

# The Holliday Family Tree Newsletter

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N I C K Y S T E P N E Y

## A HOLLIDAY FAMILY WEDDING .....

After a lovely Spring, it seems as if Summer has finally arrived and the experts are predicting a good one in the UK, with high temperatures, so fingers crossed!

My sister Alison got married in April to Mark—a lovely guy and we are all very happy to have him in the family. You can see some photos of the day on page 15.

We haven't planned our summer holidays yet, but when the children break up at the end of July we hope to get away for a week then.

During the warmer months family history research sits on the back burner a little, as there is always so much to do around the house and garden, so I haven't really made any new contacts that I can tell you about. However, with the new website still up and running, I am having more people log on from different parts of the UK & NZ, so hopefully new members of the family will get in touch in the near future.

I have returned to the Lousley surname for this newsletter and have tried to find out about Job and Hannah Lousley's

parents Joseph Lousley and Mary Bosley. Joseph Lousley was born in the village of Uffington, which is about a 15 minute drive away from East Hagbourne. Mick and I took a drive out there in May. It is a pretty village with a beautiful church next to the local primary school. Luckily the church was open so we were able to go and have a nose around, however, there were no signs of any Lousleys buried in or outside the church. I am pretty sure that when Joseph moved to Blewbury when he was 9 years old, there was little or no further connection with the village of Uffington.

Thank you to those family members who have got in touch with articles for the newsletter—you will find Richard and Nicola Holliday's contribution on page 12. I have been helping Richard's mum, Jean Holliday do some research on her side of the family and we have come up with some information about her father that she knew nothing of up until a couple of months ago and Jean is hoping to write something for me for the issue in September for you all to read.

## THE VILLAGE OF UFFINGTON



of Britain, which was cut into the hillside 3000 years ago during the late Bronze Age.

The village has a fine church, known as The Cathedral of the Vale. Uffington has literary connections too. John Betjeman, Poet Laureate, lived in the village and Thomas Hughes, author of Tom Brown's School Days, was born at Uffington vicarage. Several of Hughes' books are based on local people and places.

The village of Uffington lies on the edge of the Vale of the White Horse, just north of the Berkshire Downs. Overlooking the village is the famous White Horse, a marvellous chalk figure, thought to be the oldest hill figure in the whole

## VILLAGE OF UFFINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE



Museum in Uffington



Standing on a corner of old sunken roads close by the churchyard in the village of Uffington, this tiny and unusual museum above has an interesting history. It is housed in the 390 year-old schoolroom that featured in Thomas Hughes' book 'Tom Brown's School Days'.

The Museum has displays of local history and archaeology as well as mementoes of Thomas Hughes and the late poet laureate, Sir John Betjeman, who spent many happy years living in Uffington.

Overlooking the village is the Iron Age hillfort of Uffington Castle, with the world famous White Horse just beneath.

## ST MARY'S CHURCH, UFFINGTON

St Mary's Church in the village of Uffington, also known as the Cathedral in the Vale, is considered one of the finest medieval churches in the County of Oxfordshire.

The church is set within the Vale of the White Horse and adjoins the old school which is now a museum.

It is a large building built almost entirely in one go by the Abbot of Abingdon about the year 1240. The central octagonal tower lost its spire during a storm in 1740 - *"ther was Uffington stepel beat down by a tempas, wind, thunder and liten December 2nd day 1740"*. The falling masonry must have done a great deal of damage as it fell and the steeple was never rebuilt, the existing tower replacing it.

The church has a dramatic south porch with fine original 13th century scrolling ironwork on the door.



The church is built using sandstone, imported from outside the area, but much of the building is rendered to protect the walls from the weather.

Thomas Hughes, the author of 'Tom Brown's School Days' was the grandson of the local vicar of Uffington and Thomas was christened in the font at St Mary's Church.

# JOSEPH LOUSLEY (1765-1825)

Joseph Lousley was born on 17 September 1765 at Bridgecombe Farm in the village of Uffington to parents Joseph Lousley and Elizabeth Clack. He later became the father of Job and Hannah Lousley who I have already covered in previous issues of this newsletter. Joseph was christened on 7 October 1765 at the church in Uffington.

