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It does not seem two years since I took on the task of producing the Minney newsletter. One of the best aspects for me has been the amount of information that has been added to the history of the Minneys and long may it continue. Every story or snippet adds to the colour and, as they say, puts 'flesh' on the skeleton bones of family history.

I am indebted to the amount of work being put in by Agnes Hulman, who is single-handedly spreading the word about the newsletter and us Minney researchers across the States. She has also come up with an interesting 17th century emigrant to New England who may be the ancestor of almost all of the Minney descendants in the USA today. Hopefully, after some more research here and in America we will be able to put together an article for July's edition. I am also grateful to Jane Aaron for her contributions to the newsletter and the index. Talking of which, the computerised index now contains over a thousand Minney (and variant spelling*) references. It is a slow job but I will get there eventually. It currently holds all occurrences of Minney etc from the IGI (1988) for England and Wales and a large number of entries from St Catherines House. Many entries will be duplicated and I have made no attempt to make family connections. For example, a birth may appear three times, once in the IGI, secondly in the parish register and thirdly in the index at St Catherines house. Each source may have unique information and I felt it best to keep each entry as a separate record. *variants recorded include Minnie, Minny, Miney, Miny, Minnell and Minell. Most of these appear to be original spelling errors. The overwhelming majority of entries are for Minney. My thanks also to Peter (Pip) Minney for his article on the Market Gardeners of Great Barford. He also tells me that his sister Iris was a GI bride and lived in Independence, Louisiana for over 40 years. She had two sons Derek and Paul Overland who are both firemen and live in Louisiana, and a daughter, Andrea Miles who lives in San Salvador, El Salvador, Central America.

If you have anything for the newsletter or index then please send it. I could do with quite a bit more for the next newsletter. Copies of certificates such as Leslie Miller's are welcome plus any newspaper cuttings (I still have not had one for Northamptonshire).

And finally, some subscriptions are still outstanding - £3.00 for UK and £5.50 for overseas (sterling please).

A belated happy new year to you all.

Regards

Barrie Minney

Frederick Pennyberg Minney

The picture on the front cover shows Frederick Pennyberg Minney (born 12.12.1889), the grandfather of Sarah Minney's husband Andrew. Alongside Frederick is his sister, Emily Ethel Minney (born 1884). She went to New Zealand and married a Joseph Hall. All contact has been lost with Emily and her descendants and Sarah would love to know where they are now.

Frederick was a tailor and Andrew can remember his grandfather making all his trousers for him. Frederick married Daisy Clayson Fennell in 1908 at Wellingborough. He died on 27th July 1966.

The Descendants of Daniel Minney Continued

This is the second part of the extract first featured in the last newsletter. The numbering refers to the line of descent.

10. Jonathan S. Minney (son of) 5. Daniel (grandson of) 1. Daniel

Jonathan S. Minney, a son of Daniel Minney and Phebe Minney (Maison) was born in Greene County, Pennsylvania on August 14, 1814 and died in Gilmer County, West Virginia on August 9, 1891. He married Rebecca Ann Walls in Monongalia County, Virginia (WV) on April 20, 1837. Rebecca, a daughter of William and Catherine Walls (Morgan), was born in Monongalia County on January 16, 1819 and died in Gilmer County WV in 1915. The family moved from Monongalia County to Harrison County, Virginia (WV) in 1840 and lived there until moving to Calhoun County, Virginia (WV) in 1853. They later moved to Gilmer County WV, where they both died.

