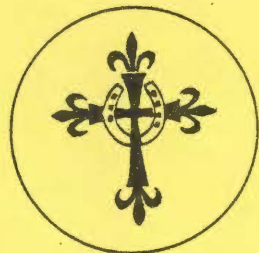


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FROM THE EDITOR

Bookings for the Gathering this year are lower than we have ever known, only about half the number we normally get. I wonder why? Is it that, after 18 years, they are now old hat? Or is it this dreadful recession which is making the cost prohibitive? Whatever it is, it is a great pity because it is our one chance in three years to meet the rest of our extended family and return to our roots.

It is even more of a pity this year when the people of the Parish of St. Mary, Swynnerton have gone to so much trouble to make us welcome. They are providing us with our welcoming drinks, have invited us to their Summer Fair and have arranged a special concert on "our" organ in the evening.

It is not too late to change your mind. You do not have to take the lunch, we are quite happy for you to bring your own picnic - some already are. We would welcome your support - do try and come.

Several people who are away on holiday or have other commitments and so cannot be there have sent donations for the new door for the church for which we are most grateful. We will publish a list of donors in due course as we have done before.

The programme for the Sunday has had to be changed slightly. The Reverend Brian Swynnerton has to take a service in the morning so the tour will now start at 1.00pm not 10.00am and it is suggested you bring a flask with you as there is a lot of ground to cover. Other details remain the same - meet at Swynnerton Church. If the present lovely weather we are having holds it should be a most enjoyable tour.

I have just returned from a two-week trip to Florida where I was lecturing at the International Family History Congress and elsewhere. Two hectic weeks as these tours always are but this time I did not meet any Swinnertons, they all seem to be over in the West. An unexpected bonus was a quite fortuitous view of the space shuttle 'Endeavour' blasting off just 6 miles away from the restaurant where I was having dinner. A marvellous sight and one has to marvel at the technology involved.

I wonder what our ancestors would have thought of it?

PROGRESS IN RESEARCH

I have been concentrating lately on trying to advance (or should that be put back?) several small Trees of branches of the family which do not as yet tie into the main family structure. I have had some small successes and have managed to add a generation to three of them and when the next batch of certificates I have ordered arrives, I should be able to take them back further still.

I am able to order these because we now have money in the research fund again thanks to your donations.

One or two of these trees are illustrated later in this journal, if any of you spot anyone you know or can add any more information to them, please do write and let me know.

Progress on the main branches of the family has more or less stood still for some time as these have been thoroughly researched. However, I often receive snippets of information from kind fellow genealogists when they spot our name in census records, parish registers and other records. Such is the extent of our records that often I already have the record but I never mind receiving a confirmation. Most of the new acquisitions are entries from the 1881 Census which is now being transcribed in its entirety by members of Family History Societies throughout the country.

Of course, I rely on you also to send me anything you come across and, in particular, to keep me up-to-date with the developments in your own families. Do keep your eye on your local newspapers and save any Swinnerton entries for me.

Production of the Master Trees has had to be temporarily suspended as we have reached the portion where the new Australian family I mentioned in the September 1991 Journal is involved and, if the information I have been given is correct, it will mean an extensive reshape of that particular section of the tree. The information is being checked out in the Australian records now and I hope to have the answers in time to resume the issuing in the September Journal.

If any member of the family has the good fortune to visit Lichfield Cathedral there are two interesting links with Swynnerton St. Mary's.

Outside, a visitor always gazes in wonder at the West Front with its vast array of statues. That front was terribly damaged in the Civil War and is all restoration work which has gone on ever since. However, the magnificent figure of Our Lord, which we can study in the South Chapel at Swynnerton Church, held central position on that front in the 13th Century. At the time of the Reformation, the Bishop of Lichfield who was also the Rector of Swynnerton (the richest parish in his diocese along with Eccleshall where he lived), had it moved to Swynnerton and buried under the chapel floor to save it from the vandal reformers. Later, the relics of St. Chad of Lichfield were also kept at Swynnerton before eventually coming to rest at the Roman Catholic Cathedral in Birmingham.

