

# *The Swinnerton Saga*



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New Risen Hope 1904

Oil on canvas 570 x 519 mm.

Tate Collection. Accession number 3952

In this unusual picture a young girl emerges from a pool of water, her large eyes engaging the viewer directly. The expressive brushwork and lurid colours create the appearance of a magical underworld like that described by Charles Kingsley in *The Waterbabies* 1863. Swynnerton was actively involved with the campaign for the emancipation of women, and the subject and title of the painting may be a reference to this. The child, ascending from the murky waters, represents a new era which will bring equal rights for women.

(From the display caption September 2004)

A young girl with sparkling eyes and a cupid's-bow mouth splashes in the shallows. Despite the winsome nature of this tot, Swynnerton has avoided the temptation to make her too pinkly glowing; in fact this is a textbook example of how to achieve subtly realistic flesh tones by the old-fashioned use of a warm grey underpainting, allowed to show through in places.

(I omitted the title of Annie's picture in the last issue – it was *Oleander*)

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## From the Editor

The picture on our front cover is of Bob and Diana Cunningham of Texas. Diana has distributed our journals in America at her own expense for very many years and we are tremendously grateful to her.

Bob was in charge of USAAF education in England and Germany. For many years they lived in this country for a considerable time during which Diana was a valuable member of the council of the Swinnerton Society.

Diana is a very experienced genealogist and is a Daughter of the American Revolution several times over. Her connection with our family stems from the Gloucestershire Branch: she is descended from George Swinnerton, taylor and staymaker, who was born in Tetbury, Glos in 1692. Bob and Diana are now both in their eighties and looking very well on it!

In the last *Saga* I wrote about tracing Swinnerton soldiers but only wrote about those who joined up to 1913. Sadly, some 70% of the records of soldiers who served in World War I were destroyed in the bombing of London in 1940 when an army warehouse in which they were stored was hit by incendiary bombs (many Boer War records were also destroyed). After the war, another 10%, dealing with men who had been awarded pensions for wounds or sickness, were collected together from various government departments.

The only records not affected were the medal index cards which were stored elsewhere. From these we know that 97 Swinnerton men served overseas between 1914 and 1920.

The personal records of 30 Swinnertons have survived together with the pension records of another 19 and we have a complete record of these in our archives. Sadly, we have very few photographs of them despite my appeals.

We managed to finish 2009 with a small surplus despite having produced four issues. However, I did have to reduce the number of colour pictures in the December issue so that we were left with some funds to finance the first issue of this year. Unfortunately, only 44 of our 76 UK subscribers in 2009 have renewed their subscription as I write (the figures for overseas are not yet to hand). In addition, one or two have not amended their standing orders which are still going to the former Swinnerton Society (which is now closed so any future orders will be refused) and at the old rate of £10! If you have overlooked your renewal or have not amended and increased your standing order, please do so now – we do need your support if we are to continue.

I look forward to seeing some of you at the mini-gathering in Liverpool on the 24th of April.

*Gain Swinnerton*

## The Teachers Registration Council Records

### Swinnerton Agnes Butler.

Registered 1st June 1914 No.2580

Langholm Carlton Road, Malvern.

L.L.A (Honours), St Andrew's: Member of the College of Preceptors.

M.I.H.

#### Assistant Mistress:

Rookdale House School, Brixham 1900-11

Blackdown School, Wellington, Somerset 1914-15

Somerville School, Aberystwyth 1915

Ellerker College, Richmond 1916

Private Coach – Oakhurst, Southwold 1916-20

Assistant Mistress – The Beeches, Stourbridge 1921-25

#### Senior Mistress:

Caledonia School, Cooden 1925-26

Brook Green College, Eastbourne 1926-28

Burlingham Hall School, Norfolk 1928-29

#### Principal:

Eversley School, Stourbridge 1929-31

Severn Brow, Bridgnorth (formerly Castle Hill School) 1931-40.

(see *Swinnerton Family History Vol.11. No.4 p. 66*)

### Swinnerton, Lucy Ellen

Registered 1st August 1931 No.83458

Holy Trinity Infants' School, West Bromwich.

Board of Education Certificate.

