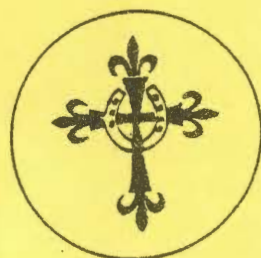


# SWINNERTON

## Family History



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*On the North side of the Charrell, engraven upon Habeshes table.*

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Editor:Iain Spencer Swynnerton



A new organisation called FONS (Family Origin Name Survey) has been fairly recently set up with the object of computerising as many historical records as possible. They circulated all members of the Guild of One-Name Studies and I decided it was well worth us joining. I paid for a first search of each of their categories of pre-1600 and 1600-1858 as a trial and lo and behold, 5 items from each category were produced which, despite our extensive records and all the years I have been collecting Swinnerton references, were all completely new to me except for one! A good investment from our research fund. Some of the entries are illustrated on the next two pages.

On another subject altogether, I expect some of you get to see *Family Tree Magazine*, the monthly glossy magazine which is now into Volume 8. I have been associated with it right from the start and read a lot of the proofs and also contribute a quarterly article as President of the Federation of Family Histories entitled 'Personal View'. If you don't see it I can tell you that in the latest issue contains an article about the Metcalfe Society founded in 1980.. I would like to quote two paragraphs from it.

*"The Metcalfe Index, or file of those who have had the name or one of its variations, currently holds 24,000 records in 7,500,000 characters on a Personal Computer Hard Disk. Two years ago this information was held on hand-written cards in Christian Name files. Since we obtained an IBM PC, volunteers have been, and still are, busy transferring data from card to disk to make it more easily accessible to members of the Metcalfe 'clan'."*

*"The society is fortunate in having well over 300 paid up members worldwide, many with special skills which they willingly put to good use in order to assist fellow members"*

Where have I gone wrong?

Source: Printed: lddb1

Title: *History, Gazetteer and Directory of Derbyshire, with the Town of Burton-upon-Trent; comprising a General Survey of the County, with a variety of Historical, Statistical, Topographical, Commercial and Agricultural Information; shewing the Situation, Extent, and Population of all the Towns, Parishes, Chapelries, Townships, Villages, Hamlets, and Extra-Parochial Liberties; their Agricultural and Mineral Productions; the Lords of the Manors and Owners of the Soil; their Public Institutions, Charities, Magistrates, and Public Officers; and the Seats of the Nobility and Gentry* by Samuel Bagshaw. Sheffield, 1846.

p. 126

#### ALPHABETICAL DIRECTORY OF DERBY

Swinnerton Mrs. Maria, Nottingham rd  
Swinnerton & Lee, stone & marble masons, builders, and carvers, Mansfield rd  
Swinnerton Steph. mrbl. msn. h. Little Eaton

p. 224

#### APPLEBY

##### FARMERS

Swinnerton Isaac

Source: Printed

Title: *History and Directory of Macclesfield and its Vicinity*  
1825

Swinnerton James, bookseller, bookbinder, and stationer, printer and publisher of the Macclesfield Herald and Congleton Gazette: - Agent to the Beacon Fire Office, and to the London Genuine Tea Company, Market place

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## ENTRIES FROM THE 'FONS' INDEX

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Source: Manuscript: Lichfield Joint Record Office

Title: *Lichfield Consistory Marriage Bonds*

30 December 1711

Thomas Whitehurst of Trentham aged 30 and

Jane Swinnerton of Trentham aged 28

Sureties: Jonathan Meat [signs: Mayot] of Rough Close, Yate, Staffordshire,  
yeoman, and Thomas Whitehurst of Hanchurch, Staffordshire

26 December 1712

Thomas Swinnerton of Draiton gentleman and

Mary Abnet of Stafford spinster

Surety: Thomas Abnet junior of Stafford St Mary jurisconsultus

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Source: Printed

Title: *Calendar of the Close Rolls preserved in the Public  
Record Office* Edward I vol. iv 1296-1302, London, 1906.

