

MAN FAMILY NEWSLETTER CHRISTMAS 2007

It is 10 years since I began writing this seasonal note each Christmas season and again I wish all those who get to read these few family words a very Happy Christmas and New Year to come! All of the content of the newsletter will be available on the website at www.manfamily.org and by way of interest David thought we should use the newsletter this year to convey just a flavour of what is available on our family site.

David writes: Every year we encourage folks who have an internet connection to visit the Man Family web site at <http://www.manfamily.org>. In this newsletter we highlight one page from that website - the Bibliography page - where various documents such as letters, diaries, memoirs, etc. have been posted. Below we highlight a few of the items that have recently been added or which deserve attention.

In 1802, three years after the death of Henry Man in December 1799, the Man family collected up his published works as well as some of his private letters and posthumously published these in two slim volumes which Charles Lamb briefly immortalized in his Essays of Elia. These two volumes have been scanned into .pdf and placed on the bibliography page. Other works by Henry which were not included in the 1802 publication have also been placed on the web site including: Horace Walpole's copy of Henry's play 'Cloacina'; 'Mr. Bentley, the rural philosopher: a tale' (two volumes)(1775); 'The muse in miniature, a series of moral miscellanies, humbly attempted by the Trifler' (1771); and others.

At the start of the year 2007 Steve purchased photocopies, made by the Reading Public Library, of John Man's (1749-1824) 'Anecdotes'. These consist of John's handwritten notes (very neat) and bound in two volumes. Except for the poem 'New Year 1797', they do not contain any family references and are mostly taken up with John's comments on local Reading politics. The content of both volumes of John's Anecdotes are now available on the web as well as John's letter to his brother James concerning the disappearance of their father, John Man the Elder.

We also encourage members of the family to purchase the new edition of John Man's book 'Letters from A Stranger in Reading' published in 2005 by Two Rivers Press 35 - 39 London Street, Reading RG1 4PS www.tworiverspress.com edited by Adam Sowan and priced at £12.00.

Harry Stoe Man (1783 - 1848), perhaps the family's blackest sheep, left a trail of paper behind him in the form of letters and various appeals to legal bodies such as the High Court of Justice where he presented his interminable arguments against his dismissal from the Royal Navy at his court martial. Harry Stoe's appeals in the form of a pamphlet entitled 'On martial, military, and civil law and on the word "crime"' can be read in PDF. This is a rare find as the only copy of this publication is in the British Library. Harry was described as a "most litigious person" and once one has read his 'On crime' pamphlet the description fits perfectly.

Harry Stoe's exploits while living at Halstead Hall can also be found on the Bibliography section of the web site, including extracts from G. D. Kitchener's 'Halstead in Kent' and Kitchener's later 'Millennial Halstead', as well as a statement on Harry Man's "shameful and repressive conduct" with regard to his filling in of the village pond at Halstead. Harry's description of the capture of the East India Company's ship 'Highland Chief' by a French privateer adds some adventure to his otherwise unending quest for justice.

Bringing us up to the 20th century is Frank Man's description of his evacuation from Singapore as the Japanese landed, his escape through Sumatra and Java following a well planned route set out by the military and his eventual arrival in England, via Australia, New Zealand, the Panama Canal, New York and Liverpool. Hugh Casson was the subject of a recent biography and we have taken the early childhood part of that biography and placed it on the web as it makes mention of the Man family.

There are too many items on the web site to describe in any further detail and so below we have listed just some of what else can be found there:

WILLIAM MAN (1778 - 1874) - William's letter to his first cousin once removed, Edward Garnet Man, as well as William's letter to his cousin George Cumberland describing his (William's) father's death.

CATHERINE MAN (1791 - 1873) Catherine Man's letter to her brother on the death of his niece, Sarah Nash, as well as Catherine's letter describing the wreck of the 'Lady Holland'. Catherine was the wife of Peter Bruels Man.

HENRY GARNET MAN (1804 - 1873) Testimonials on behalf of Henry Garnet Man's application as Governor of Whitecross Prison, 1861. Hubert Man's notes on Henry Garnet Man and his wife, Elizabeth Garrard, as well as Henry Garnet Man's description of the Battle of Maharajpore during the Gwalior Campaign in India of 1843.

HARRY EDWARD JULIUS MAN (1822 - 1864) Morrice and Hubert Man's recollections of Harry Edward. Harry Edward's letters to his brother Morrice King Man.

MORRICE KING MAN (1826 - 1864) Harry Stoe Man's letter to his son Morrice King Man.

JANE SMART MAN (1836 - 1929) wife of the above. Jane's 'History of the Walch Family'.

