

Pensioner Details
<i>Pensioner name:</i> John Tremewan
<i>Person ID:</i> DV_1019
<i>Your name:</i> Ian Scruton
<i>U3A group:</i> South West
Part One: Birth and Family
1: When and where was your pensioner born?
John Tremewan's sister, Ann Williams, completed a Civil Service Evidence of Age form in 1886 (when John joined the Post Office) saying that she could remember John's birth at Greylands, Roche, Cornwall on 7 th June 1836.
2: Who were your pensioner's parents? Record any details you can find out about them here (e.g. occupation, religious affiliation, whether they could read or write)
<p>John's father was Benjamin Tremewan. He was born in about 1801 in Roche. John's mother was Catherine, born in about 1807 in Luxulyan, Cornwall. I have not been able to find birth or marriage details for them.</p> <p>In 1841, 1851 and 1861 the family were living at Ryne Park, Lanivet. Benjamin is described as a farmer of 30 acres. John is not shown as living at the family home in 1861 but I have not been able to find him at another address.</p> <p>In 1871 Benjamin and Catherine were living on their own at Harrows, Luxulyan. Benjamin was described as a farmer and Catherine as a farmer's wife. Benjamin had died by the time of the 1881 census as Catherine is described then as a retired farmer's widow. She was a lodger in Higher Inns, Luxulyan. I have not been able to find details of Benjamin's or Catherine's deaths.</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, later life)

John was born in 1836. His siblings, as shown in the 1841, 1851 and 1861 censuses, were:

- Ann – born about 1830
- James – born about 1832
- William – born about 1834
- Thomas – born about 1839
- Catherine – born about 1841
- Daniel – born about 1844
- Samuel – born about 1846
- Henry – born about 1848
- Benjamin – born about 1849

Ann completed a Civil Service Evidence of Age form in respect of John in 1886. She did not sign the form but marked it with a cross (see Part 1, Section 1).

Part Two: Marriage and children/ boarders

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).

John married Ann. She was born in Bodmin in about 1839. I have not been able to find details of her birth or of the couple's marriage. Their eldest child, Charles, was born in about 1863 (see Part 2, Section 2) which might suggest they were married by then. There is no occupation shown for Ann in the censuses.

John and Ann's first child, Charles, was born in St Wenn, Cornwall in about 1863. Their second child, Hester, was born in about 1865 in Withiel. By 1871 the family were living in the Church Town area of Withiel. It is not clear from the censuses if they continued to live in the same house in Withiel but by 1901 they were living in the Post Office, Withiel. By this time their daughter, Annie, was the Sub Post-Mistress.

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 and Ann had at least 5 children: Charles, Hester, John Henry, Annie and Ellen.

Charles was born in about 1863 in St Wenn, Cornwall. He is recorded as being a shoemaker in the 1881 census, as was his father at that time. He died on 21st July 1887 at the age of about 24. His gravestone says that he was accidentally drowned while bathing at Newquay.

Hester was born in about 1865 in Withiel, Cornwall. In 1891 she was living with her parents in Withiel and working as a postmistress. In 1895 she married James Hore, a farmer. In 1911 the couple were living at Cross Lane Farm, Ruthun. Hester died on 26th April 1938.

John Henry was born in about 1868 in Withiel. He died in 1878 at the age of 10.

Annie was born in about 1870 in Withiel. In 1891 she was living with her parents in Withiel. She was an assistant postmistress. In October 1899 she was appointed as the Sub Postmistress at Withiel. In the 1901 census Annie was still living with her father and mother and their address is shown as the Post Office, Withiel St Noel. In 1911, after her father's death, Annie was still living with her mother at the Post Office. Her occupation was now given as sub postmistress and boot and shoe dealer. In the 1939 Register Annie was still living at the Post Office and her occupation was given as sub postmistress.

Ellen was born in about 1879 in Withiel. In the 1901 census she was also living at the Post Office but there is no occupation given for her. Sydney Hawke was one of two boarders at the Post Office working as a boot maker. By 1911 Ellen was married to Sydney who was by then a rural postman. In 1939 both were still living in the Post Office together with Annie. Sydney was shown as a small holder and Ellen carried out unpaid domestic duty

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

1851: Listed as Shoemaker's Appn

1871: Listed as Shoe Maker & Post Office Messenger

1881: Listed as Shoemaker

1891: Listed as Shoemaker

1901: Listed as Postman & Farmer

I have not been able to find John in the 1861 census.