Inside, in the South Choir Aisle, is the magnificent monument of *The Sleeping Children* by Chantrey which is the most popular monument in the cathedral. It was carved in 1814 and experts say it is his most inspiring work created when was only 34 years of age. Sir Francis Chantrey travelled back to the cathedral every year for the rest of his life to look again on those lovely sisters who died tragically in a fire in 1812. They were the daughters of Prebendary Robinson whose family lived at Swynnerton Rectory almost continuously from 1742 until 1812. Four of them were incumbents and, in another tragedy, two members of the family were drowned in the village pool by Rectory Lodge. It is also interesting to note that the family were still renting Pew No.23 in St. Mary's as late as 1844.

These Robinsons claimed a number of links with the Swynnerton Family and Joseph Swynnerton, the sculptor of the Isle of Man and a great admirer of Chantrey, married Annie Robinson whose father was related to the Robinsons of Swynnerton.



The Sleeping Children
by
Sir Francis Chantrey

Lichfield Cathedral

Source: Manuscript: British Museum Cotton Cleopatra d vi
Title: *John de Macclesfeld Cartulary*

20 February 7 Henry IV 1405/6

ff.105v-106r

Sciante p'sentes & futuri qd Ego Ricardus Organ filius Joh'is Organ nup Ciuis & Merceri London' dimisi feoffaui et hac p'senti carta mea confirmaui D'no Thome Longley Decano eccl'ie Eboracen' d'nis Joh'i de Stanley Hugoni Holes Militib' Joh'i Cokayn Nich'o Bradeschawe Rog'o Horton' Joh'i Macclesfeld' R'cori eccl'ie poch'is de Denham. Joh'i Sauuage de London' cl'ico Galfrido Masey Ric'o Fyton' Joh'i Budulph' Ric'o Frysingfeld' et Joh'i Lamborne Ciui & cellario ciuitat' p'd'ce om'ia illa terras et ten'ta mea vocat' Dagenhames & Cokerell' cum om'ib' et sing'lis suis ptin' et co'moditatib' quibuscumq' in villa de Haueryng atte Boure in Com' Essex aceciam om'ia illa terras et ten'ta mea vocata le Netherhall' cu' om'ib' suis ptin' in villis de Reyndon' et Nasyng in Com' p'd'co que quidem t'ras et ten'ta p'd'ca cum om'ib' et singulis suis ptin' ego p'd'cus Ric'us Organ +nup [erased: h'uim'] h'ui ex dimissione & feoffamento Simonis Bernewell' et Thome Prudaunce Ciuii' & Mercer' ciuitat' p'd'ce H'end' & tenend' om'ia p'd'ca t'ras & ten'ta cu' om'ib' et sing'lis suis ptin' & co'moditatib' quibuscu'q' p'fat' d'no Thome Longley Joh'i de Stanley Hugoni Militib' Joh'i Cokayn Nich'o Bradeschawe Rog'o Joh'i Macclesfeld' Joh'i Sauuage Galfr'o Ric'o Fyton' Joh'i Budulph' Ric'o Frysingfeld' et Joh'i Lamborne heredib' & assign' suis de d'nis Capit'lib' feodor illor p s'uicia inde debit' et de iur' consuet' imp'p'm In cuius rei testi'om Huic p'senti carte mee sigillum meum apposui Hijs testib' Ric'o Hammes Hankyn atte Welle Rog'o Swynn'ton' Saman Thressher Joh'e Vp Hau'ng Joh'e Wymbussh' et mult' alijs Dat' apud Haueryng atte Boure die Sabb'ti vicesimo die Februarij anno r' Henr' quarti post conquestum septimo

[Translation:

Know all men present and future that I Richard Organ son of John Organ late citizen and mercer of London, have demised enfeoffed and by this my present deed confirmed to lord Thomas Longley, Dean of York, to lords John de Stanley, Hugh Holes, knights, to John Cokayn, Nicholas Bradeschawe, Roger Horton, John Macclesfeld rector of the parish church of Denham, John Sauvage of London clerk,