Children of Jonathan and Rebecca Minney (thirteen in total);

15. William M. Minney born April 1838, died 1858.

16. Daniel Mason Minney born 21st March 1840, died 3rd March 1923.

17. Artemas J. Minney born 9th April 1842, died 9th April 1856.

18. Catherine Phoebe Minney born 11th April 1844, died 9th April 1856

19. Jeremiah Jacob Minney born 27th July 1847, died 23rd December 1898

20. Rachel Levina Minney born 9th June 1849, died April 1856

21. Francis Marion Minney born 14th March 1851, died 30th May 1921

22. John L. Minney born April 1853, died April 1856

23. Sylvester David Minney born 15th February 1855, died 12th February 1910

24. Eliza Minney b 9th April 1857

25. Mary C. Minney born 11th February 1859, died 14th January 1900

26. Manerva Ann Minney born 22nd May 1862

27. Jonathan Gideon Minney born 11th July 1865, died 5th May 1943

11. Margaret Minney (dau of) 5. Daniel (granddaughter of) 1. Daniel

Margaret Minney, a daughter of Daniel II and Phebe Minney was born in Greene County PA. She married John Austin in Monongalia County Virginia (WV) August 10, 1840. John, a son of John and Sarah Jane Austin (Frale) was born in Monongalia County.

12. Daniel Minney (son of) 5. Daniel (grandson of) 1. Daniel

Daniel Minney, a son of Daniel and Phebe Minney, was born about 1815. He married Mary Mitchel in Marion County, Virginia (WV) December 20, 1845. Mary was born in VA about 1831. On November 4, 1848, Daniel Minney of Doddridge County, VA bought 235 acres of land on the Little Kanawha River in Gilmer County, VA (WV) from Patrick Rafferty. The family moved from Doddridge County in time to be enumerated in the September 4, 1850 Gilmer County census. Daniel was still living there June 12 1852, when he executed a trust deed to Patrick Rafferty on 75 acres of land. By October 8, 1858 the family had probably left the area. On that date, the Gilmer County clerk executed a deed granting Daniel's 235 acres of land to John P. Fell, for delinquent taxes of 57 cents plus interest, for a total of 79 cents.

Fern Minney's book says that the family moved to Pine Creek in Calhoun County, where Mary is buried on the Emory Ball farm.

Known children of Daniel and Mary Minney (Mitchel) ;

32. Jonathan Minney born 1847

33. Hanna E. Minney

34. Martha Minney

35. Katherine Minney

16. Daniel Mason Minney (son of) 10. Jonathan S. (grandson of) 5. Daniel (gt grandson of) 1. Daniel

Daniel Mason Minney, a son of Jonathan S. and Rebecca Ann (Walls) Minney, was born in Doddridge County VA (WV) March 21, 1840 and died in Gilmer County WV March 3, 1923. He married Mary Shock in Calhoun County VA (WV) July 7, 1861. Mary, a daughter of Robert and Margaret Shock, was born in Gilmer County VA (WV) July 7, 1845 and died there August 18, 1940.

Children of Daniel Mason and Mary Minney (Shock) ;

36. Albert H. Minney born February 14th 1864, died November 13th 1943

37. Matilda Jane Minney born January 12th 1866, died March 1st 1929

38. Margret Rebecca Minney born January 28th 1868

39. Jeremiah Robert Minney born October 20th 1869, died September 17th 1953

40. Elizabeth Ann Minney born October 13th 1871, died February 1st 1877

41. Martha Ellen Minney born July 5th 1874, died 1964

42. Hannah Louise Minney born September 14th 1876, died 1964

- 43. Jonathan Lemuel Minney born July 13th 1879, died September 24th 1898
- 44. Archibald Dwight Minney born January 10th 1882, died May 21st 1961
- 45. Melville Leroy Minney born April 18th 1884, died May 24th 1887
- 46. Rachel Laverna Minney born September 20th 1885, died August 8th 1968.

It was sad to note whilst typing up this extract that Jonathan and Rebecca Minney lost four children in April 1856 (two on the same day).

To be continued.