1298

p.146 m.14

Feb. 8 Langley.

To the sheriff of Stafford. Order to cause a coroner for that county to be  
elected in place of Roger de Swynnerton, deceased.

## SOCIETY NOTES

Our PRO has written another book! To compliment his history of the Warwickshire Branch, he has now produced *FIRE AND FURY OVER ENGLAND: The Second World War - Ten Lost Months*. It is his own personal diary of his military service in 1940 and makes fascinating reading as all Joe's stories do. I hope it will be on display at the Gathering.

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In the last issue I listed 186 members as being fully paid-up at 31st December 1991 and I asked members to renew their subscriptions for 1992 promptly to avoid adding to my workload by having to send out reminders. I am happy to say that, so far, I have received 93 UK subscriptions out of a total of 111 which is much the best response we have had for some years, mainly due to many more members now paying by standing order. Figures for Australia and Canada have not yet reached me but for the USA, only 15 out of 49 have responded which is very disappointing indeed. Reminder notices are included with this journal, please send your subscription promptly or this is the last Journal you will receive.

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Also included with this journal is a booking form for the Gathering which is now only three months away. There are some extra attractions this year: as well as the Summer Fair which I have already mentioned, there will be Tea on the lawn and a concert in the church in the evening on "our" organ which I hope some will be able to stay for.

In addition, on the following day (Sunday), the Rev. Brian Swynnerton has offered to lead a guided tour of the route taken by the Betley family 1086-1886. This will be by car (convoy) and will start from Swynnerton at 10.00am. The itinerary will be 10.30 Acton/Butterton/Whitmore: 12.00 Madeley/Heighley Castle/Betley: 13.30 Barthomley/Haslington/Crewe finish at Market Drayton by 16.00. This is especially designed for our overseas members but, of course, anyone is very welcome to join in and can join en route if they wish.



The Reverend Brian Swynnerton's appeal for information about the two Swynnerton motorcyclists brought a swift response from our member H.R.J.(Hugh) Swynnerton of Chester. My surmise that they were Ronald and George of Stafford was quite wrong, they were, in fact, Hugh's two older brothers. He has sent me a photograph of his brother Ron on his Rudge motorcycle - he was tragically killed in a traffic accident near Nantwich in 1952. George emigrated to Australia in the late 50s, he settled in Melbourne but died in 1990. There was another younger brother, Gordon, and they were all keen motorcyclists. So - another mystery solved.

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I am very glad to be receiving contributions from the Reverend Brian again, he has a good knowledge of the history of the family and of the Betley Branch in particular so I am going to give him a regular column - he has a lot of information to impart to us. He, of course, was the author of *Swynnerton and the Swynnertons*, published in 1973, which was the catalyst which caused me to found the society.

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The other jotting I included about Gerald G.Swynnerton having grocer's and fishmonger's shops brought an equally swift response from Mrs Betty Swynnerton, John Gerald's wife. She says that this particular business closed in the late 70s although one shop remained at Washwood Heath for some time longer. They still operate "Swynnerton" Greengrocers at Longton and their grandson Stephen John runs another at Atherstone, Warwickshire. She says this is a far cry from the early days of Oaklands Dairy run by John Gerald's parents. The business at Marsh Lane, Erdington operated very long days and staff changed over at evenings for the "late shift" - a way of life, she is sure would not be popular today! Open all hours indeed.

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Dr.R.G.Cockerham has sent me an entry he came across while searching the registers of Carlton-juxta-Snaith in Yorkshire. In fact, I already had the entry but what I had was:

*1799 Sep.15 Mar. Jonathan Woodward & Mary Swynnerton*

What Dr Cockerham sent was :

*Jonathon Woodward , cordwainer and Mary Swynnerton both of Carlton, Married by Banns (three sev: Sundays) 15 September 1799 by J.Jackson. Witnesses: Thos. Johnson & William Gleadow. No other entry for Swynnerton in this register to 1812. Register published as Volume XCVI of Yorks Parish Register Society.*

That just shows the difference between a bare entry from the International Genealogical Index and an extraction by an experienced researcher.



