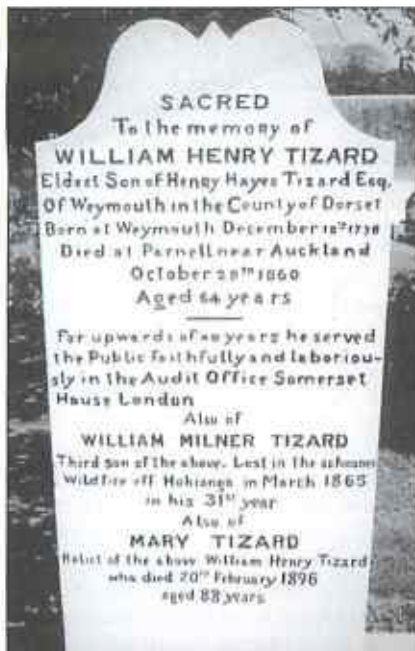


TIZARDS of Weymouth and New Zealand

Tizard Family



The receipt of some photographs that were sent by Vera Brown, general secretary of Powys F.H.S. prompted the following research notes. The photographs were taken during a trip to New Zealand and relate to a memorial stone at St Stephen's Chapel in Parnell, Auckland. St Stephen's Chapel was built in 1856 on the site of an earlier chapel that collapsed during a storm, and the Constitution of the Anglican Church was signed there on 13th June 1857.

The memorial stone commemorates the death on 29th October 1860 of William Henry TIZARD aged 64 years, eldest son of Henry Hayes Tizard Esq., of Weymouth. Also mentioned on the inscription are his wife Mary, who died 20th February 1896 aged 88 years, and his son William Milner Tizard who died in May 1865 aged 31 years. William Milner Tizard was captain of the schooner *Wildfire* that was wrecked off Hokianga, an area north of Auckland.

A funeral notice in the *New Zealand Herald* newspaper on 31st July 1865 states: 'Lost, in the schooner *Wildfire* which sailed from Hokianga, 6th March last, for Auckland and is supposed to have foundered in the heavy gales immediately following. Deeply regretted by Europeans and Natives, William Milner Tizard of Walma, Hokianga River, 3rd son of the late William Henry Tizard, of the Audit Office, Somerset House, London, and grandson of the late Henry Hayes Tizard, of Weymouth, Dorset.' (<http://freepages.genealogy.com/~funeralnotices>)

On the website freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com there is mention of:

Classified Officers in the Customs Department [NZ]
4th class, TIZARD Edward Fawconer, Sub-collector, Akaroa, 1.7.1862

The linking of Fawconer as a given name and Tizard as a surname occurs in the baptismal registers for Wool, Dorset (*British Isles Vital Records Index version 2*) where daughters of Henry Hayes Tizard and his wife Sarah are listed, possibly as adult baptisms:

Beata Fawconer Tizard	bapt 23.7.1832
Helen Louise Fawconer Tizard	bapt. 23.7.1832
Mary Fawconer Tizard	bapt 23.7.1832
Sarah Ann Fawconer	bapt 23.7.1832

Baptisms at Melcombe Regis list the following children with parents Henry/Sarah:

William Henry Tizard	bapt 17.10.1795
Mary Fawconer Tizard	bapt 14.3.1798
Beata	bapt 23.2.1800

The *BIVRI* gives William Tizard married Mary ANGEL on 28.9.1820 at Melcombe Regis.

At the Somerset and Dorset Family History Society library, Sherborne, it is possible to access a wealth of material about the Tizard family in the Weymouth area.

Melcombe Regis Militia Ballot Lists

TIZZARD Thomas	chandler	1758
TIZZARD Thomas jr.	chandler	1758
TIZZARD John Smith	land tax collector	1758
TIZARD Henry		1796
TIZARD John		1796

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Sir Samuel Mico's Charity (seamen and app. beneficiaries 1666-1835)

28.1.1746	Stephen CROSSMAN, son of Stephen Crossman, deceased, apprenticed to Marmaduke Tizard
23.5.1769	Thomas Tizard admitted
27.6.1777	Philip Tizard admitted
4.1.1790	Philip Tizard died
29.9.1810	Thomas Tizard admitted
7.2.1832	James Tizard admitted
18.6.1835	James Bussell CLARKE apprenticed to Joseph Tizard

DPR 159 Property Relating to Weymouth and Melcombe Regis for the Purpose of Voting circa 1760's includes - Melcombe Regis, West Street, east side:

33. Thos. Tizard	Soap and Candle Workhouse
St Mary's Street, west side:	
87. Sarah Tizard	Anchor Aishouse [sic] House
97. Thos. Tizard	House
119. Jno. Smith Tizard	House, Malthouse, Millhouse and garden

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Weymouth and Melcombe Regis Gentry, Clergymen and Traders:	
TIZARD John	Grocer and chandler
TIZARD Thomas	Grocer and chandler
TIZARD William	Mariner

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'...It does seem, however, that the electoral irregularities at Weymouth were excessive as in 1710 the House of Commons resolved: That Edward Tizard, Mayor of the Borough of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis, is guilty of several arbitrary and illegal practices at the late election of Members to serve in Parliament for the said Borough.'

