

THE INTERNET SLEUTH
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Apart from buying a 1918 Ward Lock Guide to Plymouth and South West Devon and a Bartholomew half inch contour map of Dartmoor from a market stall mid lockdown, all my investigations into the life of John Sampson have been carried out online. I can remember starting on my own family history in the days where you had to go to the local record office and search through parish registers, so I was amazed I could find out so much via my home laptop.

I was told that John Sampson retired in 1901 at the age of fifty-five from his job as postman for Horrabridge in Devon. The Postal Service Appointments Book told me he started his route from Horrabridge to Sheepstor in 1874. When he married his first wife, Emma Pryor on Christmas Day 1869 he gave his rank as postman and was twenty-three years old. So, he worked for the Post Office for over thirty years.

Whites History, Gazetteer and Directory of Devon 1878 says that letters arrived at Sheepstor through Horrabridge by foot post via Walkhampton at about 8-30 a.m. and the wall post box was cleared at 4-40 p.m. The village then had a population of just over a hundred and of the twelve prominent inhabitants listed, eight were farmers, there was also a beerhouse keeper, a rabbit dealer, a school mistress, and the vicar.

John Sampson was also dealing with the post for the inhabitants of Horrabridge, where he lived, and which had a station on the Tavistock to Launceston line of the South Devon Railway with just over 800 inhabitants, living in 183 houses. Walkhampton had 631 inhabitants, including twenty six farmers, two shops, two mills, three inns, two teachers and the vicar.

This would mean that John walked at least twelve miles every weekday to serve the population of all three villages and the houses between. Although my contour map shows the route is through valleys and beside a reservoir at the edge of Dartmoor, there are still



Figure 1: Richard Johns, *Sheepstor Village* (2003):
https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Sheepstor_Village_-_geograph.org.uk_-_9806.jpg

some undulations. He would have witnessed the building of the dams in 1893 and the flooding of the valley in 1898 to form Burrator Reservoir.

Could his lengthy daily route, carried out in all weathers, solve the mystery of why he retired at fifty- five instead of sixty, from his secure job with the Postal Service to become a Butler for the Cornish-Bowden family in Newton Abbot on the other side of Dartmoor and to live away from his family who remained in Horrabridge?

John's working life did not have a good start. His father, a tin miner, died when he was about thirteen years old. According to the 1861 census, his mother was a washerwoman and both John fifteen and his eleven-year-old sister Elizabeth were working for a Copper Miner. His sister Louisa was five and his brother James was three. Mary Jane who was fourteen was working as a servant at the White Horse in Sampford Spiney, a village a few miles away. By the time of the 1871 census John had become a Messenger. Mary and Elizabeth had left home, Louisa was a wool sorter, James was an agricultural labourer and his Mother was still a Washerwoman.

George Wicks was the Horrabridge postmaster and was also the master of the local elementary School. I wonder if he might have had some influence and knowing John to be a bright young man decided to get him started with the Postal Service?

A change of circumstance to affect the whole family came in 1873 when his mother married again and left Horrabridge to go to Cramlington, Northumberland, taking Louisa and James with her. John, after a brief first marriage to Emma who died, married Naomi Palmer, the daughter of another local miner, in 1874. They stayed in Horrabridge; their first son was born later the same year.

This was an important time for the tin and copper mines in South West England. Cheaper imports from overseas meant the mines were going out of business. At the same time up in the Newcastle coalfields the coal miners were taking part in early industrial action to protect their wages. The northern mine owners sent agents to Devon and Cornwall to recruit former tin and copper Miners. These men moved their families to Cramlington for better conditions, better housing, and free coal, but the Devon miners were effectively strike breakers and not welcomed by the families in Cramlington. It can't have been easy for them to fit in, and they must have had to stick together. In a book about Cramlington and its history, I found an early photograph of Shankhouse Row where they lived. John's Mother remained there, living with her son James when she was widowed again. In the 1901 census James's wife is also listed as a grocer and had possibly opened a shop in Cramlington. James seems to have spent his working life in the mines and lived to be seventy-seven. So, the move to Northumberland was fortunate despite the difficulties.