100 years ago, folk all hoped that Lady Elizabeth Butler, who had painted "The Roll Call" and "The Defence of Rorke's Drift" etc., would become the first woman to be elected to the Royal Academy. However, she failed in 1879 by two votes and by 1890 decided not to re-apply. Indeed it was not until **ANNIE SWYNNERTON** was elected in 1922 that women began to be A.R.A. or R.A. The emancipation of women progressed rapidly after their great contribution to the war effort from 1914 to 1918. The impact of the suffragettes must not be overlooked either. Laura Knight followed Annie in 1936.

The Society should be very proud of both Annie and her sculptor husband Joseph. She was the daughter of Francis Robinson, a Manchester solicitor and married Joseph in 1883 having fallen in love whilst working as students at Edinburgh University many years earlier.

They married in the English Church in Rome. Annie and Joseph both worked very hard and had prolific output. Manchester Art Gallery has a lot of her work and his can be seen in the Vatican as well as in Farm Street Roman Catholic Church in London and his statue of St. Winifred in the Square in Holywell, North Wales. Annie was born at Kersal, Lancashire in 1844 and died at 76 Fulham Road, London in 1933.

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Joseph was not only a stonemason/sculptor but a fine artist as well. Two of his paintings are reproduced as best we can here, they are typically Manx and still sell at "investment prices" of about £2000 each. Will all members of the society please keep their eyes open for works of these two artists and report their whereabouts.

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I have done my best to reproduce three of these paintings but as the originals were only rather faint photocopies, they are not awfully good.





THOMAS SWINNERTON = .....

Farmer  
(TS.158)

JAMES  
SWINNERTON  
b.16. Aug.1809  
Bridgnorth  
d.2 Jan.1894  
Glazely, Bridgnorth  
Gardener  
(JS.183)

= Elizabeth  
Horton on 30 Dec.1839  
at Wednesbury  
b.1810 Bridgnorth  
d.7. Jan.1894  
Glazeley

ROBERT  
SWINNERTON  
B.31 Mar.1844  
Colton, Staffs.  
d.circa 1920  
Australia  
unm.  
(RS.66)

(1) Ellen White  
of Brierley Hill  
Stourbridge 1867  
b. c.1844  
d. 1885  
Bridgend  
aged 41

= JAMES  
SWINNERTON  
b.10 Mar.1846  
Colton, Staffs.  
d.1 Dec.1924  
Llandeaud  
(REV)  
(JS.185)

= (2) Sophia Pratt  
on 15 Oct.1889  
Stretton, Cannock,  
Staffs.  
b.10 June 1851  
Worfield, Salop  
d.20 Feb.1935  
Llandeaud

JAMES = Sarah  
SWINNERTON Rowe  
bp.17 Jan 1869  
(b.1868)  
Collingbourne  
d. 1916  
Australia  
(JS.184)

JOHN C.  
SWINNERTON  
b. c. 1868  
Wilts.  
d.9 Jul 1953  
Newport, Gwent  
unm. (REV)  
(JS.182)

ROBERT  
SWINNERTON  
bp.30 Oct 1870  
Collingbourne  
d. 1930  
(REV)  
unm.  
(RS.67)

WILLIAM = Isabella  
SWINNERTON.....  
b. 1871 d.6 Apr 1915  
Pewsey Werrington Madeley  
d.3 Sep 1916 Devon  
Werrington  
sp. (REV)  
(WS.65)

FRANCIS =  
SWINNERTON  
b. 1876  
Madeley  
(FS.31)

MARK  
SWINNERTON  
b. 1878  
Madeley  
d. 1932  
Newport  
(MS.108)

