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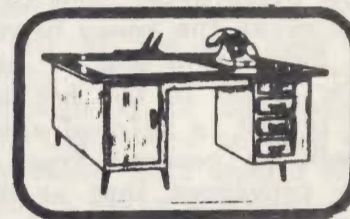
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From the Editor's desk



Coincidentally with our change in Volume (this is our 41st issue), we also have a change in Society Officers. Lord Stafford, who has been our President since the Society was officially

founded in January 1975, has agreed to become the Society's Patron. In his own words - "I think that this is the right position for me, due to my very considerable distant relationship with the Swinnerton family, but at the same time owning the area of one of their oldest homes and, of course, taking an interest in Swynnerton Church".

The office of President therefore being vacant your Council, after due deliberation, decided to invite Sir Roger Swynnerton to fill the post and I am delighted to say he has accepted.

Sir Roger has been a Vice-President since 1976 but has never been "just a name on the letter-heading" as V.P's of most organisations are, - quite the contrary, he has been a very hard worker for the Society and a loyal supporter of all our efforts. He has regularly attended Council meetings and many of you will have met him at our Gatherings when he took the chair at our Annual General Meetings.

Grandson of the original historian of the family, the Rev.Charles Swynnerton, Sir Roger has provided us with masses of information from the Rev.Charles' notes and letters adding greatly to our archives. He has also helped in many other ways, not least financially.

Lady Swynnerton has also been actively involved and, as many of you know, produced the prototype kneeler for us for Swynnerton Church.

I am sure that under Sir Roger's Presidency, the Society will go from strength to strength.

I am also delighted to tell you that, after something of a struggle, we did manage to raise the money needed to purchase the Glebe Hall at Swynnerton and in June I was able to send a cheque for £1500 to the Rector, the Rev. Gerald Gardiner. His letter is printed elsewhere in this journal and needs no comment from me except to say that I am utterly convinced that we did the right thing and that there was nothing we could have done which would benefit the Church and parish more. If you could visit the village, as I do whenever I can, you would see that there is a totally new atmosphere there, and the Glebe Hall, which thanks to you, now belongs to the Church for all time, is the home and focal point for a thriving and go-ahead church community.

It has already been spruced up considerably and with the help of young unemployed people from the MSC as well as the parishioners themselves, many repairs and improvements have been carried out.

A plaque to commemorate our presentation is to be placed in the Hall and you will have a chance to see it during our Gathering next year.

I am most grateful to you all for your support in this very large project and have published elsewhere a list of donors.

We didn't quite raise it all, the donations totalled approximately £1100 but your Council decided to make up the rest from our General Funds. Unfortunately, this has almost exhausted them and so we have had to call a halt, for the time being, to any further typing up of our records or research until we can build up our funds again. So if any of you didn't contribute or have not yet paid your subscription for the current year (32 members have not yet done so !) we are still open for donations.

As I explained to you in my letter, I am afraid that due to business problems caused by the recession, I

have got well behind with my Family History work and if any of you are owed letters, I do apologise. I am slowly catching up but there is such a lot to do. Although it is now late September, I am still dating this issue June to keep up the sequence and hope to get the issue that should have gone out in September produced by early November.

From the Rev. W. G. H. Gardiner, BD.

24.6.82

"Dear Col. Swinnerton,

Very many thanks to the members of the Swinnerton Society for the most generous cheque for £1500 for the purchase of the Church Hall/ House building. This is a tremendous encouragement to us as a small congregation to know that we can now purchase the building for our use, and that the work we have done on it is not wasted. Many congratulations to you all on the very speedy way in which this sum was raised.

We are slowly making progress on the building so that we can make use of the two upstairs rooms for Sunday School/Pathfinder groups in the Autumn. There is much more left to do but the building is the right size, in the right place and with a very useful combination of large and small rooms available for our use.

I will certainly see that a small plaque commemorating the purchase is suitably positioned.

We look forward to 1983 and to showing everyone what we have done by then.

Yours sincerely,
Gerald Gardiner. "

We are tomorrow's past (Mary Webb)

OUR EARLIEST EMIGRANT TO AMERICA - a resume so far.

