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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Even in this age of superb technology where computers, word-processors, calculators and telecommunications are the norm, we are still dependent on the human finger at the end of the day to operate them and, if this finger is used incorrectly, total confusion can occur!

So, in my editorial in the last issue of this Journal, my finger hit a 't' instead of a 'w' completely altering the meaning of a sentence!

What I typed was "...we do not have the majority of this branch in print" - what I should have said was "... we do NOW have the majority of this branch in print".

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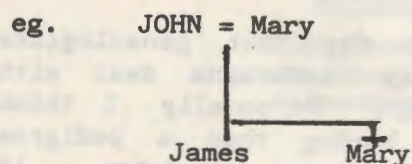
As a genealogist or family historian, I occasionally come up against the question of just who should be included on a family tree. You will notice that I say genealogist OR family historian as, in my opinion, there is very little difference - if any at all.

There are some purists who say that genealogists trace pedigrees whereas family historians deal with the history of a whole family. Personally, I think that there is nothing more boring than a pedigree which simply gives a list of names and dates - it is purely a mathematical exercise to see how far one can go back and often compiled for the wrong snobbish reasons. How much more interesting is the tree or history which tells you about the people in or on it, what they did for a living, what their religion, politics, hobbies and vices were. That is what we try and achieve. However, we also compile trees or pedigrees in the process so what is the difference?

People get confused about the word 'pedigree' and there is a common mistaken belief that you have to have the so-called 'Blue Blood' to have a pedigree. This is nonsense of course, Dr Horace Marshall, a very eminent genealogist, once defined a pedigree as "a descent of three generations in the male line". In other words, if you can write down the name of your grandfather and your father, you have a pedigree!

However, to return to my question of just who should be included on a family tree. The first problem arose when adoption became legal in 1927 (many people are still under the impression that they were adopted whereas before this date it was only fostering and not legal).

I have long held that if someone thought enough of a child to adopt it and give it their name then the child SHOULD be included because it bore the name and would, if it was a male, perpetuate it and there is a well-established convention for showing such an adoption on a tree if you wish by adding a small cross line to the appropriate line of descent.



On an adopted child's birth certificate, the names of the adoptive parents are given and not those of the natural parents although since 1976, it has been possible for persons over the age of 18 to apply to be given the names of their 'real' parents but this is only done after extensive counselling as a great deal of emotional stress could result

Now a new problem has arisen with the growing to maturity of the first batch of people conceived by artificial insemination. A great debate is going on in the letter columns of various learned journals, genealogical and others, as to whether these new adults should be allowed to know who their true genetic father was and whether other people, including family historians, should have access to this information.

Personally, I think the latter would be an unwarrantable intrusion into a family's privacy and I deplore the arrogance of some genealogists who maintain that they have a right to know.

It seems to me that it all depends whether you are tracing the NAME or the alleged BLOOD LINE. With the former, if you are a One-Name Society as we are, then you are interested in all who bear the name - they may not all be related (although most of us are).

If the latter - well I can only suggest these people give thought to the old French saying that 'only the mother knows the name of the Father'!

I have now been presented with a problem that I have not come across before as a genealogist. A marriage has broken up and a remarriage has taken place. The new husband has, very wisely, adopted the children of his wife's first marriage (if only, after my mother's death and father's later remarriage, my stepmother had adopted me it would have saved me a great deal of hassle and stress in later life) and, of course, they now therefore bear HIS name although their legally born name, and in this case blood, are the same as ours.

Interesting!