In Cramlington, Louisa, John's sister, married into the Endean family, living nearby on Shankhouse Row, who, like them, originated from Devon. This young couple moved to the US state of Michigan, where there were also opportunities for miners. Two of John Sampson's sons went to the US and lived in the Great Lakes area. They were both likely to have used their Aunt Louisa's home as a first base in the US.

John and Naomi had ten living children, eight survived and their last child was born when Naomi was forty-six. So, when John retired from the Post Office and went away to be a butler it may have been of necessity as he still had Harold, ten and Lilian, seven, to support.

John's other children Alberta and Sylvia were in service together and they both married railway men. Alberta has her younger sibling William Harry living with her in 1911. Sylvia died aged forty-three and her only child, also called Sylvia and eight years old, was taken in by Lilian the youngest of John's daughters, who was married to one of the Doney family. The family must have missed the two brothers who emigrated. Frederick went to the US in 1893 and ten years later Albert left home for Canada. Albert married Catherine Doney from Horrabridge in Canada in 1927.

In these days before contraception was widely available, I felt sorry for John's wife Naomi having had ten pregnancies, but she lived until the age of ninety-five and I was pleased to find from the 1939 registrations, she was sharing a home in her old age, with her unmarried daughter Beatrice and with eldest daughter Alberta who was now a widow. Of these three women, Alberta died next at eighty-four and Beatrice lived to be ninety-three.

After all his struggles to support them, John lived until 1924 when he was seventy-seven. He must have been enormously proud of all his children, sadly Sylvia his second eldest daughter died the year before he did. Two of his sons served in the Great War - Harold in the Royal Engineers and William Harry in the RAF. Both survived.

References

Books

- Barry Stewart, *Cramlington: Its Past and its People* (Stenlake Publishing: 2014)

Fact Sheet: John Sampson

Pensioner Details
<i>Pensioner name:</i> John Sampson
<i>Person ID:</i> DV1016
<i>Your name:</i> Jennifer Simpson
<i>U3A group:</i> South-West
Part One: Birth and Family
1: When and where was your pensioner born?
<p>Born 1846 Chagford Devon *1 Chagford is on the NE edge of Dartmoor and by 1851 the family were living in Horrabridge, south of Tavistock on the W edge of Dartmoor. *2</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>James Sampson his Father was born in 1820 in Marytavey which is 4 miles north of Tavistock and his wife Ann was born in 1821 in Chagford on the other side of Dartmoor, according to the</p> <p>*2 1851 Census His Father James Sampson is described as a Tin Miner living in the village of Horrabridge a village on the road to Tavistock. Next door lives Mary Sampson who may have been James' mother, her children living with her are all Copper Miners. The neighbours on the other side are also Copper Miners.</p> <p>James his Father must have died between 1851 and 1861, but no death certificate has been identified as there are several deaths of a James Sampson and although there is a likely candidate who died in 1852 this is not the right person.</p> <p>*7 1861 census John aged 15 years, his Mother Ann is a Widow</p> <p>*8 1871 Census mother is a Widow.</p> <p>*7B His Mother marries again in 1873.</p> <p>His Mother Ann married John Cornish in Tynemouth. At this point the remaining siblings had moved to Cramlington, Northumberland.</p> <p>*14 1881 Census Ann his Mother is now married to John Cornish, a Coal miner b1817 in Devon. They are living in Cramlington Northumberland with James, youngest son, also a Coal Miner and his wife.</p> <p>*15 1891 Census Ann is a widow again and living with youngest son James.</p> <p>*16 1899 Ann Dies aged 79 in Northumberland.</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>John Daymond Sampson had 4 siblings. He was the eldest born in 1846.</p> <p>b1848 Mary Jane married Felix John Gerry on 26th November 1870. He is a Policeman and in the 1881 Census they are in Marylebone London with a son and a daughter.</p> <p>1891 Census Mary Jane is a widow living in Marylebone, London. Her daughter is a Dressmaker and her son a Clerk.</p>

***18 *19 *20 *21**

Born 31-3-1850 **Elizabeth**.

On her baptism entry her father James is described as a Miner and they live at Hookney. She married Henry England in 1871.

