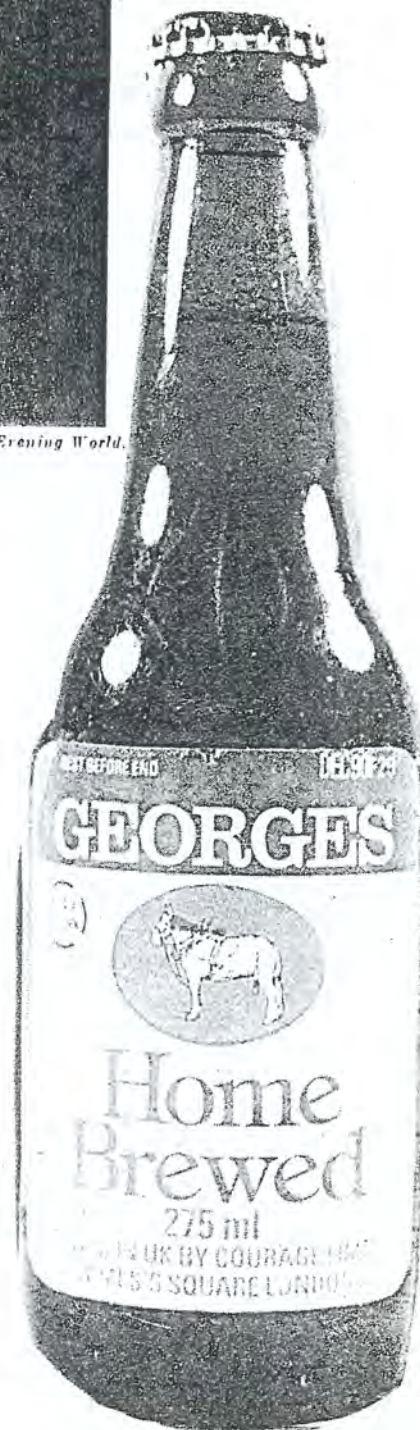
HARRY BAKER.

A Century of "Good Health"

DECEMBER 20th, 1937.



THE RED LION, WORRALL ROAD, CLIFTON, BRISTOL.



FRANK PILLINGER and HARRY BAKER celebrate "A Century of Good Health" in December 1937.

(Bristol's own brewery, Georges' finally ceased in 2000, after 210 years in operation. The Home Brewed was known as "Boy's Beer" and evidently not strong enough for modern tastes!)

A Century of Good Health.

OVERLEAF are the Portraits of Frank Pillinger, who reaches his hundredth birthday on the 20th December, 1937, and his bosom friend, Harry Baker, who was 90 years old on the 22nd September, 1937.

They are depicted toasting each other at the conclusion of one of their challenge games of quoits and dominoes which they have played annually on the anniversary of one or the other of their birthdays for over 70 years in the same house, "The Red Lion," Worrall Road, Clifton, Bristol.

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He remembers the Turnpike at the top of Pembroke Road, and he recollects that long before the coming of the horse trams from Perry Road to St. John's Church in 1875 a friend, Jim Pearce, of Westbury, drove a three-horse bus from the Exchange to St. John's Church three or four times a day.

He took an active part in the agitation which preserved the right of way from Caroline Row to Durdham Down (now Worrall Road) when in 1859 Mr. Samuel Worrall, a descendant of a Clerk to the Merchant Venturers' Society, fenced in two pieces of common land bringing it into his farmlands which were situated where Hughenden and Beaconsfield Roads now are.

He remembers John Hammer, a Milkman in College Street, becoming landlord of "The Red Lion" in 1857, and remarks somewhat regretfully that you got Old Beer at 3d. a pint in those days, that it had more kick in it and that you had more time in which to drink it as public houses only closed one hour in the twenty-four.

He also remembers the granting by the Merchant Venturers of part of the Downs for the building of St. John's Schools in 1851.

HARRY BAKER

Harry Baker started work as a gardener's boy in service at twelve years of age for 9d. a week and beer, but as he did not like beer in those days he was given milk instead, a taste which has since changed. He had to work over four months to earn the price of a pair of boots, the cheapest being then 13/- a pair.

When the trams were electrified in 1899 he got a job turning the points, but in 1901 he lost this employment as he was thought too old for the job, but he has never wanted a day's

habitué of the Red Lion in Worrall Road, Clifton, and the two old gents are shown above a slogan "A Century of Good Health".

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Unfortunately, I think Frank was a bit of a fibber. He was not one hundred at all, but only ninety eight. Nevertheless, he went on for another four years, which made him 104 by his own reckoning, or 102 by mine! He died on 6 January 1941 leaving the not inconsiderable sum of £1,769 3s 7d, with probate jointly granted to "the boy" William Francis, a retired contractor, and his two daughters, Flora Elizabeth Price and Rosa Cecilia Brice, both widows. I suspect Harry Baker, who started work as a gardener's boy for 9d a week, and had to work four months to get the price of a pair of boots, died a good deal poorer. Frank's other son, Henry James predeceased him. According to R.W. Brice, who was the son of Rosa Cecilia, Henry James was "a stockbroker in Newport". Not a particularly successful one I would say. He died on 19 May 1928, leaving

£282.18.1d, probate to his widow, Mary Anne. Mr Brice said they had three children Harry, who went to the USA, Doreen and Phyllis.

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The following report appeared in "Nature, Volume 281, September 1979.

Pillinger wins appeal against dismissal: A UK employment appeals tribunal has ruled that Dr David Pillinger was unfairly dismissed from his post as a research biochemist at the Christie Hospital in Withington near Manchester. Pillinger, 40, had held a permanent post at the Christie since 1962 but was made redundant when the Medical Research Council failed to fund an experimental chemotherapy project he was working on (28 January). A previous tribunal ruled against Pillinger but on appeal Mr Justice Flynn found that the redundancy was "grossly unfair" since the hospital did not make an effort to find out why Pillinger's grant was denied. The hospital will now apply to the Court of Appeal for leave to appeal and if this is granted it will present its case to the Court later in the year. In the meantime Pillinger is without compensation. Even if the Court of Appeal finds in his favour he will have to face a further tribunal to obtain remuneration for the damages caused by his dismissal.

When last heard of in late 1979, leave to appeal had been denied.

The Pillinger story will be continued in Part 3, the Pillingers of Box, Wiltshire.

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This is not the end of the story. There must, of course, be many Pillingers presently living who can trace their ancestry back to those whose lives are chronicled above. Perhaps some of them will get in touch with me.

Records of Pillingers of Bristol, or living in Bristol not found in the text:

Barbara Maureen, born ca 1933, of 107 Greville Rd, daughter of **Thomas Edward**, Press Telegraphist, mar **Stanley Colston Weeks Herman**, 1951 at St Paul's Bedminster.
Regd Bstl, 1933, mother COURTICE Thos Edw P. = DORIS COURTICE Bstl 1933

Benjamin George, 47 Somerset Terrace, Windmill Hill, Bedminster, died at BRI 14 June 1936, left £133.2s 0d, with probate to **Alice Catherine Louisa** (nee Nutt?), widow. An "In Memoriam" notice appears in the Evening Post of 14 June 1938: "Ben, beloved husband of Alice, (remembered always by his wife) and daughters **Olwen** and **Edna**, and son in law **Len**, also Mr & Mrs Nutt, Alice's parents. "The Blow was hard, the loss severe, and oftimes I shed a silent tear when others are asleep." *mar 1913 - Bristol*

*EDNA
b. 1891
OLWEN
DAUGHTER 1916*

Bertie of Agra House, Keys Avenue, Horfield, died 10 May 1934, will, £475, probate to **Lilian Maud**, widow.

Frederick married **Lettice Amelia**^{HOOK}. Their children **Hilda May**, baptised 1902 and **Frederick William**, 1903, St Paul's, Bedminster. *mar 1901*

Henry, (born ca 1853) Bedminster, appears on the 1881 census, 10 South Terrace, Westbury on Trym, age 28, gymnastic instructor, with his wife **Helen**, 28, born Ireland.

John, born Bedminster about 1854. He was aged 27, a police constable, living ^{with} his wife **Emma**, aged 25, born Wolverhampton at 5 Anderton Street, Manchester in 1881, and aged 37, with a different wife, **Harriet J**, aged 38, born Pyecombe, Sussex, at 8 Ventnor Street, Harpurhey, Blackley, Lancashire in 1891. *mar EMMA BARKER, Manchester 1878*

Kate Bessie, 36 Gathorne Road, Bedminster, died 1946, buried Canford Cemetery.

Leonard Charles, born 1922, RAFVR, 1322324, 156 Squadron, died 24 February 1944, aged 22, son of **Herbert George** and **Clara Alice** of Bristol and husband of **Evelyne May**, buried Schalbach RC Cemetery, France. (Commonwealth War Grave)
Regd 1921, Bstl - mother WINTER.

Rosina Mary, 64, widow, of 40 Harford Street, daughter of **Henry Trimble**, deceased, ropemaker, married **Robert Youens**, 69, widower, 38 Harford Street, son of **Joseph**, deceased. at St Mary Redcliffe, 14 February 1921, witness **Ernest Pillinger**.

Thomas William, born c1907, married St Mary Redcliffe, 23.2.1929, aged 22, seaman, 32 Wellington Street, father **Thomas John**, seaman and **Nellie Mary Maynard**, 21, same address, father **Thomas Henry**, labourer.

WALTER R = MARY E. S. BALL, 1915 BSTL ①
= FLORENCE Hodges 1931 n ②

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Walter Reginald, born ca 1890; married (1) ? died ca 1927, at Bristol; married (2) **Florence**. children **Reginald John**, born 1917, (father of **Anne** (Barrow), born 1946 and **David John**, born 1948, father of **David Michael**, born 1979 and **Caron**, born 1981); and **Dennis**, born 1919, (father of **Martyn** and **Wendy**); and **Evelyn**, born 1920. (Informant David John P of Swansea in 1984) **Walter Reginald** of 41 Chelsea Park, Easton, died 1970, and **Florence**, of the same address, died 1967, buried at Canford Cemetery.

William Joseph, born ca 1895, Bristol, married to **Ada**, from Yorkshire. Their children were **Mabel** (Davies), **Dolly** (Fisher), **Adeline** (Lewis), **Rose** (Griffiths), **Joy** (Thomas), **Clarice** (Morris) and **Frederick**, born 13.11.1937 at Llanarthne, Carmarthen. (Frederick of Dyfed, informant in November 1984)

Finally, **Frederick**, who appeared at the Summer Assizes in Gloucester on 10 May 1834. He was aged 21, and said to be of St James, Bristol. He had dark brown hair, light blue eyes, a sallow complexion, a long forehead, two small moles on his right arm and a scar near the right wrist, six small moles on his left arm and two moles on his back. He was 5 feet 2 inches tall, a labourer, and - surprisingly - could read and write.