Some Entries From The Registers At St Catherines House

War Deaths - Army (other ranks) 1914 - 1921

	Rank	Number	Unit	Year	Vol	Page			
Minney Bert	L/Cpl	49037		N.Hants	1918	I64	330		
Minney Fred	Pte	202366		RWF	1918	I28	175		
Minney Wm		Pte		70712		N+DR	1917	I45	66
Minell Chas J	Pte	L/16156		RF.Land	1916	I81	16		

War Deaths - Army (other ranks) 1939 - 1948

Minney Jack	Dvr	1419317		R.Sig	1947	16	244		
Minney Reg.P		Pte		14724372	Gordon H	1945	9	238	

Army Returns (Deaths) 1881 - 1905

Minnell Agrikan	28yrs	Station		Ahmednager (India)	1887
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Index Regimental Register (births) 1761 - 1924

Name	Place	Year	Regt	Vol	Page
Minney Wm		Aldershot	1877	2nd	996 42
Minnie Annie E		Shoeburyness	1888	RA	1442 140
Minnie Betsey		" "	1886	RA	1442 140
Minnie Charlotte E		Corfu	-	Ion Is	1442 130
Minnie Mary H		Shoeburyness	1883	RA	1442 140
Minnie Wm W		" "	1892	RA	1442 140

Minney Market Gardeners of Great Barford, Bedfordshire

The following was sent by Peter Minney of Great Barford.

"The sons of Joseph Minney 1864 - 1921 (see Jan 91 newsletter) started their working lives as farm labourers on local farms. George, John, Ben and Sam (all in joint partnership) branched out on their own when the Bedfordshire County Council made land available to rent to ex-servicemen.

John and George were market gardeners in the village until they retired. Ben and Sam were more adventurous. They at first took a Land Settlement at Chawston, then moved to Vicarage Farm, Keysoe until the death of Ben. His son Fred carried on until he died.

Ben and Sam traded under the name of Minney Bros and ran a lorry selling their produce to Northampton and Wellingborough.

I took over my father's (John Henry Minney) market garden business upon his retirement and carried on until I retired in 1987.

I still have a few acres to keep me busy.

Most of our produce was sent to London and Birmingham markets, first by rail and then by road. Our main crop was the famous Bedfordshire Sprout. Sadly, most of the small market gardeners are now a dying breed."

Hannah (Dot) Berridge recalls that the move to the Land Settlement land took place around 1935-40 and consisted of 5 acres and 3 greenhouses. She remembers that they got in a bit of trouble for selling produce outside the Land Settlement Association. Early memories for Hannah include standing in a field for hours waving a football rattle to stop the birds eating the pea crop.

Births Deaths & Marriage Indexes for Victoria & New South Wales

I have received details of entries from the above indexes from two separate sources - a Mrs D Kolle and Mr N Vernon and have listed them overleaf. Due to shortage of space I have omitted the reference numbers but can give these if anyone wants them.

Victoria Records

Marriages 1854 - 1913

Surname	First name	Spouse	Place born	Year
Minnie	Patrick Walker	Mary McIntyre	Not known	1857
Miney	Mary	William Peters	Not known	1865
Mini	Dependente	Mary A. Burke	Switzerland	1874
Miney	Michael	Kali Stewart	Co Tipperary	1884
Minnie	William	Cecilia Flett	Collingwood	1885
Minney	Herbert	Jessie Boyd	England	1901
Minney	William Arthur	Marg't* A. Wallen	England	1906
Minney	Eliz.** Ann	Walter Hewett	Port Melbourne	1907
Minnie	Beatrice Ada	James G Higginbottom	Victoria	1909

*May be Mary not Margaret

**May be Margaret not Elizabeth

Victoria Records

Births 1854 - 1913

Surname	Firstname	Father	Mother	Place Born	Year
Minnie	Leslie John	William	Cecilia	Collingwood	1887
Minnie	Beatrice Ada	" "	" "	" "	1889
Minnie	David William	" "	" "	Port Melbourne	
	1891				
Minnie	George Harold	" "	" "	" "	" "
	1894				
Minne	Sarah Eleanor		James	Eleanor	Beachworth
	1898				
Minney	Herbert Edgar		Herbert	Jessie	Collingwood
	1902				
Minney	Ruby Rose	" "	" "	Sth Fitzroy	1905
Minney	Fred.* Leonard		" "	" " " "	1907
Minney	Walter Ernest		" "	" " " "	1909
Minney	Beatrice Mary		" "	" " " "	1911