***18A Baptism**

***18B Marriage**

***22** b1856 **Louisa** married Frederick Eland Edean b 1862 in 1885 in Tynemouth. They probably went to live in the US.

b1858 **James**

***14 1881** Census Ann his Mother is now married to John Cornish, a Coal miner b1817 in Devon. They are living in Cramlington Northumberland at 74 Shankhouse Row with James and wife.

***15 1891** Census James, a Coalminer, is still at the same address; his Mother is a Widow, and they have an adopted son James Collingwood Hogg aged 1 year and a Boarder/Visitor (England)

***17 1901** Census James his Brother is still a Coal Miner and his wife Mary Ann is a Grocer

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)

***3 *4** John Daymond Sampson first married Emma Pryor, a Dressmaker in 1869 on Christmas Day. She died in 1870.

***10** He married Naomi Palmer in 1871. She was born in 1847 in Whitchurch, Devon ***11** *The Western Times of 7th July 1874 says Sampson- Palmer on July 1st at the Wesleyan Chapel, Tavistock. Mr John Sampson, Postman, Horrabridge to Naomi youngest daughter of Mr. Thomas Palmer of Horrabridge.*

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)

***25 Frederick Owen Sampson** born 1st August 1874.

Frederick Owen eldest son has a variety of jobs in US as a Labourer and House Painter

***27 Alberta Annie** 10th February 1877.

***8B** and ***27** Alberta Annie is firstly a General Domestic Servant living at home and then a Cook in the same house as her sister Sylvia who is the Housemaid.

***8E** 1901 census Alberta's husband to be is a visitor at the family home in Horrabridge.

***27A, B and C** she is married in 1904 to William Bidgood, a Railway Signaller for Great Western Railways and living with her is her brother William Harry in the 1911 census. She has a son William Harold who was born in 1907. They live in Totnes.

***27D** in 1939 she is a widow and living with her younger sister Beatrice Naomi and her mother Naomi at 4 Southview, Horrbridge, Devon.

***27E** Dies in 1961 aged 84 years.

***28 Sylvia** January 1879.

Birth in Horrbridge

***27** She is in service with her sister Alberta, she is a Housemaid in Yelverton.

***28A** marries 16th February 1911 Daniel J Mann, a Railway Engine Fireman

***28B** 1911 census with husband in Ashburton Devon.

***28BB** 1915 Birth of Daughter Sylvia N

***28C** Dies aged 43 in 1923 in Cardiff.

Her daughter Sylvia N would have been only 8 years old when she died so the child may have gone to live with her Aunt Lilian. There is a Sylvia N born in 1915 living with Lilian and James Doney in the 1939 census.

***24 Harold Palmer** 25th January 1883.

***24A** Birth 25th January 1883

***8C** 1901 Harold Palmer Sampson is an Apprentice House Carpenter

***8D** 1911 census Harold who is 28 and single, a House Carpenter.

***24C** in WW1 in Royal Engineers and lives in Cardiff.

***24B** Marries Violet Mary Crossman 27th February 1918.

***24D** 1939 census living in Station Road Horrbridge, a Carpenter.

***24E** Death 1955 aged 71 years.

***29 Beatrice Naomi** 14th June 1885

***29A** Birth in 1885

***29B** 1901 census aged 15 she is a General Domestic in the home of the Moses family in Yelverton.

***29C** 1911 Cook with Sermon Family in Torquay

***27D** 1939 living with her sister and mother in South View, Horrbridge, she is described as a Daily Domestic, Tie Cutter.

***29 D** Death in 1979 aged 93 same address in Horrbridge.

***26 Albert** 1888

***8D** 1911 census Albert is 23 and a Tailor for Royal Navy

***26** Albert Sampson is a Tailor in a passenger list returning to UK from US in 1914 on Lusitania but his last place of residence is listed as Canada.

