

JOHN WHISLEY AYERS-ANDREWS



**“JWA, WE HAVE FOUND YOU AT LAST”
A great, great, great grandson at
JWA’s grave in St Judes churchyard cemetery
Randwick New South Wales Australia**

JOHN WHISLEY AYRES-ANDREWS

Glyn and Pam MORGAN of Ruislip England were, unquestionably, the primary researchers of this book. They travelled through various villages in Suffolk to provide us with research material, photographs and maps.

Despite being unrelated to our family, Glyn and Pam undertook a project that was far too large for anyone else. They began searching public records to link our Australian ancestor with his family in Suffolk, and the only honest clue they had was "Ann Fenn" as the name of his mother. This was information was found on his Death Certificate and was supplied by his Australian wife.

The first joyous results came when Glyn and Pam revealed that the said, "Ann Fenn", had married John Whisley AYRES and their first child was named for his father. The junior, John Whisley AYRES, became known as "JWA", because he did not alter his initials when he changed his name to ANDREWS.

Nola MACKEY, who has a Research Centre near Grafton, found the Depositors Journal Index together with relevant Shipping Records, wherein JWA's Australian wife had been the Sponsor of his two youngest English children. It was the first chance to reunite in Australia as a family. This left a mystery as to the life of JWA's remaining child, Emily Morris Ayres. After thirty-five years of research, a descendant was found in 2010.

Wayne FRANKS of La Salle Canada, was the last link, as his great grandmother was Emily. She was the oldest Ayres child. My great grandmother, Eleanor Jane, was the oldest Andrews child. Both sisters died in the year 1907, in their respective countries of England and Australia. It was Emily's daughter, Mabel (Mrs Franks), who migrated to Canada.

We are left with conjectures amongst older generations that began in 1599, and much needs to be added to recent branches. Any corrections or new data will be gratefully added to this initial draft. J Kepper (compiler)

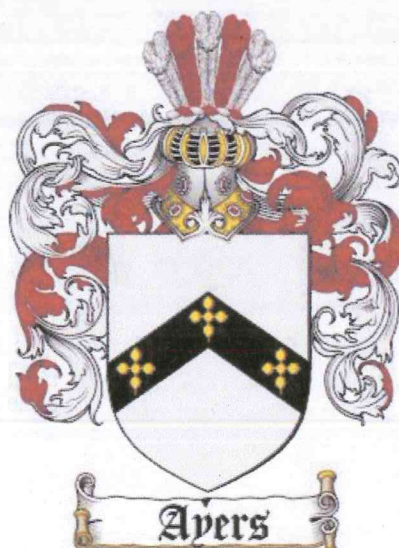


WIKIPEDIA reports: "The surname of AYRES was an official name 'the heir'. Following the crusades in Europe in the 11th, 12th and 13th centuries, a need was felt for a family name to replace the one given at birth, or in addition to it. This was recognized by those of noble birth and, particularly, by those who went on the Crusades, as it added prestige and practical advantage to their status.

Early records of the name mention Roger de Hayre who was recorded in the County of Norfolk in 1264. Thomas Ayr of Yorkshire was recorded in the Yorkshire Poll Tax of 1379, and Richard Ayre of County Lancashire appears in 1400. Humphrey Mercer married Katherine Ayer in London in the year of 1583. Francis Lee married Ann Ayre at St. George's, Hanover Square, London in 1757.

Between the 11th and 15th centuries it became customary for surnames to be assumed in Europe, but they were not commonplace in England or Scotland before the Norman Conquest of 1066. Those of gentler blood assumed surnames at this time, but it was not until the reign of Edward II (1307-1377) that it became a common practice for all people. The associated arms are recorded in Sir Bernard Burkes General Armoury.

Many factors contributed to the establishment of a surname system. For generations after the Norman Conquest of 1066 a very few dynasts and magnates passed on hereditary surnames, but the main of the population, with a wide choice of first-names out of Celtic, Old English, Norman and Latin, avoided ambiguity without the need for a second name.



As society became more stabilized, there was property to leave in wills, the towns and villages grew and the labels that had served to distinguish a handful of folk in a friendly village were not adequate for a teeming slum where perhaps most of the householders were engaged in the same monotonous trade, so not even their occupations could distinguish them, and some first names were gaining a tiresome popularity, especially Thomas after 1170. The hereditary principle in surnames gained currency first in the South, and the poorer folk were slower to apply it. By the 14th century however, most of the population had acquired a second name. One of several families bearing the surname traces its descent from Humphrey le Heyr of Bromham, County Wiltshire, who was one of the crusaders who accompanied Richard I to the Holy Land in the 12th century".



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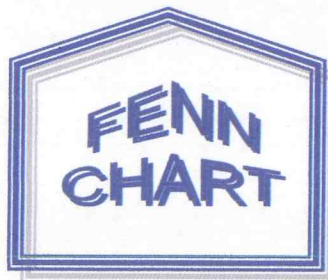
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- FENN
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John & Mary FENN m. c1730
Homersfield; son John b.1731
(Conjecture)

John FENN m2 06 02 1764 Kersey, Mary BIRD, widow
b. c1730 m1 30 09 1755 St Mary's, Hadleigh, Mary WELLUM
of Sproughton Parish (W) John Wellum & John Mann
3 mls east of Hadleigh bu 8/2/1763 St Mary's Hadleigh
Will proved 30/11/1771

-- WELLUM
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-- WELLUM



= JWA's Great x 5 grandparents =
= JWA's Great x 4 grandparents =
= JWA's Great x 3 grandparents =
= JWA's Great x 2 grandparents =
= JWA's Great Grandparents =

Recorded at Stonestreet Farm for 1841, 1851 or 1861 Census.
Elizabeth Fenn b.1817, JWA's unmarried 1st cousin was, in 1881,
living with his daughter, Emily Morris Ayers-Heard. She died 1882.

Mary FENN (1)
bp 02 08 1756; first
Hadleigh baptism of
a Fenn; bu 1/3/1823
Never Married

John FENN (2)
bp 31 01 1758 Hadleigh
bu 27 09 1819 Hadleigh
m1 03 02 1779 Hadleigh
Elizabeth SHUCKFORD
m2 16 11 1809 Martha Mott
(Mrs Thomas Mott)

Anne FENN (3)
bp 17 12 1760 Hadleigh
d. unknown
m? 11 05 1788 Raydon
Josiah STUBBIN

Isaac FENN (5)
bp 06 02 1763 (2 days
Baptised 2 days before
mother's burial - may
have died as an infant.

Robert FENN (5) married 2 Nov 1780. St Mary's
bp 23 05 1759 (H) Hadleigh
bu 02 03 1838
St Mary's Hadleigh
m. Mary ALDRIDGE

John FENN Elizabeth FENN
bp 25/11/1779 1781 Hadleigh-1832 Hadleigh m 1802 (H) Isaac ELSDEN
(Elizabeth, Robert, Anne ELSDEN)

Ann FENN
bp 08 07 1784 Hadleigh
bu 20 06 1829 Hadleigh
m. 25 08 1803 Hadleigh
John Whisley AYERS
died after 1829

Robert FENN
bp 06 09 1781
Hadleigh
m. Mary Ann
STUBBIN/Weeden

Mary FENN
bp 01 07 1783
m 00 00 1804
Pilborough Rivers
GRIMWOOD

John FENN
bp 19 01 1786
d. >1841 census
m 20 07 1813
Ellen STUBBIN

Josiah FENN
bp 05 03 1788
bu 15 08 1855
m. 24 10 1815
Charlotte GRAY

George FENN
bp 30 04 1790 Hadleigh
bu 08 03 1852 Hadleigh
m. 26 08 1816 Hadleigh
Elizabeth STUBBIN

Hannah FENN
bp 04 01 1792
Hadleigh
m 08 10 1814
Robert SALLOWS

Elizabeth FENN
bp Mar 1795 H'leigh
bu 02 09 1828 33yrs
Hadleigh
Robert Fenn SALLOWS b. 9/2/1816

Mary Ann FENN
b. 19 07 1804
bp 21 07 1804
Hadleigh

Elizabeth Wedding FENN
bp 19 12 1805
Hadleigh

Robert FENN
b. 02 01 1807
bp 05 01 1807
infant death

Robert Stubbin FENN
b. 30 01 1808
bp 26 02 1808
Hadleigh

Ellen Weeden
b. 09 12 1809
bp 05 01 1810
Hadleigh

Josiah FENN
b. 00 00 1817
Polstead (H)
d. 1878 Ipswch
m. Sarah Agnes
RAWLINS

George Stubbin FENN
bp 28 08 1816
Hadleigh
m?. Sarah (U/K)

Elizabeth FENN
bp 19 10 1817
Hadleigh
d. 04 06 1882
Never married

Robert FENN
bp 15 10 1821
Hadleigh
d. 29 11 1821
7 weeks
bu St Marys (H)

Josiah FENN
bp 06 02 1826
Hadleigh
bu 13 02 1826
1 week
bu Hadleigh

John Whisley AYERS-ANDREWS (JWA)
b. 13 05 1804 Fenn's Stonestreet Farm, near Kersey & Hadleigh
bp 22 05 1804 Hadleigh Suffolk
d. 24 05 1870 Sydney Australia
bu 25 05 1870 St Jude's churchyard, Randwick NSW
m1 11 04 1837 Aberford Yorkshire
Priscilla MORRIS
b 24/11/1810 Aberford Yorkshire
m2 11 02 1858 Liverpool NSW
Margery PAPPS (nee SHAW)
b 3/12/1831 Leeds Yorkshire
d 19/6/1910 Glebe Sydney

Josiah A FENN
1843- 1885
C Burnstead

Agnes M FENN
1845-<1881
G Homes

Catherine FENN
Baptised (H)
16 11 1849
Henry Sweet

Mary FENN
b. 1851
Hadleigh

Florence FENN
1853 (H)

Thomas Rawlins FENN
d. 1857
Ipswich 2 yrs

Mary? FENN
b. c1839
Suffolk

Henry Nutton AYERS
b. 13 09 1805 Hadleigh
bp 16 10 1805 Hadleigh
St Mary's parish church
(died young)

Anne AYERS
b. 31 07 1807 Hadleigh
bp 26 08 1807 Hadleigh
St Mary's church
(died young)

English children of JWA's Aberford Yorkshire marriage to Priscilla Morris

Australian children of

AYERS (ENG)
Emily Morris
bp 05 03 1838 Liverpool Eng
d. 00 00 1907 England
m 04 12 1871 London
Joseph William HEARD
b Kent d 26/5/1885 Chatham Kent

AYERS (ENG)
Mary
bp 05 08 1839 Liverpool
d Mch qt 1840 L'pool
Lancaster, England
Never Married

AYERS (ENG)
Robert Edward
b. 25 12 1840 Liverpool
d. 02 02 1918 at
Cambridge, England
Never Married
To Aust 1860

AYERS (ENG)
Mary Ann 'Frances'
b 11 03 1843 Liverpool
d after May 1870
probably England
Never Married?
To Aust 1860

AYERS (ENG)
Ann
b.15 01 1846
Liverpool, England
d? pre Apr 1865
England
Never married

ANDREWS (NSW)
Eleanor Jane
b. 25 07 1858 Liverpool NSW
d 25 04 1907 Swan Ck NSW
m 14 05 1879 Grafton NSW
Edward Thomas James LAYTON
b Swan Ck d 16/12/1923 Grafton

A. Heard, Elizabeth Mary b 1872 Hadleigh
B. Heard, Alfred Edward b 1874 Hadleigh
C. Heard, Mabel Honor b 1875 Hadleigh
D. Heard, Edith b 1878 Hadleigh
E. Heard, John Joseph b 1880 Hadleigh
All children registered
in Cosford District Suffolk England

A. Layton, Alpha (infant death) b 1880 Grafton
B. Layton, Albert Edward b 1881 Grafton
C. Layton, George b 1882 Grafton
D. Layton, Frank b 1884 Grafton
E. Layton, Ethel Frances b 1885 Grafton
F. Layton, George Miller b 1886 Grafton
All children registered in Grafton NSW

G. Layton, Maud b 1888 Grafton
H. Layton, Margery Leonora b 1890 Grafton
I. Layton, Florence Mary b 1892 Grafton
J. Layton, Gordon Thomas b 1895 Grafton
K. Layton, Marion Dorothy b 1898 Grafton
L. Layton, Grace b 1899 Swan Ck
M. Layton, Edward John b 1902 Swan Ck



PARKER FAMILY
of Creeting St Marys?

Isaac? PARKER
of Gt Waldingfield

Jane PARKER..... m. 17 February 1745....
born c1720 by Licence at
of Creeting Gt Waldingfield, Suffolk
St Mary's

WHISLAY-WHISTLER
of Gt Waldingfield?

Jacob WHISTLER
m 1710 Hadleigh, Elizabeth Miles

John WHISLAY
born c1720

NUTTON FAMILY
of Edwardstone?

George Henry NUTTON
(Conjecture)

Elizabeth? NUTTON?.....m. c1745.....
born c1730
of Great Waldingfield

AYERS-AYERS
of Groton?

Henry AYERS
Conjecture

Henry AYERS?
born c1725
resided Boxford

John WHISLAY #2
bp 07 08 1753
Great Waldingfield

Isaac WHISLEY #3
p 16 05 1755
Great Waldingfield
d. pre Dec 1757

Sarah WHISLAY #4
bp 14 04 1756
Great Waldingfield

Isaac WHISLAY #5
bp 16 12 1757
Great Waldingfield

Jane WHISLAY #1 ... m 20 May 1774....
bp 10 06 1748
Great Waldingfield
by Licence, (W) Phillip Parker & Mary Sparke

Henry Nutton AYERS
b. circa 1750
by Licence, (W) Phillip Parker & Mary Sparke

Elizabeth#1
Ann AYERS
bp 22 09 1775
Boxford

George Henry #2
Nutton AYERS
bp 01 09 1777 Boxford
bu 08 02 1862/3 85y
m. 24 12 1805
Ann MANN of Houlton
bu 11/6/1855 Boxford

James #3
AYERS
bp 09 02 1779
Boxford
m. Ann (U/K)

Henry AYERS #5
(Schoolmaster)
bp 14 03 1782
m. Sarah (U/K)

Jane #6
AYERS
bp 16 10 1783
Boxford
d. Unknown

William #7
AYERS
bp 05 09 1785
Boxford
m 14 09 1808 Mary Mann

#4 John Whislay AYERS 25/8/1803 St Marys (H)...
bp 07 03 1780 Boxford
d? circa 1829, Yeoman
*John d 1852 Mildenhall; *John d 6/2/1865
Beccles Innkeeper, widow Mary Ann?

John Whistler AYERS
b. 07 03 1809 Boxley bp 30 03 1809 Boxley

Henry AYERS b 1801 Hadleigh
Ann AYERS b 1802 Hadleigh

Sarah Elizabeth
bp 29 04 1812
Groton

Mary Ann
b 22 06 1813
Boxley, d 14 yrs
d. 2006 1827

Henry Nutton AYERS
bp 13 08 1814 Boxley, s.o. Henry Ayers, Grocer
d. 06 01 1868 7 Amherst Villas, Hackney
m. 13 04 1845 Spitafields London Stepney, Martha Ann NUNN
daughter of William Nunn

Henry Nutton A.
b. 10 06 1808 Boxford
bp 18 07 1808 Boxford
m. 17 06 1843 (Licence)
St Leonards, Shoreditch
Mary Ann MANN
born Monks Leigh
d.o. Thomas Mann,
farmer

George Nutton A.
b. 23 04 1810 Boxford
bp 19 06 1810 Boxford
bu 00 00 1812 Suffolk

Mary Ann
b.00 00 1812
Boxford d. 32 yrs
d. 16 01 1844
Hadleigh Hamlet

Jane Harriet Nutton A.
b. circa 1815 Boxford Suffolk
bp 19 07 1815 Boxford Suffolk
bu 25 10 1828 Boxford 13 yrs

Ed. Nutton Goymer A.
b. circa 1822 Boxford, Suffolk
bp 08 01 1823 Boxford, Suffolk
d. (unknown)

Sam. Nutton Robert
b. 00 12 1826 Boxford
bp 02 01 1827 Boxford
bu 25 10 1828 Boxford

Geraldine AYERS bp 28 06 1849
St John Evang. Notting Hill Mdsx

Gertrude Fanny AYERS
b c1851 St Margaret's Westminster

Henry Nutton A. (2)
b. 13 09 1805 Hadleigh
bp 16 10 1805 Hadleigh
at St Marys parish church
died young

Ann AYERS (3)
b. 31 07 1807 (H)
bp 26 08 1807 (H)
died young?

Jane Goymer AYERS (4)
b. 05 05 1809 Hadleigh
bu 08 08 1871 Hadleigh
m. 07 06 1838 Hadleigh
George REEVE d 15/10/1877
(reared JWA's daughters)

Elizabeth AYERS (5)
b. 00 00 1813 Hadleigh
bp 11 03 1813 Hadleigh
(father shopkeeper)
died young?

Mary Ann AYERS (6)
b. 00 00 1816 Hadleigh
bp 16 01 1816 Hadleigh
bu 20 06 1827 Hadleigh
(father Innkeeper) 11 yrs

Frances Caroline A. (6)
bp 26 09 1819 father Bailiff
bu 01 11 1870 Hadleigh
m. 13 04 1852 Hadleigh (Cosford)
Joseph Wm HEARD d 1885
m2 1871, Emily Morris d.o. JWA

Emily Mary HEARD (2)
b. 02 04 1854 Hadleigh
m 11 02 1875 Thomas COOPER
* Frances M Cooper 1875
* Charles R Cooper 1880

Henry Robert HEARD (3)
b. 02 04 1856 Hadleigh
bp 31 07 1857 Hadleigh

William Whisley HEARD (4)
b. 31 07 1857 Hadleigh
m c1880 Constance M HYEM

Robert Blowers HEARD (5)
bp 15 11 1862 Hadleigh
m. Eliza (UNKNOWN)
* Constance Isabella b. 1881
* Frances Jane 1886

Jane Harriet HEARD (1)
bp 22 10 1852 Hadleigh
m. 00 00 1876 Hadleigh,
Frederick HOGG Issue

English children of JWA's Aberford Yorkshire marriage to Priscilla nee Morris

Australian

AYERS (ENG)
Emily Morris
bp 05 03 1838 Liverpool
d. 00 00 1907 England
m 04 12 1871 London
Joseph William HEARD
d 26/5/1885 Chatham Kent

AYERS (ENG)
Mary
bp 05 08 1839 Liverpool
d Mch qt 1840 Liverpool
Lancaster, England
Never Married

AYERS (ENG)
Robert Edward
b. 25 12 1840 Liverpool
d. 02 02 1918 late of
Cambridge & Coventry
England, Never Married
To Aust 1860

AYERS (ENG)
Mary Ann 'Frances'
b 11 03 1843 Liverpool
d after May 1870
probably England
Never Married?
To Aust 1860

AYERS (ENG)
Ann
b.15 01 1846 Liverpool
d. In infancy, England
(pre Apr 1865)
Never Married

ANDREWS (NSW)
Eleanor Jane
b. 25 07 1858 Liverpool NSW
d. 25 04 1907 Swan Ck NSW
m 14 05 1879 Grafton NSW
Edward Thomas James LAYTON
b Swan Ck d 16/12/1923 Grafton

- A. Heard, Elizabeth Mary b 1872 Hadleigh
(George J H STARKEY)
B. Heard, Alfred Edward..... b 1874 Hadleigh
(Unknown)
C. Heard, Mabel Honor b 1875 Hadleigh
(Frederick G FRANKS)
D. Heard, Edith b 1878 Hadleigh
(Unknown)
E. Heard, John Joseph b 1880 Hadleigh
(Unknown)
All children registered in
Cosford District

- A. Layton, Alpha (inf death) b 1880 Grafton
(d.1886, 6y, Appendicitis)
B. Layton, Albert Edward b 1881 Grafton
(Olga Alma SMALL)
C&D George & Frank b 1882 and . b 1884 Grafton
(d.1884, 1 hr apart, Cholera)
E. Layton, Ethel Frances b 1885 Grafton
(William DUCKWORTH)
F. Layton, George Miller b 1886 Grafton
(Nita H M RICHARDSON)
G. Layton, Maud b 1888 Grafton
(Thomas E McCALLUM)

- H Layton, Margery Leonora..... b 1890 Grafton
(d.1919, 28 yrs, road accident)
I. Layton, Florence Mary b 1892 Grafton
(Arthur E C WATKINS)
J. Layton, Gordon Thomas b 1895 Grafton
(Alice BEATSON)
K. Layton, Marion Dorothy b 1898 Grafton
(d.1898, 9 mths, teething)
L. Layton, Grace b 1899 Grafton
(William MANN) b 1899 Swan Ck
M. Layton, Edward John..... b 1902 Swan Ck
(Leila A MACKIE)

⚡ JWA's Great x 3 grandparents ⚡

⚡ JWA's Great x 2 grandparents ⚡

John FENN... m. 17 Feb 1745... **Mary WELLUM**
b. circa 1730 by Licence of
of Sproughton Gt Waldingfield
near Hadleigh of
Creting
St Mary's

Robert FENN... m. 2 November 1780... **Mary ALDRIDGE**
bp 23 05 1759 St Mary's Hadleigh b. 1755-1756
Hadleigh, Suffolk Suffolk
bu 02 03 1838 bu 01 03 1823 66y
St Mary's Hadleigh St Mary's Hadleigh

Ann FENN
bp 08 07 1784 Hadleigh
bu 20 06 1829 Hadleigh

-- FORSTER

-- FORSTER

-- FORSTER

Dorothy FORSTER
m. 18 June 1809
St George Hanover
Square, London

-- PEARSON

-- PEARSON

-- PEARSON

Joseph PEARSON
b. circa 1885 England
(Tailor)

Hannah PEARSON... 5 March 1831 Leeds Yorks...
b. 23 04 1813 Pimlico London
d. 22 03 1893 Highgate Hill Qld
bu 23 03 1893 Dutton Park
South Brisbane Queensland

-- SHAW

-- SHAW

Jonathon SHAW?

bc1765 Yorkshire
m 1790 Darton Yorkshire
Mary TRUELOVE (Conjecture)

Johathon SHAW?

b. 1793 Darton Yorkshire
m. c1810 *Elizabeth --*
(Conjecture)

Israel SHAW

b. 00 00 1812 Darton ENG?
d. 21 02 1875 Liverpool NSW
arr TAS 1836 *Amelia Thomson*
arr NSW 1853 *William Prowse*
Ring Patten Maker,
Blacksmith and
Coach Builder



(H) = Hadleigh

Edward Thomas AYERS(7)
b. 00 00 1820 Hadleigh
bp 17 11 1820 Hadleigh St Marys
(father bailiff)

Emily Edwards AYERS(8)
b. 00 00 1825 father Bailiff
bp 14 05 1825 Hadleigh
Saint Marys Church of England
d. 14 03 1888 Hadleigh 62 yrs

John Whislay AYERS-ANDREWS (1)... m. 11 Feb 1858...
Liverpool NSW
b. 13 05 1804 nr Kersey (JWA)
bp 22 05 1804 Hadleigh, Suffolk
d. 24 05 1870 Sydney, Australia
bu 25 05 1870 St Judes Randwick
m1 11 04 1837 Aberford Yorkshire, *Priscilla MORRIS*
b 24/11/1810 Aberford Yorkshire
d.o. Edward Morris

Margery SHAW
b. 02 12 1831 Leeds Yorkshire
bp 01 01 1832 Leeds Yorkshire
d. 19 06 1910 Glebe NSW
bu St Judes churchyard
Randwick Sydney
with husband

John Frederick HOGG
bp Sept Qtr 1877 Cosford Dist

William Henry HOGG
bp Dec Q tr 1778 Cosford Dist

Charles Major HOGG
bp March Qtr 1881 Cosford District

children of JWA's Liverpool, Sydney Australia, marriage to Margery nee Shaw

ANDREWS (NSW)
Caroline Elizabeth

b. 08 04 1860 Liverpool NSW
d. 24 03 1940 Wahoonga NSW
m 00 00 1878 Paddington NSW
Robert Dunbar ROGERS
d. 3/11/1930 Wahoonga NSW

ANDREWS (NSW)
John Shaw

b. 15 05 1862 Liverpool NSW
d. 08 10 1864 Sydney
bu St Judes Randwick NSW
aged 2 years 5 months

ANDREWS (NSW)
Marian Parsons

b. 18 04 1865 Bridge Street, Sydney
d. 04 01 1935 Kensington, Sydney NSW
m1 09 03 1885 Woollahra, *Charles Thomas PERRIN*
m2 00 00 1907 Glebe NSW, *Charles Edward BINGLE*
d 8/11/1939 Sydney; C T Perrin d 1896 Sydney

ANDREWS (NSW)
John Dalby Foster Ayers

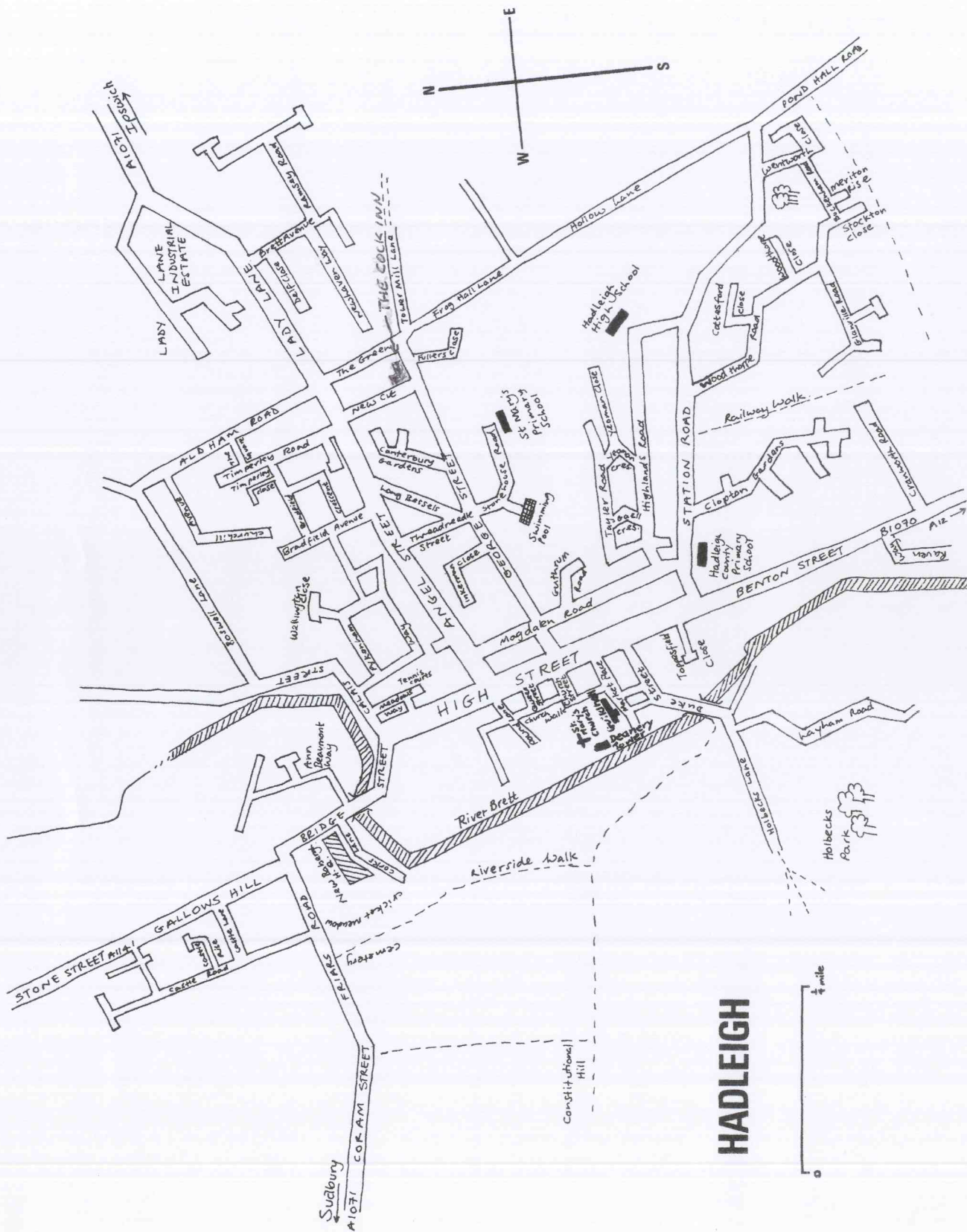
b. 20 02 1868 Surry Hills, Sydney
d. 13 05 1948 North Sydney NSW
m 21 02 1887 Paddington NSW
Elizabeth Sarah BENNETT
d. 12/9/1942 Paddington

- A. Rogers, Robert John Lyon .. b 1883 Sydney
(*Rachel Mary DUNBAR*)
B. Rogers, Maria Estelle b 1885 Sydney
(*Frank Gordon CLARK*)
C. Rogers, Frank b 1888 Sydney
(*Edith HODGEKISS*)
D. Rogers, George Wesley b 1890 Paddington
(*Mary A PATTISON?*)
E. Rogers, Margery Hannah ... b 1892 Paddington
(*Frederick Edward BLAND*)
All children registered in
New South Wales

- A. Perrin, Charles C b 1886 Sydney
(*Rhoda R PAYNE*)
B. Perrin, William b 1889 Paddington
(*Mary ALLEN?*)
C. Perrin, Margery J b 1891 Woollahra
(*died 1893, 2 yrs*)
D. Perrin, Alpha E b 1893 Paddington
(*Lionel J LYONS*)
E. Bingle, Edward Charles. b 1909 Glebe
(*Hilda Maisie RICE*)
All children registered in
New South Wales

- A. Andrews, Lilian Elizabeth b 1887 Paddington
(*Frederick William SHUTE*)
B. Andrews, John Edward b 1889 Paddington
(*Mabel E EICHLER*)
C. Andrews, Florence Marjory b 1891 Paddington
(*Henry GODDARD*)
D. Andrews, Harold b 1883 Paddington
(*Mabel E WHEELER*)
E. Andrews, Horace b 1902 Paddington
(*d. 43 yrs, unmarried*)
All children registered in
New South Wales

HADLEIGH MAP



JOHN WHISLEY AYERS-ANDREWS



"JWA, WE HAVE FOUND YOU AT LAST"

Time-Line 1599 - 1804

To the birth of John W Ayers

ENGLISH SURNAMES SERIES II

NORFOLK & SUFFOLK SURNAMES

IN THE MIDDLE AGES

Richard Kinley



SECKER: SEAKER – SECKER - SAKER - SACKER. “A maker of sacks or coarse cloth, sackcloth”

FENN: Initial F in the South of England was pronounced V, which is now, at times, reflected in the spelling. In the earliest documents we find French or Latin forms WALTER EN LA FENNE 1340 Subsidy Rolls Worcestershire (Fenn). "Dweller near"

Surnames worth examining in this connection are those derived from the various words for marshy ground, such as **Fen**, Carr, Marsh, Sloth and Moor.

The word carr or kerr had a precise meaning in Norfolk during the Middle Ages, and later. The *Promptorium Parvulorum*, an English-Latin dictionary compiled c1440, probably at Kings Lynn, defines 'Ker' as 'where trees grow by water or **fen**', and Forby, writing centuries later, gave the meaning of 'Car' in the East Anglian dialect as 'a wood or grove on moist soil, generally of alders'.

Early Norfolk occurrences of the surname **Fenn** are largely concentrated in the district around the Broads in east Norfolk, with a smaller number in the fens around the Wash in the west.

In the Norfolk subsidy for 1329-39, there are 28 persons called **Fen** (including atte Fen, etc) and of these, 21 are in the Broads area, especially around Wroxham, three are in the west Norfolk Fenland and the remaining four are widely dispersed in other parts of the country. Other early occurrences of the name **Fen**, and of surnames formed from compounds (Overfen, de Westfen, de Blackfen, de Fenrowe, ate Fenhous, etc) show a similar pattern of distribution.

