Stanton Parish History Recording Project

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The Family History of John Gollins

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Longley July 29th 1937. (by C. H. Gollins)

A brief genealogical record of my family from the fountain head so far ascertained viz. - John Gollins born 1705 and who appears to have come to reside at The Hazles prior to 1760. His wife's name was Hannah who died June 29th (or 26th) 1786.

John Gollins buried Nov. 9th 1794 age 89 yrs. There was a brother who appears to have resided at The Hazles (a widower or bachelor) named Thomas who died at the age of 84 years.

John Gollins had a son named William, who was clever, well educated, and who carved his name on various wood-work on buildings at The Hazles. He moved to the Greenhurst in 1781 and died next year, aged 41 leaving two sons and a daughter. Mary born 28th December 1777.

John born Thursday Dec. 19th 1771 1o o/c P.M.

Baptised Monday Feb. 24th 1772.

William born April 30th 1775 - 2nd Sun. after Easter.

Baptised Whit Sunday June 4th.

The John Gollins married Jane Hazledine, whose parents lived at Moreton-Mill forge, and are buried in Shawbury Churchyard, and whose Tomb is near the Porch of the Church. Their son William was an Ironfounder and built the iron bridge across the Menai Straits, Anglesey. He was the Mayor of Shrewsbury 1835.

To John & Jane Gollins there were issue Mary, Jane Ann, John, Harriet and Sarah.

John Gollins died at Greenhurst March 2nd 1861, in the 90th year of his age. He was blind for several years and died from cancer in the nose. A short thick-set man, impetuous, very fond of his wife. Jane, his wife, died Sept. 19th 1854 aged 81 years. Mary married Wm. Hamer, Windy Oak. Jane married William Harper, Mkt. Drayton. John (Father of Jabez) died at 29 years. Mary wife of William Gollins who died 41 years of age in 1782, lived on at Greenhurst until March 11th 1809 when she died age 62 year

William, son of Wm. & Mary Gollins Greenhurst. Born April 30th 1775 married Anne daughter of Richard and Alice Crop who was born October 13th 1776. This William died Jan. 1853 after being bedridden some time by knocking cap of knee when threshing wheat in barn, being badly treated by doctor.

He was highly repected in the district. A class leader, who when taking to his bed, his members begged to hold the weekly meeting in his bedroom. The late Benjaman Hamer, refering to Longley, said, "I doubt not old Mr. Gollins has made prayers in all these fields." His wife died March 19th 1863 aged 87 years. For many years she kept a widely known shop at Longley. Her husband pre-deceased her aged 77 years.

To this union 6 children were born, viz. - William who was drowned when about 3 yrs old in an open well in what is now the orchard. When his Mother had gone on an afternoon visit to Greenhurst, he had crept away taking his bucket down 7 or 8 steps to well, overbalanced and was drowned. His Mother was broken-hearted.

Then followed Mary, Anna, Ann, Jane, and Father. WILLIAM

William, born September 25th 1818 and who died June 22nd 1898 in his 80th year, suddenly of heart failure.

Mary married George Rushton, New Hadley, a shoe maker, later removing to St. Georges (then called Pave Lane) where his wife opened a Grocery business.

Anna married James Hamer who took the Hazles farm about 1850.

Ann Married Robert Hamer who took Forge Farm at Poynton Gree.

Jane married John Walker who died some years later of consumption.

Mary Rushton bare no children. Anna, one son, Charles, Hinry, James, after whom I was named. He died when reaching the age of about 3 years.

Amm bare 4 children., George, William, James, & Annie who married W. H. Kirkham (Rev.)

In early womanhood Mary & Anna kept a day school at Ellerdine Wesleyan Chapel and occupied the school - or Chapel-House.

William married when about 40 yrs of age, Charlotte Thomas (daughter of a prosperous Shrewsbury tradesman) who when married was housekeeper at Stoke Park. Two children were issue: the writer, Charles Henry born Jan. 20th 1860 & Mary Jane, born June 21st 1862. Both Mother & Father are buried at Moreton Mill Chapel.

A post-card received from late W.G. Harper, Mkt. Drayton dated Jan.20th 1919 says - In reading Grandfather's life I see he married widow Gollins' daughter: whose widow was she ?" The answer is she was the widow of Wm. Gollins the Scholar who died at 41 years age, and her daughter was Mary sister to John and William.