***30 William Harry** 21st July 1891

***30** Birth in 1891

***27C** 1911 census lives with sister Alberta and is a Butcher Salesman in Totnes.

***30A** is in RAF in 1915.

***30B** 1939 census is single and a Butcher Branch Manager living with Ivy M Sampson, but he says he is single.

***30C** dies in 1981 in Plymouth.

Lilian 4th quarter of 1893
*31 birth in Horrabridge
*31A marriage to James A Doney in 1927

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

*7 1861 census John's occupation was "work to Copper Miner". He was aged 15 years.
*8 1871 Census John Daymond is 25 and living with his mother. He is described as a Messenger.
*8A 1881 John Daymond is a Letter Carrier
*8B 1891 John D is a rural Postman (Em'ee). Alberta is a General Domestic Servant.
*8C 1901 John Daymond is a Butler in Newton Abbott and Naomi is described as the wife of a retired Rural Postman. Harold Palmer Sampson is an Apprentice House Carpenter.
*8D 1911 John is 65 Postal Pensioner, living with Naomi 63 and with Harold who is 28 and single, a House Carpenter, Albert who is 23 and a Tailor for Royal Navy and Lilian who is 17 and has no listed occupation.
They are stated as having 10 live children born, 8 still living and 2 died.
They live at Jubilee Villa Station Road, Horrabridge.

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

1851 Census *2
His Father James Sampson is described as a Tin Miner living in the village of Horrabridge a village on the road to Tavistock. Next door lives Mary Sampson who may have been his mother, her children living with her are all Copper Miners. The neighbours on the other side are also Copper Miners.

1861 census *7 His Mother is described a Widow and a Washerwoman and his sister Elizabeth is also working for a Copper Miner.

1871 Census *8 His Mother is still a Washerwoman, his sister Louisa, 15, is a Wool Sorter, his brother James, 13, is an Agricultural Labourer.

His first wife Emma Pryor was a dressmaker and her father had been a Copper Miner. Her siblings were also employed in some capacity in the Copper Mines. *5

Second Wife Naomi Palmer born in Whitchurch in 1847. Her Father was a Copper Mine Labourer born in Ireland in the 1851 Census *9

*15 1891 Census James his brother is a Coal Miner in Northumberland

*17 1901 Census James his Brother is still a Coal Miner and his wife Mary Ann is a Grocer

*20 1881 census Mary Jane his sister and Felix Gerry in Marylebone, London he is a Policeman born in Horrbridge, Devon.

*21 1891 Census Mary Jane is a widow living in Marylebone, London. Her daughter is a Dressmaker and her son a Clerk.

*23 1881 census Louisa sister is a Cook in London.

*8C and *24 Harold Palmer Sampson son is an Apprentice House Carpenter. Harold Sampson son in WW1 in Royal Engineers. * 24D 1939 is still a Carpenter.

*25 Frederick Owen eldest son has a variety of jobs in US as a Labourer and House Painter

*26 Albert Sampson is a Tailor in a passenger list returning to UK from US in 1914 on Lusitania but his last place of residence is listed as Canada.

*8B and *27 A B and C Alberta Annie daughter is a General Domestic Servant and then a Cook. She marries a Railway Signalman (William Bidgood) and her brother William Harry lives with them and is a Butcher Salesman in Totnes.

*27B Sylvia daughter is with Alberta in service as a Housemaid in Yelverton.

*28B Sylvia daughter marries a Railway Engine Fireman

*27D Naomi Beatrice daughter is a Daily Domestic and a Tie Cutter in 1939 census

*29C 1911 census Naomi Beatrice daughter is a Cook.

*30A William Harry is in the RAF in 1915

*31B Lillian is married to James Doney a Prison Officer

Part Four: Anything Else

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

John Daymond Sampson (JD)

His Family

They helped one another and there is evidence for this.

Ann his Mother lived with her youngest son John Ds youngest brother until she died.

It is likely that his sister Louisa moved with her husband Frederic Endean to Michigan in the US and other members of the family used her home as a starting off place when they also went to the US.

JDs daughter Sylvia died at the age of 43 and her daughter would have been 8 years old.

Later she is living with her Aunt Lilian, JDs youngest daughter.

JDs eldest daughter Alberta Annie has another of John Ds sons William Harry living with her when he is aged 21.

Alberta and Sylvia are in service together as Cook and Housemaid.