Bridgecombe Farm is now known as Britchcombe Farm (see inset photo) and some of the farm land is now used to rent out to people who wish to have camping holidays.



At Michaelmas (Feast of St Michael which is on 29 Sept) 1774 when Joseph was aged 9, he moved to Blewbury where his father had taken lease of glebe land and tithe (land owned by the church). The manor house where they lived was modernised at the turn of the century and Joseph, perhaps to leave his mark for posterity, arranged his initials "J.L." to be chiselled into new facing bricks on the north wall.

In 1782, when Joseph was only 17 years old, his sweetheart Mary Bosley gave birth to a daughter, Hannah. Although Joseph and Mary were not married at the time, Joseph acknowledged that Hannah was his child and in fact the couple didn't get married until Hannah was pregnant with her second child Joseph. The marriage took place on 5 February 1784 at the church in Blewbury. As Joseph and Mary were both minors, they were married under licence with parental consent given. The witnesses were Jonathon Bosley and Elizabeth Pink.

Mary and Joseph went on to have a further 9 children; John (1785), John (1786), Mary Ann (1787), Charlotte (1788), Job (1790), Joseph Daniel (1792), Daniel (1793), Martha (1795) and Solomon (1797). Unfortunately, five of the eleven children died in infancy and this must have taken its toll as Mary died in 1797. A couple of years later, the property Joseph was living in at Blewbury and which was later known as Blewbury Farm, was purchased on 26 October 1799.

In 1801, Joseph was left the management of the Blewbury Farm, when his father and uncle John left for Aston Farm at Cherington in Gloucestershire.

Joseph was a shrewd, keen man of business, constantly helping people who were in trouble.

Although active in Parish affairs his commercial activities involved him in buying and leasing property and as a sideline he built up a wide reputation for being a valuer and agent for other peoples' estates. In 1810 on the death of his father, Joseph inherited property at Blewbury and Cherington Cottage. He was sole executor of his father's Will, but he later fell out with his Uncle John over legalities in the Will.

After Mary's death, although Joseph never married again, other Lousley researchers have discovered that Joseph had a long-term relationship with a Sarah Grimshaw, a shopkeeper from West Hagbourne and she bore Joseph a son on

1 January 1812 and he was christened Joseph after his father.

Joseph Lousley died 23 April 1825 aged 59 at Blewbury and was buried on 30 April. A memorial transcription in the form of a brass tablet was mounted on the North Wall of Blewbury Church, which is inscribed "*Beneath this iron slabe are deposited the remains of Joseph Lousley esquire of this place and a descendant of the ancient family of that name which for ages resided at Kingston in this county, died 23rd April 1825, aged 59 years*".

Joseph's Will was apportioned as follows:

Job and heirs – all property at Hampstead Norreys plus joint share with his brother Daniel, all the household property in Blewbury Farm.

Daniel and heirs—all property in Blewbury plus £1,500.

Mary Ann Lousley – Witneys Cottage in Blewbury, plus £3,000 and household property in West Hagbourne Farm.

Hannah Caudwell, Charlotte Slade and Martha Humfrey – "*whatever sum of money their husbands may be indebted to me at my demise*", plus £1,800.

In addition, Joseph left Sarah Grimshaw £500 and gave Job and Daniel Lousley £1,000 to be held in trust for Joseph Lousley, son of Sarah Grimshaw, to be paid to him when he turned 21 years. The residue of the estate was divided equally between all of his five children.

## JOSEPH LOUSLEY (CONTINUED)

### Blewbury Farm House (Manor House)



Above: This is Blewbury Farm House (previously the Manor House), where Joseph spent most of his life after he left Uffington. Between 22nd October 1795 and to at least 1807, Joseph was constable for the Great Manor of Blewbury, which meant he was responsible for the upkeep of the stocks, checked lock-ups, inspected alehouses, supervised the removal of beggars, oversaw the relief of the poor, convened parish meetings, presented parishioners who did not attend church regularly, compiled juror's lists and collected child maintenance from the fathers of illegitimate children.