There is buried in Hodnet Chur chyard a Thomas Gollins on July 22nd 1698. We have no further information to link him up with the Hazles family. Several other Gollins (variously spelled) are on that Parish register.

The Harper family about 150 years ago occupied the church farm Stanton; a long lived family.

William born Dec. 27th 1771. "In early life, working from 4 o/c morning until 6 o/c night and playing until 9 or 10 o/c, and on Sunday afternoons in the fields at football. Nur., bandy or prison bars." He was a singer at Church and received one guinea per year and spent it at the ale house. He was also a bell ringer. All the religion of the family consisted in going to church once 9.45 to 11 o/c. He heard at the alehouse of the Methodists. The Vicar of Shawbury (Mr. Mars) was one. Deep conviction soon followed and assurance of pardon, and great joy as he followed the plough. He began to preach to the poor people on "the Common" to the chagrin of the Vicar.

"The Common" meant Stanton Heath.

Mr. George Baldwin was the 1st Itinerant Preacher from Shrewsbury, who formed a class. People around called these early Methodists "claspers". He worked for Rodenhurst, Edgboulton for 10d. per day and meat. Mr. Harris, Moreton-Corbet, had spoken of the people on the "Common" living in a degraded way. Could he go and read a sermon to them ? He took C. Wesley's, "Awake thou that sleepest", gave an address himself and became a preacher.

Jabez Golling held an opinion that the wife of his Grandfather, John Gollins, Greenhurst, had been married previous to that, (with John Gollins-) to a Mr. Taylor High Hatton. The error of this seems clear from a Will of John Hazledine of Bridgenorth, Ironfounder (in the possession of Mr. Percy Taylor, Windy Oak) by which he bequeaths "£500 to his sister, wife of Mr. Taylor of High Hatton; and £500 to his sister Jane wife of John Gollins Greenhurst."

Mr. Harpers statement that Mr. George Baldwin formed the first Methodist class meeting on the "Common" is of importance, as it supplies the time definitely when Methodism was first propagated in this District

Mr. Baldwin was stationed at Shrewsbury as Itenerant Preacher during years 1794-5-6.

My Aunt, Mrs. Robert Hamer, once told me that Methodism started in her Mother's Kitchen - in the old house (Longley).

Preliminary meetings may have been held on the Common beforethe formation of the class. My Grandmother remembered the time when from Cold Hatton to nearly Stanton Village was all open Common; and Mr. Benj. Hamer related how he and his brothers, who lived at Windy Oak had to wander about the Common in a morning to find the horses.



Gt U. John Parry



Charles Henry Gollis

J.D. HANNAH SHREWSBURY



Mrs William Gollis

Alfred R. Maytum & Co WELLINGTON SALOP





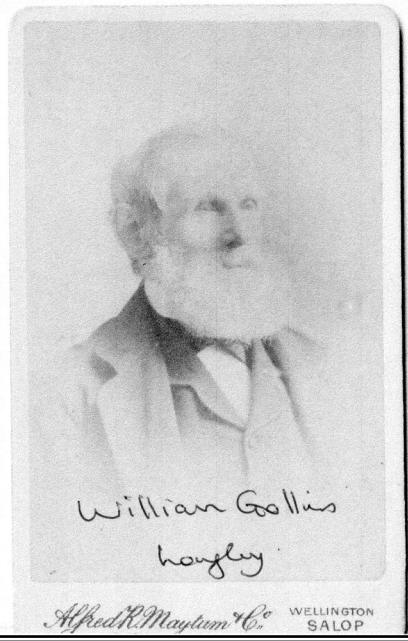
FRANK BRIGGS ST JOHNS WOOD

Gt A. Mary Parry



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HAES & VANDYK LOND.



