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Built circa 1864 and first farmed by Edward Swinnerton*

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## FOREWORD

As is customary with the end-of-the-year issue, the centre pages consist of a Directory of Members. This is as complete as we can get it: please do advise us of any changes needed in the way of corrections or omissions.

In the 'Dates for your Diary' in the last issue I gave you a wrong date. The date of the meeting of the London Branch of the BMSGH is the 16th January not the 21st.

May I take this opportunity to send you all my very best wishes for a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year in which I hope to meet many of you at our Silver Jubilee Gathering in June.

*Iain Swinnerton*

## A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

We live in a world which is changing very rapidly. Many institutions and customs that we once thought sacrosanct have gone by the board. Yet there are some which still abide defying time and 'fashion'.

The old message "For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour which is Christ the Lord" is still at the heart of Christmas. This can not be changed or forgotten although there are many things that tend to make us forget.

We all feel the pressure of approaching Christmas. The traffic on our roads is terrible; there is nowhere to park; the shops are crowded – shopping is a nightmare; thinking of friends and loved ones who are so hard to shop for, thinking of what they need (which is strange when you think about it). Maybe there is nothing in a store that they need. But what about some token of love expressed in friendship, understanding, consideration. You can't buy these in any store, and these are the very things people need – we all need them!

In a world that seems not only to be changing, but even to be disintegrating, we yearn for the true meaning of "A Happy Christmas". Holding on to the old customs and traditions which strengthen our family ties, binds us to our friends and bringing us into the presence of the Child of Bethlehem.

So we will not "spend" or "observe" Christmas, but keep it in our hearts that we may be kept in its message of hope.

May Christ be with you and your loved ones at this time.

**Edward Swinnerton**

## NEW HORIZONS

Our member Claudia Watts is now living in Hong Kong and working for the British Council. As I hope all of you do, she keeps her eyes open for mention of our name and so, for the first time ever as far as I know, we have a mention in the Sunday *South China Morning Post*. It says:

"TOKYO: We've had stag beetles, prairie dogs and mynah birds. We've even had frilled lizards and ant farms. Now jellyfish are the latest craze. They make the perfect Tokyo pet: they don't bark, scratch or demand to go for walks; they don't even need to be fed very often. In short, they're the ideal companions for single women in their 20s and 30s who don't have to leave them unattended for a few days at a time. At just US\$20-\$50 (HK\$155-\$390) each they are also a lot cheaper than goldfish or other forms of aquarium life. But the growing popularity of the translucent mini-Medusas cannot be ascribed merely to merely to cost or convenience: they're also thought to be therapeutic. Owners say that watching the silent, gentle pulsating of their jellyfish is soothing and meditative – much like having your own kinetic art installation or a living, floating, organic lava lamp".

*Robbie Swinnerton*

Is Robbie male or female and who is he or she?

Coincidentally, Claudia also spotted a fictional character named **Robin Swinnerton** in *Angels & Insects* by A.S.Byatt (1992) who is described as a 'chestnut and russet, curly young man with a pleasant smile'.

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## THE INTERNET

It means INTernational NETwork (of computers) and you hear a great deal about it everywhere you turn these days. We are taking advantage of it like everyone else. St.Mary's Church, Swynnerton has its own web site and we have a page linked to it. After Christmas, Roger Swynnerton (who is our UK expert) intends to create our own totally independent pages.

The following pages contain just a few of the hundreds of items which have been downloaded from the Net by Bill Swinarton and illustrate just what a tremendous amount of information is available and what a wide range it covers.



