

THE FAMILY OF THOMAS PERRIN AT SHIPBOURNE

This page gives my research on the PERRIN family at Shipbourne where the PERRIN family lived by accident !



Thomas PERRIN (the son of Samuel of Wateringbury) had an illegitimate child with Charlotte SURMAN. The child, later known as Thomas Perrin SURMAN JENKINS, was born 29 January 1812 at Wateringbury and migrated to Australia with his mother Charlotte in 1826.

A photograph of
Thomas Perrin
SURMAN JENKINS,
born at Wateringbury in 1812.

The photograph was taken at a studio near the family property of Buckingham, New South Wales, Australia and dates from about 1860 judging by the costume.

Thomas Perrin SURMAN JENKINS lived until 1882 and was buried on the family property of Buckingham.

The family were pioneer settlers in Australia who became very wealthy. Some of their property is now in the care of the Australian National Trust. There are two excellent websites about the family in Australia. See

<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~marr/bucking.htm>

and two pages at

http://ceinternet.com.au/~mcneill/html/the_jenkins_family_-_buckingbo.html

THOMAS PERRIN AT MILTON AND SHIPBOURNE

In order to avoid a forced marriage with Charlotte SURMAN, Thomas PERRIN left Wateringbury and married Sarah SINGYARD ? of Hadlow in 1811 or 1812. Thomas and Sarah first moved to Milton by Gravesend where Thomas probably used his carpentry skills to become a ship carpenter during the war. They were having children over a twenty-year period as follows;

(1) Mary Ann PERRIN 30 May 1813 at Milton. She married Daniel POTTER a miller of Tudley about 1833. They lived at Tudley and Tonbridge (1841, 1851 and 1861 census). In the 1860's they moved to Rochester, parish of St Margaret (1871, 1881 and 1891 census). Mary Ann died in 1882 and Daniel died in 1895.

(2) Stephen Jonathan PERRIN 18 February 1816 at Milton.

(3) George PERRIN 11 March 1821 at Shipbourne.

(4) Maria PERRIN born 12 October 1824, baptized 31 October 1824 at Shipbourne. She married Henry CATT, a farm bailiff, of Tonbridge on 3 December 1848 at Shipbourne. They lived at Shipbourne (1851 census) and then moved to Rye Sussex (1861 census) where Henry became a brass and iron founder. Maria died on 22 July 1861 and Henry CATT remarried in 1863 to Eliza BRITT. Henry died at Rye on 9 January 1892. Their son Stephen Henry CATT died at Rio de Janeiro in 1870.

(5) Sarah Anne PERRIN 9 July 1827 at Shipbourne. She worked for Sir Thomas Tancred at Stratton House, Cirencester, Gloucestershire (1851 census), then married a local man Alfred SAUNDERS a grocer in 1852 at Westminster. They moved back to Cirencester where they spent the rest of their lives (1861, 1871, 1881, 1891 and 1901 census). Sarah died in 1905.

For a picture of Stratton House see

<http://www.strattonhousehotel.co.uk/images/gallery/exterior.jpg>

(6) Thomas PERRIN born about 1835 at Shipbourne. After his father's death in 1840 Thomas lived at Court Lodge, Shipbourne with his mother Sarah, who worked as a dressmaker (1841 and 1851 census). Thomas trained as a carpenter and joiner before he moved to Poplar London with his mother in the 1850's. Thomas married Charlotte HAWKINS in 1859. They had a son Tom at Poplar (1861 census) then moved to Portugal where Thomas was involved with building the railway. They returned to Sevenoaks where they had two children baptized in 1864 before they travelled to Turkey. On 5 December 1865 their daughter Sarah Anne PERRIN died at Smyrna (now called Izmir), Turkey. On 12 December 1872 Thomas died at the same place. There are photographs of their gravestones in the Boudjah (Buca) cemetery on genforum virtual cemetery.

JOHN PERRIN AT SHIPBOURNE, SEAL AND SEVENOAKS

Another son of Samuel PERRIN of Wateringbury moved to the area of Shipbourne. John PERRIN also a carpenter married Frances MITCHELL about 1829 and they had the following children;

- (1) William PERRIN 31 October 1830 at Shipbourne, (married at Rio de Janeiro ?)
- (2) George PERRIN born about 1833 at Shipbourne worked as a carpenter (1851 census with his father). Possibly the George PERRIN at Buca, Turkey in the 1870's.
- (3) Jonathan PERRIN born about 1835 at Shipbourne. He married Mary Ann PRITCHARD in 1857 and lived at Poplar (1861 census) until 1870 when the family moved to the district of Canning Town, West Ham (1871, 1881, 1891, and 1901 census) In 1881 Jonathan was working as a carpenter employing several men and boys.
- (4) Alfred PERRIN 7 April 1837 at Seal (next to Shipbourne). Alfred died 1838.
- (5) Henry PERRIN born about 1839 in the area of Sevenoaks. Henry PERRIN married Hannah REEVE at Islington in 1862 and emigrated to Rio de Janeiro with Stephen CATT above. Henry's wife and son Henry George PERRIN lived at Shardeloes Road, Deptford, after they returned from Rio de Janeiro (1901 census).
- (6) Emily PERRIN born 1841 in the area of Sevenoaks. She married George RICHARDSON in 1856. They lived at Bow, Poplar (1861 and 1871 census) then moved to Deptford (1881 census). They lived at Shardeloes Road, Deptford, next to the REEVE family (1891 census) then next to Henry George PERRIN above.
- (7) Sarah Susan PERRIN born about 1843 in the area of Sevenoaks, died 1848
- (8) Fanny PERRIN born 1845 in the area of Sevenoaks, died 1849.
- (9) Alfred Wickenden PERRIN born 1847 in the area of Sevenoaks, died 1848.

In 1849 John's wife Frances died and John moved to Poplar, London, where he worked as a house and ship carpenter (1851 and 1861 census).

John kept his links with Sevenoaks because he left his children Henry and Emily with their grandparents in Sevenoaks (1851 census). John married his second wife, Jane of Rochester in the 1850's. It is possible that this marriage was the one at Newington in 1851 and that Jane was John's cousin Jane EDWARDS who also lived at Sevenoaks in the 1830's and 1840's.

Jane EDWARDS was born at Rochester in October 1818 and was the daughter of Charles Perrin EDWARDS whose family lived in Sevenoaks after his death (1841 census).