

Some Advertisements Placed by James Man (senior) in London  
Newspapers Followed by a Note on his Son James Man (junior)  
and his (senior's) Business Partner William Humfrey.

By David Man. April 2, 2016

James Man was born in 1755 on Mansel Street, Whitechapel, London, the youngest son of John and Mary (Balchen) Man, and was baptized on 20<sup>th</sup> July 1755 at St. Mary Matfellow. He married Sarah Roberts on 15<sup>th</sup> September 1781 at St. Mildred Poultry, London. James died on 11<sup>th</sup> November 1823 at St. Petrox, Dartmouth, Devonshire, and was buried on 15<sup>th</sup> November at St. Saviour, Dartmouth. James and Sarah had two sons Edward (1782- 1834) and James (1783 – 1841).

The business was initially located in Harp Lane and then moved to Mincing Lane. When James retired in 1819 his two sons took over the business as the following notice indicates:

**T**HE Partnership heretofore subsisting between James Man the elder, Edward Man, and James Man the younger, of Mincing-Lane, London, West-India-Brokers, under the firm of James Man and Sons, was this day dissolved by mutual consent. The business of the late firm will in future be carried on by Edward Man and James Man the younger, under the firm of Edward and James Man.—Dated this 28th June 1819.

*James Man, sen.*

*Edward Man.*

*James Man, jun.*

However in about 1827 James (Jnr) branched out on his own and his venture as a trader on his own account is given at the end of this short essay.

From reading the advertisements placed in Newspapers from the mid 1780's to the early 1800's we find James Man the elder selling a wide variety of commodities such as: Cocoa and Coffee from Jamaica, Dominica, and Demerara. Various types of hard woods such as Lignum Vitae and Mahogany from Jamaica. Spices and plant products such as Cayenne Pepper, Black and White Ginger, Pimento, Balsam Tolu, Arrowroot, Indigo, and Gum Elemi. Cotton from Smyrna, Jamaica, San Domingo, Caracas, and Cartagena. Spirits such as Cognac, Rum, and Hollands Geneva (Gin). And, don't forget the Beeswax, Tortoiseshells, and marble chimneypieces that came from a captured Spanish prize ship.

21<sup>st</sup> April 1788

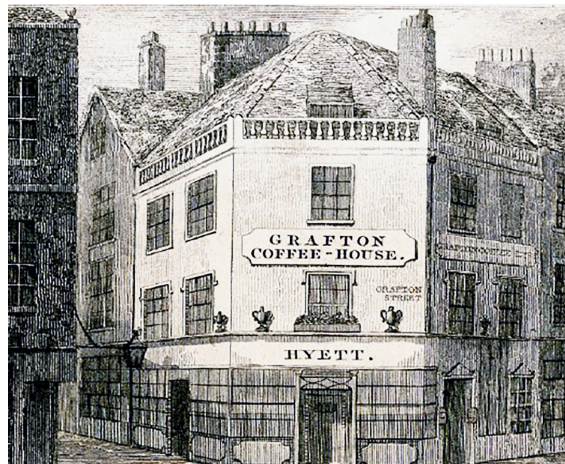
**JAMES MAN** respectfully acquaints the Publick, that the RUM advertised by him for Sale on TUESDAY next, is disposed of by Private Contract.  
Harp-Lane, April 11.

23<sup>rd</sup> November 1795

At GARRAWAY'S Coffee-house, Cornhill,  
On Thursday, the 26<sup>th</sup> Instant, at Five,  
**THE FOLLOWING GOODS, Viz.**  
200 Bags St. Domingo Cotton  
100 Bags Jamaica Cotton | 60 Tons Jamaica Log-wood  
100 Serons Carthagenia do  
60 Tons Lignum Vitae  
Catalogues of which will be given in due time by  
**JAMES MAN, Broker, Harp-Lane.**

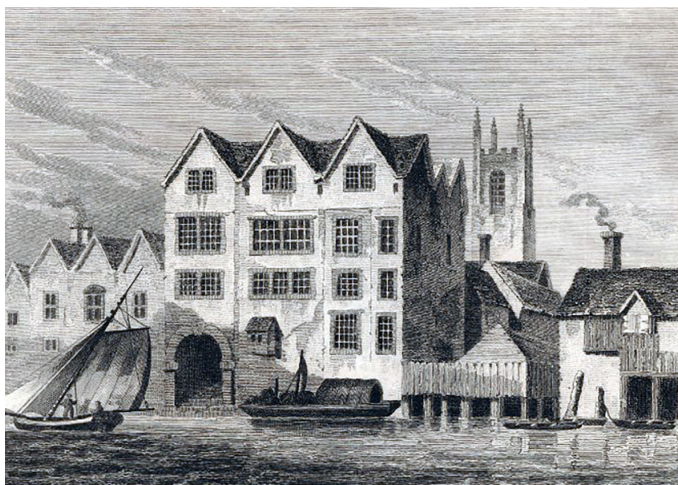
Serons Carthagenia do [ditto] = barrels of cotton from Cartagena [in the Spanish West Indies]

Right: The Grafton Coffee House. © Trustees of the British Museum



October 1795

1 rate, per Sir Edward Hughes, in 4 lots, to 104s to 108s per cwt.  
October 11. By Mr. James Man. Prompt for Coffee one month and 1 per cent. Cotton 14 days and 1½ per cent. discount. Coffee, for home consumption or exportation, viz. 17 hhds. Jamaica Coffee, in 5 lots, 71 14s to 81 5s per cwt.—1 hhd. damaged, 41 15s per cwt.—57 hhds. and barrels. Dominica Coffee, in 6 lots, 81 5s 6d to 81 7s per cwt.—51 hhds. &c. Demerary Coffee, in 15 lots, 71 10s to 81 3s per cwt.—39 hhds. and 62 bags Coffee (triage and ordinary) in 13 lots, 61 6s to 71 18s per cwt.—10 bags damaged, 51 18s per cwt.—109 bags Black Ginger, in 10 lots, 59s to 59s 6d per cwt.—1 bag Cotton Wool, 3s 3d per lb.—40 bags Carracca Cotton Wool, in 8 lots, 2s 3½d to 2s 4½d per lb.—20 bags Smyrna Cotton Wool, in 5 lots, 2s 3½d to 2s 3½d per lb.—2 bags and 4 mats damaged Cotton, 1s 3½d to 2s per lb.—10 kegs Cayenne Pepper, scratched out.



Above: A view of Upper Thames Street from the River. © Trustees of the British Museum. Right: South American peppers. © Trustees of the British Museum. Drawn by Maria Merrian who is related to David Man through his father's mother's side.