In later life Naomi, John Ds wife, Alberta, and Naomi Beatrice his unmarried daughter all live together in Horrbridge, Devon, the main place of residence for the family.

Alberta marries a Railwayman and so does her sister Sylvia.

Their Occupations and social mobility.

3 of JDs sons were involved in the Great War. Albert is a Tailor for the Royal Navy, Harold, a carpenter is in the Royal Engineers and William Harry, a Butcher Salesman, was in the RAF.

JDs father was a Tin Miner and died some time between 1851 and 1861. His widow Ann was on her own with the John and his siblings and was a Washerwoman in the 1861 and 71 censuses. In 1861 John himself aged 15 and his sister Louisa 13 are both working for Copper Miners. In 1871 another of his sisters is a Wool sorter and his youngest brother is an Agricultural Labourer. On becoming a widow Ann had to earn money at home as she had 2 young children and so taking in washing was what she did. By 1871 she has the income from all 4 children. JD is a Messenger in 1871 and so has started his career in the Postal Service.

In 1873 Ann remarries a Miner, John Cornish and moves with him to Northumberland. By the end of the 1860s the Copper Mines around the Tavistock areas of Devon were competing with cheaper imports of Copper from overseas, wages were reduced and around this time Agents arrived from the Northumberland Coalfields looking for Miners to move North to work there and John Cornish probably moved to Cramlington for a better living. Housing, free coal and good pay were the incentive. ***32*33**

However, the Devon and Cornish Miners were effectively Strike Breakers, desperately needed in Cramlington because the local Miners had gone on strike for an extra penny per ton of coal mined, to bring their wages into line with others in the Northumberland coalfields. They were therefore not liked by the local people. A book by Barry Stewart ***33** has pictures of the exact location where the family of John D lived on Shankhouse Row. His brother James became a Coalminer and in the 1901 census his wife is listed as a Grocer and was probably running a small shop in the area. JDs sister Louisa married Frederick Endean, a Miner and they probably moved to the US state of Michigan where there were important Copper Mines. The Endean family are mentioned in Barry Stewart's book and they also originated from Devon.

JD remained in Horrbridge, Devon and married his first wife Emma Pryor in 1869 and is described as a Postman, she is a Dressmaker, both their Fathers were described as Miners. Emma died and JD married Naomi Palmer in 1873, her Father was a Copper Mine Labourer born in Ireland.

His sister Mary Jane probably also remained, and she married a Policeman, also from Horrbridge.

They move to Surrey and her son eventually hold a very good post in Local Government. As for JDs children, his eldest son goes to the US and lives around the Michigan area where he is described as a Labourer and House Painter, another son Albert, a Tailor also travels between the Michigan and Canada and eventually settles in Niagara, Canada. These are all places around the Great Lakes, one side in the US and the other in Canada. JDs son Harold serves his apprenticeship as a Carpenter and remains in Horrbridge and William Harry is a Butcher Salesman and by the time of the 1939 census is a Butcher Branch Manager living in Plymouth.

Two of JDs daughters marry Railwaymen after being in service as a cook and Housemaid and another daughter marries a Prison Warden and they live in Surrey.

By 1939 after JDs death his wife Naomi and two of his daughters are all living together, and his unmarried daughter Naomi Beatrice is still working as a Daily Domestic and a Tie Cutter. |The tie cutting was probably piece work and something they could all do at home. When Naomi Beatrice dies, she leaves approximately £8k and so most likely they had bought their house in Horrbridge.

The 3 of them lived at South View, Harold lived on Station Road and until he died in 1924, JD also lived at Jubilee Villa, Station Road, Horrbridge.

I have looked at the houses all the family lived in and they are now worth considerable sums. Of course they may have rented these houses, but they were in good areas.

JD started out as the son of a mining family and was employed in the mines himself at the age of 15, but he must have been an intelligent boy as he became a postal messenger and then a Rural Postman. He retired in 1901 and then in the 1901 census he is living in the Newton Abbot area employed as a Butler for the Cornish-Bowden family at a house called Oak Lawn. William Cornish Bowden had died in 1896 *34 and his widow Elizabeth A was living with 3 adult children; one a veterinary student and they probably needed some assistance in the house.

