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Latest News

First of all an apology. The previous newsletter, February 2003, should have been No.2, Vol.3, rather than No. 1.

Since the last newsletter in February loads of information on both sides of the family has been obtained—so much so that it cannot all be fitted in this issue. We will prepare another newsletter around the end of the year. The promised article on pipe-maker Thomas Barnard (1849-1931) will be in that issue..

Quite a lot of detail has been filled in regarding the descendants of Thomas BARNARD (1821-1866), who left Beccles sometime after the 1841 census, married Mary WALTON in Wigan, Lancashire in 1845, and moved to Stockport, Cheshire where he was found in the censuses of 1851 and 1861. Thomas died in Stockport in 1866 but left 167 **known** descendants with many more yet to be discovered.

Known descendants from his father, Thomas (c.1790-1849) are approaching 500 with many, many more to be discovered. Those counts only include direct descendants and not spouses of descendants. The actual numbers of known family members increase the latter number by 260.

The larger part of that detail has been due to the efforts of cousins Big Al of Furness Vale, assisted by Mike Slater of Cheadle, and with contributions from Tom Barnard of Essex and Mavis Sidebotham of Poynton, Cheshire.

We also have news of newly discovered cousins on the McKeown side of the family which is adding detail to that branch.

Announcements!



Welcome Aboard

Chris and I are delighted to announce the birth of our grandson **John Alan BARNARD** who was born at 4:28 pm on 18th July, 2003. Proud parents are our daughter-in-law Alice and our eldest son Gary. John's big sisters are Catie (5) and Christie (2). John weighed 8lb 6oz and was 20.75 inches long. John is our 14th grandchild including 5 step-grandchildren. He is a most welcome addition to our loving and growing family. (*Photos can be viewed at www.dranrab.com/son.*)

Brad SANCHEZ and his wife, Kim, gave birth to a bouncing baby boy 29th July, 2003. **Sterling Alan SANCHEZ** weighed 7 lbs, 5 oz and was 20 inches long, and is the first grandchild for my nephew, Alan Sanchez.

Congratulations

To my niece **Patti (née Sanchez) Yantis** on her graduation as a registered nurse. Patti, daughter of my sister Peggy (Margaret Rose) and her husband Don Sanchez, was greatly supported in her endeavours by her husband Michael and his parents.



Also to my great-nephew **Christopher O'Shea** son of my niece Vivienne on his graduation from the University of Central Lancashire with the degree of LLB (Hon.) Law. Chris is hoping to carry on to take a Masters degree in Irish History at Leeds University.

Death

Margaret Rose (Peggy) (née Barnard) SANCHEZ (1931-2003)

Just prior to completing this newsletter, I received the sad news of the death of my dear sister, Peggy, on 6th August, 2003, at her home in Winlock, Washington, USA.



Peggy was the closest in age to me of my siblings and the youngest of my three beloved sisters and now they are all gone. We grew up together during the second world war and were evacuated together on two occasions. I shared many happy family memories with Peg and she will be greatly missed.

Her passing was not unexpected and thankfully it was peacefully in her sleep with her two daughters Patti and Traci at her side. The rest of her children had been taking the vigil in turns and her eldest son, Stephen, had just returned home after being there for several hours.

Peggy is survived by her sons, Stephen, Trevor & Alan, and her daughters, Patti and Traci, and numerous grandchildren & great grandchildren.



Margeret Rose SANCHEZ 1931-2003

The Barnard Story (July 2003)

Previous instalments of the Barnard Story since July 1992 have been based on my research discoveries plus additional facts related by various family members. This instalment is the first to be written by three different contributors: my namesake Alan Barnard of Furness Vale (Big Al), Mike Slater of Cheadle, both near Stockport, and yours truly in Burnaby, BC, Canada.

From Alan Barnard in Furness Vale, High Peak, England

So it has fallen on me to pick up the threads of the story of the Stockport Barnards. As has been documented previously, the hunt for my great granddad **William Henry Barnard** was my initial priority. I too had looked in vain for him in the UK 1881 census. Hardly surprising as it turns out. I had spoken to my dad's brother Brian who mentioned shop fitting on some new department stores in Halifax, Nova Scotia, plus some work on a bridge. Armed with this information Lil Al contacted Janice Fralic Brown who found him just outside Halifax, NS. I certainly owe her a pint! This was a breakthrough.

