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NEWMAN  
NAME SOCIETY

# Editorial

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## Greetings to NNS members -

I hope that all members in the Northern hemisphere are enjoying the indoor pleasures that family history research brings to the cooler months. Here in Australia, it is more like summer than spring and although lovely, the lack of rain throughout winter and spring means even more water restrictions.

Getting back to business, I regret that our North American Secretary, Lawrence Bradley has had to relinquish the post. We thank him very much for his efforts over the past two years. This means we need someone to fill the breach and we hope that one of our North American/Canadian members might like to help out. Please, dear members, read the advertisement later on in this issue.

Not only the above situation, I am hoping that someone might put their hand up to help out with the publication of the Chronicles. It does not necessarily have to be Australian based, as it is much easier nowadays to keep in touch (and confer) via email. Being familiar with Microsoft Publisher would be a great advantage, but the whole layout of the

Chronicle can be supplied with only the spaces to be filled in.

Regardless, I would like all members to keep an eye out for anything of interest to Newman researchers. I am always short of articles and it is a delight when anyone sends me information.

Please help your Society!

*Sandra*

### *Special Message*

If members would like to receive their Chronicle and Bulletins by email in future (as some members currently do), would you kindly let me (Sandra) know?

We have noticed in Australian/New Zealand that it has made a considerable difference to the Society's expenses and as a result our membership fees will not increase in the near future.

*Members are reminded that their names, postal and email addresses and telephone numbers are held on computer. Please inform Anne Cole (address on the back of this magazine, if you do not wish details to be stored in this way. This information is used for membership and genealogical purposes only It will NOT be passed on to any other person(s) or organisations (excepting genealogical enquiries) without your express permission.*

# *The Colourful Life of Francis Newman*

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*Chris Newman of Beijing, China has researched and written a fascinating account of a family member, Francis Newman who certainly lived life to the full and succeeded in making research difficult for the family descendants.*

My Newman ancestors were a pretty wealthy lot who enjoyed the income and privileges of land ownership for almost two hundred years. The estates that they accumulated during the early 17<sup>th</sup> century included Evercreech Park, Sparkford Manor and the estates of North and South Cadbury (all located in South Somerset). Then shortly after the Restoration, Col. Richard Newman (who had been an active supporter of the Monarchy during and after the Civil War) purchased the estate of Fifehead Manor (North Dorset) which the family had held under lease since 1408.

It would appear that Col. Richard passed ownership of Fifehead and Evercreech Park to his eldest son Richard (who seems to have carried the title "Richard Newman of Evercreech Park") even though he predeceased his father by more than 10 years. At any rate the Fifehead and Evercreech estates passed into the ownership of Richard's descendents being the then senior branch of the family, while (unusually, I suspect in those days of primogenitary custom) the estates of Cadbury and Sparkford were inherited by Col Richard's youngest son Francis Holles Newman.

The senior branch of the family ended in 1775 with the death Frances Newman, the eldest of three spinster daughters of Sir Richard

Newman, grandson of Col Richard Newman, after which the estates of Fifehead and Evercreech passed out of the family, leaving only Sparkford and Cadbury in the hands of Col Richard Newman's great grandson, Francis Newman of North Cadbury. And it is with Francis Newman of North Cadbury that this story begins.

It will be as well for the reader to keep a track of the various Francis Newmans that appear in the story, not to mention their female counterparts, the Frances Newmans. They may be summarised as follows: Francis Newman of North Cadbury (great grandson of Sir Richard) had three daughters, the eldest being Frances Newman. Frances married her cousin Francis Newman, nephew of Francis Newman of North Cadbury, and they had a daughter called Frances Newman (as well as a son Francis who died young). There are, of course, more Francis's and Frances's than this, but these are the main characters in the story that follows.

The basic facts of the story are:

Francis married his first cousin Frances around 1778 when both were in their late teens. They begat four children, only one of whom (Frances) survived childhood.

Francis (the nephew) left his wife in May 1785, most probably going to France with another woman, but he met up with her again briefly in London in October of

the same year, when she became pregnant with her last child.

In August 1786, a lady called Lydia (alias Naomi) Ferguson produced a child by Francis Newman (the nephew). The child was baptized Jean Elisabeth Francois Georges Newman on 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 1787 in Moulins Cathedral in France, where the *Moulins Archives Registered No.489* (*Baptisms-Marriages, 1785/1788*) states

that his parents were "*High Lord FRANCIS NEWMAN, Knight, Baron and Lord Cadbury, Sparkford and Lord and Sovereign of Fullen, besides his other lands. and My Lady Nio-man Furgusson his wife*"!

Meanwhile in Nov 1786, the first of several Bills of Complaint was lodged in the Chancery Court by Francis's wife and daughter (both Frances Newmans) seeking payment of money that they claimed Francis (their husband and father) owed them. In this instance the claim was for payments of £100 a year from some the Cadbury and Sparkford estates.