At GARRAWAY'S Coffee-house, Cornhill,  
On Thursday, the 26th Instant, at Twelve,  
**THE FOLLOWING GOODS, Viz.**  
250 Hhds. Coffee, for home consumption or  
Exportation  
50 — Cocoa ditto ditto  
200 Bags Pimento.  
Catalogues of which will be timely delivered by  
JAMES MAN, Broker, Harp Lane.



Garraway's Coffee House.  
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Barrels beside the River Thames. © Trustees of the British Museum

24<sup>th</sup> November 1795

**SALES BY CANDLE.**  
At GARRAWAY'S Coffee-house, Cornhill,  
On Friday, the 27th Instant, at Five,  
**THE FOLLOWING GOODS, Viz.**  
200 Bags St. Domingo Cotton  
100 Bags Jamaica Cotton 60 Tons Jamaica Log-  
100 Serons Carthagena do wood  
60 Tons Lignum Vitae  
Catalogues of which will be given in due time by  
JAMES MAN, Broker, Harp Lane.  
At GARRAWAY'S Coffee-house, Cornhill,  
On Thursday, the 3d of Dec. at Twelve,  
**THE FOLLOWING GOODS, Viz.**  
250 Hhds. Coffee, for home consumption or  
Exportation  
50 — Cocoa ditto ditto  
200 Bags Pimento  
Catalogues of which will be timely delivered by  
JAMES MAN, Broker, Harp Lane.  
At GARRAWAY'S Coffee-house, Cornhill.



Brokers and jobbers at work.  
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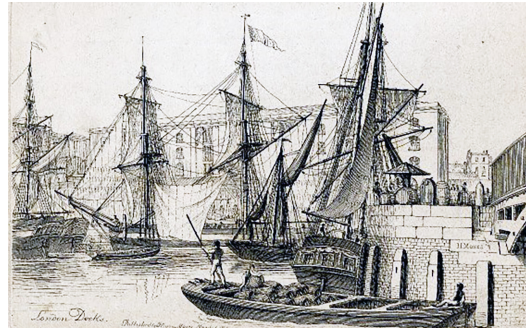


A 'Sale by Candle' was the usual method of auction-sale. A section of wax candle an inch long was lit for each lot, and the successful bidder was the one who shouted immediately before the candle went out.

1<sup>st</sup> December 1795

At GARRAWAY'S Coffee-house, Cornhill,  
On Thursday, the 3<sup>d</sup> of Dec. at Twelve,  
**THE FOLLOWING GOODS, Viz.**  
250 Hhds. Coffee, for home consumption or  
Exportation  
50 — Cocoa ditto ditto  
200 Bags Pimento  
Catalogues of which will be timely delivered by  
**JAMES MAN, Broker, Harp Lane.**

Right: View of London docks.  
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2<sup>nd</sup> January 1796

At GARRAWAY'S Coffee-house, Cornhill,  
On Thursday, the 14<sup>th</sup> Instant, at Six,  
**THE FOLLOWING GOODS, Viz.**  
200 Hhds. Coffee, for home consumption or  
Exportation.  
200 Bags Cotton ditto  
200 Ditto Black and  
White Ginger ditto  
400 Hides ditto  
30 Ton Logwood ditto  
30 Logs Mahogany ditto  
And other Goods.  
Catalogues of which will be timely delivered by  
**JAMES MAN, Broker, Harp Lane.**



Colonial Coffee mart and sugar warehouse.  
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London Docks. © Trustees of the British Museum

10<sup>th</sup> February 1796

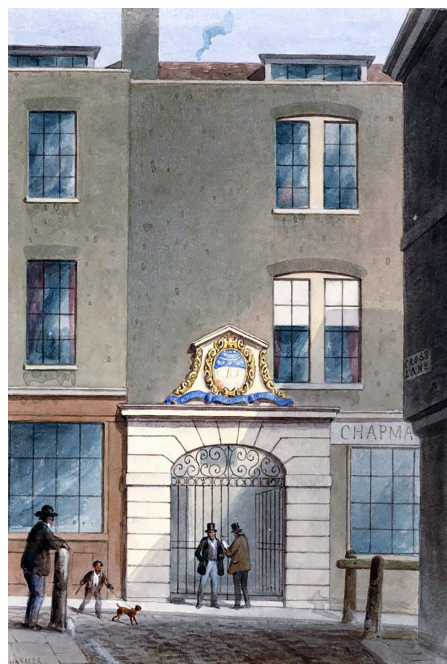
At GARRAWAY'S Coffee-House, Cornhill,  
To-morrow, the 11<sup>th</sup> Instant, at Six,  
**THE FOLLOWING GOODS, Viz.**  
25 Hhds. St. Domingo Prize Sugar for exportation.

205 Hogheads Jamaica Coffee, for home consumption or exportation	20 Tons Logwood
60 Bags Ditto Ditto	30 Goads of Barbadoes Aloes
418 Do. Black Ginger do.	8 Barrels Indigo
84 Do. White Ginger do.	1 Cask Bees Wax
36 Do. and Packets Jamaica and St. Domingo Cotton	4 Boxes Gum Elemi
	2 Casks Tortoiseshell
	1 — Balfam Tolu

Samples to be seen as follows: the Indigo, at Brandon and Co's Warehouse; the Logwood, at Hartley and Scott's Wharfs; and the rest of the Goods at the Broker's Warehouse, Harp-lane, where Catalogues may be had, and at the place of sale.

**JAMES MAN, Broker, Harp Lane.**

Left: A view of Harp Lane.  
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Over the years James apprenticed several young men to work for him as for example John Evans (last line) dated 29<sup>th</sup> August 1800:

Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> Aug <sup>r</sup>	
+1 Mary Prestage	St Leonards Shoreditch Midex Mantua <sup>m</sup> Ann East
+2 Mr Wallis	Boomin & Cornwall Attorney Mr Rogers
+3 Joshua Greaves	Cutizen & Leather Seller of London Ben Salkeld
+4 Mess Lewis & Jones	Little Knight Riders St Doctors Commons London Ammanper: Tho Graham
+5 Elizabeth Bethell	New Bond Street & of Midex Mullins Maria Mattonley
+6 Mr Man	Cutizen & Cooper of London Mr Evans

12<sup>th</sup> February 1796

February 11. By Mr. James Man. 25 hogheads Prize Sugar, for Exportation, 54s to 62s per cwt.—205 casks and 60 bags Jamaica Coffee, for Home Consumption or Exportation, viz. 2 casks and 4 bags (damaged) 36s to 68s per cwt.—4 casks and 1 bag, 90s to 97s 6d per cwt.—199 casks and 55 bags Coffee, 51 6d to 51 13s per cwt.—237 bags Black Ginger, in 12 lots, 77s 6d to 82s 6d per cwt.—181 bags scratched out.—84 bags White Ginger, scratched out.—360 bags Cotton (prompt 1 month) viz. 1 bag Jamaica (damaged) 6d per lb.—27 bags Jamaica Cotton, 19d to 22d per lb.—4 bags Barbadoes, 24d per lb.—6 pockets St. Domingo Cotton, 23d per lb. the remainder scratched out.—30 tons Logwood, 151 per ton.—30 goads Barbadoes Aloes, 131 to 131 5s per cwt.—1 cask Bees Wax, 101 per cwt.—1 cask Tortoiseshell, 10s per lb.—1 cask Balfam Tolu, 3s per lb.—8 casks Indigo and 4 boxes Gum Elemi, scratched out.