BURIALS AT QUEEN STREET BURIAL GROUND,
WALSALL

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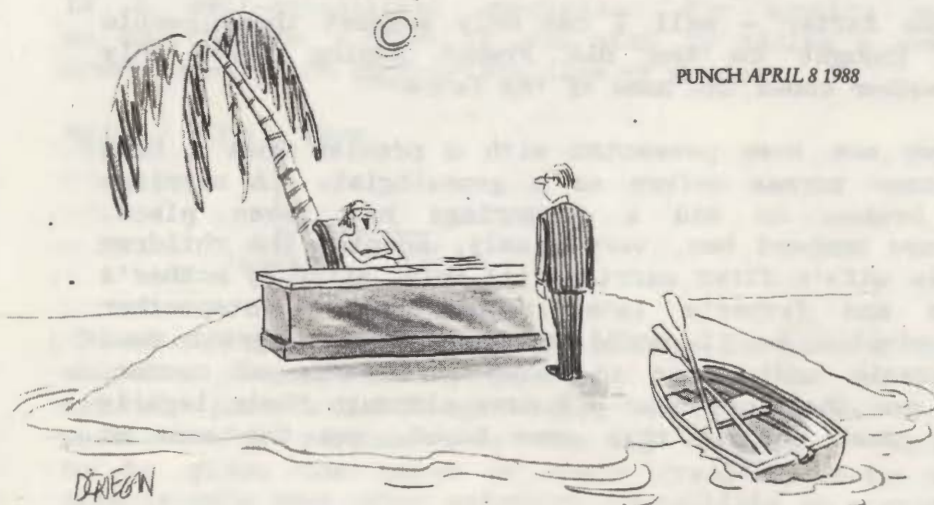
SWINNERTON Joseph 31 January 1861 aged 48
Sarah 6 February 1861 aged 58
Selina 14 April 1867 aged 2

(Queen Street Burial Ground was consecrated
on Monday, 6th July 1857 and opened for
burials on Wednesday, 22 July 1857.

These are the great-great-grandparents of
our Council Member Mrs Vicky Leighton but
the baby Selina is a new addition to the
tree.

(ex Mr Malcolm Cooper)

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"Well, now, Swinnerton, no doubt you're wondering why I sent for you."

Spotted by Matthew Swynnerton, the son of our Treasurer.

BOOKS BY SWINNERTON AUTHORS.

Over the years, I have tried to make a complete collection
of all books written by Swinnertons for our archives.
The bulk of the collection is, of course, the works
of our sometime Vice-President, the late FRANK SWINNERTON.
I published what I thought was a complete list of
his books in his obituary (Vol.5, No.4 of this journal)
but on checking my collection for this article the
other day, discovered that I had one which was not
listed! Here, then, is a revised list taken from
his last book - 'Arnold Bennett, A Last Word'.

Rosalind Passes · Nor All Thy Tears · On the Shady Side
The Bright Lights * Sanctuary · Death of a Highbrow *
The Woman from Sicily · A Tigress in Prothero
The Grace Divorce · Quadrille * The Summer Intrigue
A Month in Gordon Square · Master Jim Probity *
A Flower for Catherine · The Doctor's Wife Comes to Stay *
Faithful Company · English Maiden · A Woman in Sunshine *
Thankless Child * The Fortunate Lady * The Two Wives *
Harvest Comedy * Elizabeth * The Georgian House *
Sketch of a Sinner * A Brood of Ducklings · Summer Storm
The Elder Sister · Young Felix · The Three Lovers · Coquette
September · Shops and Houses * Nocturne * The Chaste Wife
On the Staircase · The Happy Family * The Casement
The Young Idea · The Merry Heart · Some Achieve Greatness

Reflections from a Village · Figures in the Foreground
Background With Chorus · Swinnerton: An Autobiography *
The Bookman's London * Londoner's Post · A Galaxy of Fathers
Authors and the Book Trade · The Georgian Literary Scene *
Tokefield Papers * A London Bookman
George Gissing: A Critical Study
R. L. Stevenson: A Critical Study
The Reviewing and Criticism of Books (J. M. Dent Memorial
Lecture) · The Cats and Rosemary: A Book for Children

An asterisk * AFTER the title denotes that I have a copy.

The type of copies I have varies enormously, from modern paperbacks (Quadrille and Death of a Highbrow) to a Hutchinson's 6d paperback (Nocturne). There is one in the Everyman Library series (No.943 The Georgian Literary Scene) and one in the Book Club series (The Fortunate Lady). The two nicest were found by my daughter Jo, they are the Hutchinson's Uniform Edition of small hardbacks, bound in blue and with his facsimile signature on the front in gold (Sketch of a Sinner and The Georgian House).

I also have a small collection of Professor Henry Hurd Swinnerton's books - Outlines of Palaeontology, The Earth Beneath Us, Fossils and The Geology of Lincolnshire (This one jointly with P.E.Kent).