The name **FENN** was also common in **SUFFOLK**. Twenty-five persons of the name occur in the Suffolk 1327 subsidy rolls, and are rather widely distributed. Nine are in the extreme north-east of the country, where there are marshes along the rivers Yare and Waveney, 12 are dispersed in central Suffolk, and three others are in the coastal areas of the south east.

The name is absent in this subsidy from the Fens in the extreme north west of the country, the Breckland area in north-west Suffolk, and from the south west of the county.

If the distribution of the name **Fenn** in 1327 is compared with the distribution of the same surname in the Suffolk returns for the subsidy granted in 1523, it can be seen that by the 16th century the situation had largely changed, and that by the later date the name was widely distributed over most of Suffolk, though still noticeably absent from the north-west of the county.

In certain early 16th Century sources for Norfolk, the surname was fairly widespread in the east of the county, though it was still more common in the Broads district than anywhere else; in the Fenlands around the West the name was rare.

Of the other toponymics derived from terms for marshy ground, the surname Marsh was much less common in medieval Norfolk or Suffolk than were Carr and **Fen**.

SHAW: SHAW, SHAFE, SHAVE & SHAY (Old English 'sceaga' – “wood”)



TIME-LINE - 1599 TO 1804

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ST MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK

"The Parish Church in which Seckers, Fenns and Ayers were married and all their children baptised.
Two generations of Fenns are listed in early transcripts of this medieval burial ground"

HADLEIGH "is 64 miles from London, in the Hundred and Union of **Cosford**, rural deanery and archdeaconry of **Cosford** and Diocese of **Ely**. Hadleigh owes its wealth of timber framed buildings to its importance in the wool trade during the 14-16 centuries. During this period the parish church, Saint Mary's, was enlarged and the spire, which dominates the town, was added. The deanery tower was built by Archdeacon William Pykenham and completed in 1495."

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- 27 05 1599** MARRIAGE at St Mary's Church of England, Hadleigh, between **William SECKER** and **Sarah HALLE**. These may be the great x 5 grandparents of John Whisley Ayers-Andrews (JWA)
- 04 05 1644** MARRIAGE at St Mary's Church of England, Hadleigh, between **Thomas SECKER** and **Suzan WALTON**. Thomas and Suzan are the great x 4 grandparents of JWA.
- 03 01 1678** FIRST MARRIAGE at Hadleigh, of **Thomas SECKER** and **Mary GULSON**. Mary died 2/9/1678, and Thomas remarried about three years later.
- circa 1681** SECOND MARRIAGE of **Thomas SECKER**. This marriage was to **Elizabeth (UNKNOWN)**; JWA's great x 3 grandparents. Issue:

1	SECKER, Thomas	baptised	07 09 1682	St Mary's Hadleigh, died young
2	SECKER, Elizabeth	baptised	04 03 1685	St Mary's Hadleigh
3	SECKER, Kathleen	baptised	02 04 1688	St Mary's Hadleigh
4	SECKER, Thomas	baptised	02 01 1690	St Mary's Hadleigh, married 27/6/1714 Hannah WRIGHT
5	SECKER, William	baptised	15 09 1692	St Mary's Hadleigh

INTERIOR OF ST MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH HADLEIGH

Glen wrote, "I am enclosing some photos of the interior of St Mary's Church of England, Hadleigh. So try to picture your folk getting married at the altar, also the service around the font at the back of the church for the baptism of the children. Hadleigh people have been baptised in the font (which is large enough to immerse a baby) ever since 1350."

"The church itself is medieval, dating back to the 15th century. The church tower was begun about 1190. The roof was raised about 1450 and windows of an earlier style re-used in the clerestory to let in more light".

Glyn looked for relevant head-stones, but had to report, "The tombstones were the most unreadable that I have ever come across - there was hardly one of them that I could decipher. It came about from the type of stone used, which seemed to attract a sort of lichen growth which obliterated the writing."

Fortunately, all headstone of the time were transcribed in 1893 and 1920, showing that two generations of Fenns were interred in the church yard. See photos elsewhere.

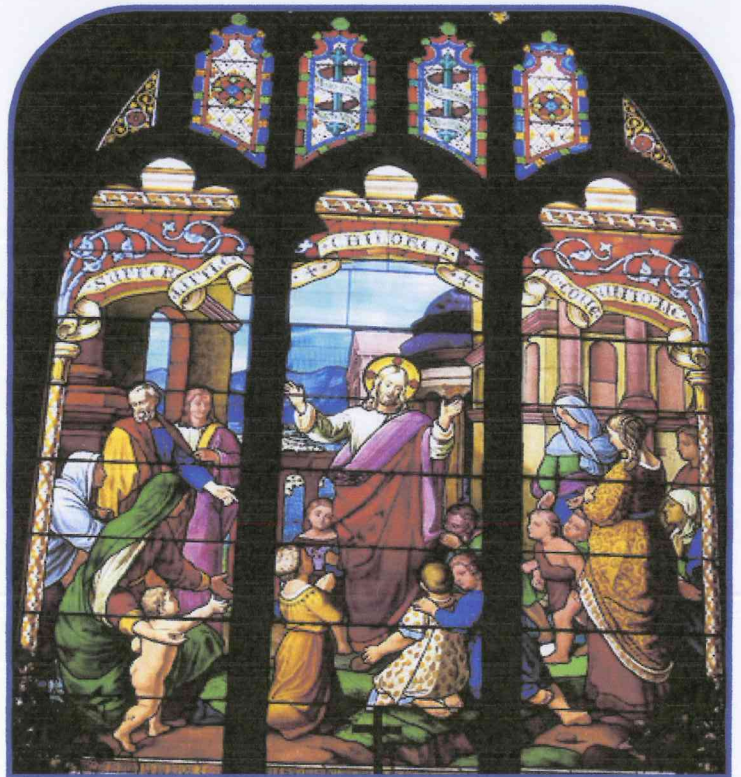
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Above: The Font where children were baptised from 1350

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Below: Carpenter's Hadleigh
St Mary's Church & Parsonage
13 September 1803



VISITORS: WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH OF ST MARY, HADLEIGH

"No matter from which direction you enter Hadleigh, there is one feature that dominates the skyline - St Mary's church. Its elegance fascinated Sudbury artist, Thomas Gainsborough (see postcard elsewhere) and forms a site of one of the finest Medieval squares to be seen. The top of the spire of Saint Mary's Church reaches 135 feet.

Today we see the church little changed from its alterations into the Perpendicular style of the 15th Century, but between it and the Guildhall, the foundations of a church of the Saxon period have been found and a church in Hadleigh is recorded in the Domesday Book. In fact three churches have stood on the present site since the 12th Century and there are examples of a 'decorated' style of the 14th Century throughout the St Mary's Church of today. The Church is built of flint and stone said to have been brought from Normandy. It is a living building, with the marks of centuries of development, from the tower (commenced about 1190) to the nave altar of the Holy Trinity (1971).

Hadleigh people have been baptised in the font ever since 1350, and it is large enough to immerse a baby. The cover, which completes it so well, was made in 1925. As you stand near the font, let your eyes take in the great size and wonderful proportions of the building. The roof was raised about 1450 and windows of an earlier style re-used in the clerestory to let in more light. In the 15th and 16th Centuries there was a rood screen at the Chancel Arch. of which only the smaller side sections remain. The 15th Century chancel roof has some ingenious carvings.

On the left or north side is the Lady Chapel. Here is the organ which has been enlarged and improved many times since it was brought privately to be placed in a gallery at the west end in 1738.

On the eastern side hanging over the clock face is the Angelus Bell on which the hours are struck.

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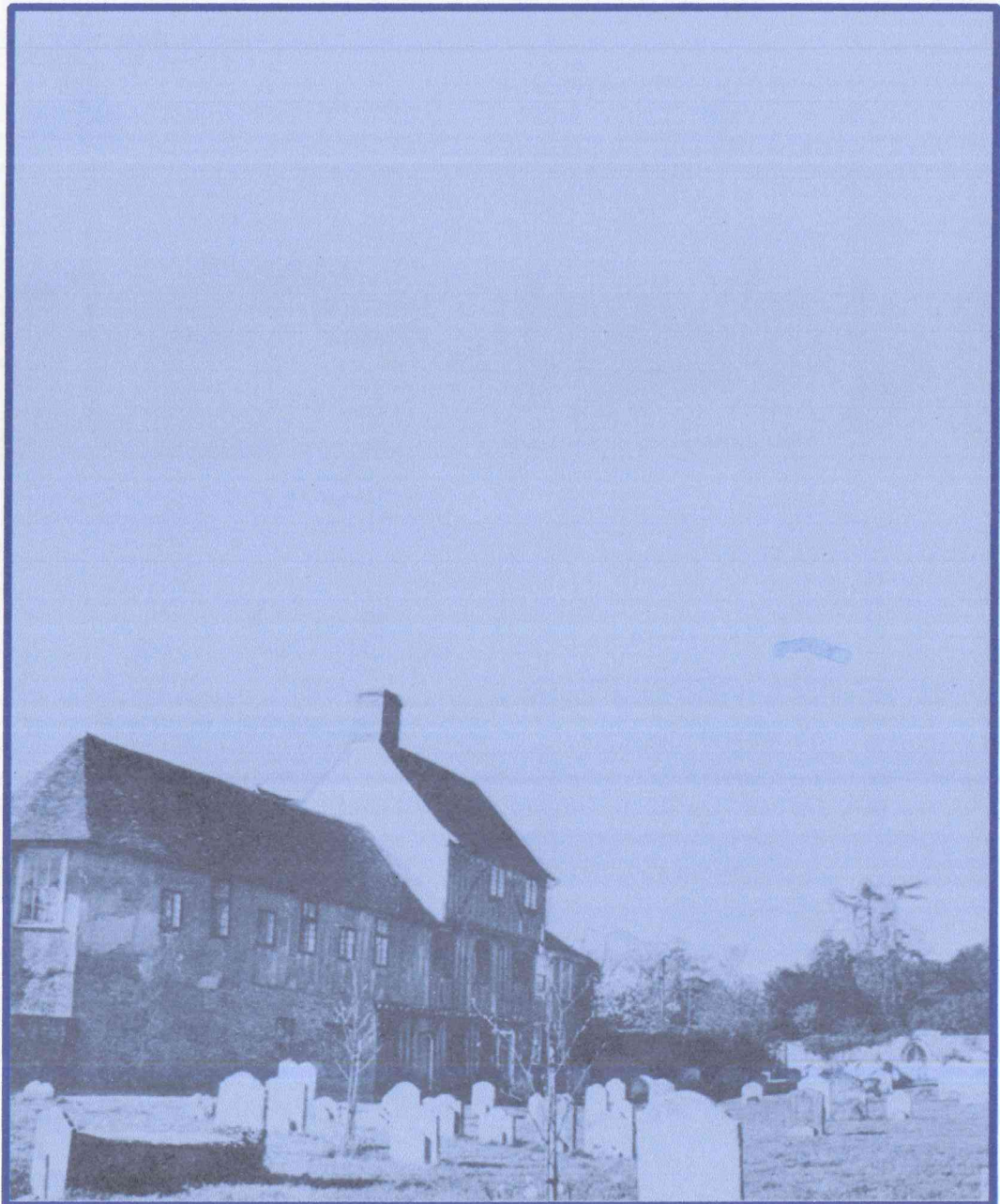
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The Guildhall caters for gatherings, and the Deanery Tower as a private dwelling, and the church for worship.

The town has many old buildings; their date often indicating not their origin, but a major restoration.

*"Hadleigh –
Official Guide"*

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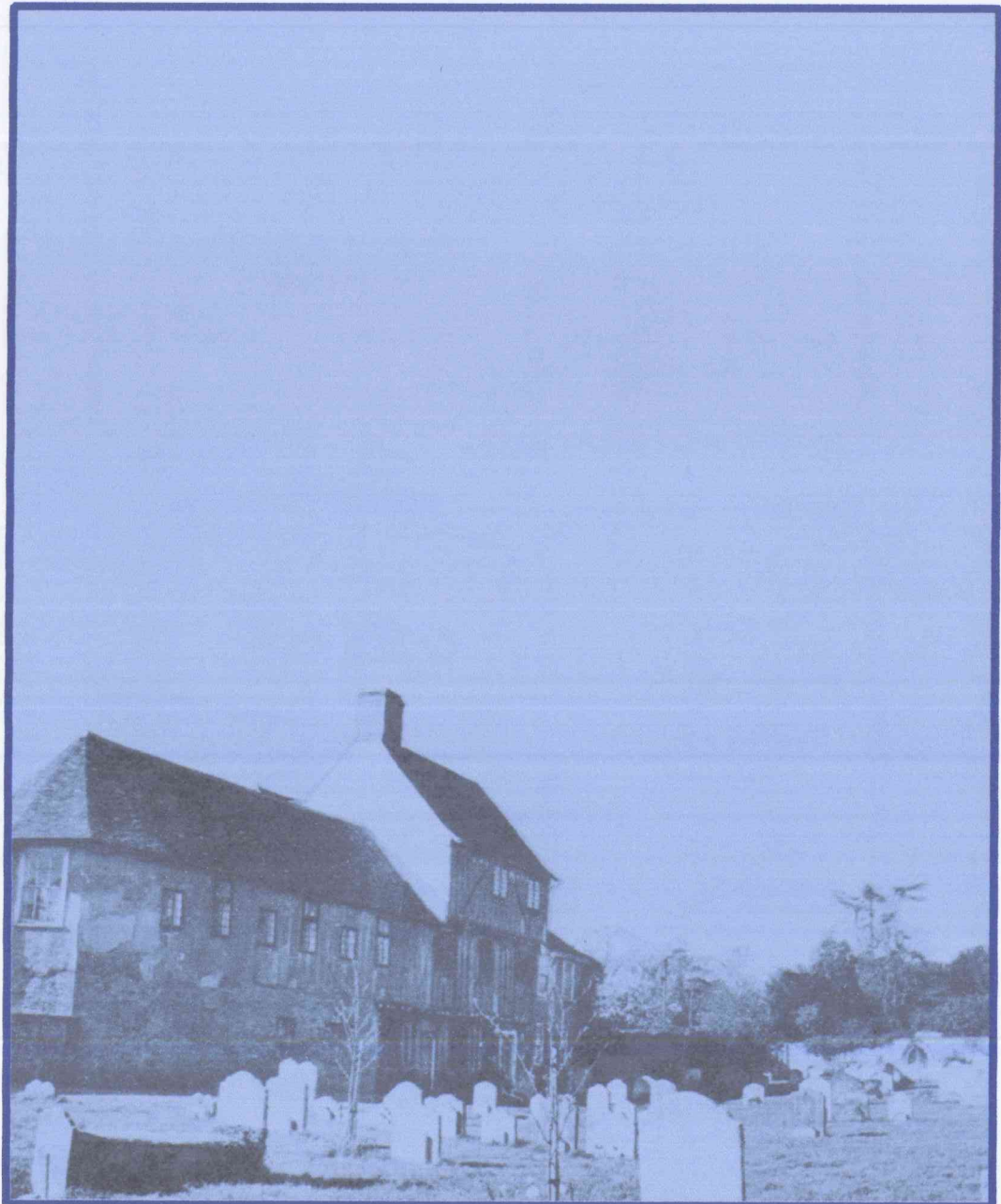
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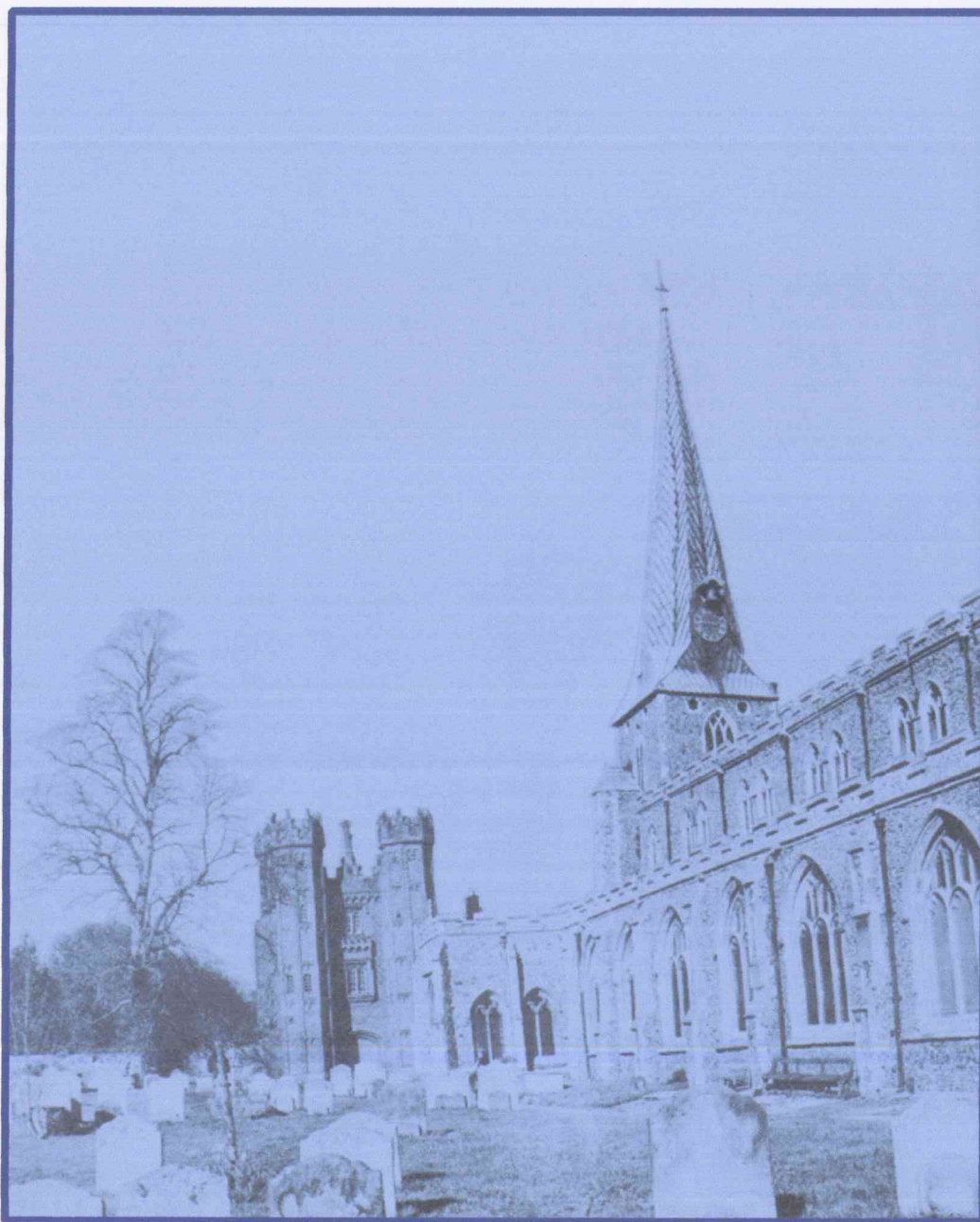


POST OFFICE DIRECTORY OF 1869 - HADLEIGH CHURCH REFERENCES

"The **Church of St Mary** is ancient and handsome, and is 143 feet long and 63 feet wide, with a high tower and spire containing 8 bells; the exterior was restored in 1854-55, at the cost of about £1,100; and in the year 1859 the spacious graveyard was enclosed at considerable expense by the parishioners; the chancel has been renovated and benched by the Rector, at his own expense, and it is now in contemplation to renovate the whole interior to accord with the improvements effected by the Rector.

Gunthrum, the celebrated Danish sea-king, reigned here for twelve years, and was buried, it is supposed, in the church in 889; since then the structure has been rebuilt on a site closely adjacent to where it formerly stood, and sufficiently near to include the supposed tomb of this monarch; it may be questioned, however, whether this supposition is correct, as the tomb is not older than the fourteenth century; there is also an ancient font, with a curious inscription in Greek, an old pulpit, some old stained glass, a beautiful window, by Hedgland, from a painting by Overbeck, representing Our Saviour Blessing Little Children, in memory of the second wife of the present Rector; also a good organ. The earliest date of the register is November 26th, 1558. The living is a rectory, yearly valued £1,325, in the gift of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and held by the Very Rev, Henry Barry Knox, MA, of Trinity College, Dublin, joint dean of Bocking. The Rectory-house has been much improved; the gateway dates from 1490.

One of the rectors of Hadleigh, Dr Rowland Taylor, was burnt in 1555 on Aldham Common; the place where he suffered is marked with a stone, and in the ancient tower of the Rectory may still be seen the secret room in which he is supposed to have sought refuge from his persecutors. On the way to Coram Street, just outside the town is the **parish cemetery**, which was opened in July 1856."



ST MARY'S MEDIEVAL CHURCHYARD HADLEIGH

Transcribed 1893 & 1921

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*Mary Fenn

wife of
John FENN
of this Parish
February 1763
Footstone: Buried
8 February 1763

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Robert Fenn

late of
Stonestreet Farm
in this Parish aged 80
2 March 1838
(born c1758)
and
Mary FENN,
wife of Robert, aged 67
2 March 1823

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John Fenn

aged 61 of this Parish
26 September 1819
(born c1758)
and
Elizabeth,
wife of John Fenn
aged 62
19 April 1806
(born c1744)

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Robert & John

are the
sons of
*Mary Fenn
(nee Wellum)

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HADLEIGH OFFICIAL GUIDE OF 1990s

"The Romans lived just outside Hadleigh in the First Century AD and later the place came to prominence as a Saxon settlement. In the 9th Century the Danish Chieftain, Guthrum, was defeated by the Saxons and came to live in Hadleigh. He died here and is believed to have been buried near the site of the parish church.

Flemish weavers who fled from religious persecution in Europe set up a woollen cloth trade in the town and the wealth created enabled the parish church to be rebuilt and enlarged twice by the end of the 15th Century. During this time of prosperity, the Market House was rebuilt and became the Guildhall. The red brick Deanery Tower was built in the churchyard and several charities set up to help the traders.

Hadleigh also became a seat of learning for a time when the University of Cambridge sought refuge during the Plague. During the reign of Queen Mary, Hadleigh's enlightened rector, Rowland Taylor, was arrested and taken to London before being burned at the stake on Aldham Common, just outside Hadleigh.

Hadleigh owes its wealth of timber framed buildings to its importance in the wool trade in the 14th-16th centuries. In the 15th century the wool trade declined as the weavers did not adapt to changing demands for a lighter type of cloth. But the town still grew in population and at the beginning of the 19th century cheap child labour attracted a Colchester firm who set up a silk mill.

The Victorian era brought a New Town Hall, gas lighting and the railway, although passenger services stopped in 1932 and freight in 1965. The line of the old track is now the Railway Walk.

Just as it was the business of wool and grain which gave Hadleigh its prominence and wealth in the past, it is modern day commerce which keeps the town thriving today. Hadleigh is an ancient market town steeped in history and full of atmosphere.

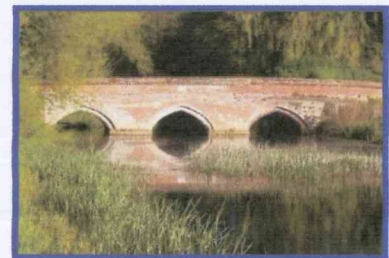
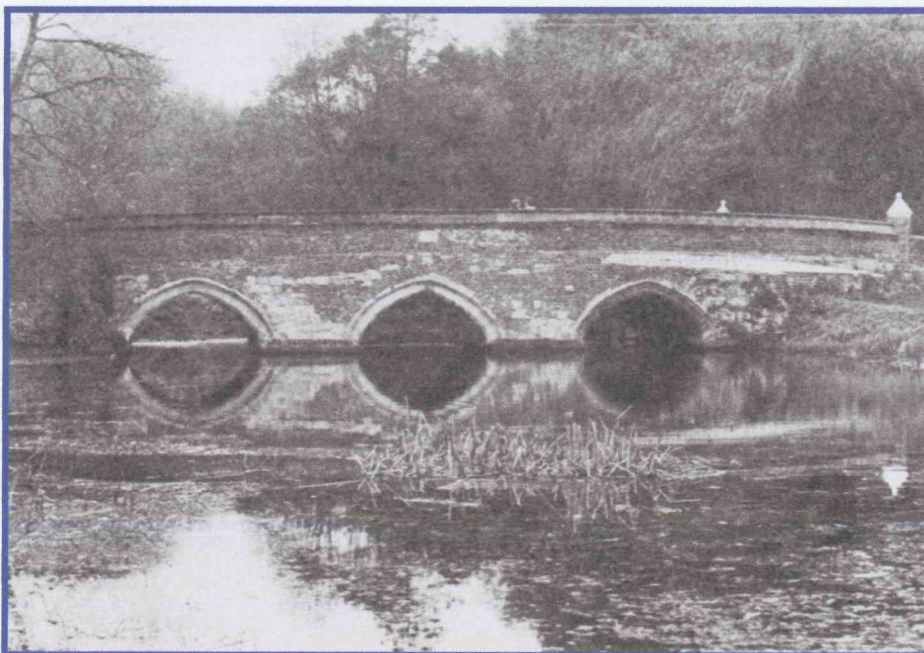
Within the wide High Street is every kind of shop and service expected of a town of the 1990s, but here the appearance of the old and the needs of the new have joined hands to their mutual benefit.

Nestling in the valley of the River Brett lies this ancient market town. An approach to the town centre from the west Bridge Street turns into the wide, distinctive High Street and several fine timbered and Georgian type buildings come into view. If you continue along High Street, the atmosphere of a town retaining its history while meeting the demands of today, is clearly evident.

The town centre lies between two bridges set about one kilometre apart spanning the River Brett as it flows away south. To the west is the Iron Bridge and carrying the road towards Lower Layham is the attractive triple arched Toppesfield Bridge - one of the oldest bridges still in use despite being 'decayed and ready to fall down' in 1591. In the course of time Hadleigh has spread north of the river where the bulk of the residential and industrial development has taken place."



TOPPESFIELD BRIDGE. HADLEIGH



TOPPESFIELD BRIDGE

is one of the oldest bridges still in use in England despite being "decayed and ready to fall down" in 1591.

It is easy to imagine that generations of Hadleigh children would have spend endless hours playing at this site!



00 00 1710 MARRIAGE at Hadleigh between **Jacob WHISTLER** and **Elizabeth MILES**, most likely the great great grandparents of JWA, and the father of John Whistler/Whislay who married Jane Parker on 17 February 1845.

27 05 1714 MARRIAGE at Hadleigh, between **Thomas SECKER** and **Hannah WRIGHT**, JWA's great, great grandparents. Their children:

- 1 **SECKER, Hannah** baptised 06 03 1715 St Mary's Hadleigh m: **George ALDRIDGE**
- 2 **SECKER, Thomas** baptised 06 11 1717 St Mary's Hadleigh
- 3 **SECKER, Elizabeth** baptised 04 10 1720 St Mary's Hadleigh
- 4 **SECKER, Alsie** baptised 09 05 1727 St Mary's Hadleigh

circa 1714 BIRTH at Hadleigh? of **George ALDRIDGE**

06 05 1714 BAPTISM at St Marys Hadleigh of **Hannah SECKER**

circa 1720 BIRTH at Gt Waldingfield? of **John WHISLAY**

circa 1720 BIRTH at Creting St Mary? of **Jane PARKER**

circa 1725 BIRTH at Boxford? of **Unknown AYERS**

circa 1725 BIRTH at Boxford? of **Elizabeth? NUTTON**

circa 1730 BIRTH of **John FENN** later of Sroughton Parish

circa 1730 BIRTH of **Mary WELLUM**

**JWA'S GREAT
GRAND PARENTS**

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All Saints' Church
SPROUGHTON



Creting St Marys



Sroughton Churchyard Cemetery

15 10 1740 MARRIAGE of JWA's great grandparents, **George ALDRIDGE** and **Hannah SECKER**, at St Mary's Hadleigh.

1. **ALDRIDGE, Hannah** bp 23 06 1742 St Mary's Hadleigh
m. 06 08 1765 St Mary's Hadleigh, **Jeffrey LEE**
2. **ALDRIDGE, George** bp 08 11 1744 St Mary's Hadleigh
m1 16 10 1772 Hadleigh, **Mary PITTOCK**
m2 00 00 1777 Hadleigh, **Margaret JOHNSON**
m3 27 09 1785 St Mary's Hadleigh, **Mary HEARN**
3. **ALDRIDGE, Elizabeth** bp 01 11 1746 St Mary's Hadleigh
4. **ALDRIDGE, Lydia** bp 16 08 1748 St Mary's Hadleigh
5. **ALDRIDGE, Thomas** bp 01 10 1750 St Mary's Hadleigh
m. 05 10 1774 St Mary's Hadleigh, **Frances DILLICK**
6. **ALDRIDGE, Catherine** bp 01 02 1753 St Mary's Hadleigh
7. **ALDRIDGE, Mary** bp circa 1755 St Mary's Hadleigh (lack of records in that year)
bu 01 03 1823 St Mary's Hadleigh with husband
m. 02 11 1780 St Mary's Hadleigh, **Robert FENN**
8. **ALDRIDGE, Sarah** bp 27 06 1757 St Mary's Hadleigh
m. 13 07 1789 St Mary's Hadleigh, **Samuel PITTOCH**

17 02 1745 MARRIAGE of JWA's great grandparents, **John WHISLAY** and **Jane PARKER** at Great Waldingfield.

1. **WHISLAY, Jane** bp 10 06 1748 Gt Waldingfield
m. 20 05 1774 Gt Waldingfield, **Henry Nutton AYERS**
2. **WHISLAY, John** bp 07 08 1753 Gt Waldingfield
3. **WHISLAY, Isaac** bp 16 05 1755 Gt Waldingfield, died pre December 1757
4. **WHISLAY, Sarah** bp 14 04 1756 Gt Waldingfield
5. **WHISLAY, Isaac** bp 16 12 1757 Gt Waldingfield

John WHISLAY of this parish married **Jane PARKER** of Creting St Marys, by License, in the Parish of Great Waldingfield on 17 February 1745

circa 1745 MARRIAGE of JWA's great grandparents, **(Henry?) AYERS** and **(Elizabeth?) NUTTON** of Gt Waldingfield.

1. **AYERS, Henry Nutton** b: circa 1745 married 20 05 1774 Gr Waldingfield, **Jane WHISLAY**
2. **AYERS, (unknown)** b: after 1745

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PARKER

The first village linked to this name is **CREETING ST MARYS**, situated about 7 miles north east of Hadleigh. It was the home parish of **Jane PARKER**, (born c1720) at the time of her marriage on 17 February 1745 at Great Waldingfield, to **John WHISLAY**.

WHISLAY

Whislay (with numerous variations) was a **GREAT WALDINGFIELD** family name and there are many of them registered in that parish over the centuries, and many are buried in the churchyard. We can positively trace our family to a marriage in Great Waldingfield, on 17 February 1745, between **John WHISLAY** (born c1720) and **Jane PARKER**. However, there is an earlier Hadleigh marriage during 1710 to be considered, between **Jacob WHISTLER** and **Elizabeth MILES**.

NUTTON & AYERS

Nutton and Ayers are seen around the areas of **EDWARDSTONE** and **GROTON**, two villages west of Hadleigh. "They are linked not only by their proximity to each other but also by John Winthrop one of the most famous colonisers of North America who became first governor of Massachusetts after quitting Groton as lord of the major to lead the great Puritan emigration in 1630. He founded Boston and was co-founder of Harvard University. Edwardstone Church stands in grounds of a now demolished hall and has some interesting brasses. Much of the 15th Century Groton church is given over to the Winthrop family."

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PARKER FAMILY of Creeting St Marys?

Isaac? PARKER
of Creeting St Marys

Jane PARKER 17 February 1745
b c1720 by Licence at
of Creeting at Great
St Mary's Waldingfield

WHISLAY-WHISTLER of Gt Waldingfield?