*May be Frank not Frederick

Victoria Records

Deaths 1854-1940

Surname	Firstname	Father	Mother	Place	Age	Year
Minny	James	John	Mary	Clare	21	1878
Minnie	David	William	Mary	Maldon	72	1895
Minnie	Margaret	James B.	Eliz.	Coburg	34	1899
Minnie	William	James	Eliz.	Pt Melbourne	38	1899
Minney	Wm Arthur	George	Charlotte	Melbourne	67	1907
Minney	Jessie	William	Mary	Melbourne	54	1932

New South Wales Records

Marriages 1856-1905

Surname	Firstname	Spouse	Year
Miney	Margaret	Francis Garvin	1890

Births 1856-1905 + pre 1856 Baptisms

Surname	Firstname	Father	Mother	Year
Minnell	Charles	Charles	Mary	1861

Minney Olive Ernest Haidee 1901

Rebekkah Minney

The following article was sent in by Jane Aaron.

My 2x Gt Grandmother was Rebekkah Minney daughter of John Minney of Yardley Hastings and Jane Sutton of Little Houghton, baptised at Yardley Hastings Parish Church on 11th March 1840.

She had the following brothers and sisters;

William Minney bpt 30th January 1822, buried 23rd June 1822 'aged 5months'

Jeffery Minney bpt 11th February 1823 'ag.lab. married Elizabeth?'

Mary Anne Minney bpt 26th August 1825

Isaac Sutton Minney bpt 18th February 1828

John Minney bpt 22nd February 1829 'ag.lab.'

Robert Minney bpt 8th May 1832 and 28th Oct 1832 'ag.lab.'

Hannah Minney bpt 8th May 1834

Phoebe Minney bpt 22nd May 1836, buried 31st January 1839 'aged 4, "this poor child was burnt to death".'

George Minney bpt 4th Dec 1838 'ag.lab.'

Phoebe Minney bpt 8th January 1844

Sarah Minney bpt 29th August 1848

('ag.lab' = agricultural labourer)

In the 1851 census, Rebekkah was already described as a lace-maker as she was on her marriage certificate. She married William Underwood at Yardley Hastings on 8th April 1860, and remained in Yardley Hastings until about 1871 when they seem to have moved on.

My Gt Grandmother (their daughter) was born in Bolton in 1875, and I have no idea why they were there. Is there any reader living in that area who can help me?

By the early 1880s they were back in Grandon, Northants and lived there until moving in with my gt grandmother in Junction Road, Northampton, in their old age.

Rebekkah died about 1916 and is buried in the Billing Road Cemetery in Northampton.

By the time they had moved to Northampton they were strict chapel-goers and insisted that all the family went to chapel opposite St Matthews Church every Sunday morning.

My grandmother remembers Rebekkah as a very stern, gaunt woman with her hair tied up severely into a bun. Unfortunately, a photo of Rebekkah was thrown away by my grandmother many years ago.

Minney Row (Willoughby Cottages), Great Barford

The above cottages were known as Minney Row due to the number of Minney tenants during the latter part of the 19th century and the early part of this century. The age of the cottages is uncertain although they were in existence at the time of the Enclosure Award of 1824¹. The cottages were also known as Workhouse Row although there is no record of a parish workhouse. The Enclosure Award of 1824 states that part of the row was owned by the Barford Charity (this is probably the same organisation 'Barford Poor Lands Charity')². Two Ordnance Survey maps of 1901 & 1926 refer to the cottages as 'Workhouse-Row'³. There were probably six cottages in the row but certainly two of the cottages had internal connecting doors via the pantry. The 1910 district valuation⁴ has the tenant of the first two cottages as Joseph Minney and the owner as 'J Smiths Trustees of Sandy'. Interestingly the address is given as Green End Road but the remainder of the cottages in the row (owned by a

