

Col., Richard Newman, of Fifehead Magdalen, Co. Dorset, Esq.

AKA Justice Newman of Westminster

The following records can be found in The Westminster Abbey Registers on-line digitized by Google

18 July 1672 Elizabeth Newman (2nd born of Richard Newman & Anne Harbord) married Mr. Thomas Warre, he the eldest son of Thomas Warre Esq. of Swell, Co. Somerset, by Anne daughter of George Speke, of Whit Lackington Esq., same County, she daughter of Richard Newman, of Fifehead Magdalen, Co. Dorset, Esq., by Anne, eldest daughter of Sir. Charles Harbord, Kt., Surveyor—General. She (Elizabeth) baptized at St. Margaret's Westminster, 13th Sep 1653. The Mar. Lic. D. and C. Westminster, is dated 22 Apr Preceding (i.e. 1652). She died before her husband, and was buried in Shepton Beauchamp Church, Co. Somerset, leaving four children - Anne, William, Elizabeth and Thomas Warre (from her mother's will). His will is dated 24 Oct 1685 and administration was granted on 26 Jan 1696 to a second wife, Cicely, who survived him. Note at bottom: see marriages of her (Elizabeth's) sisters 15 July 1675 (Anne Christiana) and 6 Jan. 1675-6 (Frances), and burials of her (Elizabeth's) brother Thomas 25 July 1668 and un-named sister 23 July 1673.

6 Jan 1675-6 John Oxenham married Frances Newman (3rd born of Richard Newman & Anne Harbord) as her first husband. He was admitted to the inner temple 12 May 1670, as of South Tawton, Co. Devon, Gent. He died, according to his monument, 14 Oct 1680, age nearly thirty years. His relict Frances administered to his estate 8 June 1681, but his nuncupative will was proved 12 Aug 1682, by his father William Oxenham, then of St. Margaret's Westminster. A note at bottom; see his son's burial 28 June 1699.

Frances Newman baptized at St. Margaret's Westminster 8 July 1659. At the time she administered on her first husband's estate 8 June 1681 she was married to her second husband Edward Scott, Esq.

28 June 1699 John Oxenham, Gent. (Son of Frances Newman & John Oxenham-1) and Francis Scott (son of Frances Newman & Edward Scott), who were unfortunately drowned in the Thames. They were half-brothers. See the marriage of their mother 6 Jan. 1675-6, and note thereto, and the burial of her first husband (John Oxenham) 18 Oct. 1680 St. Margaret's. John Oxenham (the son) had been admitted to the inner temple 12 Feb 1695-6 as his father's eldest son and heir, and was in his twenty-third year.

Writers note: We know from Anne Harbord Newman's will that Frances had by John Oxenham sons John, William and Francis Oxenham and by Edward Scott daughters Frances, Catherine and son Francis.

15 July 1672 Sir William Honeywood married Anne Christian Newman (the 5th born child of Richard Newman & Anne Harbord) he son of Sir. Edward Honeywood, first Bart, of Evington, by Elizabeth daughter of Sir John Maynard of Tooting, Co. Surrey, Kt. He was Second Bart, died 8 June 1748, in his 94 year, and was buried at Elmstead, Co. Kent (see his sister's marriage 12 June 1673). She (Anne Christian) daughter of Richard Newman of Fifehead Magdalen, Co. Dorset, Esq., by Anne eldest daughter of Sir. Charles Harbord, Kt. (surveyor general). She was baptized at St. Margaret's Westminster, 3 Sep. 1667, died 26 Oct. 1736, and was buried at Elmstead. Note at bottom; see marriage of her sister's 18 July 1672 (Elizabeth) and 6 Jan 1675-6 (Frances) and burials of her brother (Thomas) 26 July 1668 and (unnamed) sister 23 July 1673.

18 Oct. 1680 burial monument of John Oxenham (Justice (Col.) Newman son-in-law) states one brother and three sisters of his wife (Francis Newman) lie near him. We know from other records in this publication the brother was Thomas baptize 29 May 1661—burial 26 July 1668 (abt. 7 Y.O.), one of the

sister's name unknown burial 25 July 1673, the other two sisters remain a mystery, but do bring the total known children to ten.

17 Feb. 1668-9 Buried Thomas Cox, Gentleman and servant of Justice Richard Newman, Esq. of Westminster and wife Anne Harbord. In his will he directed he be buried in the Cloisters of his master's children. He also willed six lbs. to Justice Newman's maid Joyce a fellow servant. (This is the same Thomas Cox that served as witness 24 June 1657 to Richard Newman of the City of Westminster in the County of Middlesex Esq. purchase contract of Evercreech Park).

The above records not only give us a more detailed look at the life of Richard Newman born circa 1621 died 24 Sept. 1695, they prove with total certainty he was the Richard Newman (the son) that purchased the estates of North and South Cadbury and Evercreech Park. Note: He inherited Sparkford Manor from his father Richard Newman of Fifehead born 1584 died 10 July 1664 who had purchased it in 1610 (source of purchase date Wikipedia).

From Tothill St. (where Justice Richard Newman lived) one can see the west front of Westminster Abbey, standing between Westminster Abbey and the House of Parliament is The Church of St. Margaret, Westminster Abbey which is in the grounds of Westminster Abbey on Parliament Square. This was the church of Justice Newman and his family and is the Anglican parish church of the House of Commons in London. Originally founded in the 12th Century by Benedictine monks, the church was rebuilt from 1486 to 1523. The parish of St Margaret's originally covered a large area. Consequently the registers of baptisms, marriages and burials are among the most extensive in London. Note: Based on this information I think it would be reasonable to conclude he was a Justice in the House of Commons.

Richard Newman born circa 1621, along with his brother Thomas born circa 1620, matriculated into Pembroke College, Oxford on 30 October 1635. Richard graduated with a B.A. on 18 June 1639, becoming a Barrister at Law of the Middle Temple in 1640. Based on the birth year of his first child Richard of 1650 he would have married Anne Harbord about 1648 and second born Elizabeth baptized 13 Sep. 1653. This occurring during the Commonwealth period (1649-53), and then with a Protectorate (1653-59), under Oliver Cromwell's personal rule he purchased Evercreech Park 24 June 1657 while living in the city of Westminster. His third child daughter Frances was baptized 8 July 1659 in the church of St Margaret's. All this while he served as a Justice in the House of Commons. All of the above facts seem to preclude Justice Richard Newman from any involvement at the Battle of Worcester 3 Sept. 1651 on the side of King Charles II and helping him escape.

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