Geoffrey Masey, Richard Fyton, John Budulph, Richard Frysingfeld and John Lamborne, citizen and cellarer of the city aforesaid, all those my lands and tenements called Dagenhames and Cokerell' with all and singular their appurtenances and commodities whatsoever in the township of Haueryng atte Boure in the county of Essex, together with all those my lands and holdings called the Netherhall' with all its appurtenances in the townships of Reyndon' and Nasyng in the county aforesaid, which lands and tenements aforesaid with all and singular their appurtenances I the said Richard Organ lately had by the demise and feoffment of Simon Barnewell and Thomas Prudaunce citizens and mercers of the city aforesaid: To have and to hold all the aforesaid lands and tenements with all and singular their appurtenances and commodities whatsoever to the said lord Thomas Longley, John de Stanley, Hugh, knights, John Cokayn, Nicholas Bradeschawe, Roger, John Macclesfeld, John Sauvage, Geoffrey, Richard Fyton, John Budulph, Richard Frysingfeld and John Lamborne their heirs and assigns from the chief lords of those fees by the services thence due and of right accustomed forever: In witness whereof I have affixed my seal to this present deed, these being witnesses: Richard Hammes Hankyn atte Welle, Roger Swynnerton, Saman Thressher, John Up Haveryng, John Wymbussh and many others. Given at Haveryng atte Boure Saturday 20 February 7 Henry IV.]

Source: Printed

Title: *Inquisitions and Assessments relating to Feudal Aids*
1284-1431

1346
vol. iv p. 444

NORTHAMPTON
EX HUNDREDO DE GILBURGH

De Thoma Swinardton cum Thoma Desssheley pro j. f. in CREAKE xl.s.

[Translation:
From Thomas Swinardton with Thomas Desssheley for one
fee in Creak 40s]

[but:] p. 35

NORTHAMPTON
HUNDREDUM DE GILSBURGH

De domino de Grey et Johanne Sarnden pro un. f. m. in CREEK, quondam
Thome Asteleye et Thome Wynardon Subs. vj. s. viij. d.

[Translation:
From Lord Grey and John Sarnden for one knight's fee in
Creek, once of Thomas Asteleye and Thomas Wynardon
[sic]. 6s 8d]

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Note the spelling of Thomas as firstly SWINARDTON, a variation
we have not come across before.

To make matters worse he is then referred to as WYNARDON
in the same printed book. Who would look under this for a
reference to Swinnerton!

Obviously, we must check the original documents to
see if the compiler of this book has misread the name.

501/16 The Complaint & Information of Jacob Moore one of the
constables of the Borough who saith that in consequence of having been
informed of the riotous & disorderly conduct of some soldiers who were
quartered in the town last night to the destruction of the Peace & the Order
of his Majesty's Liege Subjects he felt it to be his duty attended by James
Basset another of the constables to go & admonish them of the impropriety
& illegality of their conduct about ten o'clock that upon reaching the public
house known by the sign of the Red Lion by George Calvert in the
Parish of St.Alban who found that the soldiers in question whose names he
had ascertained to be John Wallis, James Warwick & John Warwick had in
their possession one Samuel Swinnerton & were using him in a very
violent & rough manner that upon the Complainant going to rescue Samuel
Swinnerton from out of the power of John Wallis, James Warwick & John
Warwick although apprised of the complainant being a Civil officer of the
Law instructed to repair peaceably to their quarters did most violently assault
& beat him with their clenched fists and sticks whereby the complainant
hath received great bodily injury & doth believe that had not some of the
inhabitants come to his aid his life would have been in great danger
wherefore the complainant prayeth that the Laws of the Land be enforced.

Endorsed with note of recognisances.

Recognisances 501/7, 8, 9 & 10.

Presentment of the jury 501/17 concerning John Wallis, James Warwick &
John Warwick unlawfully riotously & routously assembling together
assaulting a constable of the Parish. Endorsed 'A true Bill. Pleas, Not
Guilty. Verdict (against all three) Guilty'.

