

Who'd A 'Thowt It ?

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Hello again!

Here we are again, later than we had hoped for, but better late than never as the old saying goes!

Much has happened since the last newsletter, with the arrival of the 1881 census of Britain on CD (excepting Ireland whose records were destroyed in the 1922 civil war), and news from Gerald Leavold, Clifford Moores, Edna and Vic Swain, and Lorraine English, and I exchange regular email messages with US cousins Norma McLaren, Ruth Holland, and Norma's daughter, Nancy Griffin. Norma and her husband Ken have not been enjoying the best of health recently, but in her last message Norma said that they were both feeling a little better. We hope that they both continue to improve health wise. We met them for the second time last August, along with several other cousins from all over the US when we again went down to stay with Gary and Alice, our son and daughter-in-law, in their home in Mission Viejo, California.

Gerald Leavold lives in Wokingham, Berkshire, and is a cousin of our Ashley/Leavold cousins in the States who of course are descendants of Thomas and Sara (Brooks) Barnard as are we Barnards, Moores, and Singletons. Gerald is now working on the Leavold clan prior to the 18th Century. Clifford Moores wrote early in the year from Adelaide, Australia, and just prior to Christmas to tell us he was still working on his recovery from cancer and had been pronounced free of cancer. *Good to hear Clifford, and we all send our very best wishes for your continually improving health.*

At the moment of writing this, Lorraine English who is also researching the McKeown clan in Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, is preparing with her husband Gordon and their two sons to visit England in December 1999. They will sure find the weather much different than their home near Perth, Western Australia! I am sure that they will enjoy their visit to Blighty nevertheless. I know that Chris and I always do. In fact we are hoping to visit sometime in 2000, and so are Edna and Vic Swain of New Zealand, fellow Barnard researchers in the Suffolk area. With a bit of luck we hope to meet them while we are over there and compare notes.

There is not much progress to report on the family tree, and yet there is so much that needs to be done. With the everyday demands of ordinary life I am finding it more and more difficult to make progress on so many

different lines, but I will continue to try every opportunity I get.

Again, if any one has old family photographs from the 1940's and previous to that, I would appreciate the chance to make copies of them. I hope to assemble many family photographs on CD Rom during the next few months, and when I manage it, I will make the CD available to anyone who has the facilities to use it, or who hope to get those facilities, i.e. a suitable computer system. There will also be photographs included from later times, but because of the limited life of photographs, earlier ones are a priority at the moment.

I am not going to wish everyone joy of the new millennium, because not everyone believes that 2000 is the start of a millennium. Some say it is the last year of a millennium, and others believe that a mistake was made in the calculation of Christ's birth, and the millennium ended a few years ago. Whatever you believe, the year 2000 is a very special year to many, (the first number in the year doesn't change too often!), and we wish you the very happiest of Christmas's and a peaceful and prosperous New Year!!

Congratulations



....to my niece **Tina Barnard** and her new husband **Neil Hill** who tied the knot on 24 September 1999. My brother Neville and wife Diane were both able to attend a very enjoyable occasion. *The very best of wishes to you both Tina and Neil, and we wish you every happiness in your life together.*



My youngest son **Sean** and daughter-in-law **Leah** have informed Chris and I, to our delight, that our eighth grandchild is scheduled to arrive sometime in May. Now we have more sunshine to look forward to this summer! Maybe we had better think about replacing our car with a bus. Grandson or granddaughter, the little one will be very, very welcome.



Tracing The Barnard Family

Part 10 (February, 2000)

Although I have not yet managed a breakthrough on my failure to find the birthplace of the earliest known ancestor on the Barnard line, Thomas Barnard (c.1790-1849), further exploration of my 1881 census CD's, and also some work on the 1891 census of Stockport have turned up a number of interesting items.

Children of Thomas Barnard & Mary Walton

In my initial work on the 1881 census at the local LDS Family History Centre—before I obtained the 1881 CD's—I discovered a number of the children of Thomas Barnard (1821-1866) and Mary Walton (c.1826-?) who later married John Tinker. The oldest child Thomas Barnard (1849-1931) and his family were given as follows:



Arminghall Church where Sarah Brooks, wife of Thomas Barnard (1790-1849), was baptized.