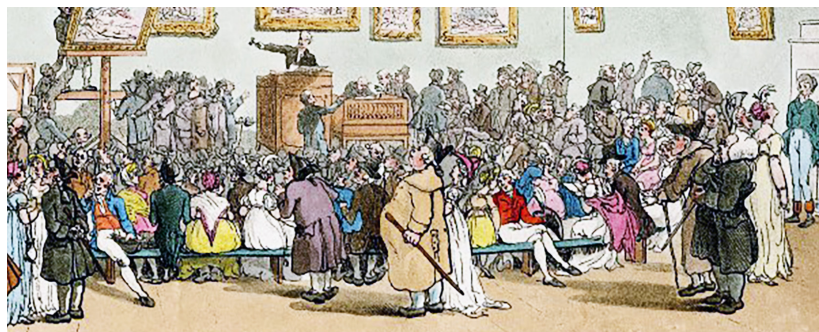


Tom King's Coffee House. © Trustees of the British Museum

14<sup>th</sup> October 1796

## MERCHANDIZE at LONDON.

October 13. By Mr. James Man. Prompt 1 month and 1 per cent. discount. Coffee, for home consumption or exportation, viz. 9 bags, in 1 lot, 71 3s 6d per cwt.—176 casks, 61 to 61 8s per cwt.—6 casks, 51 11s to 51 17s 6d per cwt.—1 cask damaged, 90s and 2 bags damaged, 3s 6d to 10s per cwt.—1 barrels sweepings, 98s per cwt.



An Auction. © Trustees of the British Museum



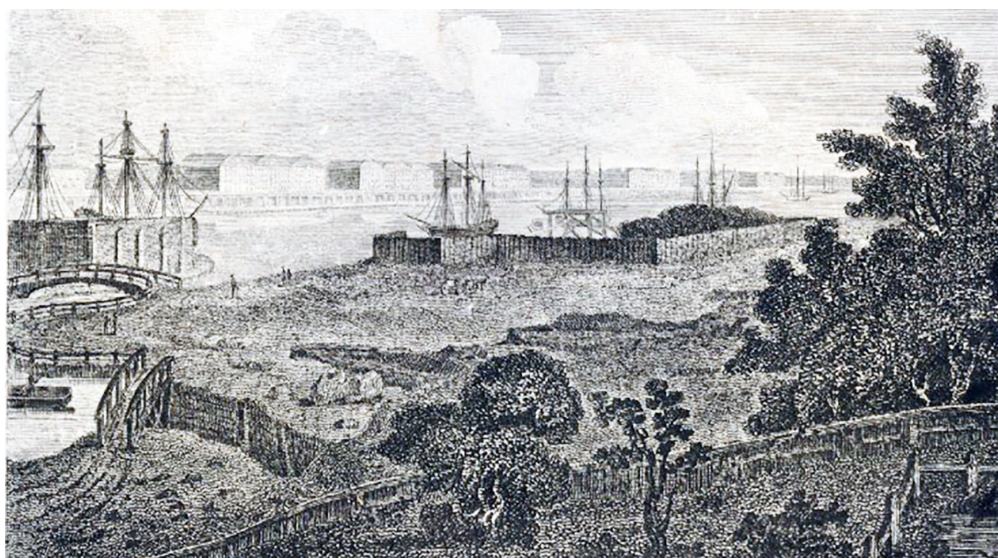
Mincing Lane

1<sup>st</sup> June 1797

A list of the names and residencies of the subscribers to the loan of £ 18,000,000, for the service of the year 1797. Ordered to be printed 1<sup>st</sup> June 1797

United Kingdom. Royal Navy United Kingdom. Bank of England Marlborough, John Churchill, Duke of

Richard Carter,	-	New road, Mary-le-bone	3,000
George Banks,	-	Bank	300
John Gretton,	-	Saint Margaret street, Old Palace yard	200
George Best,	-	Duke street, Saint James's	1,000
John McNabb,	-	Mile end	5,000
Charles Herries and Co.	-	Jefferies square	10,000
James Man,	-	Harp lane, Tower street	1,000
Bry. Broughton,	-	Treatury	3,000



A View of the West India Docks. © Trustees of the British Museum

5<sup>th</sup> September 1797

## M E R C H A N D I Z E at L O N D O N.

September 14. By Mr. James Man. Prompt one month. Coffee, for home consumption or exportation, discount  $1\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. 59 hhds. and 4 bags, 122s to 126s 6d per cwt.—Prize Coffee, for exportation only, discount  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. 90 hhds, 49 barrels, and 140 bags, 119s to 124s per cwt.—300 chests Havannah Sugar, for exportation only, no drawback, in 15 lots, 61s to 85s 6d per cwt.





Interior of a Coffee House. © Trustees of the British Museum

7<sup>th</sup> November 1797

Hemp, 15<sup>s</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> to 24<sup>s</sup> 6<sup>d</sup> per cwt.  
 November 15. By Mr. James Man. 110 chests Havannah Sugar, for exportation only (King's tare) in 6 lots, 67s to 84s per cwt.—30 barrels Coffee, for exportation only, 118s to 121s and 2 tierces damaged, 91s per cwt.—156 casks Coffee, for home consumption or exportation, ran e'y, 147 casks, 120s 6d to 130s and 9 casks damaged, 78s to 102s per cwt.—5 casks, 124 ferons, and 67 bags Prize Cocoa, for exportation only, 84s 6d to 89s and 3 ferons damaged, 60s per cwt.  
 At Mr. Man's Barba, Cacao, and Rionell. Being the entire cargo of the Ship



The Entrance to Blackwell Dock. © Trustees of the British Museum

1<sup>st</sup> December 1797

November 30. By Mr. James Man. Prompt one month and 1 per cent. discount. 27 casks and 75 bags Coffee, for home consumption or exportation, viz. 26 casks and 47 bags, 122s to 130s per cwt.—1 cask and 16 bags, 111s to 120s per cwt.—7 bags damaged, 41s to 111s and 3 b'gs sweepings, 113s per cwt.—7 casks and 72 bags White Ginger, 69s to 77s and 193 bags Black Ginger, 35s to 45s per cwt.—40 casks Noyeau, not put up to sale.