He was charged on the oath of James Rogers with having on the seventh day of May last at the parish aforesaid feloniously assaulted the said J. Rogers and stolen from his person one silver watch, chain and seals value £7, his property. And also charged on the oath of Wm Chapman with having at the same time and place feloniously assaulted the said Wm Chapman and stolen from his person one silver watch, gold ring, keys and seals, his property.

Awaiting trial, Frederick's conduct was "very bad", but he had no previous "form". He received the relatively light sentence of 7 years transportation. He survived the journey, and never returned home.

Further doings of Frederick will appear in the Australian edition of the Pillinger story.



Prisoners en route for Botany Bay

BURIALS in the Parish of St. John, Helbron, (Helbron Chapel)
in the County of ... in the Year 1876

Name	Abode	When buried	Age	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
18. Sarah Leonard Jennings	9 Sun Road	24 th July	10 months	W. J. Pillingen
No. 25.				
Hannah Morgan	West Street	28 July	71 years	W. J. Pillingen
No. 26.				
James Randall	Mark Lane	Aug 1 st		Thomas Philbrick
No. 27.				
Frances Walker		Aug 3 rd 73		W. J. Pillingen
No. 28.				
Sarah Bassett	West Street	Aug 4 th 62		W. J. Pillingen
No. 29.				
Robert Leonard	North St.		50 weeks	W. J. Pillingen
No. 30.				
Henry Williams	71 st Essex St.		50 years	W. J. Pillingen
No. 31.				
William Milkin	North St.	August 23 1876	73 years	W. J. Pillingen
No. 32.				

Pastor Henry Pillingen - Helbron Chapel - Bedminster

*HARRY OSMAN in fact belongs
with the Box family - via Hechlade*

ERRATA, UPDATES & OMISSIONS.

August 2005

* Ben Thomas, the son of Lillian Pillinger and Austin Thomas (Family Tree No. 8) tells me that "Harry Osman 1892-1987 is not one of ours."

"Our chap was Henry Benjamin, dates approximately 1907-1975 who was a successful farmer at Forest Row in Sussex. His daughter is still at the Farm. Another daughter went to the USA, years ago."

"George, who died in a motor cycle accident, was killed, I believe on 11 November 1933, not 1920. At the time my mother was expecting my sister Gillian, who failed to live more than 20 minutes in July 1934. It was thought the shock of George's death might have contributed as he was the baby of the family, and the favourite. The accident took place at the corner where Bridge Road meets the Leigh Road at the top of Rownham Hill. I've no doubt that the local paper archives would carry a report."

* (I have consequently left out Harry Osman's obituary from this edition. There is one Harry Pillinger aged 9 with a Bristol connection listed on the 1901 census, but as there are 122 male Pillingers with Bristol as a key word, without going through them all, as yet I do not know who Harry Osman Pillinger is. I shall keep looking for him and will also look for the accident report about the tragic George in 1933. Watch this space.)

Wilfred Pillinger, (FT. No. 4) passed away in his 99th year. A service of celebration for his life was held at St James's Church, Longborough, Gloucestershire on 26th February 2004. R.I.P.

Charles Walter Cumberbatch, of St Paul's, Bristol, took out a licence at Bristol to marry Pamela Pillinger of St John's, Bedminster, 13 January 1877. *- as far as I can see no relation of Benedict (Sherlock) Cumberbatch!*

William Castle Jarrett of St Paul's, Clifton, gentleman, took out a licence at Bristol to marry Mary Ann Pillinger, of Chepstow, Monmouthshire on 7 December 1886.

Ernest Pillinger, of St Paul's, Clifton, chocolate manufacturer, took out a licence at Bristol to marry Eliza Ann May, of same on 27 August 1891.

Henry Pillinger, who was acquitted of manslaughter after the Malago disaster of 1851 became an elder at the Hebron (Methodist) Chapel in Bedminster. His signature showing he officiated at funerals appears on a number of occasions appears in the Chapel registers in the 1870s.

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Belated acknowledgement: The information on Elizabeth Pillinger Kingsbury and the Sircoms, (FT No.1) was kindly relayed to me by Florence Chuk, of Ballarat, Australia  
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And more.....

November 2005

As I said in my foreword working forward is practically impossible, and I am grateful to those who are tracing their family trees in the correct manner (backwards from themselves) for letting me know the results!

Mr. Fred Boulton is connected through Henry Pillinger's son William Henry whose second wife was Maria Kibby. Her youngest daughter Alice, married Alfred Clements. Their second child, also Alice, who married a Hamlyn, is his wife's grandmother. I am indebted to Fred for the following corrections:

Re Page 14:

"Walter Edwin in Massachusetts. (Family Tree 3) It would appear that he lived in Williamsburg in 1900 (which is next door to Northampton), giving his birth month as August 1852, emigrating in 1868 and becoming a naturalised American about 1870, so is unlikely to be our Walter if our Walter didn't leave the police until 1875." (So who was the Walter who joined the Bristol Police Force? - DPL)

Fred was able to prove that Walter Edwin was the Brislington chap through the good offices of his correspondent, Jim Carroll of USA, who wrote:

"I was at Hampshire County Registry of Probate this morning (Northampton, MA), and checked the index card file for Pillingers. Only two: Victoria S. Pillinger, box 390 no 85, Williamsburg 1915, and Walter E. Pillinger, box 465 no 32, Williamsburg 1929. (Walter and Victoria were working as attendants in the Northampton Lunatic Hospital in 1880.)

"Victoria's probate file lists next of kin as Walter E Pillinger, husband, Ella Hemenway of Williamsburg, daughter, Emma Jackson of Worcester, daughter, and Fred A Shumway of Williamsburg, son. Victoria died 22 January 1915.

"Walter's probate file lists next of kin as Mary Ann Rebecca Conebeere of Sydney Australia, niece, Henry Nekun Kibbey of Bristol, England, nephew, Amy Maud Wiltshire of Bristol, England niece, Florence Annie Mawnder of Bristol, England, niece, Ella Rose Kibbey of Bristol, England, niece. The document says 'All five above named nieces and nephews are children of Mrs. E. R. Kibbey, sister of Walter E. Pillinger. She died June 17 1929'.

"Walter died June 25 1929.

"Walter's will, dated March 18 1915, leaves \$500 to his sister Mrs. E. R. Kibbey of 16 Bridge Street, Royate Hill, Upper Eastville, Bristol, England, and the rest of his estate to his stepdaughter, Mrs. Emma A. Jackson of Worcester.

"Obituaries below are from the Daily Hampshire Gazette (Northampton MA), and were found in the Williamsburg column.

"Friday, 22 January 1915

Mrs. Victoria, wife of Walter E. Pillinger, died at her home this morning after a long illness, aged 71. Besides her husband, she leaves three children by a former husband, Mrs. Ella Hemenway and Fred Shumway of this place, and Mrs. Emma Jackson of Worcester. She leaves two brothers, two sisters, and eight grandchildren. Mrs. Pillinger was a member of the North Adams D.A.R. Funeral in the Congregational Church parlors, Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

"Wednesday, 16 June 1929

W.E. Pillinger Dies of Sudden Attack

Williamsburg, June 26. - William E. Pillinger, 76, while in the pasture after his cows yesterday, died suddenly of heart trouble from which he had long suffered. His stepdaughter, Mrs. Emma Jackson, who has kept house for him many years, went out on the piazza to move the chairs away from the shower and as she looked across the road she saw her stepfather lying on the ground. She telephoned her brother, Fred A. Shumway, who lives nearby, and Dr. J. G. Hayes from the village.

"Mr. Pillinger was born in Bristol, England, and came to this country when 15 years of age. He worked in New York City and in the mines of Wisconsin. For several years he was a gardener for the Clarke school at Northampton. He bought the farm 35 years ago in the north part of the town where he died. Fifty years ago he married Mrs. Victoria Shumway, who died some years ago. He leaves no near relatives except three stepchildren: Mrs. Jackson, Fred A. Shumway and Mrs. E. P. Hemenway. There was also a sister in England, but she is supposed to have died recently.

"The funeral will be held at the Congregational chapel Thursday afternoon at 2, Rev. John P. Maxwell officiating. The burial will be in the Village Hill cemetery.

Fred replied: "BINGO - I am jumping up and down with joy..... The KIBBEY name confirms everything. My wife's Great-Great-Grandmother was a Maria Kibbey and her husband's father was a Henry Pillinger, this Walter's Grandfather. Henry in his turn was the grandson of Benjamin Pillinger who was the original Patriarch of all these Brislington Pillingers, reputedly having come to Brislington from the rural village of Batheaston at about 1730, being descended from the Pillingers of Box, Wiltshire in the 17th century. A lot of the Pillingers were connected with farming so it is no surprise that Walter also ended up as a Farmer - even dying 'with his boots on', so to speak... I already have Mrs. Kibbey's family on my database - she had at least 12 (yes twelve) children in the late 19th century...

"The only feeling of sadness is that Walter had no children, so no more American cousins down that line!!!"