I set about trying to find his marriage to **Mary Carr** who I had found in 1881 living in Middleton near Oldham. So it was off to check the GRO indices at Stockport library. I checked 1881 to 1890, and it was the 1890 one that produced the required wedding, a civil service at Oldham register office. This also produced two addresses in Middleton which I was to use as a starting point to trace them in the 1891 census. For this purpose a visit to Middleton library was organised. With a very efficient modern film reader (unusual) I quickly found the entry.

1891 Census, 11 Chapel St Middleton, Oldham, Lancs.

The entry in itself was unusual, two heads of the same household. Mary Carr, Head (mother of William's wife, also named Mary), Frank Carr, grandson (Mary junior's illegitimate son). Also, William Barnard, Head, journeyman carpenter, Mary Barnard, Wife.

As far as I can gather Frank was never taken into the William household fully, although apparently used to visit. As has been recorded before, Mary suffered five stillbirths or miscarriages between 1890 and May 1897 when my granddad Percy was safely delivered.

I later checked the 1901 census for William Henry in Stockport without success. I knew my granddad Percy was born in Rhodes, Middleton, near Oldham. And it is in Middleton in 1901 that I found him at 8 Back Kid Street living with wife Mary, my granddad Percy, and younger brother Arthur. They later had two more children, Edgar 1907, and Emma 1911. Percy went on to marry Elizabeth **Boden** daughter of Abel Boden and Margaret Edith Pritchard in 1923. Percy and Elizabeth had two sons Eric 1924 and Brian 1936. Eric married Joan **Howkins** and in 1948 I happened!

Granddad Bill was by all accounts quite a talented craftsman in wood. He made furniture, shopfitting when real wood was used, and latterly coffin making. This talent led to something of a cottage industry at 1 Bakewell St, Stockport, where Bill made the coffins, and wife Mary laid out the deceased. Whether Bill made his own final receptacle isn't a matter of record.

My dad Eric remembers his granddad to some extent, being only 12 when Bill died at Easter 1937. After some probing a couple of anecdotes have amused me. Dad remembers Bill sitting in his armchair puffing away on his pipe. Occasionally pausing to spit in the general direction of the fire. Lying peacefully in the hearth was Mac the cat, who glared balefully as Bill's misdirected projectiles created an unwarranted disturbance to the hapless feline. Those familiar with the movie "Outlaw Josie Wales" will know where I'm coming from.

The other alludes to Bill's fondness for a pint. Bill sang for his beer in pubs. Having done a lot of singing, he could barely stand. To get him home the regulars simply got him on his bicycle gave him a shove off and, against all odds, he found his way back to Bakewell Street.

Generally up to date on Bill's line, I then started to look at other lines including my mother's side and my wife's tree.

I pick up the Barnard line again in January 2002 and the eagerly awaited **1901 census**. The farce that was the Internet access has been well documented. However, I was fortunate, the Stockport Barnards were accessible via Stockport library fiches. I was also armed with notes from the 1902 Stockport directory which gave me a good idea where to look for them.

I'll begin with the mystery of Richard Barnard. He was listed at 1a Hardcastle

BARNARD Family Reunion of

**Descendants of Thomas BARNARD (1790-1849)
& Sarah BROOKS (1797-1875)**

**to be held at Bispham, near Blackpool, Lancashire
in England, SEPTEMBER 13th, 2003**

The venue is the Norcross Social Club, Norcross Lane, Bispham, Blackpool.

A family tree will be prepared so that each descendant can see where they are in relation to their cousins. Name tags showing each attendees relationship to the common ancestors will also be prepared.

For help with accommodation email Vivienne at vivoshea@aol.com or phone Alan at 1-604-299-7155 (email: Alan_Barnard@telus.net)

This is a great opportunity to meet cousins from England, Canada, and the USA.