WILLIAM LIONEL MAN (1832 - 1904) WLM's 'Gleanings in Rome' and his writings as 'The Lounger' his 'Lecture on Shakespeare', his poem in memory of George Maxted as well as both Hubert and Morrice Man's recollections of William.

EDWARD GARNET MAN (1837 - 1920) Edward Garnet Man's 'Reminiscences of the Indian Mutiny'; his pamphlet on 'The present trade crisis, critically examined' published in London by E. Wilson (1885). His pamphlet on 'The Present State of the Church of England' published in King and Country in November 1903; Edward's 'Lecture on immortality' a small pamphlet published in 1912. These are just some of the items on Edward, there are many more on the web site.

SEPTIMUS MAN (1839 - 1911) Hubert Man and Morrice Man's recollections of Septimus as well as that of the children's writer and poet E. Nesbit.

ANNE (nee Desborough) MAN's (1820 - 1909). Her date book (a record of family births, marriages and deaths).

HARRY MORGAN STOE MAN (1873 - 1936) Harry's recollections of the Spanish-American War in the Philippines and his reminiscences of his four month voyage on the clipper 'Sierra Colonna' from Rangoon, Burma to Falmouth, England.

HUBERT MAN (1876 - 1956) Hubert's notes and recollections.

MORRICE MAN (1877 - 1948) Morrice Man's Diaries in two volumes.

JAMES HENRY MAN (1851 - 1888) James's valve patent article which appeared in the Engineering and Mining Journal.

These are just some examples of what can be found on the Man Family web site so go surf and enjoy!

In 2005, when John Man's book was re-published by Adam Sowan I came across copies of two volumes of John's Anecdotes at Reading library and asked for them to be copied. Taken from the anecdotes is a copy of John's New Year poem written 210 years ago in 1797. David has carefully noted and described all of the family members mentioned and his introduction, notes and transcription of the poem are below: -

Introduction:

In this poem, New Year's Day 1798, John Man (1749 - 1824) celebrates the coming year of 1798. He mentions all of his family, as well as those of his brothers. John's sister Maria had died earlier that year on 21 June, probably in childbirth. There are no descendants of John's so the Man family today is represented currently by the descendants of the brothers Henry (1748-1799) and James (1755-1823).

"My Wife" is Sarah Man (nee Baker) (1740-1809). Sarah's brother William was a well known classical scholar. Their father ran a school in Reading that John Man took over when the older Mr. Baker retired.

"Aunt Fan" John Man had an aunt called Frances and a sister of the same name. It not clear in this poem as to which Frances John is referring to. Thus "Aunt Fan" may refer to John's aunt who was born 1729/30 and so would have been 67 at the time of this poem (we do not know when Frances died) or his sister Frances (1757-1842). Here he is probably referring to his sister and the later reference to "Aunt Fanny" is to his aunt.

"Maria" is John's daughter Anna Maria (1780-1860). She never married.

"Harry, the lad" is John's eldest son Henry (1776- 1819) who was in the wine business and thus able to furnish the family with drink.

"dear Will" is John's son William (1778-1874). William married, at the advanced age of 83, Elizabeth Marchant and managed to have a daughter, but she never married.

"Horace" is John's son Horace (1782-1817) who drowned in a boating accident in the Thames.

"Mamma" is John's mother Mary (nee Balchen) (1721-1798).

"Fenchurch Street" is a reference to where John's elder brother Henry (1748-1799) lived. Hal refers to Henry. His 'poetry' refers to Henry's pretensions as a writer, and 'stocks' to his profession as a stockbroker.

"Walworth" is where John's younger brother James (1755-1823) lived in 1797, before moving further out to Sunningdale. It is also the place where their mother Mary died in October 1798. Thus John's hope that 'death not interfere' in the coming year was dashed.

"Ann" is John's sister Ann (1753-1832) who was blind.

"Aunt Fanny" is probably John's father's sister Frances.

"a good lass Fan" probably refers to John's sister Frances (1757-1842).

New Year's Day 1798

Should frost and snows my walks oppose
The greatest ill I fear,
I'll stay at home, no longer roam,
But hail the coming year.

Though I'm not great, I'll sit in state,
And have my full career;
My pipe I'll smoke, and crack a joke,
To hail the coming year.

My children all, and wife so small,
Aunt Fan without a peer;
We'll ope our eyes to Christmas pies,
And hail the coming year.

My Wife I guess the fowls will dress,
If spoilt they will be dear,
If to my mind no fault I'll find,
But hail the coming year.

Maria's tarts will please all hearts,
As soon it will appear,
'Tis such as her the wise prefer,
Who'd hail the coming year.