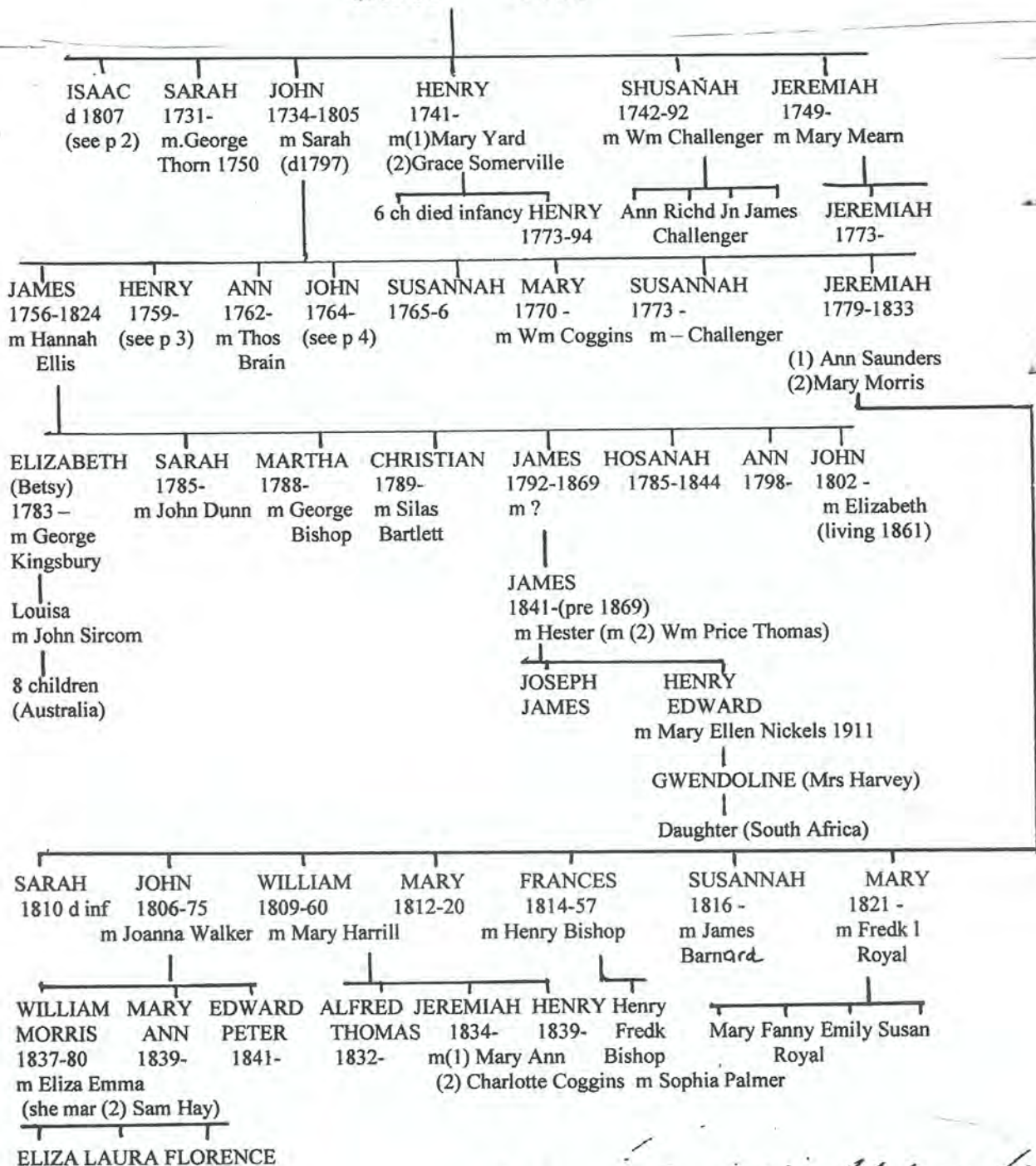
Fred also told me that "William Pillinger's first child was actually William Henry son of William and Harriet baptised 19 February, 1824 Entry 320 and on the burial register William Henry P. aged 1 week, 19 February 1824 Entry 208." (The poor little mite must have been baptised on his death bed.)

"And, finally," added Fred, "You state that 'Baby Eunice Rebecca had sadly died before the next census in 1861.' Wrong!

Eunice was very much alive and kicking in 1861 - see RG 9/1702 ED 9 Folio 104 Page 9 – our Alice would have grown up with her. She married another Kibbey in the December Quarter 1871, had at least 12 (yes twelve) children between then and 1900. The 1881, 1891 and 1901 references are RG 11/2490 ED 7 Folio 14 Page 22; RG 12/1991 ED 4 Folio 86 Page 27; and RG 13/2395 ED 4 Folio 80 Page 2. Her mother, the redoubtable Mary Ann, appears with her in 1891 as a widow with the name 'Meade'. There is a marriage for her in December 1864 but certainly not to a Meade. Perhaps she had 4 husbands in her 75 years!!!"

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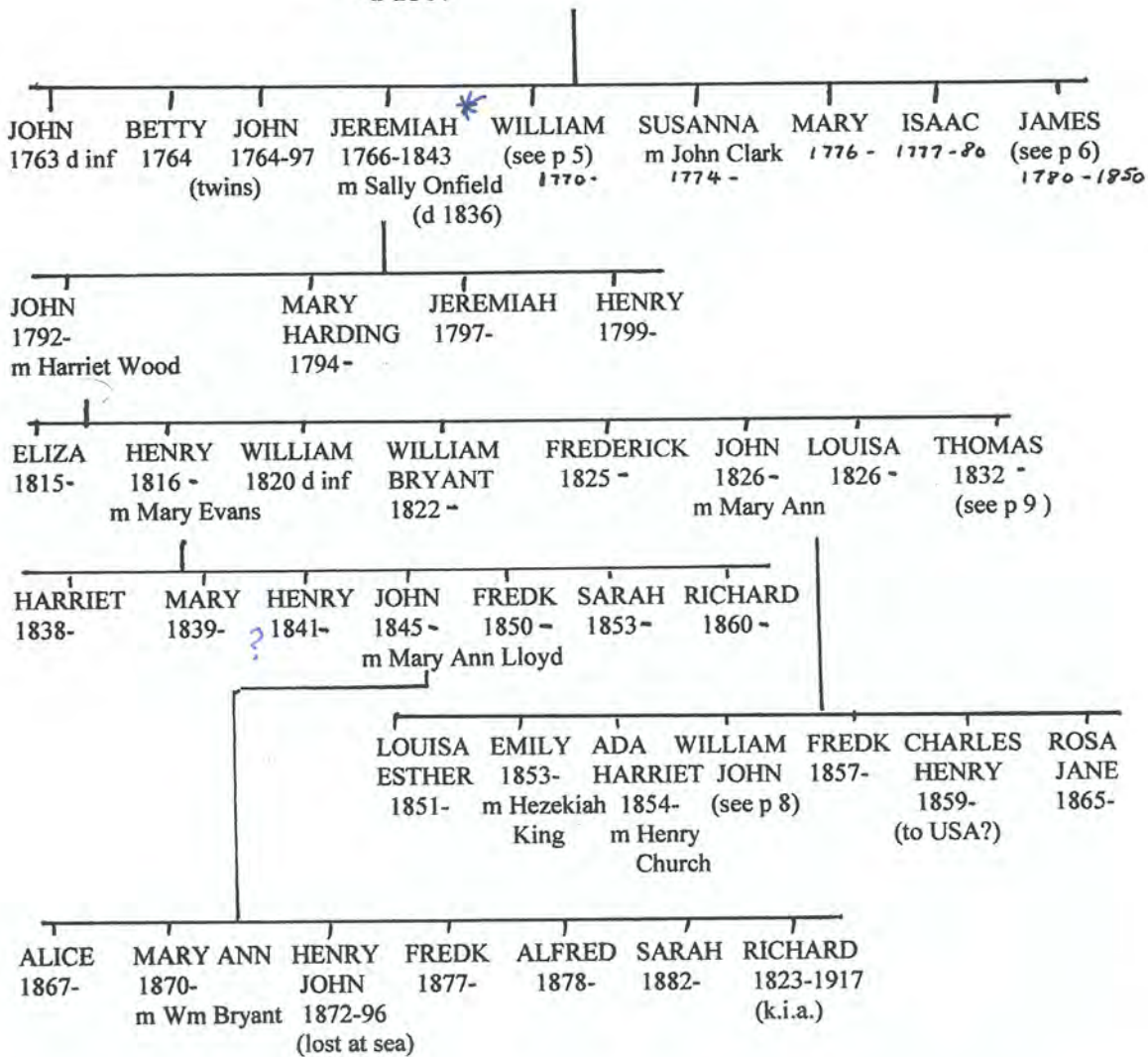
JEREMIAH PILLINGER & BETTY
1705-61 d 1792



*all initials the Appurtenances
to the Jeremiah Pillinger
family. All and singular
the same.*

Family Tree 2

ISAAC PILLINGER & MARY SMITH
d 1807

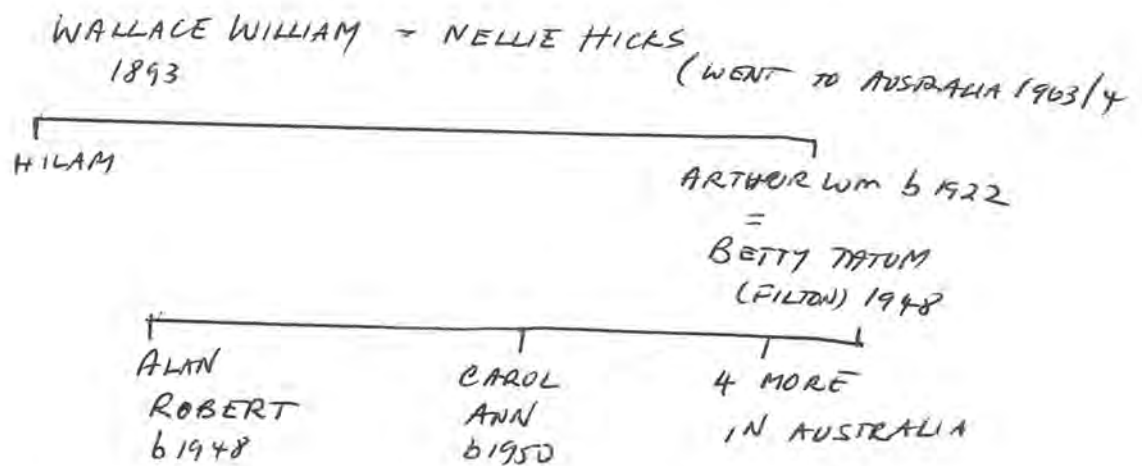


? Died pre 1871
PERHAPS HENRY P, convicted of
theft of IRON from Ashton Vale
Colliery Co. Sedminster. Pled guilty.
3 mths HARD LAB.
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* 1841 Census Jeremiah P, 20 "neeph"
lives Sedminster