Right: The house has changed many hands over the years, but in 1996 it was bought by Alice Coptcoat, a professional garden designer. She transformed the 10 acre garden into what it is now and the garden is open at certain times of the year to the public as part of the National Garden Scheme which raises money for charity. To give you an idea of its size, beauty and grandeur, the house and gardens were put on the market in 1996 for a staggering £3.5 million!!



**AND MARY BOSLEY  
(ABOUT 1766-1797)  
& SARAH GRIMSHAW (1777-1848)**

Mary Bosley was born in Blewbury, in approximately 1766.

I know very little at all about Mary's childhood and have found no record of her, until she married Joseph in 1784.

After bearing Joseph 11 children, five of whom died during infancy, Mary unfortunately died on 3 December 1797 and was buried in the chancel (northside) of Blewbury on 9 December 1797. She was aged just 31 years of age.

It is highly likely that she died as a result of complications during or shortly after childbirth with her eleventh child Solomon who died during the same month and who was buried on 23 December 1797. Mary's burial spot is now marked with a small white square of Sicilian marble with the initials "M.L".

On the north side of the Chancel of Blewbury Church:

*"In memory of Mary,  
wife of Joseph Lousley -  
A wife most kind, a  
mother dear, a  
neighbour good is  
buried here. The lord in  
mercy thought it best, to  
take her to a place of  
rest".*

As I mentioned on page 3, after Mary's death, Joseph had a long-term relationship with Sarah Grimshaw from West Hagbourne. Sarah and Joseph's son was named Joseph and his descendants spread far and wide, but mainly to New Zealand, Australia and Canada. I don't have enough room in this newsletter to tell you about these ancestors, but I will cover them in the next newsletter.

Sarah was born in 1777, daughter of James and Abigail Grimshaw. Sarah Grimshaw was apparently quite a popular figure amongst the men of Blewbury because prior to giving birth to

Joseph, she had already borne two other children from separate relationships; Leah and Maria.

On the 1841 census, Sarah is shown as living at Ivy Cottage in West Hagbourne (photo below)



Ivy Cottage, West Hagbourne

Sarah died 5 March 1848 and is buried in St Andrew's churchyard in East Hagbourne. On Sarah Grimshaw's gravestone is the inscription taken from the hymn

"Hark a Voice Divides the Sky":

Hark! A voice divides the sky, happy are the  
faithful dead!  
In the Lord who sweetly die, they from all  
their toils are freed;  
Them the Spirit hath declared blessed,  
unutterably blessed;  
Jesus is their great reward, Jesus is their  
endless rest"



Sarah Grimshaw's resting place

## DESCENDANTS OF JOSEPH LOUSLEY

### Hannah Lousley (1782 – 1849)

Hannah was Joseph and Mary's first child, born on 11 December 1782 in Blewbury. Hannah grew up in Blewbury and married William Caudwell and it is with this marriage that the Holliday family have their connection to the Caudwell family of Drayton Manor. I have already written about Hannah and William and their descendants in September 2008.

### Joseph Lousley ( 1784 – 1784 )

Joseph was the first son born just four months after Joseph and Mary were married. He was born on 13 June 1784, but died just a week later on 19 June and was buried at Blewbury Church on 22 June.

### John Lousley (1785 – 1785)

The following year in 1785, Mary gave birth to another boy, John in the village of South Moreton, but unfortunately he died as an infant and was buried on 22 June 1785 in the churchyard at South Moreton.

### John Lousley (1786–1786)

Yet another son John was born in 1786 on 9 March, but like the two previous sons, John also died young and he was buried in South Moreton on 2 April 1786.

### Mary Ann Lousley (1787–1844)

A daughter, Mary Ann was born on 19 May 1797 and she was baptised the next day on 20 May 1797 in South Moreton. There is a note in the parish records to say that Mary Ann was baptised privately and I would imagine this was because Joseph and Mary were worried that like her brothers she would not live long.

However, this time, it was not meant to be and Mary Ann survived well into adulthood. Mary Ann never married and lived with her younger sister Charlotte and her family for many years.