Jacob WHISTLER (Conjecture)
b c1685 m 1710 Hadleigh, **Elizabeth MILES**

John WHISLAY
born c1720

NUTTON FAMILY of Edwardstone?

George Henry NUTTON
(Conjecture)

Elizabeth? NUTTON? circa 1745
born c1725

AYERS-AYERS of Groton?

Henry AYERS
(Conjecture)

Henry? AYERS
born c1725

WHISLAY #2
John
bp 07 08 1753
Gt Waldingfield

WHISLAY #3
Isaac
bp 16 05 1755
Gt Waldingfield
d. pre Dec 1757

WHISLAY #4
Sarah
bp 14 04 1756
Gt Waldingfield

WHISLAY #5
Isaac
bp 16 12 1757
Gt Waldingfield

WHISLAY #1
Jane
bp 10 06 1748
Gt Waldingfield

20 May 1774
by Licence
Gt Waldingfield

AYERS
Henry Nutton
b. circa 1750

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HADLEIGH POST OFFICE DIRECTORY

"HADLEIGH (in 1869) is a parish, market town, head of a county court district, a station on the Eastern Union branch line, and a polling place for the Western division of the county, 64 miles from London, 10½ west from Ipswich station, 7 north-north-east from Nayland, and 11 east from Sudbury by road, hundred and union of Cosford, rural deanery and archdeaconry of Sudbury, and diocese of Ely.

The river Brett, which is not navigable, and which has its rise at Brettenham, winds its course along at the rear of the town and empties its waters into the Stour, near Stratford Street Mary, in this county. The town is lighted with gas, which is supplied by a Company formed in 1861, and has some very good buildings: the chief street is about three quarters of a mile in length. Hadleigh was formerly incorporated, but surrendered its charter in James the Second's time.

There is a Free school, also National schools for boys and infants, and British schools for boys, girls and infants. There are also chapels for Independents, Baptists and Primitive Methodists. The Corn Exchange was built in 1813 by voluntary contributions. A Town Hall was erected in 1851, on the Market Feoffment property, by the trustees; it is a spacious brick building.

A Police Station was built in 1855, at a cost of about £1,100 on a piece of ground formerly occupied by the White Horse Inn. The petty sessions are held here at intervals of three or four weeks, also a county court once in two months at the Town Hall; it includes the following places in its jurisdiction - Aldham, Bildeston, Boxford, Brent Eleigh, Chilsworth, E. Bergholt, Edwardstone, Elmsett, Groton, Hadleigh, Hadleigh Hamlet, Higham, Hitcham, Holton Saint Mary, Kersey, Kettlebaston, Layham, Lindsay, Milden, Monks Eleigh, Naughton, Nedging, Potstead, Raydon, Semer, Shelly, Stratford Saintt Mary, Stoke-by-Nayland, Stoke Leaven Heath, Wattisham, Wenham (Great) and Whatfield. There is a savings bank.

The town was once of eminence in the woollen manufacture and here is a carpet manufactory carried out by Messrs Cooke, Sons and Law, of 12 Friday street, London; and it is now in contemplation to erect a silk manufactory; here are also extensive malhouses, several corn mills, iron foundries, machine works, and a considerable trade in corn is carried on.

The market day is on Monday, when much business is done in corn. Fairs are held on Whit-Monday and Old Michalmas Day and a lamb fair in September. In George Street are almshouses for 32 inmates, chiefly founded by Dr William Pykenham, to which a chapel is attached; there are also almshouses for 8 inmates in Benton street. Besides the almshouses there are others, namely, the Market Feoffment and Ann Beaumont's Charity. The Rev James Cutting Safford and the Rev Robert John Francis are the lords of themanor at Hadleigh Hall and John Frederick Robinson Esq is Lord of the manors of Toppesfield Hall and Cosford Hall. The principal landowners are S C Kersey Esq, W Kersey Esq, the executors of I Strutt, John Cook Esq,, the Trustees of the Rev E Jermyn, and the Feoffees of the several local charity estates. The population in 1861 was 3,606, and the area is 4,288 acres. Parish Clerk, Thomas Sexton."

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GREAT WALDINGFIELD

1. "This photo shows a section of Great Waldingfield Hamlet and the Church in which **John WHISLAY** and **Jane PARKER** were married in 1745, and where their children were christened.

It is also the Church where their daughter, **Jane WHISLAY**, married **Henry Nutton AYERS** in 1774; before she moved to Boxford."

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2. A view of the Hamlet of Great Waldingfield situated approximately 10 kilometres west of Hadleigh.

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3. Great Waldingfield Parish Church

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"We thought that Great Waldingfield was a delightful place and so unspoiled with modern development.

This came about through the church being quite a way down the lane from the main road so that all the new development confined itself to those areas near the road, leaving the area around the church exactly as it has been for hundreds of years.

Great Waldingfield was very much an Ayers centre and I was interested to see that row of graves of which I took a photo.

The headstones were not of any of the generations you would be interested in, but they would have been first and second cousins of John Whislay Ayers (senior). I hoped to have seen some WHISLAY family graves, but we could not find any at all."

Information and photos from
Glyn & Pam Morgan

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00 10 1771 DEATH of JWA's great grandfather, **John FENN**.

30 11 1771 THE WILL dated 1770 of **John FENN** was Proved at Essex Record Office by **Mary FENN**, his second wife. Hadleigh farmer, **John FENN**, appointed his wife as executor as well as John WHIMPER, Blacksmith, asking that they make an inventory of his personal belongings. His chest of drawers and the looking glass were to go to his wife, Mary. Fifty Pounds was bequeathed to Joseph BIRD, his wife's son from her former marriage, when aged 21 years, with the responsibility of John Whimper to use the same for Joseph's maintenance and to put him "out to business". The residual estate went to "my three children" aged 13, 11 and 12 respectively - **John, Ann and Robert**. Attesting witnesses to the Will were "John Burrell" and "Geo Aldridge, Maltster".

Three names from the Will of John Fenn were linked together, ten years later, on the marriage certificate of **Robert FENN** and **Mary ALDRIDGE**:

***Robert FENN**, (groom) with **Joseph Bird**, his step-brother, and **George Aldridge**, his bride's brother

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No 1 – Interior of Kersey Parish Church where widowed **John FENN** married **Mary Bird**, also widowed.

Mary had one son **Joseph Bird** who was mentioned in the Will of John Fenn, his step-father.

*Photo (1984)
G & P Morgan*

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No 2 – Panels in the Church at Kersey, Suffolk

*Photo (1998)
J & S Bellamy*

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30 11 1771 THE WILL dated 1770 of **John FENN** was Proved at Essex Record Office by **Mary FENN**, his second wife. Hadleigh farmer, **John FENN**, appointed his wife as executor as well as John WHIMPER, Blacksmith, asking that they make an inventory of his personal belongings. His chest of drawers and the looking glass were to go to his wife, Mary. Fifty Pounds was bequeathed to Joseph BIRD, his wife's son from her former marriage, when aged 21 years, with the responsibility of John Whimper to use the same for Joseph's maintenance and to put him "out to business". The residual estate went to "my three children" aged 13, 11 and 12 respectively - **John, Ann and Robert**. Attesting witnesses to the Will were John Burrell and Geo Aldridge, Malster.

Three names from the Will of John Fenn were linked together, ten years later, on the marriage certificate of **Robert FENN** and **Mary ALDRIDGE**:

***Robert FENN**, (groom) with **Joseph Bird**, his step-brother, and **George Aldridge**, his bride's brother

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No 1 – Interior of Kersey Parish Church where widowed **John FENN** married **Mary Bird**, also widowed.

Mary had one son **Joseph Bird** who was mentioned in the Will of John Fenn, his step-father.

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G & P Morgan*

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No 2 – Panels in the Church at Kersey, Suffolk

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J & S Bellamy*

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KERSEY, SUFFOLK

KERSEY is situated three kilometres north west of JWA's baptismal place of Hadleigh. He always stated that Kersey was his place of birth, but at first, we were quite sceptical. However, it was soon established that he would have been born at the Fenn's *Stonestreet Farm* which is situated much closer to Kersey than it is to Hadleigh.

Promotional brochures promote Kersey as probably one of the best known tourist attractions in Suffolk. "It is set between two hills with the main street fording a river. The atmosphere of a time gone by is the first thing to strike visitors to the village which was one of the centres of the medieval woollen trace, its name given to the well-known Kerseymere cloth. The area was settled in the 14th Century by Flemish weavers driven out of their own country. It is mentioned in the Domesday Book, but spelt 'Car's eye' meaning a stream running into a brook."

In the photograph of Kersey Village, can be seen the Kersey Inn, which was built in 1435 and named the *White Horse*.

The foundations were heavy oak baulks laid horizontally along the ground, upon which the structure was erected. In spite of the distorted shape, there is no movement in the building and it requires very little maintenance.



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No 1 - Kersey Village, Suffolk, showing the ford in the main street.
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No 1 - Houses in Kersey. The village's timber framed buildings owe their existence to the lucrative wool trade during the 14-16 centuries.
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TIME-LINE - 1774 TO 1803



ST MARY'S CHURCH, HADLEIGH

"Painted in 1748 by Thomas Gainsborough at the age of 21, when he was living at Sudbury. Commissioned by Dr Tanner, it hung over the large chimneypiece in his rectory, here seen behind Pykenham's Gateway Tower of c1495.

St Mary's is on the site of a 9th century wooden chapel erected by King Gunthrum. The earliest parts date from the 12th century. In 1555 Dr Roland Taylor, its brave rector, was burned for his faith. The porch with its great sundial and unique 'Cradle' at the base of the spire no longer exists but the 13th century clock and angelus bell are preserved."

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ST MARY'S CHURCHYARD

Inscriptions "copied in 1893 and 1921 by someone staying at Church house" - Microfilm J562/39 SRO, and include five early names:

*Mary Fenn

wife of John FENN of this Parish
February 1763
Footstone: buried 8 February 1763

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Robert Fenn

late of Stone Street Farm
in this Parish aged 80
2 March 1838
(born c1758)
and
Mary FENN,
wife of Robert, aged 67
2 March 1823

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John Fenn

aged 61 of this Parish
26 September 1819
(born c1758)
and
Elizabeth,
wife of John Fenn
aged 62
19 April 1806
(born c1744)

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Robert & John

are the
sons of

*Mary Fenn
(nee Wellum)

<< St Mary's church and cemetery

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20 05 1774 MARRIAGE by Licence at Great Waldingfield, between JWA's grandparents, **Henry Nutton AYERS** and **Jane WHISLAY**. Their children listed below and following:

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|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| 1. <u>AYERS, Elizabeth Ann</u> | bp 22 09 1775
d: infancy? | Boxford |
| 2. <u>AYERS, George Henry Nutton</u> | bp 01 09 1777
bu 08 02 1860
m. 24 12 1805 | Boxford
Boxford
Ann MANN of Houlton
b. 1780 bu 11/6/1855 Boxford |
| 3. <u>AYERS, James</u> | bp 09 02 1779
m. (unknown) | Boxford
Ann (UNKNOWN) |
| 4. <u>AYERS, John Whislay</u> | bp 07 03 1780
d: (unknown)
m 25 08 1803 | Boxford
Yeoman, Bailiff, Inn Keeper
St Mary's Hadleigh, Ann FENN who was
bp 8/7/1794 bu 20/6/1829 Hadleigh,
daughter of Mary Aldridge and Robert Fenn of
Stone Street Farm near Kersey |
| 5. <u>AYERS, Henry</u> | bp 14 03 1782
d: after 1813
m circa 1810 | Boxford
(School Teacher, Storekeeper)
Sarah (UNKNOWN) |
| 6. <u>AYERS, Jane</u> | bp 16 10 1783 | Boxford |
| 7. <u>AYERS, William</u> | bp 05 09 1785
m 14 09 1808 | Boxford
Mary MANN |

MARRIAGE IN GREAT WALDINGFIELD PARISH CHURCH

Henry Nutton AYERS of the Parish of Boxford, single man, and **Jane WHISLAY** of this parish, single woman, were married in this Church by Licence this 20th day of May in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy four by me Benjⁿ Wright (Rector)

This marriage was) Henry Nutt ⁿ Ayers	(Signed)
solemnized between us:) Jane Whislay	(Signed)
in the) Philip Parker	(Signed)
presence of:) Mary Sparke	(X her mark)



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GREAT WALDINGFIELD No 10

Henry Nutton Ayers of [the] Parish of Boxford
single man and Jane Whislay of [this]
Parish single woman were

Married in this [Church] by [Licence]
this 20th Day of May in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred
and 74 by me Benjⁿ Wright Rector

This Marriage was Henry Nuttⁿ Ayers
solemnized between Us Jane Whislay

In the { Philip Parker
Presence of { Mary Sparke her mark +

THE CHILDREN OF HENRY NUTTON AYERS & JANE WHISLAY

(JWA'S Ayers Aunts and Uncles)

22 09 1775 BAPTISM at Boxford of JWA's aunt, **Elizabeth Ann AYERS**, the first of seven children of Jane Whislay and Henry Nutton Ayers.

01 09 1777 BAPTISM at Boxford of JWA's uncle, **George Henry Nutton AYERS** (GHNA), the second of seven children of Jane Whislay and Henry Nutton Ayers. He was buried on 8 February 1862 at Boxford.

George Henry Nutton Ayers, married on 24 December 1805, **Ann MANN** of Houlton. Ann was born about 1780 and buried 11 June 1855 at Boxford.



Their children (JWA's first cousins):

Boxford Parish Church

1. **AYERS, Henry Nutton**
2. **AYERS, George Nutton**
3. **AYERS, Mary Ann**
4. **AYERS, Jane Harriett Nutton**
5. **AYERS, Edward Nutton Goymer**
6. **AYERS, Samuel Nutton Robert**

09 02 1779 BAPTISM at Boxford of JWA's uncle, **James AYERS**, the third of seven children of Jane Whislay and Henry Nutton Ayers. He married **Ann** –

1. **AYERS, Henry**
2. **AYERS, Ann**

07 03 1780 BAPTISM at Boxford of JWA's father, **John Whislay AYERS**, the fourth of seven children of Jane Whislay and Henry Nutton Ayers. He survived his wife, **Ann FENN** whom he married on 25 August 1803 at St Mary's Hadleigh. Ann was baptised on 8 July 1784 and buried on 20 June 1829. JWA and his siblings:

1. **AYERS-ANDREWS, John Whisley (JWA)**
2. **AYERS, Henry Nutton**
3. **AYERS, Anne**
4. **AYERS, Jane Goymor**
5. **AYERS, Elizabeth**
6. **AYERS, Mary Ann**
7. **AYERS, Frances Caroline**
8. **AYERS, Edward Thomas**
9. **AYERS, Emily Edwards**

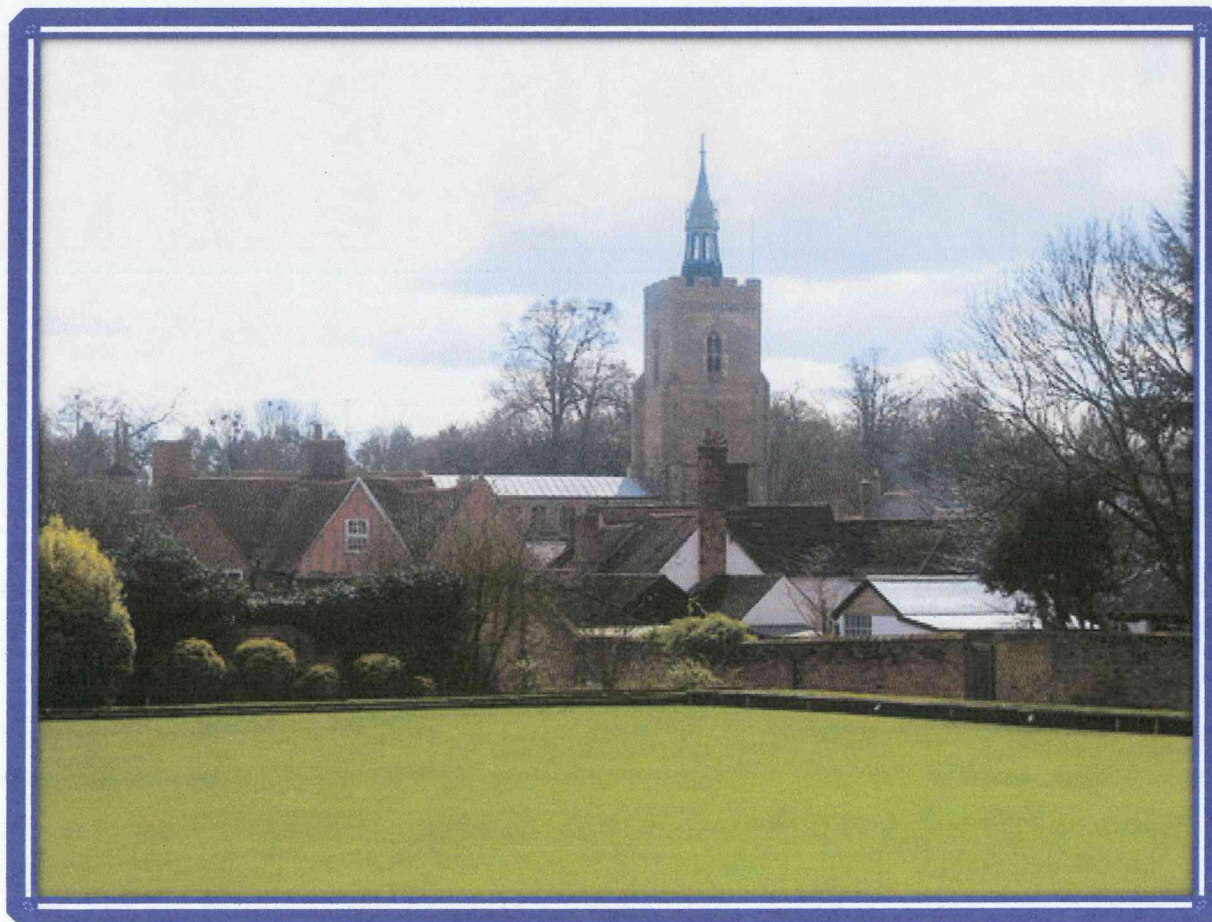
14 03 1782 BAPTISM at Boxford of JWA's uncle, Henry AYERS, the fifth of seven children of Jane Whislay and Henry Nutton Ayers. He was listed as a Schoolmaster at his children's baptisms. By 1845 when his son, Henry Nutton Ayers was married, both were in the wholesale grocery business in London's East End. When Henry Nutton died on 6 January 1868 at 7 Amherst Villas, Hackney, his estate was worth nearly Fifteen Hundred Pounds. The Will dated 7 January 1860, was witnessed by John Aubrey and William Nunn, Coventry (the father-in-law of his son Henry Nutton Ayers). At least three children (JWA's first cousins) of Henry and Sarah were:

1. **AYERS, Sarah Elizabeth**
2. **AYERS, Mary Ann**
3. **AYERS, Henry Nutton**

16 10 1783 BAPTISM at Boxford of JWA's aunt, Jane AYERS, the sixth of seven children of Jane Whislay and Henry Nutton Ayers. No further information.

05 09 1785 BAPTISM at Boxford of JWA's uncle, William AYERS, the last of seven children of Jane Whislay and Henry Nutton Ayers. He was married on 14 September 1808 to Mary MANN, and their only known child (JWA's cousin) was:

1. **AYERS, John Whistler**



Boxford Parish Church

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Henry Nutton Ayers.....mmarried.....Jane WHISLAY

George Henry Nutton AYERS
b: 1777 Boxford Suffolk (**GHNA**)

John Whislay AYERS
b: 1780 Boxford Suffolk

Henry Nutton AYERS
b: 1808 Boxford

John Whislay AYERS
b: Kersey 1804 (**JWA**)

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BOXFORD PHOTOS >>

- In 1804 **George Henry Nutton AYERS** (GHNA) had his Maltings in part of the dwelling at Ellis Street, Boxford - the building pictured opposite. He was still living at this address in 1861. He died within two years, as a widower.

- **Henry Nutton AYERS**, son of (GHNA) began as a Maltster, also at this address, but later became a successful financial adviser and publisher in London.

- **John Whislay AYERS** (father of JWA) would have been born at the Ellis Street home at Boxford in 1780.

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<< BOXFORD PHOTOS

No 1 - Boxford Village

Nos 2 & 3 - Interior of Boxford Church where John Whislay Ayers was baptised on 7 March 1780. His brothers and sisters and cousins were also baptised in this church.

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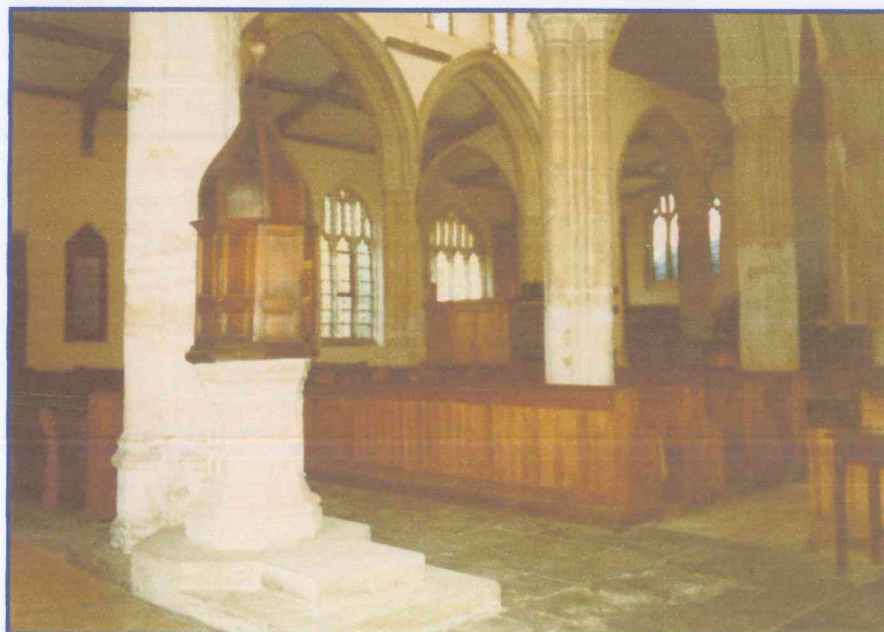
BOXFORD VILLAGE

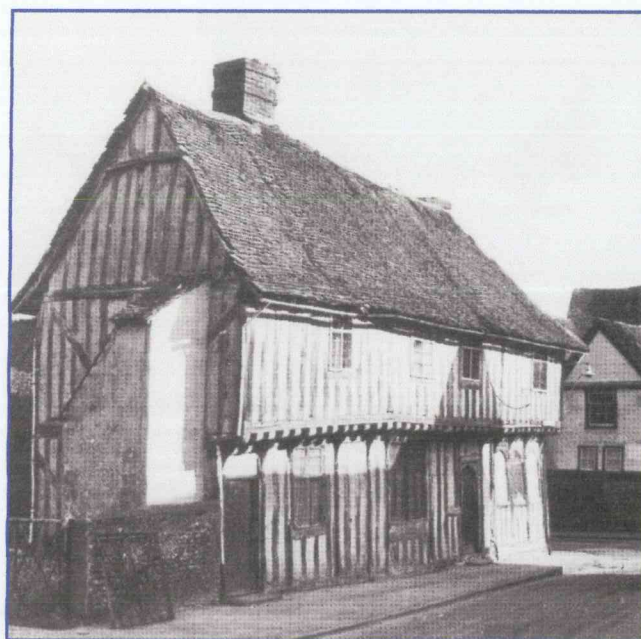
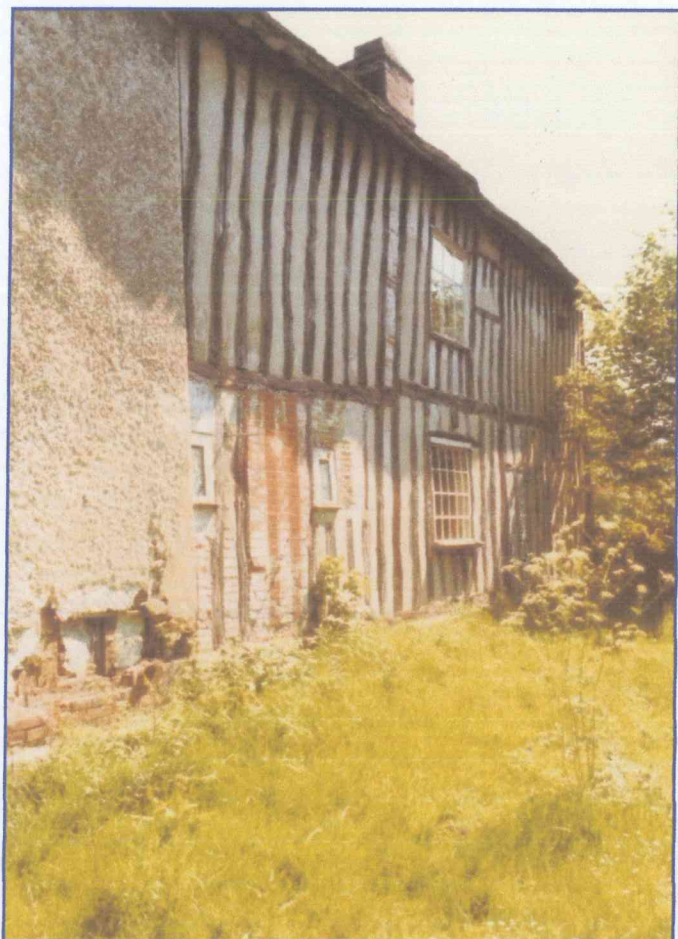
"The narrow streets of this village approximately five kilometres to the south west of Hadleigh, hide fine timber cottages among its array of picturesque old houses.

The church dates back to the 14th Century with a contemporary timber porch.

Inside is a memorial to **Elizabeth Hyam** who 'was hastened to her end' by a fall at the age of 113!" NB William Whisley Heard married a Constance M Hyem!

All photos taken by G & P Morgan





A comfortable medieval timber-frame home one room deep offered a heated hall open to the roof bordered by two double-storied, but not necessarily protruding, wings. Roof irregularities may suggest the insertion of a second storey above the hall itself. The upper-floor joists jetty out. The ground-floor room furthest away from the camera might once have been a shop. Its pointed windows, once unglazed, were closed at night by wooden shutters which fell by day to serve as counters. The shape of the remaining apertures as well as the nearer door, the glazing, chimney and protruding staircase tower do not seem medieval, perhaps being alterations of some period after 1560. A steeply sloping roof often indicates an original thatching.

1985 RENOVATIONS TO ELLIS STREET, BOXFORD ▲

▲ MEDIEVAL TIMBER-FRAME HOME SIMILAR TO AYERS



"This is where the AYERS lived, and where JWA's father, **John Whisley AYERS** would have been born in 1780. In 1838 part of it became the Maltings of **George Henry Nutton Ayers** (GHNA). He was still at this address (1861) a year before his death.

From the Boxford Parish Tithe Map, I was able to establish where the 'Nutton' Ayers lived and by luck one of the buildings I photographed in Ellis Street (obtained from the Census Returns) proved to be where **Jane WHISLAY** and **Henry Nutton AYERS** lived.

JWA's uncle, **George Henry Nutton AYERS** (GHNA) had his Maltings in part of the building in 1839. It looks quite derelict now, but is being done up and will be a beautiful building. It looks to be at least 16th Century. I expect it will still be there in a hundred year's time - Glyn"



Boxford

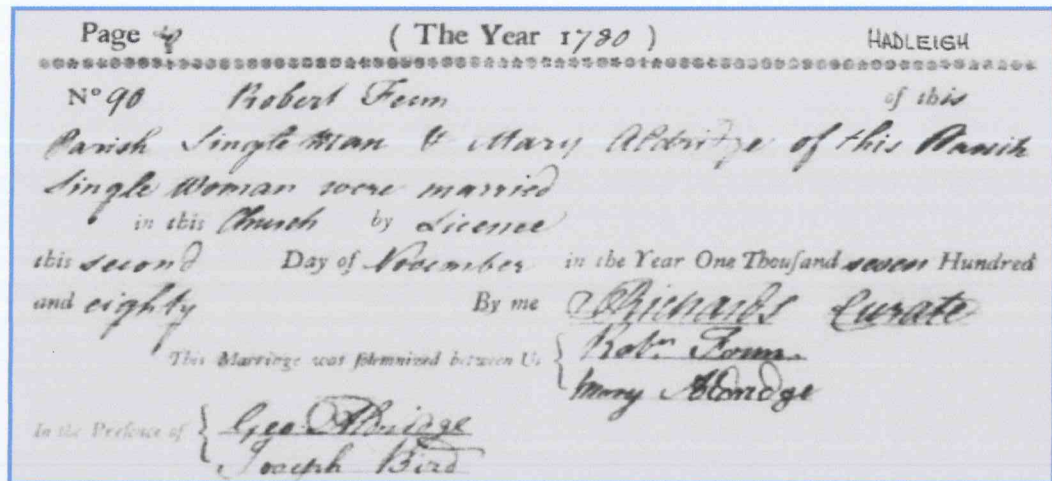


1985 - ELLIS STREET, BOXFORD ▲

BOXFORD ►

CHILDREN OF ROBERT FENN & MARY ALDRIDGE (JWA'S Fenn Aunts and Uncles)

02 11 1780 MARRIAGE by Licence at St Mary's Anglican Church, Hadleigh, of JWA's maternal grandparents, **Robert Fenn** and **Mary ALDRIDGE**.



06 09 1781 BAPTISM at Hadleigh of JWA's uncle, **Robert FENN**. He married **Mary Ann STEBBIN/WEEDEN**. Their children were JWA's first cousins:

1. **FENN, Mary Ann**
2. **FENN, Elizabeth Weeden**
3. **FENN, Robert Stebbing**
4. **FENN, Robert**
5. **FENN, Ellen Weeden**

01 07 1783 BAPTISM at Hadleigh of JWA's aunt, **Mary FENN**, the second of ten children of Mary Aldridge and Robert Fenn. She died at the age of 83 years, on 7 July 1865 at Bileston Suffolk. She was unmarried when a witnesses at the wedding of JWA's mother in 1803. She married the following year on 3 January 1804 at All Saint's Sudbury Suffolk (photo), to **Pilborough Rivers GRIMWOOD**. He was born at Naughton Suffolk in 1778 and died at Bileston in 1865 a son of Amy Rivers and Richard Grimwood. Issue named Grimwade?

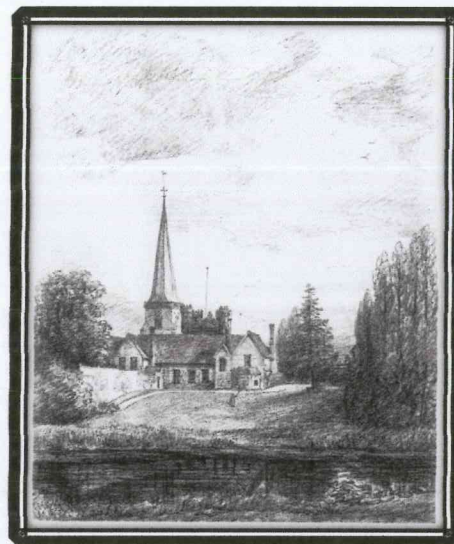
1. **GRIMWOOD, Pilborough Rivers**
2. **GRIMWOOD, Mary Ann**
3. **GRIMWOOD, Joseph Fenn**



08 07 1784 BAPTISM at Hadleigh of JWA's mother, **Ann FENN**. She married **John Whislay AYERS** on 25 August 1803 at Hadleigh, and died in June 1829. He was baptised at Boxford on 7 March 1780 and survived his wife. Issue:

July 8 Ann 2 of Robert & Mary Fenn

1. **AYERS, John Whisley (JWA)**
2. **AYERS, Henry Nutton**
3. **AYERS, Anne**
4. **AYERS, Jane Goymor**
5. **AYERS, Elizabeth**
6. **AYERS, Mary Ann**
7. **AYERS, Frances Caroline**
8. **AYERS, Edward Thomas**
9. **AYERS, Emily Edwards**



Carpenter's St Marys and Parsonage

19 01 1786 BAPTISM at Hadleigh of JWA's uncle, **John FENN**, the fourth of ten children of Mary Aldridge & Robert Fenn. He married **Ellen STUBBIN** at Hadleigh on 20 July 1813. She died before 1841, when he was found to be living at Stone Street Farm with his brother George. No known children.