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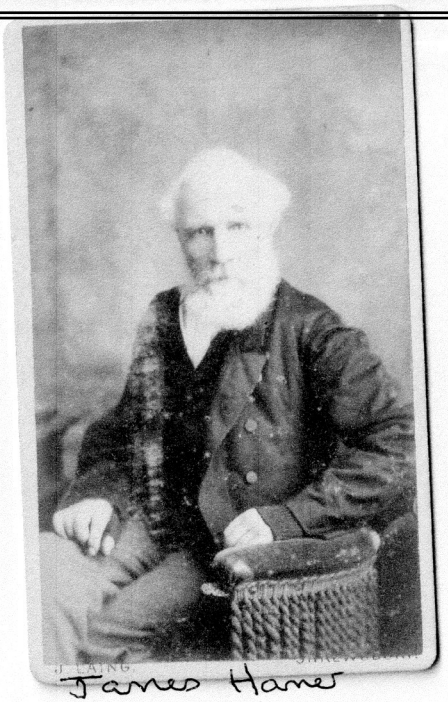




Mr + Mrs Jabez Gollins



Rev Kirkham



James Hanes



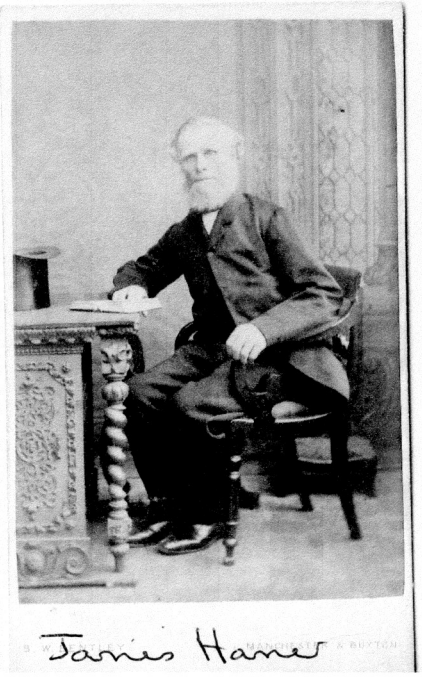
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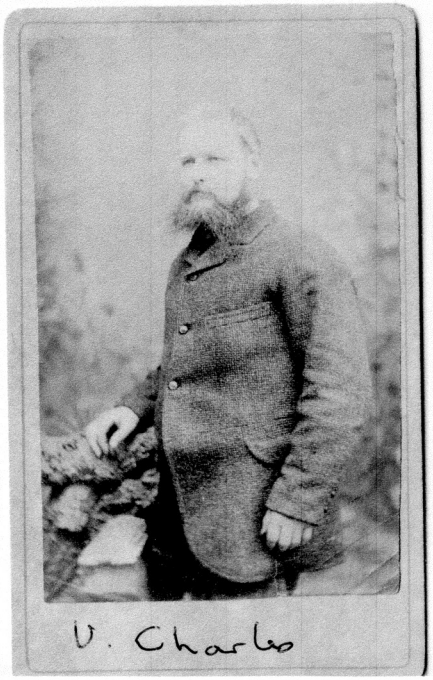
Jennie Gollins



died 29.4.1878
Monday



James Hanes



V. Charles

Descendant List of John Gollins

1-John Gollins (1705-)

+Hannah (-)

. . . . 2-William Gollins (abt 1741-1782)

. . . . +Mary (abt 1747-11 Mar 1809)

..... 3-John Gollins (19 Dec 1771-2 Mar 1861)

..... +Jane Hazledine (abt 1773-19 Jul 1854)

..... 4-Mary Gollins (-)

..... +William Hamer (-)

..... 4-Jane Gollins (-)

..... +William Harper (-)

..... 4-Ann Gollins (-)

..... 4-John Gollins (-)

..... 5-Jabez Gollins (-)

..... 4-Harriet Gollins (-)

..... 4-Sarah Gollins (-)

..... 3-William Gollins (30 Apr 1775-Jan 1853)

..... +Ann Crop (13 Oct 1775-19 Mar 1863)

..... 4-William Gollins (-)

..... 4-Mary Gollins (-)

..... +George Rushton (-)

..... 4-Anna Gollins (-)

..... +James Hamer (-)

..... 5-Charles Henry James Hamer (-aged 3)

..... 4-Ann Gollins (-)

..... +Robert Hamer (-)

..... 5-George Hamer (-)

..... 5-William Benjamin Hamer (-)

..... +Charlotte Thomas (-)

..... 6-Charles Henry Hamer (20 Jun 1860-)

..... 6-Mary Jane Hamer (2 Jun 1862-)

..... 5-James Hamer (-)

..... 5-Annie Hamer (-)

..... +Rev. W H Kirkham (-)

..... 4-Jane Gollins (-)

..... +John Walker (-)

..... 4-William (II) Gollins (25 Sep 1818-22 Jun 1898)

..... 3-Mary Gollins (28 Dec 1777-)