#### Assistant Mistress:

Eccleshall C.E. Mixed School, Staffs 1918-19

Abbots Bromley Girls' & Infants' School 1919-26

Tenterbanks Infants' School, Stafford 1927-28

#### Head Mistress

Holy Trinity Infants' School, West Bromwich 1928-

### Swinnerton, John Walter.

35 Priory Road, Coventry.

Registered January 1941 No.96698 as a certified teacher by the Board of Education. Trained at Saltley College, Birmingham 1935-

#### Assistant Master:

Frederick Bird S.B.School Coventry 1937-39

Serving with His Majesty's Army 1939-

(Our first chairman)



## Two mediaeval wills

### John Swinnerton of Swinnerton

Abstract of his will dated 19th April 1521

John Swinnerton of Swinnerton, gentleman : body to be buried in the chapel of our lady in the church at Swinnerton.

qBequests: St. Chad's : vjd  
St. Mary house of ? : vjd

Residue (after payment of debts and burial expenses) to:  
Moade my wife and Sr John Nowell, parson of Swinnerton (both Executors)

\* \* \*

### Sir William Swynnerton of Blymhill

26th September 1538

Abstract dated 12th February 1538      1 page + 1 page inventory

Body to buried in the chancell of Blymyll

Bequests:  
St. Mary house of ? and of St. Chad's House of (Wayfolde?) each 12d to pray for me.  
Blymyll Church a coup  
Blymyll – 4 ? of ? to help mende fowle way ... if they will not, then (4 ditto) to my executors.

Mentions:  
cosyn Robert Swynton  
cosyn Wyllm Swynton  
Alys Hand  
Margary Dobb (Debb)  
plus large number of people all paid small amounts to pray for his soul.

## Three generations of service to the Royal Air Force

by David Swinnerton

On Tuesday 15 December 2009 my wife and I had the pleasure of watching our daughter, Jennifer Swinnerton, graduate on the parade square at Royal Air Force Halton in Buckinghamshire. To the accompaniment of an impressive low level fly past by a Tornado F4 from 11 Squadron RAF Marham, Jennifer and her fellow recruits gave a near faultless display of foot and arms drill that was all the more impressive for being the result of only 11 weeks military training.

Since their arrival at Halton in September the recruits had followed a syllabus of PT, service history and traditions, field craft and weapons training and Nuclear, Biological and Chemical training. To graduate the recruits had to pass all the modules and meet very strict physical training targets in the gym. Fail any of the modules (and not unnaturally many did) and you were parted from your friends, re-flighted and put through that particular segment again. But by far the greatest fear of all the recruits was that of being injured during training. This could delay their progress through training by months, and, in many cases, the more severe injuries resulted in medical discharge from the service. The current pass rate for a recruit going through training first time is just under 70% which rises to 90% for all recruits graduating.

At 24 Jennifer is slightly older than the average recruit of 20, but having already been to York University, from where she graduated with a Diploma in Adult Nursing on 14 July 2006, she is able to commence her first posting as an Adult nurse at Queen Alexandra Hospital Portsmouth, and not have to wait for a professional training course like so many of her contemporaries.



*Jennifer at her graduation from RAF Halton*

I, myself, joined the RAF in 1970 at the age of 16 as an Apprentice in the Supply and Movements Branch and, unlike my daughter's nine weeks training,



I had a full year to assimilate to my new military surroundings. I had originally wanted to join the service at 14½ which was possible at that time but my mother, not unreasonably, insisted I complete my O levels before she would sign my enlistment papers. Unlike today, when manpower levels are about 38,000, the RAF was then a massive organisation of over 180,000 personnel with commitments to NATO and the Far and Middle East. The primary

purpose of the RAF in that period was to deter a Soviet invasion of West Germany, and if that failed, to be able to survive long enough for reinforcements to arrive from the US and Canada. It is sobering to think that most military commentators then assumed a general war in Europe would result in a nuclear exchange within 2 weeks. It was against that general background that the majority of my service career took place, with additional detachments to Northern Ireland (2 months in Enniskillen with the 17/21 Lancers), Malta and Cyprus.

In 1983, I flew from RAF Brize Norton to Ascension Island and from there boarded an old cross channel ferry for the 8-day journey to the Falkland Islands. On arrival on the Falklands, I was ferried by helicopter to what seemed to be the bleakest and most isolated spot the RAF could think of - Mount Alice - which, being on West Falklands, was the nearest British unit to the Argentine Mainland. This was where the RAF had sited its primary radar site for the air defence of the Islands, and we regularly used to watch on the radar screens as the Argentine Air force flew daily sorties against the Islands only to be met and shadowed by RAF F4 Phantoms on the edge of the Falklands airspace.