Harry, the lad, who's seldom sad,
Shall furnish us with beer,
Or peg a tub of orange shrub,
To hail the coming year.

What shall we do, dear Will with you,
Your serious thoughts to cheer,
You drunk shall be, till you can't see,
To hail the coming year.

Come Horace last, thou ne'er shall fast,
While mirth attends us here,
Your merry soul shall quaff a bowl
To hail the coming year.

Mamma so kind in me shall find
A love that is sincere
I'll drink her health while I have wealth,
To hail the coming year.

May Fenchurch Street, enjoy a treat,
Hal's Poetry and cheer;
If stocks go well, we all can tell,
He'll hail the coming year.

To Walworth next, I turn my text,
May James ne'er shed a tear;
His cash he'll spend to treat his friend,
And hail the coming year.

There is one Man, whose name is Ann,
She comes in the rear;
On her I'll think whene'er I drink,
Or hail the coming year.

Oh! What a sot, I have forgot,
Aunt Fanny is most clear,
But if she'll come, we'll breach the rum
To hail the coming year.

Come fill a glass to a good lass,
Who thinks my notions queer;
'Tis Fan I drink, who ne'er will shrink
To hail the coming year.

When next we meet at such a treat,
May death not interfere
But joys abound, and health go round,
To hail the coming year.

Dec. 27. 1797.

Meanwhile, Ed has been in contact with a lady - Deirdre Hosen - who had sent him a book on the D'Oyley family. The D'Oyley's (same family who founded the D'Oyley Carte Opera) are linked to the Mans by the marriage of George Man, second son of Jonas Man and sister of Elizabeth, to Jane Saunders. Deirdre has found a marriage settlement dated 15th July 1650 in some papers she was scanning. The details were for Elizabeth Man - father Jonas Man, mother Elizabeth Costerd - our first known ancestors. Elizabeth was baptized on 07 Sep 1634 at St Mary the Virgin's, Hambleden; married Thomas

Ilbury in 1650; buried 23 Jun 1668 at St Mary the Virgin's, Hambleden. The marriage and subsequent children are new information.

Children of Thomas and Elizabeth Ilbury:

* Thomas, bap. 11 Jan 1651/2 at St Mary the Virgin's, Hambleden.

* Henry, born 26 Aug 1654 at Hambleden.

* Mary, born 27 Oct 1657 at Hambleden.

* John, bap. 28 Mar 1665 at St Mary the Virgin's, Hambleden.

Ed had found the record of a marriage for a Henry Ilbury and a Joane Hedidge on 07 Nov 1625 at Bradfield, Berks. Since Bradfield is about three miles from Whitchurch, Oxon, where Henry was probably born; the time is right; and the name of our Henry's mother is Joane (not Jane) makes it likely that these are Henry's parents... Ed has the film for Hambleden, but he could not find a marriage and he thinks possibly it happened in Whitchurch, Oxon. He has ordered a fiche for Whitchurch to seek confirmation.

Ed writes, "[Reference on George's family: FHL Film # 1967097.] Note: - On the deaths of George Man and Jane in 1664, two of their children survived - Elizabeth, age 9, and Henry, age 4 - and apparently lived into adulthood. It is not known who raised them - possibly their aunt, Elizabeth Man Ilbury, who married about 1650 and raised a family in Hambleden. However, Elizabeth Ilbury dies in 1668 so at that point it is not known what happens to Elizabeth and Henry. Since Wargrave, Berkshire is just across the River Thames from Hambleden, it is not difficult to conjecture that they were subsequently raised there and this could explain how Henry's marriage took place in Wargrave".

There are no other records for Man family members in Hambleden other than a marriage of an Elizabeth Man to a Richard Thorne in 1727 and a marriage of a Frances Man to a Thomas House in 1731. Neither of these Man family members has been identified so far.

Family events continue apace in this large and diverse family of ours and there follows a list of items for 2007. I know there will be some about which I do not know - equally I may have slipped in one or two cases so if I have omitted your notable event from the following section please forgive me. Of course I would appreciate any updates you may care to send and David will, at the same time, use these details to bring the website up to date. So here we go... I have decided to list the events in no particular order: -

Firstly a correction from last year, when William Carver, son of Charlotte was married on 16th October 2004 to Sarah Watters, (not Wetters this was a mis-spelling by me) his long time love!

Hearty Congratulations to my first cousin John Man and his wife Elaine who have adopted three children on 6th December 2005; Jay-Sheree Maureen Man born 14th October 1995; Denim-Louise Joyce Man born 24th December 1999 and Jason John Vernon Man born 20th July 2001 all three great and welcome additions to our family. Congrats also to John's daughter Elkie who recently produced a son whose name I will be able to announce to the world next year!