Mark
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Isaac Pillinger

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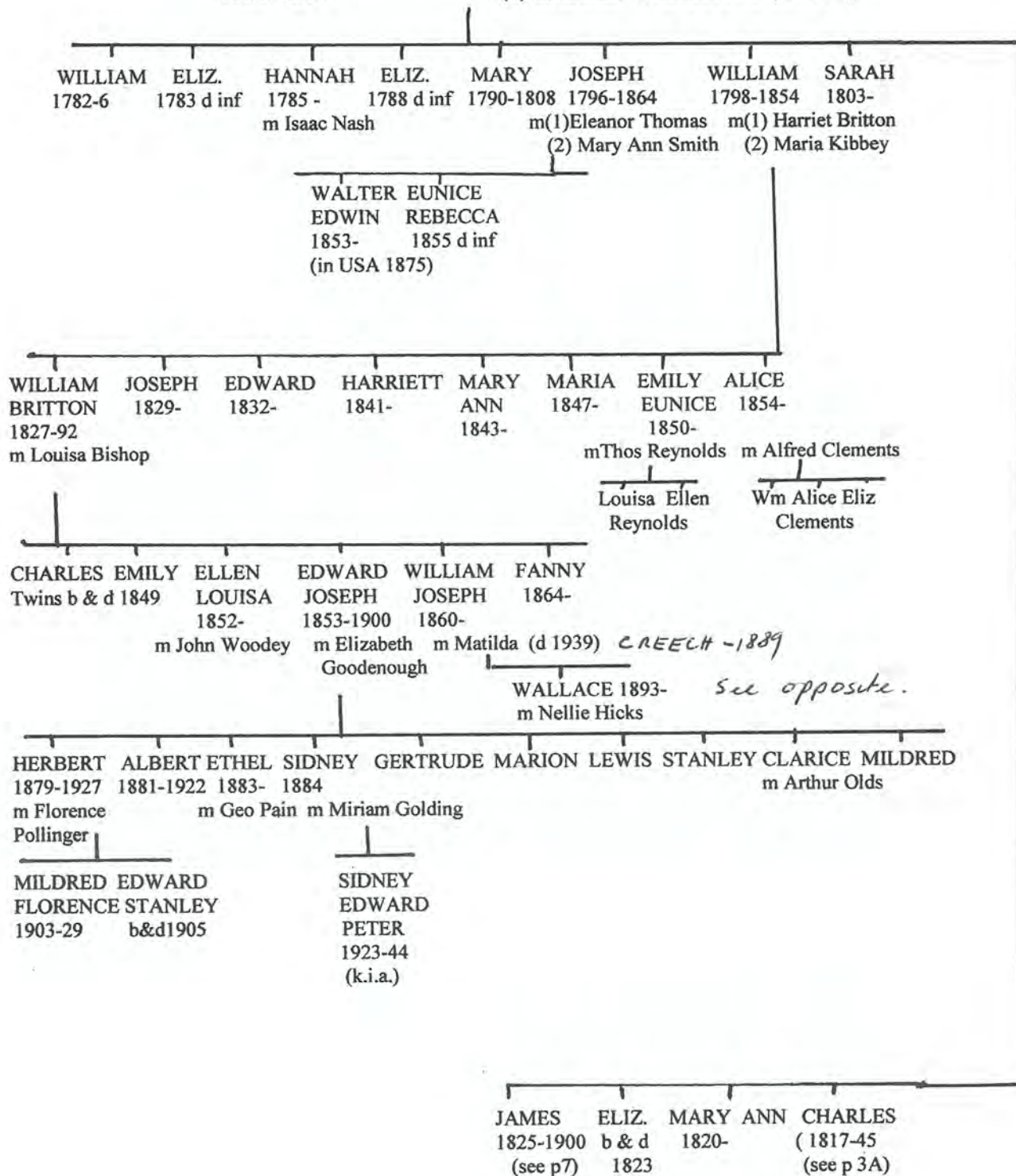


1891 Census - HANHAM RD, KW
Wm P. 30 Bootmaker. 6. Son
MATILDA P 23 staymaker 5 Oldham, 510

1901 Census - HANHAM RD
Wm P. 40 Gardener + florist
MATILDA 35
WALLACE Wm 8

1911 Census - Hanham Rd
50, Nurseryman
45 - 18

HENRY PILLINGER & (1) EUNICE PARSONS
1759-1843 **(2) SARAH WILLIAMS (d 1856)**



Family Tree 3A

CHARLES PILLINGER & ANN KIBBEY (m (2) William Bishop)
1817-45

HENRY
1841- (LIVING 1901)
m Charlotte (d 1886)

HENRY CHARLES 1867-	SARAH ANN 1869- <i>= WILLIAM F MARLOW 1896</i>	JOSEPH m Catherine Leonard 1894	ALFRED GEORGE 1875-1917 m Minnie Janes (d1942)	CHARLOTTE LAVINIA 1876- m George Webb (1900)	FREDK 1882-	ARTHUR WILLIAM 1884-
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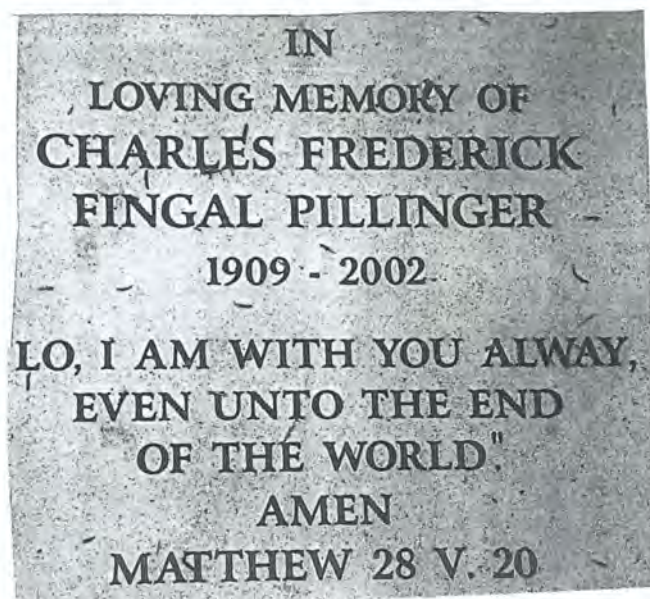
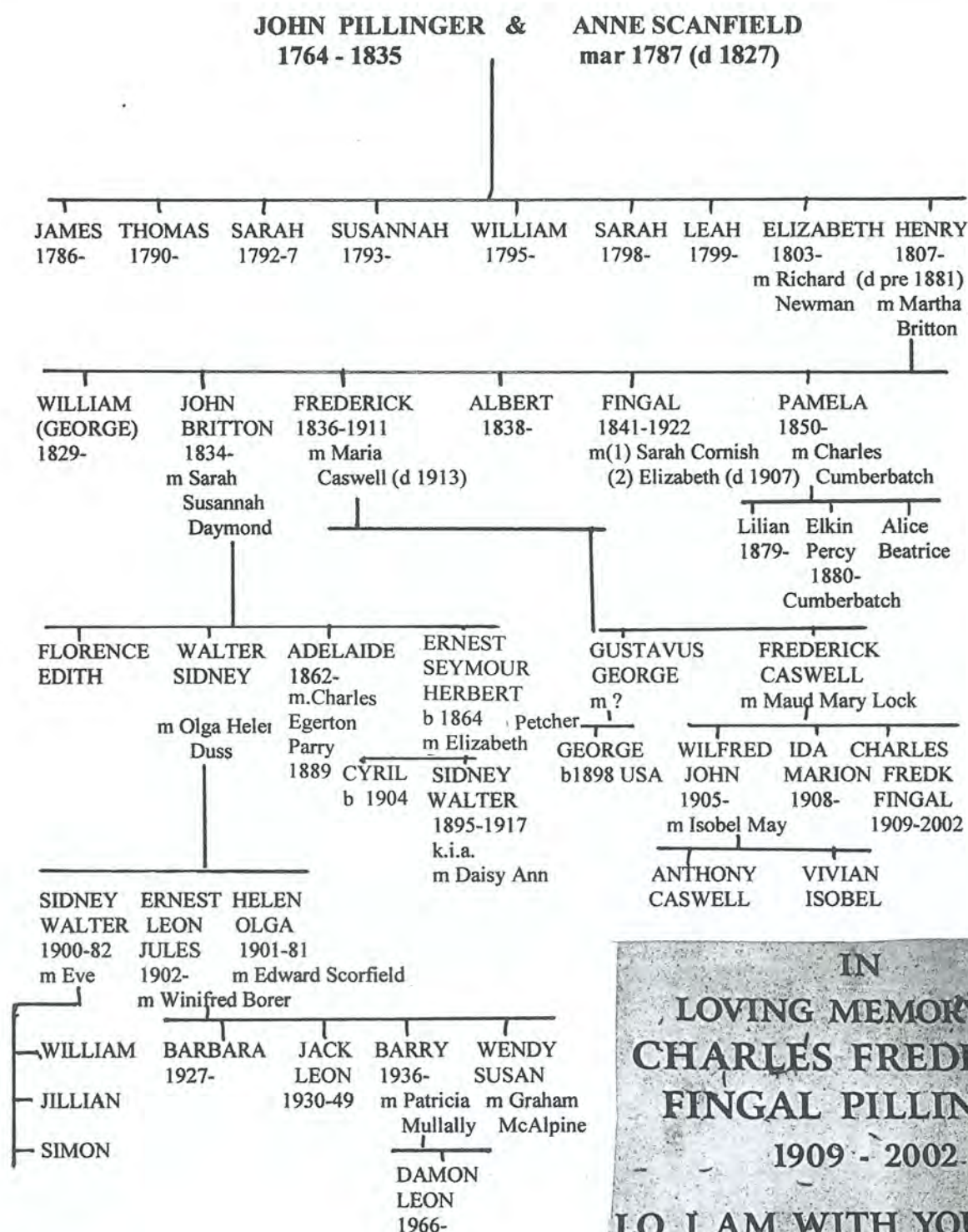
PHYLLIS 1904- m Arthur V. Pilbeam 4 children	BLANCHE 1907-8 Susan Pilbeam m David Lee (Australia)	WINIFRED b 1909	IRENE (Mrs Pound) living 1987 b 1914	(STANLEY) b 1913 ?	LEONARD (d 1918) ?
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VICTOR
b 1913

WALTER
REGINALD
1890-1970
① = MARY BALL, 1915
② = FLORENCE
HODGES 1931
d 1967
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b 1917
= BETTY JONES
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Family Tree 4