05 03 1788 BAPTISM at Hadleigh of JWA's uncle, **Josiah FENN**. He was a Maltster and both he and **Charlotte GRAY** were boarding in Bridge Street in 1851. Josiah was buried on 15 August 1855 at Hadleigh. Charlotte, aged 72 at the time of the March 1861 Census, was a "Widow Almswoman". Their son:

1. **FENN, Josiah**

30 04 1790 BAPTISM at St Mary's Hadleigh of JWA's uncle, **George FENN**. He married **Elizabeth STUBBIN** at Hadleigh on 26 August 1816. He was widowed by 1841 and living at Stone Street Farm with daughter Elizabeth and brother John. He was buried on 8 March 1852 at Hadleigh.

1. **FENN, George Stubbin**
2. **FENN, Elizabeth**
3. **FENN, Robert**
4. **FENN, Josiah**
5. **FENN, William**

04 01 1792 BAPTISM at St Mary's Hadleigh of JWA's aunt, **Hannah FENN**, the sixth of ten children of Mary Aldridge and Robert Fenn. She was married at Hadleigh on 8 October 1814, to **Robert SALLOWS**.

1. **SALLOWS, Robert Fenn**

00 03 1795 BAPTISM at Hadleigh of JWA's aunt, **Elizabeth FENN**, who was buried 2 September 1828, unmarried at Hadleigh.

10 03 1797 BAPTISM at St Mary's Hadleigh of JWA's uncle, **Charles FENN**, who was buried 19 October 1863. He married **Parish SINGLETON** who was buried 16 September 1874 aged 87 years. Only one known child (JWA's first cousin):

1. **FENN, Elizabeth Parish**

08 03 1799 BAPTISM at St Mary's Hadleigh of JWA's aunt, **Sarah FENN**, the last of ten children of Mary Aldridge and Robert Fenn. There is no further record of Sarah Fenn.

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FENN ALDRIDGE

John FENN 30/9/1755 Hadleigh b c1730 of Sproughton d. Oct 1771
Mary WELLUM bu 8/2/1763 St Marys Hadleigh Churchyard

Thomas
ALDRIDGE

Hannah
WRIGHT.27/6/1714..
Married Hadleigh

Thomas
SECKER
bp 02 01 1690 (H)

George ALDRIDGE...15/10/1740 (H).....**Hannah SECKER**
bp 06 05 1714 (H)

Mary FENN
bp 02 08 1756; first
Hadleigh baptism of
a Fenn; bu 1/3/1823
Never Married

John FENN
bp 31 01 1758 Hadleigh
bu 27 09 1819 Hadleigh
m. 03 02 1779 Hadleigh
Elizabeth SHUCKFORD
d. 19 07 1806 bur (H) churchyard
m2 16 11 1809 Mrs **Martha MOTT**

Anne FENN
bp 17 12 1760 Hadleigh
d. unknown
m? 11 05 1788 Raydon
Josiah STUBBIN

Robert FENN
bp 23 05 1759 Hadleigh
bu 02 03 1838
St Mary's Hadleigh
m. 02 11 1780
St Marys Hadleigh
Mary ALDRIDGE
(Stone Street Farm)

Isaac FENN
bp 06 02 1763
infant death?

John FENN
bp 25 11 1779

Elizabeth FENN
1781 Hadleigh-1832 Hadleigh
m: 1802 Hadleigh
Isaac ELSDEN (1764-1849)

1 ELSDEN, Elizabeth
2 ELSDEN, Robert
3 ELSDEN, Anne
4 ELSDEN, Caroline

Hannah ALDRIDGE
bp 23 05 1742
Hadleigh
m. 06 08 1765
Hadleigh
Jeoffry LEE

George ALDRIDGE
bp 08 11 1744
m1 16 10 1772 (H)
Mary PITTOCH
m2 00 00 1777 Hadleigh
Margaret JOHNSON
m3 27 09 1785 Hadleigh
Mary HEARN

Elizabeth ALDRIDGE
bp 01 11 1746
Hadleigh

Lydia ALDRIDGE
bp 16 08 1748
Hadleigh

Thomas ALDRIDGE
bp 01 10 1750
Hadleigh
m. 05 10 1774
Frances DILLICK

Catherine ALDRIDGE
bp 01 02 1753
Hadleigh

Mary ALDRIDGE
b circa 1755
Hadleigh
bu 01 03 1823
St Marys Hadleigh
m. **Robert FENN**
of Stone Street Farm

Sarah ALDRIDGE
bp 27 06 1757
Hadleigh
m. 13 07 1789
Samuel PITTOCK

(dates are for baptisms - all at St Mary's Hadleigh)

Robert FENN
06 09 1781
bu u/k
Mary Ann WEEDEN/STUBBIN
FENN 1 (u/k)

Mary FENN
01 07 1783
m. 1804
Pilborough Rivers GRIMWOOD
GRIMWOOD 1 Pilborough
2 Mary Ann
3 Joseph Fenn

Ann FENN
08 07 1784
bu 20 06 1829
m. 25 08 1803
John Whislay AYERS
AYERS 1 John W (JWA)
2 Henry Nutton
3 Anne
4 Jane Gaymer
5 Elizabeth
6 Mary Ann
7 Frances
8 Edward Thomas
9 Emily Edwards

John FENN
19 01 1786
d aft 1841
m 20 07 1813
Ellen STUBBIN
FENN (u/k)

Josiah FENN
05 03 1788
bu 15 08 1855
m 24 10 1815
Charlotte GRAY
FENN 1 Josiah

George FENN
30 04 1790
bu 08 03 1852
m 25 08 1816
Elizabeth STUBBIN
FENN 1 George Stubbin
2 Elizabeth
3 Robert

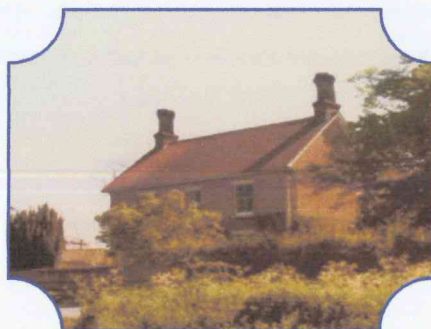
Hannah FENN
04 01 1792
bu u/k
m 09 02 1816
Robert SALLOWES
SALLOWES 1 Robert Fenn

Elizabeth FENN
00 03 1795
bu 02 09 1828
Hadleigh

Charles FENN
10 03 1797
bu 19 10 1863
m 0 05 1816
Parish SINGLETON
FENN 1 Elizabeth Parish

Sarah FENN
08 03 1799
bur u/k

(H) Hadleigh, Suffolk
Confirmed in official records as living at Stone Street Farm



1980s Stone Street Farm - Photo G Morgan



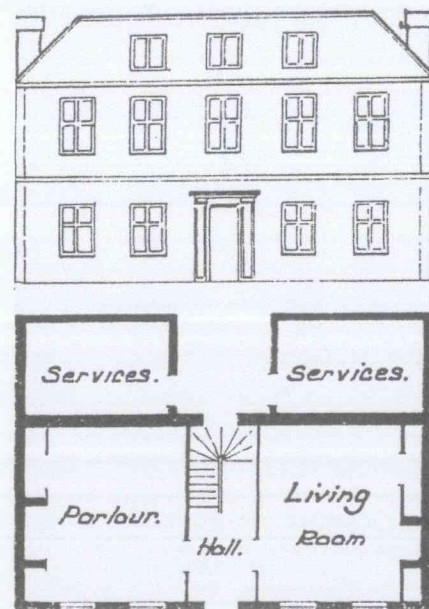
1990s Stone Street Farm - Photo S Bellamy



2010 Stone Street Farm: For Sale Advertisement



STONE STREET FARMHOUSE IN 1998



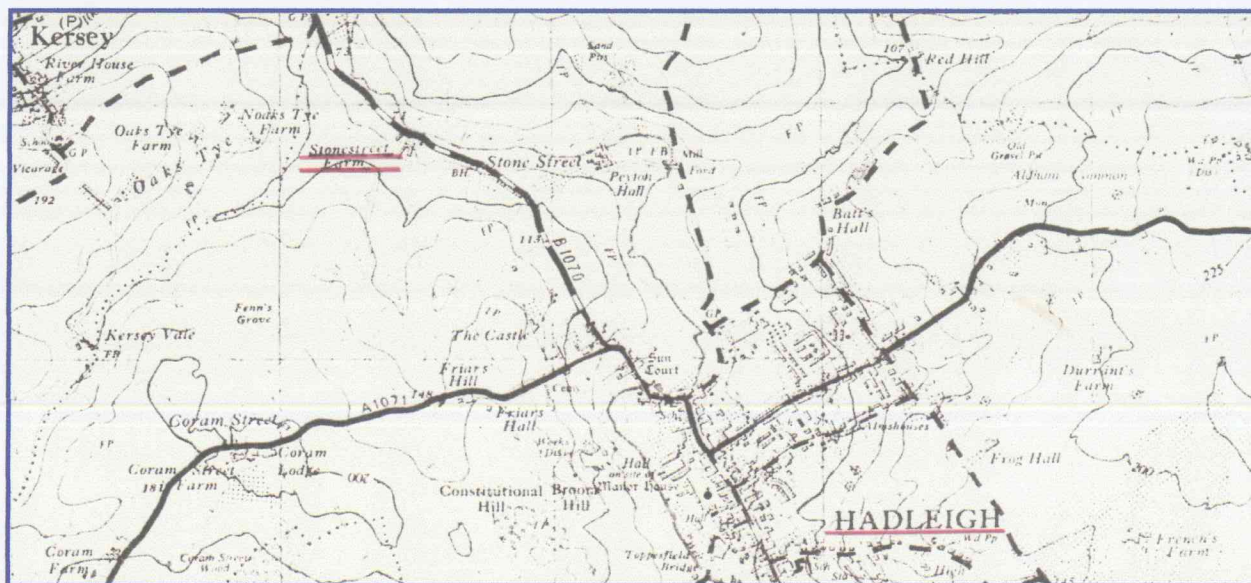
GEORGIAN HOUSE PLAN, 1720

All the children of **Robert FENN** and **Mary ALDRIDGE** grew up on this farm, including JWA's mother, Ann Fenn-Ayers born 1787, and it is where JWA was born. Due to its close proximity to Kersey is the reason he recorded Kersey as his birth place. Glyn wrote, "Being all of brick, I was doubtful at first if the building I was photographing at Stonestreet was really the one from the days of the Fenns. The roof tiles were added within the last five years, and that gave the place a modern look, but the chimneys rather clinch the story, for such a design takes one back into the Georgian period."

When I visited the Public Record Office, I looked at the Title Map for Hadleigh, produced about 1840, and the layout for that particular farmhouse was exactly as I saw it. The Tithe Maps were produced for every parish in the country at a scale of 1 : 2400 approximately, so they were capable of showing the shape of all buildings, together with the delineation of the land attached to them. Accompanying the maps were Apportionment Books listing the occupiers of properties, and stating what monetary contribution would be expected from them in future, in place of the payment in kind that had formerly been the custom. Since they arose out of an Act of Parliament, the maps had to be sent to London, and there has been a 100% survival of them - a wonderful genealogical tool."

PROMINENT FENNS IN WHITE'S SUFFOLK DIRECTORY OF 1844

George Fenn	Banker's Clerk		Sarah Fenn	Milliner, Queen Street, Hadleigh
Charles Fenn	Matter at Bridge Street, Hadleigh		Josiah Fenn (Snr)	Cooper, Matter & Merchant, High St, Hadleigh
George Fenn	Farmers, Stonestreet Farm		Josiah Fenn (Jnr)	Baker & Grocer, Bridge Street, Hadleigh
Charles Fenn	Farmers, Stonestreet Farm			



KERSEY & HADLEIGH

No 1 - Gives a view from Kersey Farm pointing towards **KERSEY CHURCH**.

"The views seem very ordinary to me, but they are so different from those in New South Wales, and to have a photo of them will help in some way to understand the problems and adjustments that had to be made by the people from England who settled in Australia." Glyn 1984

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No 2 - Looking towards Kersey farm and village.

◀◀ "If you look at the map - I was standing on the side of the A 1071 Road Grid (Ref 01 427) and this view was taken with the camera pointing towards **KERSEY FARM**. The tower of Kersey church is just visible on the left hand side.

On the right is the **FENN'S STONESTREET FARM**." - Glyn 1984

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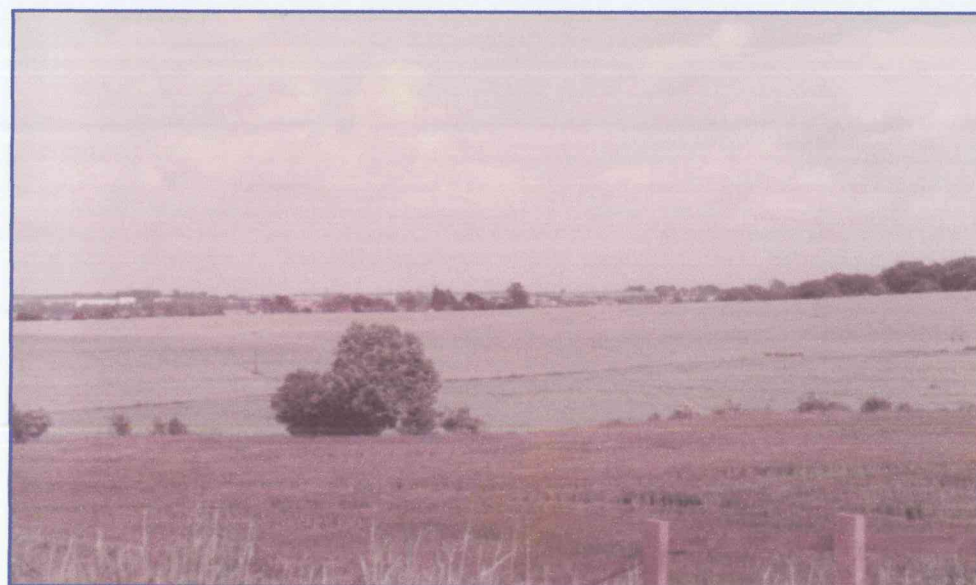


No 3 - View from the opposite side of the road to Photo N^o 2.

The photo was taken with the camera pointing towards **HADLEIGH**, which can barely be seen as it is down in a slight valley." Glyn 1984

THIS IS THE AREA IN WHICH JWA AND HIS AUNTS, UNCLES, COUSINS AND SIBLINGS GREW UP; THIS IS THE SCENERY THEY KNEW SO WELL.

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No 1 - KERSEY VILLAGE,
The view is taken from inside Kersey Church looking back towards the open farm lands, in which stand the Fenn's **Stonestreet Farm.**

"Of all the families we are researching in Hadleigh, the Fenns were the most highly placed, with their fairly large farm. Furthermore, other than the sons who were well placed in Agriculture, the rest seem to have taken up a suitable trade, such as Josiah Fenn (born 1788) becoming a Maltster; it was a type of trade in which one was one's own master and owned or ran a business".

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No 2 - KERSEY VILLAGE,
from Kersey Farm (also near Stonestreet Farm). The view was from Kersey farm looking towards Kersey Church.

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No 3 - From the Main Road looking east. On the left hand edge is Kersey Church and on the right, **Stonestreet Farm.**

Stonestreet Farm remains a place of between 180 and 300 acres which was quite a sizeable farm in that area for those days.

The evidence is that **Fenn** is not a long-standing name in the area, and that the original bearer of that name most likely came from areas to the west (although John Fenn who married Mary Wellum in 1755, came from Sproughton north east of Hadleigh, he was not born there.)

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HADLEIGH ARCHITECTURE

No 1 - "Discovering Your Old House" by David Iredale:

"These terraced cottages are of a type inhabited by prosperous craftsmen during the early nineteenth century, provide two main rooms on each floor in double pile style. The windows have all obviously been drastically modernised and enlarged.

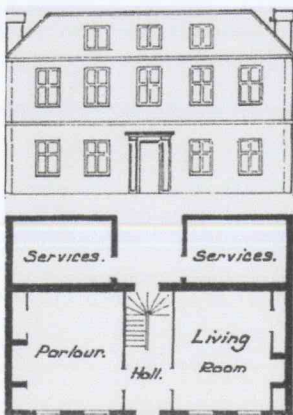
The ground-floor window furthest away from the camera may well retain an original shape though not the style. A home of older appearance resembling a Pennine farm house, nearest the viewer, offers longish low windows and an illuminated low-ceilinged attic, perhaps pressed into use for a servant's bedroom or draftsman's workshop".

No 2 - Queen Street, Hadleigh - N^{os} 1 & 2 are by the car. The Reeves lived in N^o 4 in the 1880s.

No 3 - Fenn's Georgian home, Stonestreet Farm, with illustration, showing design of a similar Georgian home built 1720. The plan also fits the Ayers' Duke Street home of 1841.

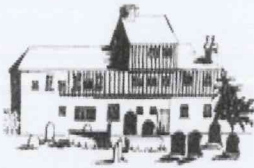
Below (op cit) "The square house, like many Georgian buildings, has a symmetrical façade. The front door is usually set between two tall sash windows. Bedrooms windows are exactly above ground-floor windows. The staircase and hall are illuminated by a window above the entrance doorway".

Georgian home plan 1720

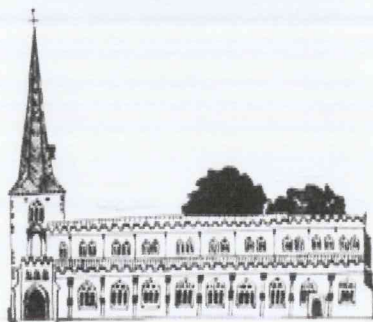
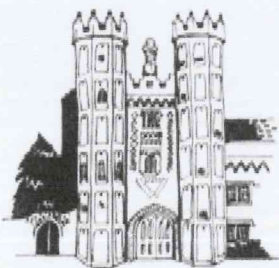




Hadleigh's >>>
Hight Street



Back of Toppesfield Hall >>>
Hadleigh owes its wealth of timber
framed buildings to its importance
in the wool trade in the 14th - 16th
centuries.



Priory Farm, Benton Street >>>
Priory Farm is another feature of
Hadleigh's architecture



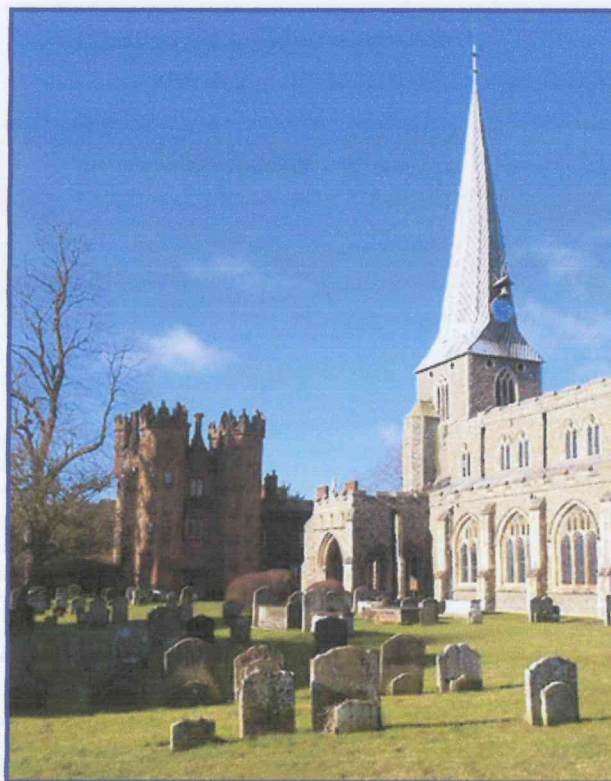
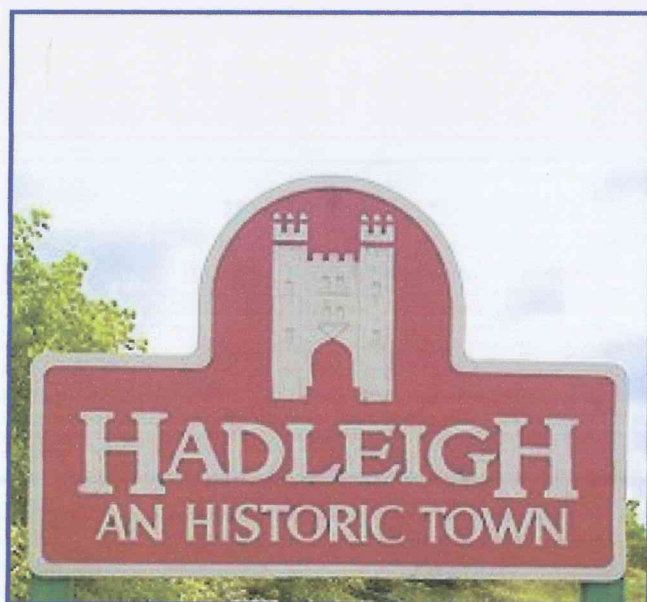
25 08 1803 MARRIAGE at St Mary's Hadleigh, between JWA's parents, **John Whislay AYERS** and **Ann FENN**. John Whislay Ayers (snr) was probably working at the Fenn's Stonestreet Farm when he met the Yeoman's daughter! Ann was buried on 20 June 1829. Her father, Robert Fenn (died March 1838) described her in his Will as, "Ann wife of John Ayers, a Yeoman of Hadleigh." John Whisley Ayers (snr) may have died about the same time as Ann. He was not in the 1841 Census for Hadleigh, where his three daughters were living together, and financially provided for with annuities.

13 05 1804 BIRTH of the first child of Ann Fenn & John Whislay AYERS, **John Whislay AYERS-ANDREWS (JWA)** possibly at Stonestreet Farm which is close to Kersey which is the village he always claimed to have been born. He was baptised at St Mary's Hadleigh on 22 May 1804 (Church photo and baptismal entry below) - - and died in Sydney Australia in 1870.

St Mary's Hadleigh, Register of Baptisms in the Year 1804 Entry by Rev Drummond-Rector

May 22 John Whislay Son of John Whisley & Ann Ayers May 13
Bapt May 22 John Whislay son of John Whislay & Ann Ayers Born May 13

Photo: St Mary's Church of England Hadleigh, Suffolk. In the foreground is the churchyard where our first Fenn, Mary Wellum-Fenn, was buried in February 1763.



TO ARRIVE AT A POINT WHERE JOHN WHISLAY ANDREWS OF SYDNEY,
 WAS PROVEN TO BE JOHN WHISLAY AYERS OF HADLEIGH, IT TOOK TIME, HARD WORK
 AND INTUITION ON THE PART OF GLYN MORGAN TO FIND AND
 THOROUGHLY ANALYSE THIS INFORMATION AND THAT WHICH FOLLOWS



JOHN WHISLEY AYERS-ANDREWS



"JWA, WE HAVE FOUND YOU AT LAST"

1804 - 1846

**From JWA's birth
until his migration to Australia**

SIBLINGS OF JWA - ALL BAPTISED AT ST MARY'S HADLEIGH

- 13 05 1804** BIRTH of **John Whislay AYERS (JWA)**. His combined family:
¹AYERS, Emily Morris bapt 05 03 1838 Liverpool ENG, father Gentleman of Grt. Newton St, Liverpool
²AYERS, Mary bapt 05 08 1839 Liverpool ENG, father Gentleman of 9 Houghton St, Liverpool
³AYERS, Robert Edward bapt 16 03 1841 Liverpool ENG, father Gentleman of 9 Houghton St, Liverpool
⁴AYERS, Mary Ann bapt 29 05 1843 Liverpool ENG, father Gentleman of 9 Houghton St, Liverpool
⁵AYERS, Ann bapt 17 08 1846 Liverpool ENG, father Gentleman of 9 Houghton St, Liverpool
⁶ANDREWS, Eleanor Jane born 25 07 1858 Liverpool NSW married E T J Layton
⁷ANDREWS, Caroline Elizabth born 08 04 1860 Liverpool NSW married Robert Dunbar Rogers
⁸ANDREWS, John Shaw born 15 05 1862 Liverpool NSW died 07 10 1864 buried St Judes, Randwick
⁹ANDREWS, Marion Parsons born 18 04 1865 Sydney NSW, m1 Charles Perrin m2 Charles Bingle
¹⁰ANDREWS, John Dalby Foster Ayers b: 20 02 1868 Sydney NSW, father Billiard maker m Sarah Bennett
- 13 09 1805** BIRTH of **Henry Nutton AYERS** who was baptised on 16 October 1805 Hadleigh. Died young.
- 31 07 1807** BIRTH of **Anne AYERS** who was baptised on 26 August 1807. No further record; apparently died young.
- 05 05 1809** BIRTH of **Jane (Goymer) AYERS** baptised 15 May 1809 Hadleigh.
(Reared Marriage 07 06 1848 St Mary's Hadleigh, **George REEVE** **Certificate elsewhere**
JWA's two Census 07 06 1841 Duke St Hadleigh, with George, and sisters Frances Caroline & Emily Edwards Ayers:
daughters) Burial 01 11 1844 of Hadleigh of a possible child of George and Jane, Jane Reeve
Census 40 03 1851 of High St with George, Frances Caroline Ayers & nieces Emily (13) & Mary (8)
Census 02 04 1861 of High St Hadleigh with George and one niece Emily Morris Ayers (JWA's daughter)
Census 03 04 1871 of High St Hadleigh with George (54) and niece Emily Morris Ayers
Death 08 08 1872 of **Jane Goymer AYERS-REEVE** Hadleigh Suffolk
Death 15 10 1877 Hadleigh, of widower George Reeve; survived by second wife, Sarah Cockayne, whom he married in Colchester District and one son Morley aged 2
- 11 03 1813** BAPTISM of **Elizabeth Fenn AYERS** daughter of a shopkeeper, Hadleigh. Appears to have died young.
- 16 01 1816** BAPTISM of **Mary Ann AYERS** daughter of Inn Keeper, Hadleigh, bur 20 June 1827 Hadleigh 11yrs 5mths
- 26 09 1819** BAPTISM of **Frances Caroline AYERS** daughter of a Bailiff, Hadleigh
Census 07 06 1841 Duke St, Hadleigh, 22 yrs, independent. She and sister, Emily Edwards Ayers (16) living with sister Jane and her husband, George Reeve.
Census 30 03 1851 High St, Hadleigh, 33 yrs annuitant, living with sister Emily Ayers & the Reeves
Marriage 13 04 1852 St Mary's Hadleigh, **Joseph William HEARD** **Certificate elsewhere**
Birth 22 06 1876 of daughter, Jane Harriet HEARD who became a Music Teacher and married in 1876 Frederick HOGG of the 'Shoulder of Mutton Pub' and had issue:
* HOGG, John Frederick b: Sep Qtr 1877 Hadleigh
* HOGG, William Henry b: Dec Qtr 1878 Hadleigh
* HOGG, Charles Major b: Mch Qtr 1881 Hadleigh
Birth 02 06 1854 of daughter, Emily Mary HEARD m 11 Feb 1875 Hadleigh, Thomas COOPER
* COOPER, Frances M b: 1875
* COOPER, Charles R b: 1880
Baptism 02 04 1856 of son, Henry Robert HEARD
Birth 15 10 1857 of son, William Whisley HEARD marr Constance M HYEM
Baptism 15 11 1862 of son, Robert Blowers HEARD marr Eliza (UNKNOWN)
* HEARD, Constance b. 1881
* HEARD, Frances Jane b: 1886
Burial 01 11 1870 at Hadleigh, of **Frances Caroline AYERS-HEARD**. On 4 December 1871, Joseph married JWA's daughter, Emily Morris Ayers. He returned to his native Chatham Kent a short time before his death on 2 March 1885.
- 17 11 1820** BAPTISM of **Edward Thomas AYERS** son of a Bailiff, Hadleigh. Appears to have died young.
- 14 05 1825** BAPTISM of **Emily Edwards AYERS** daughter of a Bailiff, Hadleigh - the last of nine children.
Census 07 06 1841 Duke St, Hadleigh, 16 yrs, independent, living with sister, Frances Caroline Ayers, at the home of their sister, Jane and husband George Reeve
Census 30 03 1851 High St, Hadleigh, 26 yrs, annuitant, living with Jane and George Reeves, along with her nieces, JWA's daughters, Emily Morris Ayers and Mary Ann Ayers
Census 02 04 1861 4 Queen St, Hadleigh, 36 yrs, independent, unmarried, living with sister Frances Caroline and husband Joseph Heard. "Deaf" recorded on census records.
Census 02 04 1871 No record. The sister with whom she had been living, Frances Caroline Heard, died in November 1870, leaving her homeless. She was buried Hadleigh, 14 April 1888, 62 years.