John Saville Brown) are named Willoughby Cottages. The rateable value is given as £2.5s. The other tenants were Cecil Tatman, George Pell and Joseph Kirby (two cottages). The 1925 district valuation⁵ refers to the cottages as 'Workhouse Row'. More information can be gleaned from the assessment as follows;

¹Bedfordshire County Record Office

²Bedfordshire County Record Office

³Beds CRO ref DBV3/105 & DV2/K/12

⁴Beds CRO ref DBV1/5

⁵Beds CRO ref DV1/L/125

The tenant of the first cottage was Mrs May Ann Minney, the owner a Mrs Brown. The rates were payable by the owner and amounted to £4 per annum. The rent was 1s 6^{1/4}d per week. The cottage had a frontage of 14.5 feet and a depth of 17 feet. There were two floors and an attic (used). Although it is difficult to decipher the assessors notes it looks as though heating and cooking was carried out on a range. Outside there was a combined wood and coal barn. There were no drains and water was drawn from a common water well. In addition there was a stable and cart shed. Again I had trouble with the abbreviations used but it looked as though there was 'rough grazing' with the cottage. At the bottom of the assessment was a note that appears to read ' sound(?) worse than average, quite good height', whatever that means! Next door but one is an assessment for the occupier J H Minney, other details as above.

In the mid to late 1920's the occupiers were believed to be as follows¹;

Mary Ann Minney with Sam and Tom Minney

Alfred and Florence Ann Facey (nee Minney)

John Henry (Uncle Jack) and Ada Maude Minney (nee Jenkins)

Leonard and Rose Jarvis (nee Minney)

Ben Walter and Nellie Minney (nee Bettles).

The cottages were pulled down many years ago and the site has since been built upon. The drawing of the cottages was by Albert Hardwick, son-in-law of Florence Facey. The newspaper cutting appeared in the Bedfordshire Times on 31st May 1974.

With thanks to Brenda Peet and Pamela Hardwick.

World Book Of Minneys (Halberts Family Heritage)

Some of you may have received a letter from the above firm offering you the 'World Book Of Minneys' for £19.95. My advice is to "bin it".

All it entails are computerised lists of Minneys (some are years out of date) obtained from voters registers, directories and phone books and yet it promises to reveal the history of this 'old and distinguished name', 'why Minney emigrants left their birthplace' and 'a unique heraldic blazon granted to an early Minney' (really?!), etc.

As a one-namer who avidly collects any reference to the name Minney I would be curious to see the contents of this book but not at that price. In my mind this sort of publishing con belittles the well researched books on family history readily available from family history societies.

The 'World Book Of Minneys' claims to be the only compilation of Minneys in the world today. Halberts have obviously not seen the Minney Newsletter!

¹Hannah (Dot) Berridge

Daisy Louisa Johnson-Minney

The following obituary appeared in the Beds Times, April 21, 1978.

"Johnson-Minney - On Tuesday, April 18th, peacefully at Olney, Daisy Louisa, aged 86 years, late of 21 High Street, Olney, Bucks. Funeral service will take place at Sutcliffe Baptist Church, High Street, Olney on Monday 24th at 2pm., followed by cremation at Bedford Crematorium. Enquiries to H.W. Mason, Funeral Directors, 9 High Street, Newport Pagnell."

This is the first time that I have seen Minney used in a double barrelled surname. Does anyone know of its history or of Daisy Johnson-Minney?

Frances Minney

One of the number of items sent by Jane Aaron included an apprenticeship indenture of 1721 for a Frances Minney of Yardley Hastings, Northants.

Briefly, prior to 1834 the overseers of each parish looked after the welfare of its poor in addition to maintaining highways, bridges etc.