Single books are 'The Ugandan Asians in Great Britain'- E.Nelson Swinerton jointly with William G.Knepper and Glynne Lacky and 'Rocky the Cat' by Arnold Reber Swinnerton.

Two booklets by The Reverend B.T.Swinerton also are in my collection - 'A History of St.Peter's, Norbury' and, of course, 'Swynnerton and the Swynnertons'

Finally there are my own three small books, 'A History of the Worcestershire Artillery 1864-1964', 'How to Organise a Family History Society' (published in America only) and 'Heraldry Can Be Fun'.

Please keep your eyes open when you are visiting Book Fairs, Jumble Sales, Second-hand Bookshops, Charity Shops etc and grab any that you do not see listed here!.

The latest addition to the list of Swinnerton authors is our PRO Joe Swinnerton. He has just produced 'THE BOER WAR DIARIES OF EDWARD ALBERT SWINNERTON' and they make fascinating reading.

It is, in fact, the Diary which his father kept during the time he served in the Imperial Yeomanry in the Boer War from February 1900 to June 1901 and which Joe inherited when his father died in 1940.

Joe has edited and typed them all up and added photographs and a history of the 50th Hampshire Squadron of the Imperial Yeomanry to make a most interesting book which he has distributed to his immediate family but which has also been bought by military historians and libraries.

Some copies are still available and if you would like one they can be obtained from Joe (J.E.Swinerton), 2 Greaves Avenue, Walsall, West Midlands WS5 3QE for £2.25 postage paid.

The BOER WAR DIARY

of

Edward Albert
Swinnerton



50TH (HAMPSHIRE) SQUADRON,
IMPERIAL YEOMANRY.
Hants (Carabiniers) Yeomanry Cavalry.

MISCELLANEOUS

Swinnerton, Thos. (alias Roberts) D/DU 271

Deeds of small pieces of land etc. (many copyhold) in Thorpe-le-Soken, Kirby-le-Soken, Walton-le-Soken and Frinton 1440-1805. Presented by Dr E.A. Wood, Flat 3, Strathmore, Filsham Road, St.Leonards on Sea. February and July 1954.

(ex J.L.Rayment)

D/DU 271/27

Full Typescript Calendar compiled by Dr Wood.

Samuel Swinnerton of Colnbrook. Victualler, bro.in law of Henry Whyate of Kennington Road, parish of St. Mary's, Newington is mentioned in Will of Henry Whyate, 31 August, 1807. Henry Whyate went to S.Africa.

(ex. Eunice Wilson)

SWINNERTON - Charles, s. of Charles Swinnerton of Douglas, I.O.M. Gent. Non. Colt. Matric. 3 November 1870, aged 26.

Anglo-Indian Families

Brigid Bullock

Col. Richard Fisher Angelo. b.3 September 1853; baptised Calcutta; died Missorie 21 February 1919. M? - Oldfield? had among others - Louisa Oldfield Angelo, b.1869; m. at Simla, 1 December 1892 to Frederick Swynnerton. Artist, Son of Charles.

List of Solicitors & Attorneys

S.of G. Library

John Swinnerton of Furnivals Inn, London. Gent. admitted 26 November 1729.

History of Standish Lemes

T.C. Porteus 1927

Robert de Swynnerton witness to grant by Alina de Darlaston, Staffs.

Earl of Kilmoreys Mss. 10th report. Historical Mss. Commissioned.

PEOPLE OF THE POTTERIES

(ex F.C.Markwell)

(Edited by Denis Stuart, Keele University Adult Education Dept.1985)

SWINNERTON Francis. (1844/5-1920) Baker, confectioner and caterer, Hanley.

Frank Swinnerton was born about 1844 at Shebdon, High Offley. By 1871 he was in business as a baker and confectioner in Shelton, and by 1881 he was listed at Snow Hill Building, Hanley.

By his wife Emily Honor he had at least five children. He lived at 16 Bryan Street, Shelton in 1871 and at 'The Beeches', Barlaston Old Road, Trentham where he died on June 11, 1920.

Sources: Census of 1871 & 1881, memorial inscription in Hanley Cemetery.

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What a pity Mr Stuart did not contact us or Frank's family - we could have certainly cleared up the uncertain 'about'.