1881 Census Source: FHL Film 1341834 PRO Ref RG11 Piece 3481 Folio 83 Page 21

Dwelling: Lavenders Brow

Census Place: Stockport, Cheshire

	Rel	Marr	Age	Sex	Occ	Birthplace
Thomas BARNARD	Hea	M	31	M	Tile maker	Stockport
Jane BARNARD	Wif	M	30	F	Weaver	Burnley
Thomas BARNARD	Son		10	M	Scholar	Stockport
George BARNARD	Son		8	M	Scholar	Stockport
Mary BARNARD	Dau		4	F		Stockport
James BARNARD	Son		1	M		Stockport

Thomas, like his deceased father and Thomas's younger brother George was a clay tobacco pipe maker, but because they are both ceramic like processes, it is possible that he also made tiles, hence his occupation in this census of tilemaker. Second son (Samuel) George (1851-1916) was lodging in Manchester.



1881 Census Source: FHL Film 1341958 PRO Ref RG11 Piece 4013 Folio 86 Page 47

Dwelling: 39 James St

Census Place: Manchester, Lancashire

	Rel	Marr	Age	Sex	Occ	Birthplace
Mary HORAN	Hea	M	45	F	(LH)	Ireland
Joseph LAYCOCK	Board	M	35	M		Burnley, Lancs
George BARNARD	Lodg	U	28	M	Tob.Pipe Mkr	Stockport, Ches
John BLACK	Lodg	U	21	M	Tob.Pipe Mkr	Ireland

Eldest daughter Sarah (1854-?), now married to publican/master joiner William Fox, had her younger sister Mary (1860-1936) boarding with her:

1881 Census Source: FHL Film 1341833 PRO Ref RG11 Piece 3479 Folio 150 Page 2

Dwelling: Jolly Crofter 15 Castle St.

Census Place: Cheadle, Cheshire

	Rel	Marr	Age	Sex	Occ	Birthplace
William T. FOX	Hea	M	31	M	Master Joiner	Wells, Norfolk
Sarah FOX	Wif	M	21	F		Stockport, Ches
John WYATT	Board	U	18	M	Joiner Improver	Stockport, Ches
Annie ROBINSON	Board	U	24	F	Tailoress	Milnrow, Lancs
Mary BARNARD	Board	U	22	F	Cotton Weaver	Stockport, Ches

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Margaret (1858-?), the sister between Sarah and Mary was also a lodger:

1881 Census Source: FHL Film 1341833 PRO Ref RG11 Piece 3476 Folio 146 Page 30

Dwelling: 28 Piccadilly

Census Place: Stockport, Cheshire, England

	Rel	Marr	Age	Sex	Occ	Birthplace
James GARNETT	Hea	M	30	M	W'houseman	Heaton Norris, Lancs
Margaret GARNETT	Wif	M	30	F		Heaton Norris, Lancs
Margaret BARNARD	Board	U	22	F	Cotton Weaver	Stockport, Cheshire

There was no trace of the youngest son William Henry (1862-1937), and perhaps that is because he was taking a trip to America. Both my father and his cousin Edgar, William Henry's son, said that Bill had been to America, and Edgar added that his father "had travelled West with a Captain Lesley". I did find a Captain Lesley some years ago who fought in the American civil war, with I believe a regiment of Indiana Volunteers, but I was unable to make any progress on that.



Initially I could not find any trace of youngest daughter Hannah Barnard (1865-?) or of her mother Mary Tinker and husband John Tinker and their daughter Amelia (Emily) Tinker.