Rosalind Brooke - Ross wrote me in the early new year to tell me of the sad death of her husband Phillip in September 2006 following illness. We send our condolences to Rosalind.

Alison Shewell told me of the marriage Anthony Shewell to his new wife Susan Elizabeth on 25th March 2006 - congratulations to them both also on the birth of their son Henry Thomas Frederick Shewell on 29th May 2007 who is delighting Grandmother Alison!

William Man's daughter Helen Hardcastle and husband David added their second twig to the tree in 2006 details from William are no doubt winging their way to me!

Congratulations to Victoria Gore and husband Benjamin who brought their 1st Baby Zaylie into this world in Feb 2006 making my 1300th entry on the family tree!

Ann & I, along with many others, attended the Service of Thanksgiving at St Peter & St Paul's church Eythorne, Kent for Jane Barclay who died on 29th October 2007. The service was a very uplifting and moving occasion providing many opportunities to hear some of the extraordinary qualities of Jane and the way in which she touched the lives of family members and all those she came in contact with.

In October I heard from Chris and Pauline Mather of the marriage of their son, Edward George to Lydia Bateman on Saturday 23rd March 2007 at Crowcombe Court, Crowcombe, Somerset. Our best wishes to them for a long and happy life together.

Also, Chris and Pauline's daughter Frances Jean and husband Marc Titmus Mather had a baby boy, Barnabe Felix on 11th August 2007 – more congratulations to them!

In October Ann and I met with Leroy and Marina Field (Marina is a great-grand daughter of Edward Garnet Man and grand daughter of Beatrice Eleanor Man) whilst they were visiting London as part of a vacation from their ranch home near Calgary, Canada. It was a real pleasure to meet with them and also Lilo Adam wife of the late Denison Adam who passed away in 2005. We had a good day together exploring some of the old MAN haunts in the City of London, including St Margaret Pattens Church where Henry Man was buried, followed by a good lunch! Marina has brought me up to date with events in the Hugh Lynch-Staunton family. Katherine Susan married Kyle Rast and their children are Brady William born March 3rd 2005 and Page Isabelle born 29th March 2007 while James Patrick Married Lauren Plomp and their children are Mathieus born 29th June 2003 and Sophie Lisolette born 28th May 2005. Thomas Richard married Lisa Wilson.

Meanwhile Ryan Man, second son of the late Tom Man (son of Ed) and Sue, has followed me into the food and hospitality business with a first posting at the Broadmoor Estate in Colorado USA following training at the Scottsdale Culinary Institute. Good Luck to you Ryan. In 2006 Sue remarried to Jim Wright and we hope they will enjoy a long and happy life together. Congratulations to you Sue!

Next to the MAN with what is surely the longest name (as opposed to my brother Ian whose whole name uses the least number of letters of any name I have come across – just 4 [IAN MAN]) - yes, congratulations to Joseph Man, son of Richard Lionel Garnet Man, who has, along with partner Clarissa Bromelle named his son ZEBEDEE EDWARD OTTO SEMPER GARNET MAN. The second claim to fame is that Zebedee weighed in at just 450 grams or just under 1lb on his birthday 19th July 2006 some 4 months early! When we heard from Joe in January 2007 Zebedee was wowing the surgeons with his many feats of survival and was fighting lung disease with the help of oxygen but was at home with Mum & Dad and I hope he is by now fit and strong!

Ann & Jim Holdaway are in touch each year from New Zealand and Ann has told me of Jim's forthcoming 90th birthday on 8th January! Congratulations to you Jim and great to hear of all the great grandchildren, Phoenix Charles, Ethan and Hannah Margaret Ann all children of Michelle and Grant and Jasmine Grace, daughter of Nicola.

Colin Man Carden told me of the birth of his Grandson Toby Noah Carden on 21st July 2007 at Canterbury, son of David and Catherine and brother to Oliver, also of the arrival of his Grand daughter Freya Mhairi Carden on 6th January 2007.

I have also been in touch this year with a lady who we have established is descended from Edward Fowle of the same Fowle family as Louisa Caroline Fowle as married Harry Stoe Man. The tale takes a bit of telling and there is not sufficient space this year, but I will include it in next year's edition.

Finally our thoughts are with William Man and his wife Amanda for the safe and speedy recovery of their daughter Diana who has been and is still very ill. We hope to hear good news soon.

My apologies for any events I may have missed!

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May I take this opportunity of wishing a very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year to all of our family.

Steve Man.

Steve Man - December 2007.