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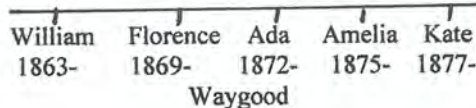
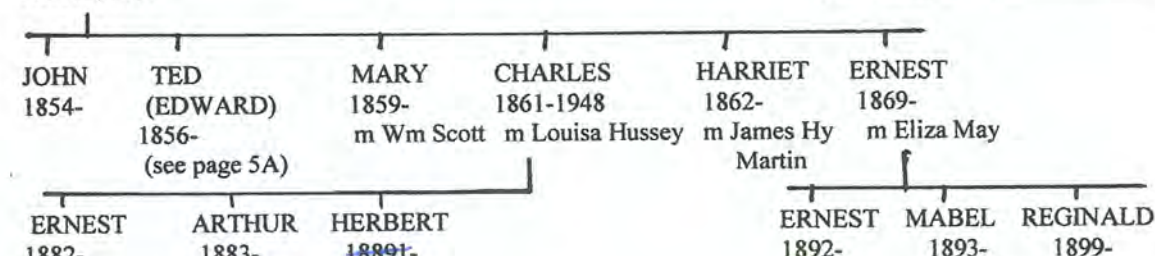
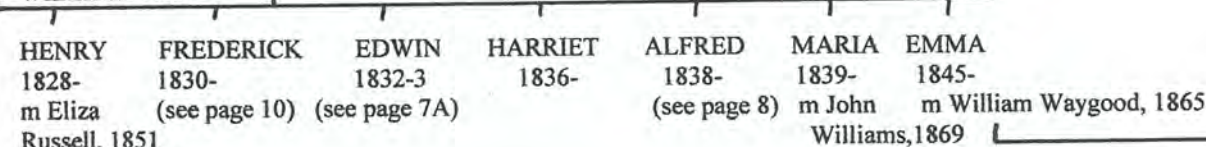
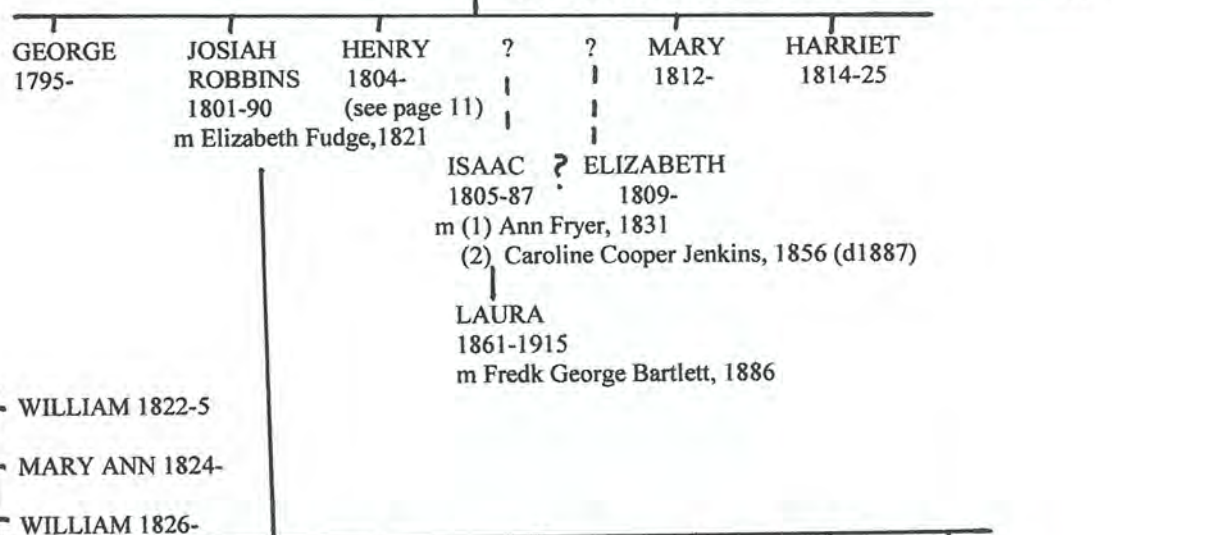
WILLIAM PILLINGER &
1770-

(1) MARIA ROBBINS (m 1793, d 1826)

(?) JEMIMA

(2) KEZIA VOWLES (m 1836) *d 1839*

(3) ELIZABETH LONEY (m 1839, d 1860)



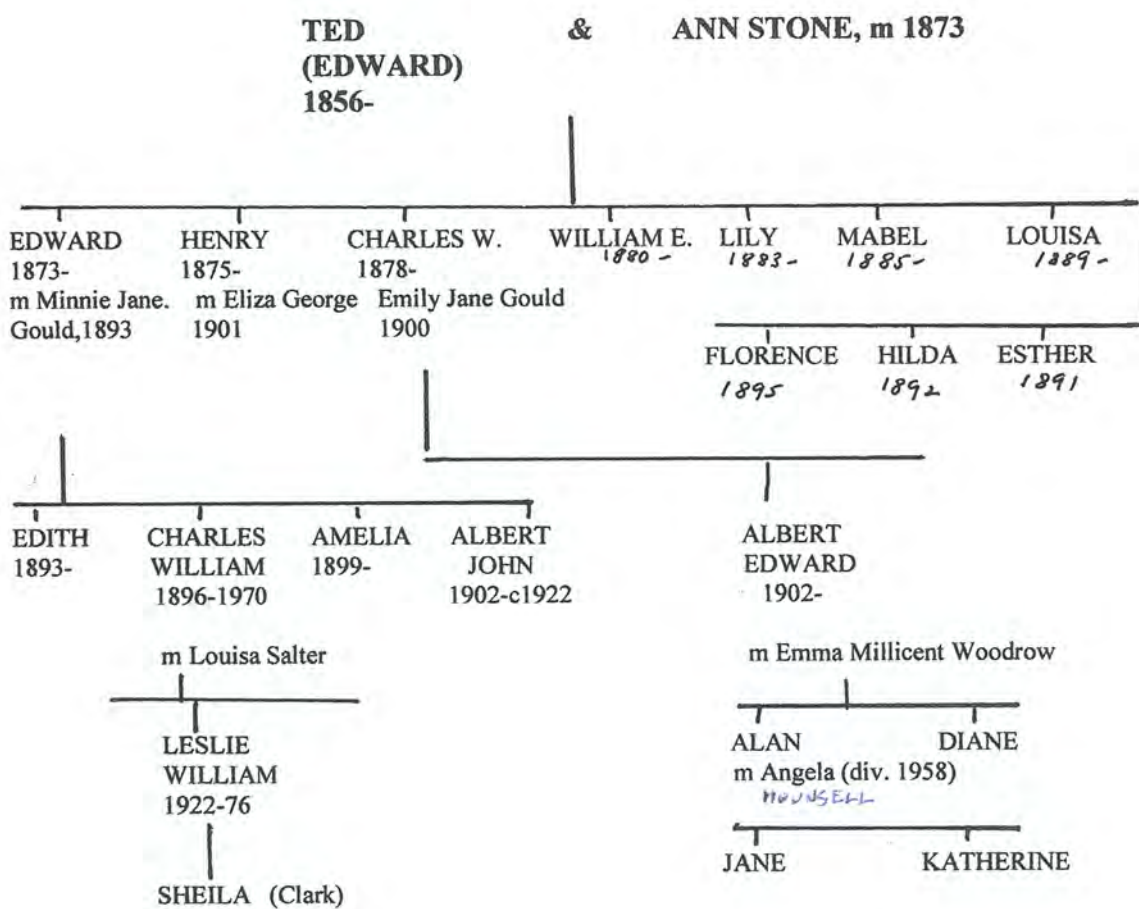
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b 1910



Policemen, 1839

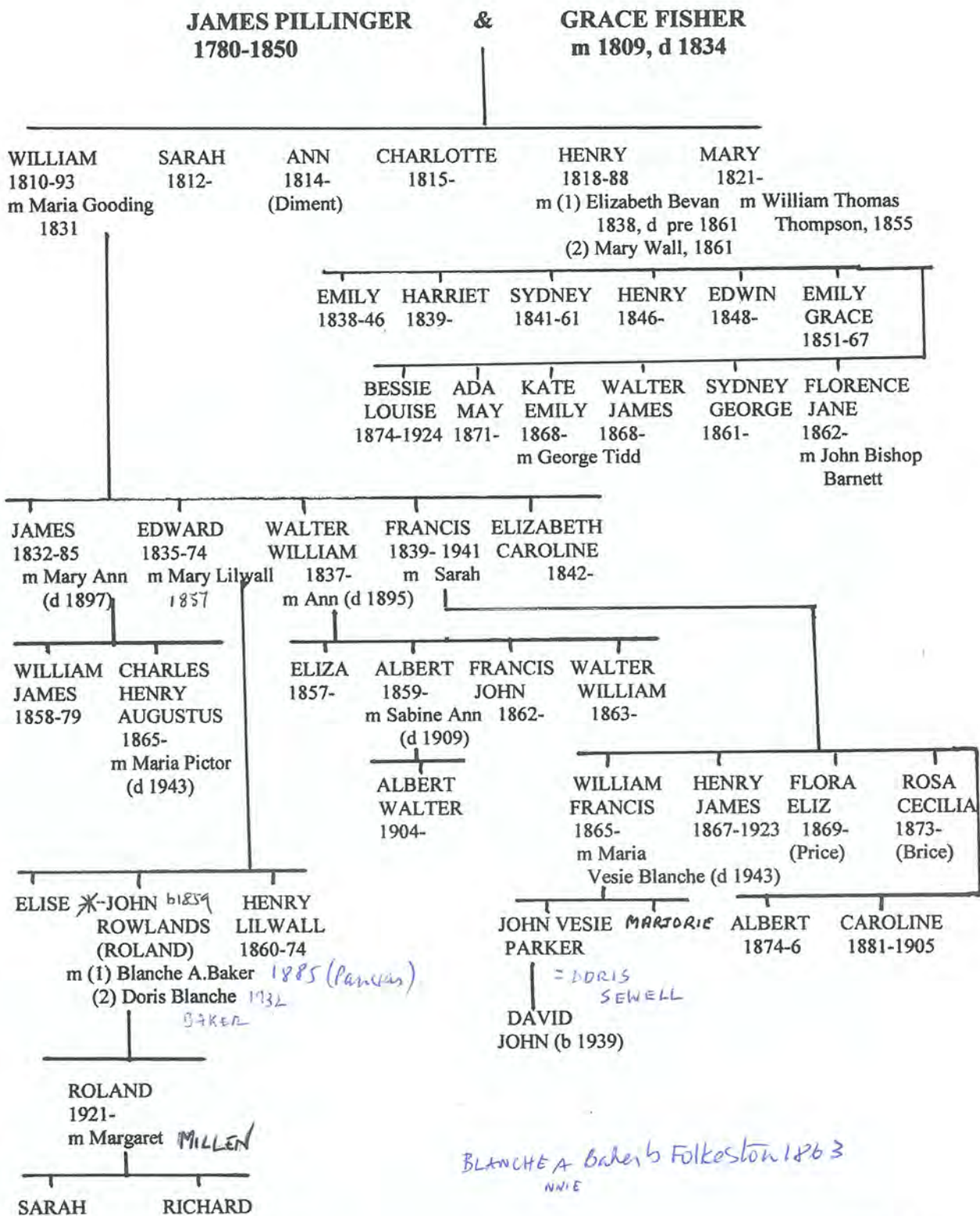
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Family Tree 5A