= Olive  
Sheppard  
1915  
Newport

HUMPHREY  
SPENCER  
SWINNERTON  
b.21 Jan.1893  
Newport  
d. 1977  
(HS.48)

= Bertha  
Amy  
Nelson  
28 Jan.1920  
b. 1898

DOROTHY  
SOPHIA  
SWINNERTON  
b. 1890  
d. 1891  
Newport  
(DS.23)

JAMES  
SWINNERTON  
Sydney  
Australia  
(JS.181)

FRANK = ....  
(FS.32)  
son

DORA  
(DS.24)  
b. 1915  
Newport  
= Noel W.....  
Green  
Pontypool  
1940

OLIVE  
MARY  
(OS.7)  
b.1918  
Newport

DORIS  
(DS.25)  
b.1920  
Newport

EDWARD J.  
SWINNERTON  
b. 1929  
Newport  
(ES.104)

HUMPHREY  
SPENCER  
SWINNERTON  
b.27 Dec 1921  
Newport  
(HS.124)

= Jean  
Roderick  
27 Jan 1968  
Newport

ARTHUR JAMES  
SWINNERTON  
b. 1969  
Newport (AS.62)

SHEENA MHAIRI  
(SS.67)  
b.17 Oct.1973  
Newport

MARY IRIS  
SOPHIA  
(MS.107)  
b.15 May 1924  
Newport, Mon  
= Albert G .....  
Withy  
1947  
Newport





Walker Art Gallery Liverpool  
THE SENSE OF SIGHT (1895)  
Annie Swynnerton 1844-1933

FROM THE BOOK OF ST.PETER'S, WOLVERHAMPTON

### *The Pulpit*

*The stone Pulpit is perhaps the outstanding feature of the Church and is unique in England, in having the ancient stone staircase round one of the south pillars of the nave in a state of complete preservation. Dr Cox in his book on English Church Furniture, states that the Wolverhampton Pulpit is "the most effective of all" the ancient stone pulpits of England. The quaint Lion seated on the balustrade of its stair is a notable feature. The Coat of Arms of the ancient family of Swynnerton is on the north side of the pulpit. The cost of its erection was no doubt provided by a member of this family.*

(ex. Joe Swynnerton)

The tree on the previous page is that of a small family who I have never yet been able to tie into the main family or even into another family who were quite numerous in the Bridgnorth area of Shropshire. All the information came from family records supplied by the late Humphrey Spencer Swinnerton but I cannot yet identify Thomas, the progenitor of this branch.

He would have been born about 1786 but I have no idea where.

Humphrey said that his grandfather changed the spelling of his name from Swynnerton to Swinnerton about 1825 and on his marriage certificate in 1839 and on the birth certificate of his son Robert in 1844 it certainly is Swinnerton but I have not found any document so far to prove it had previously been Swynnerton.

Since I drew up the tree, a certain amount of additional material has come to light: The Reverend John Swinnerton (JS.182) - ♂, we are told, blind. From my records I can see that was not born in Wiltshire but probably in Madeley, Shropshire. Francis (FS.31) was married in Chester in 1910 but we do not yet know who to but we are told that his son Frank emigrated to the USA. His son was, it is thought, called John and he also had a son.

Additionally we are told that James, John, Robert, William, Francis and Mark (who was a Pharmacist) had a sister Ellen Elizabeth who was born at Collingbourne in 1873.

Humphrey's middle name of Spencer apparently came from his maternal grandmother and his wife Bertha Amy who was listed in the 1851 Census as Elizabeth, was stated to have been born at Quatford, which is near Bridgnorth in about 1890.

There is a lot more work to be done on this family but if anyone can add any more details, I would be very grateful.

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From the *Gentleman's Magazine* for 1793. page 373.

'Mr Thomas Swinnerton of Brotherton Hall (*sic* should be Butter-ton Hall), co. Stafford to Miss Mary Milborne, daughter of Lady Martha Milborne.'