Holding a Commodities Auction.  
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5<sup>th</sup> June 1798

June 12. Mr. James Man's Sale consisting of 75 puncheons Strong Jamaica Rum for exportation, also 2 puncheons Hollands Geneva, and 2 puncheons Cogniac Brandy for home consumption, were sold by private contract.



Serving Coffee. © Trustees of the British Museum

6<sup>th</sup> July 1798

Fistula, in 13 lots, also not sold.

July 4. By Mr. James Man. Prompt for Coffee 1 month and 1 per cent. discount, and 14 days for the other goods, viz. the first 28 hhds. in 7 lots, 71 to 71 7s 6d, and the following 56 hhds. and 2 tierces, in 14 lots, 61 to 61 19s 6d, also 1 hhd. damaged, 101s per cwt.—Note, The Coffee for home consumption or exportation.—Cotton, 20 bags, in 5 lots 24d to 25 1/4d, and 10 bags, 20 1/4d to 20 1/2d per lb.—50 chests Noyau, in 25 lots, 64s to 66s per chest of 12 bottles each.—53 Sea Horse Teeth, in 1 lot, 101 per cwt.—23 bottles Castor Oil, in 2 lots, 5s 6d per bottle.—3 tons Logwood, 181 per ton.



The Coffee House. © Trustees of the British Museum

12<sup>th</sup> October 1798

October 11. By Mr. James Man. Prompt for Coffee one month and 1 per cent. Cotton 14 days and 1½ per cent. discount. Coffee, for home consumption or exportation, viz. 17 hhds. Jamaica Coffee, in 5 lots, 71 14s to 81 5s per cwt.—1 hhd. damaged, 41 15s per cwt.—57 hhds. and barrels. Dominica Coffee, in 6 lots, 81 5s 6d to 81 7s per cwt.—51 hhds. &c. Demerary Coffee, in 15 lots, 71 10s to 81 3s per cwt.—39 hhds. and 62 bags Coffee (triage and ordinary) in 13 lots, 61 6s to 71 18s per cwt.—10 bags damaged, 51 18s per cwt.—109 bags Black Ginger, in 10 lots, 59s to 59s 6d per cwt.—1 bag Cotton Wool, 3s 5d per lb.—40 bags Carracca Cotton Wool, in 8 lots, 2s 3½d to 2s 4½d per lb.—20 bags Smyrna Cotton Wool, in 5 lots, 2s 3½d to 2s 3½d per lb.—2 bags and ¼ mats damaged Cotton, 1s 2½d to 2s per lb.—10 kegs Cayenne Pepper, scratched out.

3<sup>rd</sup> November 1798

November 22. By Mr. James Man. British Plantation Coffee, for home consumption or exportation, 317 hhds. and 11 bags, 71 10s 6d to 81 7s per cwt.—37 casks, in 8 lots, 61 8s 6d to 71 6d per cwt.—2 casks damaged, 61 1s.—1 bag sweepings, 70s per cwt.

17<sup>th</sup> December 1799.

**ITALIAN POLISHED MARBLE CHIMNEY PIECES  
and ARROW ROOF.**

**T**O be SOLD by AUCTION, on Thursday next, at half past one o'clock precisely, STATUARY, VEIN, and DOVE MARBLE CHIMNEY PIECES of convenient sizes and modern fashion, both plain and richly carved (part of a Spanish Prize).

May be viewed to the time of sale, (where they are all fixed in their proper shapes), at Hartley's Wharf, the bottom of Freeman's-lane, Horshly Down, Southwark.

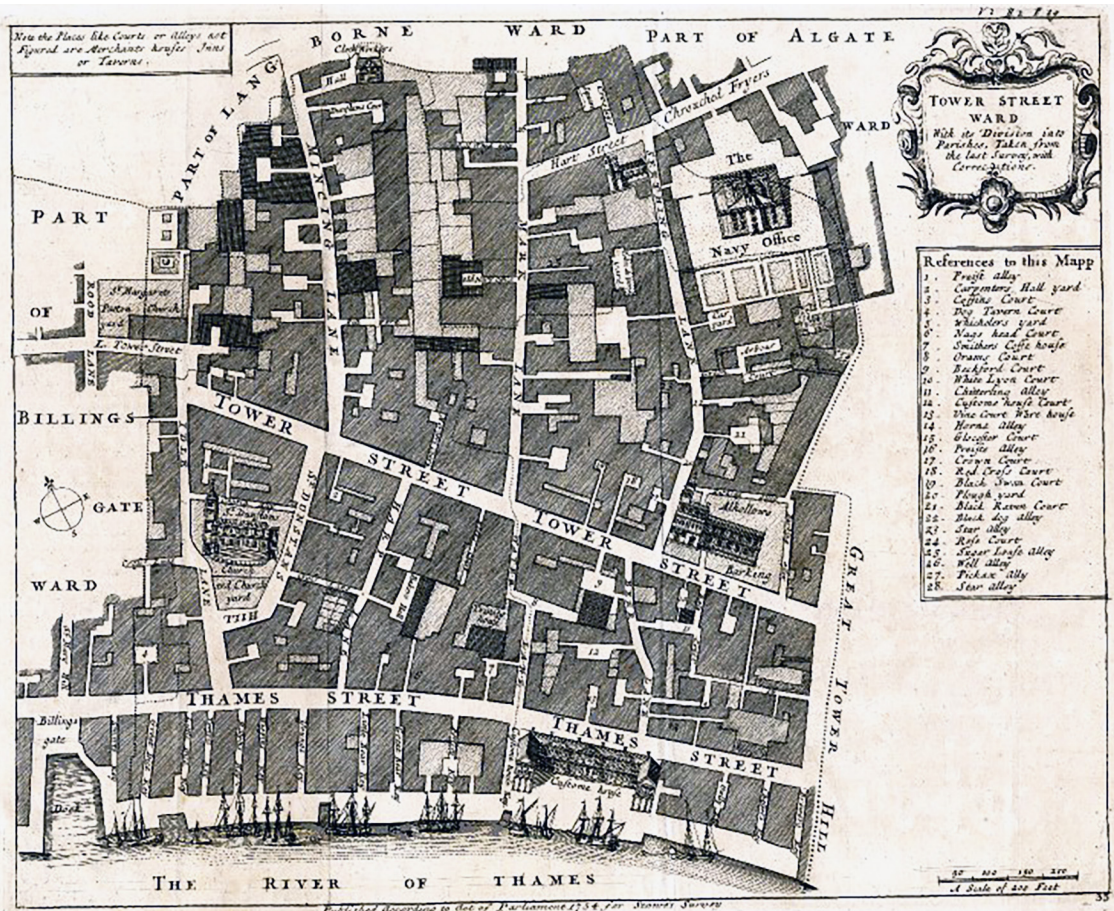
Likewise a Quantity of ARROW ROOF; samples of which may be seen at the Broker's Office, Harp-lane, Tower-street, by  
**JAMES MAN, Sworn broker.**

Right: St. Saviour's Docks. © Trustees of the British Museum





THE COMMERCIAL SALE ROOMS, MINCING LANE.  
(Used at this time as the temporary Custom House.)



