Welcome to issue number twenty two.

I am extremely grateful for the article on Herbert Minney penned by Cathy Reading and Pam Garner. It was produced to celebrate 100 years since Herbert's arrival in Australia.

Also, Rosemary Minney has been very busy tracking down books and information on Yardley Hastings. I have kept some over to the next issue - there just wasn't enough room!

Lynn Webb has also been busy with 1891 census extracts and these will appear soon.

I now have an e-mail address; bminney@netscape.net. This is at work, so if you send me a message at weekends or evenings don't expect an immediate reply.

I have recently been searching the internet and have found many Minney entries - see article. I know most are not historical but they are of interest. I will try to include some in future issues.

Keep on sending the information, snippets and cuttings and don't forget to e-mail me.

Regards

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New Member

A warm welcome to William Frank Minney and his wife Elsie. They are from St Leonards On Sea, East Sussex. William has lived in St Leonards for about fifty years. He has a brother in Woburn Sands, Bucks and his parents were Oliver and Minnie. I believe his family originated from Northants. According to the Minney database, an Oliver Minney's birth was registered during the June quarter 1891 at Northampton. An Oliver Minney was married during the June 1919 quarter and this was registered at Ampthill district.

Obituaries

This cutting came from a Bedford newspaper

Minney Benjamin Herbert, age 85, peacefully at Park House, St Andrews Road, loving husband to Bessie, dear father to Clifford (deceased) and father-in-law to Mary. Grandfather to Paul and Nicholas and great grandfather to Alice. Funeral service takes place at St Marks Church, Brickhill on Monday January 12 (1998) at 11am.

From The Times 3rd March 1998

Minney - On February 27th 1998 suddenly at home, Harry aged 89 years. Funeral service at Woking St Johns Crematorium on Thursday March 5th at 2.30pm.

Recollections of a "Yardley Bwoy"

"' $\mathcal E$ comes from Yardley', 'Arf sharp 'n' 'ardley"

Rosemary Minney has very kindly obtained for me the above titled book. It is the early memories of one Fred Elderton born in 1913 in Yardley Hastings. It gives a vivid picture of the life and times of the villagers of Yardley Hastings just after the Great War. Some parts are very moving, some very funny. A 'must' read.

In the back of the book there is a list of various Minneys and their nicknames. They are;

Becket - Jack Minney

Handy - ? Minney

Neddle - Fred Minney

Noddy - Alf Minney Puttball - Lenny & Rollie Minney¹

Slowper - Mr Minney

These are the extracts involving Minneys.

Joey (page 23)

Joey, my brother took me poaching one night, netting. After four failed attempts, we had one last try in Jabez Minney's field and he said to me, "You stop behind the net this time, you will hear the rabbit and it will shake the net, you run along the net with your hand on the top, when you come to the rabbit, pull its neck out quickly." Joey went out a little way into the field, and I heard this rabbit coming in and struggling in the net. It sounded like an express train to me and I ran along the net but before I got to the rabbit, I heard it crash into the hedge. I was too late, so much for me on my baptism at poaching. We went home empty handed. I'd lost the only rabbit.

Minding the Gate (page 26)

Ashby flower show was a big event held on August Monday. There was a gated road that led from Yardley and another from Denton. There was a great competition to get on to these gates as you got a tip sometimes as you opened the gate to let the traffic through (still plenty of horses). The most valuable gate was the one from Denton as the traffic from Northampton came that way. The two brothers Minney (Puttball) and I decided to camp out before the show at the Denton Gate, so we made a tent with old sacks etc and then came the

great day. We made quite a bit of money, about seven shillings each. We bought some pop and three kippers and roasted them by the fire and stayed there one more night.

Sunday School Treat (page 35)

Horses and carts were still plentiful. For a Sunday treat you would be taken in a wagon and horses to one of the farms outside the village where swings had been set up from the branch of a good big oak tree.

Races had been organised and a tea with fish paste sandwiches and a rock cake was enjoyed by all. Later on the Sunday school treat had Minney's bus take us to Skegness. This was the first time I had

¹Rosemary states that Lennie and Rollie Minney were her father-in -laws brothers (now deceased)

seen the sea. Puttball had sticks of rock he was taking home, stolen.

Secret Passage (page 35)

There were two Puttballs (so named because they said Puttball for football). They were brothers Lenny and Rolly Minney. One day they moved into another house and told me there was a cellar, and they thought there was a secret passage and it probably led under the school which was close by. No sooner said than a plan was hatched to explore this exciting discovery. One night Puttball said his dad would be out and at once the word went round now was the time to strike. There was about ten of us in all and we quietly tip-toed up to the entrance to the cellar which was outside, close to the door of the house. A rain water butt stood on the trap door leading to the cellar. Moving the butt was no trouble. Lifting the door open we went in. We had no sooner got in than we heard through the floor of the house, "What's going on out there woman?" said Puttball's dad. On hearing this three or four of the elder boys fled. Harry Minney, the dad, saw two of the boys go and we sat quietly still whilst he swore, "There was bloody bwoys down the cellar" and with that he put the water butt back.

We couldn't open the door from the inside, now it was too heavy and we began to panic. With one voice we yelled out. Harry removed the butt and as each one of us popped his head out Harry would give us a good slap on the ear. I can tell you Harry was the kind of man who got great satisfaction doing this, fair enough I thought we asked for it and that was the end of it.

Iron Railings (page 68)

Quite a number of older men would gather around the iron railings waiting for the club to open, soon after the 1914-18 war. Thee was Duck, Hairy, Neddle (Fred Minney), Noddy, Shidler, One Armed Shady, Fatty, Berril and Ginger. They were talking about being called up if the war started again. Ginger Wilson piped up and said that if they called him up it would be England's last hope. We younger ones looked at him and heartily agreed.