Mary Ann died at the age of 57 on the 18 August 1844 at Upton and was buried on 24th August 1844.

There is a written account of Mary Ann's death as recorded by her sister Charlotte Lousley when writing to her son Henry to inform him of his aunt's death:

*"She was taken ill on the Monday afternoon with violent pain in her side. Mrs Humfrey sent for Mr Breach who said it was pleurisy but she would get better. The pain lasted a day or two and on Saturday she altered in her countenance so your aunt sent to all her brothers and sisters who came on Saturday afternoon and I saw she was dying and she says 'I cannot think why Mrs Humfrey sent for all you. I am not so near my end as she thinks'. For Mr Macdonald (vicar) came in the evening and told her she would soon be in heaven with her dear friends that were gone before. It did not alarm her. She was very composed and when he was gone she says 'I did not think I was so near death'. I sat up with her and she kept whispering to herself something about Jesus Christ all the forepart of the night and after that she was silent. Not a ruffle on her countenance, nor a sigh, nor a moan, but her spirit took its departure about four in the afternoon on Sunday the 18th in a most peaceable and quiet way imaginable. As she lived, so she died, a Christian indeed, in whom there was no guile".*

In Mary Ann's Will, she left £600 to share between her brothers and sisters, Job, Daniel, Hannah, Charlotte and Martha. She also left 19 guineas to Joseph Grimshaw Lousley (her father's son by his relationship with Sarah) and to Sarah Grimshaw herself, she left a volume of Marks Devotional Testament.

She also left her bedstead and furniture of the room in which she slept, to her brother Job.

## AND MARY BOSLEY

### Charlotte Lousley (1788–1847)

Charlotte Lousley was born on 18 December 1788 at Moreton House in South Moreton and christened on 12 January 1789 in the same village. Charlotte married Henry Slade on 20 May 1815 in Blewbury. Charlotte and Henry lived in the village of Aston Upthorpe where they had nine children. There is not enough room in this newsletter to tell you all about their children, so I will write about them in a future newsletter.

What I can tell you about Charlotte however, is that during the years 1839 to 1845 she wrote at least 30 letters to her firstborn son Henry when he left England to live in Australia and then India. The letters she wrote have survived to this day and I found summaries of them on the following website if you would like to take a look::

[www.geocities.com/stillnomad/index.htm](http://www.geocities.com/stillnomad/index.htm)

Biographical notes on Charlotte Slade (nee Lousley) taken from "This Wonderful Village - Letters to Australia and India 1839-1845" published by Martin West. I now have typed transcripts of all these letters.

A strong sense of family runs through all Charlotte's letters to Henry. She takes care to keep her son up to date on developments from both sides of the family, possibly even more detail on the Slades than Lousleys.

The letters resound with the endless worries that a mother has about her children, particularly her eldest son. One letter begins with the admirable *'I was sorry to hear by your last letter that you had so many boils'*. Time and again she reminds him, both indirectly and directly that he should find a wife and bring her back to England. His sojourn amongst the fleshpots of Calcutta, however, does provoke some concerns. Henry hints at a surprise in one of his letters and Charlotte jumps to the conclusion that he may have taken one of the fair sex. Her mind runs on. Will it be a blackee? *'We shall be most happy to see her with you on your wedding excursion. We can take her on Blewberton to have a little fresh air blew on her or walk her up Loughborough. Twill blew some of the putrid scent from her'*. She also reminds him constantly about the debts he trails behind him relating to various items sent out to Australia. Needless to say, she advises him on keeping his underwear clean. By the same token, she complains constantly about his not writing enough to her. When he does write, he has, in the custom of the time, crossed the writing to such an extent that nobody can read them. Endless successions of gentlemen borrow the letters to try their hand at decipherment. She drops a series of hints to hear the exact nature of his business in Calcutta, but never really seems to get the full details she wants. Her reading takes on a strong focus about stories from Australia and, latterly, India. She allows herself to become worked up over stories recounting disasters that take place in Australia, worrying that Henry has drowned or died in some other way. Charlotte had an enormously developed religious sense and was perhaps an Evangelical. The letters contain many passages where she sends her son short sermons on the vicissitudes of life and the promise of a deserved afterlife.