His great-grandsons, Francis Arthur and Henry John (who still runs the catering business) are familiar figures in the Society and his great-great-granddaughters, Mrs Jerrett and Mrs Wade, are also members of our Society.

Last year John and his wife Joan very kindly presented us with a print of A.Forster's painting 'City Final'. This takes its name from the newspaper-seller standing in the centre of the picture selling the 'late night final' and the interesting thing for us is that he is in the middle of Hanley and there, on the left, is Swinnerton's cafe! The scene can be dated from the newspaper hoarding which says 'Titanic sinks'

I hope that one day one of them (they have been promising for a very long time !) will write a history of the firm for us for the archives as we have for the Potters, Forgers and Demolishers!

(1)Margaret Sheldon = GEORGE SWINNERTON = (2)Eleanor Edwards
 bp.15Jan1786 nee
 Adbaston 30Dec1830
 bur.15Apr1826 bur.30Jul1846 High Offley
 Adbaston Adbaston bur.29Oct1854
 b. c.1782 (GS.2) Adbaston
 Blacksmith

PART OF SWINNERTON OF ADBASTON

Table 2

The family of FRANCIS SWINNERTON the Caterer

FRANCIS SWINNERTON = Jane Timmis
 bp.29Nov1809 13Aug1832
 Edgmond High Offley
 bur.18Dec1867 b. c. 1813 High Offley
 Adbaston bur.20Feb1881 bur.11Jun1871
 (FS.1) Adbaston (GS.81)
 Blacksmith

GEORGE SWINNERTON = Sarah Rowley
 18Apr1842 18Apr1842
 Stoke on Trent
 High Offley
 d. (JS.296)

JOHN SWINNERTON = ANN(AS.86)
 bp.14Jun1812 bp.14Jun1812
 Adbaston Adbaston
 Samuel Timmis
 28Dec1830 Stephen Talbot
 High Offley 8Jun1835
 Swynnerton RC.

MARGARET(MS.142)
 bp.15Feb1815
 Cheswardine
 (bp.RC.180Oct1833)

MARY(MS.168) SARAH(SS.116)
 MARIA bp.21Feb1825
 bp.30Oct1819 High Offley
 High Offley
 William Dodd
 7Feb1844
 Adbaston

EDWIN SWINNERTON = Mary Elizabeth
 b.9Oct1834 Firmstone
 d.12Dec1863 19Feb1861
 Adbaston Liverpool
 (CS.82)

FRANCIS SWINNERTON = Emily Honor
 b.7Apr1845 Jenkins
 d.11Jun1920 24Jan1869
 London Newport
 (FS.27) Caterer

GEORGE SWINNERTON = BETSEY(8S.15)
 b. 1846 b.17Mar1850
 Adbaston d.22Oct1859
 Adbaston

ELIZA(ES.150)
 b. 1853
 PRISCILLA(PS.27)
 b. 1856

(1) = FREDERICK SWINNERTON = Jane Ellams
 Coldwell b.2Jul1843 7Aug1870
 High Offley Liverpool
 d.12Oct1905
 Liverpool (FS.42)
 Engineer

MARY(MS.174)
 bp.6Sep1846(b.1845)
 Liverpool
 d. SARAH ANN(SS.127)
 b. 1854
 Liverpool (WS.103)

WILLIAM SWINNERTON = JOSEPH SWINNERTON = Sarah Ann
 bp.30Mar1851 b. 1853 18Apr1876
 Liverpool Adbaston
 d. (JS.609)

EMILY(ES.360) FRANCIS = Mabel
 b. 1871 b.19Aug1875
 S.O.T. Corbin
 d.10Jun1929 29Aug1898
 (Rev)Robert S.O.T. Eglysthos John Mayer
 Greenshields (FS.26) b.25Jun1876 1901
 1893 Caterer d.17Jan1929 S.O.T.