JOB SWYNNERTON, who has been mentioned many times in this journal and who was the ancestor of many of the Swinnertons in America today, is still something of a mystery man.

Job died in Salem on the 11th April 1689 said to be aged 88 i.e. born about 1601. We know he was born in this country and that he did not go to America until about 1635.

JASPER SWINNERTON married Elizabeth Horne at Eastington in Gloucestershire on the 21st October 1600 and they could well have been his parents but, so far, no evidence of his baptism has been found.

The Rev.Charles Swynnerton, in the printed history of the family, said that he came from Staffordshire. Some American writers qualified this still further by saying he came from Eccleshall in Staffordshire but I think this was wishful thinking and a subconscious attempt to tie him in to the ancient Swynnerton family as there is no evidence at all to support these statements.

The Rev.Charles gave, as his principal authority, "notes compiled by the Rev.Henry Ulyate Swinnerton from a paper (compiled from the Salem Records and from other authentic sources) by Miss N.A.Swinnerton of Danvers Centre, Massachusetts".

Through the kindness of Bill Swinarton of Ontario, I acquired a copy of this paper some years ago and I have to say that it is one of the most inaccurate accounts of the early history of the family I have ever seen. It was obviously an attempt to prove a descent for Job from the early Swynnerton family but I am sorry to say it fails totally.

The vital link is made because a Latin grammar was found (circa 1880) in America bearing the inscription "John Swinnerton, Eccleshall, Staffordshire, England" and therefore he must have been Job's father ! We know,

of course, that John died in 1521 and there is no record of him having had any issue - had he have done so they would have inherited Hilton, and not Humphrey's daughters).

What evidence we have (and this at present depends entirely on the rarity of three Christian names - Job, Jasper and Antipas - in the family records) points to another place of origin entirely - the south-west of England.

Another history of the family that I received from Bill Swinarton who in turn received it from Mrs.Beatrice Tibbetts, daughter of our member Mr.Richard Swinerton of New Hampshire says that this Jasper is the same one who we showed in this Journal Vol.4 No.2 pp.17-19 to be the illegitimate son of Thomas Swynnerton alias Beane. Certainly the dates fit as we showed in the conjectural tree on pp.74 & 74 of Vol.4 No.5.

The paper goes on to say, however, that this Thomas is identical with the Thomas Swynnerton of London who the Rev.Charles Swynnerton said was living on 7 October 1573 and was the great-grandson of Roger Swynnerton of Swynnerton & Hilton and Joane Neville (see Collections for a History of Staffordshire Vol.VII pt.II page 67). No authority is quoted for this statement except that amongst the list of descendants is a William Melvin Swinerton b.1 Sep.1872, grandfather of Richard Swinerton about whom it says "He started the family genealogy. He received much of the information from Uncle Amos who lived to be 103. The information Uncle Amos had was probably recorded in a family bible which had been passed from one generation to the next for many years or he may have had it traced. There is a family story that a sea captain and a railroad engineer had it traced."

It would appear, therefore, that this could be purely conjecture but I have to admit that the assumption that Thomas of London and Thomas alias Beane were the same man is the most likely explanation so far.

(Curious how the sea captain appears yet again.)

SHROPSHIRE PARISH REGISTERS (12)

SELLATYN

1752	Mar.1	Elizabeth, daughter of Morris Swinarton by Margaret	Bap.
1753	July 7	John, son of Morris Swinarton by Margaret	Bap.
1756	May.16	Edward, son of Morris Swinarton by Margaret	Bap.
1759	Nov.24	Margaret, daughter of Morris Swinarton by Margaret	Bap.
1763	May 29	Mary, daughter of Morris Swinerton by Margaret	Bap.
1769	Apr.18	A child of Morris Swinarton	Bur.
1777	Nov.9	Jane Swinerton	Bur.
1780	Dec.14	Margaret Swinerton, St.Martins	Bur.
1781	Sep.19	Morris Swinerton, whose body underwent an inquisition at the Eagles	Bur.

NOTE : SELLATYN is 3 miles N.W. and ST.MARTINS is 4 miles N.E. of Oswestry. "THE EAGLES" is a place in Oswestry. This family is probably a part of the large Oswestry family; Morris and Margaret were married in Oswestry in 1748, he was probably a son of Thomas and Jane Swinerton of Oswestry.