TIME-LINE - 1803 TO 1847

- circa 1803** MARRIAGE between JWA's uncle **Robert FENN** and **Mary Ann STEBBEN/WEEDEN** - their children:
- | | | | | |
|------------|-------|--------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| 19 07 1804 | Birth | FENN, Mary Ann | bp 21 07 1804 | Hadleigh |
| 00 12 1805 | Birth | FENN, Elizabeth Weeding | bp 19 12 1805 | Hadleigh |
| 02 01 1807 | Birth | FENN, Robert | bp 05 01 1807 | Hadleigh (infant death) |
| 30 01 1808 | Birth | FENN, Robert Stubbin | bp 26 02 1808 | Hadleigh |
| 09 12 1809 | Birth | FENN, Ellen Wedden | bp 05 01 1810 | Hadleigh |
- 24 12 1805** MARRIAGE between JWA's uncle **George Henry Nutton AYERS** and **Ann MANN** - their children:
- | | | | | |
|------------|-------|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| 10 06 1808 | Birth | AYERS, Henry Nutton | bp 18 07 1808 | Boxford |
| 23 04 1810 | Birth | AYERS, George Nutton | bp 19 06 1810 | Boxford (d 1812) |
| 00 00 1812 | Birth | AYERS, Mary Ann | bp 00 00 1812 | Boxford (d 1844 Hadleigh Hamlet) |
| 00 00 1815 | Birth | AYERS, Jane Harriet Nutton | bp 19 07 1815 | Boxford (died 1828 Boxford) |
| 00 00 1822 | Birth | AYERS, Edward Nutton Goymer | bp 18 01 1823 | Boxford |
| 00 00 1826 | Birth | AYERS, Samuel Nutton Robert | bp 02 01 1827 | Boxford |
- 14 09 1808** MARRIAGE between JWA's uncle **William AYERS** and **Mary MANN** - their child:
- | | | | | |
|------------|-------|-----------------------------|---------------|---------|
| 07 03 1809 | Birth | AYERS, John Whistler | bp 30 03 1809 | Boxford |
|------------|-------|-----------------------------|---------------|---------|
- 00 00 1811** MARRIAGE of JWA's uncle **Henry AYERS** and **Sarah (unknown)** - their children:
- | | | | | |
|------------|-------|-------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| 00 04 1812 | Birth | AYERS, Sarah Elizabeth | bp 29 04 1912 | Groton |
| 22 06 1813 | Birth | AYERS, Mary Ann | bp 00 06 1813 | Boxford (died 1827?) |
| 00 00 1814 | Birth | AYERS, Sarah Elizabet | bp 13 08 1814 | Boxford (died 1868) |
- 25 10 1815** MARRIAGE between JWA's uncle **Josiah FENN** and **Charlotte GRAY** - their child:
- | | | | | |
|------------|-------|---------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| circa 1819 | Birth | FENN, Josiah | bp probably at | Polstead nr Hadleigh, Suffolk |
|------------|-------|---------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
- 10 05 1816** MARRIAGE between JWA's uncle **Charles FENN** and **Parish SINGLETON** - their child:
- | | | | | |
|------------|-------|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| 00 03 1818 | Birth | FENN, Elizabeth Parish | bp 31 03 1818 | Hadleigh (d. after 1841) |
|------------|-------|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
- 26 08 1816** MARRIAGE between JWA's uncle **George FENN** and **Elizabeth STUBBIN** - their children:
- | | | | | |
|------------|-------|-----------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| 00 00 1816 | Birth | FENN, George Stubbin | bp 28 08 1816 | Hadleigh (only one to marry) |
| 00 00 1817 | Birth | FENN, Elizabeth | bp 19 10 1817 | Hadleigh (died 1883 66yrs, single) |
| 00 11 1821 | Birth | FENN, Robert | bp 15 11 1821 | Hadleigh (died 1821 2 wks) |
| 00 02 1826 | Birth | FENN, Josiah | bp 06 02 1826 | Hadleigh (died 1826 1 wk) |
| 00 05 1827 | Birth | FENN, William | bp 18 05 1827 | Hadleigh (died 1827 1 wk) |
- 02 03 1823** BURIAL of JWA's maternal grandmother. She was **Mary FENN nee ALDRIDGE**, the wife of **Robert FENN** who survived her by 15 years, dying in 1838. She is buried in the medieval churchyard adjoining St Mary's Church, Hadleigh.
- 20 06 1827** BUR. of JWA's sister **AYERS, Mary Ann** buried at Hadleigh, aged 11 years 5 months.
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|------------|------------------|------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|
| after 1805 | DEATH of brother | AYERS, Henry Hutton | bp 1805 | probably died very young |
| after 1805 | DEATH of sister | AYERS, Anne | bp 1807 | probably died very young |
| after 1805 | DEATH of sister | AYERS, Elizabeth Fenn | bp 1813 | probably died very young |
| after 1805 | DEATH of brother | AYERS, Edward Thomas | bp 1805 | probably died very young |
- ???? 1827** DEATH of JWA's father, **John Whislay AYERS** sometime after May 1825 (baptism of youngest child). Robert Fenn attested in his Will, "to my daughter Ann, wife of John Ayers, Yeoman of Hadleigh". Ann died in 1829, and it seems her husband survived her but not by many years. He was not living in Hadleigh for the 1841 Census but his unmarried daughters were the recipients of an annuity, possibly arising from his estate. It's also likely the girls received the portion of their grandfather Robert Fenn's estate bequeathed to their deceased mother. It is interesting that Ann's father, Robert did not die until March 1838, so his Will was prepared well in advance, ie prior to June 1829.
- 20 06 1829** BURIAL of the mother of JWA at Hadleigh. **Ann AYERS nee FENN**, was a daughter of **Mary ALDRIDGE** and **Robert FENN**. At the time of her death he was 25 years of age and did not marry for a further 8 years.

11 04 1837 MARRIAGE at Aberford Yorkshire, between **John Whislay AYERS (JWA)** and **Priscilla MORRIS**, born 24/11/1810, baptised 17/1/1811, Aberford Yorkshire, the youngest child of Mary and Edward Morris, Inn Keeper. Her siblings were:

Harriet Morris	bp 24 02 1799 married 11 02 1822	•	Mary Morris	bp 23 09 1801 Aberford Yorkshire
Ann Morris	bp 05 06 1803 buried 22 02 1805	•	Flaminia Morris	bp 25 09 1804 married 16 03 1835
Edward Simkin	bp 09 01 1806 Aberford Yorkshire	•	Caroline Morris	bp 27 11 1808 buried 24 01 1809

DURING JWA's TIME IN LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE - 1837-1846

00 00 1837 LIVERPOOL DIRECTORY, LANCASHIRE.

John W AYERS, 12 Benson Street, Liverpool, Master of Rotunda

02 03 1838 BURIAL of JWA's grandfather, **Robert FENN** (Stonestreet Farm). He was buried beside Mary in the churchyard at St Marys Hadleigh.

05 03 1838 BAPTISM of JWA's first child ¹**Emily Morris AYERS** who was born during the March Quarter of 1838 at Liverpool, Lancashire. For the baptism at St Peters, JWA stated that he was a, "Gentleman of Great Newton Street, Liverpool". Emily married Joseph William HEARD at St Pancras London, on 4 December 1871, and they had 5 children. Joseph died on 25 May 1885 at Luton Street, Chatham Kent, appointing her as sole executrix of his estate.

HEARD, Elizabeth Mary	b 1872 Hadleigh	•	HEARD, Edith HEARD	b 1878 Hadleigh
HEARD, Alfred Edward	b 1874 Hadleigh	•	HEARD, John Joseph HEARD	b 1880 Hadleigh
HEARD, Mabel	b 1875 Hadleigh	•	(All children registered in Cosford District)	

07 06 1838 MARRIAGE between JWA's sister **Jane Goymer AYERS** and **George REEVE**, at Hadleigh. Witnesses were Bendall Reeve and Frances Caroline Ayers. This couple may have had one child, "Jane Reeve, died 1 November 1844, Hadleigh, infant". The Reeves reared JWA's two daughters when he moved to Australia. In 1841 they lived in Duke Street, Hadleigh, but moved to High Street (perhaps larger premises) for the census returns of 1851, 1861 and 1871. Jane was buried on 8 August 1871 and George on 15 October 1877, both at Hadleigh. He remarried Sarah Cockayne and they had one son, Morley.

MARRIAGE No 24 - IN THE PARISH OF HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK

George REEVE aged 24 years, Bachelor, Glazier, a resident of Hadleigh and
Jane Goymer AYERS aged 26 years, Spinster, a resident of Hadleigh were married on
7th June 1838 in this Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies
 of the Church of England - By me H Carrington

This marriage was solemnized between us:	}	George Reeve
	}	Jane Goymer Ayers
In the presence of us:	}	Bendall Reeve
	}	Frances Caroline Ayers

1838. Marriage solemnized by me H Carrington in the Parish of Hadleigh in the County of Suffolk

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
24	June 7 th	George Reeve	24	Bachelor	Glazier	Hadleigh		
		Jane Goymer Ayers	26	Spinster		Hadleigh		

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England by me, H Carrington

This Marriage was solemnized between us, George Reeve in the Presence of us, Bendall Reeve
Jane Goymer Ayers Frances Caroline Ayers

John W AYERS

9 Houghton Street,
Billards Room and
Master of Rotunda

No 1 - 1856 Sketch of Bold Street,
approximately 10 years after the family left
Liverpool. The view would not have altered
at all in that time span.

**No 2 - An Old Postcard of St Peters.**

The church was situated in Church Street,
between Houghton Street (where the Ayers
lived) and Bold Street (where JWA managed
the Rotunda)

The church was consecrated in 1704, closed in
1919 and demolished in 1922.

The cemetery was also consecrated in 1704.
During January 1868, approximately 200
bodies were removed and interred in Anfield
Cemetery.



05 08 1839 BAPTISM at St Peters, of ²**Mary AYERS** who was born March Quarter 1839. At her baptism, JWA stated that he was a "Gentleman of 9 Houghton Street, Liverpool". This infant died in the March quarter of the following 1840.

25 12 1840 BIRTH of ³**Robert Edward AYERS**, and baptism at St Peters on 16 March 1841, son of "Priscilla and John Whisley Ayers, Gentleman of Houghton Street". He visited Australia in 1860, and died Cambridge in 1918.

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REGISTRATION DISTRICT										
1841. BIRTH in the Sub-district of <u>Liverpool</u> in the <u>County of Lancashire</u>										
No.	When and where born	Name, if any	Sex	Name and surname of father	Name, surname and maiden surname of mother	Occupation of father	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar	Name entered after registration
1	25th Decr 1840 9 Houghton St	Robert Edward	Boy	John Whisley Ayers	Priscilla Ayers formerly Whisley	Gentleman	John W. Ayers Father 9 Houghton St	16th March 1841	William Percy Registrar	

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Registration District of Liverpool - 1840

No 260 - BIRTH in the Sub-district of Islington-Liverpool in the County of Lancaster

Name: ³**Robert Edward AYERS**
 When & where born: 25th December 1840,
 9 Houghton Street, Liverpool
 Name of Father: John Whisley AYERS, Gentleman
 Name of Mother: Priscilla Ayers formerly MORRIS
 Informant: **John W AYERS**, Father, 9 Houghton Street,
 Liverpool, 2nd February 1841

07 06 1841 CENSUS, 9 Houghton St, Liverpool

AYERS John	37 yrs	Master of Rotunda	•	WILBY	Mary	25 yrs	Female Servant
AYERS Priscilla	30 yrs	Wife	•	THOMPSON	Mary	19 yrs	Female Servant
AYERS Emily	03 yrs	Daughter		WOLOHAN	Michael	17 yrs	Male Servant
AYERS Robert	05 mths	Daughter		SOLOMON	Benison	10 yrs	Male Servant
				BURKE	Edward	10 yrs	Male Servant

00 00 1843 GORE'S LIVERPOOL DIRECTORY:

John W AYERS, 9 Houghton Street, Liverpool, Master of Rotunda

11 03 1843 BIRTH of JWA's daughter ⁴**Mary Ann AYERS**; baptised 29 May 1843 at St Peters, daughter of John W Ayers, Gentleman, 9 Houghton Street. In 1860 'Frances' visited Australia with brother, Robert, and may have returned to England with him. She was alive in May 1870 (27 yrs) when her father died.

Registration District of Liverpool - 1843

No 180 - BIRTH in the Sub-district of Islington in the County of Lancaster

Name: ⁴**Mary Ann AYERS**
 When & where born: 11th March 1843, 9 Houghton Street, Liverpool
 Name of Father: **John Whisley AYERS**, Gentleman
 Name of Mother: Priscilla Ayers formerly MORRIS
 Informant: John W Ayers, Father, 9 Houghton Street,
 Liverpool, 5th April 1843

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REGISTRATION DISTRICT										
1843. BIRTH in the Sub-district of <u>Islington</u> in the <u>County of Lancaster</u>										
No.	When and where born	Name, if any	Sex	Name and surname of father	Name, surname and maiden surname of mother	Occupation of father	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar	Name entered after registration
1843.	11 th March 1843, 9 Houghton Street	Mary Ann	Girl	John Whisley Ayers	Priscilla Ayers formerly Morris	Gentleman	John W Ayers, 9 Houghton Street, Liverpool	11 th March 1843	W. Williams	W. Williams

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- 17 06 1843 MARRIAGE between JWA's cousin **Henry Nutton AYERS** and **Mary Ann MANN**, at Shoreditch. They had two daughters, Geraldine and Gertrude.
- 16 01 1844 DEATH of JWA's cousin, **Mary Ann AYERS** at Hadleigh, unmarried, aged 34 (32) years.
- 13 04 1845 MARRIAGE between JWA's cousin **Henry Nutton AYERS** and **Martha Ann NUNN**, at Spitafields London (Stepney)
- 15 01 1846 BIRTH of JWA's daughter ⁵**Ann AYERS**. Baptised 17 August 1846, at St Peter's Liverpool, the daughter of "Priscilla nee Morris and John Wesley Ayers, Gentleman, Houghton Street". Australian records show that Ann had died by April 1865 (less than 19 yrs), but more likely she died in very early infancy.

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Application Number *R 181879*

REGISTRATION DISTRICT *Liverpool*

1846 BIRTH in the Sub-district of *Islington* in the County of *Lancaster*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
When and where born	Name, if any	Sex	Name and surname of father	Name, surname and maiden surname of mother	Occupation of father	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar	Name entered after registration
<i>19th Jan 1846 9 Houghton Street Liverpool</i>	<i>Ann Girl</i>		<i>John Whisley Ayers</i>	<i>Priscilla Ayers formerly Morris</i>	<i>Gentleman</i>	<i>John W. Ayers Father 9 Houghton Street</i>	<i>17th Feb 1846</i>	<i>Wm. W. Brades Registrar</i>	

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Registration District of Liverpool – 1846

No 819 - BIRTH in the Sub-district of Islington in the County of Lancaster

Name: ⁵**Ann AYERS**
 When & where born: 15th January 1846, 9 Houghton Street, Liverpool
 Name of Father: **John Whisley AYERS**, Gentleman
 Name of Mother: Priscilla Ayers formerly MORRIS
 Informant: John W Ayers, Father, 9 Houghton Street, Liverpool, 19th February 1846

circa 1847 DEPARTURE to "the Australian Colonies" and a name-change for JWA after the baptism of his daughter, Ann, which was held in August 1846. From this time, Glyn searched the entire parish of Aberford to see if Priscilla Ayers had returned to the Morris family, but there was no sign of her. There was no remarriage, death or Will. The only, unlikely, possibility is, Alice Priscilla Ayers, who died at Leighton Buzzard in the December quarter of 1855.

00 00 1848 LIVERPOOL DIRECTORY, LANCASHIRE ENGLAND.

John W AYERS (No further entries in Liverpool Directories)

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*Modern-day map of Liverpool Lancashire, showing
all streets of interest to the family of JWA between 1837 and 1846*



*"Docks along the River Mersey. The Cataraqui left the Mersey on 20 April 1845"
This sketch was made during the final year of JWA's employment at the Rotunda.*

City or Borough of Liverpool
 Parish or Township of Liverpool

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Enumeration Schedule. 13

PLACE	HOUSES		NAMES of each Person who abode therein the preceding Night.	AGE and SEX		PROFESSION, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT, or of INDEPENDENT MEANS.	Where Born	
	Un- inhabited	Inhabited		Males	Females		Whether Born in same County	Whether Born in Scotland, Ireland, or Foreign Parts
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			John	2			Y	
			Mary	6			Y	
			Thomas	5 mo			Y	
			John Gray	30		Brusher	N	
			Elizabeth do	30			Y	
			Mary Tunstall	16		Isol	N	
			Frances do	30		do	N	
			Catharine Bonby	30		F Y		F
			Mary Hersey	17		5	Y	
do			William Currie	27		Coxter	N	
			Edward Marney	14		Dr. W.	Y	
			Ellen Johnson	19		F Y	N	
			Margaret Mc. Nally	11		F Y	Y	
do			John Agnes	37		Master of Workmen	N	
			Priscilla do	30			N	
			Emily do	3			Y	
			Robert do	5 mo			Y	
			Mary Wilby	35		F Y	N	
			Mary Thompson	19		1 do		F
			Michael Waltham	17		N. Y		F
			Solomon Bennett	10		N. Y	Y	
			Edward Bunk	11		N. Y	Y	
			Edmund Hanford	10		Lodging House	N	
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JOHN WHISLEY AYERS-ANDREWS



"JWA, WE HAVE FOUND YOU AT LAST"
THE NAME CHANGE
(with gratitude to English researcher,
Glynn Morgan, for his expertise)



JOHN WHISLEY AYERS-ANDREWS
grave, St Judes Randwick Australia



(2) **Margery Shaw-Andrews**
born Yorkshire England

Priscilla Morris Ayers-Heard (1)
born Yorkshire England

¹**Emily Morris Ayers-Heard**
b. Liverpool, England
(d. 1907 England)

and her sister

⁶**Eleanor Jane Andrews-Layton**
b. New South Wales, Australia
(d. 1907 Australia)



Mabel nee HEARD
of Canada
(1875-1944)

and her Australian
first cousin

Maud nee LAYTON
(1888-1971)



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Registration of Births, Deaths & Marriages Act, 1973

COPY CERTIFICATE DEATH REGISTERED IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Surname of Deceased Other Names		ANDREWS John Whisley	
Age Marital Status		67 years Married	
Date of death Place of Death		24 May 1870 Castlereagh Street, Sydney	
Place of birth		Suffolk England (About 24 years in the Australian Colonies)	
Father	Surname Other names	---- ----	
Mother	Maiden surname Other names	FENN Ann	
Place of marriage	<u>1st Marriage</u> England	<u>2nd Marriage</u> Liverpool NSW	
Age at marriage	----	54 years	
To whom married	----	Margery Papps	
Children	1 boy 2 girls living	1 boy 3 girls living 1 boy dead	
Informant	Margery Andrews Wife Petersham		
Particulars of death	Effusion on the Brain 1 day		
By whom certified	Dr Warren		
Particulars of burial	25 th May 1870 Randwick Sam B Gough, Acting Undertaker for Mrs Jane Thomas E Jones, John Crockett (Witnesses)		
Particulars of registration	Theo J Jaques Registrar General Sydney		
Number	626		
Date	25 May 1870		

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This ancestor presented us with genealogical problems, because all Australian sources revealed that we were looking for:

John Whisley ANDREWS Born 1804 (Feb-May) Kersey Suffolk Mother: Ann Fenn Father: Not recorded
when we should have been looking for:

John Whisley AYERS Born 1804 (May) Fenn's Farm nr Kersey Mother: Ann Fenn Father: John Whislay AYERS

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The following extracts from Glyn Morgan's letters show some of the arduous steps required to prove that our John Whisley Andrews was, in fact, John Whisley Ayers.

Letter dated

08 12 1983

I explained to Glyn that I had requested a ten-year search in Suffolk County for the baptism of John Whisley **Andrews** (JWA) born at Kersey, Suffolk, between February and May 1804. The search was unsuccessful and I assumed that JWA had either been baptised in another area or not baptised at all.

Letter dated

06 02 1984

The Andrews and Shaw families, I told Glyn, used significant Christian names for their children and for that reason I was surprised when JWA's death certificate gave his mother's surname as **Fenn** and not **Whisley**, however, I felt that Whisley would prove to be an ancestral surname, along with **Dalby** and **Ayers**; two names given to the youngest son of JWA.

I wrote of a hunch that JWA's father might have been involved in the hotel industry based on his Australian choice of occupations:

1858 - 1862	Inn Keeper, Terminus Hotel, Liverpool Sydney	
1863 - 1864	Licensed Victualler, Customs House Hotel, Sydney	
1865	Licensed Victualler, 16 Bridge Street, Sydney	
1868	Billiard Maker of Sydney	
1879	Publican	- description on daughter's marriage Certificate
1907	Book (Inn?) Keeper	- description on same daughter's death certificate
1940	Hotel Keeper	- description on another daughter's death certificate
1948	Billiard Maker	- description on son's death certificate

JWA consistently gave his place of birth as Kersey Suffolk. On one certificate his second wife, Margery, gave his birthplace as being in the adjoining County of Essex. (Did she later correspond with his relatives in Essex?)

Letter dated

15 03 1984

After three-months research, Glyn wrote, "I have had no luck yet with your Andrews' family of Suffolk from any of my London sources. I first tried the Census of 1841 to see if any **Andrews** were still around **Kersey**, but no luck. There was no one of that name in the village. If there had been, it would have been easy to spot them, for Kersey is a very small Parish consisting of little more than the village itself. In 1841 the area totalled 1630 acres, comprising 155 houses, with 387 male inhabitants and 400 females. It is a very old place which is mentioned in the Domesday Book, but there it is spelt "Car's eye" meaning a stream running into a brook.

In regard to your suspicions that JWA's father was a Publican, there is only one pub in Kersey, the *White Horse*, but no mention of an Andrews, unfortunately. The area in that part of Suffolk was settled in the 14th Century by Flemish weavers driven out of their own country. The places around there developed, in the course of time, their own distinctive type of cloth, with Kersey becoming known for Kerseymeres, and the adjoining Lindsay for Lindsey-woolseys. All this led to the rise of many wealthy Suffolk families with plush London houses which have now given the name to many streets there, and a proliferation of country houses and mansions in Suffolk itself.

This may be why there are so many small parishes. I have never seen a county map like it. There are several hundred all told; all those villages (on the map enclosed), Lindsey, Groton, **Boxford**, **Hadleigh**, Whetfield, Semer, Chelsworth and so on in ever increasing circles, are parishes in their own right, so it is easy to see that JWA could have been christened in any one of them without great difficulty. I went through the Poll Books of Suffolk for 1830 and looked through all the names in the Hundreds of Cosford an area containing **Kersey**. There were not many names to look through for in those days only people of property could vote. I thought there might have been a faint change that the **Andrews'** family were in that class but no luck. The name Fenn appeared in other parts of the county but it would be impossible, at this stage, to link up any of those names with **Ann Fenn** until we know more about her - especially where she came from..."

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15 03 1984 ctd "The next attempt was the Boyd Marriage Index which, although it contains 7.5 million marriage entries for the parishes of England up to 1837 (the date civil registration began), had no reference to any **Andrews** marrying a Fenn, not in Norfolk, Suffolk or Essex, but it was interesting that the name **Fenn** appeared quite a great deal in Suffolk but not much in other counties.

The other unsuccessful attempt was the IGI for the same three counties, looking for christenings of the children as well as marriages of the earlier generations. It is this problem of not knowing, positively, where to start that is so difficult.

I expect JWA's first marriage was in England and would be after 1837, so I may do a search at St Catherine's House which is our Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages. I will search on the basis that JWA will have entered his Christian names as "**John Whisley**", which is very uncommon. It is a pity that the name of his first wife was not noted on his death certificate, because that would have made the search that more positive.

I take it that the reference to JWA or his father being a publican is supposition. Have you anything to partly confirm that, for it might be a lead. One day I hope to go to the Record Office at Ipswich and have a look around. They should have many more directories and probably Poll Books than we have in London and we can also have a blitz on the Parish Registers, so don't lose heart!"

Letter dated
26 04 1984

I forwarded Glen a copy of letters written, very capably, by JWA's second wife, Margery, together with a list of their Australian children, the last of whom was registered by Margery as **John Dalby Foster Ayers Andrews**. Foster/Forster was the maiden name of Margery's maternal grandmother, so I felt positive that Dalby and Ayers would also have some ancestral link to this child. Glyn replied on 26 April 1984:

"I agree with your assessment of the capabilities of JWA's wife as regards being a reliable informant on certificates. With that in mind and not looking too positively for **Andrews**, my eyes popped out of my head to find at Hadleigh, one of the adjoining parishes to Kersey, an entry in the IGI:

John Whislay AYERS married to Ann FENN - 25 August 1803

which absolutely fits in with the birth of your JWA some time in 1804. I just cannot wait to get up to Ipswich or Bury St Edmunds and check the original registers.

Incidentally, regarding surnames, **Fenn** is quite a common one around those parts. After all, we call that part of the country the Fenn District.

Whisley (Wesley, Westlay, Whistler) is very much a Suffolk or a Cambridgeshire name, and Dalby, meaning a valley farm is very rare but there are pockets of it in Suffolk and Norfolk near to Lowestoft. So the name of JWA's son by the mother in that way has interesting possibilities.

I now suspect that JWA's first marriage must have been before Civil Registrations began, so it won't be too easy to find out where it took place. Have you any idea if both he and his wife went to Australia and did she die there or was the death supposed to have taken place in this country? I do think your JWA is a traceable person for he was educated and seemingly well-off, so his name or his father's, will crop up somewhere, even if it is only to pay taxes.

It should also be possible to pick up some of the family in the 1841 Census when one gets an idea of the area in which they were living at that time. When I am next at the Census Office I will have a look at the Hadleigh Returns and see what comes up."

Letter dated
23 06 1984

I suggested to Glyn that the lack of records could have occurred because JWA's family had been Jewish. He replied: "Regarding your concern that records are missing because JWA might have been Jewish, I can state categorically that he could not have been, for the father was married in the Anglican church, and the children baptised there, and no Jew would have done that. At the time we are discussing, the Law then stated that all marriages HAD to take place at the Parish Church of one of the parties, with the exception of Jews and Quakers. For some reason they were allowed an exception and could be married under their own religious procedures, so whilst a Catholic had to accept the ministrations of a Church of England parson, the Jews did not have to knuckle under....."

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(The Year 1803)

N^o 163 } Ann Whislay Ayers of the Parish of Hadleigh in the
County of Suffolk & Ann Fenn of the same Parish were
Married in this Church by License
this twenty fifth Day of August in the Year One Thousand eight Hundred
and three By me J. Intersome Rector
This Marriage was solemnized between Us { Ann Whislay Ayers
Ann Fenn
in the Prefence of John A. Turner
Mary Fenn

23 06 1984 ctd The above photocopy of the Parish Register entry, provides signatures, for identification. By comparing the signatures of Ann Fenn and Mary Fenn, one can see a similar style and that those two girls were taught by the same teacher and, hence, likely to be sisters rather than mother and daughter. So the search must now be for an **Ann Fenn** of suitable age, say born about 1780 with a sister **Mary Fenn**. This part of the country is great for perpetuating the mother's maiden name and you can see that whilst it might have been bad enough for your famous ancestor to have carried the second name Whislay, his brother sported the name of Henry Nutton, which threw me considerably for I never thought that there could have been two (later 3) with that name. (Two were JWA's first cousins and one a brother)

Henry Nutton Ayers (a cousin) became a successful financial adviser and I was able to follow him right up to 1861 where he had established himself at a very smart address in London, where you employ a Butler to answer the front door! He was mentioned in Pigott's Directory of 1839 as living at Boxford, and a Maltster by trade. In the 1859 Poll-book, the equivalent of the modern Register of Electors, he was living at 28 Bessborough Street, Pimlico, Middlesex, with voting rights at Hadleigh Heath by virtue of owning property there. Hadleigh Heath takes in some of the Boxford properties so I was sure that he was JWA's brother and delighted to locate him in the 1861 Census in his grand house and listed as Publisher and Financial Writer with his wife, Mary Ann (from Monks Eleigh, a few miles north of Kersey) and with daughters Geraldine 12 years and Gertrude Fanny 10 years. But his age puzzled me and with parents George and Ann, I had to accept that there were other Henry Nutton Ayers and that my aim of tracing the rest of the family through him would not work. I was all set to find out what financial papers he published, and what duff advice he might have handed out in them!

From the Register of St Mary's Church of England, Hadleigh, I found all the children of the above marriage. Rev William Powell, the vicar of Shelley Parish, 3 miles south east of Hadleigh performed the baptisms, and not the local vicar. This would imply a very friendly relationship between Rev Powell and the Ayers, and I was intrigued to find out that instead of living in his parish, Rev Powell lived in George Street, Hadleigh, with property close to 'The Cock' licensed by John Whislay AYERS senior. Baptism dates:

22 05 1804 (b 13 May 1804)	AYRES, John Whislay (JWA)	son of John Whislay Ayers and Ann
16 10 1805 (b 13 Sept 1805)	AYRES, Henry Nutton	son of John and Anne
26 08 1807 (b 31 July 1807)	AYRES, Anne	dau of John Whistler and Anne
15 05 1809 (b 05 May 1809)	AYRES, Jane Goymor	dau of John Whisley and Ann
11 03 1813	AYRES, Elizabeth Fenn	dau of John Whisley and Ann of Hadleigh, Shop Keeper
16 01 1816	AYRES, Mary Ann	dau of John and Ann Ayers of Hadleigh, Inn Keeper
26 09 1819	AYRES, Frances Caroline	dau of John Whisley and Ann of Hadleigh, Bailiff
17 11 1820	AYRES, Edward Thomas	son of John Whistler and Ann of Hadleigh, Bailiff
14 05 1825	AYRES, Emily Edward	dau of John Whisley and Ann of Hadleigh, Bailiff

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23 06 1984 ctd **A Bailiff** could be a court official who enforced court orders, ie entered premises and seized a debtor's goods. Another kind of bailiff in country areas, was a type of estate manager to a big landowner. I have found out about the Courts of Justice in Suffolk at that time, and a Court did sit at Hadleigh at regular intervals. A Bailiff from Colchester was attached to it, (probably travelling around regularly with the judge on his circuit) and there was a sub-bailiff, whom I would expect to be a local man and one who would only have a part-time function. This is probably the type of Bailiff John Whislay Ayers (snr) might have been. A full-time publican and a part-time Bailiff and, as there were eleven other publicans in Hadleigh at the time, it was more exclusive and dignified to put down Bailiff as one's occupation.

An Inn Keeper. He needed to be a person of good character, or at least pretended to be, for he had to apply for permission to keep the inn open, on an annual basis. The Quarter Sessions which was one of the lower orders of Law Courts, had the administrative task, and amongst their records are the *Ale Houses Recognisances* which are equivalent to the annual licensing routine. I have not yet looked at this document, for Suffolk has two record offices, and whilst in the main the information is duplicated, the Quarter Sessions Records are not, hence I shall have to go to Ipswich to see about ale houses. The feature about an inn, was that they were supposed to be able to put up people, and judging from the other inns at Hadleigh, they seemed to have permanent guests of one sort or another. They were also expected to provide meals when wanted, so in general, inns were what became later known as hotels."

Letter dated
02 11 1984

"JWA's sister, **Frances Caroline AYERS**, was married at Hadleigh on 13 April 1852, to Joseph William HEARD, at the age of 32 years. One can see the matter of 'class' coming into that family's marrying customs; it was always reckoned that the middle classes waited until much later in life before the men got married, generally to allow them time to reach some sort of station in life and, as a consequence, they would pair up with much older girls, which gave *them* hope right up to a much older age than is usual for marriage today. So different from the labouring people where marriage, at about 21 years, was very common.

We are still left with the problem of JWA's change of name. Obviously he used AYERS whilst here and, as you said, his wife's reluctance to put his father's name on the death certificate, poses many problems, as if she were aware he has assumed an alias, otherwise one would have expected for her to say the father's name was '----- ANDREWS', but she didn't offer a Christian or a Surname.

Letter dated
04 01 1985

Jane AYERS m. 1838 George Reeve and **Frances Caroline AYERS** m. 1852 Joseph William Heard "In a way I feel quite sad about the whole family (of JWA and his 8 siblings), in that fate seems to have dealt them some bad blows. The only two that had any children were JWA and Frances Caroline Ayers-Heard. Although Jane married, she did not have any children of her own, and there is no record so far of what happened to Emily Edwards Ayers since the 1861 Census. I checked marriage and death indexes for 10 years from that date and also the Will Index, but so sign of Emily to 1880. I wonder if that horrible reference in the 1861 Census to her being deaf, had anything to do with her disappearance. Would she have gone to some form of Institution?

John Whislay AYERS senior, should have left a Will for his daughters to have been provided for financially as they were. *[unless JWA sent money back from Australia]*. The Church Courts handled such matters, but when land was involved it would be difficult to know which Court handled the probate matters - it depended in which Diocese the property lay. The case of him owning land is not a great consideration, so I am hoping that anything they owned would be cleared by the Consistory Court of either the Bishop of Suffolk at Ipswich, or by the Archdeacon at Sudbury and, if so, Suffolk Record Office should have some idea where a Will might be found.

You will see from the census returns enclosed (See Census section), that there was a double Ayers marriage into the Heard family, and there were five children from each marriage. One child from the second marriage was given the middle name of 'Whisley', so it certainly meant something in that family.

It is interesting that on the marriage entry, Frances Caroline Ayers gave her father's occupation as 'Inn Keeper' and a further connection with the brewery trade came with the marriage of Frances' oldest daughter Jane Harriet Heard, June quarter 1876, to Frederick Hogg of Hadleigh. They kept the 'Shoulder of Mutton' pub in Bridge Street, Hadleigh."

