

Pensioner Details
<i>Pensioner name:</i> George H Dayman
<i>Person ID:</i> SM1002
<i>Your name:</i> Tony Dobbs
<i>U3A group:</i> Weymouth and Portland
Part One: Birth and Family
1: When and where was your pensioner born?
<p>On May 18 1872 Abel Dayman (of Yeovil, a Gardner) signed a declaration affirming that George (letter carrier), his son, was born in Corsham, Wiltshire on 27 Sept 1843 (ref1). The information came from a statement in the family prayer book.</p> <p>George sometimes appears as simply George Dayman (or similar sounding spellings such as Daymon) and sometimes with his second name spelt Poulson or Polson, although often the second name is omitted.</p>
2: Who were your pensioners' parents? Record any details you can find out about them here (e.g. occupation, religious affiliation, whether they could read or write)
<p>George's father and mother were Abel and Elizabeth (ref 2). Abel is consistently described as a Gardener in documents throughout his life, Elizabeth has no occupation in census returns.</p> <p>Both were born in Devizes, Abel in 1807, Elizabeth in 1819 (ref2). Abel died and was buried in Yeovil on 18/9/1875 (ref3) his address was recorded as Rackleford. Elizabeth Dayman predeceased him and was buried at the same church as Abel, St John's in Yeovil on 27th December 1873 (ref4) her address at the time was recorded as Park Street, Yeovil.</p> <p>In 1871 census they (Daymons – a transcription error) were living in Yeovil at 239 Rustywell Rackleford Hill Yeovil with George P our pensioner 27 (son, Rural Postman GP Office?) Augusta 17 (daughter, General hand (domestic)? Difficult to decipher) Lucy 13(daughter, same occupation as Augusta signified by ditto marks) and John H 4 grandson (I think) (ref5). I suppose there is a possibility that John H is George's son. There is a census record of a John Dayman 1881 as a boarder at 167 South St Yeovil Age 16 as a glove finisher (ref6) but I have not found further references that might be him or clarify his parentage.</p> <p>I have not been able to discover anything prior to 1871 for the Dayman family members other than the birth records noted.</p>
3: Did your pensioner have any siblings? What were their names, and how old were they in relation to your pensioner? Use this space to record anything else you have found out about them (e.g. occupation)
<p>George had a sister Augusta Louise b 1854 Yeovil and another Lucy Georgina b 1857 Yeovil. In 1871 both sisters are still at home with parents and brother George. They are 17 and 13 with the same occupation unfortunately the census form is very unclear, it may be General Hand (domestic) for both sisters. (ref7)</p> <p>Augusta was baptised at St John's Yeovil on 25th January 1854. The family residence was Middle Street (ref8). Aside from the 1871 census record mentioned above I have not discovered any other details about her life.</p>

Lucy was baptised on 1 July 1857 at Holy Trinity Yeovil the family residence was in Hendford (ref9). Lucy marries Fred Best in Surbiton on 18/8/1878 her father, Abel, is recorded as a deceased Gardener. The wedding is in the Church of St Mark with John and Ellen Best as witnesses (ref10).

The Best family, as will be seen, have several ties with the Daymans. James Best, a labourer, marries Mary Dalley in 1845 in South Petherton(ref36). In 1861 they are living in South Petherton; James (a sawyer, 44) and Mary (a glover, 44) with 7 children notably Frederick 7 (who marries George's daughter Lucy) and John 11 (who married an Ellen Dayman born abt 1850 in Southampton) (ref 11). I have not been able to discover a family relationship between Ellen and our postman, George. In January 1871 John Best married Ellen Dayman in a Civil ceremony in Yeovil (ref12). In the 1871 census they are living in South Petherton (ref13).

Lucy Georgina Best is living with Fred (railway carman) at 1 Cowleaze Road Kingston upon Thames with 9 children for the 1901 census (ref14). In the 1911 census Lucy is a widow living with 6 of her children in Kingston upon Thames. In all she had had 13 children 2 of whom had died prior to 1911 (ref34). Lucy died 20th January 1938 in Kingston upon Thames, she was survived by 3 children George, Ada and Fred (ref15). Fred Best died in Kingston upon Thames on 1st June 1905 (ref35).