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Rd, Edgeley, Stockport, as a coachbuilder. Born in Manchester about 1867 and single. **Who is this man?** I've searched the GRO for his birth without success. Very recently I got the birth certificate of Elsie Barnard born 1902. Born at 1a Hardcastle Rd, father Walter James Barnard a Master Coach Painter, and mother Sarah Ellen Barnard (née Carter). I have yet to work out if these people are related directly. *One possible link could be that Elsie is the same Elsie who appears with James Henry in the 1930s (see below).*

At School Street I found Thomas Barnard born c.1870 with wife Harriett (nee Burns) born in Chester c.1869. Living with them was one Margaret Elizabeth Day described as "Relative". This started a whole new line of inquiries; I knew little of this part of the family at this stage. In addition I had found the other Barnard families. Thomas and Jane (née Leah) with a lengthy brood, and another son Samuel George who had by now set up on his own albeit next door. Thomas and Jane were living at 17 Orchard St, Samuel George with wife Maria (née Coppock) at 15 Orchard St. They were married at St Augustine's church Cheadle Heath, Stockport, in 1895. By the 1901 census they had two children, Elizabeth Jane (1895) and Florence (1898). **Thomas** (1849) and **Jane Leah** had some nine children over a twenty-two year span. They were, in chronological order: **Thomas** (c.1870), **Samuel George** (c.1872), **Mary Ann** (c.1877), **James Henry** (c.1879), **Rosetta** (1882), **Margaret Hannah** (c.1885), **Elizabeth** (c.1887), **John** (1890), **Jane** (1892).

Thomas Barnard (1870)

It became my aim to sort the Stockport Barnards as far as I could up to date. So first off the children of Thomas Barnard and Jane Leah as described above, beginning with Thomas 1870 and wife Harriett. The only thing I had on Harriett was she was born in Chester according to the 1901 census. If allowed to do so fate invariably plays a part and so it did. About this time I received an email from Lil Al about a brief email from a guy called Mike Slater concerning Barnard family history, and he was a descendant of Jane Barnard (1892). Lil Al passed on Mike's phone number I think mainly because it was a Manchester area code.

I duly called Mike and introduced myself, and soon after a meeting was arranged. It turned out Mike lived in Cheadle a couple of miles from Stockport and only ten miles from me. With the information Mike provided, we were able to sort the line from Jane Barnard who married into the Slater family. Amongst the other interesting bits to come out of the meeting was that Mike's uncle Arnold Slater had put together an article about Thomas Barnard (1849), the clay-pipe maker, and his exploits in the caves on the banks of the River Mersey where he had his kilns. This article had been published in the Stockport Heritage magazine and was to prove invaluable in the future.

I have kept in fairly constant touch with Mike ever since, in person and by email and phone. One such phone call brought the news that a Thomas Barnard living in Essex had made contact after reading the heritage magazine, and that the Thomas in the article was his great-grandfather. As you can imagine, this got



Mike Slater, Tom Barnard & Alan Barnard (Big Al)

the whiskers twitching. Tom from Essex still had friends and relatives in the Stockport area and had been sent a copy of the magazine. In due course a meeting was arranged at Mike's with Tom and his wife Jenny.

This led to clues to unravel the direct Thomas line right back from c.1790 to the present. This progress did not come easily, with many twists and turns and false steps. Tom provided the info to get the Barnard side up to date, but didn't know much about Harriett other than he thought her maiden name was Burns and she was somehow related to a family called Day. The Day family although not directly related to the Barnards would play a significant role in the research. Tom had said his father was born in 1904, so I acquired a copy of his birth certificate, which confirmed Harriett's maiden name as Burns. Tom also suggested that she had died young, and that his father had been looked after by an aunt (who turned out to be Mike's grandmother Jane Slater née Barnard).