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Family Tree 6



BLANCHE A Baker b Folkestone 1863
NNIE

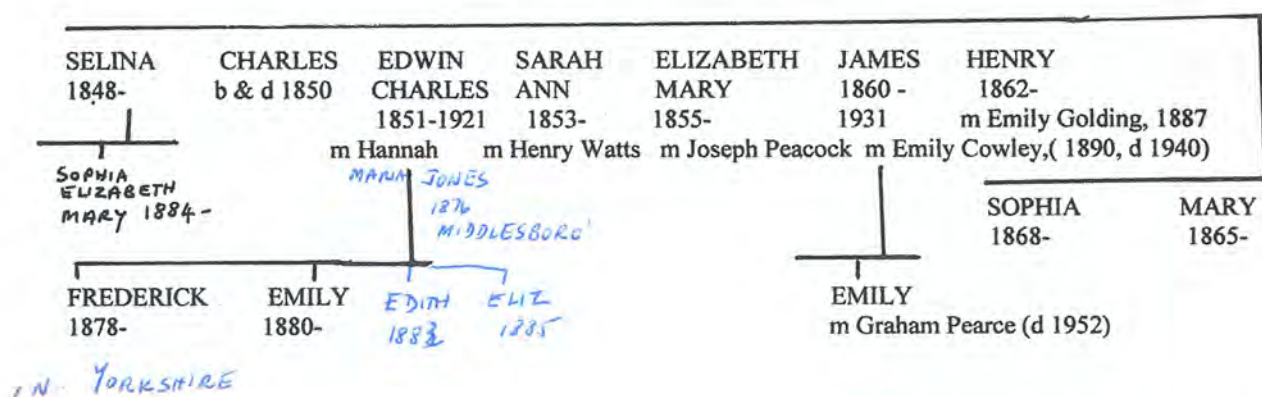
"The little Hussar"
* HE HAS his FACEBOOK
page! MANY PHOTOS of
his ARMY EXPLOITS.
Posted by Richard.

1901 JW Baker 71830 Rtd Fishmonger b Folkestone
Ann " 7130
Blanche Pills 38 63
JW Baker 36 65
b Folkestone

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See footnote re FTs 4 & 6

JAMES PILLINGER & (1) SARAH ANN SMITH, (m 1845, d 1857)
1825-1900

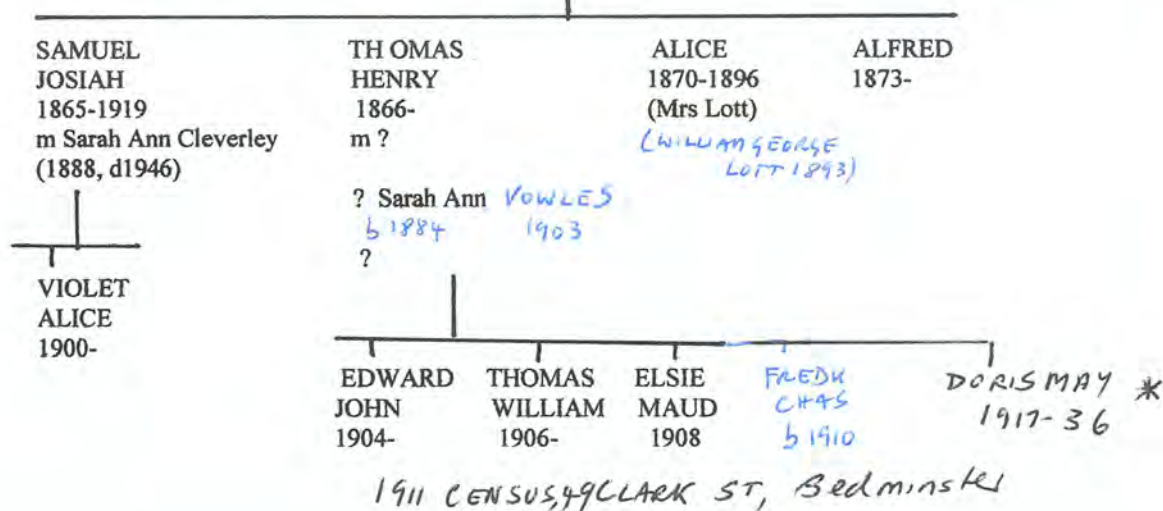
(2) MARY BROADRIBB (m 1859, d 1895)



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Family Tree Page 7A

EDWARD PILLINGER & SARAH SUSANNAH ROGERS
(EDWIN)
1832-1874
(m 1863 d 1905)

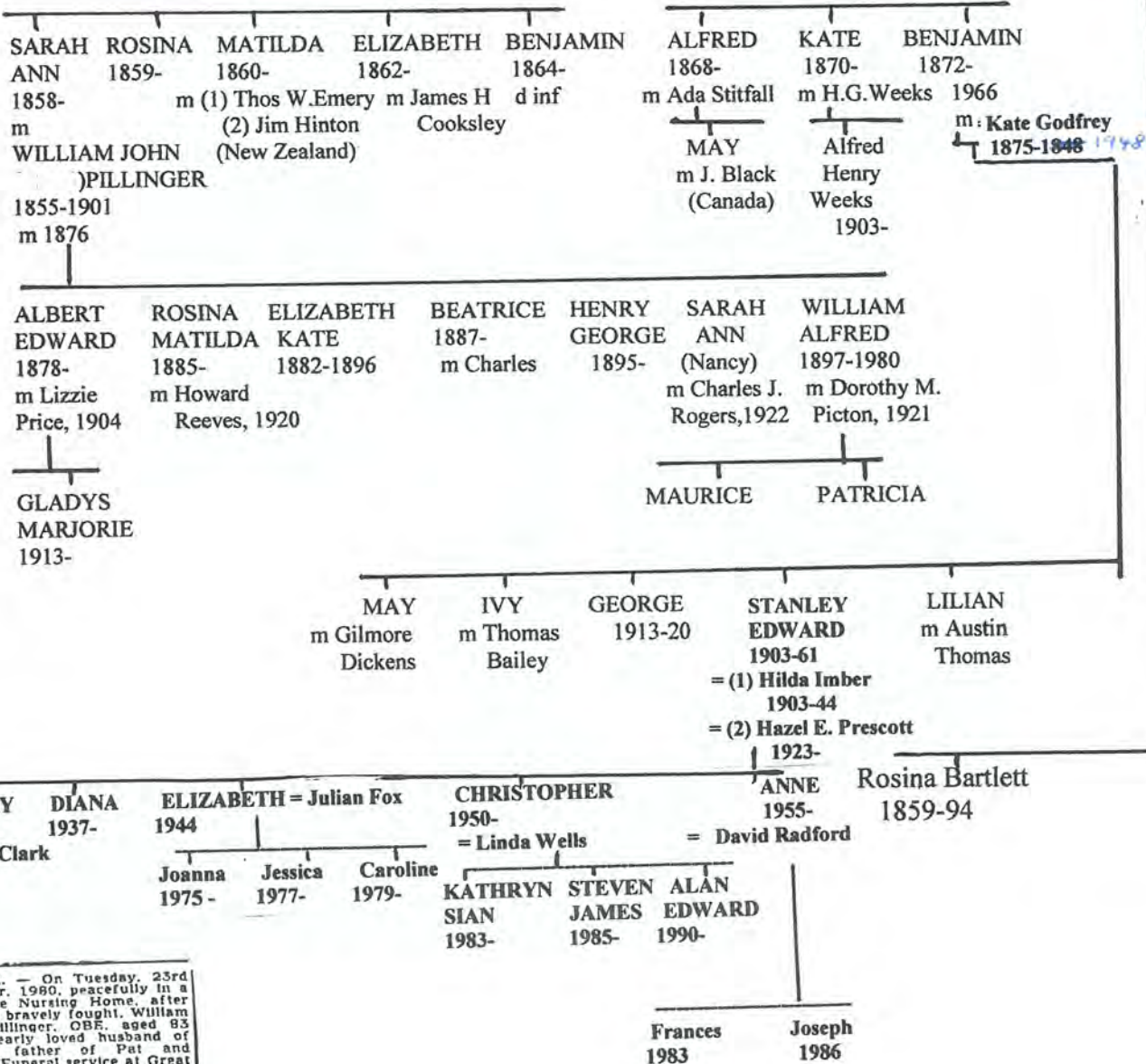


* suicide by coal
 gas poisoning
 see W.B.P. 23/4/1936
 d.o SARAH ANN of CLARK ST,
 Paper Bag Maker.