A map of London showing Harp Lane running north to south from Tower Street to Thames Street and Mincing Lane running north from Tower Street. St Dunstan in the East is at the West end of Tower street and All Hallows at the East. © Trustees of the British Museum





The Auction. © Trustees of the British Museum

1800 James also helped to sell his late brother Henry's posthumously published collected works.

In the Press, and speedily will be published,  
**THE MISCELLANEOUS WORKS** of the  
 late **HENRY MAN**, of the South Sea House, in  
 PROSE and VERSE, Two Volumes Octavo, Price One  
 Guinea.  
 Subscriptions will be received by **HARRY STOE**, Esq.  
 South Sea House; **THOMAS COPE** and **JOHN TAN-**  
**NER**, Esqrs. Stock Exchange; and Messrs: **SANSOM** and  
 Co. Bankers, Lombard-street; **Mr. JAMES MAN**, Harp-  
 lane, Tower-street; and of **Mr. JOHN MORRICE**, Exe-  
 cutor to the Estate, East Malling, Kent.

Right: Houses along Thames Street.  
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Hard Wood, 93s. per ton.—130 Lance wood spars, 6s. 9d. to 7s. 5d. per spar.

August 5. By Messrs. Beattsons and M'Ghie. 6000 single Quebec staves, 122l. to 130l. per thousand.—1000 double ditto, 165l. to 167l. per thousand.—17 Quebec masts, 10l. to 14l. 15s. per load.

August 9. By Messrs. T. Bowden and Co. 1411 chests Peruvian bark, 2s. 3d. to 8s. per lb.

August 10. By Messrs. James Man and Son. 315 casks and bags Plantation Coffee, 5l. to 5l. 7s. 6d. per cwt.—108 bags Pimento, 12½d. to 12¾d. per lb.—1 cask Tortoiseshell, withdrawn.

Right: Inside the Coffee Shop.  
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West India Docks. © Trustees of the British Museum

3<sup>rd</sup> April 1813 *The Ipswich Journal*

**HARWICH, ESSEX.**  
*Genuine highly-flavoured Old Jamaica Rum,*  
*Coffee, Cotton, and Logwood,*  
**To be SOLD by AUCTION**  
**By E. JERMYN,**  
 For the Benefit of the Underwriters, and others concerned,  
 at the Three Cups Inn, Harwich, on Thursday, the  
 22d day of April, 1813, at Twelve precisely,  
**The FOLLOWING GOODS:**

**40** Puncheons of very superior highly-flavoured Old Jamaica Rum, about 4 tons of Coffee, 2 tons of Logwood, and one bag of Cotton, weighing about 2 cwt. being part of the cargo of the ship *Atlas*, from Jamaica, wrecked on the Kentish Knock in 1811.

The Rum will be put up in lots of one puncheon each, and the Coffee in lots of from 6 to 8 cwt. each, for the convenience of purchasers.

Samples to be seen, and catalogues had seven days previous to the sale, at Messrs. James Man and Sons, No. 9, Mincing-lane, London; and at Messrs. Heseltine and Billingsleys, Church-street, Harwich.



Below: The West India docks in 1803. © Trustees of the British Museum

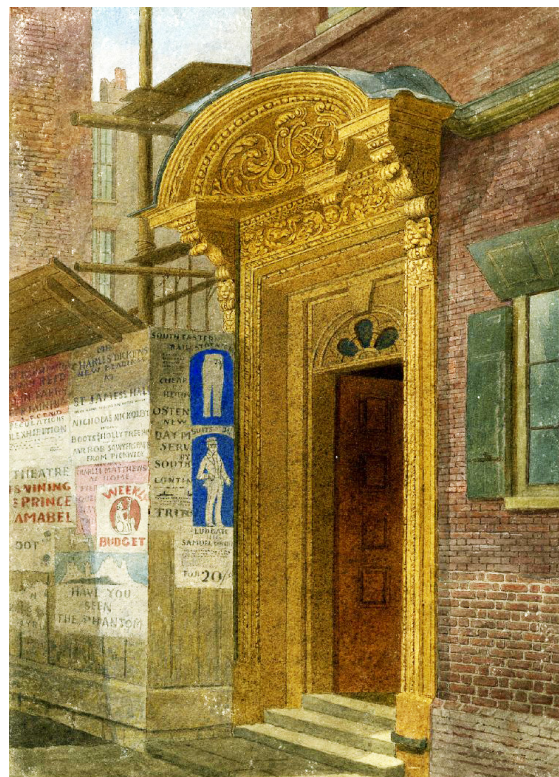


Below left: Trading in Mincing Lane late in the middle of the Nineteenth Century. Right: A doorway in Mincing Lane [© Trustees of the British Museum]



Drawn by Waldo Sargent.

IN MINCING LANE.





A Note on the Less Successful James Man [Jnr.] (1783 – 1842)

After James Man senior retired from business in 1819 his two sons Edward and James junior continued together as commodity traders for several years under the name Edward & James Man; West India Brokers at No. 9 Mincing Lane. However in about 1827 James went off on his own account to become an ironmonger and copper nail manufacturer at Red Lion Warehouse, Upper Thames Street while his brother Edward continued trading at Mincing Lane.

Unfortunately James was not as successful as either his father or his brother Edward and beginning in the early 1830's a series of bankruptcy notices appeared in the London newspapers some of which are repeated below. These notices appeared on and off until about 1840

From *The Law Journal* of 1830:

merchant. <b>WRIGHT L. W. ....</b>	<b>Henry Weston, No. 37, High-street, South-wark, banker, and James Man, Red Lion Warehouse, Thames-street, ironmonger.</b>	<b>Hamber, Messenger. Catten, Messenger.</b>
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From November 23<sup>rd</sup> – December 30<sup>th</sup> 1839.

**BANKRUPTS.**  
**TO SURRENDER AT BASINGHALL STREET**  
**James Man, of Brickhill lane, Upper Thames street,**  
**wholesale ironmonger, November 26 and December 31 ;**  
**solicitors, Messrs. Desborough and Young, Size lane,**  
**Bucklersbury.**

*LONDON GAZETTE, Tuesday, Nov. 19.*

**BANKRUPTS.**  
**James Man, Brickhill-lane, Upper Thames-street, wholesale**  
**ironmonger, November 26, December 31. Solicitor, Mr Cannan,**  
**Finsbury-square.**

**James Man, Brickhill-lane, wholesale ironmonger, November 26,**  
**Dec. 31, at the same place. Solicitors, Desborough & Co. London**

**James Man, wholesale ironmonger, Brickill-lane, Upper**  
**Thames-street.**

**BANKRUPTCY COURT, BASINGHALL-STREET.**  
 Before Mr. Commissioner Merivale.  
 John Tozer, of Duke-street, carver and gilder, last examination at eleven.  
 Before Mr. Commissioner Fane.  
 James Man, of Brickhill-lane, Upper Thames-street, wholesale ironmonger, last examination at twelve.