*The poor chap who was being held and assaulted, SAMUEL
SWINNERTON, was the great-great-grandfather of our
member Diana Cunningham. He has appeared in the pages
of this journal on many occasions as the owner of various
licensed premises in and around London but eventually
emigrated to America where he died in 1844.*

Hertfordshire Record Society, Vol.VII
1784 - 1820

SWINNERTON of SEDGLEY & COSELEY

GEORGE SWINNERTON = Sarah Woak or Wock

b. 20Apr1829
d. Walsall
Forgeman/Puddler
(GS.162)

JOSEPH SWINNERTON bp.4Apr1830 d. (JS.635)	MARY(MS.385) bp.28Dec1831 Coseley	GEORGE = Ann Austins SWINNERTON 4Nov1860 bp.21Jun1835 Sedgley Puddler	WILLIAM SWINNERTON bp.8Nov1835 Coseley (WS.302)	AMELIA (AS.295) bp.19Nov1837 Coseley (b.29Oct)	MARTHA(MS.383) bp.30May1831 Coseley	JOHN SWINNERTON bp.3May1846 Sedgley (b.24Mar1844) Shingler	= Emily Sarah Harvey 29Jan1866 Bilston
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SARAH (SS.254)
bp.31Mar1839
Coseley

EMMA(ES.355)
bp.3May1846
Coseley
d.17Nov1858
aged 12
Sedgley

JOHN SWINNERTON = Lucy Freeman b.1872 Wolverhampton d.1928 Wolverhampton aged 62 Puddler (JS.20)	MARTHA(MS.384) bp.16Nov1866 Bilston = Wehemiah Cox 21Dec1885 Bilston	CLARA(CS.168) b.c.1875 = Richard Powell 3Jan1897 Bilston
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FLORENCE (FS.110) b.1870 = Arthur Smith 1Nov1871 Bilston	WALTER SWINNERTON b.c.1879 = Martha Paul née Martin 21May1904 Bilston
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LOUISA(LS.58) b. 1899 Bilston = ? Freeman CLARA(CS.146) b. 1902 Dudley	JOHN (Jack) SWINNERTON b. 1904 Wolverhampton d.14Mar1938 (JS.506) Boxer for S.Staffs Regt.	JOSEPH SWINNERTON b. 1907 Wolverhampton (JS.507) Steeplejack (said to have married abroad)	WALTER = Dorothy May SWINNERTON b.15Sep1908 W.Bromwich d.27Dec1977 Dudley
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CHRISTINE DOROTHY 9CS.144) b.22Dec1931 Dudley = Leslie Woodhouse or Butler 15Sep1957 Wednesbury	(1)Patricia Ivy = Cope 19Nov1959 Rowley Regis	DEREK JOHN = SWINNERTON b.12Aug1935 Rowley Regis (DS.77)	(2)Francis Marion = Shilling 1970 West Bromwich	(3)Barbara Kathleen Evans (née Davies) 19Jul1978 Birmingham	NEVILLE E..... SWINNERTON b. 1937† d. 1939† Rowley Regis
DENISE ANN (DS.78) b. 1960 Rowley Regis	IAN DAVID SWINNERTON b.7Aug1965 Dudley (IS.25)				

From the Burton-on-Trent Daily Mail 1900.

LOCAL YEOMANRY AT BULAWAYO

Mr. J. Swinnerton of Ashley House, Caldwell has received the following letters from his sons, Ted and Harry Swinnerton of the Hants Yeomanry Cavalry, who are at the front under General Carrington. One which is dated September 4th and written from Bulawayo says:-

"We have had a glorious time marching, plenty of excitement, plenty of work, plenty of bully beef and nearly had ditto of biscuits but unfortunately ran short the last day or two. We had no sooner arrived here that we had orders to get off after De Wet (the Boer General) in 24 hours, but happily that has been altered to four days so we hope to have time to look round the town. There is no doubt it is a splendid place, although we were happy on the march sleeping in the open air and nothing to worry us as we were not much afraid of night attacks. You would not believe the joy experienced on reaching civilisation again. The town is lit up with electricity. We have had some trying times and sometimes we had only one bottle of water for 24 hours, but never mind, I've prayed for one of these thirsts to return if I ever live to see England again".

A CRUEL JOKE IN CAMP

"One night an alarm sounded as a big fire had broken out, or rather had been started, close to our camp and was approaching fast. We all had to stand to our horses with loaded arms with orders to saddle up and line up in order at once. There was a deuce of a stir, especially when some friendly natives came to warn us that the Boers had started the fire.