The Hall of Names

"A History of the Distinguished Name of Minney"

This came from a friend who found the advert on the internet for a scroll giving a full history of the distinguished name of Minney plus a free coat of arms! And all for \$11.

Not to be missed I duly sent off for my scroll. As you can guess the result was not impressive. It makes Burkes look good, at least you get some real Minneys for your money from them. All this is a Soundex matching exercise¹. Somehow the good people at Hall of Names are convinced that Minney is really another way of spelling Molloy and is of Irish descent. Hence the potted history of the Kings

¹Soundex is a particularly good way of picking up variant spellings of a surname but in this case I think they are stretching things just a little bit.

of Ireland followed by a short piece on the potato famine. They claim that the name Minney originated in Ofally, Eire. Just to be on the safe side, I did contact the Ofally Local History Society. They did confirm that the name Minney does not appear in any printed record in Ofally.

Mind you, I did get a free key ring with my Minney coat of arms. If you are interested there is a motto given; 'Malo mori quam foedari'. The coat of arms is an heraldic lion rampant with three shamrocks (trefoils?).

The Times Extracts (Continued)

24th February 1953 Letter 'First Steps In Reading'

Letter praising the old fashioned method of teaching children to read.

Edith Minney, Lawford House, Manningtree, Essex

10th December 1953 Letter 'Smog in California'

Letter blaming smog on automobiles and asking for the introduction of the equipment to reduce fumes to a harmless form.

Mrs R J Minney, Lawford House, Manningtree, Essex

23rd August 1955 Headmaster of Belmont Abbey School

The Rev. Dom Brendan Minney, O.S.B has been appointed headmaster of Belmont Abbey School, Hereford. He is an old boy and a former member of the teaching staff.

28th November 1957 Europeans in China

R J Minney: Next Stop Peking 192pp. Newmes 25s

Mr Minney does not pretend to know. He was invited to China to take part in the Shaw centenary celebrations and stayed to do the regular tour and be impressed. This is another delegate's view among the many we have lately had from China - easily readable, superficial.

Father Brendan Minney

The Times entry of 23rd August 1955 made a change from the monopoly of Mr R J Minney and co. I contacted Belmont Abbey, Hereford for further information on Brendan Minney. This is the reply;

"Father Brendan Minney was a member of the Belmont Abbey community. We're Benedictine monks and until last year (1994) we ran a small independent boarding school. Father Brendan was headmaster for a while. I have enclosed a brief cv, taken from the monastery annals."

"He and I were great friends. He was very witty and well read - a splendid talker and a genial companion. He was a very intelligent, artistic. musical - a rare person."

All good wishes

Jerome Hodkinson (Rev)

Rev Terence Brendan Minney OSB

Born April 8th 1910, son of Frederick and Mary Minney of Swansea.

Educated at Belmont 1922 - 27.

Entered the monastery in September 1927, took his final vows in 1931, and was ordained priest in December 1933.

Taught in school 1931 - 34.

Worked on parishes 1934 - 55.

Headmaster of the school 1955 - 61.

Worked on parishes until his death in September 1978.

"This bare summary gives very little idea of Father Brendan or of his colourful and interesting personality. He was a voracious reader and had a superb memory; he was an accomplished violinist, pianist and organist; he was a witty conversationist and maker of speeches; he was a talented artist and draughtsman."

Social Security Death Index (USA)

The following description of the SSDI was taken from internet.¹

The Social Security Death Index contains information on about 40 million persons who died between 1937 and 1993 (and some in 1994). The list does not include everyone who was issued a Social Security number (SSN). The index includes the names of persons who were issued an SSN and whose death was reported to the Social Security Administration (SSA). The majority of records in this index are for 1962 and later.

The SSDI is now available on the Web at www.ancestry.com. This online database is believed to be complete although sometimes difficult to access.

Information from this index can be used to request the original SSN application from the Social Security Administration. The application includes the SSN, full name of individual, date and place of birth, parents' names, employer address and signature. Contact the following office for information on how to request records;

Social Security Administration, Offices of Central Records Operation, 300 North Green St, Baltimore, MD 21201.

The SSDI may provide the following information;

Birth and death dates, last place of residence (state), social security number, state where person was issued a SSN.

Firstname	Surname	Day	Month	Year	State	Age
A	Minnie		6	1991	ILL	22
Abner	Minney	25	4	1990		70
Albert	Minney		12	1978		61
Alene	Minnigh		7	1989	NYK	77
Alice	Minney		11	1986	MIS	89
Alice	Minni		1	1975	OHO	75
Alphonse	Minnie		6	1979	MIC	91
Amy	Minney		2	1983	CLF	86
Andrew	Minni		12	1991		79
Angelina	Minni		8	1990	NYK	69
Ann	Minnie		12	1974		59
Anna	Minney		6	1977		96
Anna	Minnie	13	11	1989	MIC	80
Ara	Minney	29	11	1992	CLF	81
Archie	Minney		6	1985	OKL	63
Arthur	Minney		7	1986	ORE	75
Arthur	Minney		10	1968	WAS	87
Arthur	Minney		12	1978	CLF	65
Arthur	Minney	22	2	1990		72
Asby	Minney	15	6	1990		97
Austin	Minnie		12	1984	ILL	94
Beatrice	Minni		4	1983	OHO	77
Bertha	Minnie		1	1974	NEV	69
Bertha	Minnie		7	1972	OHO	88
Bertie	Minney		12	1983	MIS	55
Betty	Minnie		4	1978	MIC	76
Blanche	Minnie	21	12	1991		75
Bob	Minney		7	1985	OKL	60
Bruce	Minnie	4	10	1990		65
C	Minney		1	1989		35