PATENT ROLLS HENRY IV 1399-1401

(Guildhall Library, City of London)

p.205	Roger Swynerton 1400 re Newent & Kyngeston
p.522	John Swynerton 1401 re Manor of Kynfare
p.543	Robert Swynerton 1401 late parker of the king's park of Blore

PATENT ROLLS HENRY IV 1401-1405

p.47	John Swynerton 1402 escheator in Stafford
p.119	- do - mandate re priory of Trentham
p.169	Humphrey de Swynerton 1402 - Pardon for taking gold and silver in service of Rich.II

PATENT ROLLS HENRY IV 1408-1413

p.376	John Swynnerton
pp.276, 376	Thomas Swynnerton

PATENT ROLLS HENRY V 1413-1416

p.103	Swynerton, Roger and Joan his wife (dau. and heiress of John Newenton, chivaler)
(ex Mrs.Muriel Reson)	

BRITISH ASSOCIATION for CEMETERIES in SOUTH ASIA

SWINNERTON

'Gorah' Cemetery, Kanpur In Cantonments

In the section near the main entrance gate, Major Swinnerton's tomb is on the right of the path. His wife's to the left and set back a little. Have photographed both.

On his wife's tomb "In that great cloisters stillness and seclusion, by guardian angels led. Safe from temptation safe from sin's pollution she lives whom we call dead.

Sacred to the Memory of Amelia Henrietta the dearly beloved wife of Major William Swinnerton who went to her rest 20 July 1891. Aged 60 years and 8 days.

Just as I am that free of love, the breadth length depth than delight to prove. Here for a season then above. O lamb of God I come."

NB 'Gorah' = British troops

(ex Mr.T.C.Wilkinson, Hon.Sec. of the British Association for Cemeteries in South Asia. The photographs which I now have were very kindly taken by his sister.)

FRANK & ERNEST



ex Bill Swinarton

SWINNERTONS IN INDUSTRY

Conclusion

SWINNERTONS OF HANLEY LTD.

POTTERY MANFRS.

(Continued from SFH.4 No.10 p.163)

In 1936, Alcock, Lindley & Bloor, having regard to keener competition, decided to build a completely new works on the most up-to-date lines rather than spend money on modernising the existing factories. This policy resulted in 1937 in the building of the Ascot Works in Clough Street on land that was adjacent to the Vulcan Pottery. Today this factory accounts for 75% of the "Jet and Rockingham" teapots produced in Great Britain.

The Washington Pottery has been reorganised for the efficient and economical production of teacups and saucers for the cheaper end of the trade which required large quantities of these lines. Swinnertons were said to have adopted Continental methods for factory layout. Lindley and Alcock made regular visits to the Continent so as to keep ahead of developments by keeping in touch with their methods of tunnel kiln firing and factory layout.

Following the policy of specialisation at each factory, the Vulcan Pottery manufactured principally dinner sets for the South American market and decorated toiletware for the home market. They also made vases and plant pots because of the large demand.

Looking ahead to future expansion, Swinnertons purchased land adjoining the Vulcan Pottery on which they built extensions. At this Pottery labour-saving methods had been installed and improvements made to avoid the unnecessary handling of ware. Slow-selling lines were cut out in order to rationalise production.

As Swinnertons found the demand for their products growing, they acquired in 1925 the Victorian Pottery in Hanley, an extensive earthenware factory. They immediately reorganised it with the object of bringing it up to date.

Swinnertons' policy, apart from catering for the

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cheaper market with the productions for the Washington Pottery, was to supply the middle-class trade with their dinner ware, tea ware and toilet sets, etc., suitable for both home and abroad.

They now had their own distinctive patterns but, not only that, they followed the trend for modern designs that was a feature of the pottery trade in the early 1930's.

In 1953 further production capacity became available with the purchase of the Scotia Pottery in Burslem - an old factory, part of which had been the workhouse but was later taken over by the Military as a barracks.

The Company now decided to build new factories instead of attempting to rejuvenate old ones.