The five months I spent on West Falkland were probably the most satisfying of my RAF career. Any type of modern convenience such as the telephone, TV and radio was non-existent and self-reliance and leadership, a daily necessity. Towards the end of my tour of the Falklands I was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and upon my return to the UK posted to RAF North Luffenham in Rutland where Jennifer was born in February 1985.

Four months later my wife, two children and I flew from RAF Brize Norton to commence a three-year posting on Cyprus on the Eastern Sovereign Base Area of Dhekelia. As most people know, the island of Cyprus has been divided since the Turkish invasion of August 1974 and to get to my daily place of work I had to travel through 15 miles of UN buffer zone which separated the Cypriot and Turkish communities.

Nevertheless, life on Cyprus with a young family was a wonderful experience and I felt very privileged to be able to experience it.

Towards the end of my tour I applied for a regular commission, which upon my return to the UK, resulted in my attendance at the Officer and Aircrew Selection Centre, RAF Biggin Hill. There after three days building bridges from pine poles, taking people through imaginary mine fields and other similar exercises in initiative and leadership, I was selected to attend the Royal Air Force College, Cranwell in Lincolnshire.

RAF Cranwell is an intimidating place, it has the distinction of being the oldest air force academy in the world and its walls are festooned with graduation photographs of some of the most decorated airmen of World War II such as Douglas Bader and Leonard Cheshire. While I was in attendance, every cadet at the College felt the weight of its history and traditions as they worked through 19 weeks of leadership exercises, foot and sword drill and more leadership. The Directing Staff at the college made it very plain that nobody survives Cranwell as an individual, graduating requires everyone to work together and apply their respective strengths for the benefit of the team.

On the day I graduated in November 1989, in the wider world the Berlin wall came down.



*David being presented with The Supply Cup on completion of his training at RAF Cranwell*



My first posting as a newly commissioned Flying Officer was to the Ministry of Defence in Harrogate North Yorkshire where I was to become part of Project AL YAMAMAH - the sale of 134 aircraft to the Royal Saudi Air Force. AL YAMAMAH has since become infamous for allegations of bribery, but at the time it was the biggest military export contract that the UK had ever won and against stiff competition from the USA and France at that.

To ensure that the terms of the contract received the highest priority from British Aerospace, the Saudi Arabian Government would only authorise the deal if the British Government undertook to project-manage the contract, a task given to the RAF. To make an already complicated task even more complicated, during my first week in post Iraq decided to invade Kuwait and threaten the Saudi Arabian oil fields.

During the two years I was in post at MOD Harrogate I was fortunate to observe at very close quarters all the factors that contribute to the logistics support of a modern military aircraft as well as travel to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and work with its Air Force.

By the time I left Harrogate my wife and I had bought a house in Yorkshire and were looking to give both of our children a bit more stability for their forthcoming exams at school. I had recently been posted to the RAF College Cranwell as a Supply Instructor and it was decided that for the first time my family would stay in Yorkshire and I would live in the Officers' Mess during the week, travelling home at weekends. A year after commencing this arrangement I decided to resign my commission and for the first time seek a job in civilian life.

During the 23 years I served in the Royal Air Force I had moved my family 10 times, (on one occasion twice in 12 months!) but my wife and I remember every posting with affection. Since my retirement in 1993, I have made a living as a Logistics Manager and have been with my present company since 1999. As a family we still own the house in Yorkshire and both of my children have benefited from the stable education they received, resulting in my son gaining a degree in Dentistry and Jennifer's success in nursing and the RAF. It is perhaps ironic that I could have eventually settled in any county in the UK, but a chance posting to Harrogate determined that a Yorkshire Swinnerton would settle in Yorkshire.