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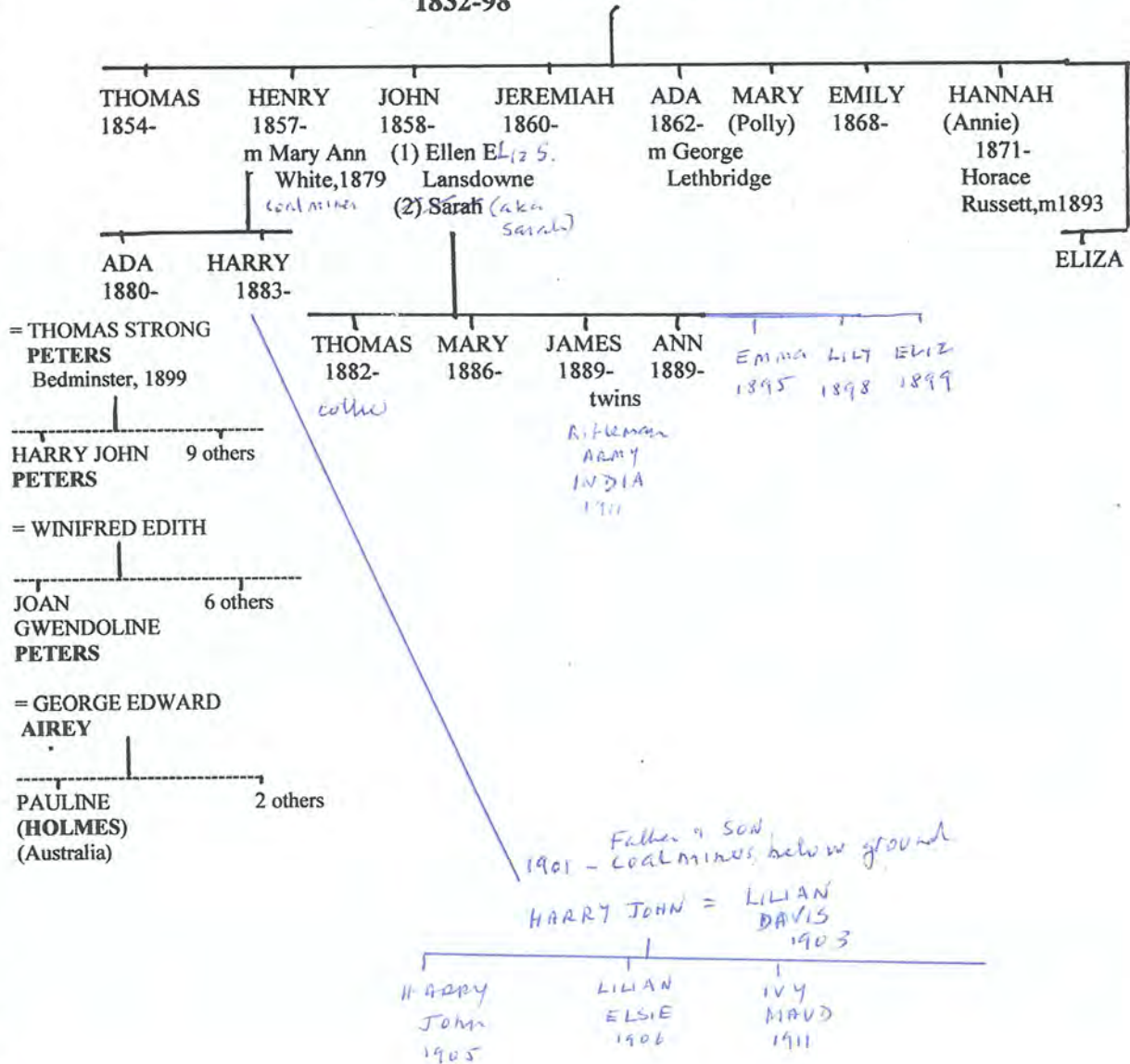
Family Tree 8

ELIZA ANN (1) m ALFRED PILLINGER m (2) ELIZABETH BARTLETT
d 1867 HARWOOD 1838- m 1867



PILLINGER. — On Tuesday, 23rd September, 1980, peacefully in a Cambridge Nursing Home, after an illness bravely fought, William Alfred Pillinger, OBE, aged 83 years. Dearly loved husband of Dorothy, father of Pat and Maurice. Funeral service at Great St Mary's Church, on Tuesday, 30th September at 2.15 pm, followed by interment at Great Shelford Cemetery. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations to Professor Mitchell's Cancer Research Fund, c/o Addenbrooke's Hospital, Hills Road.

THOMAS PILLINGER & ANN GRIFFIN
1832-98



W.D.P. 19/1/1904

"Undesirable Customer. Rose Pillinger, married woman
Summoned using obscene language at White Horse Hotel
West Street, Bedford. Defendant was such a
nuisance landlord had refused to serve her for
several months past. Entered bar on the 9th &
committed offence in presence of customers. Court
Officer read out list of previous convictions against
defendant. Fined 20s & costs in default 1 mth
imprisonment.

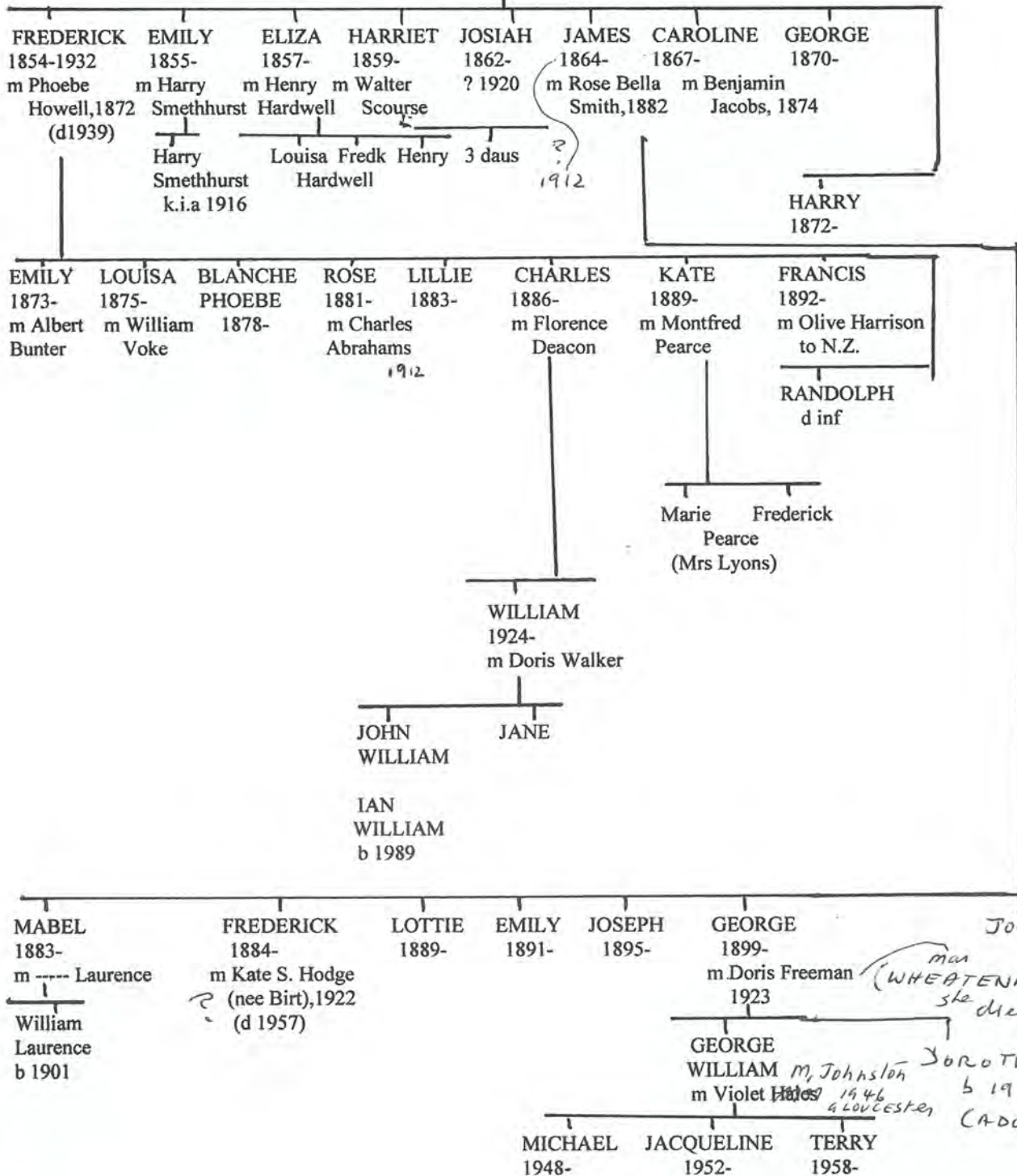
W.D.P. 20-4-1901

Elizabeth Flowers, 34, charged with being drunk in
charge of a horse & cart. PC 26 saw defendant
in a green grocery cart with James Pillinger in
Queen's Road. Woman in charge of reins. Both
were drunk. Man had been let out on bail
& has not appeared. Woman fined 5 shillings
Case against Pillinger adjourned.

? JAMES died 1912 aged 49 } Benin.
? Rose married Chas Abrahams 1913 }

Family Tree 10

FREDERICK PILLINGER & LOUISA FLOWER
1830-1909 m 1850 d 1898

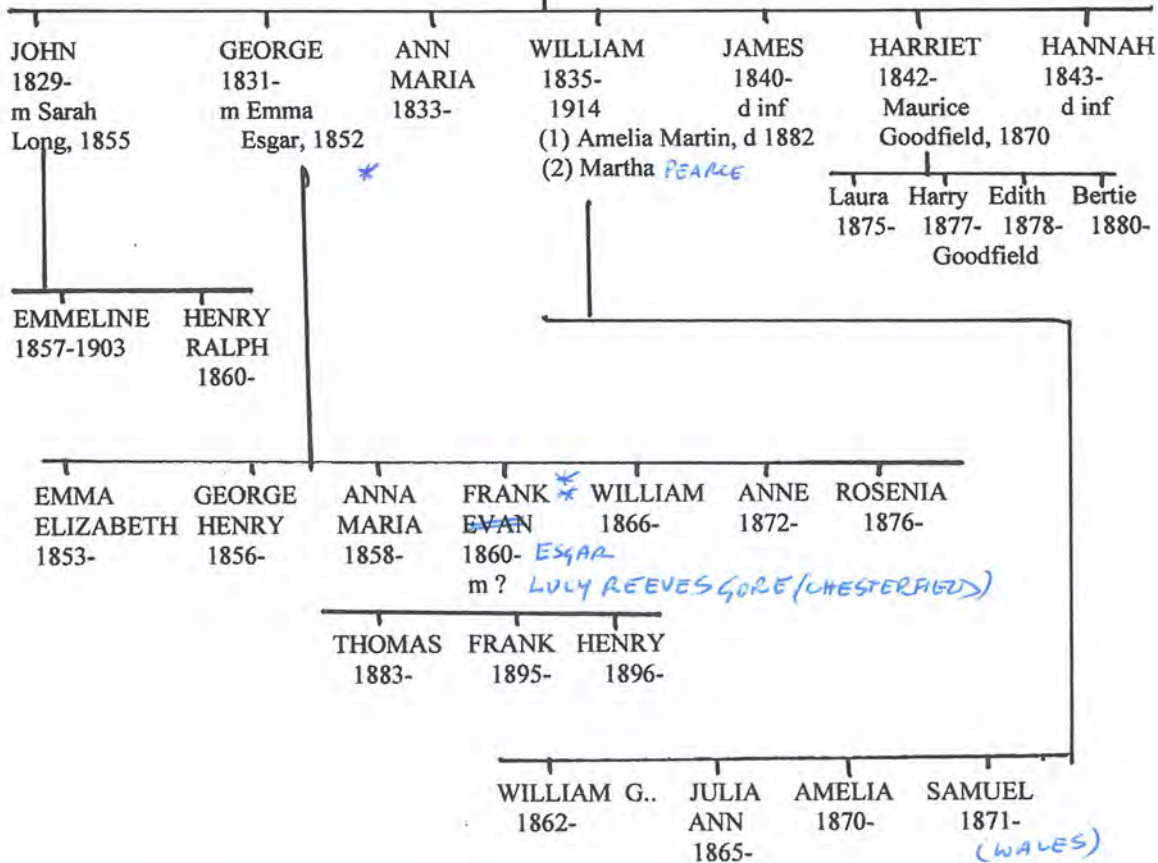


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HENRY PILLINGER & (1) ELIZABETH SMELE, m 1827, d 1858
1804-83

(2) AMELIA, d 1893

DELVE (1858)



* MOVED TO WALES

** MOVED TO YORKSHIRE

As this bears no dates, I doubt if it will be of much help to you, but it may connect up with some information you already have.