**Census Index of the United States of America: Selected Counties****1830:1835- 1837**

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Swimmerton, Samuel	1830	Portage, Allegany Co., Ny	171	
Swiner, William	1830	Union Twp, Mifflin Co., Pa	468	
Swiner, William A.	1837	Swanzy, Cheshire Co., Nh		
Swinerton, Asa U.	1830	Lynn, Essex Co., Ma	255	
Swinerton, J. G.	1835	Morgan Co., Il	070	State Census
Swinerton, John	1830	Newfield, York Co., Me	309	
Swinerton, John	1830	Nyc 12th Ward, New York Co., Ny	251	
Swinerton, John L.	1837	Milton, Strafford Co., Nh		
Swinerton, Timothy	1830	Barnstable, Barnstable Co., Ma	324	
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Swingston, Joseph	1830	Birmingham Borough, Allegheny Co., Pa	240	
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Swington, Bennet	1830	Miami Twp, Clermont Co., Oh	272	
Swington, William	1830	Miami Twp, Clermont Co., Oh	272	
Swinington, Elisha	1830	Mont Vernon, Hillsborough Co., Nh	292	
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Swinnington, Job	1830	Lyndeboro, Hillsborough Co., Nh	560	
Swirington, James	1830	Morgan Co., Il	017	State Census

Apart from the usual variation of Swinerton, the names include one that we know is a variant (Swinington - we know where the spelling changes on the American trees) and some that could well be. They would bear investigation.

**American Council on Education Office Directory**

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force, labor/higher education partnerships, military evaluations, national external diploma program, noncollegiate sponsored instruction

Swinerton directs the activities of the ACE office that evaluates and makes credit recommendations on courses taught by business and industry, government agencies, unions, associations, and schools. He is also Administrator of the military installation voluntary education review (MIVER) project on behalf of the Department of Defense. For the past seven years, he has taken over 100 faculty teams to evaluate college education programs at American military bases around the world. He is a professor emeritus of public and environmental affairs and political science at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. He is a former chair of both of these departments, and served as executive assistant to the chancellor for several years. He taught on television, offered audio courses, and took students abroad. In addition, Swinerton previously served for ten years as the senior staff officer in academic and budget planning and director of extended degree programs for the University of Wisconsin System, where he initiated pioneering efforts to establish distance learning degrees for adults. He also was a Fulbright Professor of Higher Education Planning and Management in the Philippines in 1983-84. For the past twelve years, he served as an adviser to an ASEAN educational center located in the Philippines, and is author of a 1991 book, "Philippine Higher Education: Toward the Twenty-First Century." He is co-author of "Ugandan Asians in Great Britain" and has published articles and delivered papers on third-world politics, distance learning evaluation, workplace learning, higher education management, and executive behavior. Swinerton is a member of the board of trustees for Davis & Elkins College (WV). He has bachelor's and master's degrees in government from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and a doctorate in political science from the University of Kentucky.

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**308. Volkmann, Daniel G. Memories of a Fishing Journey to New Zealand** Made in 1950 by Dean and Helen Witter, Alfred and Jane Swinnerton, Dan and Beatrice Volkmann, as narrated in letters to family and friends. Folding frontis. map. Flexible marbled boards, paper cover label, glassine. 1 of 100 copies printed by the Westgate Press. First Edition. San Francisco: Privately Printed, 1950. Fine. (70/100). (Bill says it should be Swinerton. Alfred was of the firm of Swinerton & Walberg of San Francisco, Jane was his wife.)

**Cemetery #31 (Drake Cemetery)**

is in Grand Prairie Township, Marion County, Ohio - location 250 feet west of SR423 & .5mi north of SR231. This private cemetery is a pile of rocks behind a barn. There is one Drake stone & parts of two other. The Swinnerton stones are used for a sidewalk at the back of the house. *(Bill said he guess that confirms that we are a supportive family.....keeping folks on the straight and narrow)*

These graves have been moved to nearby Grand Prairie Cemetery.

**SWINNERTON**

Almira d. 8-23-1854 56y 4m 20d

Clarissa w/o William d. 10-10-1849 27y 1m 22d

Eleanor b. 11-8-1761 d. 10-13-1821

James b. 8-13-1857 d. 12-6-1824

William d. 10-27-1851 48y 11m 24d

**Cemetery #33 (Grand Prairie Cemetery)**

is in Grand Prairie Township, Marion Co. Ohio - located in Brush Ridge, Ohio at the junction of SR423, SR231, & CR67.