## ANOTHER SOLDIER

Copy of a letter sent from Sir Thomas Middleton to the Hon. William Lenthell Esq., Speaker of the House of Commons concerning the raising of the seige of Oswestry. 3 July 1644

Prisoners taken at Ofwestree; July 3, 1644

Francis Newport, heir to }  
the Lord Newport. } Captains of a Troop of Horfe  
Captain Swynerton }

20 Welfh and Shropshire come up to the walls to  
Gentlemen. fave the Mufquetiers

1. Cornet of Horfe 7. Cariages, wherof one  
*which had no command* of Powder.

Lieutenant Norrell 200. Common Souldiers,

1. Quartermaster moft of them Welfh

2. Corporalls 100. Horfe.

32. Troopers Great store of Arms found

2. Peeeces of Artillery, to in the corn and ditches.

There is fince taken Major Mauley, and Major Whirney, under the walls of Shrewsbury: we doubt not but to give a very good account of our service there, and that speedily.

*For the much honoured, the Lady Middleton.*  
*Madam*

I shall trouble you with the fight of this paper, wherein you may please to observe Gods Providence to us; on the Lords Day laft we marched from Knotsford to Bundbury, fourteen miles from Bundbury in Chefhire, o *Fens Hall* in Flintshire, eleven miles on Monday, on Tuefday we marched to Os-eftry: in the narrow lanes they layd their Ambufcades, three miles fhort of the Town, kept all paffages and lined all all hedges to the Town, hedges thicke, and lanes ftrait, from which our men beate them, though their horfe charged our men very furiously, followed them up to the Town, to their main body, fighting all the way for three miles, in the meane time.

## SOME RECENTLY DISCOVERED CENSUS RETURNS

1871 CENSUS Bridgnorth, Shropshire.

21 Northgate - "The Reindeer"

William Swinnerton 63 Head of family. Rabbit Catcher b. Quatford

Catherine Swinnerton 50 Sister Inn Keeper b. Quatford

POST OFFICE DIRECTORY Bridgnorth, Shropshire 1870

Swinnerton, Catherine (Mrs) The Reindeer 21 Northgate

(The same entry appears in the 1871 Directory of Shropshire)

(ex. R. Tench)

(In view of the Directory entry where she is given as 'Mrs', should the census have said 'sister-in-law'?)

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1881 CENSUS Chelmarsh, Shropshire

Humphrey SWINNERTON Head 63 Ag. Lab. b. Eardington, Salop

Elizabeth SWINNERTON Wife 75 b. Highley, Salop

(But see the tree on centre pages and comment on page 152 where in 1851 she said she was born in Quatford which is the other side of the river!)

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1881 CENSUS Smethwick, Staffordshire