Naomi JDs wife stayed at home at with Harold, an Apprentice Carpenter aged 18, Albert aged 13, William, 9 and Lilian 7. Naomi was 45 when Lilian was born and JD 46, so he would have had to continue to support these younger children. There are 10 recorded live births and 8 living children in 1911. By the time of the 1911 census, he is described as a Postal Pensioner.

Longevity

JD is 77 when he died.

Naomi his wife is 95.

Ann his Mother is 79.

James his Father was between 31 and 41.

His children were aged as follows.

Frederick Owen in Battle Creek, Michigan US date not known.

Alberta Annie is 84

Sylvia 43
Harold Palmer 71
Beatrice Naomi 93
Albert in Canada is 77
William Harry is 90
Lilian is 79.

Geographic Mobility

JD is born in Chagford in the NE corner of Dartmoor, Devon. He spends most of his life in Horrabrige on the W side of Dartmoor, apart from his time in Newton Abbot to the E of Dartmoor. One of his sisters goes to the US and another is in London. His Mother and his younger siblings move to Cramlington in Northumberland when he is 27. One of his children moves to Surrey, but 5 children remain in Devon, although one of daughters dies in Cardiff.

Part Five: Your Sources

Please use this space to record the sources you have used

***2 1851 Census**

<https://search.findmypast.co.uk/record?id=GBC%2F1851%2F4355411%2F00570&parentid=GBC%2F1851%2F0009092581>

***3 Marriage 1869**

<https://search.findmypast.co.uk/record?id=BMD%2FM%2F1869%2F4%2FAZ%2F000252&parentid=BMD%2FM%2F1869%2F4%2FAZ%2F000252%2F307>

***4 Census 1861 Emma Pryor his first wife**

<https://search.findmypast.co.uk/record?id=GBC%2F1861%2F1459%2F00835A&parentid=GBC%2F1861%2F0008297341>

***5 Census 1851 showing Emma Pryor's father and siblings occupations.**

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=GBC/1851/0009092567>

***6 Death of Emma first wife 1870**

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***7 1861 census John aged 15 years, his Mother Ann is a Widow and a Washerwoman**

<https://search.findmypast.co.uk/record?id=GBC%2F1861%2F1457%2F00472A&parentid=GBC%2F1861%2F0008290435>

*7B Ann his Mother marries John Cornish in Tynemouth in 1873

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*8 1871 Census John aged 25 is a Messenger

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[*8A 1881 Census](#)

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[*8B 1891 Census](#)

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*9 1851 census second wife Naomi Palmer born 1847 and her father a Copper Mine Labourer

<https://search.findmypast.co.uk/record?id=GBC%2F1851%2F4355411%2F00567&parentid=GBC%2F1851%2F0009092527>

*10 birth of Naomi Palmer second wife

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=BMD%2FB%2F1847%2F2%2FIS%2F000768%2F002>

*11 Marriage 1871 John Daymond Sampson to Naomi Palmer

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=BMD/M/1871/3/AZ/000200/255>

[*12](#)

*13 Baptism of sister Elizabeth 1850 North Bovey

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=GBPRS%2FDEV%2FBAP%2F0499164>

*14 1881 Census Ann his Mother is now married to John Cornish, a Coal miner b1817 in Devon. They are living in Cramlington Northumberland with James and wife.

<https://search.findmypast.co.uk/record?id=GBC%2F1881%2F4362291%2F00804&parentid=GBC%2F1881%2F0023892181>

*15 1891 Census Ann now a widow living with James and wife, adopted son and Visitor(England).

<https://search.findmypast.co.uk/record?id=GBC%2F1891%2F4235%2F0089&parentid=GC%2F1891%2F0029084328>

*16 Ann dies aged 79 in 1899.