¹ see website = www.pacificnet/~reunions/ssdi.html

Carl	Minney	30	1	1991		83
Carmine	Minni		8	1968	PEN	84
Caroline	Minney	8	11	1992	IOW	93
Catherine	Minnie		8	1985	CLF	79
Catherine	Minnigh		1	1984	PEN	74
Cecelia	Minney		4	1975	MAS	87
Charles	Minney		5	1976	CLF	81
Charles	Minney		7	1984		30
Charles	Minney		9	1976	NJY	90
Charles	Minney		11	1975	OKL	41
Charles	Minney		12	1979	MIS	92
Charles	Minney	17	9	1993	WIS	67
Charles	Minnie		3	1971	ОНО	76
Ches	Minnie	6	2	1988	NEB	92
Chester	Minnie		6	1983	NME	78
Clara	Minney		3	1980	PEN	95
Clara	Minnie		5	1987	ILL	87
Clarence	Minney		7	1969	PEN	75
Clarence	Minnie		4	1977	MIC	76
Clarence	Minnie		7	1982	IND	75
Clarence	Minnie		9	1975	MIC	70
Clarence	Minnie		12	1978	ОНО	82
Clark	Minney		3	1957	OHO	58
Clayton	Minnie	8	10	1993	MIN	86
Cyril	Minnie	O	6	1993	MIC	85
Danny		3	12	1991	CLF	45
Danny	Minney	3	2		IND	68
David	Minney		10	1985	IND	
	Minney		10 9	1978	IOW	26
Dealton	Minney	4		1968	IOW	67
Delmar	Minney	4	11	1992	PEN	81
Deloris	Minnie		5	1990	DEM	69
Denon	Minney	2.4	7	1969	PEN	75
Denzil	Minney	24	8	1993	WVI	60
Dewey	Minney		7	1980		57
Dewey	Minney		9	1985	TEX	87
Donald	Minnie		7	1985	ОНО	63
Donald	Minnie		9	1985	IND	77
Donald	Minnie	9	4	1990		85
Dora	Minney	0	8	1976	WIS	60
Doris	Minney	_	3	1983		54
Doris	Minney	7	8	1989	KAN	82
Dorothy	Minney		4	1987	MAS	74
Earl	Minney		5	1980	NYK	67
Earl	Minney	10	1	1989	WVI	86
Earl	Minnie		1	1982	MIC	79
Edith	Minney		3	1985	WVI	77
Edna	Minney		5	1985	FLO	70
Edna	Minney	27	4	1989	ARI	99
Edward	Minnie		1	1988	ОНО	64
Edwin	Minney		9	1967		62
Effie	Minney		1	1967	NYK	70
Elizabeth	Minney		3	1969	PEN	69
Elizabeth	Minnie	29	8	1990		88
Elmer	Minney	19	9	1990		67
Elwood	Minney		9	1984	OHO	70
Emerson	Minnie		1	1983	MIC	75
Emile	Minney		7	1974	MAS	65
Emily	Minney		4	1970	RHO	79
Emma	Minney	10	9	1993	NJY	69
Enos	Minney		11	1967	PEN	83
Era	Minney		10	1977	WVI	90
Ernest	Minney		4	1971	CLF	93
Ernest	Minnie		2	1973	MAS	67

Ernest	Minnie		11	1962		51
Ervan	Minney	20	1	1989	WVI	78
Esther	Minney		8	1977	WIS	74
Esther	Minnie		3	1980	MIC	70
Esther	Minnigh		1	1987	PEN	81
Ethel	Minney		2	1976	IND	83
Ethel	Minney		8	1972	MIS	85
Etta	Minnie		1	1972	OHO	85
Eva	Minnie		3	1976	PEN	80
Evelyn	Minnie		3	1979	MIC	71
Felix	Minni		3	1974	OHO	69
Fern	Minney		1	1981	WVI	85
Fern	Minnie		7	1984	OHO	64
Filippo	Minni		11	1964		81
Filomena	Minni		5	1977	PEN	89
Floy	Minney		7	1973	CLF	87
Foster	Minney	19	7	1991	WVI	85
Francis	Minnigh		8	1979	VIR	52
Frank	Minni		9	1962		85
Frank	Minni	28	10	1991		62
Frank	Minnie		1	1978	OHO	83
Fred	Minney		8	1977	IOW	81
Fred	Minney		12	1964		81
Fred	Minney		12	1986	FLO	71
Fred	Minnie		9	1980	MIC	70
Fred	Minnie		11	1972	OHO	76
Fred	Minnigh		6	1979	PEN	62
Fred	Minnigh		11	1976	FLO	76
Frederick	Minney		4	1969	MAS	65
Frederick	Minney		11	1977	NEV	70
George	Minney		8	1975	CLF	67
George	Minney		11	1984		56
George	Minney	4	12	1992	FLO	79
George	Minnie		1	1973		58
George	Minnie		10	1985	MIC	74
George	Minnigh		6	1972		53
Gilbert	Minney		9	1967	NYK	80
Giuseppa	Minni		5	1979	MRY	96
Gordon	Minney		12	1977	NYK	62
Grace	Minney	1	11	1991		62
Gussie	Minnigh		9	1985	VIR	65
Н	Minnie		5	1979	TEN	79
Hannah	Minnie		7	1984	OHO	78
Harold	Minney	17	4	1990		75
Harold	Minnie		1	1983	ОНО	84
Harold	Minnigh		2	1987	PEN	84
Harry	Minney		1	1964		76
Harry	Minney		4	1968		81
Harry	Minney	20	10	1988	FLO	73
Harry	Minnie		9	1969	NYK	88
Harve	Minney	10	8	1988	OKL	84
Harvey	Minnigh		6	1957		
Harvey	Minnigh		10	1970	3.5.4.5	44
Hector	Minney	4.0	7	1985	MAS	71
Helen	Minney	18	6	1991	mex.	81
Helen	Minnie	0	10	1986	TEX	65
Helen	Minnigh	4.0	10	1972	VIR	78
Helene	Minney	18	4	1992	TEX	83
Herbert	Minnie		11	1985	ОНО	62
Herman	Minney		5	1974	OHO	50
Hoadley	Minney		10	1977	OHO	94
Horace	Minney		4	1969	OKL	75
Howard	Minney		2	1989		68