Not a family of unblemished record, it would seem!

Memorial Inscriptions Wyke Regis

One of the saddest memorial inscriptions must be this one:

'Erected in memory of three brothers Edward, William and James Tizard, sons of James and Elizabeth Tizard of Weymouth. Edward was unfortunately shipwrecked at sea the 15th July 1798 aged 25 years. William was also unfortunately shipwrecked at sea the 12th October 1798 aged 27 years. James, after a few days return from a French prison, died on the 28th March 1799 aged 24 years. Also to the memory of Elizabeth RICHARDS, wife of James Richards jun., of Weymouth, and mother of the above three brothers who died suddenly on the 26th April 1802 aged 51 years.'

Henry Hayes Tizard, the father of William Henry Tizard of Parnell, has a round-topped headstone at Wyke Regis:

'Sacred to the memory of Henry Hayes Tizard Esq., who departed this life August 15th, 1839 age 71 years.
Also Sarah Jane Fawconer daughter of the above who departed this life...'
[rest illegible]

In New Zealand, the name Tizard has high profile. Dame Catherine Tizard was the Governor General and President of the Executive Council from 1990 to 1996. From 1983 to 1990 she was Her Worship the Mayor of Auckland. In 2002 Judith Naire Tizard, daughter of Dame Catherine and the Right Honourable R. Tizard, a former MP, was listed as Minister of Consumer affairs. It would be interesting to check out any links between the family of Dame Cath, as she is affectionately known to New Zealanders, and William Henry Tizard, of Weymouth and Parnell.

ORANGE COUNTY CALIFORNIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Caryl Parsons, SDFHS volunteer for Sherborne HQ

Superfamilies

There are now nearly a third of a million names in the pedigree database which serves as the index to the Society's growing collection of pedigrees, family trees and other similar documents acquired over the last two decades. We have recently been thinking about ways in which the impressive versatility of computer technology might be exploited in order to make even better use of what has become a goldmine of Somerset and Dorset names, not least because a majority of family historians now seem to own or have access to a PC.

With the arrival of each new pedigree or tree it has become clear that an increasing number of Somerset and Dorset families appear in two or more of the items in the collection. We decided, as an experiment, to see how many people from a given area could be linked, either by blood or by marriage, by using pedigrees/trees to build a computer "superfamily". The area chosen was east and north-east Dorset for which we have a substantial number of pedigrees/trees containing individuals related in this way. Using Generations software we have so far put together a single superfamily file of more than 5,000 people and this figure is rising daily. (Quite by chance, this morning's mail produced a pedigree which comprised fifty or more of the donor's direct ancestors, two of whom appear in the experimental superfamily file, thus adding another fifty names to the superfamily virtually as I write.)

The end-product of all this could be a CD-rom containing a Gedcom file capable of transferring the whole set of superfamily data to any of the recognised family tree programs. The "notes" box on the family card screen would list by reference number all the S&D pedigrees/trees in which an individual's name appears. It might be possible to include general information about the parishes involved for each superfamily (including images of the churches); this option is currently being investigated.

The CD-rom would be made available at appropriate cost under the label "Somerset and Dorset Superfamilies I: East and North-East Dorset". It could be the first of a series. Once the superfamily file became available, anyone requiring a database search under the existing arrangements would be notified of its availability if the index came up with a name or names that turned out to be from "East/North-East Dorset". Over time an arrangement would have to be devised whereby enhancements of the superfamily file could be made available. Sadly, it would not be possible to produce a superfamily file on paper.

It would be helpful if any reader who has an interest in what we propose could let us know about his or her interest by letter. This would help us to decide whether the experiment described above can be developed into a saleable product on offer by the Society. Please quote your name and address and supply a stamped addressed envelope (2nd class or 21p stamp please!) for reply. No emails please.

If there is sufficient interest, we will in due course, probably within three or four months, send you more information, including a list of the main parishes and family names involved and details of the cost of the CD-rom. If we decide that the response doesn't justify the effort that will be necessary, we will let you know. An announcement of availability for purchase will be made in *The Greenwood Tree*.

Philip Nash (address on centre pages)

PS. With Somerset and Dorset superfamilies coming over the horizon, it is more than ever important that we have your pedigree/family tree at an early date, especially if you live in the east or north-east of Dorset!

Haskins photo offer

This photograph is of William HASKINS and his wife, believed Emma, from the Weston-super-Mare area. Mrs Haskins had some defect of her right hand, perhaps no hand at all, as can be clearly seen on this photograph.

I also have a Haskins wedding group taken in the 1920s, with Emma appearing, perhaps as the bride or grooms' grandmother. I would very much like this family to have them, if anyone can prove family connections.

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DORSET SITES

There is a fantastic website under creation by *Dorset On-Line Parish Clerks* to be found at www.dorset-opc.com/

There does not appear to be a similar one for Somerset - yet!

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While on this topic, you might care to take a look at www.weymouth.here-on-the-net which is run by Debby Rose, SDFHS Strays Co-ordinator, who incidentally is busy preparing SDFHS Strays for either on-line or CD. Among other things, it contains useful data on ships and migration from Weymouth's shores. It can be accessed from the SDFHS website www.sdfhs.org

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