Part Two: Marriage and children

1: Did your pensioner marry? What was their spouse's name, and when and where did they marry them? Use this space to record any extra details you can find out about their spouse (e.g. when/where they were born, their occupation)

George married **Sarah Elizabeth Brailey** in South Petherton, Somerset on 3/4/1872.

Fathers' detailed in the banns were George's father Abel and Sarah's father William Brailey a Glover (ref16). Witnesses were John Best and Ellen Best, seemingly the same people that witnessed Lucy's wedding in 1871, detailed in the previous section. I do not know why the marriage occurred in South Petherton. George's occupation was Letter Carrier and residence was Yeovil. Sarah had no occupation and her residence was recorded as South Petherton at marriage time. For the 1871 census both bride and groom were living in Yeovil with their parents. John was at Rustywell (ref5) and Sarah at 32 Sherborne Road with her sister, 4 years old Florence Emily and 4 other children (ref 18).

Sarah Elizabeth Brailey was born in Yeovil in April 1849 (ref19). Her mother was Mary and her father William (ref21). He was a glove cutter and in 1861 Sarah was a glove sewer age 12 as was her sister Mary age 14. They were living in Yeovil 188 Church Yard (ref21). I believe Sarah died in July 1903 in Southampton (ref 22).

Sarah's younger sister, Florence Emily Brailey, was born in 1866 in Yeovil (ref23). James Gurman marries Florence Emily Brailey in 1885 in South Stoneham Hampshire (ref23). In 1901 the Gurmans are living in Southampton at 99 Malmesbury Road (ref24). This address is the one given for George Dayman on his death certificate and the witness, present at his death, is F E Gurman, his sister in law. It seems likely that Sarah and George went to stay with Florence and family when Sarah got ill. She died in 1903 and George died in 1911.

2: Did your pensioner have any children? What were their names, and when they were born? Use this space to record any extra details you can find out about them (e.g. occupation, where they lived later in life)

George and Sarah had two children living with them at the 1881 census (ref25). Reginald HG age 8 and Florence Age 4. Both births were registered in Yeovil as Civil registrations; Florence as **Florence Augusta Louise** in January 1877 (ref26) and Reginald as **Reginald Herbert G (George)** in April 1872 (ref27).

In the 1891 census George is 48 and a 'Town letter carrier' (?) his wife is Sarah Elizabeth 40. Reginald is 19 and Florence 14. Their address is 10 Brunswick street, Yeovil the same as in 1881(ref28). Reginald died, age 24 in Oct 1896 and was buried in Holy Trinity (ref 29).

In December 1894 Florence is baptised in Yeovil (ref30). On January 20 1904 age 27 Florence Augusta Louise marries Russell Wiltshire a decorator in Southbroom Wilts. Her father George Polson Dayman is a witness (occupation – Civil Service) (ref31). Russell's father is Jesse Wiltshire and in 1911 census Russell is living with Jesse in St Mary Wiltshire. Russell is 32 and a widower, he has a son Brian age 5 and is still working as a decorator, as is his father, age 62 (ref 37). Brian Russell Wiltshire was born in Southbroom on 5th May 1905 and was baptised on 9th July. His mother is recorded as Florence Augusta Louise Wiltshire (ref38) so he is George's only grandson or daughter.

Part Three: Work

1: What occupation was your pensioner recorded as doing in census years? Please make sure to state clearly which year you are referring to

- 1871 Rural Postman G&P(?) Office (details from ref5)
- 1881 Letter carrier Yeovil P O (details in ref25)
- 1891 Town Letter carrier (ref32)
- 1901 Postman (ref33)

2: What occupations were people living with your pensioner (e.g. spouse, children, boarders) doing in the census years? Please make sure to state clearly which year you are referring to

- 1871 (details from ref5): Abel George's father Gardener, Augusta and Lucy George's sisters General hand (domestic)?
- 1881 and 1901: No other residents working
- 1891: Reginald, George's son (19) compositor apprentice (ref32)

Part Four: Anything Else

Please use this space to record anything else you have found out about your pensioner

George Poulson Dayman's death certificate records 'Cerebral apoplexy' as the cause of death, in more modern parlance this might mean a stroke. His wife pre-deceased him by about 8 years. At the time of his death Nov 1911 he was living in Southampton with his Sister-in-laws family but I have not been able to find a census record for him in the 1911 census.

Part Five: Your Sources

Please use this space to record the sources you have used

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