I then searched the GRO indices for Harriett's death. Finally I found the entry and went on to the Stockport burial register. I found her burial in the Cheadle Municipal Cemetery, and with her Thomas 1870. She was buried as Harriett Ann Barnard in 1918. So to the marriage of Tom and Harriett, again to the GRO, this time a sweep between 1888 and 1904 produced nothing. Once again I'm stumped. However in the nick of time Lil Al had found a likely reference to a marriage at All Saints, Heaton Norris, Stockport, Barnett married Burns. Could it be? This led me to the most curious wedding in my experience so far.

I went back to the GRO and sure enough Thomas Barnett married Harriet Burnes 1889. About this time Lil Al was trying to clear up the Walton side, and had asked me to get certificates from Stockport register office and also the Barnett /Burns wedding. At the same time a very possible birth reference for Harriett Ann Burns in Chester had turned up. The marriage certificate was duly procured:

19th June 1889 – Marriage of Thomas Barnett, 19, Bachelor, Gasser of 22 Reuben St, father Thomas Barnett, Pipemaker, and Harriett Ann Burns, 19, Spinster, of Manchester Old Rd, father Arthur Burns, Engine Driver. Witnesses, William T. Johnson, Emily Barnard.

Groom, bride and witnesses all signed their names. Married by V.G. Denison.

Codicil: "The correct name is said to be Barnard as signed by Emily Barnard, note made at the time". Initialled by V.G.D.

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So not only did Tom sign the wrong name, he also gave his father's name incorrectly. The real irony of this lies in the vicar's codicil, citing Emily Barnard. Emily Barnard was in reality Amelia Tinker, half sister to Tom's father and daughter of Mary Barnard/Tinker (née Walton). The reason for this carry on is far from clear, no doubt it was a good idea at the time. Further confusion arrived in the form of Harriett Ann Burns's birth certificate on which her father's name is given as Philip Burns a brush maker. As yet I have been unable to trace the Burns family on the 1881 census to give any indication of which name is correct. Enquiries are ongoing.

Tom and Harriett had only the one child Thomas 1904. He went on to marry Alice Hiles and they had three children Alice, Thomas, and Donald. All are still with us, Alice living in Stockport, having married the late Samuel Peers. Thomas born 1929 is our recently traced cousin in Essex. Donald is also living in Essex.

Samuel George Barnard (1872)

In March 2003 while I was visiting Mike, he produced a letter from a lady called Mavis Sidebotham he got via his sister Sue Swann. Another example of an enquiry sourced from the heritage article. In the letter Mavis mentioned her grandfather Samuel George Barnard named after his uncle, and a Harold Barnard apparently known as Sailor Bill. I had already started to deal with George Barnard born c.1872. In 1901 George and wife Maria had two children Elizabeth Jane (1895), and Florence (1898) living on Orchard Street, Stockport. I wrote to Mavis and she phoned me the following evening. It came to pass that her grandfather was the George as above. He didn't use the Samuel, and I had no idea he was so named. After the 1901 census George had two further children, William, and Evelyn. Mavis was William's daughter and only child. William had married Martha Mott. Mavis was able to give me information on the siblings of her father. Elizabeth married William Taylor. They emigrated to America. The family was traced to Orange county New York using the Ellis Island records by Mike and Lil Al. They had two children, Nellie and William Arnold. William arrived on a ship named the *Cedric*, 30th October 1922. He was followed by Elizabeth with the two children on board the *Regina*, 27th March 1923. Elizabeth travelled to the UK in 1927 to be a witness at Billy's wedding to Martha Mott. She returned to the States and it's believed she died there in the 1940s. Florence had married Samuel Bolton and they had one daughter Vera, born 2nd April 1923, who lives just down the road in Hazel Grove. Evelyn never married.



Mavis Sidebotham, mother Martha & daughter Julie

Mary Ann (née Barnard) Hughes (c. 1877)

The only information to date on Mary was given by her cousin George Barnard (1893-1970) who said that Mary married a man with the surname Hughes, and that there was at least one son called Harold. (*Alan Barnard*[1929]).