We had a big joke one night, one fellow, named Fox, saved his ration of flour until he had about a stone, when he bought some sultanas and raisins and together with a bit of bully beef fat, proceeded to make a roley polley pudding. Of course the news soon went round amongst his circle of friends and from that moment they all seemed to be more particularly friendly with him. All would have been well for the few, but some other evil minded men also got wind that Fox was boiling a plum-duff. He waited until Fox went to fetch some wood for the fire, a distance of at least a mile, and then substituted a dummy pudding tied in a similar looking handkerchief. He then bought the proper pudding to another fire and finished boiling it and we scoffed it. After about 12 hours of hard boiling word passed round that Fox's pudding was all ready for eating and a happy little party sat round on our saddles with mess tins at the ready and watering mouths. The closing scene, which beats all description and beats any play I ever witnessed, came about when Fox cut the string and pulled out a well boiled, dirty, ragged pair of old pants. I'll never forget the sight if I live to be 100. The question now is, "Who pinched Fox's plum-duff?".

ROUGHING IT.

"We are now camping in mud huts which are alive with creeping little insects which give great annoyance at night time. We have to take our horses nearly two miles for a drink and we have to carry ours from the same place, so we have had only one "cat lick" for five days; you should see us for cleanliness. Another bright interlude was marching all day without seeing a bit of wood for our fire and we had to camp at a spot used by the bullock wagons. We had to use for fuel any rubbish we could find including the bullock dung. Not a very nice thing to boil tea or bake bread with, but of course we are hardened to all that by now. If we get through all right and the war is over shortly I think I'll try six months in the mounted police, as they get 10s per day and all found. If we should be sent back home in the winter it would be awful after this heat".

The following letter sent by Ted Swinnerton dated July 17th 1900 says:- "We are leading a fair life, something between a soldier, policeman and a convict and playing a fine waiting game. We had to stop a lot of natives from uprising and had a tough job but eventually settled a few of them. The others gave in, but I believe it is only for a short time as they are massing everywhere. We have to keep a sharp look out at night as they can crawl through the long grass without being seen, and if we burn the grass they are just the same colour as the ground and it is no joke to sleep with arms on and every moment expecting about 20,000 black natives coming to give one a pill. If I had my way I would bayonet the lot of them".

THE TERMS OF YEOMANRY SETTLEMENT

"One of our officers had an interview with Mr Cecil Rhodes the other day about the prospects of our stopping out here after the war is over. He said that all the men of the Imperial Yeomanry would be given a grant of 3,000 acres and 50 head of cattle with £25 a year for five years given us. Half the produce of the cattle given to us would have to be returned to the Chartered Company, together with 10s per year as a kind of stamp duty. At the end of 5 years, if we wished, we could pay back the £25 per year (£125) which we received, the land would then become our own. Or, we may go on renting it at £5 per year as long as we like. Of course, that is all very good, but if you fancy coming out here I will willingly turn my 3,000 acres over to you. I remember someone saying that after the war South Africa would become overcrowded, but now I think it will take millions of people hundreds of years to do it. We went out shooting the other day and saw any amount of baboons, jackals and other large animals. The baboons were nearly six feet tall and they looked very happy jumping from tree to tree. We have a lot of New Zealanders and Australians with us, and decent fellows they are too".

FROM THE NEWSPAPERS

IN THE LAND OF THE FEVER FIEND

The following letters have been received from Ted and Harry Swinnerton, sons of Mr Joseph Swinnerton of Ashley House, Caldwell. They are both members of the Hampshire Imperial Yeomanry and are the only local men serving with General Sir Frederick Carrington. Harry Swinnerton writes:- "We disembarked in Portuguese territory, a fearful country which they call the white man's grave, and it is rightly named. More than three parts of our men have been down with fever, not leaving out myself. We have buried about 20, but none of our Company yet, although we don't know whether some we have will live or not. I was ill about a week, but would not go in the hospital until one night it got the master of me and I had to be carried in; but I kept my pecker up so I only stayed in a few days. It makes you so weak that you can't walk more than 20 yards at a time and even in the hospital we had nothing but bully beef and biscuits. It was sickening. One of our lieutenants met a gentleman the other day who said he would be pleased to have two young fellows for a day or two who were just recovering from fever to stay with him for a change, so one of our fellows who had been very ill was picked and I went with him to look after him".