The first stage in carrying out this policy was the purchase of farm land at Baddeley Green in 1958 to provide a site for a new, modern factory. First, a new mill was erected to replace the one in Boundary Street that Swinnertons had acquired in 1920 with the object of grinding their own raw materials and of ensuring regular supplies as well as supplying the trade.

(Editor's Note: This account which we received from America, comes to a rather abrupt end here. Perhaps one of our readers can bring it up to the present day ?)



*A branch of one of your antideluvian families,
fellows that the flood could not wash away.*

(William Congreve - 1670-1729)



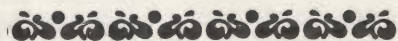
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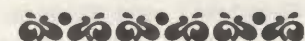


ST.MARY'S CHURCH, SWYNNERTON - The Church Registers

The parish registers containing the record of all baptisms, marriages and burials at the church from 1558 to 1812 have just been published by the Birmingham & Midland Society for Genealogy & Heraldry as the 35th in their series of Registers of Midland parishes.

It is an attractive book, fully indexed, has our picture of the church on the cover and an introduction by your Secretary. It is priced at £3.00 (incl. postage) and anyone wishing to purchase a copy may do so by writing to the Society's Publications Office, Mr.John Beach, at 21 Larkwood Drive, Sedgley, W.Mids.

Mr.John Deag, one of the Churchwardens, is now engaged on copying the Register from 1812 to the commencement of General Registration in 1837 and it is hoped that the BMSGH will eventually be able to publish this as well.



Still on the subject of our church, those of you who have visited Swynnerton will remember that at the entrance to the churchyard there was a somewhat unprepossessing notice board. During a visit last year we discovered the original oak notice board tucked behind a cupboard in the vestry.

It was in a sorry state but Mr.Barrie Saul (husband of our researcher) made a superb job of taking it apart, stripping, re-glueing, repairing and re-varnishing it for which we are most grateful. I then took it to David Perks - a member of BMSGH. He is a sign-writer by profession but a heraldic painter by inclination.

He re-lettered it beautifully and it is now back at Swynnerton greatly enhancing the approach to the Church.



To forget one's ancestors is to be a brook without source, a tree without roots.

(Old Chinese Proverb)

THE ELUSIVE JOSEPH SWINNERTON

by Mrs. Pauline Litton

Joseph Swinnerton was born circa 1800 (his age in the 1841 census being given by an enumerator who ignored the rules and gave exact ages instead of 'rounding down' as 41). It seems probable, from the approximate year of his birth and from the names bestowed on his children, that he was either the second son of William and Margaret Swinnerton of Betley (born Betley 1 March 1800) or the second son of William's younger brother, Joseph (of Chester) and Hannah his wife (born London 27 July 1802). The subsequent movements of Joseph and his family lend credence to the belief that he was of the Betley branch, which is noted for being one of the most footloose groups of a peripatetic family !

Joseph must have married young, to Elizabeth, although the record of their marriage has so far escaped detection. Their first children - twin sons, Joseph and William - were born in Stone, Staffs. on 14 October 1819 and baptised the following day, when Joseph was described as a wharfinger. Both twins survived, which was no mean achievement in the early 1800's!

Further children were baptised at Stone - John in 1821 (died at Stone in 1825 aged 4), Mary in 1824 and Samuel in 1826 - by which time Joseph had changed his occupation to a 'writing clerk'. By 1829 the family were in Newton, near Middlewich in Cheshire, where a son Jesse was baptised in December - it is the use of this Christian name, first used in 1803 by William and Margaret of Betley for their third son and subsequently used in the family of William's younger brother Joseph which points most strongly to a Betley connection. In December 1831 twins were again born to Joseph and Elizabeth, with Henry being baptised on 17 and Thomas on 18 December, but this time they did not survive and both were buried at Middlewich on 1 January 1832. A further son, Benjamin, was baptised in 1833 but died in 1840 aged 7. Between 1829 and 1833 Joseph's occupation changed from Wharfinger, via Lock Keeper, to Check-Clerk.

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In June 1841, when the census was taken, the family were living in Booth Lane, Newton. Joseph was described as a Clerk aged 41, Elizabeth was aged 46, and the children were listed as William aged 21, chair m(aker); Mary aged 17; Samuel aged 14, tailor's apprentice; Jesse aged 11 and Joseph aged 21, boatman. Only Jesse was born in Cheshire. The fact that Joseph who was in fact the eldest child, is listed after the rest of the family implies that he had already 'left home' and was visiting on the night of the census.