SWINNERTON A. b. 1798 d. 1855

C. b. 1822 d. 1849

E. b. 1761 d. 1821

James b. 8-16-1757 (Pvt. Mass. Regt.  
Revolutionary War)

James b. 12-6-1824 8.13.1857d.

W. b. 1802 d. 1851

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**List of Australian Gliders**

This list is sequenced by Serial # within Type.

"Where Based" and "Certificate of Registration Holder" should be treated with due caution. An index of Mark by Type is also available.

Mark Type Serial # Built Where Based Cert. of Registration Holder

IUU Mini-Nimbus C 148 1979 Vic. V.M.F.G. Private Adam Swinnerton

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**MEDICAL BIOLOGY.**

The Walter And Eliza Hall Institute Of Medical Research Transplantation Unit

\* Novel immunosuppressive drugs in the treatment of autoimmune disease -

R.Gugasyan, C.Swinnerton, T.E.Mandel. Copyright © 1994, The University of

Melbourne. The Staff List includes Carmela Swinnerton, Bsc(Hons) Mon.

**A new way to write letters.**

The internet can also be used for sending electronic mail (E-mail). The advantage is that you can type a long letter to someone, anywhere in the world and despatch it by just pressing a key on your computer. No searching for the right envelope, no going to the Post Office for the correct stamps - all you are charged for is the time taken to transmit the letter down the telephone line. This is usually just seconds and the calls are charged at local rates! The disadvantage is that you can sometimes get a reply from the other side of the world in minutes whereas you had been hoping for a response for a week or two!

Several members of the society are on the internet and some of us do use it for communicating with each other. Here are the names and E-mail addresses.

Roger Swynnerton

Keith Livesey

Diana Cunningham

Bill Swinarton

Claudia Watts

Alastair Swinnerton

Kirsty Swinnerton

Joanna Swinnerton

Ron Swinnerton

Colin Swinnerton

Iain Swinnerton

Do tell me if you know any more.

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**CALENDAR OF CHANCERY WARRANTS 1244(C)1326 V.1.**

P.82. 1298 Jan 7, Ghent. The like for John de Swynenorton of the county of Staff, indicted of the death of Stephen de Frauncketon of the county of Salop.

14 (1297)

p.327 Roger, John and Stephen, mandate 1310.

p.329 Roger, Pardon 1310.



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**SWINNERTONS in the GREAT WAR.**

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Extracted from *Soldiers Died in the Great War* originally published in 81 volumes by regiment but now available on one CD Rom disk listed alphabetically for the whole army.

**Private Arthur Watts Swinnerton** No.3578. 6th Bn. The King's Liverpool Regt.  
Born Liverpool. Enlisted Liverpool. Killed in Action France & Flanders 25 Sep 1916

**Driver Benjamin Swinnerton.** No.90733 Royal Horse & Royal Field Artillery  
Born Walsall. Enlisted Walsall. Killed in Action Gallipoli 13 May 1915

**Private Edward Swinnerton.** No.33677 18th Bn. Durham Light Infantry.  
(formerly No.28663 Notts & Derby Regt.)  
Born Walsall. Enlisted Darlaston. Died of Wounds France & Flanders 30 Apr 1917.

**Private Frederick William Swinnerton** No.33766. Cheshire Regt.  
Born Dewsbury. Enlisted Douglas, Isle of Man. Killed in Action France & Flanders  
7 Jun 1917

**Private Harry Swinnerton** No. 6220. 1st Bn. King's Shropshire Light Infantry.  
Born Newcastle, Staffs. Enlisted Lichfield. (Lived in Burslem). Killed in Action  
France & Flanders 9 Aug 1915

**Driver Henry Swinnerton.** No 76939. Royal Horse & Royal Field Artillery  
Born Walsall. Enlisted Darlaston. Killed in Action France & Flanders 1 Sep 1916

**Private Herbert Swinnerton.** No. 15684. 18th Bn. Lancashire Fusiliers  
Born West Derby, Lancs. Enlisted Chester. (Lived in Liverpool). Killed in action  
France and Flanders 24 Jul 1916

**Private John Samuel Swinnerton.** No.13310. 8th Bn. South Staffordshire Regt.  
Born Walsall. Enlisted Walsall. Died Home 18 Nov 1914.