One of the classes of poor - orphans and widows' children - were supported while under the age of seven and the carer would be paid accordingly. At about 7 years old the children would be expected to work in the village (as would all parish children of this age). At about 14 years they would be apprenticed, sometimes to a craft but more often 'to husbandry' or 'to domestic art'. In other words - unpaid servants. The free service was to pay for their keep, often detailed in the indenture. The apprenticeship would end at around 21 years of age.¹

The indenture of Frances Minney reads as follows:-

This Indenture made the Eleaventh day of August in the Eighth year of the Raigne of our Sovereigne Lord George...defender of the ffaith etc....and in the year of our Lord one thousand seaven hundred twenty and one witnesseth that Edward Berrill and Samuel Jeffery, overseers of the poore of the parish of Yardley Hastings in the county of Northton and Richard Whitney and William Berrill, churchwardens of the same parish and with the consent of Edmund Bateman and Smith Fleetwood Esqs, two of his majesties justices of the peace for the same county have(?) and by those present doe place and bind Frances Minney being a poore fatherless child as an Apprentice with Thomas Underwood of the said parish of Yardley Hastings(?) and as an Apprentice with the said Thomas Underwood to dwell from the day of the date of these(?) untill shee the said Ffrances Minney shall attaine the age of one and twenty yeares or to the time of her marriage which shall first happen according to the statute in that case made and provided. By and during all which time and terme(?) the said Ffrances Minney shall and will faithfully serve the said Thomas Underwood her Master in all his lawful business according to her power with and ability and honestly and obediently in all things shall behave herselfe toward the said Thomas Underwood, his wife Children and family. And the said Thomas Underwood for his part promiseth(?) and agreeth that hee the said Thomas Underwood the said Ffrances Minney in the art and Skill of Houswivery and Lace making shall learn(?) and instruct(?)(?) to bee taught and instructed the best way and manner that hee cann according to his knowledge, power and ability and alsoo shall finde and allow his said Apprentice sufficient meal, drinks, washing, Lodging,Linnen, woolen, shoes, stockings and all other things meet and(?) for such an Apprentice during all the said terme and at the end and sepiration(?) shall finde (several words unreadable) ... to and for his said Apprentice one new hatt, four new cappes, two new double handkercherfs, two new gowns, two new aprons, three new petticoats, three new(?), two new pairs of stockings, one new paire of shoes and new pair pattens(?) and one paire of Boddine(?) equally as good as those she is now sett out and furnished with.

¹Annals of the Poor by Eve McLaughlin, published by FFHS isbn 0 907099 55 6

signe of X Thomas Underwood

Witnessed John Betty + Robt Clarke

Signatures of Edm Bateman + S Fleetwood¹

According to the parish register of Yardley Hastings Frances was baptised on 28th April 1706 the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Minnell. Elizabeth was buried on 27th May 1718 and Thomas was buried on 9th June 1721. To date no further mention of Frances Minney has been found.

This early period of the Minney/Minnell line is being scrutinised by yours truly to clarify one or two lines of descent. However it looks as though only two other children of Thomas and Elizabeth survived into adulthood, ie Thomas baptised 25th May 1715 and John baptised 5th March 1708. It could be that these two were apprenticed outside of the parish (to save parish funds?). The next mention of John Minney is on 18th January 1729 when he married Alice Quick at Cranfield, Bedfordshire. His abode is given as Lidlinton, Beds, so where had he been? Thomas married Mary ? whose descendants appear to account for most of the Minneys today.

I hope in the near future to be able to put all these early Minney entries onto a computer program called 'Family History System' and analyse the results with some computer drawn trees. Any information from this period of time in the poor records of Yardley Hastings and surrounding area would be gratefully received.