Howard	Minney		5	1979	PEN	84
Irene	Minnie		11	1980	VIR	63
Iris	Minney		5	1992	OHO	61
Irma	Minnie		3	1967	NYK	66
Italene	Minney		4	1984	CLF	81
Iva	Minney		1	1978	OHO	67
J	Minnie		10	1990	LOU	6
Jacob	Minney		12	1970	PEN	80
James	Minney	25	8	1942		50
James	Minnie		11	1972		60
Jane	Minney		1	1974	CLF	67
Jay	Minney	29	6	1991		74
Jeannette	Minnie		4	1975	NYK	85
Jewell	Minnie	17	3	1988	ILL	85
Jim	Minney		1	1981	OKL	85
Jim	Minnie		7	1987	KAN	38
John	Minney		4	1979	NYK	66
John	Minney		4	1984		49
John	Minney		8	1969	CLF	76
John	Minney		10	1968	ОНО	51
John	Minney		12	1973	PEN	78
John	Minni		7	1969	MIN	75
John	Minnie	24	4	1989	FLO	65
John	Minnie		7	1967	MIC	66
John	Minnie		9	1964		82
John	Minnie		9	1974	ILL	83
John	Minnie		10	1971	MIC	95
John	Minnigh		6	1966	VIR	73
Joseph	Minney		11	1964		71
Joseph	Minney	15	5	1992		62
Joseph	Minni		2	1993	PEN	70
Joseph	Minni		2	1993	PEN	70
Joseph	Minni		5	1968		57
Joseph	Minni		6	1967	ОНО	84
Joseph	Minni		9	1960) MG	59
Joseph	Minnie		3	1966	MIC	80
Joseph	Minnie	•	11	1974	FLO	91
Joseph	Minnie	20	7	1993	ILL	84
Josephine	Minnie	23	10	1992	OHO	83
Josie	Minney		3	1987	OKL	92
June	Minney		8	1978	IOW	63
K	Minnie		6	1990	OHO	25
Lena	Minney		8	1977	OHO	90
Lena	Minni		8	1983	WAS	73
Leo	Minnie		11	1967	NYK	70
Leon	Minney		5	1968	CI E	31
Leontine	Minney		1	1986	CLF	73
Leroy	Minnie		2	1983	PEN	69
Leslie	Minney		5	1974	WVI	69
Lewis	Minney		6	1980	ОНО	71
Lillian	Minnie		5	1985	MIN	60
Lillian	Minnie		12	1977	MIN	70
Lloyd	Minney	7	3	1975	PEN	79
Lottie	Minney	7		1992	MIS	93
Louis	Minney		6 5	1975	PEN	76
Louis	Minney		5 2	1986	MAS	78 70
Louis	Minnie Minnie			1984	FLO	70
Louis	Minnie Minnie	0	10	1978	CLF	81
Louis	Minnie	0	8 7	1981	MIN	40
Louise	Minney Minni		4	1982	KAN	77 86
Louise	Minni Minni	20	4 10	1980	WAS PEN	86 73
Louise		20	8	1993		73 87
Lulu	Minney		o	1981	KAN	87