My best wishes to you in the task you have set yourself.

Yours truly,

John V. Pillinger

Brislington in the County of Somerset.

	Issue
John Pillinger.	William Pillinger Henry Pillinger.
William Pillinger	James Pillinger Edward Pillinger Walter Pillinger Francis Pillinger.
Francis Pillinger	William Francis Pillinger Henry James Pillinger Albert Edward Pillinger
William Francis Pillinger	John Vesie Parker Pillinger.
John Vesie Parker Pillinger	David John Pillinger.

John Vesie Pillinger sent me the above in 1979. He believed his earliest known ancestor to be a John Pillinger who had sons William and Henry.

John who married Anne Scanfield had a son William born 1795 who had a brother Henry.

James who married Grace Fisher had a son William born 1810 who had a brother Henry.

I have not been able to prove this William either way, and for reasons explained in the text I plumped for James, but it made me very uneasy, and I have an open mind about which was which. No matter what, they all go back to Jeremiah and Betty

Further additions To Book 2, August, 2009

James Pillinger and Rose Bella Smith (FT 10):

For several years I have had an email correspondence with Peter Pillinger, now resident in Spain, who is descended from James Pillinger and Rose Bella Smith (see page 61).

Mabel's baby, William Lawrence was registered in Bristol in the June Quarter of 1901, but I have been unable to find a marriage between Mabel and anyone called Lawrence or Laurence. A marriage of a Mabel Pillinger and Herbert Rudman took place in 1912 and possibly she is William's mother.

In 1901, the missing mother of the family – Rose Bella, but listed as Rosina - was unfortunately a prisoner in Horfield Prison, aged 36, described "hawker of vegetables". (As this was also the occupation of James in 1901, it seems very likely this is the correct woman.)

In 1911 George Pillinger and his brother John, aged 5, Peter's ancestor, apparently christened Joseph, were at school in Haresfield, Gloucestershire. (see page 62).

James Pillinger aged 47 died at Eastville Workhouse on 23rd February 1912 of cirrhosis of the liver. Rose either as Rose Bella, Rosina or any other variation, is presently unaccounted for.

Wallace Pillinger and Nellie Hicks (FT 3)

I have recently been contacted by Robyn Pillinger of Australia whose husband is descended from Wallace and Nellie. (see page 20)

Wallace and Nellie's son Arthur William, born in 1922 married Betty Tatum at Filton, Gloucestershire in 1946 when both were serving in the RAF. Their son, Alan Robert was born in October 1948, by which time they were demobbed and living at 20 Sandown Road, Filton. Arthur was working as an electrical engineer.

A daughter Carol Ann followed after which they emigrated to Australia where Pam Louise, Peter Robert, Jane Lyn and Susan Ann were born.

Wallace and Nellie joined them in Australia in 1963. Wallace, a retired shopkeeper of 11 Maniana Road, South Maniana, Western Australia died on 19th July 1967 aged 75 years. Nellie died aged 77 on 20th January 1970. Their son, Arthur William, of 19 Coates Hill, Hamilton, Western Australia died at the young age of 48 on 1st September 1971 having spent nineteen years in Australia. Wallace and Nellie also had a daughter, Hilary, born about 1924, now deceased, who married a Mr. Saunders and who had children Pauline and Brian. Her last known address was 91 Parry's Lane, Stoke Bishop, Bristol. I have included the papers that Robyn kindly sent me.

1901 CENSUS The Lodge, PARSON STREET
BRISTOL

					BORN
JAMES PILLINGER	HEAD	man	36 (1865)	HAWKER VEGETABLES	BRISTOL
MABEL LAWRENCE	DAU	"	18 (1883)		"
EMILY PILLINGER	"	"	10 (1891)		"
JOSEPH PILLINGER	SON	"	6 (1895)		"
GEORGE PILLINGER	"	"	2 (1899)		"
WILLIAM LAWRENCE	GRANDSON		1 MONTH (1901)		"

1901 CENSUS —

ROSINA PILLINGER PRISONER 36 (b1865) GENERAL
HAWKER "

1911 CENSUS

DOWAGER COTTAGE, LITTLE STANDISH STONEHOUSE, GLOS

					RAILWAY LABOURER
JAMES JONES	HEAD	MAR	56 1855	5	HAREFIELD
EMMA	"	WIFE	51 1860	6	WILTS
MARGARET	"		21 1890		SHOP ASST 6 HAREFIELD
GEORGE PILLINGER	BOARDER	SCHOOLBOY	11 (1899)	6	BRISTOL
JOHN	"	"	5 (1906)		"

DORIS FREEMAN / GEORGE PILLINGER married WHEATENHORST
in 4th QTR, 1923 Ref 6A 672.

George

Pillinger

J35849

1898

14 Sep 1898

Bristol

Somerset

England

The National Archives

ADM 188/718/35849

British Royal Navy Seamen 1899-1924

Military, armed forces & conflict

Service Records

Great Britain

National Archives

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J 35849

Sevon post

J 35849

W.

Name
in full

George Pillinger

Date of Birth

14 Sept 1895

Place of Birth

Epish, Lancashire

Occupation

School boy

Date and Period of Engagements

Age

Height

Weight

Hair

Eyes

Complexion

Wounds, Scars, or Marks

14 Sept 1916

12 years

73

5

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34

Black

Brown

Fair

Faint

Ship, &c., served in

List

No.

Rating

Period of Service

If Discharged
whither and
for what cause

Sub-ratings

Character & Ability

Remarks

Impregnable

Pamir Group

Swiftsure

David I

Defiance

Defiance (Hobbs)

(Aurora)

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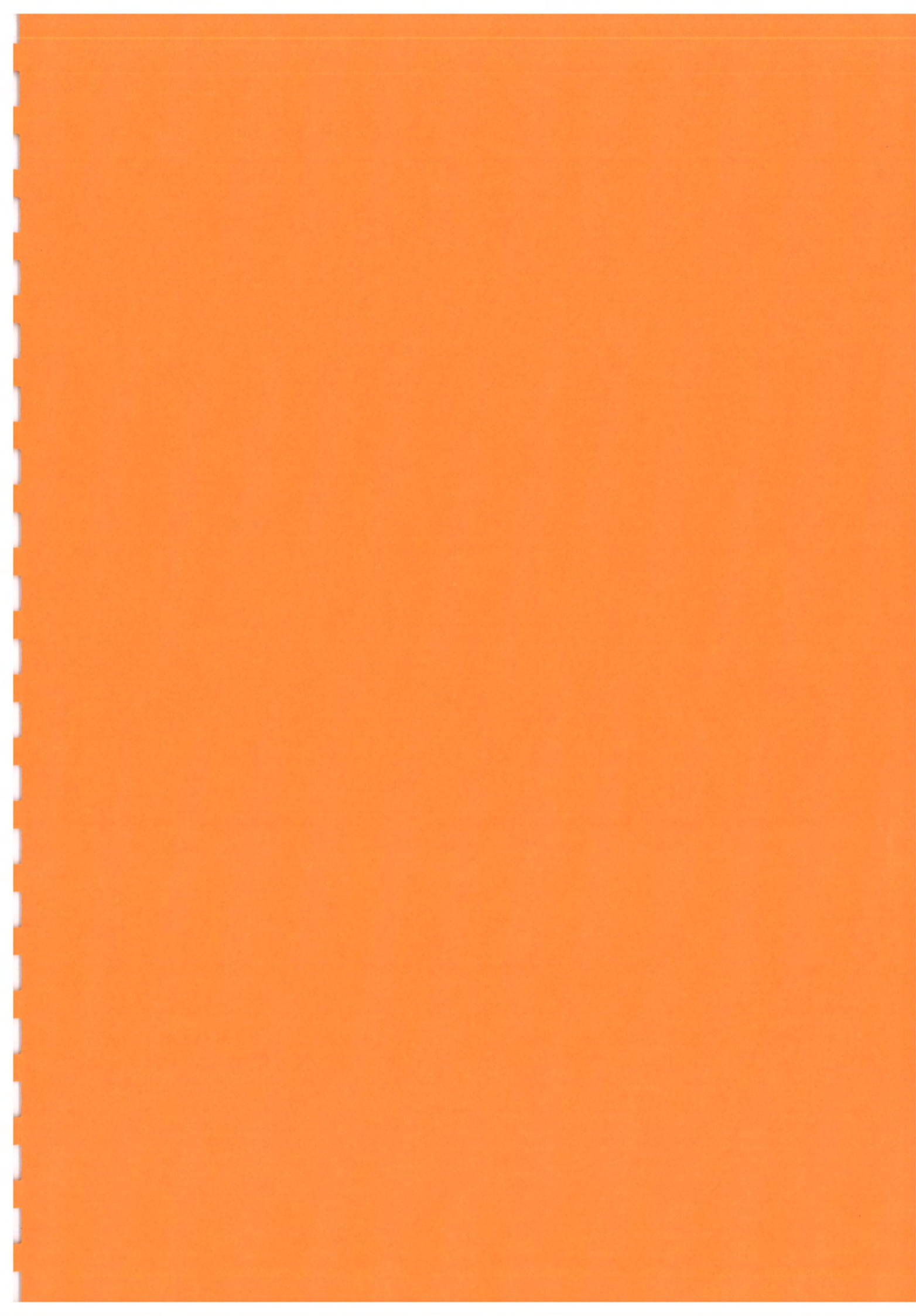
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TWO BOYS ON A STILE AT BRISLINGTON BROOK
1824



SACRED

To the Memory
of JEREMIAH PILLINGER
of this Parish who departed this
Life 8 of September 1833
Aged 55 Years

Also of MARY daughter of JEREMIAH
& MARY PILLINGER who died
Dec: 21 1820 Aged 8 Years