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=BMD%2FD%2F1899%2F4%2FAZ%2F000084%2F067>

*17 James his Brother 1901 Census he is still Coal miner and his wife Mary Ann is a Grocer

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=GBC/1901/0032940926>

*18 Mary Jane his sister married 26th November 1870 to Felix John Gerry

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=GBPRS%2FM%2F35165370%2F2>

*18A Baptism of Elizabeth daughter of James and Ann in 1850

<https://search.findmypast.co.uk/record?id=GBPRS%2FDEV%2F100770450%2F000096&parentid=GBPRS%2FDEV%2FBAP%2F0499164>

*18B Marriage of Elizabeth to Henry England

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=BMD%2FM%2F1871%2F4%2FAZ%2F000099%2F304>

*19 Birth of Mary Jane 1848

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=BMD/B/1848/1/IS/001187/011>

*20 1881 census Mary Jane and Felix Gerry in Marylebone, London he is a Policeman born in Horrbridge, Devon.

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=GBC%2F1881%2F0000812918>

*21 Census Mary Jane is a widow living in Marylebone, London.

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=GBC%2F1891%2F0000926981>

*22 Marriage 1885 Louisa Sampson sister to Frederick Eland Endean

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*23 1881 Census Louisa is a Cook

https://www.ancestry.co.uk/imageviewer/collections/7572/images/LNDRG11_266_270-1027?treeid=&personid=&hintid=&usePUB=true&usePUBJs=true&ga=2.30319165.322420603.1611930058-638273997.1611930058&_gac=1.12322688.1611930135.EAlalQobChMlvrHaoqvB7gIVMoBQBh3vNgoPEAAYASAAEgl4uvD_BwE&pld=14355172

*24 Harold Palmer Sampson son is in WW1

<https://search.ancestry.co.uk/cgi-bin/sse.dll?indiv=1&dbid=1219&h=1773174&tid=&pid=&queryId=56fe37c5e06440d1777aafefb0b8d7a5&usePUB=true& phsrc=q%205x675038& phstart=successSource>

*24A Birth of Harold Palmer

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=BMD%2FB%2F1883%2F1%2FAZ%2F000517%2F324>

*24B Marriage to Violet Crossman in 1918

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=GBPRS%2FM%2F514382595%2F1>

*24C WW1 Served in Royal Engineers address in Cardiff.

https://www.ancestry.co.uk/imageviewer/collections/1219/images/30600_192371-00149?treeid=&personid=&usePUB=true& phsrc=q5x482537& phstart=successSource&pId=1773174

*24D 1939 Census is living at Station Road Horrabridge, a Carpenter

https://www.ancestry.co.uk/imageviewer/collections/61596/images/tna_r39_6902_6902d_005?treeid=&personid=&rc=&usePUB=true& phsrc=q5x787415& phstart=successSource&pId=29888766

*24E Death of Harold Palmer in 1955

<https://search.ancestry.co.uk/cgi-bin/sse.dll?indiv=1&dbid=7579&h=39168825&tid=&pid=&queryId=4cc4adbe40f98a0ede7593bb7a3bfd4d&usePUB=true& phsrc=q5x-1860829& phstart=successSource>

*25 Passport Photo of Frederick Owen Sampson son

<https://www.ancestry.co.uk/mediaviewer/tree/18706849/person/252210882462/media/a714a934-c9d1-4d2b-a482-b600b5fb9029? phsrc=q5x-628298& phstart=successSource>

*26 Passenger List Albert Sampson son returning from US on Lusitania in 1914

https://www.ancestry.co.uk/imageviewer/collections/1518/images/30807_A000585-00035?treeid=&personid=&rc=&usePUB=true& phsrc=q5x28850& phstart=successSource&pId=17517871

*26A Albert Sampson

[World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918](#)

Record information.

Name	Albert Sampson
Birth	14 Feb 1888 Michigan
Residence	1917-1918 Bay City, Bay, Michigan, USA

*26B Passenger List 1913 from UK to Niagara Falls, Canada Albert Sampson
https://www.ancestry.co.uk/imageviewer/collections/1263/images/IMCANQC1865_T4796-00280?treeid=&personid=&rc=&usePUB=true&_phsrc=q5x-2013389&_phstart=successSource&pld=3552170

*26C From Family Tree on Ancestry Courtier Family
https://www.ancestry.co.uk/family-tree/person/tree/18706849/person/252210883010/facts?_phsrc=q5x1184148&_phstart=successSource

*27 Alberta Annie birth in 1877
<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=BMD%2FB%2F1877%2F1%2FAZ%2F000514%2F256>

*27A Alberta Annie is a Cook (her sister Sylvia is a Housemaid) in 1901 census

*27B Alberta marries William Bidgood in 1904

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=BMD/M/1904/1/AZ/000227/021>

*27C 1911 census Alberta is with her husband W Bidgood and her brother William Harry is with her in Totnes.