Lulu	Minney		12	1972	CLF	81
Mabel	Minnie		1	1981		89
Mae	Minney		1	1963		75
Margaret	Minni		10	1982	NJY	75
Margaret	Minnie		5	1990		64
Margaret	Minnie		10	1984	MIC	76
Margaret	Minnie	23	4	1989	FLO	67
Marian	Minney		2	1985	MAS	67
Marian	Minnie		7	1973	OHO	67
Marie	Minney		6	1982	MAS	96
Marie	Minni		4	1978		61
Martin	Minney		8	1964		72
Martin	Minney		11	1972	CLF	66
Mary	Minney		3	1975	OKL	71
Mary	Minney		5	1979	PEN	81
Mary	Minney		7	1971	PEN	74
Mary	Minney		10	1971	CLF	92
Mary	Minney		10	1984	PEN	65
Mary	Minney		11	1986	CLF	82
Mary	Minni		6	1977	DCO	83
Mary	Minni		11	1976	NYK	78
Mary	Minnie		3	1973	MIC	98
Mary	Minnie		9	1974	FLO	81
Maude	Minney		10	1974	OKL	82
Maxine	Minney		6	1984	KAN	65
Melvina	Minnie		6	1981		52
Meredith	Minney		9	1974		27
Michael	Minni		4	1969	MIN	79
Michael	Minnie	18	10	1990		66
Mildred	Minney		6	1992	IND	76
Mildred	Minney		7	1982	N. ID	51
Morgan	Minney		1	1979	IND	65
Myrtle	Minney		12	1978	OHO	87
Myrtle	Minnie		7	1983	MIN	68
Naneen	Minney		1	1976	TEX	69
Nellie	Minney		2	1967	MAS	81
Nellie	Minney		10	1979	WVI	74
Nellie	Minney		10	1979	WVI	74
Olive	Minney	7	3	1986	IDA	92
Olive	Minney	7	10	1988	IOW	85
Oliver	Minney		11	1978	FLO	66
Orpha	Minney		10 9	1986	CLF CLF	78 71
Orrelle	Minney		9	1971	WVI	71 82
Oye P	Minney Minney		1	1973 1984		82 82
r Parmelia	Minnie		7	1984	OHO MAS	81
Pasquale	Minni		12	1974	MAS	45
Patricia	Minnie		7	1984		35
Peter	Minni		7	1981	NYK	88
Philip	Minney	6	10	1990	OKL	27
Rachel	Minney	U	11	1980	MIC	76
Raffaele	Minni		5	1963	WIIC	78
Ray	Minnie		9	1983	FLO	85
Raymond	Minnie		3	1983	MIN	78
Raymond	Minnie		4	1972	CLF	75
Ricardo	Minney	11	12	1988	WVI	61
Richard	Minney	11	3	1971	PEN	49
Richard	Minnie		2	1976	MIC	52
Richard	Minnie	24	7	1991		54
Robert	Minney	- -	2	1964		75
Robert	Minney		4	1986	MIS	64
Robert	Minney		11	1971		50
Robert	Minney	8	8	1988		63
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Robert	Minni	9	11	1989		69
Robert	Minnie	9	5	1985	ILL	65
Robert	Minnie	4	11	1989	ОНО	64
Rodney	Minney	7	5	1983	WVI	62
Rosa	Minney		7	1984	PEN	88
Rose	Minney	18	2	1914	I LIV	76
Rose	Minni	21	11	1989	FLO	65
Roy	Minney	21	3	1979	MIC	69
Ruby	Minnie		2	1986	PEN	62
Russell	Minney		10	1978	MIC	70
Ruth	Minney		6	1984	FLO	70
Ruth	Minnie		2	1979	ОНО	60
Ruth	Minnie		2	1990	MIC	83
S	Minnie		5	1991	PEN	72
Salvatore	Minni	12	7	1993	VIR	58
Sam	Minni		3	1968	CLF	84
Santa	Minni		8	1985	MIC	90
Sheena	Minnie		7	1980		36
Shirley	Minnie	21	2	1988	MIC	67
Siller	Minney		6	1976	ОНО	78
Sylvester	Minney		10	1979	VIR	88
T	Minnie		3	1989	ALA	53
Thelma	Minnie	18	5	1991	ILL	78
Therese	Minnie	0	8	1968	CLF	80
Thomas	Minney	24	4	1988	ORE	87
Vella	Minnie		9	1971	PEN	65
Vera	Minney		12	1982	ALA	75
Vernon	Minney		5	1984	ARK	45
Vessie	Minney	22	3	1989	OHO	96
Viola	Minnie		3	1982		63
Viola	Minnie	28	1	1991		84
Violet	Minney		11	1989	NHA	74
Virginia	Minney		2	1985	GEO	68
Vitale	Minni	12	5	1988	MIC	97
Vivian	Minney		11	1968	NYK	74
Walter	Minnie		2	1977	OHO	80
Wilbert	Minney		6	1975	NEB	100
Wilfred	Minnie		1	1978	IND	72
Willetta	Minney		12	1969	ORE	64
William	Minney		2	1960		56
William	Minney		9	1975	MAS	68
William	Minney		11	1964	KAB	76
William	Minney		19	1981		58
William	Minnie		10	1972	MIC	71
William	Minnie		10	1978	PEN	71
William	Minnie		11	1982	MIC	71
William	Minnie		11	1987	PEN	70
Willis	Minney		12	1983	PEN	91
Winifred	Minney		4	1966	MAS	81
Zelma	Minney		4	1970	ОНО	66

The Boss

Herbert Edgar Minney 1877 - 1951

Article from Cathy Reading and Pam Garner

Pam & I have put this article together to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of Herbert Minney's arrival in Australia. Over the last couple of months we have started contacting cousins & hope to hold a re-union later in the year. We are hoping all our "lost" cousins will have stories and photos to help complete the Minney story in Australia.

1998 marks the 100 year anniversary of the arrival in Australia of our grandfather, Herbert Edgar Minney. This gives us the perfect opportunity to look back and reflect on his life and that of his family and how his arrival in Australia was the beginning of our roots down under.

Herbert Edgar Minney was born on 6th September 1877 in Little Staughton, Bedfordshire. He was the seventh son of George Minney and Charlotte Allen¹. His brothers, in order, were; William Arthur (1864-1907),

Frederick (1866-1942), Francis (1867-1939), Harry (1869-?), Ernest (1872-1942), Albert (1873-1903) and Alex (1879-1949). Little is known of Herbert's early life in England except that he lived with his parents and brothers on their farm in Little Staughton. According to the 1881 census the name of the farm was Lodge Farm. The farm was over 200 acres and we assume that it was here he learned his butchers trade. Our father remembers his father stating that he and his brothers all worked hard on the farm.

In 1898 Herbert sailed on the "Australasian" from London via Capetown and arrived in Melbourne on 7th July 1898. The ship was one of the Aberdeen White Star Line and was captained by T F Spalding. It is not known what prompted Herbert to leave England but in 1894 his brothers, William and Albert had arrived in Melbourne on board the "Oruba" and it could have been on their advice that Herbert came to Australia. Neither William nor Albert stayed long in Australia. Albert subsequently went to South Africa and was killed in a mine mishap in 1903². As far as we can establish he was not married. William married Mary Ann Wallen in Melbourne in 1906, but died childless in 1907. Mary Ann remarried in 1907 and subsequently the name Minney did not continue in that branch our tree. It appears Herbert's brother Ernest was also in Australia in the 1890's but living in New South Wales. Apparently he fought with a NSW regiment in the Boer war but returned to Australia by 1900 and was married to Haidee O'Riordan in Sydney in March 1901. Ernest eventually went to New Zealand, where he died in 1942, but his life is a complete story in itself.