James Henry Barnard (1879)

The Cheshire BMD website produced the marriage of James H. to Mary Adshead at St. Mary's, Stockport on the 14th January 1900. He appears in Stockport directories in 1902, 1907, and 1910 on Turncroft Lane, Stockport, usually as a millhand. I have recently been following him on the electoral rolls. In 1920 he is living on Victoria Road and continues to do so until c.1950 when he disappears. His wife Mary was absent from 1948. Whether James died or moved from Victoria Road in 1950 is unknown.

In 1920 Arthur Barnard is also on the roll. I found a birth reference for Arthur Barnard September quarter 1900. At this stage I am assuming this Arthur is the son of James.

In 1924 Herbert Barnard is added to the list. A Stockport birth reference shows a Herbert Barnard born June quarter 1902, assumed to be a son of James. This was confirmed in July 2003.

After 1928 Herbert is missing the others remain the same. In 1932 a Muriel Barnard appears for the first time. I think this could be Arthur's wife or a daughter of James. By 1935 Muriel is replaced by Elsie, or are they one and the same? There is a birth record for Elsie Barnard in the September quarter 1902. Which means if Herbert was the son, Elsie can't be the daughter. In 1937 Arthur disappears leaving James, Mary and Elsie, and this remains the same till 1940 when the electoral roll is suspended during WW2. We pick them up again in 1945. By which time Elsie has disappeared replaced by what could be a lodger Robert Henry Brown. In 1949 James is living alone, by 1951 the house has been taken over by Alan O. Brown and Marjorie Brown.

Rosetta (Barnard) Walton (1882)

I found Rosetta's marriage almost by accident. I was searching for the marriage of her younger sister Margaret Hannah, and when I found it the witnesses were Rosetta Barnard and Thomas Walton. Rosetta went on to marry Thomas Walton at St. Matthew's church in 1907. They had two daughters, Rosetta 1909 and Dorothy 1915. Rosetta married Arthur Brown. Dorothy married Reginald C. Starr. No children are recorded for either couple. I have learnt that Dorothy Starr died in 1949 aged 34 due to a complication in childbirth. Her mother had died only 12 months previously, in February 1948. Arthur Brown died in 1961 aged 52, followed less than two years later by Thomas Walton aged 78 in January 1963. Rosetta junior (Rose Brown) survived until 1995 when she died aged 86. All the above are buried together in Stockport Borough Cemetery. The grave is very well kept, as if someone still tends it. Whoever it is, their identity remains a mystery.

Details on the remaining siblings will be continued in the next edition except for Jane (née Barnard) Slater (1892) . Jane, the youngest and therefore the last of Thomas and Jane

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Barnard's brood, and the Slater family into which she married is dealt with in the contribution from her grandson, Mike Slater (pg. 5).

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Another notable 1901 Stockport entry is that of a Mary Tinker living alone in Sanderson's Court. I believe this is Mary Walton/Barnard/Tinker, my great granddad's mother.

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A couple of extra snippets about the family that I have picked up. All seem to have been blessed with good singing voices. Margaret and Rosetta, probably more, were members of the choir at Orchard Street Chapel. Evidence of their singing prowess is indicated by an account of a Barnard funeral. After the burial, a group of Barnard relatives around the grave sang a close harmony hymn without accompaniment, apparently reducing the officiating vicar to tears.

I would like to express my thanks to all the people who have helped me in many and varied ways. Answering my questions, providing photos, just letting me bounce ideas around. Particular thanks to Mike Slater and his wife Chris (who kept the conversations lubricated with copious amounts of tea). But special thanks are due to my mentor Lil Al. Rather more than once he's thanked me for getting involved in the search. I'm bound to say, if he hadn't put the work in before, I may never have got interested. You have a lot to answer for Lil Al.

Well that's about it, but one final thought. I often wonder about when the first as yet unknown Barnard stepped on to shore of England. Just what they would have made of all this?

From Mike Slater of Cheadle, Cheshire, England The SLATER family

George Slater (Housepainter), Born 10 Oct 1846, Doveridge, Derby, died 23 Apr 1934 in Stockport, Cheshire, father **William Slater**, mother **Ann Farnsworth**.

George married 24 Jan 1887 **Mary Ann Faulkner** at St Matthews, Stockport. Mary Ann was born 1854 in Stockport, died 11 Dec 1912 in Stockport, buried in Cheadle Cemetery.