*The tree of the Yorkshire Branch was printed in Vol.8 No.5 with two corrections in Vol.8 No.7 p.135*



My father Joseph Swinnerton also served in the RAF from 1947 to 1952. He was employed in Air Traffic Control but, as he rightly reminded me, it was known as Flying Control in those days. He saw service in Berlin and Aden at Steamer Point (now called Tawahi), not a very pleasant place apparently. The former RAF Headquarters at Khormaksar is now Aden International Airport. In 1838, Sultan Muhsin bin Fadl of the nearby state of Lahej ceded territory, including Aden, to the British. On 19 January 1839, the British East India Company landed Royal Marines at Aden to occupy the territory and stop attacks by pirates against British shipping

to India. The port lies about equidistant from the Suez Canal, Bombay (now Mumbai), and Zanzibar, which were all important British possessions. There, supplies, particularly water, were replenished and, in the mid-nineteenth century, coal. Thus Aden acquired a coaling station at Steamer Point.

Until 1937, Aden was ruled as part of British India and was known as the Aden Settlement. In 1937, the Settlement was detached from India and became the Colony of Aden, a British Crown colony.

After the loss of the Suez Canal in 1956, Aden became the main base in the region for the British until 30 November 1967 when the British finally pulled out. The Royal Marines, who had been the first British troops to occupy Aden in 1839, were the last to leave - with the exception of a detachment of Royal Engineers.

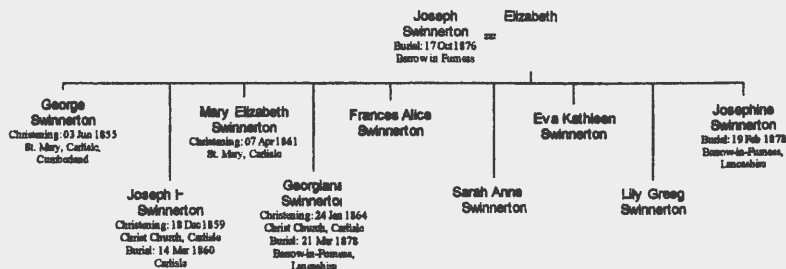
When he left the service in 1952, my father started training as a Student Nurse at Cheadle Royal Hospital where he later met my mother.

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(ED. Joe Swinnerton is well known to us as he appears several times in our album of newspaper cuttings through his charitable work with the Lamplighters Rotary Club of Stockport. David says that one of his dad's more outlandish charity fund raising efforts was to do a tandem parachute jump at the age of 77).

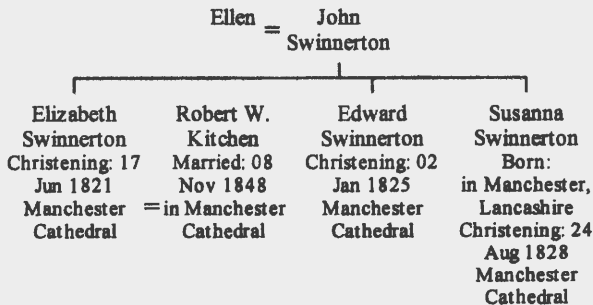
Jennifer Swinnerton, now of the Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service, is 12 generations in direct descent from John Swinnerton, the founder of our Yorkshire Branch, who was buried in Sheffield Woodhouse, Yorkshire, on the 14<sup>th</sup> April 1680.

*Descendants of Joseph Swinnerton of Cumbria*



UFO13

*Descendants of John and Ellen Swinnerton*



UFO15



*John Walter Swinnerton aged seven (see page 99)*



Rev. G. L.  
St. Luke's, Kingston-on-Thames,  
Vicar,

St. Luke's,  
Kingston-  
on-Thames.

*Grandfather of our member the Revd Ernest Swinnerton*



**The Wilmslow Express 17 July 2003. By Betty Anderson**

# **Joe's a jolly good Fellow**



Joe Swinnerton. "This was a complete surprise to me to receive the fellowship."

You can always count on caring Joe Swinnerton to respond to a health care challenge. He devoted 50 years to campaigning and fundraising to improve health and medical services.

Now Joe, 75, of Heyes Lane, Alderley Edge, has been rewarded for his dedication and has received a rare honour from a grateful community.

His services to patients at hospitals in Stockport and his help sending aid packages to war torn states abroad have earned him a fellowship from Stockport Lamplighters Rotary Club.