ELIZABETH(ES.361) GEORGE = Jeannie HENRY = Lucy
 b. 1878 b. 1880 Isabel SWINNERTON
 S.O.T. 1900 b. 1883 1910
 d.28Jan1930 d.21Mar1953 d. 1955
 Modbury, Devon Radcliffe S.O.T.
 (GS.156) On Trent (MS.187)
 Chemist b.27Jun1930 d.s.p.
 Liverpool

THOMAS SWINNERTON = FREDERICK GEORGE SWINNERTON = FREDERICK SWINNERTON = JOSEPH ELLAMS = WILLIAM SWINNERTON = Violet GEORGE SWINNERTON = Betty LOUISA
 b.7Nov1871 bp.23Mar1873 b.12Sep1881 b. 1877 b. 1880
 Liverpool d.inf.1873 Liverpool Liverpool d.30Nov1906
 (TS.116) (FS.54) (FS.41) Plumstead (JS.313) (GS.92)
 JANE(JS.312) ESTHER(ES.364) Builder
 ELLAMS SARAH
 b.15Mar1883 b.3Mar1891
 Liverpool Liverpool
 d.31Oct1960 d.28May1980
 Birkenhead Wallasey
 unkn. unkn.

FRANCIS CORBIN = Muriel Irene
 b.29Mar1901 Moss
 S.O.T. 8Sep1923
 d.24Jan1953 b.
 S.O.T. d.5Jan1960
 (FS.25) S.O.T.

MABEL(MS.101) = John Rodney
 FLORENCE Booth
 b.8Jan1904 90Oct1927
 S.O.T. Bombay
 d. 1969

JEANNIE(JS.605)
 ISABEL b. 1908
 S.O.T.

FRANCIS ARTHUR = Helen Patricia
 b.16Apr1925 Stanier Rowley
 S.O.T. 22Apr1948
 (FS.28) Nantwich

HENRY JOHN = Jean Clare
 b.11Dec1934 Ingle
 S.O.T. 17Jul1958
 (MS.46) Sheffield

BRENDA MURIEL(8S.45)
 b. 1930
 d. 1930
 S.O.T.

MARETTA LOUISE(MS.100) ANNABEL MURIEL(AS.61)
 b.10Apr1949 Cheadle b.11Apr1952 Cheadle
 Charles Arthur Jerrett Jeremy George Wade
 27Apr1974 Barlaston 2Feb1979 Mucclstone

FRANCIS JOHN
 b.15June1962
 S.O.T.
 d.10Oct1985
 Eccleshall

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OCTOBER 8th

Wind wrong way again. Getting warmer

7th

etc.

etc.

8th

Head wind, one of the young girls fell with a pitcher of hot water, scalding her considerably.

9th

Head wind. Heavy rain about 3 P.M. The wind becoming more favorable.

10th

A strong fair wind and a cross sea.

11th

Head wind (I'm very near tired of writing 'head wind'). A beautiful morning. A heavy squall struck the ship about 6 P.M. making her lie over considerably.

12th

A good 10 knot breeze this morning in the right direction.

13th

A dead calm until about 5 P.M. It is getting very warm. We would have got to our destination before this but for head winds that prevented us getting through Bass' straits.

14th

Sunday. Turning in a line with the Australian Coast. Expected to see land today.

15th

A light breeze which fell off to a calm 'til about noon. About 4 o'clock

LAND HO! from the mast head. What excitement. Some that scarcely left their cabins all the passage are hustling and tumbling up stairs as if they had taken a new lease of their lives. The Bulwarks and rigging is crowded. It's a glorious sight. Appears to be a mountainous country. Long ridges of mountains covered with evergreens. About five miles away at evening, large fires burning here and there. I suppose Indian encampments. We expect to get to Moreton Bay tomorrow if all's well.

OCTOBER 16th, 1860

Splendid day. Sighted Moreton Bay lighthouse signalled for a pilot. Who arrived at 1 o'clock P.M. The Boat was named by the pilot, 3 Englishmen and two New Zealanders. Pilot came aboard and boat left and welcome he is. If I was ever glad to see a man, it is him and so was the Captain. He has not been well for some time. We came to anchor at 5:30 P.M. What beautiful music the rattle of that chain was.

17th

Gloomy day. Yet on board. The commissioners and Doctor came on board to know if there was any grievances and to see that there was no sickness. The bay seems to be alive with sharks. We caught a monster today.

18th

Still on board. We are to land tomorrow. Every person up to their shoulders in their trunks. Gala day tomorrow. A number of the sailors stole one of the boats and left last night for parts unknown.