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"SAMPLE OF OAK BEAM FROM ROOF TIMBERS AT THE COCK HADLEIGH - CIRCA 1500"

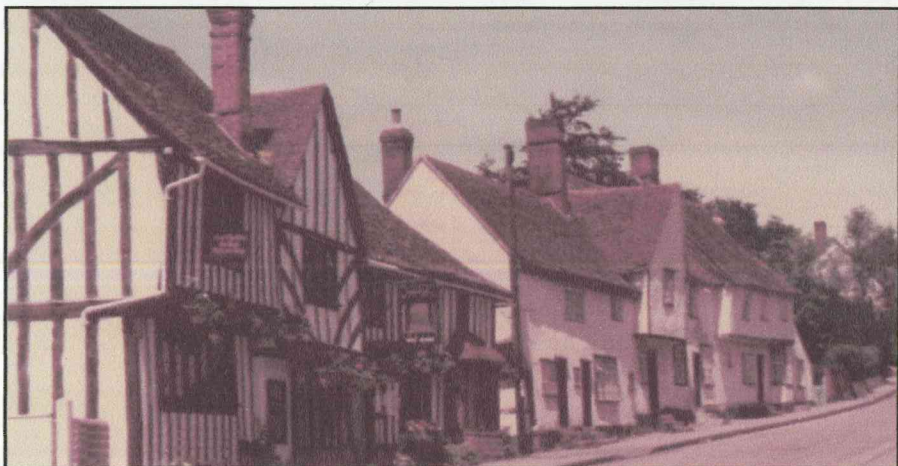
- #1 A beam surviving from the c2005 fire of *The Cock*.
Photo and information from Wayne Franks 2010.
- #2 The original *The Cock* Pub 1986 (mid street on left)
- #3 *The Cock* Public House, George St, Hadleigh 1986
- #4 The Village Pub, Kersey, near Fenn's Farm, 1986
- #2-4 and research of original pub, Glyn Morgan 1986



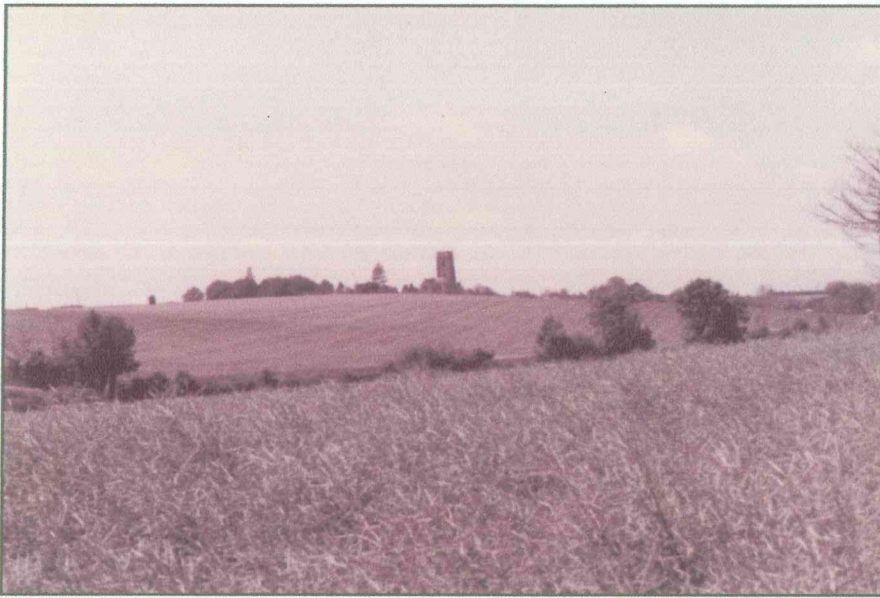
John Whislay Ayers, snr, was Landlord of *The Cock* from c1815 - 1824. Old Directories show only this one Public House in George St. Rev William Powell, Vicar of Shelly (6km s. Hadleigh), an apparent close friend who baptised some of the Ayers children, owned property and lived almost next to *The Cock*.

The Cock is a framed building over 400 years old. There was a phase when it was considered old fashioned to be living in a framed building, so all sorts of subterfuges were devised to conceal the beams. The landlord of Kersey Pub (Photo 4) said his pub was built in 1435. The foundations were just heavy oak baulks laid horizontally along the ground, upon which the structure was erected. In spite of the distorted shape he assured us that there was not much movement in the buildings now, and that he had very little maintenance.

I was told that in the days those buildings were erected, the tools available were not hard enough to keep their sharpness when used with fully seasoned English oak, so there was a tendency to shape the wood whilst it was partially unseasoned, with the result that the finished structure would twist somewhat, and..... Photo No 2 which I took along George St, brings that out, although you might be inclined to think that since the elevations are plastered, that the building is not timber. We looked around Lavenham and Kersey where the timber framed buildings are such a delight to behold, especially as people are now carefully restoring them". Glyn 1986



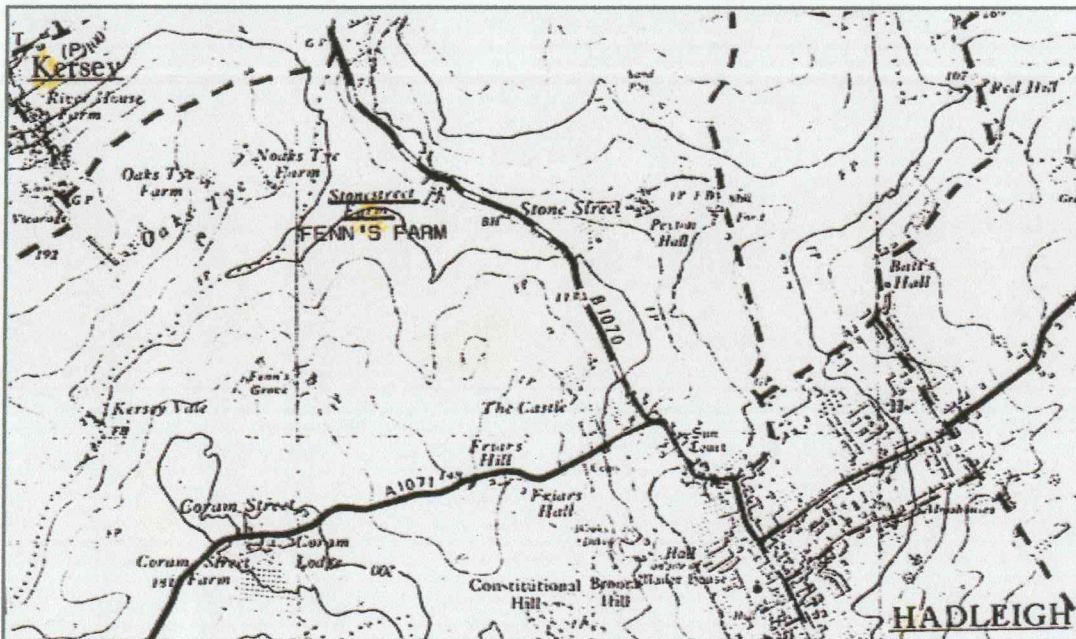
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"To reconcile JWA's birthplace as Kersey, we need to look at a map of the area showing the proximity of *Stonestreet Farm* to Kersey, as opposed to Hadleigh, where he was baptised.

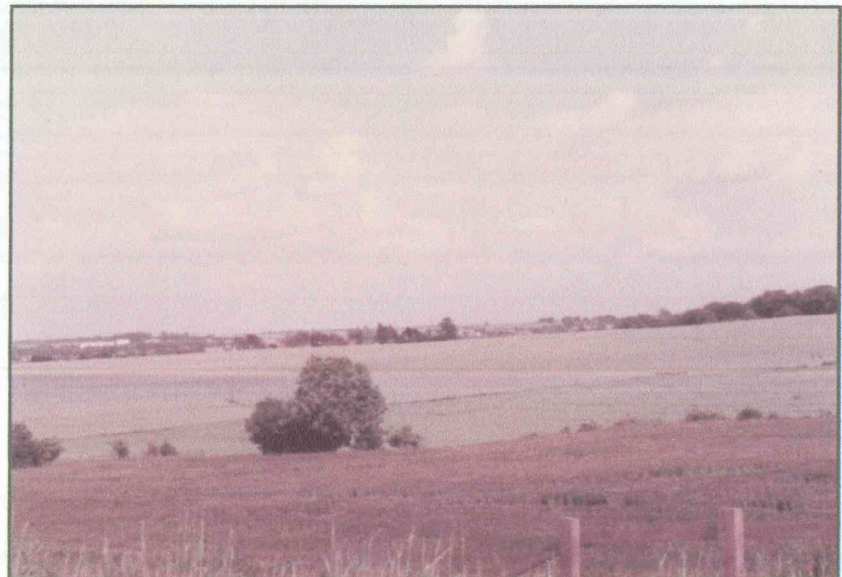
The 300-acre farm belonged to the Fenn family for over 100 years, and was occupied by JWA's grandparents at the time of his birth."

PHOTO No 1 - Shows the spire of Kersey Church from *Stonestreet Farm*.



Photos from
G & P Morgan,
1986.

PHOTO No 2 -
From Main Road
A1071 looking
east towards
Hadleigh, which is
situated at twice
the distance than
Hadleigh, from
Stonestreet Farm.



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04 01 1985 ctd The Census documents provide a good idea of the social background of the families. The Fenns were the most highly placed, with their fairly large farm (Stonestreet farm near Kersey), but the others took up trades in which one was one's own master and owned or ran a business. The Reeve's family were typical of this. They were a well established Hadleigh family with roots going back to sometime in the 1600s. At the time of the census returns there were four brothers around the area, all having businesses associated with building or the furnishing of houses. One was a master carpenter, another an upholsterer and Jane Ayers husband, George Reeve, was a plumber and glazier. John Bendall and Charlotte Reeve were cabinet makers.

They spent their last days being looked after by Frances Caroline Ayers' daughter, Jane Harriet Hogg (nee Heard) at the *Shoulder of Mutton*."

PHOTO No 1
High Street, Hadleigh

High Street was the address given by the **Reeve** family at the time of the 1851, 1861 and 1871 Census Enumerations.

High Street was also the address of the **Heard** family at the time of the 1871 and 1881 Census Enumerations.

PHOTO No 2 - Another view of High Street, Hadleigh



1869
DIRECTORY
HADLEIGH

Mrs Frances
Caroline
HEARD

Baby Linen
Warehouse
High Street

Joseph
William
HEARD
Accountant
High Street

George
REEVE
Plumber &
Glazier



Photos and information from G & P Morgan, 1980s

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After a great deal of perseverance Glyn found the marriage of **John Whisley ANDREWS** in Aberford Yorkshire - a long way from Suffolk. He was married on 11 April 1837 to *Priscilla MORRIS* who was born on 24 November 1810 and baptised 17 January 1811 at Aberford Yorkshire, the daughter of Mary and Edward Morris, Inn Keeper. There is no explanation as to why he was so far from home, except for the inn-keeping connection.

In the same year John Whisley ANDREWS was listed in the Liverpool Directory (west coast of England) as living at 12 Benson Street, a Master of the Rotunda; a building with gymnasium and billiard facilities.

Letter dated
22 02 1985

"There has been one little hiccough so far. Up to now everything has fitted exactly with known information, even the Rotunda at Liverpool with its billiards association and JWA's Australian occupation of billiard maker. Also, on the marriage certificate of his daughter, ¹**Emily Morris Ayers**, in London, she gave her father's occupation as 'Licensed Victualler' rather than the English version of 'Publican' or 'Inn-keeper', so I thought that proved quite a great deal of communication between father and daughter.

¹ AYERS, Emily Morris	Bapt 05 03 1838	St Peters Liverpool	father Gentleman of Grt Newton St, Liverpool
² AYERS, Mary	Bapt 05 08 1839	St Peters Liverpool	father Gentleman of 9 Houghton St, Liverpool
³ AYERS, Robert Edward	Bapt 16 03 1841	St Peters Liverpool	father Gentleman of 9 Houghton St, Liverpool
⁴ AYERS, Mary Ann	Bapt 29 05 1843	St Peters Liverpool	father Gentleman of 9 Houghton St, Liverpool
⁵ AYERS, Ann	Bapt 17 08 1846	St Peters Liverpool	father Gentleman of 9 Houghton St, Liverpool

But to get back to the one difficulty, there were FOUR daughters and one son (against 'TWO daughters and 1 son living' as per JWA's death certificate). At first I thought that Mary Ann had died very young, for her name does not appear on the IGI, whereas the others do, and since there was a death of a Mary Ann Ayers registered a few months afterwards in the Cosford or Hadleigh area, I bought the certificate. However, it turned out that George Henry Nutton Ayers had a daughter also called Mary Ann!

Assuming that the information presented by Margery Shaw-Andrews on her husband's death certificate is correct and I am pretty sure that there were enough letters plying back and fore, for her to be really *au fait* with news of the family back in Suffolk, then two daughters died before 1870. It is possible that ²Mary Ayers baptised August 1839, is the same person who appears in St Catherine's Death Index, as having died in the Liverpool district, March quarter 1840. [This proved to be correct, and ⁵Ann died pre 1860]. So the ⁴**AYERS, Mary** aged 8, living with her aunt Jane in 1851 is the ⁴**AYERS, Mary Ann 'Frances'** Ayers whose birth certificate we have.

JWA sent ¹**Emily Morris Ayers** and ⁴**AYERS, Mary Ann 'Frances'** Ayers to Hadleigh to live with his sisters when he sailed to Australia. He probably took his only other surviving child, ³**Robert**, to an unmarried First cousin, Elizabeth Fenn (1817-1882). In her Will, Elizabeth bequeathed a chest of drawers to Robert showing a fondness for such a distant relative.

1851 Census LIVERPOOL - no entries for the family of JWA.

1851 Census HADLEIGH, High Street (two of JWA's children moved here from Liverpool)

REEVE, George	Head	married	Plumber & Glazier	36 yrs
REEVE, Jane Goymor	Wife	married	born Hadleigh	40 yrs
AYERS, Frances Caroline	sister-in-law	unmd, Annuitant	born Hadleigh	33 yrs
AYERS, Emily Edwards	sister-in-law	unmd, Annuitant	born Hadleigh	26 yrs
¹ AYERS, Emily Morris	niece		born Liverpool	13 yrs
⁴ AYERS, Mary Ann 'Frances'	niece	Scholar	born Liverpool	08 yrs

Letter dated
18 10 1985

"The problem of communication between the Hadleigh folk and your ancestor at Sydney, still continues to puzzle me. I expect the Hadleigh folk would have posted their letters when they went to Ipswich, for by this time there was a railway from Hadleigh to Ipswich, but I just cannot think what could have been arranged as far as the incoming mail was concerned. Letters were few in those days, and there would have been the same staff working on the mail from one year to the next, so the arrival of a letter from abroad with a strange stamp would be an event, and news about it would soon circulate in the district. And it would be no use sending the letters to a friend in an adjacent village because it would only start gossip there. So the only option would be to send the letters, in the first instance, to someone away from Hadleigh (Essex?) and for that person to enclose the message in another envelope with a British stamp on it and an unrecognisable handwriting for the address.... continued

A NAME CHANGE FOR JWA

..... You mentioned that JWA might have made a financial settlement on his first Australian-born child, Eleanor Jane Andrews-Layton, and if so, it would indicate that he might have been afraid of being traced. I am still mystified as to what happened to John Whislay Ayers, Snr. It is a bit of, like father like son, for one would think that with being a Bailiff and an Inn Keeper, as well as being able to leave two daughters well off, that at least a few traces of him would remain, if only a Will, but I have found nothing."

LETTER TO GLYN REGARDING A VISIT TO AUSTRALIA BY JWA'S ENGLISH CHILDREN

Three years and 7 months after the last major discovery, I found that two of JWA's English children had visited Australia, and the following letter was written, in haste, to Glyn and Pam Morgan!

Letter dated
May 1989

"You will have to bear with me with - the wait will be worth it! At the time of the 1851 Census, you found that the family of JWA had left Houghton Street, Liverpool, and two daughters (¹Emily Morris and ⁴Mary Ann) were back in High Street, Hadleigh, with three sisters of their father, JWA. You asked, 'But where were Priscilla, son ³Robert and daughter ⁵Ann?' You believed that Priscilla had remained in England and not died between 1846 and 1858.

At the time of the 1851 Census, ¹Emily Morris and ⁴Mary Ann Ayers were living with their aunts, but when the 1861 Census was taken, only Emily Morris Ayers remained - and went on to marry Joseph William Heard in 1871. You then puzzled over the question of where did people like Margery Shaw, Jane Reeve, Caroline Heard and ¹Emily Morris Ayers, fit into all this. You assumed, 'They just must have known and helped with the conspiracy. Surely JWA in Australia, writing to his sisters or his children, would have used their name 'Ayers' on the envelope which Margery would have seen and, in turn, all of them writing to him would have been careful to use 'Andrews' in the address'.

NOW. I spent today with Nola Mackey as she moves out of Grafton next weekend. Recently the Immigration Deposits Journal Index was made available and the microfiche purchased by Nola. I didn't know it existed until today.

I searched for **John Whisley ANDREWS** in case he'd been sponsored by a relative already living in Australia. Next try was for John Whisley AYERS or AYERS - again without success. However, the name 'Margery Shaw' caught my eye as the sponsor of three Ayers' children. The year was 1860 so my curiosity dropped. Margery **SHAW** married JWA in 1858, so that by 1860 she was, in fact, Margery **ANDREWS**. Before 1858 Margery had been the widow of John Smith PAPPS, and had not been known as **Margery SHAW** for seven years. However, the names of the Ayers' children she sponsored were so very familiar:

No Deposit	Date	Name of Depositor	Name	Age	Reel	Reference
4140	5/4/1860	Margery SHAW	¹ AYERS, Emily	20 yrs	2670	O/ENG/R 1245. 1/8/1861
4140	5/4/1860	Margery SHAW	³ AYERS, Robert	18 yrs		
4140	5/4/1860	Margery SHAW	⁴ AYERS, Frances	15 yrs		

From notes I had taken to Nola's home, I was able to calculate that in 1860, ¹Emily should have been 22, ³AYERS, Robert 20 and ⁴Frances (obviously Mary Ann) 17. It was apparent from the ages, that the initial applications had been made two years earlier (1858) upon the marriage of their father (JWA) to Margery Shaw-Papps. I instantly recalled how you theorised, 'once JWA had settled somewhere, he would have wanted to be reunited with his children and might have sent for them to join him in Australia.' At this point I was almost speechless with excitement (mentally writing this letter to you). However, I kept worrying over the fact that both ¹Emily and ³Robert had made lives for themselves back in England - Emily had married at Hadleigh in 1871, and Robert had died in Cambridgeshire in 1918. Nola had the Shipping list for the 'Lady McDonald' on which the children sailed. Another surprise, ¹Emily was missing from the records:

'LADY McDONALD'

Departed Plymouth 31 June 1860 - Arrived Australia 15 December 1860

Name	Occupation	Religion	Native of	Age	Read & Write	Information
³ AYERS, Robert	Plumber & Glazier	C/E	Lancashire	18 years	Read & Write	Paid £4-R&R
⁴ AYERS, Frances	Scholar	C/E	Lancashire	15 years	Read & Write	

A NAME CHANGE FOR JWA

(continued) I could not get home fast enough to write to you with this news. You reasoned that, at the time ¹Emily married and gave her father's occupation as Licensed Victualler (as opposed to Publican) she must have known her father's story. And, you kept saying, 'Margery must have known'. Now we have proven conclusively that she DID know and aided in bringing the children to Australia, even getting herself very deeply involved by reverting to her maiden name (by-passing the name Papps from a previous marriage).

- * ¹AYERS, Emily Morris b. Liverpool, lived with Reeves; married at Hadleigh. Never visited Aust.
- † ²AYERS, Mary baptised August 1839 and died March Qtr 1840 at Liverpool, Lancashire
- * ³AYERS, Robert Edward to Australia 1860, returned 1861, died Cambridgeshire 1918 unmarried
- * ⁴AYERS, Mary A 'Frances' b. 1843; living with the Reeves 1851, but not in 1861 - to Australia 1860
- † ⁵AYERS, Ann b. 15 January 1846: died before 1860, but probably in 1846 as an infant

* These are the "2 girls and 1 boy living" as per JWA's death certificate. JK"

GLYN'S REPLY REGARDING A VISIT TO AUSTRALIA BY JWA'S ENGLISH CHILDREN

02 06 1989 "I am simply bursting with excitement at your latest find regarding the children of JWA, so although Pam and I are going on holiday tomorrow, I wanted to get this short interim reply off to you before the news goes cold. I also wanted to throw a few ideas into the melting pot.

Firstly, ³Robert Edward AYERS was mentioned in Elizabeth Fenn's Will, June 1883, as the recipient of an oak chest which, as I remarked at the time, was an indication that he lived around Hadleigh district. Moreover, Elizabeth Fenn only made her Will a short time before her death, so the oak chest to Robert could not have been something thought up before 1860 (Australian voyage) and such a bequest would not have gone to someone the other side of the world. Hence the Will and death of Robert Edward Ayers at Cambridge in 1918, still stand. Secondly, it looks as if Robert's trade was affected by the Hadleigh Reeve's family who were looking after ¹Emily and ⁴Frances back in 1851.

This conjured up the idea that ALL the surviving Ayers children went with their father back to his home territory, with perhaps the exception of ⁵Ann born 15 January 1846, who may have remained with her mother or had already died in the first weeks of infancy. Then there was ¹Emily Morris Ayers who, after 13 years, appeared to have settled at Hadleigh, for she was at the Reeves home both in 1851 and 1861, and eventually married in 1871.

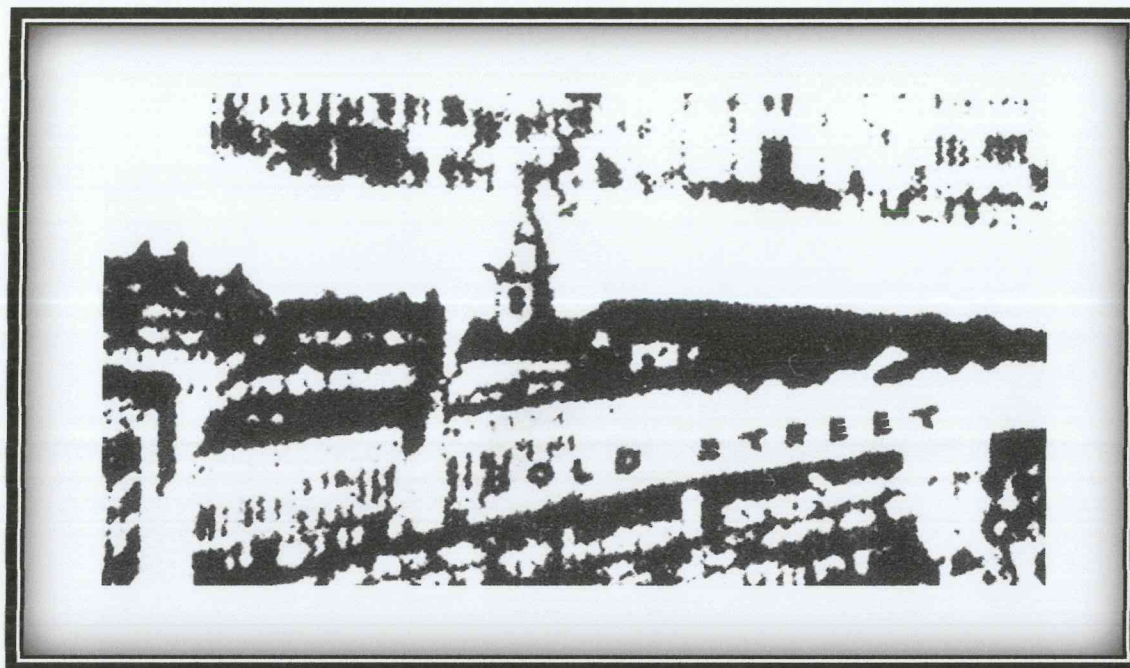
JWA wanted to have all his children near him, but ¹Emily's last-minute refusal may have been caused by her attachment to her guardian aunt of all those years. Aunt Jane Ayers-Reeve died in August 1871, and may have had declining health for some years. Also, in the previous November, Emily lost her other aunt, Frances Caroline. When Emily declined the voyage to Australia in 1860, she would never have believed that within 11 years she would marry Joseph William Heard, the widower of her aunt Frances.

However, ³Robert and ⁴'Frances' went to Australia, but it would seem that Robert, and possibly 'Frances', were unable to settle. Regarding the change of name of Mary, she would have been in daily contact with Frances Caroline Ayers, JWA's sister, and it could be that she adopted her name especially as both the original Mary and possibly Ann had died. There are many examples, at the time, of people being called something completely different to their baptismal names.

I think it is time to rehabilitate JWA to the company of decent people; he has taken too much stick from all of us. I have felt for a long time that, with the case of five servants at Liverpool in the 1841 Census, Priscilla Morris had delusions of grandeur, and it could be that JWA just could not keep up with her financially. It could be that SHE left him, for you will recall that I failed to find a trace of her in the 1851 Census amongst her kith and kin in Yorkshire which was where I would have expected her to go if she had been a jilted wife. So did Priscilla leave JWA stranded? This would have compelled him to take the children back to Hadleigh, and then gambled on emigration to Australia with the idea of being reunited with the children as soon as possible. If so, then he may have sailed to Australia as AYERS and may have taken on ANDREWS in Australia.

I just cannot see how the plot would have worked out if there had not been a great deal of sympathy* between all the family at Hadleigh and him in Sydney, and perhaps the reason Margery SHAW was the sponsor rather than the father, was to avoid perjuring himself on an official document, a copy of which would be transmitted to Britain. To be on the safe side, as far as England was concerned, he would have to have given his name as John Whisley AYERS, and then what would the Australian authorities have thought? One thing is obvious - we shall still have plenty to talk about when we meet next March in Grafton. Glyn & Pam"

*Also assistance from the Clergy of their Church who gave his name as referee for the children.



THE ROTUNDA, BOLD STREET, LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE
From Liverpool Library

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THIS NOTE will save future researchers confusion between the two "Rotunda" buildings. JWA's Bold Street workplace, known as "The Rotunda" (**Photo 1**) was demolished in 1864 to make way for construction of the "Rotunda Buildings".

The "Rotunda Theatre" (**Photos 2 and 3**) was constructed in 1860, four years before the demolition of the former, and it was situated on a distinctive corner at the junction of Scotland and Stanley Roads, quite a distance from Bold Street..

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JOHN WHISLEY AYERS-ANDREWS



“JWA, WE HAVE FOUND YOU AT LAST”

1846 – 1856

**From last record in Liverpool England
to first record in Liverpool Australia**



1856 SKETCH - - - BOLD STREET, LIVERPOOL MANCASHIRE

This sketch is dated 1856, only 10 years after JWA left the area, so very little would have changed. Had the scene been wider, we would have seen the Rotunda building which stood for a further eight years. John Whislay Ayers (jnr) was employed as Master of the Rotunda, from approximately 1837 until 1846.



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From the Library of Liverpool, Lancashire

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□ Rotunda, Bold Street, Liverpool. It is recorded that Bold Street was first built upon in 1785, but for many years contained only private houses. At this stage, there is no positive year for the Rotunda's construction. Its demise as a billiards club and gymnasium is recorded as 1864. Confirmation of this year can be found in a report describing how the owner-partnership was broken up and the Rotunda disbanded in 1864.



THE MISSING YEARS, 1846 – 1856

1846-1847 **JWA**
to the
Australian
Colonies

- ☐ JWA's daughter was baptised in Liverpool, August 1846
- ☐ JWA's name did not appear in the 1848 Liverpool Directory (submissions in late 1847)
- ☐ JWA's death certificate indicated that he resided for "about 24 years in the Australian Colonies"

THESE SOURCES, added to the fact that JWA needed time to move his children from Liverpool to his sisters' home in Hadleigh, suggest a voyage to Australia in early 1847. He may not have sailed directly to Sydney, because the death certificate requests "How long in the Australian Colonies" rather than "New South Wales".

00 00 1848 LIVERPOOL DIRECTORY, LANCASHIRE ENGLAND – No entries for **John W Ayres**.

30 03 1851 "The family was positively **NOT** at Houghton Street, Liverpool, for the 1851 Census (great sighs of relief from Glyn when he dared to look through that document, and the 1851 Hadleigh Returns show both daughters of JWA, ¹**Emily Morris Ayers** and ⁴**Mary Ann Ayers** (correct age, birthplace and relationship) living with their aunts in High Street, Hadleigh.

Where were Priscilla, ³Robert and ⁵Ann? One thing I can assure you of, is the fact there is no record of a **Priscilla AYERS** anywhere in the Register of Deaths from 1846 right up to the March quarter of 1858, except for an Alice Priscilla Ayers who died December Quarter 1855 at Leighton Buzzard". It looks as though ⁵Ann died as a baby. ³Robert (10y) must have lived at some stage with JWA's unmarried cousin, Elizabeth Fenn. ¹Emily Morris (13y) and ⁴Mary Ann 'Frances' (8y) lived with JWA's sisters in Hadleigh. The former remained in Hadleigh while the latter visited Australia in 1860 with brother Robert.

CENSUS OF
20 03 1851

- ☐ JWA's uncle **George FENN** (61 d. 1852) and single daughter Elizabeth were living at Stonestreet Farm
- ☐ JWA's uncle **Charles FENN** (54) former Malster, and wife Parish were living in Bridge Street, Hadleigh, but returned to the family farm of Stonestreet after the death of brother George, a year later
- ☐ JWA's uncle **Josiah FENN** (63) former Malster, was retired and living with wife Charlotte in Bridge St
- ☐ JWA's uncle **George Henry Nutton AYERS** (73) and wife Ann were living in Hadleigh Hamlet, and had their granddaughter Geraldine Ayers (2) visiting them from Middlesex, on the night of the Census
- ☐ JWA's sister **Jane Goymer AYERS** and husband **George REEVE** had moved from Duke to High Street, Hadleigh, possibly for extra space to accommodate JWA's unmarried sisters, Frances Caroline and Emily Edwards Ayers and his two daughters

08 03 1852 BURIAL of JWA's uncle **George FENN** (62) of Stonestreet Farm. He was born in 1790 at Hadleigh, the sixth of ten children of **Mary ALDRIDGE** and **Robert FENN**. At Hadleigh on 26 August 1816, George married **Elizabeth STUBBIN**. Elizabeth died before the 1851 Census. Their children:

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|--------------------------------|--|
| 1. FENN, George Stubbin | b: 1816 Hadleigh (married with children Mary & Thomas) |
| 2. FENN, Elizabeth | b: 1817 Hadleigh (died 1883 66yrs, unmarried) |
| 3. FENN, Robert | b: 1821 Hadleigh (died 1821 2 wks) |
| 4. FENN, Josiah | b: 1826 Hadleigh (died 1826 1 wk) |
| 5. FENN, William | b: 1827 Hadleigh (died 1827 1 wk) |

13 05 1852 MARRIAGE at St Mary's Hadleigh, Suffolk, between JWA's sister, **Frances Caroline AYERS** and **Joseph William HEARD**. After marriage, Frances took to live with her, the remaining sister, Emily Edwards Ayers (27), while Jane and George Reeve continued to rear JWA's daughters aged 14 and 9. The Heard children were JWA's only nieces and nephews:

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|----------------------------------|------------------|
| A. HEARD, Jane Harriett | b: 1852 Hadleigh |
| B. HEARD, Emily Mary | b: 1854 Hadleigh |
| C. HEARD, Henry Robert | b: 1856 Hadleigh |
| D. HEARD, William Whisley | b: 1857 Hadleigh |
| E. HEARD, Robert Blowers | b: 1862 Hadleigh |

10 10 1853 FIRST MARRIAGE of JWA's future wife, **Margery SHAW**, to John Smith PAPPS, in Sydney Australia, followed by the birth, on 20 September 1854, of JWA's future step-daughter, **Hannah Alpha PAPPS**. On 7 February 1857, 3 years 4 months after marriage, **Captain John Smith PAPPS**, was washed lost at sea. According to Probate Affidavits, he was in charge of the Barque 'Tenasserim' bound from Calcutta to Mauritius when he was washed overboard and drowned off the Indian Coast.

20 09 1854 BIRTH in Sydney, of JWA's future daughter-in-law, **Hannah Alpha PAPPS**. She was the only child of Margery Shaw and John Smith Papps. 'Alpha' married Charles Southion.

15 08 1855 BURIAL of JWA's uncle, **Josiah FENN** (70) formerly of Bridge Street, Hadleigh. He was baptised on 5 March 1788, at Hadleigh, the fifth of ten children of **Mary nee ALDRIDGE** and **Robert FENN**. In 1844, White's Suffolk Directory, Josiah Fenn (Snr) was a Cooper, Maltster and Merchant of High Street, Hadleigh. By 1851 he had retired to Bridge Street, with his wife **Charlotte GRAY** (who lived beyond the 1861 Census).