IN CLOVER

"A carriage and pair of mules fetched us and when we arrived we were made most comfortable. We had everything we wanted. Fancy, a full course dinner after bully beef, but above all a night cap and a spring mattress. In the morning we went a walk and about 200 yards from the house I shot a buck.

I have an experience to tell you which occurred when we were travelling through the mountainous country round here. We were travelling all night and ran into a train that was standing stationary on the line, which at this point is about 60 feet above the level ground. Fortunately the train stayed on the line or there would have been a terrible smash. We stayed and repaired the damage and the first train moved on up the slope, which is like a spiral staircase and we started after it. The first train was about a mile in front of us, when, owing to the smash the night before, the coupling broke and four loaded trucks commenced to run backwards. They came at a rate of about 60 miles an hour and it looked like certain death to us. Happily, when the trucks were not four yards from our engine, a man put a rail across the line and threw the trucks, stores, niggers and all down a precipice of 100 feet or more".

LIVING SKELETONS

In his letter Ted Swinnerton says:- "About 40 of us went straight up to Umtali with the horses. Very lucky we were. We had 10 officer's horses and all the rest of our Company numbering about 1,000 or more, had to camp on the way at a place called Bamboo Creek, a place which is noted as being a fever district, and you never saw such havoc as it worked. Day after day truck loads of sick men arrived here, looking like skeletons. The first man out of our Company died this morning, another has died this afternoon. It is hard to see goodhearted, sturdy fellows going under after coming so far. Up to now we have buried 18 in five weeks. Yesterday we were inspected by General Carrington,

FROM THE NEWSPAPERS

and of course after the usual amount of "kid" about being a fine lot of fellows, he told us how sorry he was we had been so sick, and hoped to move on as quickly as possible. Glanders has broken out amongst the Hungarian remount horses of General Carrington's forces at Umtali, but it is not considered likely that this will seriously delay his movements".

Stop Press.

CARRINGTON BEATS THE BOERS.

Capetown, Tuesday July 21 1900

General Sir F. Carrington and his Rhodesian Field Force have had their first fight with the enemy. They attacked the Boer positions on Selous River yesterday, and after a sharp engagement carried it by assault.

Our losses were four Australian Bushmen killed and nineteen men wounded. The Boer losses were heavy.- Central News.

LOCAL MEN AFTER DE WET.

Mr Harry Swinnerton, son of Mr J. Swinnerton of Caldwell who is at the front with the Hampshire Yeomanry, writing home from Colesberg on March 4th 1901 says:- "We have been chasing De Wet (the Boer General), we have captured his guns, taken a lot of prisoners and pretty well smashed his army up but have still not captured him. He has escaped over the river into the Orange River Colony again. We did think we had him about a week ago. Plumer's force was on one side of him and the Kimberley Column, which is the one we are attached to, was on the other, and the Orange River was at his front. This was so high with the rains which we have had lately, that it was impossible for him to cross, but he managed to slip away passed our outposts during the night. The next morning both columns advanced, and as the enemy had cleared we took one another for the Boers and opened fire with the big guns. The mistake was soon discovered so there was not much damage done. One or two of the other columns managed to find him and are following him while we give our horses, not forgetting our men, a day or two rest. We hear there are a lot more mounted men coming from home, but I am afraid that they are not coming to relieve us. I don't know when they will send us home but if they keep us until the end of the war it won't be yet for a long time. We have plenty to do, always on guard or fighting, to which we have become quite used. We don't take much notice of bullets flying past us now, and as long as we don't stop one we don't mind".

Vote . . .



Ivan
Russell-Swinnerton
on
9th April, 1992

WHO IS THIS ?