A renowned health campaigner in the borough, his efforts have led to improved facilities for patients at Stepping Hill and St Thomas's hospitals. Bighearted Joe has raised thousands of pounds for hospital appeals which included a new unit at St Thomas's, numerous trips and

outings for patients and a whole host of comforts to make a hospital stay more comfortable. And he has lent a helping hand to communities in Albania, Bosnia and Kosovo by sending off packages of medical equipment, toys, games and books. He was given a groundbreaking role as a Patient's advocate by Stockport Healthcare Trust bosses in 1995 which meant he acted as a trust patient's champion at the Stockport hospitals.

John Yeomans, Stockport lamplighters past president, said : "Joe has done such a lot of good work in the community and still continues to do so. Over the last years he has raised a lot of money and helped a lot of people. The Paul Harris Fellowship is awarded to people who have done outstanding work in the community, we only tend to award one a year and we thought Joe was a worthy recipient".

Joe said: "I enjoyed it because I know I was doing some good. It was very rewarding, I used to raise money for the patients to get a TV or a video, all the things that the hospital didn't provide".

He added: "This was a complete surprise to me to receive the fellowship. I was very embarrassed at the time when I was presented with it but I can take it in my stride now. Obviously I was very pleased though and it's a nice thing which I am very grateful for.

## **The soldier in later medieval England**

Robert de Swynnerton, Man-at-arms, and Roger de Swynnerton, Man at Arms, Captain - Edward Prince of Wales, the Black Prince, Commander - Edward Prince of Wales, the Black Prince 1368-9 Standing Force Gascony

John Swynnerton , Status – Esquire, Rank – Man at Arms, Captain – Sir John de Charlton, Commander – King Edward III, 1372, Expedition Naval (from records held at The National Archives in E/101/29 & 34).

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## **Another Indian Army Soldier**

Jesse Swinnerton, born Middlewich, Chester enlisted on the 18th of November 1853 aged 22yrs and 11months. He said he was single and had been employed as a Trade Finisher. He enlisted in Manchester. (L/Mil/9/10). This is Jesse (JS378) the son of Joseph and Elizabeth Swinnerton of the Betley family.

The Indian Army maintained recruiting depots in London, Liverpool, Bristol, North Britain (i.e. Scotland), Dublin, Newry and Cork.

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## **To go Doolally**

This an expression commonly used to intimate somebody has gone mad or are very silly. In the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, the British Army established a military base at Deolali just north of Bombay. It had an asylum for unstable troops that doubled up as a transit camp, where soldiers at the end of their service were billeted while awaiting the next boat home. As ships for Britain only sailed between November and March some had to wait for several months. The long weeks of extreme heat, exhaustion and boredom often resulted in strange and eccentric behaviour which was explained on a man's return to the UK as having 'gone through Deolali'. The word Doolally was recorded as military slang in 1925.

From a wonderful book *Red Herrings and White Elephants: the origins of the phrases we use* by Albert Jackson.

## JOANNA SWINNERTON: THE THIRD WIFE OF ISAAC ALLERTON SR

By NEWMAN A. HALL, of Washington, D. C.

The identity of the first two wives of Isaac Allerton, Mayflower passenger, has been known for a long time. He married his first wife, Mary Norris single woman, from Newbury in England on 4 Nov. 1611 in Leyden, Holland. She was the mother of all but his youngest children and died shortly after their arrival in Plymouth, 25 Feb. 1620/21. In 1626, Isaac Allerton married his second wife Fear, daughter of William Brewster. By this wife he had his youngest child Isaac born about 1630. Fear (Brewster) Allerton died 12 Dec. 1634 of "the pestilent fever". The earliest apparent reference to the third wife, Joanna, is the occasion of a shipwreck in the winter of 1644-45 which she and Isaac survived! It is probable, however, that the third marriage occurred shortly after the death of the second wife. Isaac Allerton by his first wife Elizabeth, had two children Elizabeth and Isaac. Elizabethan Allerton married Simon Eyres in New Haven as her second husband. Simon Eyres died about 1695 leaving his widow with several children and substantial property. Before her death on 17 Nov 1749 in New Haven there were many real estate transactions. Among the earlier ones there is a transfer to John Row, dated 25 Dec 1703. which reads as follows:

Be it known to all men by these presents that I Elizabeth helre [Eyre] of The Town of N Haven iv': (be Colony of Connecticut in N England widow, Granddaughter and heir at Law to Joanna Swinnerton after Joanna Alderton [Allerton] late of N Haven deceased for & in consideration of a valuable sum to me in hand already paid by John Row of N Haven in N England afore-said planter have given granted bargained sold enfeoffed conveyed confirmed & firmly made over unto him the said John Row all that tract of land belonging to me as heir to the afore mentioned Joanna Swinnerton alias Alderton at the Place called the Dragon on the east side of the Ferry River within the precincts of N Haven aforesaid.

