

Pensioner Details
<i>Pensioner name:</i> Richard Nance Hill
<i>Person ID:</i> DV1012
<i>Your name:</i> Duncan Lavin
<i>U3A group:</i> Croydon
Part One: Birth and Family
1: When and where was your pensioner born?
1843 – Bratton Clovelly; birth registered in the December quarter; no baptism found.
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><i>WILLIAM HILL (Father)</i> Listed in the 1851 Census, William Hill was an Agricultural Labourer, born in Beaworthy in 1808, baptised that year.</p> <p>William Hill married Elizabeth Nance in Beaworthy on 30 December 1831.</p> <p><i>ELIZABETH HILL (Mother)</i> Elizabeth Hill (nee Nance), born in the Scilly Isles. Her parents were James and Mary Nance of St Martins. Elizabeth was baptised in 1802.</p> <p>Both William and Elizabeth signed the marriage register indicating their literacy, rather uncommon at the time. In the Parish Register it also states 'married with consent of parents' – a strange comment, given William was over 21 at the time. It is possible William inflated his age in the Census entries for 1851 and 1861; a fairly usual practice at the time when a man was generally expected to be older than his wife.</p> <p>In the 1841 Census it was normal for ages to be rounded down to the nearest five years.</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><i>WILLIAM HILL (Brother) Eleven years older than Richard.</i> William, an elder brother. Born in 1840. Death date unknown.</p> <p><i>MARY ANN HILL (Sister) Ten years older than Richard.</i> Baptised 8 December 1833 in 'Village'; her father recorded as 'Labourer'. Death date unknown.</p> <p><i>JAMES NANCE HILL (Brother) Seven years older than Richard.</i> Baptised 5 June 1836 in Bratton Clovelly; father 'Labourer'.</p>

In 1871, James was living in Hodges, Sourton, with his wife, Elizabeth, and children Mary and William. He was then a Farm Labourer.

He died in 1894.

ELIZABETH J. HILL (Sister) Three years older than Richard.

Born in 1840, no baptism found.

Death date unknown.

JOHN HILL (Brother) Four years younger than Richard.

John, a younger brother, born in 1847.

Listed in 1871 Census, John, unmarried, was living with his Mother at Castle Inn, Beaworthy.

He died in 1923.

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)

ELIZA BEAL (Wife)

Eliza, born in 1842.

Her mother was Elizabeth Folland was born 14 May 1815 at Dolton, Devon.
She married the Miller, John Beal, then the Miller, John Blatchford.

In Apr – June 1869 Richard and Eliza married in Okehampton.

All their married life was spent in Highampton.

Her death is recorded in Apr-Jun 1920.

RICHARD HILL

In 1851 Census, Richard was living at Grindhill, Bratton Clovelly with William (father), Elizabeth (mother), William and John (brothers), Elizabeth (sister).

In 1861 Census, Richard was living at Castle Inn, Beaworthy with William (father), Elizabeth (mother) and James (brother).

In 1871 Census, Richard was living at Bridge Cottage, Highampton.

In 1881 Census, Richard was living at Part May's Tenement, Highampton with Eliza (wife).

In 1891 Census, Richard was living at Part May's Tenement, Highampton with Eliza (wife).

In 1901 Census, Richard was living in Parsonage Road, Highampton, with Eliza (wife)

In 1911 Census, Richard was living in Church Road, Highampton with Eliza.

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)

JOHN HILL (Son)

Born 1869, baptised 14 November.

Listed in the 1891 Census, John Hill was a Groom/Servant living with Cornelius Glinn, a physician, and others in Billicombe Vale, Hatherleigh.

Listed in the 1901 Census he was a Coachman living in Widcombe Cottage, Otterford, Somerset with Charlotte his wife.

CHARLOTTE BOWDEN (1st wife)

Born in 1873.

He then had two children: William Jnr, born in 1898, and Florence, born in 1899.

Listed in the 1911 Census, he was a widower, working as Servant/Farm Labourer on Barton Farm, Simonsbath, Somerset.

She died in 1910.

SUSAN IRELAND LAWRENCE (2nd wife)

In October 1913 John, then aged 43 and a Yardsman, remarried Susan in Thorncombe Parish Church, Dorset; a 41 yr old spinster of that parish. She was employed as a servant at that time. Her father was an innkeeper.

On 20 February 1944, aged 74, he died in Tavistock. He is buried in Christ Church Cemetery, Brentor.

On 21 April 1962 Susan died

ELIZABETH ANN HILL (Daughter)

Born 1871, baptised on 2 July.

WYNDHAM BEAL (Stepson)

Born in 1864.

Listed in 1881 Census he was working at Brightmanshay Farm, Petrockstow, Devon as a Farm Servant.

In 1887 he married Louisa Banbury of Langtree, Devon.

She was born in 1870.

She died in 1953.

Listed in 1891 Census Wyndham was working as an Agricultural Labourer and they were living at Culleighford, Frithelstock with Edith Eliza (born 1888) and Alice M. (born 1890), both daughters.

Listed in 1901 Census they are living at Six Acre Cottage, Frithelstock with children Alice M., Mary (born 1899), Annie (born 1898) and Samuel J. (born 1901). Edith is a servant in the School House next door. Wyndham is a Farm Horse Man.

Listed in 1911 Census, they are living at Galsworthy Cottage, Buckland Brewer. He is described as a Farm Labourer living with children Annie L., Samuel J., Wyndham P. (born 1904) and Dora A. (born 1906).

Wyndham died in the Torrington District in 1929, aged 66.

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

1861 – Listed as Agricultural Labourer
1871 – Listed as Miller
1881 – Listed as Rural Post Messenger
1891 – Listed as Postman
1901 – Listed as Retired Postman
1911 – Listed as Retired Postman

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

1881 – John was a scholar.

Part Four: Anything Else

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

In 1871 the family lived in Bridge Cottage, Highampton.
In 1881 they lived at 'Village', Highampton.

Richard Hill died aged 92 from cerebral degeneration and extreme arthritis in December 1935 whilst living in Brentor.

Bratton Clovelly over the years had many Lords of the Manor who were Cornish gentry, who didn't necessarily live in the village or have extravagant properties. Many of the cottages are built of cob, formed of clay, straw and small stones mixed and by repute trampled by cattle. The rooves are thatched. Bread ovens were mostly inserted in the buildings after they were erected.

Highampton, also known as Hampton (High) is a village and parish in Devon. Nearby towns are Beaworthy (on the London and South Western Railway) and Hatherleigh. Around 1870, John Marius Wilson in his 'Imperial Gazetteer of England and Wales' stated the population at 386; there was a recent church, a Baptist Chapel and a national school.

Part Five: Your Sources

Please use this space to record the sources you have used

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