However when I finally got delivery of the 1881 CD's from the LDS Church, I developed a technique of searching for first names where I knew the date and place of birth, to counter those instances where the surname had either been misspelled or transcribed incorrectly. Searching for Amelia born in 1871 in Stockport, I got 92 matches and searching through them I had immediate success with the following entry:

1881 Census Source: FHL Film 1341833 PRO Ref RG11 Piece 3477 Folio 27 Page 5

Dwelling: 37 Queen St West

Census Place: Stockport, Cheshire

	Rel	Marr	Age	Sex	Occ	Birthplace
Mary BARNORE	Hea	W	55	F		Stockport, Ches
Hannah BARNORE	Dau	U	16	F	Cotton Weaver	Stockport, Ches
Emily BARNORE	Dau	U	10	F	Scholar	Stockport, Ches

The names and ages are absolutely correct and I am convinced that these are our family members, and either the census taker or the person who transcribed the entry to put it on disk put an 'o' instead of an 'a' and an 'e' instead of a 'd'. Although christened Amelia Tinker, John and Mary Tinker's daughter was always known as Emily, and in the 1871 census she was entered as a Barnard. Hannah was of course a Barnard, but the big mystery is why Mary who is now widowed—that's why I could not find John—did not use the Tinker surname.

Chris and I will put John Tinker's death between 1871 and 1881 on our list of things to find.

On Friday, 21st January, 2000, I found Emily Barnard (20), born in Stockport, on the 1891 census as a general servant to a SHELDON family grocers at 78 Wood St, Edgeley, Stockport. So Emily was still using the Barnard name and not Tinker.

Also in the 1891 census of Stockport I found the following entry:

1891 Census	Stockport Middle Ward, Schedule 75	98 Dawbank	Rel	Marr	Age	Sex	Occ	Birthplace
William T. Johnson			Hea	Mar	32	Baker		Heaton Mersey, Lancs
Margaret Johnson			Wif	Mar	31	Cotton Operative		Stockport
William Johnson			Son		5	Scholar		Stockport
Mary Barnard			Lodger	Single	29	Cotton Operative		Stockport

My father told me in 1968 that Margaret had married a Johnson and this confirms that Dad was correct, and incidentally he was correct in most of what he told me. Her sister Mary who was lodging with Margaret was single,

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and in fact remained a spinster the rest of her life. Mary later had her own business. Most families in Lancashire and Northern Cheshire had one or more family members who worked in the cotton industry, and I started my own career as an apprentice electrician in a cotton mill back in 1943.

I will continue to work through the 1891 census of Stockport and expect to discover more family members there.

Children of Thomas (c.1790-1849) & Sarah Brooks (c.1797-1875)

Again, I had some success with the 1881 census before I obtained the LDS CD's. To recap, The children of Thomas and Sarah in order of age were Thomas 1821, Benjamin 1823, Samuel 1826, Elizabeth 1831, William 1833, Henry 1836, Harriet 1837, and Sarah 1842.

Thomas died in 1866. Benjamin most likely died as an infant as there was no mention of him after his birth. Samuel had lost his wife Susan Chaston in 1873, and by 1881 he had married again and was a publican living in Essex as per the following entry:

1881 Census Source: FHL Film 1341434 PRO Ref RG11 Piece 1800 Folio 6 Page 6

Dwelling: Mill St Marlborough Head Inn

Census Place: Dedham, Essex

	Rel	Marr	Age	Sex	Occ	Birthplace
Samuel BARNARD	Hea	M	56	M	Licensed Victualler	Beccles, Suffolk
Ellen BARNARD	Wif	M	58	F	L.V. Wife	Stradbroke, Suffolk
Alice DANIELL	Serv	U	14	F	Domestic Serv	Dedham, Essex
John NICHOLL	Serv	U	17	M	Ostler (Inn)	Fornsett, Norfolk

Elizabeth you will recall was found in the 1881 Census as a 50 year old in Great Yarmouth Workhouse, with several of her children in the Norfolk area but no sign of her husband Frederick Leavold anywhere in England, Scotland, Wales, Isle of Man, or the Channel Isles. Similarly, there was no sign of William or Henry Barnard in the census nationally. Harriet, the second youngest might be the person found in the 1881 census in Yorkshire but I do have doubts:

1881 Census Source: FHL Film 1342165 PRO Ref RG11 Piece 4838 Folio 122 Page 27

Dwelling: 8 Jackson St

Census Place: Brotton, York, England

	Rel	Marr	Age	Sex	Occ	Birthplace
James SMITH	Hea	M	42	M	Ironstone Miner	Worcester
Harriet BARNARD	Board	W	45	F		Bechalls, Suffolk

Apart from the misspelling of Beccles, the main problem with this entry is the fact that she is said to be a widow. If so, why is she using the Barnard name if she is our Harriet. A Barnard marrying a Barnard seems very unlikely but not impossible. It is more likely that this persons married name **only** is Barnard. Clearly there is more work required here on finding the marriage of **our** Harriet.