Son of George & Mary Ann

Samuel Joseph Slater (Locomotive Engineer B.R.), born 18 Dec 1889 Stockport, died 27 May 1974 Stockport, married **Jane Barnard** (Millworker), 6 Sep 1913 St. Augustines, Brinksway, Stockport. Jane was born 31 Jan 1892, Stockport, died 1976 Stockport, buried Stockport Cemetery.

Children of Samuel & Jane

Samuel Joseph Slater born 1915 Stockport, died 1 Sep 1917 Stockport, buried Cheadle Cemetery.

Arnold Slater (Area Manager Electronics), born 16 Jul 1918 Stockport, died 2 Jul 2000 Scholes, W. Yorks (Huddersfield Crematorium), married **Pauline Shaw-Parker** 12 Feb 1947 at Welwyn Garden City Register Office. Pauline was born 30 Mar 1922, Little Heath, Hertfordshire.

Alan Garth Slater (Locomotive Engineer B.R.), born 24 May 1925 Stockport, died 3 Oct 1997, Stockport, married **Lilian Dunkerley** 4 Apr 1944 at St Marks, Edgeley, Stockport. Lilian was born 31 Aug 1923, Stockport, died 17 Nov 1990 Stockport, buried Cheadle Cemetery.

William Slater (Painter & Decorator), born 4 Oct 1927 Stockport, married **Marian Leeming** 3 Jun 1950 at Bethshan Tabernacle, Levenshulme, Manchester. Marian was born 28 Nov 1924 in Gorton, Manchester.

Marjorie Miriam Slater born 11 Jan 1934 Stockport, died 14 Nov 1998 Stockport (Stockport Crematorium).

Children of Arnold & Pauline Slater

Arnold Slater born 26 Mar 1948 married **Judith** 21 Oct 1972 at St Mary, Little Hallingbury, Herts.

Garth Slater born 6 Apr 1950 married **Yvonne Anne Yardley** 7 Aug 1976 St. Mary's, Aythorpe.

David Allan Slater born 1 Nov 1952 married **Joyce Valerie Peat** 16 Sep 1978 Church of Holy Redeemer, York.

Johnathon Slater born 18 Oct 1954.

Simon Slater born 4 Apr 1961.

Paul Slater born 4 Apr 1961.

Children of Alan Garth & Lilian Slater

Michael Alan Slater born 26 Apr 1945 married **Christine Kidd** 21 Dec 1968 at Stockport Reg. Office. Christine was born 8 Mar 1947.

Susan Ann Slater born 1 Nov 1950 married 24 Jun 1972 **Eric Swann** at Christ Church, Heaton Norris. Eric was born 20 Aug 1943.

Children of William & Marian Slater

David John Slater born 11 Mar 1951 married **Heather Joyce Neall** 18 Sep 1976 Marple Methodist.

Elizabeth Slater born 31 Aug 1954 married **Lesley Jackson**.

Mark Stephen Slater born 26 Jul 1962 married **Cheryl Joy Nelson** 19 Sep 1992 St Albans, Offerton.

Marjorie Miriam Slater had a son **John** born 13 Sep 1951.

Children of Michael Alan & Christine Slater

Deborah Slater, born 5th Aug 1970, married **Spencer Bower**. Children. Kirsty 1988, Alan 1992, Jake 1997.

Michael Slater, born 20th Sep 1973 (As yet unmarried)

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From Alan Barnard in Burnaby, B.C., Canada

Since the last edition of the newsletter in February 2003, my main contribution has consisted of searching for further evidence on the birthplace of Thomas BARNARD (c.1790-1849), finding additional information on the emigration to New Jersey of Elizabeth Jane (Barnard) her husband William TAYLOR and their two children, and exploring the possibility that a William BARNARD who left England for Ohio in the 1860's is William

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born c.1832 in Beccles, son of Thomas (1790) and brother to Thomas (1821-1866). Initial information on the Taylors was supplied by Mavis Sidebotham.