Attention may be directed also to Job Swinnerton who was admitted as an inhabitant at Salem on 30 July 1637. This suggests that Joanna, possibly a relative, was living in Salem or Marblehead at the time Isaac Allerton lived there during which period they were married.

*I have printed this before because the identity of Joanna has been a source of much speculation in America for many years. After much searching, Roy and I think that she could only be Joane Swinnerton (née Symond) the widow of Thomas Swinnerton, youngest son of Sir John Swinnerton, Lord Mayor of London, baptized 26 Jan 1600 but killed at the Battle of Naseby on the 14 June 1645. If Isaac and Joane married it could not have been 'shortly after the death of the second wife' because Joanna was not a widow for another 11 years. Elizabeth could have been her granddaughter in 1703. There are no records of any Joan in the Salem family. There is only one other possibility – Jonne, daughter of John and Jonne Swinnerton of Madeley, Staffs baptized at Gnosall 12 Feb 1600 but how would Allerton, a leader in America, have met the daughter of an obscure Staffordshire family?.*

## Swinnerton shops



Hanley - Look at the top left hand corner to see the connection.



Another Swinnerton shop – this time in Kingsclere



## 50 years ago:

The Blue Streak Missile project was cancelled  
60,000 anti-Nuclear Weapons protestors Marched in London  
Harold Pinter's play *The Caretaker* was first performed  
Born: Linford Christie, Jeremy Clarkson, Gary Rhodes and Colonel Tim Collins  
Princess Margaret married Anthony Armstrong-Jones  
67 Africans were shot in a pan-African demonstration at Sharpeville  
John Kennedy was elected the first RC President of the United States  
The XVII Olympic Games were held at Rome.  
The average price of a house was £2530 and a loaf of bread was 5p.

## The One Show

If you were watching this on BBC1 on Friday 9th October, you will have seen a face that you might have recognized. 'The One Show' were doing a program on 'The Can't Sing Choir' of which my wife, Shelagh, is a member. To become a member the only rule is that you cannot sing. I cannot imagine how Shelagh qualifies! Anyone who has met her at one of our Gatherings or heard her talk about the London Marathon won't be at all surprised to hear that she didn't hide at the back, but did her best to play a prominent role.

Ray Swinnerton



## Lancashire Life

October 2009

The Bury Grammar School Ball was held at the Palace Hotel, Manchester.



Left: Ann Birtwistle, Lorraine Unsworth and Lesley Swinnerton

## Swinnertons in AUSTRALIA by Dr Douglas Bolitho

An update to the publication of my first researches in Swinnerton Family History  
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**William SWINNERTON** was baptised in Forton, Staffordshire on 7 Jan. 1821, the son of Thomas SWINNERTON and Esther née LUNT. William emigrated to Australia on the ship *Berkshire* in 1848, (another William Swinnerton was on the same ship - the progenitor of another present Australian line) and married Eliza MCQUADE in the Christ Church, Geelong on 8 Apr 1851. Eliza signed with her mark 'X.' (Witnesses to the wedding were an Alexander ATKINSON and Mary QUICK.) Eliza had been born at Armagh, Ireland, c.1831 her parents being Henry MCQUADE and Harriet CUTCHISOX (?correct spelling). (Armagh in "South Ireland" according to her death certificate, though the main city and county of Armagh today is in Northern Ireland.) We presently have no information on her emigration to Australia, but it could be noted that 1845 onwards were the years of the Irish potato famine.

William's elder brother John SWINNERTON b. 1818 also emigrated - to South Africa where he established a family line with whom we have present contact.