The same 1861 Directory, lists **Josiah FENN** (Jnr) as a Baker and Grocer of Bridge Street. It may have been his wife, **Sarah Agnes RAWLINGS**, who was listed as "Sarah Fenn, Milliner, Queen Street, Hadleigh". **Josiah FENN** (Jnr) appears to be an only child of Josiah and Charlotte. He was born 1817 at Polstead and died 1878 at Ipswich. His children were the only grandchildren of Josiah and Charlotte:

A. FENN, Josiah
B. FENN, Agnes
C. FENN, Catherine
D. FENN, Mary

b: 1843 Hadleigh
 b: 1845 Hadleigh
 b: 1849 Hadleigh
 b: 1851 Hadleigh

HADLEIGH TOURIST GUIDE:

"**POLSTEAD** is known for one of the most notorious Victorian crimes. The murder of Maria Marten in the Red Barn and the subsequent trial and handing of her lover William order at Bury St Edmunds is still a keen source of interest which draws hundreds of visitors to the village each year. Polstead also has the Gospel Oak, a 1000 year-old tree where early Christian missionaries preached."

INTERNET RECORD: POLSTEAD

is a small village and civil parish in the South of Suffolk. It is noted for being the site of the notorious Red Barn Murder in 1827.



The name Polstead derives from "place of pools", possibly due to the two large ponds in the village. The main village is situated around Polstead Green and The Hill, although Polstead also comprises of several hamlets including Polstead Heath and White Street Green. The village has one remaining pub, the 17th century The Cock Inn, a community shop and post office, a playing field and a church, St. Mary's. The playing field, known locally as the pitch, hosts an annual music festival around the summer solstice called "Polstice", with local punk, folk and rock bands playing. Polstead is famous for its cherries and lends its name to a variety, the Polstead Black. Several Polstead Black cherry trees were planted in and around the village to commemorate the year 2000, as these trees had declined in numbers.

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JOHN WHISLEY AYERS-ANDREWS



"JWA, WE HAVE FOUND YOU AT LAST"

1856 – 1948

**From re-emergence until the
death of JWA's youngest child**

SHIPPING, ARCHIVES OFFICE OF NSW

ANDREWS, AYERS and AYRES

INDEX)	COLONIAL SEC'S INDEX.....1789 - 1821	ANDREWS/AYERS	NIL
CARDS)	IMMIGRANTS1826 - 1853	ANDREWS/AYERS	NIL
CHECKED)	IMMIGRANTS1854 - 1859	ANDREWS/AYERS	NIL
TO DATE)	MORTON BAY.....1849 - 1859	ANDREWS/AYERS	NIL

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"EMMA" Brig built 1838, sailed from Adelaide, arrived Port Jackson 9 July 1846 (too early)
STEERAGE PASSENGER: John Ayers*

"CASTLE EDEN" Sailed from Plymouth 25 May 1848 to Port Jackson (2135 p 174 2458/9)
PASSENGERS: John Andrews (56 yrs) and a large family

"SHAMROCK" Coastal shipping (not from overseas)
Arrived Port Jackson 28 November 1848 (COD 62)
PASSENGER: Mrs Ayers

" ? ?" Arrived Port Jackson 26 December 1848 (COD 62)
PASSENGER: Mr Andrews

"FREAK" Arrived Port Jackson 29 January 1849
PASSENGERS: Mr, Mrs and Miss Andrews

"SHAMROCK" Coastal shipping - arrived Port Jackson 22 March 1849 (COD 63)
PASSENGERS: Mr Ayers* and servant

'SHAMROCK" Coastal shipping - arrived Port Jackson 24 June 1849 (COD 64)
PASSENGER: Mr Andrews

"Shamrock" sloop built 1832 sailed Hobart, Launceston, Melbourne, Sydney
"Shamrock" steamer built 1841 sailed Launceston, Sydney, Melbourne

"AGENORIA" Arrived Port Jackson 1849. Not followed up - 2 or 3 years too late
PASSENGER: Andrews/Ayers


"ROBERT SYERS" Barque 312 tons, sailed from Adelaide 20 March 1850
arrived Port Jackson 1 April 1850
PASSENGER: John Ayers*

*Ayers was a family name associated with South Australia and one to be found regularly commuting between Adelaide and Sydney

FROM RE-EMERGENCE UNTIL DEATH OF JWA'S YOUNGEST CHILD 1856 - 1948

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11 02 1858 MARRIAGE at the Terminus Hotel, Liverpool, Sydney, of **John Whisley ANDREWS** and **Margery SHAW-PAPPS**.

21	<i>Blount's February 1858</i>	<i>John Whisley Andrews</i>	<i>Widower</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>Liverpool</i>	
	<i>Liverpool</i>	<i>Margery Papps</i>	<i>Widow</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>Liverpool</i>	
Married in the <i>Terminus Hotel Liverpool</i>				The Marriage was solemnized between us <i>John Whisley Andrews</i> In the presence of us <i>Frank Whisley Andrews</i> <i>Margery Papps</i> <i>Hannah Shaw</i>		
According to <i>the Act the 19th Victoria for the solemnization of Marriage</i>				By (or before) us <i>Isaac Lindhouse</i> Officiating Minister or Registrar.		

FOR REMARRIAGE, it seems that Margery needed one clear year after her husband was lost at sea. JWA could have used an English Law enabling him to marry after a conditional seven-year separation (by water). If he were a widower, then his first wife (who definitely did not die in England) may have migrated to some other country. According to Glyn, they certainly were not divorced.

Glyn wrote in 1985, "..... There was no way that one could have been obtained a Divorce. Prior to 1858, the very rich and influential could get a divorce by arranging for a special Bill through Parliament, to dissolve the marriage, but for other people there was nothing until the Matrimonial Measures Act of 1857 authorised the setting up of the necessary Law Courts, and the records of that Act did not commence until the beginning of 1858. So JWA would only have had about six weeks between the possibility of a divorce and his second marriage.

[To dispel unlawful actions on the part of JWA] I went through all the court cases at Liverpool, and at Manchester, to be sure, from June 1846, before the latest child Ann Ayers was baptised, to the end of 1848, and there was no mention of JWA, so his hurried and secretive departure from England was for some other reason. I did have a moment that was bad for my heart, for there was an entry at Liverpool for a John Ayers with a sentence of 7 years transportation, but on further study of the case and of the prisoner's age, it showed that it was a different person altogether. That one was only 20 years old and he was quite a bad lad with a record of previous convictions.

If JWA had walked out on his family, it is unlikely he would have taken a ship from Liverpool, for they wouldn't leave port in those days, with the precision they do today, so it would have been harder to plan his moves. I wonder if he took his children to his sisters in Hadleigh, before himself setting sail for distant lands. The snag with that theory is that once he had settled somewhere he would have wanted to be reunited with his children, and might have sent for them to join him in Australia. [Glyn's theory proved to be absolutely correct]

I keep feeling that JWA's marriage was a rocky one, and that he may have been forced to lead a life-style greater than he could afford. One servant seemed to have been the norm, even for the Heard's, with what I would have thought a slightly better social position, yet JWA had five people waiting on him, and even allowing for the paltry wages paid in those days, he would still have had to receive a good income to be able to house all those people. My first thoughts were that No 9 Houghton Street was a sort of hotel, but from both the 1841 and 1851 Census returns there is no evidence other than that it was a private house. So there was a question of the 5 servants being a matter of appearance, rather than necessity, and then putting down 'gentleman' on all the birth certificates and on the baptismal registers when he was just holding down a salaried position - so it leaves me wondering if Priscilla Morris-Ayers had a lot of airs and graces and that JWA did the only thing possible in those days - he disappeared! And in his disappearance, he had to cover his tracks well, and probably deployed a tortuous route to throw off all traces of a scent, and that is why you are having such difficulty finding a ship for him.... I get consolation from the family tree you sent me which sets out all the Andrews children in Australia with so many being given names the same as those of his sisters back at Hadleigh, and with the last son being named by Margery, as John Dalby Foster Ayers ANDREWS - Glyn".

00 00 1858 DEPOSITORS' INDEX, enabling the English children of **John Whisley AYERS-ANDREWS** to join him after about 9 years of separation. The person of reference was, 'the Clergyman of their Church'. The ages in this document show that the original application was made in 1858, as Glyn had suggested, after JWA had married and made a home for his three English children.

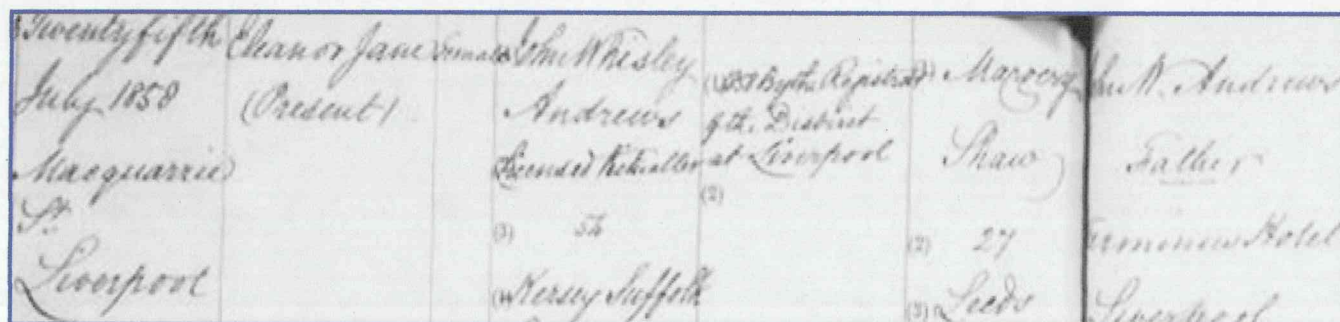
Name of Depositor	DESCRIPTION OF THE PERSON OR PERSONS FOR WHOSE BENEFIT THE REMITTANCE IS MADE					
	Children's Name and Surname	Age	Trade or Calling	Where Living	Name & address of person of note to whom reference can be made	Properties to be applied to the passage
Margery Shaw Ship 'Lady McDonald'	Emily Ayers	20	Carpenter	England	The Clergyman of their Church	£ s. d.
	Robert "	18	Plumber	"		£ s. d.
	Frances "	15	Carpenter	"		£ s. d.

00 00 1858 DIRECTORY, SYDNEY NSW:

John W ANDREWS, Terminus Hotel, Liverpool Sydney NSW

20 04 1858 PUBLICANS' LICENSE – Parramatta Area NSW for the Terminus Hotel - **John Whisley ANDREWS**

25 07 1858 BIRTH of JWA's daughter ⁶**Eleanor Jane ANDREWS** at Macquarie Street, Liverpool, the daughter of Margery Shaw (27) and John Whisley ANDREWS (54). Registration No 8291/23, informant John W Andrews, Father, Terminus Hotel, Liverpool.



08 04 1860 BIRTH of JWA's daughter ⁷**Caroline Elizabeth ANDREWS** at the Terminus Hotel, Liverpool. She was known as "Carrie".

BIRTH REGISTERED IN NEW SOUTH WALES AUSTRALIA

No 7994/403

Name of child:

ANDREWS, Caroline Elizabeth

Date & Place:

8th April 1860, Terminus Hotel, Liverpool

Father:

ANDREWS, John Whisley, 56 years, born Kersey, Suffolk, England

Mother:

ANDREWS, Margery (nee Shaw) 29 years, born Leeds, Yorkshire, England

Married:

1858 Liverpool NSW,

Children of marriage:

Eleanor J (1 year) living

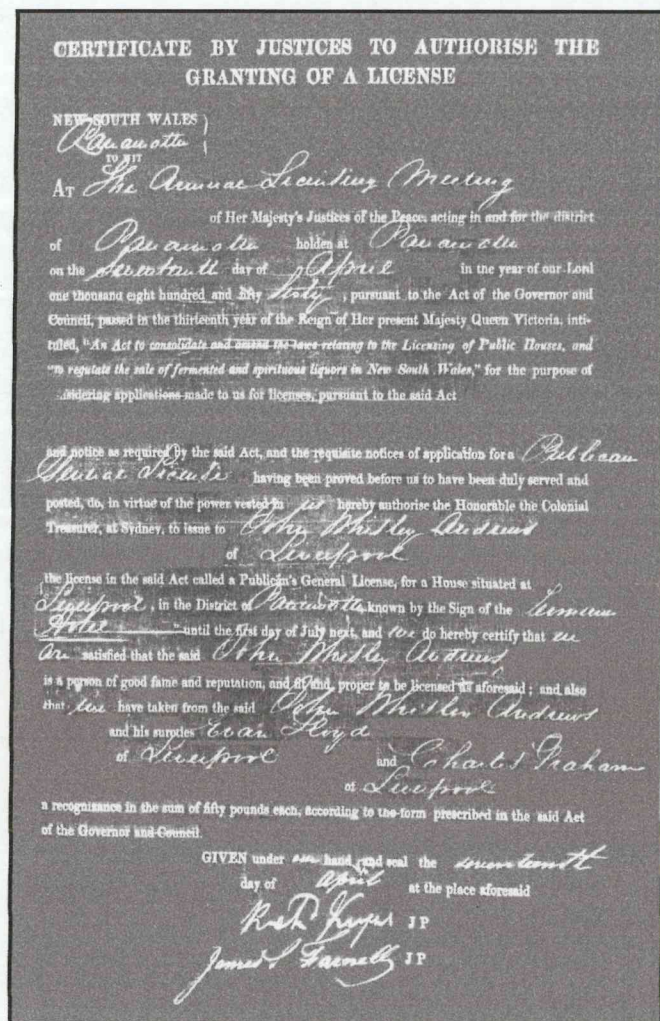
Registration Number:

Certified by John W Andrews, father, Terminus Hotel, Liverpool



17 04 1860 PUBLICAN'S LICENSE 7/1513 (881) renewed by **John Whisley ANDREWS**, for the Terminus Hotel Liverpool.

**CERTIFICATE BY JUSTICES TO AUTHORISE THE
GRANTING OF A LICENSE - NEW SOUTH WALES, PARRAMATTA TO WIT**
Publican's License No 7/1513 (881) 17/4/1860 "Terminus Hotel" Liverpool Sydney



At The Annual Licensing Meeting of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, acting in and for the district of Parramatta, holden at Parramatta on the **17th April 1860**, pursuant to the Act of the Governor and Council, passed in the thirteenth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled, "An Act to consolidate and amend the laws relating to the Licensing of Public Houses, and to regulate the sale of fermented and spirituous liquors in New South Wales," for the purpose of considering applications made to us for licenses, pursuant to the said Act, and notice as required by the said Act, and the requisite notices of application for a Publican's General License having been proved before us to have been duly served and posted, do in virtue of the power vested in us hereby authorise the Honourable the Colonial Treasurer, at Sydney to issue to **John Whisley ANDREWS** of Liverpool, the license in the said Act called a Publican's General License, for a House situated at Liverpool, in the District of Parramatta, known by the Sign of the Terminus Hotel, until the first day of July next, and we do hereby certify that we are satisfied that the said **John Whisley ANDREWS** is a person of good fame and reputation, and fit and proper to be licensed as aforesaid; and also that we have taken from the said **John Whisley ANDREWS** and his sureties **Evan LLOYD** of Liverpool and **Charles GRAHAM** of Liverpool, a recognizance in the sum of **FIFTY POUNDS** each, according to the form prescribed in the said Act of the Governor and Council.

GIVEN under our hand and seal the Seventeenth day of April 1860 at the place aforesaid.

Signed **Ro't Keyes** JP -- Signed **James P Farrelly** JP

15 12 1860 VISIT to Australia by JWA's English children ³**Robert Edward AYERS** and ⁴**Mary Ann 'Frances' AYERS**.

"LADY McDONALD" SHIPPING LIST Arrived Port Jackson 15 December 1860

AYERS, Robert	18 yrs Native of Lancashire, Plumber & Glazier, Church of England, Read & Write - Paid 4 Pound R&R
AYERS, Frances	15 yrs Native of Lancashire, Scholar, Church of England, Read & Write - Paid 4 Pound

DEPOSITORS' INDEX

DATE	DEPOSITOR	NAME	AGE [in 1858]	[in 1860]
5/4/1860	SHAW, Margery	AYERS, Emily	20 years	[22 years]
5/4/1860	SHAW, Margery	AYERS, Robert	18 years	[19 years]
5/4/1860	SHAW, Margery	AYERS, Frances	15 years	[17 years]

15 12 1860

PLYMOUTH TO SYDNEY - Two of the three English children of **John Whisley ANDREWS**, sailed from Plymouth on the "Lady McDonald", arriving on this day. An application for their voyage was lodged in 1858, just after Margery and John Whisley Andrews were married. This was the first chance to reunite the Ayers children with their father since approximately 1846. The intentions of all parties were clearly honourable as the Minister of their Church was involved in providing references. This was the Parish Church of generations of the Ayers family and where the children and their Ayers aunts still worshipped

It is obvious from the Depositors' Index that Margery knew about her husband's earlier life, his name-change and the need for secrecy. She became a party to the fact when she undertook to act as Depositor for his children to visit Australia, by using her maiden name **Margery SHAW**; a name that she had not used since before her first marriage to John Smith PAPPS, in 1853!

The entries from the Depositors' Index No. 3086 - Reel 2670 Deposit No 4140 - Reference O/ENG/R **1245 1/8/1861** may have meant a return journey to England on 1/8/1861. ³**Robert AYERS** died in London, unmarried, on 2/2/1918, aged 77 years. No trace has yet been found of ⁵**Mary Ann 'Frances' AYERS** in Australia or England. She lived beyond May 1870 - beyond the age of 27 years.

¹**Emily Morris AYERS** did not visit Australia. In 1870 Emily's aunt, Frances Caroline AYERS-HEARD, died. On 4/12/1871 the widower, Joseph William HEARD, married Emily Morris AYERS in London. In 1881 they lived in George Street, Hadleigh, but within four years the family moved to Kent from where Joseph died, in his home County, during May 1885.

01 08 1861 POSSIBLE RETURN VOYAGE of ³**Robert Edward AYERS** and his sister. The unusual reference listed in the Depositor's Journal reads "O/ENG/R 1245. **1/8/1861**" and may allude to a return ticket. We know Robert returned.

15 05 1862 BIRTH of JWA's son ⁸**John Shaw ANDREWS**, at Liverpool Sydney. This child died aged 28 months from scarlatina shortly before his aunt contracted and died from the same infectious disease.

BIRTH REGISTERED IN NSW

Name of child: **ANDREWS, John Shaw**
Date & Place: 15th May 1862, Liverpool
Father: **ANDREWS, John Whisley**
Mother: **ANDREWS, Margery (Shaw)**

08 02 1863 BURIAL at Boxford Suffolk, of JWA's uncle, **George Henry Nutton AYERS**, who was born in 1777 at Boxford, the second of seven children of Jane Whislay and Henry Nutton Ayers. He married on 24 December 1805, **Ann MANN** of Houlton, who was born about 1780 and buried on 11 June 1855 at Boxford. Their children (JWA's first cousins) were:

1. **AYERS, Henry Nutton**
2. **AYERS, George Nutton**
3. **AYERS, Mary Ann**
4. **AYERS, Jane Harriett Nutton**
5. **AYERS, Edward Nutton Goymer**
6. **AYERS, Samuel Nutton Robert**

09 10 1863 BURIAL of JWA's uncle **Charles FENN**, (87), late of Stonestreet Farm. He was baptised at St Mary's Hadleigh, in 1797, and married **Parish SINGLETON** who was buried 16 September 1874 aged 87 years. Their only child:

1. **FENN, Elizabeth Parish**

STONESTREET FARM

"Upon **Charles FENN's** death, Stonestreet Farm went out of the Fenn's name after 100 years.

His father, **Robert FENN** (1759-1838) may have been the original purchaser and appears to have spent most of his life on the 300 acre farm. Glyn"

John W ANDREWS,
Customs House Hotel,
12 Macquarie Place, Sydney



1 – CUSTOMS HOUSE HOTEL

2009 Photo: The Custom's House Hotel is situated approximately mid-block on the northern side, 12 Macquarie Place. According to the 1990 Licensee, the hotel was built c1845 (the façade probably altered in more recent years).

The Andrews lived here
from late 1862 to late 1865.

2 – CUSTOMS HOUSE HOTEL

1990 Photo: The Custom's House Hotel 12 Macquarie Place, Sydney

3 – MACQUARIE PLACE SKETCH

"The hub of Old Sydney was Macquarie Place, adjacent to the Government Wharf at the head of Sydney Cove. (See *triangular outline*)

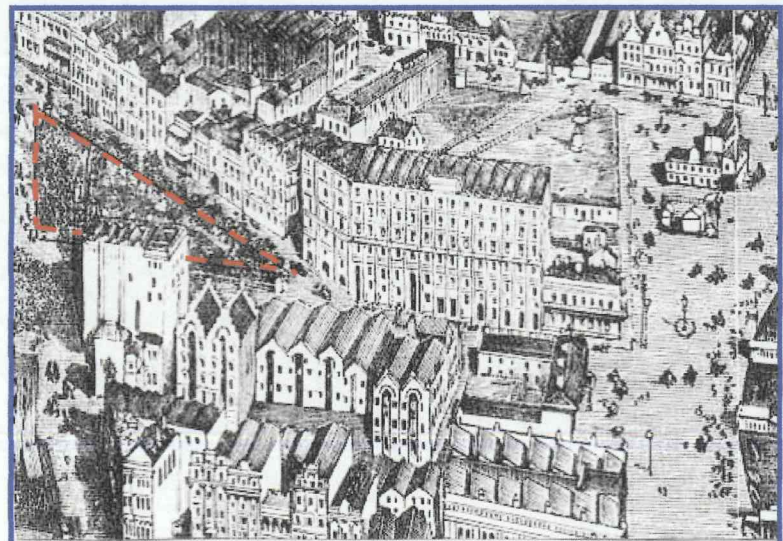
Macquarie Place is no longer on the waterfront, which was pushed back by the reclamation of the foreshores to form 'Semicircular Quay' in the 1840s and 1850s.

Prominent in Macquarie Place stands the obelisk inscribed, *'this obelisk was erected in Macquarie Place AD 1818 to record that all the public roads leading to the interior of the colony are measured from it. L Macquarie, Esq, Governor.'*

Also in Macquarie Place, mounted on a pediment is the anchor of HMS Sirius, the escorting Warship of the First Fleet, under Captain Phillip, which anchored in Sydney Cove 26/1/1788. While landing cargo in 1790 at Norfolk Island she was wrecked. A century later her rusty anchor was salvaged and eventually erected in Macquarie Place. Near it is mounted an old muzzle-loading cannon, date-stamped 1788 believed to be off the Sirius.

When Governor Macquarie cleared Macquarie Place of buildings he gave focus to the rambling rutty roads that wound round about, but this district, sharing with The Rocks and Lower George Street, the distinction of being the oldest civilised part of Australia.

The first Bank of New South Wales was established in Mary Reiby's Cottage, No. 6 Macquarie Place, and opened in 1817."



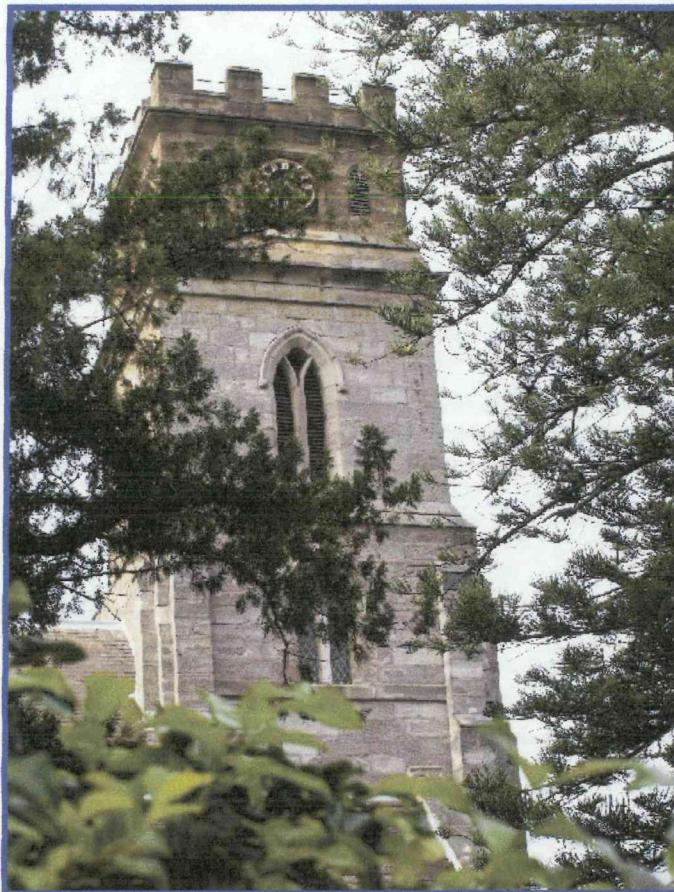
Reference: *Saga of Sydney* by Frank Clune

07 10 1864 DEATH at the *Custom's House Hotel*, of ⁸**John Shaw ANDREWS**, aged only 29 months, from Scarlatina.

The infant son of **John Whisley ANDREWS** and Margery Shaw was buried in the Andrews family plot in St Judes churchyard at Randwick. The informant of this and the death of Eliza Emily Shaw, (next entry) was W I Bolton, Macquarie Place.

22 10 1864 DEATH, also from Scarlatina, of **JWA's** sister-in-law, **Eliza Emily SHAW** aged 15 years. The family lost a son and his aunt within 15 days of each other.

Eliza Emily SHAW had been placed in an Infirmary to prevent the spread of the disease. Perhaps the disease was introduced into the family by a guest at the *Customs House Hotel*. Almost immediately, the family left the premises and soon moved out of the hotel industry altogether. Aunt Eliza might have been a live-in Nanny for her nephew.



St Judes, Randwick, Sydney NSW

**DEATH REGISTERED
IN NEW SOUTH WALES
No 1275 of 1864**



Death date: 7 October 1864
Name: **ANDREWS, John Shaw**
Age: 2 years
Place: Macquarie Place Sydney
Where born: Liverpool, NSW
Father: **ANDREWS, John Whisley**
Occupation: Publican
Mother: **SHAW, Margery** (maiden name)
Certified by: W I Bolton of Macquarie Place
Burial) Charles Shaw
Witnesses) John W Andrews
Cause of) Scarlatina
Death) 6 days duration

**DEATH REGISTERED
IN NEW SOUTH WALES
No 1352 of 1864**



Death date: 22 October 1864
Name: **SHAW, Eliza Emily**
Age: 15 years
Place: Infirmary Sydney
Where born: Hobart Town, Tasmania
Father: **SHAW, Israel**
Occupation: Coach Builder
Mother: **PEARSON, Hannah** (not given)
Certified by: W I Bolton of Macquarie Place
Burial: Randwick Cemetery
Date: 24 October 1864
Undertaker: R Thomas
Cause: Scarlatina

18 04 1865 BIRTH of JWA's daughter ⁹**Marian Parsons ANDREWS**, at 16 Bridge Street, Sydney. As her father was still a Licensed Victualler, it would mean that the two family deaths from Scarlatina caused them to move residence, while waiting for the Customs House Hotel Licence to expire.

BIRTH REGISTERED IN NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA

No 841 of 1865



Name of child: ⁹**ANDREWS, Marian Parsons**
Date & Place: 18th April 1865, 16 Bridge Street
Father: ANDREWS, John Whisley, Licenced Victualler
60 years, born Suffolk, England
Mother: ANDREWS, Margery (nee Shaw) 34 years, born Leeds, Yorkshire
Married: 1858
Children of marriage: 2 females, 1 male living by 1st wife
2 females by present wife
Informant: John W Andrews, Father, 16 Bridge Street, 11 May 1865

06 01 1868 DEATH of JWA's uncle **Henry AYERS** at Hackney London, England. He was born in 1783 at Boxford, the fifth of seven children of Jane Whisley and Henry Nutton Ayers.

Henry was listed as a Schoolmaster at his children's baptisms. By 1845 when his son, Henry Nutton Ayers was married, both were in the wholesale grocery business in London's East End.

When Henry Nutton died at 7 Amberst Villas, Hackney, his estate was worth nearly Fifteen Hundred Pounds. His Will dated 7 January 1860, was witnessed by John Aubrey and William Nunn, Coventry (the father-in-law of his son Henry Nutton Ayers).

Henry and **Sarah** had at least three children (JWA's first cousins):

1. **AYERS, Sarah Elizabeth**
2. **AYERS, Mary Ann**
3. **AYERS, Henry Nutton**

00 00 1868 SUFFOLK DIRECTORY - HADLEIGH

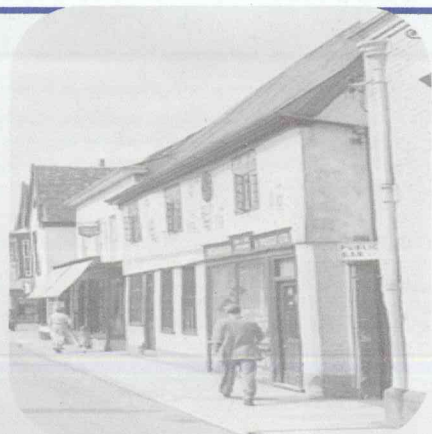
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HEARD, Frances Caroline
Baby Linen Warehouse, High Street

HEARD, Joseph William
Accountant, High Street, Hadleigh

REEVE, George
Plumber & Glazier, High Street, Hadleigh



20 02 1868 BIRTH of JWA's last child ¹⁰ **John Foster Ayers ANDREWS**, at Hill Street, Surry Hills. JWA was a Billiard Maker at the time; a link with his former occupation as Master of a Billiard Club back in Liverpool England. Margery also gave the infant the three Christian names, of which one was AYERS!

BIRTH REGISTERED IN NEW SOUTH WALES AUSTRALIA

No 736 of 1868

Date/place of birth: 20 February 1868, at Hill Street, Surrey

Name ¹⁰ **ANDREWS, John Dalby Foster Ayers**

Father: **ANDREWS, John Whisley**
62 years, Billiard Maker, born Essex (sic)

Mother: **SHAW, Margery** SHAW, Margery (late Papps)

28 years, born Leeds Yorkshire

Married: 6 October 1861, Sydney

Children: 1st marriage: 2 girls 1 boy living

2nd marriage: 3 girls living

Informant: Margery Andrews, Mother, Campbell Street

Witnesses: Mrs Rogers and Mrs Shaw



00 00 1868 SANDS DIRECTORY, SYDNEY NSW

John W ANDREWS, 26 Burton Street, Sydney

24 05 1870 DEATH of **John Whisley ANDREWS**, at Castlereagh Street, Sydney, from "effusion of brain" of 1 day's duration, aged 67 years. He was buried at St Jude's Randwick. The informant was JWA's wife, Margery Andrews, of Petersham.

DEATH REGISTERED IN NEW SOUTH WALES AUSTRALIA

No 626 of 1870

Name of deceased:

ANDREWS, John Whisley

Marital statue & Age:

Married, 67 years

Date of death:

24 May 1870

Place of death:

Castlereagh Street, Sydney

Place of birth:

Suffolk England

How long in colonies:

About 24 years in the Australian Colonies

Father's Surname

Father's Christian name

Mother

FENN, Ann

Marriage:

1st marriage

• 2nd marriage

Age at marriage:

54 years

To whom married:

Margery Papps

Children:

1 boy, 2 girls living

• 1 boy, 3 girls living, 1 boy dead

Informant:

Margery Andrews, Wife, Petersham

Cause of death:

Effusion on the brain, 1 day duration
(Dr Warren)

Particulars of burial:

25 May 1870, buried Randwick



BETWEEN THE DEATHS OF JWA AND HIS YOUNGEST CHILD

24 05 1870 DEATH of **John Whisley ANDREWS (JWA)** at Castlereagh Street, Sydney. Buried St Judes, Randwick. Within the next 15 months his sisters, Frances and Jane had passed away, followed by the last, and youngest sibling, Emily Edwards in 1888.