**Gunner Norman Swinnerton.** No. 243992. Royal Horse & Royal Field Artillery. b.  
Connahs Quay, Cheshire. Enlisted Shotton. Died of Wounds France & Flanders 21  
Jul 1918

**Rifleman Percy William Swinnerton.** No. P/1750. 16th Bn. Rifle Brigade  
Born Clerkenwell, Middlesex. Enlisted St.Pancras. (Lived in Holborn). Killed in  
Action France & Flanders 3 Sep 1916.

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**Private Samuel John Swinnerton.** No.4055. 2nd Bn. Royal Warwickshire Regt. Born Stoke on Trent. Enlisted Warwick. (Lived in Stoke). Killed in Action France & Flanders 25 May 1915

**Private Thomas Swinnerton.** No. 22996. 3rd Bn. Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry. Born Bradley, Staffs. Enlisted Wednesbury. (Lived in Bilston). Died Home 28 Aug 1916.

**Private William Swinnerton.** No.8655. 2/5th (T.F.) Bn. South Staffordshire Regt. Born Bradley, Staffs. Enlisted Wednesbury. (Lived in West Bromwich). Died Home 2 Feb 1916.

The following, also served but, thankfully, survived. The details have been extracted from the index cards to the Medal Rolls at the Public Record Office, Kew. The details given on the cards vary widely - where I have put, for instance, 'France 13 Dec 1915', this is from the space on the card which says 'Theatre of War first entered' and 'Date'. This is not always filled in. However, to qualify for any of the medals (1914 Star, 1914-15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal) a man (or woman) had to have served in a Theatre of War. There was no equivalent of the Second World War Defence Medal which was awarded to everyone who served in the Armed Forces even if they only served in this country such as the Home Guard. Consequently, there may be other Swinnertons who served but did not go overseas (such as the gunners of the Coastal Defence Artillery) but they will not appear on these rolls.

**Gunner Albert Swinnerton** No.145426. Royal Field Artillery.

**Gunner Albert Swinnerton** No.50527 Royal Garrison Artillery ( later No.311092 Sapper Royal Engineers and then No.605419 Corporal Royal Engineers). France 13 Dec 1915.

**Private Albert Swinnerton** No. 2669 (later No.630880) 20th Bn.London Regt. France 9th March 1915.

**Driver Albert Swinnerton** No. T/289910. Army Service Corps.

**Air Mechanic Aleck Swinnerton** No.15894. Royal Flying Corps.

**Guardsman Arthur G.Swinnerton** No.13926. Coldstream Guards. France 15 Aug 1915.

Private **Arthur L. Swinnerton**. No. 9108. South Staffordshire Regt. (later No. 39226 Machine Gun Corps). France 27 Sep 1915.

Sgt. **A.R. Swinnerton**. No. TL 4885. Army Service Corps. First went to Egypt 8 Sep 1915. (also listed as S/Sgt. under Richard A. The card is endorsed 'identical to Richard.A.')

Private **Charles Swinnerton**. No. 5944. 1st Bn. North Staffordshire Regt. There are two dates for this man going to France 10 Sep 1914 and 3 May 1915 but the entry is endorsed 'Star scrapped'; the 1914 Star is crossed out and 1914-15 substituted so I think the second one is correct.

Private **Charles Swinnerton**. No. 85584. Royal Army Medical Corps.

Acting Corporal **Charles E. Swinnerton**. No. 2159 (later No. 630606). 20th Bn. London Regt.

Private **Charles Henry Swinnerton**. No. 266740. 7th Bn. Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Enlisted 5 Dec 1915. Discharged 4 Sep 1917.