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

1841 Census:

Benjamin Tremewan (Father): Farmer

1851 Census:

Benjamin Tremewan (Father): Farmer

1871 Census:

Charles Tremewan (Son): Scholar

Hester Tremewan (Daughter): Scholar

1881 Census:

Charles (Son); Shoemaker

Annie L (Daughter); Scholar

1891 Census:

Hester Tremewan (Daughter): Postmistress

Annie L Tremewan (Daughter): Assistant Postmistress

Ellen Tremewan (Daughter); Scholar

Joseph T Hawken (Workman); Shoemaker

1901 Census;

Annie L Tremewan (Daughter); Sub Post Mistress

Sidney Hawke (Boarder); Boot Maker

Frank Bennett (Boarder); Boot Maker

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Part Four: Anything Else/Later Life

Please use this space to record anything else you have found out about your pensioner. For example: what do we know about their life after retirement?

A news article in The Royal Cornwall Gazette of 25th April 1862 containing an extract from The London Gazette of 18th April stated that John had been declared a bankrupt. He was described as a Cordwainer (ie a Shoe Maker). Presumably he recovered from this as the 1871 census shows him as being a shoe maker and post office messenger. In 1881 he is only described as a shoemaker. In 1886 the British Postal Service Appointment Books show John as being appointed a postman in Bodmin. However, in the 1891 census he is just recorded as being a shoemaker. This suggests that he may have spent only a small part of his time being a postman. By 1901 he is shown as being a postman and a farmer.

He died in an accident in 1908. His death certificate records that he fell off his pony and fractured his skull. An inquest was held on 18th June 1908. I have not been able to find any details of the inquest.

Two of John's daughters also worked for the Post Office. Hester was a postmistress before her marriage. Annie was appointed as the sub post-mistress in Withiel in 1899 and the family moved into the Post Office. Annie was still there 40 years later.

Part Five: Your Sources

Please use this space to record the sources you have used

John Tremewan (pensioner)

1841 Census: Class: *HO107*; Piece: 150; Book: 6; Civil Parish: *Lanivet*; County: *Cornwall*; Enumeration District: 4; Folio: 23; Page: 15; Line: 17; GSU roll: 241272

1851 Census: Class: *HO107*; Piece: 1904; Folio: 521; Page: 15

1862 Newspaper news article: From the London Gazette, Royal Cornwall Gazette, 25 April 1862, Page 5

1871 Census: The National Archives; Kew, London, England; *1871 England Census*; Class: *RG10*; Piece: 2250; Folio: 73; Page: 11; GSU roll: 834878

1881 Census: Class: *RG11*; Piece: 2292; Folio: 78; Page: 16; GSU roll: 1341550

1886 British Postal Service Appointment Books: British Postal Museum and Archive; Series: *POST 58*; Reference Number: 90

1886 Civil Service Evidence of Age: [Record Transcription: British Civil Service Evidence Of Age | findmypast.co.uk](#)

1891 Census: The National Archives of the UK (TNA); Kew, Surrey, England; *Census Returns of England and Wales, 1891*; Class: *RG12*; Piece: 1816; Folio: 140; Page: 2; GSU roll: 6096926

1901 Census: Class: *RG13*; Piece: 2200; Folio: 43; Page: 2

Ann Tremewan (wife)

1911 Census: Class: *RG14*; Piece: 13695; Schedule Number: 11

Benjamin Tremewan (father)

1861 Census: Class: *RG 9*; Piece: 1537; Folio: 37; Page: 11; GSU roll: 542827

1871 Census: [1871 England, Wales & Scotland Census Image | findmypast.co.uk](#)

Catherine Tremewan (mother)

1881 Census: Class: *RG11*; Piece: 2289; Folio: 7; Page: 8; GSU roll: 1341550

Charles Tremewan (son)

1887 National Probate Calendar: Ancestry.com. *England & Wales, National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations), 1858-1995* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010.

1887 Find a Grave Website: [Charles Edwin Tremewan \(Unknown-1887\) - Find A Grave Memorial](#)

Hester Hore nee Tremewan (daughter)

1895 Marriage Index: FreeBMD. *England & Wales, Civil Registration Marriage Index, 1837-1915* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2006.

1911 Census: Class: *RG14*; Piece: 13687; Schedule Number: 23

1938 National Probate Calendar: Ancestry.com. *England & Wales, National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations), 1858-1995* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010.

John Henry Tremewan (son)

1878 Death Index: FreeBMD. *England & Wales, Civil Registration Death Index, 1837-1915* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2006.

Annie Tremewan (daughter)

1899 British Postal Service Appointment Books: British Postal Museum and Archive;
Series: *POST 58*; Reference Number: *96*

1914 Kelly's Directory: *UK, City and County Directories, 1600s-1900s*

1939 Register: The National Archives; Kew, London, England; *1939 Register*; Reference: *RG 101/6744F*