Harborne, 5 Brook Street

George SWINNERTON Hd. 34 Foreman Engineer b. Dawley, Salop

Mary R. -do- Wife 36 b. Dawley, Salop

Caroline -do- Dau 18 b. Dawley, Salop

Thomas -do- Son 11 b. Stirchley, Salop

James -do- Son 10 b. Stirchley, Salop

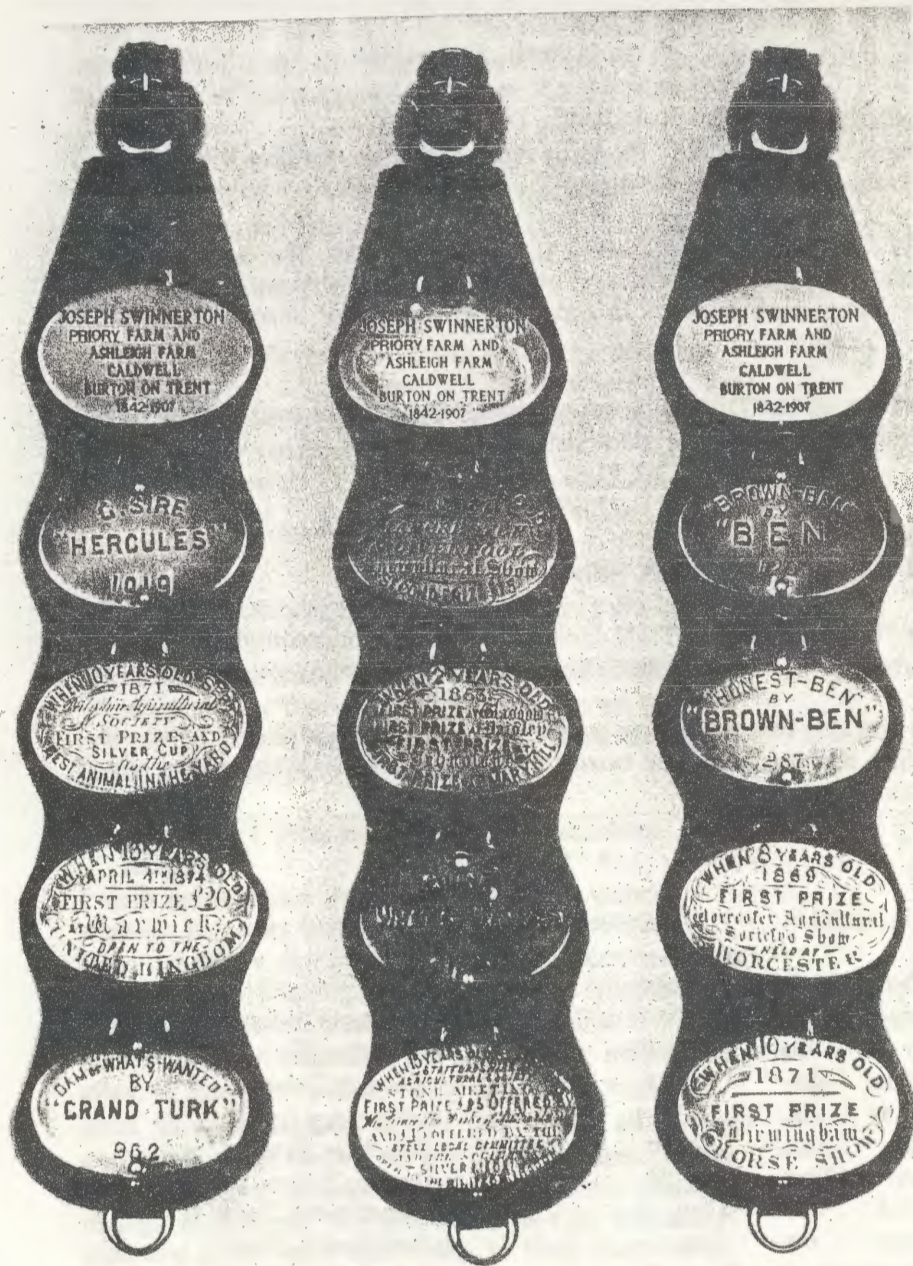
Florence Ellen -do- Dau 8 b. Dawley, Salop

Martha -do- Dau 6 b. Smethwick, Staffs

George -do- Son 4 b. Smethwick, Staffs

Louisa M.E. -do- Dau 2 b. Smethwick, Staffs





From Joe Swinnerton's History of the Warwickshire Branch

John Swinterton 1 poore.

The Hearth tax was levied from 1662 to 1689. Persons with houses worth less than 20/- per year were exempt from paying the tax as were those in receipt of Poor Relief as was John Swinterton here. Others paid 2/- per hearth. The Parish Constable made lists of all the houses and took these to the Quarter Sessions of the Justices twice per year at Michaelmas and Lady Day. According to that excellent book 'The Family Historian's Enquire Within', a person with only one hearth was probably relatively poor; a yeoman or 'Gent' might have three or four, an Esquire six or more.

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SUN INSURANCES MS 11937

No.874793 13 October 1812 6/-  
March 1813 Samuel Swinnerton of Colnbrook, Co.Middlesex  
Ward Innholder

Duty 5/- Tenement and Offices adjoining situate at Boulter End,  
near Great Marlow, Bucks in Tenure of Thomas Tyler.