William & Eliza's family eventually numbered 13. The name Jesse is interesting as a name peculiar to the Betley Swinnertons, first used in 1803 as a name for William's uncle, and subsequently appearing a number of times; this particular fellow seems to have moved easily between calling himself Jesse or Joseph! As will be evident from a study of the birthplaces above, the family lived firstly at Baccarat, then Marlborough, Crowland, and Landsborough in Victoria. (All these places are close together, within 100km north and north-west of Ballarat) William was recorded in 1873 as a farmer, and in 1876 as a shepherd. William died at the Borough of Ararat hospital on 22 Dec 1898 aged 78 years, from "malignant cystitis and exhaustion" for 36 days, and was buried at the Ararat cemetery. Eliza lived on for another 11 years, dying on Jan.25 1910 at the Austin hospital, Heidelberg Shire, near Ballarat, also at the age of 78 years; she had had cancer of the lips and lower jaw with gland involvement for the previous two years. She was buried at the Warrigal cemetery by a Roman Catholic priest.

So - all I know in thumbnail is:

Children of William SWINNERTON and Eliza MCQUADE:

**Mary** SWINNERTON.born c.1852 died before 1873.

**William** SWINNERTON b.1854 Ballarat evidently moved inland over the NSW border, where he married Ellen Jane (MANNIX) at Mossiel in 1892 where their first child Margaret was born the same year. They moved back to Victoria and went on to have twelve more children, 12 of the 13 surviving to adulthood, Birthplace records show their domicile in the Bendigo area, variously in Strathfieldsaye or Heathcote areas. William was a labourer, dying



in 1939 at Mandurang South, Strathfieldsaye shire, age "87years' of natural causes", and buried in Bendigo cemetery by Church of England minister. Ellen died earlier in 1924 also at Bendigo.

**Esther** SWINNERTON, my wife Eileen's direct ancestor, was born in Ballarat about 1854 - she appears the only one of the children not to have had her birth registered, and later dates make it uncertain whether she was older or younger than William. The next information is of her marriage in 1876 when she was a domestic servant aged 21 years. At this time she married Ephraim ARNOLD, a widower with one child, at ship's Flat near Landsborough, Victoria, the service being taken by : minister of the Congregational Church. Both parties signed their own names, and sister Harriet was one of the witnesses. Esther went on to have fourteen children of her own, and died in 1925 at St Applaud, Victoria.

**John** SWINNERTON b. 1857 Marlborough - living 1898 but nothing further known.

**Harriet** SWINNERTON b. 1859 Crowland - living 1898 but nothing further known.

**Henry** SWINNERTON b. 1861 Crowland; died at Granville NSW in 1931, "labourer", d. unmarried.

**Eliza** SWINNERTON b. 1863 Crowland; married Joseph ORR at Crowlands, 1889, and went on to have at least four children - Helen Robinson, Margaret Robinson, William Joseph, and Florence Elizabeth. She died in 1944 in Victoria.

**Sarah** SWINNERTON b. 1865 Crowland - living 1898 but nothing further known.

**Margaret** SWINNERTON b. 1867 Crowland died in 1896 in Ararat; unmarried.

**Mary** SWINNERTON - living 1898 but nothing further known.

**Thomas** SWINNERTON b. 1871 Land|boroujh, remained a bachelor, spending his whole life in Victoria. He died in 1943 at Swan HILL, County of Tatchera, from "burns received from a burning tent accidentally falling on him" (Coroner's inquest) Church of England burial service.

**Jesse (aka Joseph)** SWINNERTON b. 1873 Landsborough; married Olive May HUMPHREYS in 1919, with 3 children born over the next 5 years - Gwynneth May, William Colin McQuade, and Vivienne Beryl. He died at Dunolly, Victoria, in 1952 aged 78. He is called "Joseph" in his father's death certificate, and at the birth of two of his children.

**Jane** SWINNERTON b. 1877 Landsborough married Peter DeCLERCQ in 1899 and had ten known children. She died in 1919 in Victoria.

(ED:It would appear that there is a lot of research to be done yet in tracing any descendants of those listed as 'nothing further known'. Would any Australian member like to take up the challenge?)

## Canterbury Marriage Licenses

**Swinnerton, Thomas** of Bonnington, clerk (*in Holy Orders*) MA. ba(*chelor*) about 33, and Margaret Hales of Sellinge, v(*idua i.e. widow*). 20 and upwards, d. of William Hales of Nackington, g(*entleman*) who consents. At Sellinge or Nackington May 19, 1640.