Private **C.W. Swinnerton**. No. 18284. 13 Essex Regt. France 17 Nov 1915. Discharged 10 Jan 1919.

Private **David Swinnerton**. No. 19347. North Staffordshire Regiment.

Private **Edwin Swinnerton**. No. 84357. Machine Gun Corps.

Gunner **Emlyn M. Swinnerton**. No. 60486. Royal Garrison Artillery.

Private **Eric Swinnerton**. No. 260028. Lincolnshire Regiment.

Sapper **Ernest Swinnerton**. No. 496987 (later No. 4508). Royal Engineers.

Private **Ernest Swinnerton**. No. 8327. South Staffordshire Regt. (later No. 210517 Labour Corps). France 25 Nov 1914. Discharged 17 Nov 1917.

Private **F. Swinnerton**. No. 51233 Suffolk Regt. (later No. 44322 Essex Regt.)

Private **Frank Swinnerton**. No. 7919 King's Royal Rifle Corps (later No. 41953 Cpl. C of Hrs. (I have yet to find out what this stands for). France 19 Jan 1915.

Private **Frederick Swinnerton**. No. 39097. Northumberland Fusiliers. Enlisted 8 Dec 1915. Discharged 16 Jan 1919.

Driver **Frederick J. Swinnerton**. No. 71641. Royal Field Artillery. France 13 Dec 1915.

Private **Fredk. Thomas Swinnerton**. No. 58156. South Staffordshire Regt. Enlisted 10 Jun 1918. Discharged 4 Dec 1918.

Gunner **George Swinnerton**. No. 3249 (later 686740). Royal Field Artillery.

Driver **George Swinnerton**. No. 229521. Royal Field Artillery

Private **George Swinnerton**. No. 41068 Durham Light Infantry. (later No. 23804 Labour Corps then No. 76155 Highland Light Infantry).

Private **George Swinnerton**. No. 8594 1st Bn. Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders (later No. 48885 Machine Gun Corps). France 2nd Feb 1918.

Private **George C. Swinnerton**. No. 201937. North Staffordshire Regt.

Private **H. Swinnerton**. No. 3810. Lancashire Fusiliers (later No. 62528 Royal Flying Corps.) First went to Middle East Forces 19 Jul 1915.

Private **Harding Swinnerton**. No. 1286 (later No. 201900). South Staffordshire Regt.

Private **Harry Swinnerton**. No. M/378225. Army Service Corps.

Driver **Henry Swinnerton**. No. 110316. Royal Field Artillery. Discharged 14 Dec 1918.

Private **Henry Swinnerton**. No. 6102. King's Royal Rifle Corps. (later No. 569650 Labour Corps).

Acting Corporal **Herbert Swinnerton**. No. 87767. Machine Gun Corps.

Major **Herbert Swinnerton**. 1/25 London Regt. North West Frontier India May 1917.

Private **Henry Swinnerton**. No. 200591 (later No. 2147). King's Shropshire Light Infantry. (T.F.)



Private **Humphrey S. Swinnerton**. No.M2/148946. Army Service Corps.

Private **Henry W. Swinnerton**. No.M/285781. Army Service Corps.

Corporal **James Swinnerton**. No.2402 (later No.305596). Liverpool Regt.  
France 3 May 1915.

Gunner **Joseph Swinnerton**. No.177153. Royal Garrison Artillery.

Private **Joseph Swinnerton**. No.15424. Cheshire Regiment. France 24 Dec 1915.  
Discharged 24 Aug 1916.

Private **Joseph Swinnerton**. No.9550. South Staffordshire Regt. France 25 May  
1915. Discharged 7 Nov 1917.

Private **Joseph Swinnerton**. No.SE/31513. Army Veterinary Corps.

Captain **John Christopher Swinnerton**. Indian Artillery.

Private **J.H. Swinnerton**. No.15188. Army Cyclists Corps (later No.P13007 MFP).  
France 26 Sep 1915.