She herself seems to have attended as many services as possible. Charlotte exhibits many characteristics of the Evangelical. Notices of death, in particular, cause Charlotte to devote many lines to moralising and speculation.

Charlotte and Mrs Elizabeth Fuller (a neighbour) clearly had a hot and cold relationship. Mrs Fuller's daughter, Anne, apparently was going to marry Henry Slade Junior, until Mrs Fuller wrote a letter that broke the engagement. This apparently precipitated the voyage to Australia. When shortly after he had left, Anne Fuller follows Deborah Slade, her best friend and also Henry's sister, in death through consumption, the combination of events seems to have unhinged Mrs Fuller. Thereafter, Charlotte's letters cover the mental health of her counterpart in Aston Tirrold in some detail, possibly even with an edge to it, since, in effect, Mrs Fuller had taken her son to Australia. Even Charlotte's resilience takes a dent, when, early in 1845 she learns, from Mrs Fuller, that Henry will return and take her as his wife! She shows remarkable restraint at all this and, perhaps comically, follows the paragraph discussing this unforeseen (and undesired) news with one where she expresses her concern about his lumbago.

Charlotte seems to have kept a sharp eye on the social niceties and the hierarchy of society. She keeps us apprised about the commercial rivalry between the two doctors practising in the villages. In her own way she lends her support to one, Dr Workman, at the expense of the other, Dr Breach, as Dr Workman was none other than her son-in-law, and father of her only grandchild to date. Charlotte takes care to befriend the people of quality in the village, for example Mrs Langford, and has very little to say about the masses who provided the workforce for her husband's property. Where she does refer to them, she does so with some vehemence.

Charlotte, when having lost a tooth, thought of herself as an old woman. Sadly, she would die before reaching 60 only a few years after the letters, but not before Henry had returned. Charlotte Slade had reached fifty years of age before she visited London. That visit only happened by chance as Mrs Fuller suddenly insisted on returning from Brighton at the first possible opportunity, the journey running through London. She found Reading very busy, people marrying and dying and getting born all the time. Her horizon, like most other people in the villages, encompassed primarily the villages. The outside world remained exactly that, outside. The letters carry very few references to anything happening outside either Aston Tirrold or Aston Upthorpe.

Charlotte died in June 1847 at Thorpe Farm, Aston Upthorpe. She is buried in Thorpe churchyard in the village of Aston Upthorpe, where she spent all of her married life.

## DESCENDANTS OF JOSEPH

### Job Lousley (1790–1855)

Job Lousley was born in 1790 and was brother to Hannah Lousley who married William Caudwell of Drayton Manor. You will find information about Job in the December 2008 Newsletter.

### Joseph Daniel Lousley (1792–1793)

Joseph Daniel Lousley was born in December 1792 and christened on the 27 December at South Moreton. However, Joseph Daniel died in May the following year and was buried on 11 May 1793 in the churchyard at South Moreton.

### Daniel Lousley (1793–1853)

Daniel Lousley was born on 6 December 1793 at Blewbury and was christened on Christmas Day of the same year. Daniel married Elizabeth Allen from East Hagbourne on 3 December 1814.

Daniel appears from time to time in the letters that Charlotte, his sister writes to Henry her son. Daniel, apparently, had not shown much enthusiasm for his nephew Henry's expedition to Australia. Charlotte tells Henry that *'coming back from Wallingford one winter's day he and his team had found the snow too much for them and their load of timber'*. Daniel had nine children by his wife Elizabeth and I will tell you about them another time.