**W**HEREAS a Fiat in Bankruptcy is awarded and issued forth against James Man, of Brickhill lane, Upper Thames-street, in the city of London, Wholesale Ironmonger and Copper-Nail Manufacturer, Dealer and Chapman, and he being declared a bankrupt is hereby required to surrender himself to Robert George Cecil Fane, Esq. a Commissioner of Her Majesty's Court of Bankruptcy, on the 26th day of November instant, at one in the afternoon precisely, and on the 31st day of December next, at twelve of the clock at noon precisely, at the Court of Bankruptcy, in Basinghall-street, in the city of London, and make a full discovery and disclosure of his estate and effects; when and where the creditors are to come prepared to prove their debts, and at the first sitting to choose assignees, and at the last sitting the said bankrupt is required to finish his examination, and the creditors are to assent to or dissent from the allowance of his certificate. All persons indebted to the said bankrupt, or that have any of his effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to Mr. D. Cannau, 46, Finsbury-square, the Official Assignee, whom the Commissioner has appointed, and give notice to Messrs. Desborough and Young, Solicitors, 6, Sise-lane, Bucklersbury.

From *The London Gazette* 1840:

ROBERT GEORGE CECIL FANE, Esq. one of H. Majesty's Commissioners authorised to act under a Fiat in Bankruptcy, bearing date the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 1839, awarded and issued forth against James Man, Of Brick-hill lane, Upper Thames-street, in the city of London, Wholesale Ironmonger and Copper Nail Manufacturer, Dealer and Chapman, will sit on the 17th of March next, at eleven in the forenoon precisely, at the Court of Bankruptcy, in Basing-hall-street, in the city of London, in order to make a Final Dividend of the estate and effects of the said bankrupt; when and where the creditors, who have to already proved their debts, are to come prepared to prove the same, or they will be excluded the benefit of the said Dividend. And all claims not then proved will be disallowed.

Right toward the end of his life James went into partnership as a wine trader with Frederick Seldom and once again proved himself not good at business as both men were listed as bankrupts:



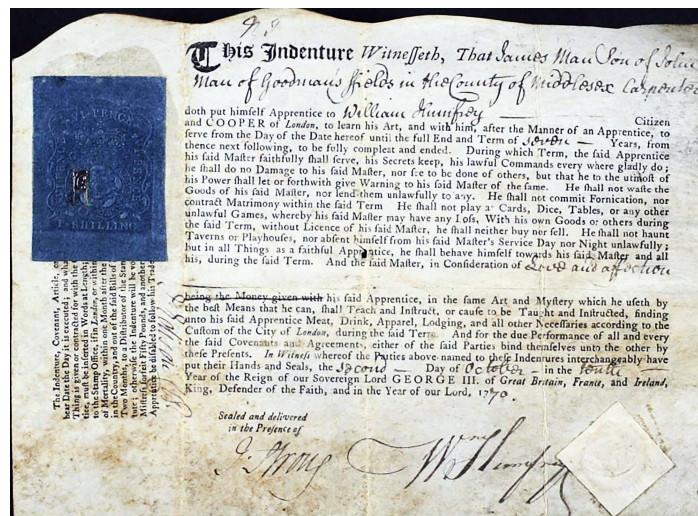
James Lardner, Flagon Street, late of Old Trinity House, Water Lane, wine and spirit merchants.  
 Frederick Seldom and James Man, late of Old Trinity House, Water Lane, wine and spirit merchants.  
 Joseph Biddam and Frederick Berryman, Little Love Lane, Wood-



Old Trinity House in 1857.  
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## A NOTE ON WILLIAM HUMFREY Snr. And WILLIAM Jnr .

There were two William Humfreys – father and son – who were involved in James Man Snr's life. It was to the father that James was apprenticed as a cooper on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1770:

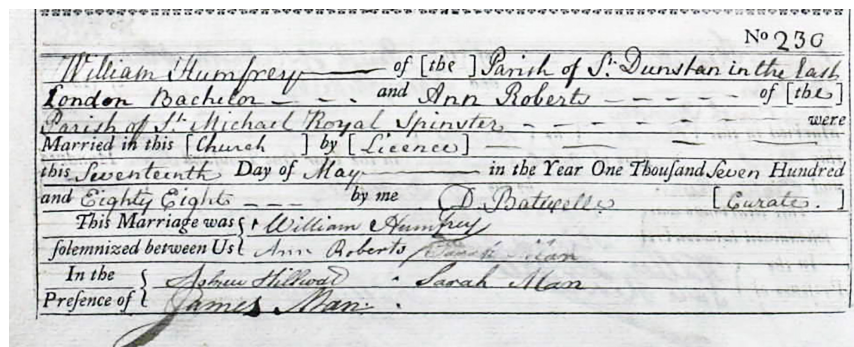


It was William Humfrey, the son, with whom James became a business partner over the course of several years before James branched out on his own.

James also became William's brother in law when in 1788 James's wife's sister Ann Roberts married William Humfrey Jnr.

A baptismal record for a William Humfrey baptized on 14<sup>th</sup> March 1749 at Saint Katherine by the Tower, London may well be "our" William.

He married Ann Roberts on 17<sup>th</sup> May 1788 at St Michael Paternoster Royal. Ann's sister Sarah (Roberts) Man and James Man were witnesses. William had been a witness to James Man's marriage to Sarah Roberts in 1781.



A daughter Ann was born on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1791 and baptized on 5<sup>th</sup> March 1791 at Saint Dunstan in the East, London (below).





St Dunstan in the East © Trustees of the British Museum

Like James Man Snr., William regularly placed advertisements in London newspapers:

**Sales by the Candle.**  
**At GARRAWAY's Coffee-House, in Exchange-Alley, Cornhill, THIS DAY the 23d Instant, at Twelve o'Clock at Noon,**  
**THE Following Goods, just landed, viz.**  
 69 Hhds } Martinico Sugar  
 34 Tierces }  
 155 Hhds }  
 2 Tierces } Guadalupe Sugar  
 2 Barrels }  
 Samples of the above to be seen to the Time of Sale, at Mr. William Humfrey's, Cooper, in Harp Lane, Tower Street; where Catalogues may be had, at the Place of Sale, and of  
**BENJ. VAUGHAN and SON, Brokers.**

23<sup>d</sup> September 1762

**At SAM's Coffee-house, next the Custom-house, in Thames-street,**  
**THIS DAY, the 7th inst. at Five o'clock,**  
**THE FOLLOWING GOODS,**  
 V I Z.  
 304 Pipes of Wine,  
 23 Hogheads ditto.  
 Being the entire cargo of the ST. CARLOS & ST. PEDRO, taken by the private ships of war the Union and Phoenix, George and Jacob Boxer, commanders, both belonging to Folkestone.  
 The above Wines being under the care of Mr. William Humfrey, in Harp-Lane, are to be seen and tasted at Ralph's Quay, to the time of sale; where catalogues may be had; at Mr. William Smith's, mast-maker, Wapping; and of  
**EDWARD SIMON, Broker,**  
 in Scots Yard, Bush-Lane, Cannon-street.