Some time between 1841 and 1847, the family left Cheshire and moved into the Manchester area of Lancashire. On April 1 1847 Mary, the only daughter, married William Hughes, a Dresser, at Manchester Cathedral. Her address was given as Ardwick (a district of Manchester) and her father as Joseph Swinnerton, porter. Samuel married Ruth late in 1847; William married Ann Griffiths at Eccles Parish Church on 29 May 1848 (he being a chair-maker and his father described as a labourer); Jesse married Elizabeth late in 1848. The eldest son Joseph, whose whereabouts after 1841 are unknown until he appears in Liverpool early in 1852, must have been married around this time, possibly in 1848 in London (Marylebone) and possibly with a son Samuel Thomas born in Manchester in 1849 and buried from Joseph's address in Liverpool in 1854 aged 5. However, Elizabeth, Joseph's wife, did not live to enjoy her numerous grandchildren. On 3 April 1850, aged 53, she died of pneumonia at 24 Wilburn Street, Salford. Joseph registered her death, describing himself as a 'clerk at Railway', and thereafter disappears without a trace !

When the census was taken on 30 March - a year after Elizabeth's death - Jesse and Elizabeth were living at 16 Wilburn Street, Salford, with a son James, and brother William and his wife, Ann, were lodging with them. Samuel was presumably also living somewhere in the Salford area as his daughter Martha was born there late in 1848 and his son Samuel in 1853 - both registered as Swinnington - but the 1851 census for

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much of Salford has unfortunately not survived. In the 1861 census he was at 4 Bowling Green, Salford, a labourer in a foundry. Son Joseph was either in Liverpool or on his way there but of father Joseph there is no sign.

William's first wife died late in 1853 and on 15 July 1855 he re-married in Manchester Cathedral to Catherine Higginson who came from Over in Cheshire. He described his father as Joseph Swinnerton, shipping clerk, and did not say that he was deceased (which means very little as early certificates frequently did not include this information even if the father was deceased). By 1861 he was living in Sandbach, Cheshire, with his wife and two small sons, Ralph aged 2 (another popular name with the Betley branch but not common in other branches) and Thomas aged 1. Lodging with him was John Chubb, also a chairmaker, a widower aged 66 born at Newbury in Berkshire. It may be mere coincidence, but the wife of William's twin brother Joseph was born at Curridge in Berkshire, 3 miles from Newbury. William's son Ralph married in Blackburn in 1875 and William himself died there early in 1883 aged 61.

Samuel appears to have remained in the Salford area but his family did not prosper! His wife died there early in 1864, his eldest son Samuel died in 1873 aged 20, his youngest son Frank (Francis) died in 1874 aged 17, Samuel himself died in 1875 aged 47 and his middle son Joseph died in 1883 aged 28. A Martha Swinerton married in Salford in 1877 and this may well be Samuel's only daughter.

Jesse died in the Prescott area of Lancashire in 1888 aged 58 but no other information is to hand for him apart from the 1851 census entry.

Joseph, the eldest son of Joseph and Elizabeth, and his wife, Elizabeth, baptised 4 known children in Liverpool - Seba (or Selva) Jane in 1852, Stephen Joseph in 1854, Sabina Julia in 1855 (died 1856), and Selina J. in 1858 - and may, as mentioned previously,

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have baptised an elder son in Manchester. In 1861 they were living in Eldon Place, Liverpool, with Joseph describing himself as a Shipping Clerk aged 40 (at the baptisms of his children he was a Porter). He died on 3 March 1871 and was buried in Anfield Cemetery, described as Joseph Swinnerton, aged 51, Clerk of Luther Street, Everton.

None of the four brothers, sons of Joseph and Elizabeth of Stone, Middlewich and Salford, lived to a ripe old age - only William reached 60 - but their father appears to be immortal ! No trace of his death can be found in the indexes at St.Catherine's House and the most likely explanation appears to be that he emigrated after his wife's death, possibly to Australia or New Zealand whether other descendants of the Betley branch were to be found in the late 1850s. The lives of his children are fairly well documented but Joseph himself remains elusive - his marriage is still missing, his death cannot be found, and, without a definite place of birth, even his parents are not known.