DAVID AND JONATHAN FENWICK

Annie L. Swynnerton ARA (1844-1933)

By courtesy of A.B.X. Fenwick

Annie Swynnerton (née Robinson) was born in Kersal near Manchester. She attended Manchester School of Art for a short while, before studying in Paris and Rome. While in Rome she met her husband, the sculptor Joseph Swynnerton, and they lived there for most of their lives. She exhibited regularly, especially at the Royal Academy, where her first picture was shown in 1879. Among her mentors and admirers were Burne-Jones, George Clausen, G. F. Watts, and John Sargent who purchased a number of her paintings for public galleries. Although principally a painter of symbolic and allegorical subjects, she also painted portraits. These are distinguished by a certain vibrancy and delicacy, particularly when of children. *David and Jonathan Fenwick*, depicted in a springtime garden, shows her skill in capturing the innocence of childhood. Her use of fresh colour in broken strokes lends a vitality and shimmering effect reminiscent of Impressionist techniques.

TWO SHROPSHIRE RECORDS

Sir John Chillington (ob.1556) who married firstly Joan, dau. of Thomas Hoorde of Bridgnorth, who died 8 Dec.1841, leaving issue:-

1. Cassandra - wife of Humphrey Swynnerton of Swynnerton.
2. Dorothy - wife of 1st John Congreve, 2nd Francis Shirley of Leicester, daughter Anne married John Brooke, Madeley.

William Fitzherbert, 3rd son of Sir Anthony Fitzherbert, Judge of Common Pleas married Elizabeth, younger coheir of Humphrey Swynnerton - she married 2ndly John Gatacre of Gatacre, Salop.

Thomas de Swynnerton (1343) of Swynnerton, Knight Bannaret, was heir to his elder brother Robert. He was trained to arms from his youth and greatly distinguished himself in the French campaign of 1346-7, where he was present at the Battle of Cressy, and the Siege of Calais. As a reward for his great services Sir Thomas obtained a grant of the forfeited lands of Thomas de Creswell and in 1347-8 he was Chamberlain of the Kings Court. The member was again engaged in the Scotch Wars of 1356 where he was taken prisoner, but ransomed, the King himself contributing £100 towards the ransom money. In 1358, Sir Thomas had the honour of being the King's Proxy in France to receive the Oath of the Dauphin and then was charged with the duty of keeping the King's French Prisoner in the Savoy. In 1359 Sir Thomas was exonerated from assessment on his lands by reasons of his having served in the King's retinue from the date of the passage of Hogue throughout the French campaign. Previously to this Sir Thomas had taken a prominent part in Civil Affairs being Sheriff of Shropshire and Staffordshire in 1341; MP for Staffs in 1343 and Escheator for the Marches of Wales in 1341. In December 1345 the Sheriff of Staffs was ordered to escheat all the property of this member in that County on account of various contempts or misdeeds but doubtless his great military services wiped out this trouble. Sir Thomas married Matilda dau. of Sir Robert Holland. He died in 1361 and was succeeded by his son Sir Robert. Sir Thomas was Knighted before 1341.

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The Newport Family (Lord Herberts MSS)

William of High Ercall. Edw.IV married Elizabeth, eldest of 4 daus. of Sir John Burgh, Knt. of Mowddwy. Their son John Herbert who died Oct 31st, 1512 married Alice, dau. of Sir Thos Swinnerton. They had issue Thomas Newport (who died 1549) married Agnes or Anne dau. of Sir Robert Corbet Knt. and his wife Elizabeth, dau. of Sir Henry Vernon of Tong Castle and Hadden Hall, Derby, and his wife Lady Ann Talbot, dau. of 2nd Earl of Shrewsbury.

(Sir Richard Newport, eldest son of Thomas and Anne (Corbett) died 1750. He married Margaret, eldest dau. of Sir Thomas Bromley. Their eldest son, Sir Francis Newport died 1623, married Beatrix dau. of Rowland Lacon, Willey, Salop. Margaret Bromley was g.dau. of Jane Lacon, her sister Muriel, or Meriel Bromley married John Lyttleton of Hagley.)