When Herbert arrived in Australia he settled in the inner Melbourne suburb of Fitzroy and worked for a big butchering firm called Bennett and Woolcock in Johnson Street, Collingwood. According to Herbert's youngest son, Albert (our father), Herbert met his future wife Jessie Boyd, while he was in the employ of Bennet & Woolcock. Jessie was a live in housekeeper for a kind old lady and her family. She did the shopping and cooking and met Herbert through her shopping at Bennett & Woolcock. They were married on 25th September 1901 at St Phillip's Church in Abbotsford. Their first child Herbert Jnr was born in 1902. Herbert Jnr was usually called Bert and for easy recognition will be called Bert in this narrative.

On 8th May 1903 Herbert left Australia for a trip to South Africa. He travelled on the "Warrigal" to the port of Natal. No one is quite sure why he went to South Africa, but it could have been to visit his brother Albert. Unfortunately Albert was killed on the 8th June 1903 in a mining accident and it is unlikely that Herbert had time to travel to see him. However, we do know that Herbert stayed in South Africa for several months because on 30th September 1903 his wife Jessie followed him to South Africa and travelled on the "Australasian" to Capetown. Their son Bert is not mentioned on the shipping records and perhaps he stayed in Melbourne with Jessie's parents. Information from our father suggests that another son, Robert was born to them in South Africa and that he lived for only a

¹See Summer 97 newsletter, page 7 for article on the inquest into the death of Charlotte in 1903.

²See Newsletter January 96, page 15 for details of this tragic accident in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.

short time. To date we have been unable to confirm this.

We have been unable to determine exactly when Jessie and Herbert arrived back in Australia, but on 22nd June 1905 their daughter, Ruby Rose was born in Fitzroy. Records also indicate that it was in 1905 that Herbert opened his first butcher's shop at 99 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy and he and Jessie lived at the shop. Apparently it was an old weatherboard shop, almost falling down, and when he had heavy beef carcasses delivered he would have to prop up the ceiling. Business must have been booming though because in 1907 he opened another shop down at 149 Brunswick Street. This shop was a brand new brick building which Herbert purchased. 1907 also saw the birth of another child, Frank Leonard, who was always called John or Johnny. Another son, Walter Ernest (always called Ernie) was

born in 1909 and a second daughter, Beatrice May was born in 1911. With the family increasing in size it was about this time that Herbert and Jessie moved to a small weatherboard cottage in Greeves Street, Fitzroy. The shop at number 99 was let go and Herbert concentrated all his business in the newer shop at number 149. Our father Albert Edward, was born in January 1914. In 1920 the family moved to Fergie Street, North Fitzroy which became the family's final home.

The following is an extract from an interview with our father, Albert as he recalls his early days in the Brunswick Street shop.

"My father worked pretty hard. He was a very keen business man and business always came first. We referred to him as the 'Boss'. I remember my mother used to cashier for him on Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings. They were the busy days. When I was about 10 or 11 I would go up to the shop on Saturday mornings at about 9 o'clock and take a few orders out on the push-bike. When I was finished and had done a few other jobs I'd get paid at knock-off time. The Boss would pat me on the head and say "You did a good job Alby" and count out four halfpennies to make it look a lot and say "Don't spend it all at once, save some for tomorrow". As you grew up you were initiated into the shop and took out the orders and did all the dirty jobs and everybody got their four halfpennies and same old story - 'Don't spend it all at once.....'. My father built up a very good business and you would go there by about 9.30am - 10.00am and it would be very busy. The shop would be very full and I can remember my father saying 'Next longest waiting please'. It's real old English style - next longest waiting! He was a pretty smart old bloke. When I left school at the end of 1930 the depression was just beginning. Jobs were hard to get and I wanted to be a bank teller, so to fill in time I used to do the menial jobs in the butcher's shop. I would sweep the sawdust and sift it to get the fat scraps which my father used to make into tallow. A drum full was worth a few pounds and it was worth the effort. My brothers thought he was mean, but he could make a few bob out of it by selling it to kitchens and they could make candles and soap out of it. He would make £5 out of a 44 gallon drum and that was a weeks wages in those days. I was promoted and was allowed to take out orders with the basket on the handlebars of the bike and i was given a few of the dirty jobs around the shop such as taking the lambs lungs and brains out and sorting out the offal. When I was given a knife I started to take an interest in the job and I didn't worry about being a bank teller and stuck with the butchering. I was promoted again in 1932 and was taught to drive the A model Ford delivery van. I was on top of the world then"

The four Minney 'boys' all followed in their father's footsteps and became butchers. At various times the two girls, Ruby and Beatrice also worked as cashiers in the shop. In about 1926 Bert opened his own shop in Gertrude Street, Fitzroy and in 1932 he opened another shop in Smith Street, Fitzroy. At about this time Herbert was easing into retirement and Bert was also in charge of the Brunswick Street shop with his three brothers, Johnny, Ernie and Albert working with him. Johnny was not always a butcher, but when the depression hit the company he worked for closed down and he lost his job as warehouse assistant in the rag trade and so turned to butchering.

1932 was a sad year for the family with the death of wife and mother, Jessie. In 1935 Herbert decided on a holiday to England. He and daughter Ruby sailed in the 'Largs Bay' in February 1935. On their return journey they stopped in Wellington NZ and spent a short time with Herbert's brother Ernest. Beatrice also joined them in New Zealand before they returned to Australia. Whilst Herbert was in England he arranged for his niece Irene, daughter of Alex

and Florrie to come to Australia to be his housekeeper, so Herbert again went to England in 1938 and brought Irene to Australia to keep house for the family. Herbert obviously enjoyed his trips to England because he made another trip in 1949, this time with Johnny and Irene. Johnny and Irene went back again in 1956 and 1962 for holidays.