Has anyone seen him anywhere ?

ANNALS OF LEICESTER, p.371, During the time of Henry V 1414 to 1422, John Nichols, Vol.1, part 2

John Bryn, Roger Leney, Robert Swynnerton, Thomas Marchall, and Henry Herdley, complain, that Robert Corbett and Richard Lacum, who in the last parliament had been returned knights of the shire for the county of Salop, had maliciously named the said petitioners to be collectors of the tenths and fifteenths granted in that parliament, and, in further prosecution of their malice, had by force of arms obstructed them in the execution of their duty, and violently assaulted and wounded them, and killed their horses, to the detriment of the king's revenue, and the dishonour of his crown and dignity. The answer to this petition appears in the large schedule annexed."

From Mrs.Constance Bullock

"ONE WATERS FAMILY" by Jeanne Waters Strong,
26969 Beaver Lane, Hills, Los Altos, Calif. Jan.1982.

p.23 Overseers of Will of Richard Waters include JOHN SWINERTON. A note says he was 'a prominent doctor'.##

p.24 gives the Will '... being ancient, d. July 16 1676. Proved Sep.28 1677 in Salem Court. "It. I entreat my Loving friends Mr. Edm.Batter, Mr.Hilliard Verine, Senr. and Christopher Babbidge & JOHN SWINERTON to be my overseers, to take care that this my Will be truly and faithfully performed. It. I appoint Joyce my sd.beloved wife to be my sole exec."

Wits: Hilliard Verine Sr. and JOHN SWINERTON.
Inventory of the estate of Richard Waters taken by JOHN SWINERTON and Hilliard Verine Sr. July 25 1677.
Richard Waters settled in Salem, Mass., in 1636.

This note is from "Salem in the 17th Century" 1933 at Stanford Library.

(ex Mrs.Muriel Reson who says "I don't know a Stanford in Mass. and wonder if this might be Stamford, Conn. but your American cousins can ascertain.)

WE ALL HAVE ANCESTORS

Many people imagine that a pedigree is the privilege of those having noble or illustrious ancestors. In fact, we all have thousands of ancestors and it is usually possible to discover the names of several dozen. When you start investigating your antecedents you never know what you may discover - the proverbial "skeleton in the cupboard", a link with a royal descent or a succession of yeomen or craftsmen. The search has all the charms of a detective enquiry - the discovery of a vital clue, the frustration of missing evidence and the thrill of finding the solution to a vexing problem. Have a go !

I read this somewhere and noted it down but did not record the source. However, I agree with every word and my thanks to the unknown author.

FROM OUR CHAIRMAN, J.W.SWINNERTON

I am just reading a book by Aileen Clayton called "The Enemy is Listening - the Story of the Y Service". On page 196 appears :

"It became an unwritten law for us (in Cairo) (She was a WAAF Officer) to telephone some of your girl friends. There was always some party or other at which (an officer on leave) would be most welcome. I remember there was one boy - 'Swinn' - who looked even younger than my kid brother but he was nevertheless a brave and competent flight commander. His greatest pleasure was to come round to my flat 'to have tea out of a china cup with a tray cloth on the tray, and feel civilised again!' He was an only child and when later, during the Sicilian battles, he was shot down, I received a letter of thanks from his elderly parents which reduced me to tears. Thanking me - for doing what ? Perhaps for just being around. I believe that it mattered."

The reference in the index is "Swinnerton - Flight Lieutenant W.)

Editor's Note: This is Walter William Swinnerton of the Betley family - for his full story see 'Swynnerton & the Swinnertons' by the Rev.Brian Swinnerton whose cousin he was.

From Mrs.Eileen Stage

"While reading the latest Transactions of the London & Middlesex Arch.Soc. I came across the following :

John Swynnerton, merchant of London mentioned in a law suit c.1582 as the result of landing at Bayona of damaged merchandise conveyed in the GOLDEN NOBLE owned by Olyff Burr.

The full reference is :

Bennell, J.E.G.