7<sup>th</sup> April 1780

**At GARRAWAY's Coffee-house, in Exchange-alley,**  
**On Thursday the 18th instant,**  
**At Five o'clock in the Afternoon;**  
**THE FOLLOWING GOODS,**  
 V I Z.  
 About 235 large hogheads of fine Clay'd Sugars,  
 80 ditto, Muscovade ditto,  
 230 casks } Coffee:  
 400 bags }  
 Being part of the Cargo of the GRAND DON DE DIEU, Captain Davigneaud, a French prize from St Domingo, taken by the PITT Private Ship of War, of Jersey, Thomas de St. Croix, Commander.  
 Catalogues of which will be timely delivered by  
**THOMAS AXFORD,**  
 and  
**WILLIAM HUMFREY. } Brokers.**

6<sup>th</sup> February 1779

Below: The West India Docks. © Trustees of the British Museum



The following insurance policies can be found at the London Metropolitan Archives:  
 MS 11936/387/604472 Insured: William Humfrey and James Man, 23 Harp Lane,  
 Tower Street, wine coopers, brokers and merchants Other property or occupiers:  
 133 Fenchurch Street Date: 29 August 1792 MS 11936/400/642612 Insured:  
 William Humfrey and James Man, Harp Lane, Tower Street, brokers Other property  
 or occupiers: 5, 6, Coppins Court, near Harp Lane; 23 Harp Lane Date 2 June 1795.

Below: the view of the Tower from Tower Street in 1784. © Trustees of the British Museum.





On Thursday last Richard Peers, Esq; held a Wardmote at Blacksmith's Hall, in order to begin the scrutiny demanded in behalf of Mr. Richard Clark and Mr. John Mills; but upon opening the Wardmote, the scrutineers declined going on therewith; whereupon Mr. William Humfrey, and Mr. Abraham Green, were declared duly elected, and also sworn in Common Councilmen for the said Ward.

William Jnr. died in July 1795 aged 50:

At his house on Clapham Common, Mr. William Humfrey, sugar-broker, of Harp-lane.

He did not leave a will.

#### CLAPHAM COMMON.

By Mr. SMITH

On the Premises, on Monday the 17th of August, at Eleven o'Clock (by Order of the Administratrix), unless previously disposed of by Private Contract.

A MOST desirable RESIDENCE, finished with taste and convenience, suitable for a GENTEEL FAMILY, delightfully situated on the North Side of Clapham Common, the late Residence and Property of

WILLIAM HUMPHREY, Esq. deceased.

The HOUSE contains Eight Bed-rooms, Two Dressing rooms, a handsome Dining Parlour, and elegant Drawing room, finished with a Bow Front; excellent Offices and Cellaring, PLEASURE and KITCHEN GARDENS, walled and cloathed with Fruit Trees in full Perfection, a MELON GROUND, GREEN-HOUSE, large Coach-Yard, COACH HOUSE, Stabling, Chaise-House, Piggery, &c. with a FIELD of about THREE ACRES.

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1st August 1795

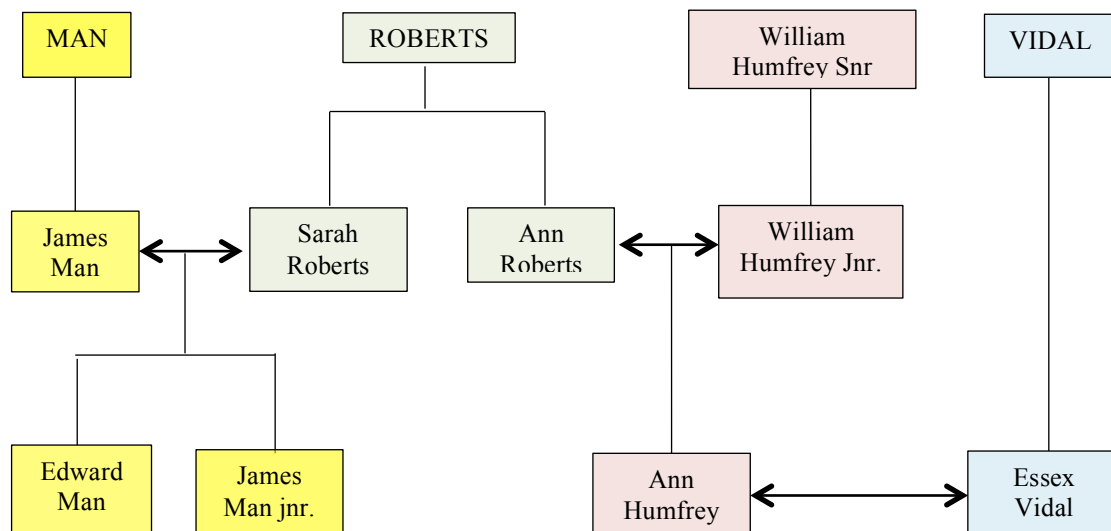
On 30<sup>th</sup> March 1848 Ann Humfrey married Emeric Essex Vidal (1791 – 1861) at Saint Saviors, Walcott, Bath. The *Gentleman's Magazine* noted the marriage:

1848 At Bath, Emeric Essex Vidal, esq. of Ersham Lodge, Hailsham, Sussex, to Anne, dau. of the late William Humfrey, esq. of Clapham Common.

Below from *Salisbury and Winchester Journal*, 8<sup>th</sup> April 1848

**Somerset.—April 4, at St. Saviour's Church, Bath, Emeric Essex Vidal, Esq., of Ersham Lodge, Hailsham, Sussex, to Anne, daughter of the late William Humfrey, Esq., of Clapham Common.**

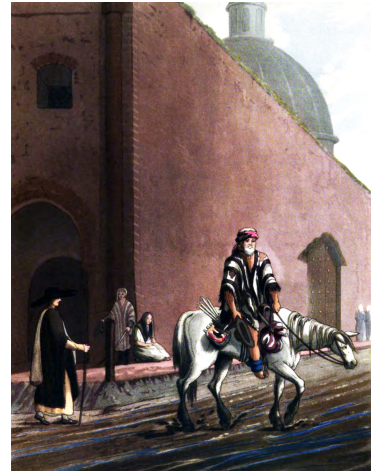
Emeric Essex Vidal was the son of Emeric Vidal, a naval officer who served as secretary to three distinguished admirals (Sir Robert Kingsmill, Sir John Ross, and Robert Duff), and his wife, Jane Essex. The Vidals came originally from the Basque country.