During the 1930's Bert, Johnny, Ernie and Albert continued in their butchering business and in 1938 they branched out again. A shop became vacant in Scotchmer Street, North Fitzroy so Johnny, Ernie and Albert purchased it and formed "MINNEY BROS". As it happened this shop was next door to the fruit shop run by Ruby and her husband Arthur Watson. This proved to be beneficial to both businesses. Johnny and Ernie continued to work the Brunswick Street shop and Albert was in charge of the Scotchmer Street shop. According to Albert "This suited me because I had some money saved up and I spent that on new fittings and things. This wasn't just a dream, this was something I was always going to do, to open my own shop and I was there for nearly 40 years. I retired on 26th February 1977 and the shop was sold one month later."

Bert sold the Gertrude Street shop in the early 1940s but continued in the Smith Street shop until the late 1960s and during this time was one of the leading butchers in the area. For those of you unfamiliar with Fitzroy, Smith Street and Brunswick Street were leading shopping centres in those times. During the 1960s Ernie also retired and left Johnny and Albert running two shops. The Brunswick Street shop was sold during the 1960s and when Johnny retired Albert continued in the Scotchmer Street until 1977. With Albert's retirement came the closing of a family retail business which had lasted over 70 years.

After his return from England in 1935 Herbert retired from butchering and left his sons in charge. He turned to property investing and purchased small cottages around the Fitzroy area and derived income from their rental. Upon his death his occupation was given 'gentleman'. He died on 14th September 1951 just eight days after his 74th birthday. His ashes were scattered but thanks to our father there is now a memorial plaque at Jessie's grave at the Fawkner Cemetery, Melbourne.

Other than Johhny all of Herbert's children married and had families of their own and each subsequent family has its own story to tell. Ernest and Albert are still alive. Ernest lives in a retirement hostel and Albert lives in his own home with Kathleen, his wife of 54 years.

When Herbert set foot in Australia in July 1898 we are sure he would never have imagined that 100 years later and over 100 descendants later a story would be written commemorating that event.

Survey of Great Barford - c1850-60

This survey of Great Barford refers to a schedule relating to houses and cottages and their estimated rental, although in these cases no rental sum is quoted. Also, the entry states 'cottage and garden' I am assuming that this means a terrace of cottages. I have listed the entries for Minney and their neighbours;

¹Bedfordshire Record Office. Reference X290/334

Mary Allen John Black (?) James Muffin James Mooring James Balls Wm Goodman ? Goodman Geo. Minney John Minney	Thos. Grant	Cottage & Gardens	0.3.4
Joseph Ashwell Widow Parker James Gaunt John Kimpton Wm Williamson Jacob Harper Geo. Minney Isaac Foster	John Dudley	Cottage & Gardens	
Wm Hart			1.1.24
John Betts Sam. Minney	John?		0.1.0
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Personal Name Database

Northants Family History Society have an on-going project (since 1993) with the Northampton Record Office called the Personal Name Database (PND for short). It comprises an index to material found at the record office. The information is kept in the order of surname, forename, event and place. Print outs are available at a cost of 50p per sheet.

I carried out a search earlier this year which covered updates 1, 2 and 3. This covered nearly 347,000 surnames. I understand that update 4 is in place with over 387,000 surnames and I shall send off for that soon. This is the result;

Surname	Forename	e Ref	Year	Place
Minnell	Thomas	Mlist	1762	Brackley
Minnill	John	M	1790	Kings Sutton
Minnel	Daniel	gki	1801	Evenley
Minnel	Daniel	gki	1804	Evenley
Minney	Thomas	Qsrbi	1825	Yardley Hastings
Minill	Thomas	В	1827	Brackley
Minnel	Elizabeth	В	1832	Brackley

¹I believe that a = acre r = rod and p = perch

Minney	Mary	MI Ix	1892	Rushden Cemetery
Minney	James	MI Ix	1898	Rushden Cemetery
Minney	Eliza	MI Ix	1911	Rushden Cemetery
Minney	James	MI	1912	Rushden Cemetery
Minney	Emma	MI	1940	Rushden Cemetery

B = Burial, Gki = Gamekeeper Index, Mlist = Militia List, M = marriage, MI = monumental inscription, Qs = Quarter Session record book index.

More Somerset House Entries

Joseph Minney

3rd December 1898. The will of Joseph Minney of Ampthill, Bedfordshire, retired station master who died 18th November 1898. Probate at Northampton granted to Harriett Minney. Effects £291.

George Minney

23rd April 1900. The will of George Minney of Great Staughton, Huntingdon who died 18th March 1900. Probate at London granted to Charlotte Minney, widow. Effects £410.

Walter Minney

4th May 1901. Walter Minney of Frimley, Surrey who died 28th March 1901. Administration at London granted to Thomas Minney, retired coal merchant. Effects £135.

GRO Certificates

Births

Susannah daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Minney (formerly Roberts) on 8th November 1840 at Yardley Hastings. Father's occupation is labourer.

Sarah Ann daughter of Ebenezer and Jane Minney (formerly Underwood) on 17th February 1858 at Yardley Hastings. Father's occupation is

brickmaker (master).

William son of Jeffery and Elizabeth Minney (formerly Minney) on 8th March 1863 at Yardley Hastings. Father's occupation is shoemaker.

Walter Charles son of George and Hannah Minney (formerly Barnett) on 7th January 1875 at Little Dowsby, Lincs. Father's occupation is farm labourer.

Harry son of Thomas and Annie Marie Minney (formerly Bithney?) 14th October 1886 at 6 Edward Road, St Marys, Bedford. Father's occupation is stonemason.