Finally, the youngest child Sarah is known to have married George Taylor, a widower of Beccles, who already had at least one son, James G. Taylor. Sarah and her family were found in Beccles in 1881:

1881 Census Source: FHL Film 1341458 PRO Ref RG11 Piece 1898 Folio 134 Page 15

Dwelling: Newgate Street

Census Place: Beccles, Suffolk, England

	Rel	Marr	Age	Sex	Occ	Birthplace
George TAYLOR	Hea	M	44	M	Malster Lab	Geldeston, Norfolk
Sarah TAYLOR	Wif	M	38	F		Beccles, Suffolk
James G TAYLOR	Son	U	21	M	Tanner (Journeyman)	Beccles, Suffolk
John TAYLOR	Son		12	M	Scholar	Beccles, Suffolk
Henry TAYLOR	Son		8	M	Scholar	Beccles, Suffolk
William TAYLOR	Son		6	M	Scholar	Beccles, Suffolk
Thomas TAYLOR	Son		4	M	Scholar	Beccles, Suffolk
George TAYLOR	Son		3m	M		Beccles, Suffolk

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Since writing the previous , I decided to try the first name technique with an attempt to find Frederick Leavold, husband of (Lydia) Elizabeth Barnard. So I entered for East Anglia, Frederick, born in Beccles in 1833. **Bingo!** I found the following entry:

1881 Census Source: FHL Film 1341461 PRORef RG11 Piece 1912 Folio 119 Page 7

Dwelling: 20 Row 34

Census Place: Great Yarmouth, Norfolk

	Rel	Marr	Age	Sex	Occ	Birthplace
Frederick LEOVOLD	Hea	M	50	M	Tailor	Beccles, Suffolk
Thomas LEOVOLD	Son	U	12	M	Scholar	Beccles, Suffolk
Grace LEOVOLD	Dau	U	10	F	Scholar	Beccles, Suffolk

So the name is spelt differently, but nevertheless here is Fred and two more missing children for the notebooks of cousins Norma, Ruth, Loretta, Michelle, et al, and not to forget Gerald Leavold of Berkshire.

FITZGERALD NOTES



My mother was born Mary Fitzgerald in 1893, and my Fitzgerald and McVey cousins may recall that I have been trying to find the birthplace of her father, John Fitzgerald for many years. One of the problems is that by the evidence of his two daughters, my mother and her younger sister, my aunt Winnie, both now deceased, John was to put it kindly "a bit of a storyteller". His army enlistment papers of 1881 said that he was born in "the parish of Limerick, in or near the town of Limerick, in the county of Limerick". His next of kin at that time were brothers Frank, Thomas, and Richard, and sister Mary "at

Manchester". I already knew his father was called Michael, but I still don't know his mothers name. Well, I had the Limerick Heritage Centre conduct a search for him and his family back in 1988 without any trace of the family being found. While on a visit to Ireland in 1994, Chris and I visited the Limerick Heritage Centre again without any success.

In addition to those attempts, because Aunt Winnie believed that the family may have had some connection with county Clare, I also had the Clare Heritage Centre conduct a search in 1988, again without a result.

I was never able to find the family in the 1861 or 1871 censuses of Manchester, which *might* have given their Irish county of birth, but more often than not they simply give the birthplace as Ireland. That is until the 1901 census when enumerators were urged to give the county of birth in both Ireland and Scotland. The 1901 census will not be released until 2001 at the earliest however.