In regard to Thomas (1790), I have not made any progress on discovering his birthplace, despite the continuing search in East Anglia (except Suffolk). However, because it now appears fairly conclusive that he was descended from French Huguenots, I am wondering if the baptism in 1790 of a Thomas Barnard in St. John the Baptists Church, Walbrook, London, refers in fact to "our" Thomas. There was a very strong influx of Huguenots into London and several churches have instances of BERNARD baptisms and weddings. The major problem is proving it is our Thomas, or proving that it is not come to that. I hope to visit the Huguenot Library in London during our visit this autumn searching for further clues.

Mike Slater provided a valuable clue in the Elizabeth and William Taylor quest when he discovered the ships that they arrived on in the Ellis Island records. My subscription to Ellis Island had just lapsed so Mike's discovery was fortunate. William arrived in America in 1922 and Elizabeth followed him with the children the following year. With the help of "Hedy" on the New Jersey email list the family was discovered in the **1930** census of East Orange, New Jersey as follows: William (41), Elizabeth (36), Nellie (11) and William (8).

However, the search for descendants is still under way, and as the TAYLOR name is almost as common as the SMITH name, it is not going to be easy!

William Barnard was last found in the Beccles census of 1851 when he was said to be a 17 year old errand boy. He was not found in the area in the '61 and '71 censuses, and the 1881

census showed no trace of him or his younger brother Henry anywhere in England, Scotland or Wales. I had assumed that he had possibly emigrated to either the Antipodes or North America and I spent some considerable time searching for the pair in available passenger lists from Britain to both areas without success.

Although I have used the IGI many times in the past it has mainly been in British records. By accident one day I searched for records of William and accidentally left *United States* in the country panel. One entry that came up in the **1880 US Census** was a Barnard family in Grant Lick, Campbell country, Kentucky consisting of William (48) a farmer and his wife Emily (50) both born in England and children William (15), Samuel (12), Thomas (9), and Sarah (6). William junior was born in Ohio, the remaining children in Kentucky.

Obviously the first names of the family are by no means uncommon, but they align so closely to traditional family names that I believe there is a good possibility that this entry alludes to 'our' missing William. With the help of three ladies on the Campbell County, Kentucky, mailing list, the family were also found in the 1870 Kentucky census in the same place, the only difference being their ages and the fact that there were only two children. The listing was William (39), Emily (40), William (5) and Samuel (2).

They were obviously in Ohio until moving to Kentucky as William junior was born in Ohio. Attempts to locate the births of the children in both Ohio and Kentucky are continuing but without success so far. The immediate task is to find where in England the parents were born to confirm we are on the right track - or otherwise. I am keeping my fingers crossed.

Fitzgerald/McKeown Update

I reported a possible Chicago marriage of Mary Fitzgerald (c.1857) in the last newsletter. I eventually found that particular couple in the 1900 US census and sadly determined that the entry **did not** refer to 'our' Mary. However the positive is that I will waste no more time on that particular avenue. The search in Chicago for my maternal grandfather's sister continues and there are other avenues to be explored.

We do have good news on the McKeown side. On 26 April last, Chris and I arrived back from a visit to my sister Peggy in Washington, and son Gary and family in Oregon, to find a letter from one David Brown who lives in Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire. David had obtained my address from the LDS Ancestral File. It turned out that he was the husband of Judith (née McKeown) who is my second cousin once removed, and the great-granddaughter of my grandmother's brother Jim.

We are now in contact by email and David has supplied a great deal of information on the descendants of James McKeown (born 1862, Ireland), in addition to photographs of Judith's grandparents and a birth certificate of her grandfather.

The surprising part of this story is that Judith was born in Middleton where both I and my family, and my uncle Jim Fitzgerald lived for a time and where Judith's father, my cousins Kevin, James, and Winnie Fitzgerald still live. None of us were aware that our McKeown relatives also lived there. However, Kevin has since met with David, Judith, and her father James. Chris and I are looking forward to meeting them in the autumn.

More information will be available after our visit to the UK.



James McKeown (1904-1973) & wife Emily

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