Marriages

Ebenezer Minney to Jane Underwood on 7th August 1864 at Yardley Hastings. Both are of age and bachelor and spinster. He is a labourer and she is a lace maker. His father is Thomas Minney, a labourer.

Walter Charles Minney to Gertrude Handford on 3rd January 1898 at the register office, Hampstead. They resided at 60 Netherwood Street. He is 22 and she is 25. Both bachelor and spinster. He is a labourer, she is a domestic (cook). His father is George, a labourer.

Deaths

William Minney aged 76 years on 8th February 1852 at Yardley Hastings. Cause of death 'old age' 'not certified as no medical attendant present'. Occupation was labourer.

Samuel Minney aged 79 years on 1st March 1983 at Bedford hospital formerly of 2 East End Lane, Wilden, Beds. Cause of death cardiac failure. Occupation was retired agricultural worker.

Seen on the Internet

As a change from the usual 'Seen In' I have decided to list some of the many Minney entries currently to be found on the internet. Most were found using the Alta Vista search engine. This resulted originally in 1400 'hits" for Minney. I did manage to get this down to around 800 by ignoring references to Minney (sic) mouse and foreign entries which were mostly in German. As any you using the 'net will know, search engines will only give you the first 200 hits. Some of these are a bit esoteric to say the least.

I intend to use some of these for future articles in the newsletter.

Linda Minney

- extract from a newspaper report regarding a play put on by the Berea College Theatre Lab. Linda plays Lady Pernelle in Moliere's Tartuffe. No date.

H E Minney

- appears in extract from 1850 census of Hardeman County, Tennessee Poor House. Stated he was 40, male born in South Carolina and 'deranged'.

Bob Minney

- mentioned as a dance choreographer.

Ernie Minney

- many adverts for Minney's Yacht Surplus in California.

Dave Minney

- has his own 'home page. I suspect he lives in North Carolina. A keen cyclist. Website has pictures.

Tom Minney

- Executive member of the Journalist Association of Namibia. Article on freedom of the press. Dated 13.5.97.

Owen Minney

- article in Aspen Times on Owen Minney a property developer who is to develop some historic buildings just off Highway 82 at Emma.

Minney Moor Lane

- article from Doncaster Free Press dated 14.5.98 on death of a drug suspect at his home in Minney Moor Lane during a police raid.

Mount Minnie

- extract from an aboriginal language/geographical report referring to Mount Minnie, 'Jadira: middle waters of the Cane and Robe rivers south of Mount Minnie, north to the Fortescue river.'

Minnie Pit

- article on the Minnie Pit mine disaster of January 12th 1918 in North Staffordshire when 156 men died.

Jesse E Minney

- obituary from (I believe) the West Virginia gazette. Died aged 88 on 31st March 1998. Originated from Gilmer County.

Dave Minney

- Vice president and 2nd grade captain of the Newtown Cricket Club, Dubbo, NSW. One of Spence's boys I suspect.

Minney cemetery

- mention of a Susannah Kennedy of Ross, Ohio and Simon Johnson, also of Ross, Ohio who both died in the mid 1870s interred in Minney cemetery. This came from someone's own family history on the internet. This is a new one for me. Any ideas where or why Minney cemetery?

David F Minney and M T Minney

- listed as biographies to be found in the archives of California Local History. I believe the biographies come from a book called the 'History of the State of California and Biographical Record of Oakland and Environs' by James Miller Guinn, Historic Record Company 1907. Definitely one to

look up.

*****1 Minney

- violation of probation, court hearing, Athens County. Date of newspaper report unknown.

James and Safia Minney

- 'Global Village', from the Australian Centre for Independent Journalism. Contact details for these two. Global Village, based in Japan, appears to be a Third World environmental group.

Yuemei Minney

- listed as one of the 1995 agents in the Hong Kong Government Industry Department.

Minney

- from the Villanova Center for Information and Policy; Minney v City of Azusa 359 US 436. Dated 4th May 1959. Appeal from the district court of appeal of California, appeal dismissed (what for?).

Brenda Minney

- health care assistant mentioned in an award to Bradford Hospital's Team of the Year. From ENT News, volume 6/1.

Tom Minney

- a couple of mentions as the Namibian Stock Exchange General Manager in the Namibia Stock Exchange News. Dated January/February 98.

Sue Minney

- a microbiologist, mentioned as a speaker at the conference on the medical basis of autism. Held at Solihull on October 3rd 1997.

Tom Minney

- mentioned again as the General Manager of the Namibian Stock Exchange in an indepth article from 'Mbendi - Information for Africa'.

Minnie/Minney lake

- article from Flyfishingworld.com. Named. allegedly, after the daughter of the lake's owner. Minney lake is over 300 acres at the Douglas Lake Ranch, British Columbia.

Deborah 'Mikki' Minney

- Asst Vice Provost at the Florida Atlantic University. Biographical details. Dated April 1998.

Mikki Minney

- Florida Atlantic University, commission on the status of women. A member of this commission.

Carole Minney

¹Name withheld for obvious reasons.

- Community & Public Sector Union brochure on the Deetya negotiating team. Works in the Aboriginal Education Unit. Is of Aboriginal descent.

Lt Minney

- a photo on the internet taken presumably during WW2 in Holland.

Benjamin 'Hugo' Minney

- has his own 'Home' page. Lots of personal information. From Durham.

Frank Minney

- farm manager for Dan Best Ranch near Knights Landing, Northern California. Article on the switch to Cotton growing from the Sacramento Business Journal, dated 11th August 1997.

John Minney

- California Superior Court Judge John Minney, mentioned in report from the Student Press Law Center, Winter 1996/7.

Colonel Elton D Minney

- Director of Acquisition Reform, DASA, United States Army. A full CV plus photo.