When I was first able to access the 1881 census of Manchester in 1982, I finally found two of the Fitzgerald family, Richard, my great uncle, and his nephew Thomas who was 11 years old. Richard was a 30 year old cooper, the same trade that my granddad John's three sons were to take up many years later. Unfortunately, Richard's birthplace was simply given as Ireland. I later found the birth of Richard's nephew, Thomas Fitzgerald in Ancoats in 1870. His parents were Francis Fitzgerald and Jane (formerly Bryan). Francis (Frank) was an iron grinder. The only problem with that, is I already had a marriage certificate for Francis Fitzgerald, a grinder, to Mary Ann Sweeney in Ardwick in 1882. Did Frank's first wife die, and was that the reason his son

was with his uncle Richard in 1881? Or maybe they are two different Frank Fitzgeralds. But both grinders? It is possible, but...I have not so far found a death for a Jane Fitzgerald prior to 1882 but I will continue to look.

I discovered previously from both my mother and my Aunt Winnie that their Aunt Mary who was born in the 1850s had emigrated to the USA, probably to Chicago, Illinois. I figured that if I could find trace of her there, particularly in a census, then her Irish county of birth would almost certainly be given and I could perhaps finally get on the trail of the Fitzgerald clan in Ireland. I could not find Mary in any English census, and even if I could it would most likely say she was born in Ireland and not give the county. That supposition was proved when I purchased the 1881 census on CD Rom early in 1999. I finally found additional members of the Fitzgerald family in York of all places! Great Aunt Mary Fitzgerald was living with her oldest brother Thomas and his wife, (also Mary), with their two children and a previously unknown cousin! Although the county of birth is not given, we now know

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that their son Michael—named after his grandfather—was born in Manchester in 1867/68, and their daughter Ann was born in Newton-Le-Willows in Lancashire in 1873/74. The actual entry is as follows:

1881 Census Source: FHL Film 1342128 PRO Ref RG11 Piece 4664 Folio 131 Page 13

Dwelling: Blackburn Rd 1 Bridge St.

Census Place: Brightside Bierlow, York

	Rel	Marr	Age	Sex	Occ	Birthplace
Thos. FITZGERALD	Hea	M	34	M	Grinder, Engine	Ireland
Mary FITZGERALD	Wif	M	36	F		Myrtha Tydwell, Wales
Micl. FITZGERALD	Son	U	13	M	Fetler, Foundry	Mancr., Lancs
Ann FITZGERALD	Dau	U	7	F	Scholar	Newton Le Willows, Lancs
Mary FITZGERALD	Sist	U	23	F	Jack Tenter	Ireland
Patrick FITZGERALD	Cous	M	40	M	Cord Wainer(Boot)	Ireland

Great grandfather Michael and his sons Thomas, Frank, and John were all involved in iron foundries in one capacity or another, in fact Richard was the only male member of the family who was not, and he was a cooper.

There is a good chance that Thomas and perhaps others of the family might be found in the 1871 census of Newton-Le-Willows. We now know that Mary didn't depart for the US before 1881 which helps to reduce the time span to be searched there somewhat. In the next little while I intend to look for the birth details of Michael and Ann, and the marriage of Thomas and his Welsh bride Mary. It would be nice if I could make some progress prior to the release of the 1901 census.

My searches in Chicago have so far proved fruitless, but I must keep trying!



Since writing the above, Chris (who is now retired) and I have not had any luck in finding the marriage of Thomas and Mary, so our next task on our next visit to the local LDS Family History Centre on Friday, 4 Feb will be to find the birth certs of their children Michael and Ann.

In this last couple of days, via the Internet, I have been in touch with a lady in Newton-Le-Willows who has consulted the local 1871 census index and reports there were no Fitzgeralds living there. Now it becomes almost certain that they were in Manchester in 1871 and Michael's birth certificate if I can obtain it should give me a clue as to which part of Manchester.

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The trail heats up!



*August 1999 reunion of descendants of Thomas Barnard and Sarah Brooks, back row (l to r): Loretta Alcorn, Norma McLaren, Kim Barwich, Alan Barnard, John Griffin, Gary Barnard, Catie Barnard
front row: Ruth Holland, Nancy Griffin, Marilyn McDonald.*