01 11 1870 BURIAL of JWA's sister, **Frances Caroline AYERS-HEARD**, aged 53, at Hadleigh, Suffolk. Frances and **Joseph William HEARD** had five children. Family:

A. HEARD, Jane Harriett	b: 1852 Hadleigh
B. HEARD, Emily Mary	b: 1854 Hadleigh
C. HEARD, Henry Robert	b: 1856 Hadleigh
D. HEARD, William Whisley	b: 1857 Hadleigh
E. HEARD, Robert Blowers	b: 1862 Hadleigh

08 08 1871 BURIAL of JWA's sister **Jane Goymer AYERS-REEVE**, aged 62, at Hadleigh, Suffolk. The widower married in one year and his son was called Morley. He married Sarah Cockayne who was staying with George and Jane on the night of the 1871 Census. The relationship was, no doubt, through Jane being the owner of a Baby Warehouse and Sarah Cockayne being a Juvenile Dressmaker.

04 12 1871 MARRIAGE between JWA's oldest child, **Emily Morris AYERS** (34) and **Joseph William HEARD** (45) at St Pancras, Middlesex. Upon the death of her father in May 1870, her aunt Frances died in December 1870, and her Aunt Jane (with whom she lived) in August 1871, Emily found herself without relatives, and probably homeless - maybe she went to live in London with the Searles who were witnesses at her wedding. In any case, she married her widowed uncle with the 5 heard children listed above:

a. HEARD, Elizabeth Mary	b: 1872 Hadleigh
b. HEARD, Alfred Edward	b: 1874 Hadleigh (died 1906 England?)
c. HEARD, Mabel Honor	b: 1875 Hadleigh (died 1944 Canada)
d. HEARD, Edith	b: 1878 Hadleigh
e. HEARD, John Joseph	b: 1880 Hadleigh

9 Houghton St LIVERPOOL (1841 Census)	High St, Hadleigh SUFFOLK (1851 Census)	High St, Hadleigh SUFFOLK (1861 Census)	High St, Hadleigh SUFFOLK (1871 Census)	George St H'leigh SUFFOLK (1881 Census)
AYERS, John (JWA).....37y Master of Rotunda not born in County	REEVE, George36y plumber & glazier	REEVE, George46y plumber & glazier	REEVE, George56y plumber & glazier	HEARD, Joseph Wm.....55y solicitor's general clerk
AYERS, Priscilla30y not born in County	REEVE, Jane Goymer.....40y	REEVE, Jane Goymer50y	REEVE, Jane Goymer60y	Heard, Emily Morris .43y
AYERS, Robert.....05m	AYERS, Frances C.....33y	wife b Hadleigh	COCKAYNE, Sarah27y	wife, born Liverpool
Ayers, Emily03y	AYERS, Emily Edwards ..26y	ADAMS, William20y	visitor b Middlesex	HEARD, Elizabeth M.....08y
dau, born Liverpool	unmd, sisters-i-l, Annuitants	apprentice, boarder	juvenile dressmaker	HEARD, Alfred Edward ...06y
ALSO 5 servants	Ayers, Emily Morris 13y	Ayers, Emily Morris 23y	Ayers, Emily Morris 33y	HEARD, Mabel05y
	niece, born Liverpool	niece, boarder	niece boarder	HEARD, Edith.....02y
	AYERS, Mary Ann.....08y	born Liverpool	born Liverpool	HEARD, John Joseph01y
	niece, born Liverpool			FENN, Elizabeth.....63y
				unmd annuitant b Hadleigh
				TICKER, Charlotte14y
				general servant b Ipswich

MARRIAGE No 216
IN THE PARISH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST,
ST PANCRAS IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

Joseph William HEARD, Widower, 46 years, Accountant, of 34 Gresse Street
son of Henry Heard, Smith and

¹**Emily Morris AYERS** Spinster, 34 years, of 34 Gresse Street
daughter of John Wesley Ayers, Licensed Victualler

were married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies
of the Established Church after Banns

this 4th day of December 1871

by me William Holmes

This marriage was solemnized	}	Joseph William Heard	(Signed)
between us	}	Emily Morris Ayers	(Signed)
In the	}	William Searles	(Signed)
presence of	}	Fanny Charlotte Searles	(Signed)

00 00 1872 BIRTH of **JWA's first grandchild**, two years after his death. **Elizabeth Mary HEARD** was born at Hadleigh, the daughter of Emily Morris Ayers and Joseph Heard. She went on to marry George James Henry Starkey and raise a family of eight children.

11 02 1875 MARRIAGE of niece, **Emily Mary HEARD**, to **Thomas COOPER** at Hadleigh. They had at least 2 children.

00 00 1876 MARRIAGE of niece, **Jane Harriet HEARD**, Music Teacher, to **Frederick HOGG**, Licensee of the Shoulder of Mutton, Hadleigh. They had at least 3 children.

00 00 1876 MARRIAGE of step daughter in Sydney, **Hannah Alpha PAPPS** to **Charles SOUTHION**.

15 10 1877 BURIAL of JWA's brother in law, **George REEVE**, aged 62, at Hadleigh

00 00 1878 MARRIAGE of JWA's daughter ⁷**Caroline Elizabeth ANDREWS** to **Robert Dunbar ROGERS**

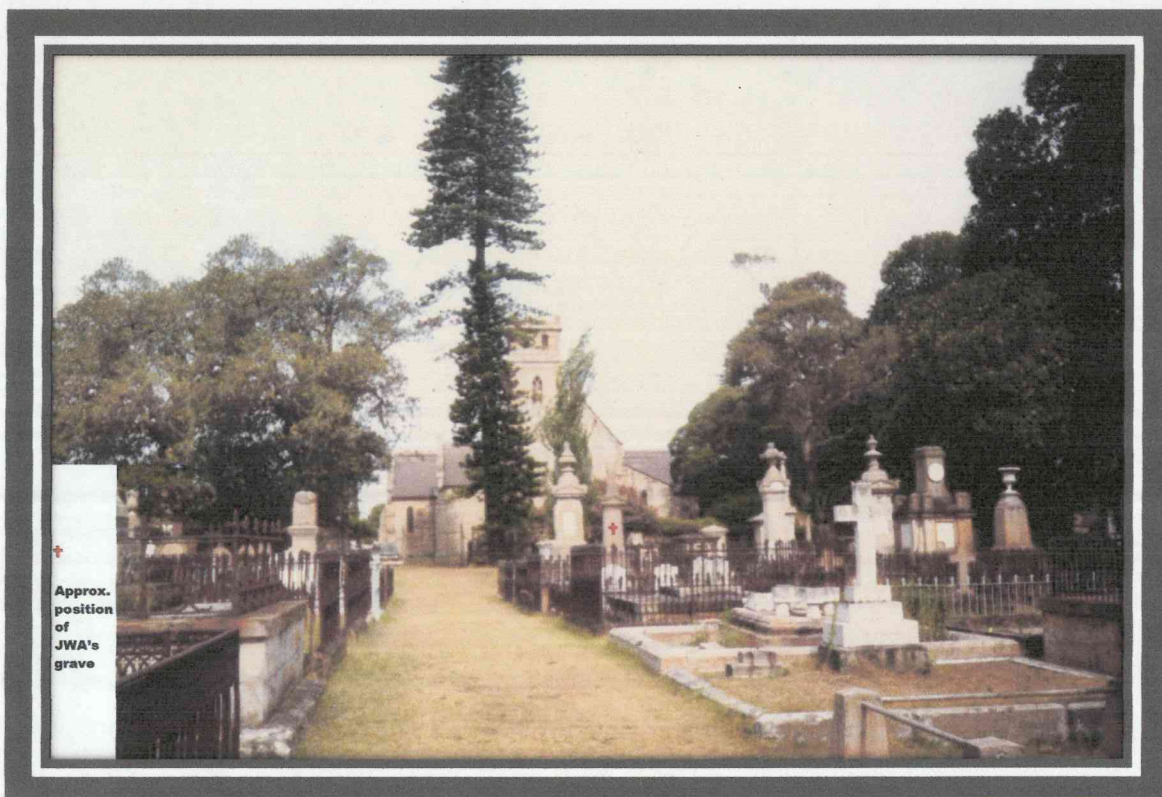
14 05 1879 MARRIAGE at Grafton NSW, between JWA's daughter ⁶**Eleanor Jane ANDREWS** and **Edward Thomas James LAYTON**

04 06 1883 DEATH of JWA's first cousin, **Elizabeth FENN** (65). At the time of the 1881 census she was living with JWA's daughter, Emily Morris Ayers-Heard. Miss Fenn appointed "my cousin ¹**Emily Morris HEARD** as sole executrix of my estate". Glyn wrote that Emily must have had a good business head, as her husband also appointed her the executor of his estate. The Fenn estate was just under £42 gross, but one interesting item was a mahogany chest of drawers bequeathed to "my cousin ³**Robert Edward AYERS**".

09 03 1885 MARRIAGE in Sydney, between JWA's daughter, ⁹**Marian Parsons ANDREWS** and **Charles Thomas PERRIN**

26 05 1885 DEATH of JWA's son-in-law (formerly his brother-in-law), **Joseph William HEARD**, husband of ¹**Emily Morris AYERS-HEARD**. The Heard family moved from Hadleigh back to the home town of Joseph, within weeks of his death at Luton Street, Chatham in the County of Kent.

- 21 02 1887 MARRIAGE at Paddington Sydney, between JWA's son ¹⁰**John Dalby Foster Ayers ANDREWS** and **Sarah Elizabeth BENNETT**.
- 14 04 1888 BURIAL at Hadleigh of JWA's youngest sibling, **Emily Edwards AYERS**. In the 1861 Census Emily was listed as being deaf. She was cared for by her sisters until their death, but until her death there seems to be no record of her residence. As was the practice in the family, she would have been cared for by a close or distant relative.
- 00 00 1907 DEATH OF THE OLDEST CHILD OF JWA's 1st MARRIAGE ¹**Emily Morris AYERS-HEARD** in England. In 1871 Emily married at St Pancras London, **Joseph William HEARD** and they had 5 children.
- 25 04 1907 DEATH OF THE OLDEST CHILD OF JWA's 2nd MARRIAGE ⁶**Eleanor Jane ANDREWS-LAYTON** in Australia. In 1879 Eleanor married at the Methodist Parsonage, Grafton, **Edward Thomas James LAYTON** and they had 13 children.
- 00 00 1907 SECOND MARRIAGE between JWA's daughter ⁹**Marian Parsons ANDREWS** and **Charles Edward BINGLE**.
- 00 00 1909 BIRTH at Glebe Sydney, of **JWA's last (33rd) grandchild, Edward Charles BINGLE**, the son of Marian and Charles Bingle.
- 19 06 1910 DEATH of JWA's second wife, **Margery SHAW-PAPPS-ANDREWS**, at 64 Bellevue Street, Glebe, from Acute Capillary Bronchitis. After being a widow for 40 years, she joined her husband and infant son, in the churchyard of St Judes, Randwick.



Approximate position of the graves of JWA, his second wife and an infant son, at the rear of St Judes Anglican Church Randwick, Sydney. The monument on the edge of the grassed pathway, is the burial site of JWA's Shaw in-laws. Both grave sites are marked with a coloured cross.

02 02 1918 DEATH of JWA's oldest son³ **Robert Edward AYERS** of 72 Goring Road, Coventry. Probate London, to James William LAWFORD, Engineer. Effects £47-9-8. St Catherine's House Death Index, gives an age of 77 on 2 February 1918, which agrees perfectly with Robert Edward Ayers (son of JWA) who would have turned 78 on 25 December that year. It appears that he did not marry. On the 25th day of March 1918 probate of this Will was granted to James William Lawford the sole executor.

THIS IS THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of me **Robert Edward AYERS** of 43 George Street in the parish of New Chesterton Cambridgeshire I HEREBY REVOKE all Wills by me at any time heretofore made I APPOINT **Mr Jim LAWFORD** (Cycle Engineer) of 43 George Street to be my EXECUTOR I have no debts or expenses and my funeral expenses will be managed and paid by Bro. Distrow of Court Pride (Foresters) Bell Inn Newmarket Road out of my funeral allowance I GIVE AND BEQUEATH unto Mrs James Lawford (the wife of my executor) of 46 George Street New Chesterston (sic) all monies with interest that is deposited in name of Robert Edward Ayers in the Bank of Messrs Barclay & Co (Mortlock Bk) Benet Street, Cambridge in the County of Cambridgeshire of the value of One hundred and forty pounds sterling (£140) with interest also all my money interest in Court Pride Foresters Building Society No 3872 Bell Inn Newmarket Road Cambridgeshire also my cash box with its contents of money silver plate old coins and trinkets also everything in the house that belongs to me the said ³**Robert Edward AYERS** IN WITNESS whereof I have to this my last Will and testament set my hand the 5th day of July in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and seven.

SIGNED by the said testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us present at the same time who in his presence at the request and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses:
(dated 5 July 1907)

Robert Edward Ayers

Henry Unwin 35 George Street, Chesterton Cambridge
George Frederick Unwin 35 George Street, Chesterton Cambridge

THIS IS THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of me
ROBERT EDWARD AYERS of 43 George Street in the parish of New Chesterton Cambridge-
shire I hereby revoke all wills by me at any time heretofore made I appoint Mr
James Lawford (Cycle Engineer) of 43 George Street to be my EXECUTOR I have no debts
or expenses and my funeral expenses will be managed and paid by Bro Distrow of
Court Pride (Foresters) Bell Inn Newmarket Road out of my funeral allowance I give
and bequeath unto Mrs James Lawford (the wife of my executor) of 46 George Street
New Chesterston all monies with interest that is deposited in name of Robert Edward
Ayers in the Bank of Messrs Barclay & Co (Mortlock Bk) Benet Street Cambridge in the
County of Cambridgeshire of the value of one hundred and forty pounds sterling
(£140) with interest also all my money interest in Court Pride Foresters Building
Society No 3872 Bell Inn Newmarket Road Cambridge also my cash box with its con-
tents of money silver plate old coins and trinkets also everything in the house that
had belong_ to me the said Robert Edward Ayers IN WITNESS whereof I have to this
my last will and testament set my hand the 5 day of July in year of our Lord One
thousand nine hundred and seven - ROBERT EDWARD AYERS - Signed by the said
testator as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us present at
the same time who in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other
have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses HENRY UNWIN - GEORGE FREDERICK
UNWIN 35 George Street Chesterton Cambridge Witnesses

On the 25th day of March 1918 Probate of this will was granted to James
William Lawford the sole executor

04 01 1935

DEATH in Sydney of JWA's daughter ⁹**Marion Parsons ANDREWS-BINGLE**. Marion was born on 18 April 1865, at Bridge Street, Sydney, a daughter of Margery Shaw and John W Andrews, Licensed Victualler. At Woollahra on 9 March 1885, she married **Charles Thomas Perrin**, born at Sydney in 1864 and died at Randwick in 1896, son of Charles and Johanna.

Marion was buried at Randwick with her second husband, **Charles Edward Bingle** whom she married in 1907 at Glebe. He was born at Sydney in 1867, and died on 8 November 1939, late of 11 Meek Street, South Kensington, the son of Samuel Bingle and Lavania nee Dubber.

Randwick Cemetery



Photos by W A Shute, 2000,
From back gate, the Bingle graves
are just near the shed, in front of
the large tree



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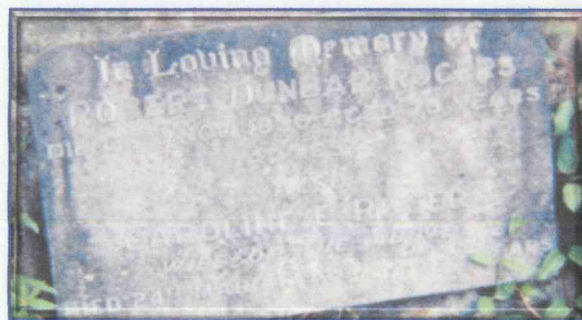
DEATH in Sydney of JWA's daughter ⁷**Caroline Elizabeth ROGERS** aged 79 years 11 months and 2 weeks. She was born at the Terminus Hotel, Liverpool, on 8 April 1860, a daughter of Margery Shaw and John Whisley Andrews.

At Paddington in 1878, 'Carrie' married **Robert Dunbar ROGERS**, son of John 'George' and Maria. He was a Wahroonga Caterer, formerly of La Perouse. He and 'Carrie' were interred in the Rookwood Anglican Cemetery. Despite a Depression between the death of Robert on 3 November 1930, and her own in death in 1940, Carrie increased the family wealth from £4,596 to £7,624.



Rookwood Anglican Cemetery

❧ In Loving Memory of ❧
Robert Dunbar ROGERS
Died 3 Nov 1930 Aged 73 years
At Rest
Caroline E ROGERS
Wife of the above
Died 24 Mar 1940 Aged 79 years



13 04 1948 DEATH in Sydney of JWA's youngest child, the last in the family to die, ¹⁰John Dalby Foster Ayres ANDREWS aged 80 years. He was cremated at the Eastern Suburbs Crematorium, and his Probate, dated June 1958 was valued at £1,936.6.0 nett.

John Dalby Foster Ayres Andrews was born on 20 February 1868, at Hill Street, Sydney, at a time when his family was residing in Campbell Street, Sydney. The informant of his birth was his mother, Margery nee Shaw, and the person responsible for naming him the way she did. While no solution has been found for "Dalby" it was found that "Foster/Forster" was a family name on the maternal Shaw side. The fourth given name of "AYRES" turned out to be the family name of his father.

On 21 February 1887, ¹⁰John ANDREWS" was married at St Mathias, Paddington. His bride was Elizabeth Sarah BENNETT who was born in 1867 the daughter of Enoch Bennett and Anna Montgomery. Witnesses were the groom's sister, Caroline Elizabeth Andrews-Rogers and her husband Robert Dunbar Rogers.

JWA's three male heirs were:

³AYRES, Robert Edward did not marry.

⁸ANDREWS, John Shaw died at the age of 2 years 5 month.

¹⁰ANDREWS, John Dalby Foster Ayres had 2 daughters and 3 sons. Horace did not marry and Harold was married without descendants. The third son:

❑ ANDREWS, John Edward 1889-1957 had 1 daughter and 2 sons:

① ANDREWS, John Alfred, with 1 daughter and 1 son:

● ANDREWS, Richard (with at least 1 son)

② ANDREWS, William Edward, with 3 daughters and one son:

● ANDREWS, Alan William (with at least 2 sons)

❑ John Whisley AYRES-ANDREWS, died before any of his children were married and did not see any of his 33 grandchildren who were born between 1872 and 1909

❑ The male line of descent from John Whislay AYRES and Ann FENN continues but, unfortunately, carries on the name of ANDREWS, rather than AYERS.



JOHN WHISLEY AYERS-ANDREWS



"JWA, WE HAVE FOUND YOU AT LAST"

1841 – 1881

**Census Records for
Ayres, Fenn and related names**

**DUKE ST, HADLEIGH
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
1841 CENSUS (7 June)**

REEVE, George 25y →
Plumber, born in County
REEVE, Jane Goymer 28y →
born in County
AYERS, Frances C 22y →
Independent, born in County
AYERS, Emily Edwards . 16y →
sister-in-law
born in County

**HIGH ST, HADLEIGH
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
1851 CENSUS (30 March)**

REEVE, George 36y →
Plumber & Glazier
REEVE, Jane Goymer 40y →
wife, Born Hadleigh
AYERS, Frances Caroline 33y →
s-i-law u/md Annuitant
AYERS, Emily Edwards ... 26y →
s-i-law u/md Annuitant
AYERS, Emily Morris 13y →
niece, born Liverpool
AYERS, Mary Ann, niece 08y
Scholar, born Liverpool ↓

**HIGH ST, HADLEIGH
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
1861 CENSUS (2 April)**

REEVE, George 46y →
Plumber & Glazier
REEVE, Jane Goymer 50y →
wife, born Hadleigh
County of Suffolk
ADAMS, William 20y →
Apprentice Plumber
born London
AYERS, Emily Morris 23y →
niece, Boarder
born Liverpool

↓ Caroline F m. Joseph W Heard

**HIGH ST, HADLEIGH
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
1871 CENSUS (3 April)**

REEVE, George 54y →
Plumber & Glazier
REEVE, Jane Goymer 60y →
wife born Hadleigh
COCKAYNE, Sarah ... 27y →
Visitor
born Middlesex
London
AYERS, Emily Morris 33y ↓
niece, unmarried
born Liverpool

**HIGH ST, HADLEIGH
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
1881 CENSUS (3 April)**

COCKAYNE, Henry 66y
COCKAYNE, Hannah 56y
REEVE, Morley 05y
grandson; son of Sarah
REEVE, Sarah wid./dau.. 34y
* Sarah Cockayne marr 1872
Dec qtr 1872 Colchester Dist
* George REEVE d 1877 wid. of
Jane Goymer Ayers-REEVE
who was buried 8/8/1871
* Emily M Ayers m. 4/11/1871
↓ Joseph W Heard

**9 HOUGHTON ST
LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE
(1841)**

AYERS, John (JWA) 37y →
Master of Rotunda
Not born in County
AYERS, Priscilla 30y →
Not born in County
AYERS, Emily (Morris) 03y →
born in County
AYERS, Robert 05m →
born in County
ALSO five servants

**9 HOUGHTON ST
LIVERPOOL (Nil)
(1851)**

AYERS, John Whisley (JWA) ↓
by 1851 living Australia
leaving (with his sisters
in Hadleigh) his daughters:
AYERS, Mary Ann and
AYERS, Emily Morris ↑
AYERS, Robert to Australia ↓
1860 with sister Mary Ann ↓

**4 QUEEN ST, HADLEIGH
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
(1861)**

HEARD, Joseph William 35y →
Solicitor's Gen clerk
HEARD, Frances Caroline 47 →
wife b. Hadleigh (*d.1870)
HEARD, Jane Harriet 08y →
daughter born Hadleigh
HEARD, Emily Mary 06y →
daughter born Hadleigh
HEARD, Henry Robert 05y →
son born Hadleigh
HEARD, William Whisley ... 03y →
son born Hadleigh
AYERS, Emily Edwards 34y →
sister-in-law, Independent
b Hadleigh; " deaf"

**HIGH ST, HADLEIGH
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
(1871)**

HEARD, Joseph W 45y →
Solicitor's General
Clerk, widower
born Chatham Kent
HEARD, Jane Harriet 18y ↓
Music teacher, Hadleigh
HEARD, Emily Mary 16y ↓
daughter born Hadleigh
HEARD, Henry Robert 15y →
son born Hadleigh
HEARD, William W 13y →
Scholar born Hadleigh
HEARD, Robert Blowers 08y →
Son b Hadleigh
Scholar

**GEORGE ST, HADLEIGH
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
(1881)**

HEARD, Joseph William . 55y
Solicitor's Gen Clerk
HEARD, Emily Morris 43y
↑ b Liverpool Lancashire
b. Hadleigh, Scholar
HEARD, Alfred Edward ... 06y
Scholar born Hadleigh
HEARD, Mabel 05y
daughter born Hadleigh
HEARD, Edith 02y
daughter born Hadleigh
HEARD, John Joseph 01y
son born Hadleigh
FENN, Elizabeth u/marr... 63y
Annuitant b Hadleigh
(*JWA's 1st cousin d.1882)
TICKER, Charlotte 14y
Gen Servant b Ipswich

* HEARDS to Luton St
Chatham Kent, in 1885
where Joseph soon died

SYDNEY 1860 - 1861

↑ ANDREWS, John Whisley 57y
↑ AYERS, Robert Edward 20y
↑ AYERS, Mary A 'Frances' 18y
ANDREWS, Margery, 2nd wife
ANDREWS, Eleanor Jane 03y
ANDREWS, Caroline F 01y

DUKE STREET, HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK

The Ayers (sisters of JWA) lived
here at the time of the 1841 Census



**'SHOULDER OF MUTTON'
BRIDGE ST, HADLEIGH
(1881)**

HOGG, Frederick 30y
Proprietor b Hadleigh
(s.o. Charlotte & John B)
HOGG, Jane Harriet 28y
wife born Hadleigh
HOGG, John Frederick ... 03y
HOGG, William Henry 02y
HOGG, Charles Major 04m
(sons all bp Cosford Dist)
REEVE, John Bendall 70y
late Cabinet Maker
Boarder, born Hadleigh
REEVE, Charlotte (wife) . 76y
Boarder, born Ipswich

Frederick HOGG →
married 1876
Hadleigh Suffolk
Jane Harriet HEARD →

† Emily Mary HEARD
sister of Jane HOGG
married 11/2/1875
Thomas COOPER
1. COOPER, Frances M
b. 1875
2. COOPER, Charles R
b. 1880

**STONESTREET FARM
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
1841 CENSUS (7 June)**

FENN, George50y →
Farmer
FENN, John (farmer)55y →
FENN, Elizabeth (dau)20y →
unmd b Hadleigh

**STONESTREET FARM
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
1851 CENSUS (30 March)**

FENN, George (Wid'r)61y →
Farmer, 161 acres
born Hadleigh
FENN, Elizabeth (dau)33y →
unmd b Hadleigh

**STONESTREET FARM
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
1861 CENSUS (2 April)**

FENN, Charles64y →
Farmer, b Hadleigh
FENN, Parish (wife)69y →
He d 1863; She d 1874

**HIGH ST, HADLEIGH
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
1871 CENSUS (3 April) 1881 CENSUS (3 April)**

REEVE, Jane Goymer63y →
REEVE, George54y
COCKAYNE, Sarah27y →
visitor b Middx London
AYERS, Emily Morris33y →
unmarried niece

Jane Goymer Ayers-Reeve was
buried 8/8/1871. George Reeve
married Sarah Cockayne, the
visitor on night of 1871 census.
George & Sarah had a son
Morley Reeve b 1875. George
bu 15/10/1877. Juvenile Dress-
maker, Sarah, and her 5 year
old son were living with her
parents at the time of the
1881 Census.

Jane was JWA's sister

**BRIDGE ST, HADLEIGH
(1841)**

FENN, Charles (b/c)42y →
FENN, Elizabeth (dau)23y →

**BRIDGE ST, HADLEIGH
(1851)**

FENN, Charles, maltster .54y ↑
FENN, Parish (wife)58y ↑

**GEORGE ST, HADLEIGH
(1861)**

FENN, Charlotte72y →
widow, Almswoman

Next entry was a Police Stn;
this part of High Street known:
West side of Bridge & High
Streets including Duke and
Churchgate Streets

**BRIDGE ST (lodging house)
(1851)**

FENN, Josiah (lodger)63y →
former maltster
FENN, Charlotte (wife)60y ↑

**PIMLICO, LONDON
(1861)**

AYERS, Henry Nutton50y →
Printer & financial
writer b. Hadleigh
AYERS, Mary Ann (wife) .43y →
b Monks Eleigh
AYERS, Geraldine12y →
b Notting Hill
Middlesex, London
AYERS, Gertrude Fanny. 10y →
b Westminster
Also 2 servants.....
(28 Bessborough St, Pimlico)

White's Directory of 1885 has
Joseph W HEARD in George
Street Hadleigh but he had
taken the family back to his
native Kent, where he died.

Will dated 2/3/1885, of
Joseph William HEARD
Tobacconist of Luton Street
Chatham, Kent, witnessed
by Rebecca Owen and
J Heard, Gentleman, both
of Constitution Hill, Luton Rd
Chatham Kent. Died at the
above address, aged 59
years, on 26/5/1885.

Will Proved on 4/9/1885 by
Emily Morris Ayers HEARD
the widow of the deceased.

* JWA's second sister,
Frances Caroline AYERS-
HEARD, buried 1/11/1870 52y.
Her niece (JWA's daughter)
Emily Morris Ayers
married the widower, Joseph
William HEARD.

* JWA's third sister,
Emily Edwards AYERS was
living with the Reeves for the
1841 and 1851 Census.
Then with the Heards for the
Census of 1861. She died
unmarried in 1888
buried at Hadleigh

**CHURCHGATE ST
(1841)**

FENN, George25y →
farmer, born in County
FENN, Sarah (b/c)30y →
dressmaker
FENN, Mary (b/c)02y →
FENN, Thomas (b/c)03w →

**BRIDGE ST, HADLEIGH
(1851)**

FENN, Josiah (grocer)32y →
born Polstead
FENN, Sarah (wife)30y →
born Shadingfield
FENN, Josiah (son)08y →
born Hadleigh
FENN, Agnes06y →
FENN, Catherine01y →
FENN, Mary2m →

**ELLIS ST, BOXFORD
(1841)**

AYERS, George (60)63y →
born in County
AYERS, Ann65y →
AYERS, Henry32y →
Maltster, b/c
AYERS, Edward18y →
AYERS, Mary Ann28y →
(d 16/1/1844 u/md
Hadleigh Hamlet)

**HADLEIGH HAMLET
(1851)**

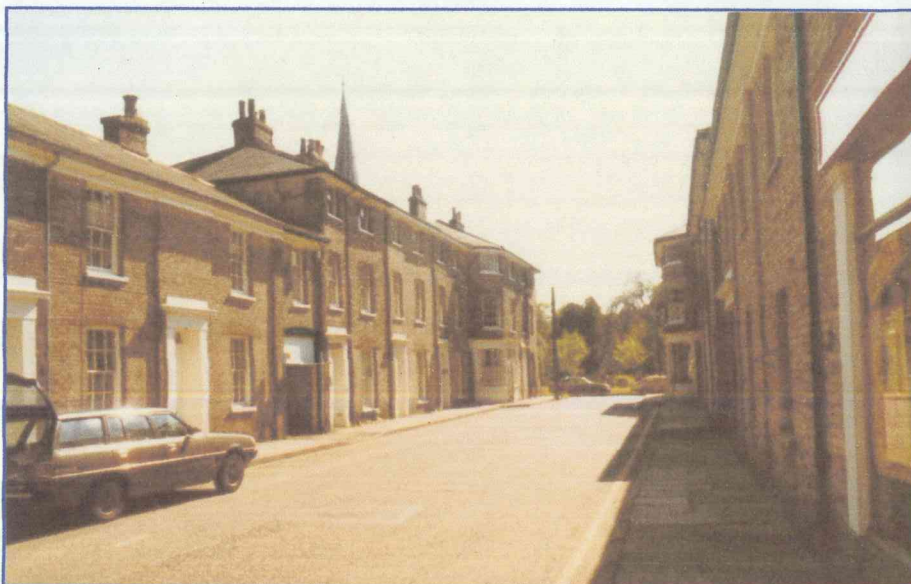
AYERS, George73y →
b. Hadleigh Hamlet, farmer
AYERS, Ann (wife)76y →
b Houlton Suffolk
AYERS, Geraldine02y →
grand daughter
born Notting Hill
Middlesex London

**ELLIS ST, BOXFORD
(1861)**

AYERS, George N83y →
farmer, widower.
(*George Henry Nutton
Ayers d.1863 aged 85y)

**QUEEN STREET
HADLEIGH**

Nos 1 & 2 are by the car.
The Heard family lived
at No 4 Queen Street



**HIGH ST
HADLEIGH
(1841)**

REEVE, Henry21y →
carpenter
REEVE, Charles19y →
glazier
REEVE, Wm Ed15y →
printers assistant
REEVE, Sarah60y →
upholsterer
widow of Bendall Reeve

**GEORGE ST
HADLEIGH
(1851)**

REEVE, Henry31y
upholsterer
REEVE, Sarah31y
born Essex
REEVE, Elizabeth05y
born Hadleigh
REEVE, Harry02y
born Hadleigh

REEVE, Sarah Annb1813
REEVE, John Bendall ...b1811 Beer Retailer
REEVE, Henry son of Sarah & Bendall Reeve



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