Orderly **Joseph O. Swinnerton**. B.R.C.S. France 1 Mar 1915

Sapper **John T. Swinnerton**. No.304466. Royal Engineers.

Acting Corporal **John T. Swinnerton**. No.201400. North Staffordshire Regt.

Corporal **Louis E. Swinnerton**. No.S3/027536. Army Service Corps. France 4 Sep  
1916.

Sgt **Major Swinnerton**. No.9103. Worcestershire Regt. Balkans 27 Aug 1915.  
(Note: Major was his Christian name).

Gunner **Norman Swinnerton**. No.243992. Royal Field Artillery.

Lieutenant **Noel William Swinnerton**. (formerly No.1298 Sapper). Royal Engineers.  
Balkans 30 Mar 1915.

Acting Sergeant **Richard Swinnerton**. No.16047. Manchester Regiment.

**Robert Swinnerton**. Church Army. France March 1917.

Rev. **Robert Swinnerton**. YMCA. France 2 Mar 1918.

Private **Robert H. Swinnerton**. No.1174 (later 528079). Royal Army Medical Corps.

Sapper **R.S. Swinnerton**. No.215753. Royal Engineers.

Private **Samuel Swinnerton**. No.15314. Shropshire Light Infantry. France 28  
Aug 1915.

Sgt. **Stephen J. Swinnerton**. No.62359. Royal Engineers. France 8 Jul 1915.

Driver **Thomas E. Swinnerton**. No. 37384. Royal Field Artillery. France 18 Jul  
1915.

Rev. **W. Swinnerton**. Lancashire Fusiliers & Royal Army Chaplain's Department.

Private **Walter Swinnerton**. No. 23094. Shropshire Light Infantry Depot. Enlisted  
30 Mar 1916. Discharged 28 Sep 1918.

Private **Wm Swinnerton**. No.G/2653. Queen's Regiment.

Private **William Swinnerton**. No.68840. Cheshire Regiment. France 11 Jan 1915.  
Discharged 10 Apr 1918.

Private **William Swinnerton**. No.27576. 18/Welsh Regt. Dep. Enlisted 3 Feb 1915.  
Discharged 5 Apr 1918.

Private **William Swinnerton**. No.201588. Welsh Regt. (later No.68550 Royal Welsh  
Fusiliers and No.83215 Durham Light Infantry).

Private **William Swinnerton**. No.R/367232. Royal Army Service Corps.

Armt. Quarter Master Sergeant **Wm Dowie Swinnerton**. No.T/150. Royal Army  
Ordnance Corps. Enlisted 29 May 1897. Discharged 17 April 1919.

Private **William F. Swinnerton**. No. 96716. Liverpool Regt. (later No.50385  
Gloucestershire Regiment).

Acting Bombardier **William H. Swinnerton**. No.48292. Royal Field Artillery.  
France 9 Sep 1915.

Private **William H. Swinnerton**. No.65557. Royal Welsh Fusiliers. (later No.39405  
Labour Corps).

Private **William J. Swinnerton**. No.194142. Labour Corps.

Private **William L. Swinnerton**. No.52723. Lancashire Fusiliers.

Private **William T.A. Swinnerton**. No.252275. Manchester Regiment.

Not a bad contribution for a comparatively small family. It was quite common for a man to serve in several regiments – on return from leave or perhaps convalescence, he would often be put in a different regiment particularly if his own had been badly knocked about during his absence. Service in the Labour Corps after another regiment invariably meant that he had been wounded and was not fit for front line service.

It took a long time to extract them all (I have still to check for Swynnerton and other variations) and my next task is to try and identify them and place them in the family. I know some of them, of course, but I am sure many of you will recognise fathers, grandfathers, uncles and other relatives. If you do, please write and tell me with anything you know about their service.

The latest information to be put on the Internet is a complete listing of all the graves maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission including the names on the various memorials for those who have no known grave. This will be my next 'download'!