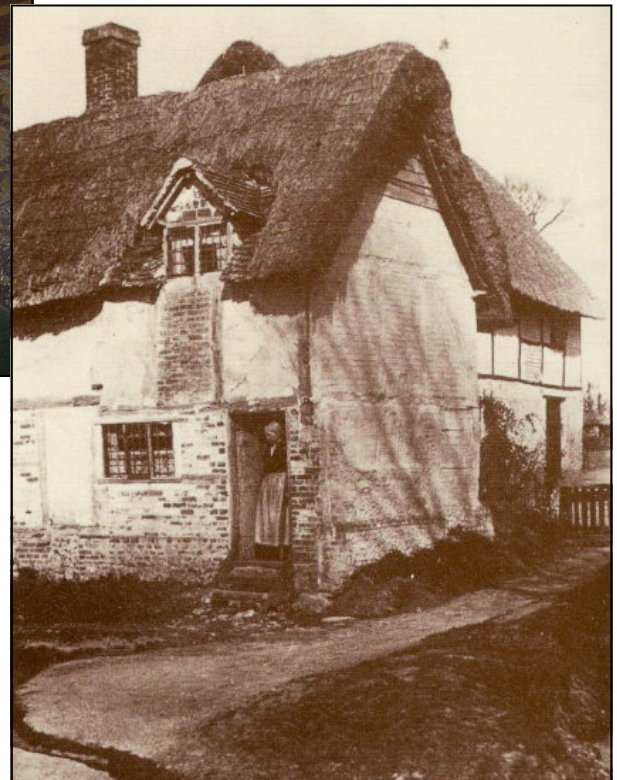
Elizabeth died in 1828 when she was just 36 years old, following the birth of their youngest son Benjamin.



Daniel married again on 11 July 1829 in Blewbury, to a Mercy Wainwright, but they had no children. Mercy died in 1834 and Daniel married for a third time in 1836 to Mary Croton. On the 1851 census, I found Daniel living with his wife Mary on a farm of 120 acres in Blewbury. Daniel was employing 7 labourers and two general servants. Mary outlived Daniel who died on 6 October 1853 and he was buried with the remains of his second wife Mercy on 20 October 1853.

As well as being a farmer, Daniel was also a government commissioner, surveyor and methodist preacher and owner of several properties, one of which there is a photo of below.

This property in Blewbury was inherited by Daniel Lousley in 1825 and was known as Dragonwyke. The photograph was taken in 1895. The property was eventually sold on the 1 May 1908 by a trustee appointed under the Will of Joseph Lousley, the son of Daniel.



Dragonwyke, South Street in Blewbury



## AND MARY (CONTINUED)

### (Martha 1795–1858)

Martha was the last daughter born to Joseph and Mary on 17 September 1795 in Blewbury. Martha married Joseph Humfrey from Upton on 20 October 1823 at Blewbury. Joseph and Martha had 6 children; Hannah (1824), Nathaniel (1828), Philip (1830), Phoebe (1833), Grace (1839) and Mercy (1840).

On the 1841 census, the Humfrey family are living in the village of Upton. I had some difficulty finding them as their surname had been mistakenly transcribed as 'Humpey'.

Joseph is listed as a farmer, but the 1841 census gives very little information, so I don't know the name of the farm or how many acres Joseph was farming. Joseph and Mary's three daughters, Hannah, Mercy and Grace were living with them, aged 15 years, 2 years and 6 months respectively. I could find no record of where the other children were living at the time.



Nathaniel Humfrey in later years with his wife Jane Pearman  
Photo taken in Upton, 1887

Joseph, Martha's husband, died the year after the census on 21 November 1842 and was buried on 22nd November.

Joseph's death was recorded in one of Charlotte's letters to Henry. She says *"I suppose you have not heard of the death of your Uncle Humfrey. He died very happy after a few days illness of inflammation on the liver last November and your aunt Martha is very poorly with spasms. He is a great loss to her"*.

On the 1851 census, Martha is living 'on her own means' at Humfrey Farm in Blewbury. Living with her are her two sons, Nathaniel and Philip. Nathaniel is a farmer of 400 acres and employing 15 labourers and Philip a farmer of 220 acres employing 10 labourers. Also in the house are two agricultural labourers and a female house servant. Martha's eldest daughter Hannah was married and had left home and Phoebe, Grace and Mercy were resident pupils at Hyde Court in Minchinhampton, Stroud in Gloucestershire.

Martha died on 4 September 1858 at Blewbury.

### Solomon Lousley (1797–1797)

Solomon was the last child to be born to Joseph and Mary and he was also not to live long. Solomon was born in Blewbury in 1797 and at the age of three months he died and was buried on 23 December 1797.