I G I for Virginia, U S A

The following entries from the 1988 IGI were sent by Agnes Hulman;

James H Minney married Margaret Hutsell on 2nd December 1858 at Wythe,

Susan C Minnie married William Farsons on 2nd October 1834 at Wood,

Sylvester David Minney was born on 15th February 1855 at Stumptown, Gilmer, the son of Jonathan S Minney & Rebecca Ann Walls

Registration Certificates

Leslie Miller has sent copies of the following certificates;

Marriage

On 30th December 1874 at S.Matthews Church in the parish of S.John, Westminster, after banns, between George Minney aged 23 yrs, a bachelor, a labourer of 2 S.Matthew St. son of Abraham Minney, a labourer, and Elizabeth Kendell aged 21, a spinster of 2 S.Matthew St. daughter of George Kendell, a labourer, in the presence of William Lodrigan and Emma Davies.

Birth

On 12th August 1880 at 13 Great Peter Street, Westminster, Middlesex, Emma Elizabeth Minney, daughter of George Minney, a carman and Elizabeth Minney (formerly Kendle) of 13 Great Peter Street.

Marriage

On 27th February 1897 at St Marys Chapel, Horseferry Road in the district of St George Hanover Square, London, according to the rites and ceremonies of the Roman Catholic Church by certificate, between George Abraham Minney aged 21 yrs, a bachelor, a carman of 52 Romney Street, Westminster, son of George Minney, a gas stoker, and Catherine de Coursey, aged 21 yrs, a spinster of 52 Romney Street, daughter of John de Coursey (deceased), a boot maker, in the presence of G Lundie and E Minney.

This is another area that I would like to expand, so if you have in your possession a birth,

¹With kind permission of Northampton County Record Office

death or marriage certificate, can you please send a copy for future inclusion in the newsletter. In fact if you have any certificate that may be of interest ie baptism, confirmation, a special mention or award, please let me have details. It does not have to be old to be of interest.

Another Professional Minney

Seen in

Medical Register 1991

Paul Conrad Minney, 29 Woodlawn Way, Thornhill, Cardiff.

MB B Ch 1988 Wales

Monument Inscriptions From Church of St Nicholas,
Little Staughton, Bedfordshire

The following headstone details were sent by Cathy Reading;

headstone/west/sandstone

"In loving memory of Charlotte, the beloved wife of George Minney of Gt Staughton, who died 13th April 1903 aged 67 years. Also Albert their son who died in Central Africa through the effects of gelatine fumes during an exploring expedition June 8th 1903 aged 31 years."

headstone badly flaked/west/sandstone

"In loving memory (of) (Spencer Minney) who died (.....Feb)1886 aged 60 years. Gone (.....). Also of (El....) his widow who died (9.5.1890) aged 7(0) years. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord." Also of Arthur (their) son who died 28th March 1880 aged 25 years."

headstone/west/sandstone

"Loving memory George Minney of Gt Staughton who died 18th March 1900 aged (67) years. "Thy will be done".

headstone/west/composition

"In loving memory of Francis Minney - died January 16th 1939 aged 72 years R.I.P"

headstone/kerbed/double plot/west/limestone

"In loving memory of Henry Minney of Gt Staughton who died 30th Nov 1890 aged 58 years. "Shall not the Judge of all the Earth do Right". Also Harriet his beloved wife who died 24th Oct 1928 aged 81 years. "There remaineth a Rest to the People of God".

headstone/west/limestone

"In loving memory of Ann relict of George Marlin of Raunds, and daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Minney, who died 7th September 1888 aged 62 years."

headstone/west/limestone

"In memory of Henry Minney who died 29th March 1867 aged 67 years."

headstone/west/sandstone

"In memory of Elizabeth relict of Henry Minney who died 28th October 1869 aged 61 years.

"Be ye also ready for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh".

John Minney 1881 census

Some of you may know that the entire 1881 census is currently being transcribed and indexed. One of the transcribers, Miss Gaskins of Dunstable has sent the following entry; 16, Foundry Lane Luton, Bedfordshire

John Minney age is muzzy due to "registrars" later comments, but he is about 29. He was a straw hat blocker & was born in Flamstead, Hertfordshire.

His wife Clara Minney is 25 and a straw hat sewer, born in Luton. They have a daughter, Maud, aged 1 year and born in Luton.