Private	£120
Barn only near	50
Stable only near	15
Cart Shed only near	15
All brick, timber and tiled	

£200

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ASSIZES AND SESSIONS PRO Kew HO 27/186  
Lancashire 1880

Mary Swinnerton. Larceny.  
General Sessions Preston 19 Aug.adjourned to Manchester 23 Aug  
ACQUITTED.



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REFERENCE LIBRARY

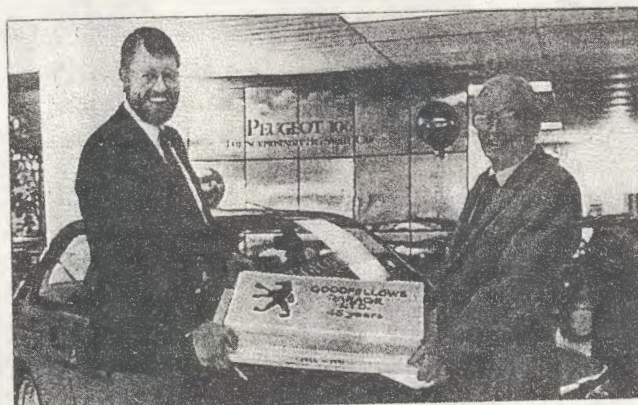
Shrewsbury Chronicle - 22nd August 1952  
p.5 J.W.SWINNERTON, Bridgnorth, a policeman, Shropshire  
Constabulary transferred to Shrewsbury.

Shropshire Journal - 6th March 1839  
p.3 col.6 Mr GEORGE SWINNERTON (The Elder), variously  
described as Blacksmith, Farmer, Licensed Brewer, Retailer of Beer  
and Tobacco of Shebdon, Parish of High Offley in Eccleshall,  
Staffs. "Prisoner to be brought before court for insolvent debts."

(ex. Mrs Pauline Saul)

# Celebration time at Goodfellows

Peugeot News Nov.1991



THERE WERE two reasons to  
celebrate at **Goodfellows  
Garage** on October 28. Not  
only was it the start of the deal-  
ership's 106 launch week, it was  
also its 45th birthday.

A giant birthday cake was on  
display in the showroom all  
week, and customers were  
served coffee and wine, along  
with miniature versions of the  
large cake, which was distribut-

Dealer Principal Frank  
Swinnerton (left) with his father  
Joe celebrates the 45th  
birthday of Goodfellows Garage,  
and the launch of the 106.

ed between staff at the end of  
the week.

Dealer Principal Frank Swin-  
nerton was joined in the cele-  
brations by his father Joe, the  
founder of the dealership

## Church and Europe

From the Reverend Dr Brian  
Thomas Swynnerton

Sir, The observations made and  
the questions asked by the Rev-  
erend Alan Booth in his letter  
(December 9) can be corrected and  
answered with complete assurance  
by clergy, like myself, who have  
had the privilege of serving in the  
Church of England's diocese of  
Europe.

I have experienced great Chris-  
tian unity at every level, as well as  
constant support and cooperation.  
For example, I recall sharing with  
a Lutheran pastor a sacrament of  
holy matrimony as a girl of a  
German Lutheran church married  
a Church of England soldier. I had  
the joy of celebrating the Holy  
Communion in two Roman

Catholic churches in Spain every  
Sunday and I had the privilege of  
Cardinal Ursi and the Italian  
Greek Orthodox Archbishop in  
Italy attending my induction,  
conducted by our own Bishop of  
Europe, in the English Church in  
Naples.

When I preached in the great  
Roman Catholic Cathedral of San  
Gennaro, Naples, to mark the  
week of prayer for Christian unity  
in 1985, my congregation included  
Catholics, Anglicans, Greek  
Orthodox, Baptists, Methodists,  
Lutherans and many smaller  
Christian denominations.