(*a clerk in Holy Orders was an ordained minister*)

**Swynnerton, William** of Marden, cordwainer, ba. about 23, at his own govt. and Frideswith Hynde, s. p., maiden, about 25, d. of Henry Hynde late s.p. husb., dec, and now in the govt of Joan Hynde who consents. At St.Alphage, Cant. June 3, 1622.

*a cordwainer was a shoemaker. husb. is husbandman i.e. farmer).*

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## Bagot Family Papers 1478-1671

To the farmer of her Majesty's impost of French and Gascon wines and to his deputy at Bristol (but sent to Richard Bagot) March 23, 1593/4. Bagot is to be allowed one tun of wine at Bristol free of impost. Signed also by **John Swinnerton** (Swinarton).

(*John Swinnerton was the farmer or receiver of the impost or tax on all imported wines in the latter years of the reign of Queen Elizabeth I*).

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## Far From home

Document found in a bundle of Removal Orders, P328a OV 3/3/1#]]

On 20 Sept 1782 the Overseers of St Giles in the Fields (a Parish in London) reported they found Elizabeth Swinnerton there wandering and lodging in the open air, and that she had legal settlement in Tetbury. They sent her to Denham in Buckinghamshire, as it was on the direct route to Tetbury. Elizabeth made a Declaration, that she was aged about 44 years, widow of John Swinnerton who had been dead about 2 years, than he had told her he served an apprenticeship for seven years to his father George Swinnerton a Taylor in the Parish of Tetbury, and never obtained a subsequent settlement, nor had she done anything whereby settlement could be obtained since the decease of her husband and that she had lately been wandering and lodging in the open air She arrived back in Tetbury 25 Sept 1782. End of notes, no mention of the children.

### Arthur Kells Swenerton

passed away peacefully at his Fairfield, California, home on January 6, 2009. He was 87. Mr. Swenerton is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Helene, and 3 sons, Ross from Roseville, California, Earl from Vacaville, California, and



Steven from Tijera, New Mexico. He is also survived by 3 daughters-in-law, Janet (wife of Ross), Maylien (wife of Earl) and Deborah (wife of Steven); 4 grandchildren Kirra, Ryan, Shelley and Laura; 2 grandsons-in-law Bill and Michael; and 5 great-grandchildren Marissa, Billy, Alexander, Kaitlyn and Natalie.

Mr Swenerton was born on November 11, 1921 in Maywood, California. He attended the University of California at both Los Angeles and Davis

campuses, where in 1943 he earned a BSc in Animal Husbandry. While attending UC Davis he met his future wife, Helene Elizabeth Roupen, and they were married in Paso Robles, California, on October 30, 1943.. In 1944 they moved to Tulare, California, where he taught courses in Agriculture at Tulare High School for 9 years. In 1952 they moved to Suisun, California, where he joined the UC Agricultural Extension Service (AES), serving as a Livestock Farm Advisor for Solano County. In 1953 they moved to Fairfield, California, and in 1956 he was promoted to AES Director for Solano County, where he continued to serve the local agricultural community with distinction until his retirement in 1981. During his tenure at AES, he attended further classes at UC Davis, where he earned a Master's Degree in Agricultural Education. After retirement, he remained active in local agriculture and public service. For several years he was a private Livestock Management Consultant. In his spare time, he enjoyed maintaining a large garden in the back half of the adjacent neighbor's lot, from which he furnished his family, friends and neighbors with a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables. In fact, when the neighbor decided to sell the house, he promptly purchased the property in order to preserve the garden. In addition to maintaining his dual properties and garden, he served for many years as a volunteer van driver for the Fairfield Senior Center, providing transportation for senior citizens between their homes, medical appointments and the Senior Center. Arthur joined our society in 1981 and attended our Gatherings. He recruited all his sons to our ranks as well.

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The death was also noted of Norman Herbert Swinnerton on the 14<sup>th</sup> June 2009 aged 95 at Llandudno. Mentions his late wife Vera and children Janet and Mike but I cannot find him on any of our trees.



Another portrait of Mary Swinnerton (1747-1837) who married Eardley Norton (see Vol 14, No.1.) the trouble is that we do not know which Mary this is!



Hannah Pettigrew (née Swinnerton) of the Betley family.





*Lucy Swinnerton in retirement visiting her old school (see page 99)*



*The graves of Major William Swinnerton and his daughter Amelia, Gorah Cemetery, Lanpur Cantts, India*

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