Emeric had married Anna Jane Capper in 1814 but she died in 1846 at Bath, Somerset. They had three children. Hence Emeric was a widower when he married Ann Humfrey. They did not have children.

The following is from Wikipedia: Emeric enlisted in the Royal Navy in 1816, and arrived at Rio de la Plata in September the same year, aboard the British schooner "Hyacinth". He remained in the country until 1818. Vidal made a second trip to the Argentina, settling in the country between 1826 and 1829. His watercolours of Argentina were published in London in 1820 under the title *Picturesque illustrations of Buenos Ayres and Montevideo*.





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Ann (Humfrey) Vidal and her husband and his daughter have been found on the 1851 census at Ersham Lodge in the Parish of Hailsham, Sussex; Emeric Essex Vidal, heads the household, age 60, born at Brentford, Middlesex; occupation: paymaster and purser, Royal Navy, on half pay.

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Parish or Township of <b>Hailsham</b>		Ecclesiastical District of <b>Hailsham</b>		City or Township of <b>Hailsham</b>		County of <b>Sussex</b>		Village of <b>Hailsham</b>	
House No.	Name of Street, Place, or Road, and Name or No. of House	Name and Surname of each Person who abode in the house, on the Night of the 30th March, 1851	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of		Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether Blind, or Infirm, or Deaf
					Male	Female			
1	Paul Cottage <i>Hailsham Common</i>	Samuel Tott Elizabeth Tott Margaret Tott Sophia Tott Frederic Tott Ellen Tott Samuel Tott	Head Wife Daughter Daughter Son Daughter Son	Mar Mar Unm Unm Unm Unm Unm	63 32 11 8 5 3 3		Agricultural Labourer	Sturges Hailsham	
2	Barham Cottage <i>Hailsham Common</i>	Robert Carey Elizabeth Carey Daniel Carey	Head Wife Son	Mar Mar Unm	63 32 11		Turnpike Road Labourer	Sturges Hailsham	
3	Ersham Lodge	Emeric Essex Vidal Anna Vidal Anna Jane Vidal Elizabeth Vidal Charlotte Vidal Frederic Vidal	Head Wife Daughter Daughter Daughter Son	Mar Mar Unm Unm Unm Unm	60 44 33 10 8 5		Paymaster & Purser R. Navy <i>off duty</i>	Brentford Middlesex	
4	West Cottage <i>Hailsham Common</i>	Charles Smith Ann Smith Charles Smith William Smith	Head Wife Son Son	Mar Mar Unm Unm	57 54 14 2		Sawyer of wood	Sturges Hailsham	

Total  
Stones  
Lb U oz H

Total of Persons 8 12

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Ann (Humfrey) Vidal and her husband have been found on the 1861 census; the year that Emeric Essex Vidal died:



The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the										9	Page 11		
Parish (or Township) of		City or Municipal Borough of		Municipal Ward of		Parliamentary Borough of		Town of		Hamlet or Tything, &c., of		Ecclesiastical District of	
Brighton		Brighton		St Peter		Brighton		Brighton					
No. of Schedules	Road, Street, &c., and No. or Name of House	HOUSES Inhabited (U.S. or F.R.)	Name and Surname of each Person	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of		Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether Blind, or Deaf and Dumb			
						Males	Females						
	Regent Place		Anneline Sampson	Owner		12			Sussex Brighton				
			Rosa Addley	Wife	Yrs	27		Wife	Kent				
			John Cuddley	Son	Yrs	23		Housemaid Servant	Sussex Hove				
			Elizabeth Rogers	do	Yrs	25		Cook	do Hove				
			William Goddard	do	Yrs	28		Housemaid	do Pyecombe				
53 2	do	1	James Anderson	Head	Yrs	26		Stitchholder	Middlesex Hammersmith				
			Isabella do	Wife	Yrs	22		Stitchholder	do				
			James Golding	Son	Yrs	20		House Servant	Sussex Brighton				
			Isabel do	Son	Yrs	25		do	do Brighton				
			Emily M. Clark	Son	Yrs	19		do	do Hove				
54 3	do	1	Robert E. Vidal	Head	Yrs	70		Retired Paymaster R.N.	Wiltshire Marlborough				
			Anna do	Wife	Yrs	70		do	do Brighton				
			James Jones	Son	Yrs	23		Cart's man Servant	Sussex Hove				
			Isabella Cartwright	do	do	24		Housemaid	do Hove				
			Henry Wymond	do	do	20		Cook	do Hove				
55 1	Palmerston Place	1	Frederick (George)	Head	Yrs	12		Schooler	Sussex Brighton				
			Joseph do	Son	Yrs	61		Land	Wiltshire				
			Henry do	Son	Yrs	62		do	Wiltshire				
			Emily do	Son	Yrs	20		do	Sussex Brighton				
56 2	do	1	Frederick Cartwright	Head	Yrs	67		Landholder	do East Sussex				
			John A. Cartwright	Son	Yrs	27		Cord Remanufacturer	do Brighton				
			Frederick Cartwright	Son	Yrs	27		Housemaid	do Brighton				
57 3	do	1	James Smith	Head	Yrs	40		Wife of House Proprietor	Sussex Brighton				
			W. E. Smith	Son	Yrs	8		Schooler	Sussex Brighton				
			W. E. do	Son	Yrs	4		do	Sussex Brighton				
5	Total of Houses...	5	Total of Males and Females...			6	19						

**VIDAL Emeric Essex.**

Effects under £3,000.

25 July.

The Will

of Emeric Essex Vidal late of 3 Lennox-place Brighton in the County of **Sussex** a Retired Paymaster R.N. deceased who died 7 May 1861 at Lennox-place aforesaid was proved at the **Principal Registry** by the oaths of the Reverend James Henry Vidal of Chiddingley Vicarage Hurst Green in the said County Clerk the Son and Edward Strickland of Westbury-on-Trym in the County of Gloucester Gentleman two of the Executors.

**VIDAL Anne.**

Effects under £4,000.

12 April.

The Will

of Anne Vidal late of 29 Buckingham-place Brighton in the County of **Sussex** Widow deceased who died 15 March 1870 at 29 Buckingham-place aforesaid was proved at **Lewes** by the oaths of the Reverend James Henry Vidal of Chiddingley in the County aforesaid Clerk and Joseph Samuda of 3 Dartmouth-Park-road Highgate-road in the County of Middlesex Esquire the Executors.