Letters to the Editor should carry  
a daytime telephone number. They  
may be sent to a fax number -  
(01)782 5046.

I consider that, thanks to Arch-  
bishop Runcie and John Satter-  
thwaite and Edward Holland  
(Bishops in Europe), as well as  
many clergy of the Church of  
England serving in every part of  
the EC, the Church of England is  
in the forefront of developing  
relations of caring and sharing in a  
very real and practical way. I beg  
to suggest that the United Euro-  
pean Christian Church desired by  
Mr Booth already exists. I ask all  
Christians to pray for that Church  
and the great work it is doing, has  
done and will do in the future.

Yours sincerely,  
BRIAN THOMAS  
SWYNNERTON

(Chaplain),  
Acton Reynald School,  
Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

The Times 1 Jan 1990

## Reader's right to know

Your somewhat dubious  
support of McKenzie Porter  
may be commendable but  
somehow the phrase "birds of  
a feather" comes to mind  
(Editorial Licence - editori-  
al, Feb. 23).

But the heading Editorial  
Licence, along with the last  
statement, "freedom of ex-  
pression remains a favorite  
cause" (of The Globe and  
Mail), makes me think of a  
quote from Arthur Hays Sulz-  
berger, late publisher of The  
New York Times, who said on  
Aug. 28, 1956: "He (the pub-  
lisher) enjoys an explicitly de-  
fined independence because it  
is the only condition under  
which he can fulfil his role,  
which is to inform fully, fairly  
and comprehensively. The  
crux is not the publisher's  
'freedom to print'; it is, rath-  
er, the citizen's 'right to  
know.'"

W. R. Swinarton  
Scarborough, Ont.

Globe & Mail 4 Mar 1989

## ENGINEERING COUNCIL RESULTS

14 THE DAILY TELEGRAPH, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1990 \*\*\*

LW Studd, KR Supple, AJ Sutton, E  
Swain, BJ Swinnerton, ES Tan, J  
Tank, AC Tanswell, NE Tayali, MR

## LAW SOCIETY RESULTS

THE DAILY TELEGRAPH  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1991

| Swinnerton K, Shotton;

**CALDWELL** Shirley  
Anne. Formerly Elliott.  
(nee Swinnerton). Sud-  
denly on January 2,  
1992 at home. Beloved  
Wife of Michael and  
Mother of James. Fu-  
neral Service to be held  
at St. Margaret's  
Church, Great Barr at  
2.00 p.m. on Friday,  
January 17, with cre-  
mation to follow at  
Streety Crematorium  
at 2.45 p.m. Family  
flowers only. Donations  
in lieu for Muscular  
Dystrophy, c/o 2,  
Greaves Avenue, Wal-  
sall WS5 3QE.



## FAMILY NOTES

The family appear to be on the move! Please note the following changes of address:

N.W.R. Watts to [REDACTED]

Mrs I.R.Wood to [REDACTED]

L.R.Morgan to [REDACTED]

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Mrs Elizabeth Swinnerton of Shotton, mother of our member Mrs Betty Greenhalgh on the 2nd March aged 97. Many members will remember her at our earlier Gatherings when her husband William was still alive. The last of that generation of the Betley family, she was a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother as well as aunt and great-aunt to our members Leonard and Colin Swinnerton respectively. We send our sympathy to all her family.

We also send our sincere sympathy to our PRO Joe Swinnerton and his family on the death of his daughter, our member Mrs Shirley Anne Caldwell on the 2nd January aged 52.

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My note last time about completing the family record forms has elicited no response whatsoever - not a single one has been received! As I said, everyone can fill in the front so please do so.

Enclosed with this Journal is another form - for the Gathering on the 20th June. If you intend to come, please fill it in and return it NOW. Please do not put on one side to do later, these Gatherings are hard work to organise and we need all the time we can get.

## 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 Swynerton 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 Swynerton every 3 years. It is registered as a Charity No. 518184.