### Abstract from the Will of Stephen SWYNNERTON of TRENTHAM.

1 x A4 sheet

Made 24 Feb 1574/5. Probate 1575.

Body to be buried in chappell yard of WHITMORE  
Debts & funeral charges to be paid from whole goods, then allgoods moveable & unmoveable to:

Jhon [sic] COOKE of COTES, parish of ECCLESHALL

Jhon CARTWRIGHT of parish of ECCLESHALL

Johan CARTWRIGHT of HANFORD, parish of TRENTHAM

Ales CARWRIGHT [sic] to be equally divided.

To Parish Church of TRENTHAM © 3s 4d for the poor

To Chapel or Rectory of WHITMORE © 3s 4d

To Agnes BARBARE of par. TRENTHAM, 1 sheep

To Jhon ASBERIE, Hugh & Christopher ASBERIE, 1 sheep each

To Rycharde HAULE (?HANLE) par. TRENTHAM. 1 sheep

To Elizabeth WRIGHT & her son Jhon. 1 sheep each

To George GODWYNE, son of George GODWYNE of TRENTHAM, 1 sheep.

Executors Jhon COKE of COTS, Jhon CARTWRYGHT of RANDWODE

Overseer: Roger RENOLDE of TRENTHAM

Witnesses: Rodger RENOLDE, Elizabeth WRYGHT, Thomas HAULE et al/

Inventory: 1 page. Animals etc.

### FAMILY NOTES

This year, I know, has been a special year for several members of the family but for none more so than our member **Norman Meek**, father of our former secretary Elizabeth Livesey for he and his wife, Gladys, celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on the 25th June 1998.

The summer months saw them celebrating in a variety of ways. On their return from a holiday in Malta, the couple renewed their marriage vows at a church service conducted by their two sons-in-law.



The following week they enjoyed a celebration lunch with friends and immediate family at an hotel in their home town of Llandudno.

The celebrations were completed with a large family party with relatives travelling from all over the country. The bridesmaids and ushers (sisters and brother of the bride) were present and one of the highlights of the party was organising a photograph of the 'bridal party' to exactly match the original wedding photograph of 60 years ago.

I am sure we would all wish to send them our heartiest congratulations and very best wishes for the future – how nice to hear of such an achievement in these days of high divorce rates and partnerships outside marriage which seem to be becoming the norm.

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We were very sorry to hear of the death of Edwin (Ted) Swinnerton in Cromer, New South Wales on the 29th September. Ted was a descendant of our Betley Branch and a member since 1993. The Cromer Daily Telegraph said: *As a young seaman, Edwin Swinnerton took part in a little-known Antarctic Expedition with the Royal Australian Navy in the improbably named HMAS Wyatt Earp.*

*The former US polar vessel, named after the legendary Western lawman and gunfighter, sailed from Hobart on New Year's Day 1948. It was the last RAN vessel to have sails as an alternative means of propulsion. During the voyage, the sail was used to stabilise the extreme roll of the ship in the Southern Ocean.*

*Thick pack ice prevented the ship from reaching its goal of the Antarctic mainland but visits were made to islands in the area.*

*"The expedition was something he was very proud of throughout the rest of his life", said his son Russ, a former RAN Captain. "It was a tale that obviously had the romance of the sea about it",*

*It helped inspire Russ and his brother Craig to follow in their father's footsteps. Russ served for 30 years and Craig, a navy diver, for 12 years. Mr Swinnerton grew up on the lower north shore and attended North Sydney Technical School (now North Sydney Boys High) before joining the navy as a seaman.*

*He was commissioned a Master-of-Arms in 1961 and retired with the rank of Lieutenant in 1976, when he became one of the first servicemen to become a member of the Order of Australia.*

*While in the navy he was diagnosed as a diabetic which led to complications in later life. A keen golfer, he was a member of Mona Vale Golf Club.*

*He is survived by his wife, Shirley, two sons, a daughter, Debra, and nine grandchildren.*

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