## FAMILY ARTICLE BY RICHARD HOLLIDAY

Hi, my name is Richard Holliday, son of David Joseph Holliday and Patricia Jean Holliday, (nee Hamilton) of Shortlands Farm, East Hagbourne, Didcot.

I was born in Oxford England on the 26 December 1965. My family emigrated to New Zealand in 1968, when I was two years old. Dad dairy farmed in the North Island up until 1975, then went orcharding until his retirement in 1983 in the Wairarapa on the East coast of the North Island of NZ where they presently live. My parents celebrated their Golden wedding anniversary on the 30<sup>th</sup> March this year. I am the youngest of David and Jeans four children, the other three namely Jane Rees (nee Holliday), Thomas Holliday, and Sarah Holliday, all living in Masterton where Mum and Dad live.



I live in the South Island of New Zealand in Christchurch, a 13 hour trip from Christchurch to Masterton if driving and ferrying. If we fly it is a 40 minute flight and a hour and half by car from Wellington.

I work at the University of Canterbury in the printing department, overseeing the pre-production of all the university printing, a very busy job. I moved to Christchurch for work, 20 years ago and have stayed ever since. My wife Nicola Holliday comes from Christchurch and we have been married for 9 years and have a daughter 2 and a half years old called Jessica Elizabeth Ann Holliday. Nic is a stay-at-home mum after having worked for 22 years fulltime at the Inland Revenue Department dealing in tax. I spend my free time, with the family, gardening and tramping on the odd occasion now as since we have had Jessica time means tramping has taken a back foot, so to speak. I have been to England twice, the first time in 1989, when I caught up with family then and again in 1997.

I enjoyed meeting up with the extended family and seeing East Hagbourne in which the family resided. Nic and I hope to get back there again in the next ten years when Jessica is a bit older to enjoy it. We spend our summer holidays over late December and early January with the family in the North Island; a time of catching up and relaxing. Mum and Dad are coming to stay as they do yearly in March where we will take them to see the Ellerslie Flower Show a smaller version of the Chelsea Flower Show in England, for their anniversary present.

In February we had Pat Holliday to stay for 3 nights, daughter of John and Vera Holliday, as she was visiting with a friend to see New Zealand. We hope that more of the family can visit NZ as it is a lovely country.

Attached are some photos of myself and the family. Kind Regards, Richard William Holliday .



David Joseph and Patricia Jean Holliday

## MORE ABOUT OUR CAUDWELL ANCESTORS



Paintings of Charles Caudwell (ninth child of William Caudwell and Hannah Lousley of Drayton Manor) and his wife Anne Frewin

Mark Caudwell has sent me many copies of press cuttings, photos and documents relating to the Caudwell family, which I will continue to share with you through these newsletters.

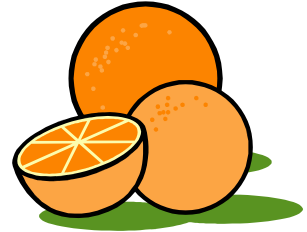
In the last batch of 'goodies', Mark supplied the pictures above and also to the right this photo of the remnants of the note that I told you about in the last newsletter.

The second youngest daughter of William Caudwell and Hannah Lousley, was Hannah (1822-1896). Hannah had written a note in 1844 which she had placed into a matchbox and hidden behind some boarding in one of the rooms. When the Manor House was modernised in the early 1950s, it was discovered and you can just make out some of the words she had written.



## CAUDWELL ANCESTORS (CONTINUED)

### HANNAH LOUSLEY'S MARMALADE RECIPE (1782–1849)



In amongst the papers that Mark Caudwell sent me was a copy of a recipe for marmalade that was passed down through the family from Hannah Lousley who married William Caudwell in 1803.

It was given to the Caudwell family by Susan Woodall who was a 3 x great grand-daughter of Hannah.