Sir William Dyer, Baronet, bap. at Heytesbury April 15 1621 (2nd son) cr. Bart April 17, 1678. Buried at Newnham, Baldock, Herts. 27 Jan. 1680-1. Lord of the Manor of Tottenham, Middx; Newnham, Herts, Newton Hall, Essex. Married Thomasine d. and heiress of Thomas Swinnerton of Stanway, Essex. g-dau. of Sir John Swinnerton Kt. Lord Mayor of London (Bap. at St. Barts the Less, 5 Jan. 1623-4. m. 1650, buried Newnham 13 April 1697. Her will is dated 28 July, 1687. Proved 30 April 1697, 86 Pyne).

A FAMILY FROM WREXHAM

WILLIAM SWINNERTON = Mary Ann Guest

WALTER SWINNERTON = Emily Prydden

b.12Oct1875
d.....
Wrexham d.
(WS.193)

BERTIE SWINNERTON = Lily Roberts

b.22May1897 1923
Wrexham Wrexham
d.10Jun194 b.....
Wrexham
(BS.92)

Pearl (PS.73)	Muriel (MS.357)	FRANKLIN =	Sylvia (SS.242)
b.30Oct1923	b..... 1924	J.....	Jamieson b.....1932
Wrexham	Wrexham	SWINNERTON	1963 Wrexham
=	=	b.....1963	Wrexham =
Ernest	Wrexham
Paget	Hughes	(FS.102)	Davies
18Nov1944 1951	1952
Barmouth	Wrexham		Wrexham

KAREN (KS.51) TIMOTHY JOHN
b.1964 SWINNERTON
Wrexham b..... 1967
= Wrexham
.....Bloor
.....1984
Wrexham

This is the family of our member Mrs Pearl Paget from South Africa. So far it does not tie in with the main Wrexham family which includes our members Mr A.E.Swinnerton, Mrs Wood, Mrs Houghton and Mrs Stocks - unless they know different!

FAMILY NOTES

We welcome as a new member Mr JEREMY DAVID SWINNERTON of [redacted]. Jeremy is a son of our council member Leslie Swinnerton and a member of the Adbaston Branch. He is doubly welcome as he is a member of what, having just had my 60th Birthday, I can now call the "younger generation". We need more sons and daughters to come in to the society and help us out. Please recruit YOUR younger generation.

We also welcome Mrs MURIEL SWINNERTON of [redacted]. Mrs Swinnerton is the mother of our former member Anthony Swinnerton of Bournemouth and a member of the Shut Lane Branch.

Changes of address.

Mrs B.V.K.Morgan to [redacted]

Mr & Mrs R.Cunningham to [redacted]
(Long standing members of the society will recognise this as Bob and Diana's former address - Bob has now finished his last tour of duty with the USAF Education Service).

A cutting from the *Cleveland Evening Gazette* sent to me recently contains several very fond remembrances for a Louisa Swinnerton. from Sue, Colin, Alison & Andrew: Son Brian, Irene and family: daughter Pat, son-in-law Alf, grandchildren Brian & John and great-grandchildren Kelly & Emma: June, Darrell & Grandchildren: Beryl, Gordon & children: son Michael and grandchildren Anne-Marie, Vicky, Stephen, Michael & Ian: son David, Brenda, Donna, David, Christopher & Jason: Daughter Margaret, Ted, Terence, Julie & Ian, Leslie & Denise and Jayne & Mark; great-grandchildren Terence, Andreas, Lindy & Lee: sister & brother-in law Nancy & Ernie and their children Linda & Les: sister and sister-in-law Jean & Dave and nephew David: grandchild Jill, Husband Craig and baby Craig.

Obviously a large clan of Swinnertons up in the North East there but we know nothing about them. Does anyone recognise this family. Who would like to have a go at putting all that into a tree?

THE SWINNERTON SOCIETY

was founded in 1973 as a non-profit making organisation devoted to the research and publication of Swinnerton Family Records and the support and welfare of St.Mary's Church, Swynerton, Staffordshire.

Research into the family history had been started in the 1870s by the Reverend Charles Swynnerton FSA. Over the course of the years he wrote a number of articles and papers about the family and gathered together many Swinnertons from all over the world.

Interest in the family history became dormant after his death in 1928. The present Archivist resumed research into the family records in 1952 and founded the Society in 1973. Today it has a world-wide membership and holds a 'Gathering' at Swynnerton every 3 years. It is registered as a Charity No. 518184.