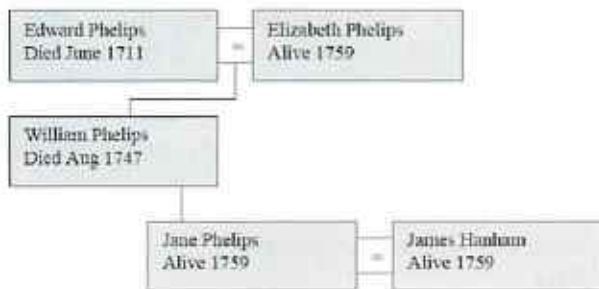
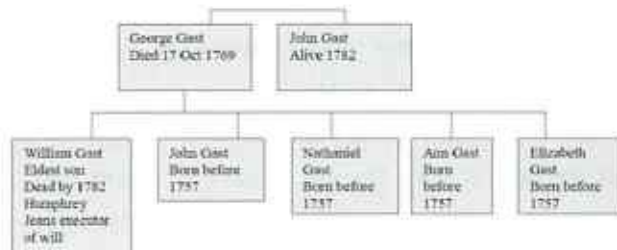


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not have mattered, but William the eldest son died and the executor of his will was one Humphrey Jeans who is now claiming William's share of his father's estate from his uncle John. Elizabeth, one of the daughters, puts the case that if her uncle John pays out whatever is due to Humphrey Jeans (and the surviving record does not tell us how much this is) he, John, will no longer be able to support her, and she will become a charge on the parish of Yeovil.

Some Chancery cases only survive in part. The one between the GAST family of Yeovil and Humphrey JEANS of 1782 (C 12/121/26) is an example where the Gast family are the defendants and all we have are their statements confirming that much of what the plaintiff has claimed is true, but without repeating the details. Nevertheless there is plenty of useful genealogical information. This is a case of an eldest son dying before it was expected. George Gast, an innkeeper in Yeovil died leaving five young children to be cared for under the terms of his will. His brother John duly administered the estate and looked after the children, however he did not sell all George's real and personal estate and distribute the money amongst the children. This would



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THE FRAMPTON'S IN MY FAMILY

In 2001, I acquired my first computer, and started to sort through all the papers my mother had left. She died 15th July 1994, just 6 days short of her 92nd birthday, but as I was still working, did not have time to go through all her belongings. I retired in 1998, and in May 2000, emigrated to West Wales, buying a new bungalow, which meant a new garden to work on, but nothing to do to the new property which now meant that I had, in theory, more free time. As my mother was the youngest of 11 children, most born into a fairground life, I knew I would have difficulty in tracing the birth, marriage and death of all of them, but I succeeded, after some six years, only to discover that she was the last of 14, not 11, as had always been stated.

Great tragedy occurred in the family between 1861 and 1863, as nearly all the family died, five of the children, and their mother, from scarlet fever or related illnesses. Only my 2x great grandfather and grandmother survived, but they both are missing between the 1861 and 1871 census. I always thought that because of later railway connections perhaps they had joined the gangs building the local railways and gradually moved around the country, but my second cousin in Plymouth has discovered that grandfather George, joined the circus as a clown and 2x great grandfather remarried in Southampton in 1866, and eventually moved to Heene in Sussex where he died in 1885, aged 73, having been a Bathchair Proprietor.

One son eluded us, John FRAMPTON b. 7th October 1849, as no birth certificate has been found. Discussions with various people have given me a possible link between railway and fairground. Apparently they all travelled together, set up the fair, then most of the womenfolk would run the fair, while the men looked for other work locally, to supplement the income.

This in some respect, is the answer as to how my grandparents came to be married in Kington in Herefordshire, a long way from their birthplaces, but as grandmother was five months pregnant (aged 17!)



St. Mary's Church, Kington, Herefordshire

when they married it was perhaps a shotgun wedding. Tragedy again followed as Mary the first born, died aged 11 months, as did the second child, Walker Meadley aged 17 months. My mother never mentioned

Frampton Family

referring to Uncle Billy (William) as the first child. Later another child, Katherine, born 1887, also died young, aged two years.

The list below gives birth date and place together with death date and place for all 14 children.

Of great interest was the birth certificate of George Richard Frampton, which showed he was born "In a van on Town Hall Square Bolton" as per declaration dated 28th September 1892. The next certificate was also a surprise, although my mother had always said that Dicky was supposed to have been born under an apple tree in Castle Cary, the town in Somerset, near which I had lived for some 35 years!

My research resulted in the decision to produce a Journal containing all the information known to me, and discovered over the six or so years, and had 50

copies printed professionally together with a continuous chart, commencing with my great grandfather George Frampton born about 1822, for distribution amongst the interested members of the family. A large section of the family, descended from one of my mother's sisters, is still very active in the fairground business, still connected to Anderton and Rowland's, a well known travelling Fair in the West of England.

A copy of my Journal is in the SDFHS Library for anyone to read bearing in mind that, as this is a private publication, anyone reading this document would respect this privacy.

Should any readers consider they are in any way connected, please feel free to contact me through the SDFHS.

(A)	George Henry Frampton Shillington, Dorset	b. 31st January 1853	d. 22nd September 1916 Plymouth	aged 63
(B)	Martha MEADLEY Wolverton, Northampton and Bucks	b. 28th April 1856	d. 17th January 1945 Plymouth	aged 88
(1)	Mary Frampton Monks Coppenhall, Crewe	b. 24th October 1873	d. 19th October 1874 Monks Coppenhall	aged 11 months
(2)	Walker Meadley Frampton Monks Coppenhall	b. 21st April 1875	d. 27th September 1876 Monks Coppenhall	aged 17 months
(3)	William Frampton Monks Coppenhall	b. 25th May 1877	d. 30th March 1924 Plymouth	aged 46
(4)	Isabella (Bella) Frampton Monks Coppenhall	b. 6th September 1879	d. 9th November 1852 Glasgow	aged 72

Now we start the real travelling part:

(5)	Margaret Frampton London	b. 31st December 1882	d. 11th July 1966 Plymouth	aged 85
(6)	Matilda Frampton Kingston on Thames, Surrey	b. 12th November 1883	d. 16th March 1928 Plymouth	aged 44
(7)	Mary (Polly) Frampton Felixstowe, Suffolk	b. 9th August 1885	d. 14th February 1951 Plymouth	aged 65
(8)	Katherine Frampton East Burgholt, Suffolk	b. 12th October 1887	d. 17th February 1890 Tottenham, London	aged 2
(9)	Elizabeth (Lizzie) Frampton Wormingford, Essex	b. 17th October 1889	d. 5th March 1979 Plymouth	aged 89
(10)	George Richard Frampton Elland, Yorkshire	b. 15th August 1892	d. 17th September 1977 Plymouth	aged 85
(11)	Richard (Dickie) Frampton Castle Cary, Somerset	b. 2nd June 1894	d. 24th March 1981 Plymouth	aged 86
(12)	Martha Ellen Frampton Redruth, Cornwall	b. 26th May 1896	d. 19th March 1952 Plymouth	aged 54
(12a)	Phyllis Margaret SCOTT 21 Willow St, Plymouth	b. 17th September 1921	d. 29th June 2006 Newton Abbott, Devon	aged 84
(13)	Clara Frampton Plymouth	b. 4th March 1899	d. 15th September 1971 Plymouth	aged 72
(14)	Fanny (Fay) Frampton Torquay, Devon	b. 21st July 1902	d. 15th July 1994 Castle Cary, Somerset	aged 91

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