#### Ingredients

10 Seville Oranges  
2 Lemons  
12 Pints of Water  
12 lbs of Sugar

#### Method

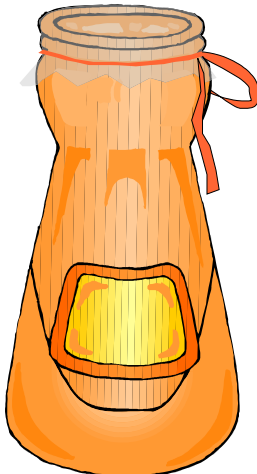
Thinly slice by hand the oranges and lemons, taking out all the pips and place these in a muslin bag with the fruit.

Cover with the water and soak for 24 hours.

Place the mixture in a preserving pan and boil steadily for 2 hours, when the fruit should be tender and transparent.

Take out the pips, squeezing them well to get all the jelly to go into the preserve.

Then add 12 lbs of sugar. When melted, boil for a further 1 to 1 and a half hours until the marmalade has set.



You can do this for half the quantity, but soaking and boiling times remain the same.

If any of you enjoy cooking and fancy trying out this recipe, perhaps they could let us know what it tastes like!!



# ALISON & MARK GET MARRIED!



My sister Alison married Mark at the beginning of April. It was a lovely day enjoyed by all the family and Alison and Mark's friends. Although it was early April and the ceremony did not take place until late in the afternoon, it was a warm Spring day and the sun shone. My dad, Allan Holliday (Leslie Holliday's son) proudly walked my sister down the aisle. Alison's three children looked wonderful; Christopher her eldest son was the ring bearer, Thomas was the Usher and Emma looked beautiful as Alison's flower girl. After the vows were taken, and the giving and exchanging of rings, the celebrations continued into the evening with food and dancing. A good time was had by all. Here are a few photographs of the day.



Left: Me, with husband Mick and daughters Rachel to the right & Megan in the middle



Below: My sister Lisa with husband Doug and daughters, Emily, Laura and Sarah



Above: My mum and dad, Helen and Allan Holliday



Bride and Groom, Alison and Mark with Christopher (left), Emma (centre) and Thomas (right)

If you have enjoyed reading this newsletter about the Holliday family and their ancestors, and would like to know more about any of those mentioned, please contact me and I can send you further information about them.

If there is anyone else in the family you think would like a copy, please let me know—you can either drop me a line or send me an email and I can post one to them. Also, I would welcome any suggestions of items you might like included in future issues.

I am continually adding to the family tree, so if you have any photographs or information that you would like included I would love to hear from you. You can either post or email them to me. Many thanks.

The next newsletter will be published in September 2009. If you would like me to include something you have written can I please have it by mid August. Thank you.

**Newsletter, Amendments and Additions**

Last Issue (page 15) The grandfather clock was presented to William Caudwell and not his son Job, as indicated in the last Newsletter. The clock was given to William after he gave a speech to the House of Lords about sheep farming on 7th June 1828. The grandfather clock was made by W Pond of Abingdon.

**Acknowledgements and Sources:**

Uffington Community Website

Ron Lousley for notes on Joseph Lousley, photo of Britchcombe Farm in Uffington and photo of Blewbury Farm House

IGI (International Genealogical Index)

1841 & 1851 England Census

Biographical notes on Charlotte Slade (nee Lousley) taken from "This Wonderful Village - Letters to Australia and India 1839-1845" published by Martin West.

Blewbury Community Website

Upton Village Community Website

Richard Holliday from New Zealand for his article on page 12

Mark Caudwell for further information about our Caudwell ancestors on page 13

Rex Caudwell for Hannah's Marmalade Recipe

John Cockburn for photographs on the back page

**Coming in the Next Issue:**

- ◆ The village of Blewbury
  - ◆ Descendants of Joseph Lousley's relationship with Sarah Grimshaw
  - ◆ Further Caudwell Family research
  - ◆ Article by Jean Holliday on her father Flight Officer Douglas Aubrey Hamilton
- Plus lots more.....

*More Photos from the Holliday Album*



Above: Rhona Holliday (Leslie Holliday's daughter), her husband John Cockburn on the left and Edward Watts (Joan Holliday's husband) on the right (1984)

Below: Rhona Holliday on the left with her cousin Joan Holliday on the right (1984)