19th

Landed In Brisbane 102 days from Plymouth.

The city of Brisbane lies 22 miles from the anchorage, on the River Brisbane. We buried the second mate, a great many of the passengers attending. The Brisbane River is very winding consequently every little distance the scenery varies. The weather was very warm. As soon as we landed a great many people came down to see if there was any person they knew or any person from the same portion of the old country that they were from.

The first night after landing I was awakened by a frightful itching about my face, hands and feet. I soon found that I had not taken the precaution to let down my mosquito curtains, and they had taken advantage of the omission and were doing their best to devour the "new chum". The only comfort I could get was to go out and pump water on my feet, etc. and so cool them a little. Next morning I found many of my

fellow passengers had fared even worse than I. Two or three ladies especially had their faces so swollen that I could not distinguish a single feature, swollen so that they were blind. Washing frequently in salt and water soon allayed the pain but the marks we carried for some time. They don't trouble a person after they have been in the country some time, but the full-conditioned old countryman's "new chum" arrival is a feast day for Messrs. Mosquito.

The town at the time of my arrival was comparatively speaking new. In fact the stumps of trees were still standing in most of the principal streets. The town was confined to a piece of land formed by a bend in the river. About half a mile from there was a place called Fortitude Valley. There was but one stone yard in the place kept by Mr. Petrie, one of the earliest settlers. The most notable buildings were the court house and jail in Queen Street and a windmill on a hill that took its name from it, viz Windmill Hill. The convicts at one time made use of it to grind their corn, etc. It is now an observatory. There was also on the South side of the river a few buildings which were called South Brisbane. The city, but more especially, the people I liked well. Hospitable, independent, free and jovial. A few days after landing I was waited on by a gentleman named Mr. M. Burton. A Yorkshire man who informed me that he was married to a Manx lady and requested me to call and visit, which I did. I found them both sterling people. Mrs. Burton is a niece of Captain Gill, now deceased, but in whose time was known by almost every Manx person on the island. The Burtons were comfortably off, owning several lots and houses which they had accumulated by dint of hard work and perseverance. Some of the most pleasant remembrances of my sojourn in Australia are in connection with the Burton family.

I remained in Brisbane until December 4th making Burton's my home for the most part. I also made several other acquaintances. I failed to obtain employment owing in a great measure to an antagonism that existed between Mr. Burton and Mr. Hale, stone cutter's foreman. Mr. Burton having unknown to me, interested himself in my favour. The Government House at the time was building and I know that they could have given me employment if they had so desired. There was also a jealousy existing among the stone cutters that were there. (And they were few.) They were against New Chum stonecutters. They seemed to be afraid of others getting work. I know that to be so, for on several occasions they represented plenty of work in New South Wales, when they knew there was none, and even went so far as to say if I applied to the Society they would assist me to leave the colony. However not requiring any assistance I declined the offer and in my anger at their apparent desire to rid the colony of my presence told them that when I felt inclined I would leave, but that they would probably see me again soon.

The ship Montmorency being on the birth for New Castle, New South Wales to receive another Captain, Captain Bridges having died in Brisbane of a disease contracted during a voyage among the Guano Islands, I shipped as ordinary seaman on her. After a very fine passage of three days we arrived at New Castle, although the Chief Mate who had charge of her was very near making an end to the Montmorency's sea trips.

It was blowing fresh when we sighted the lighthouse, we signalled for a pilot who did not come out until we were entering the harbor. A rope was thrown to him, but owing to the speed we were going, he was unable to get on deck. I remember the second mate telling the officer in charge that the pilot was towing astern. He answered, "Damn the Pilot, he's not Captain till he is on board!" It is necessary to keep the channel which is narrow and turns very short round to the right to get to the anchorage. Owing to numerous oyster beds we struck three times, making the ship quiver but the speed brought us over alright.

New Castle is a small, sandy place and is built on the side of a hill, and is to New South Wales what Newcastle on Tyne is to England...A great coal place.

I remained there 'til December 19th when I took steamer arriving in Sydney on the 20th. It being dark when I entered Sydney heads I am unable to give any idea about it.