'A Businessman in Elizabethan Southwark: Olyff Burr', London & Middlesex Archaeological Society, Transactions, Vol.31, 1980, p.124.

The whole article is from page 121 to 127."

WHO'S WHO IN THE SWINNERTON SOCIETY (4)

Mrs. A. J. NIGHTINGALE

Mrs. Marjorie Sybil Nightingale (née SWINNERTON) is the daughter of Alfred John Swinnerton (1880-1961) and Sybil Kessey. Alfred's father, another Alfred John, was born in Broseley, Salop in 1856, the son of John Swinnerton and Eliza Round and it is believed that this John was a grandson of William Swinnerton of Adbaston.

Mrs. M. Papps

Mrs. Mary Papps (nee SWINNERTON) is the eldest daughter of George Frederick Swinnerton (1887-1953) and the elder sister of member Mrs. Barnes. A cousin to the Society's Secretary, she was very helpful in digging out old photographs and documents and generally encouraging him when he first started, following her father who was responsible for giving him the information which started it all off.

MISS E. D. SWINNERTON B.A.

ELLEN DOROTHY SWINNERTON is the daughter of Richard Swinnerton of Chester (1865-1950) and Lucy Stretton and sister to members Miss C.A. Swinnerton and Mr. W.S. Swinnerton. The Miss Swinnertons have been frequent contributors to our journal and were responsible for indexing the first 3 volumes. Now retired, Miss Swinnerton was formerly a Schoolteacher. (see SFH.Vol.1 No.7 p.26 Chester Branch).

NEWS

For some time we have been pursuing the matter of the signboard of the Swynnerton Arms Hotel. This is at Rough Close on the outskirts of Stoke on Trent and, as we were informed by the Rev. Brian Swinnerton some time ago, stands on the land that used to belong to Thomas Swinnerton of Butterson.

The signboard used to portray a lovely representation of the Swinnerton Coat of Arms but when it needed re-painting some years ago, it was replaced by a plain sign bearing the name only, presumably for economic reasons.

We have been trying to get the brewery to replace it for some time but were having difficulty in contacting the right people. However, with the help of Roy Swinnerton, we were at last able to do so. I received a very helpful reply and on supplying details of Thomas' arms as requested, have now received the following letter :-

From ANSELLS BURSLEM BREWERY CO. LTD.

"I thank you for your letter dated 24th January enclosing the coloured drawing of the Swinnerton coat of arms and confirm that we will incorporate this at the inn sign at the 'Swynnerton Arms', Rough Close, when it is next re-painted.

If there are any other items relating to the Society that you feel would fit into the inside decoration of the house, we would be happy to include those also.

I look forward to inviting you to the unveiling of the new sign in due course.

Yours sincerely,
for Ansell's Burslem Brewery Co. Ltd.

(signed) P.D. Harrison
Managing Director



FAMILY NOTES

We very sorry to hear of the death of our member JOHN WILLIAM SWINNERTON of Ellesmere Port on the 3rd July. Our sincere sympathy goes to Mrs. Swinnerton, also a member of the Society, and to their family.

We also send our sympathy to our members Mrs. Eunice King (nee Swinnerton), Douglas and Roy Swinnerton on the death of their mother on April 9th aged 88, and of their half-sister Doris Kimber (née Swinnerton) on the 23rd May. We also wish Mrs. King a good recovery as she has been suffering with eye-trouble, and congratulate Roy on another grandchild, a baby for Mark and Veronica but at the time of going to press we have not learned when, or the baby's name.

I am sorry to say we also have two other bereavements in the family and we send our sympathy to our member THOMAS HENRY (Harry) SWINNERTON on the death of his wife Vera, on the 6th June and to Mrs. Swinnerton and her family on the death of our member HARRY SWINNERTON in April.

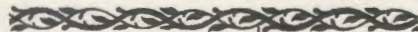
CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Mrs. G.M. Trubshaw to [REDACTED]

Mr. & Mrs. W.E. Swinnerton to [REDACTED]

Mrs. Diana Martin to [REDACTED]

Paul & Avis Swinnerton to [REDACTED]



O call back yesterday, bid time return.

(William Shakespeare - Richard II)

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