There is one John Minney on the index that could match ;

John Minney, birth registered March quarter 1857 at Hemel Hempstead, Herts. Therefore the age should read 24 yrs.

Miney- The Huguenot Link?

Leslie Miller has sent the following pieces;

Huguenot Ancestry¹

Page 48 - "...while on the subject of lace, we should mention another group from Valenciennes who had settled at Cranfield in Bedfordshire in 1568 which was followed by others who went to Buckingham, and Newport Pagnell, from where lace-making gradually spread into Northampton and Nottinghamshire."

A Family from Flanders²

Page 167 - "...To the wife of Pierre Miney going to Calais 3s 0d. For a pair of old shoes for the wife of Pierre Miny (circa 1600)."

¹Huguenot Ancestry by Royston Gambier & Noel Curren-Briggs

²A Family From Flanders by John Peters

South African History¹

"In 1662 the Cape Settlement numbered about 250 white persons of whom half were servants. In the next few years the population increased very slowly. But during the governorship of Simon Van Der Stel (1699-1707) the company made its one serious effort to encourage immigration. In 1707 a census showed a burgher population of 1779, men women and children, owning 1107 slaves. This was a slow rate of progress when compared with that of the English Colonies in North America. There were also a small but significant group of no fewer than 200 Huguenots who after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685 went to the Netherlands and then went to the Cape. As a matter of policy the company scattered the Huguenots among other settlers and within a generation had become fully assimilated, discarding their French language."

Dublin's History²

"In the 18th century Dublin was to become the second city in the British Empire. This remarkable growth began at the end of the 17th century when thousands of refugee Huguenot weavers from the European continent settled in protestant Dublin."

The above may certainly help to explain the spelling of Miny/Miney that crops up now and again, particularly in Ireland and later in Lancashire when many Irishmen migrated to Liverpool. Perhaps an enquiry at Bedford County Record Office may throw light on the Cranfield settlement.

Leslie has contacted the authors of Huguenot Ancestry for further information but without success.

Last year I noticed in the Auckland phone directory that a fairly common variation of Minney in New Zealand was 'Minnee'. This is the reply to my enquiry;

"..according to my husband the name Minnee (pronounced Minnay) was introduced here by Dutch immigrants after the Second World War. The name Minnee is not common in Holland and most of the Minnees' hold the opinion that it is of French origin.

Some research done by an Uncle revealed that the name first appeared in Holland in the 17th century. In that period thousands of French Huguenots settled in Holland though my husband has never seen or heard of any documented proof, there could be a French connection..."

Nancy Minnee, 84a Kaurilands Road, Glen Eden, Auckland. New Zealand

¹Britannica Macropedia, South African History 27.646 1a

²Britannica Macropedia, Dublin's History 17.528 1a

One final note. The following entries are on the index;

Esay Miny bpt child of Pierre Miny and Jenne Robinot on 7th June 1629

Pierre Minil bpt son of Paul Minil and Marie de Verto on 5th July 1635.

Both baptisms were at the French Huguenot Church in Threadneedle Street, London.

Early London Marriages

The following marriage was found in the transcript of the St Geo Hanover Square 1788-1809 (marriages only);

13th February 1794 John Minney to Ann Riley.

I also checked the transcript for 1725-1787 (marriages), no trace of Minney or Minnell. I suspect this entry is of interest to Leslie Miller! I did not have access to any baptism or burial registers for this parish which would be well worth checking. All Minney entries in the IGI for London (bar one) are after this date.

The odd one out is as follows;

Augustus Minney wed Mary Rich 27th January 1698 in London

No parish is given and the entry onto the IGI is old (1934?). I have checked the batch, input source and serial sheet for this entry but have come to a dead end. Leonard Joyce, a director of the Family History Centre in Reading is looking into this entry for me as it may be that the information I require (ie the parish) is restricted. I suspect that there has been an error in transcribing the surname from the original entry.

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