I was accompanied by a man that acted as steward from Brisbane to New Castle and as he had been in Sydney several times previously, he said he knew a good boarding house. I accompanied him. The persons keeping it were queer ones. The landlord was a Jew. A small insignificant being and by occupation a peddler of fish. His wife was a great big Irish woman of nearly 250 pounds weight, I should judge, and both remarkable fond of whiskey and when under the influence of it were very subject to fighting. She was always getting the better of him. I very soon left there.

DECEMBER 25th, 1860

Christmas Day. Beautiful day although I can't say I enjoyed myself being a total stranger in the city. Certainly I could ramble round and see others enjoying themselves and under the circumstances I enjoyed myself in proportion.

Boxing Day. The weather beautiful and very warm. Sports of all kinds in abundance. Regattas, picnics, excursions, putting me in mind of the glorious times I used to have on regatta days and Easter Mondays.

MORE SWINNERTON MEMORIALS

Our Chairman, Colonel Jeremy Swynnerton, visited the Menin Gate in Ypres last year as part of a tour of the World War I Battlefields.

In the Register, although he could not find them on the walls, he found the following names:-

SWINNERTON Private Frederick William 33763
13th Battalion Cheshire Regiment
7 June 1917
Age 19

Son of Joseph & Mary Swinnerton
Falcon's Nest Hotel
Port Erin, Isle of Man

Native of Crossley, Isle of Man

* * *

SWINNERTON Private H. 6220
1st Battalion
King's Shropshire Light Infantry
9 August 1915

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At Thiepval Memorial, he says, the last few pages of 'S's & the first few of 'T's are missing but he did find on Tablet 16B on the walls under 'Rifle Brigade'

P.W.SWINNERTON Rifleman

As he says, the names agree with those on our memorial in Swynnerton Church but the Regiments do not. There was so much movement of personnel in WW1 because of the very high casualties that the above were probably the ones that they were serving with when they were killed whereas we have their parent regiments.

TIMES INDEX

1794 1 February, Page 4, Column b
Birth. Mrs Swinnerton of twin daus.

1814 21 October. 2a.
Police. Swinnerton & Ward for stealing.

December 1851 ASSIZES AND SESSIONS VOL. I

Wm. Swinnerton. Larceny. 2 months.

W.R. Yks.

MORE ARTEFACTS.

The letter from Sotheby's in our last issue was the result of my having written to them in August last year and they now have us on file as being interested in any Swinnerton memorabilia!

In 1986, The Reverend Brian Swinnerton wrote to me to tell me that he had just heard that Sotheby's were selling a beautiful snuffbox with an inscription on it referring to Thomas Swinnerton and some Armorial Bearings.

I therefore wrote to Sotheby's asking if they still had a copy of the catalogue of the sale or, if not, if they could supply a photocopy of the item in question.

I received a most helpful reply and a brand new copy of the original sale catalogue giving all the details and a photograph of the box in question.

A Swiss Four-colour Gold Snuff Box, circa 1770, oval, the lid, sides and base finely reeded within coloured gold foliate interlacing, the side panels divided by clusters of roses, shell thumbpiece, the centre of the lid engraved with later crests and the interior of the lid with a later presentation inscription below a coat of arms, 8.5cm. (3¼in.) wide, marks rubbed, the rim struck:2857.

The arms and crests are those of Kemeys-Tynte with Swinnerton in pretence for Charles John Kemeys-Tynte (1800-1882).

The inscription reads: *In memory of Elizabeth Kemeys Tynte/Daughter of Thomas Swinnerton Esqr. and Wife of/Chas. John Kemeys Tynte Esqr./by whom this was presented to his Esteemed Friend/George Leche Baker Esqr./10th May 1839'.*

Charles John Kemeys-Tynte, Esq., of Halswell, Somerset and Cefn Mably, Glamorgan was born in 1800. He acted as Colonel of the Royal Glamorgan Light Infantry Militia and M.P. for West Somerset 1832-1837 and for Bridgwater 1847-1865. In 1821 he was married for the first time to Elizabeth, daughter and co-heir (with her sisters Lady Pilkington and Mrs. Bagot) of Thomas Swinnerton, Esq., of Butterson Hall, co. Stafford. She died in 1838 and her widower married again in 1841 to Vincentia, daughter of Wallop Brabazon.

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