<https://search.findmypast.co.uk/record?id=GBC%2F1911%2FRG14%2F12829%2F0391&parentid=GBC%2F1911%2FRG14%2F12829%2F0391%2F2>

*27D 1939 census back to Horrabridge, a widow and with mother and sister

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=TNA/R39/6902/6902D/008/04>

*27E Death aged 84 years.

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=BMD%2FD%2F1961%2F3%2FAZ%2F000075%2F037>

*28A Sylvia born in January 1879,

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=BMD%2FB%2F1879%2F2%2FAZ%2F000493%2F214>

*28B 1911 census Sylvia married to Daniel Mann

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=XAUTO%2FFHS%2FDEVON%2FMAR%2F0000143%2F2>

*28BB Sylvia has daughter also called Sylvia in 1915.

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=BMD%2FB%2F1915%2F3%2FAZ%2F000903%2F090>

*28C Sylvia dies aged 43 in Cardiff.

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=BMD%2FD%2F1923%2F1%2FAZ%2F000623%2F094>

*29 A Birth of Naomi Beatrice

https://search.ancestry.co.uk/cgi-bin/sse.dll?dbid=8912&h=48376115&indiv=try&o_vc=Record:OtherRecord&rhSource=7579

***29C** 1901 Naomi Beatrice aged 15 is a General Domestic in the Household of the Moses family

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=GBC%2F1901%2F0019163068>

***29D** 1911 Naomi Beatrice is a Cook in the Sermon family in Torquay

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=GBC%2F1911%2FRG14%2F12770%2F0565%2F4>

***29E** Naomi Beatrice dies aged 93 in 1979.

<https://search.ancestry.co.uk/cgi-bin/sse.dll?indiv=1&dbid=7579&h=47824469&tid=&pid=&queryId=2b434451d171a65b0a24e5e5440634c6&usePUB=true&phsrc=q5x1145172&phstart=successSource>

***30** William Harry birth 21st July 1891

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=BMD%2FB%2F1891%2F3%2FAZ%2F000500%2F151>

***30A** William Harry 1915 British Royal Air Force, Airmen's Service Records 1912-1939

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=GBM/AIR79/389118>

***30B** 1939 census

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=TNA/R39/6774/6774E/020/43>

***30C** William Harry dies 1980 in Plymouth.

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=BMD%2FD%2F1980%2F1%2FAZ%2F001076%2F007>

***31** Lilian birth 1893

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=BMD%2FB%2F1893%2F4%2FAZ%2F000490%2F239>

***31 A** Lilian marriage to James Doney in 1927

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=BMD/M/1927/3/AZ/001175/025>

***31 B** in 1939 census Lilian is in Surrey, living with husband Prison Office and Sylvia Mann born 1915 a Barmaid.

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=TNA/R39/1371/1371D/007/05>

***31C** Lilian died in Devon in 1972.

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=BMD/D/1972/3/AZ/000284/095>

***32** Yelverton, Devon Local History

Yelvertonhistory.org.uk

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***34 Memorial to William Cornish-Bowden**

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'In Loving memory of / William Cornish-Bowden / Admiral. / Kt. Legion of Honour. / Who served his Queen and Country / from 1840 to 1865. / He took part in the Syrian Campaign / and the taking of St Jean D'Acree in 1840. / Was in Chinese war and taking of Canton, 1842-3 in H.M.S. Cornwallis / and distinguished himself at the / Bombardment of Sevastopol in / H.M.S. Arethusa in 1854, also greatly / assisted suppression of the Slave Trade on the West Coast of / Africa and at Zanzibar. / Born 16th April 1826. / Fell asleep 18th April 1896.'