Sometime around 1789 (the year of the French Revolution) or perhaps as late as 1795, Francis set sail to the USA with his new "wife"

Lydia (alias Naomi), and established himself as a tobacco estate owner at La Grange near Port Tobacco in Maryland.

In August 1796, Lydia died and was buried at Baltimore in Maryland. Francis went on to marry again and produce several more offspring, leaving behind a large tribe of descendents in the USA who venerate him as their esteemed

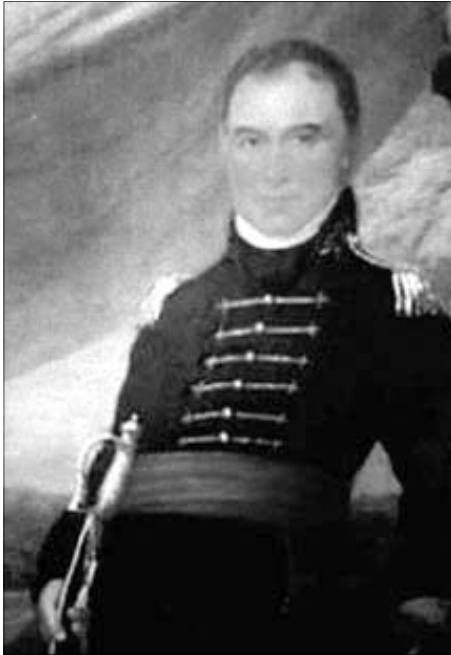
1<sup>st</sup> generation American ancestor.

A portrait exists (as attached to this article) showing Francis dressed in the uniform of an American infantry officer. The portrait dates from between 1816 (when the artist began working in the Maryland area) and 1818 when Francis died.

Lydia's son, Jean Elisabeth Francois Newman, grew up to become a captain in the

American army that fought against the British in the War of 1812.

Meanwhile, back in England, old Francis Newman of North Cadbury had by then sold all of his property and moved, with his daughters Frances, Jane and Catherine, to a small house or cottage in the village of Piddletrenthide in Dorset where he died in 1796.



*Francis Newman c.1816*

Old Francis carried with him to Piddletrenthide the family portraits and several heirlooms which he left to his youngest daughter's son, Francis Rogers, on condition that he changed his name to Francis Newman-Rogers. This he did, and these family artifacts are now believed to be in the possession of the reclusive widow of one of his descendants.

Those are the "facts" as I know them. Now for the rumours and the mysteries:

The story passed down through my branch of the family (and which I believed until I was contacted by one of his American descendants in 2002) was that the younger Francis was "committed for crime to the High Court, found guilty and migrated to America where he died in 1817 without recorded male issue" and that "the Cadbury estate had been sold in 1799 to the Bennett family to pay off Francis's debts." Furthermore, it was said that "the Bennetts caused all Newman memorials in North Cadbury church to be expunged". [The latter claim may be true because there is just one Newman memorial extant in the church – a small plaque in memory of baby Francis, firstborn son of Francis and Frances.]

Investigations by the late Cliff Ranson, a descendent of one of Francis Newman's US offspring, suggest that Francis's problems arose when he tried to pre-empt his future inheritance in order to borrow money which eventually ended with his incarceration for debt. Furthermore, Cliff believed that Francis's wife Frances raised a mortgage on her father's estate in order to rescue

her husband from debtors' prison, and that the estates were sold to when she and/or her husband were unable to repay the loans. Unfortunately, Cliff provided me with no supporting evidence of these stories, and my attempts to find evidence of Francis's incarceration have so far failed.

A completely different story was given to me by Campbell Newman, a distant cousin, who suggests that it was not the young Francis who lost the family fortune, but his uncle Francis Newman of North Cadbury. The older Francis, believing that the French Revolution would spread to England and that he would lose his property if not his life, he gambled away his fortune. According to this account, the elder Francis "... lived a life of extravagant pleasure. He had three daughters, the eldest, Frances, fought with her father, eloped and married her cousin Francis at Piddletrenthide in 1778. On May Day 1788, the two younger daughters were married in a lavish double wedding at North Cadbury, probably in the fashionable rococo style, to Rev. James Rogers of Newnton, Wiltshire, Vicar of South Cadbury, and to Sir William Yea, baronet of St. James, Taunton. Fond of gambling, alone in a large house (his wife having predeceased him in 1784), and with mounting debts, Francis lost everything he owned in an all-or-nothing gaming bet one evening in 1789/90. Disowned by his two flamboyant younger daughters, he was taken in by and reconciled to his elder daughter Frances and nephew Francis [the one who went off to America!] at Piddletrenthide on the

Piddle River. He died there on Christmas Day 1796. His only surviving grandchild was Frances Charlotte, who married Robert Cox, an alderman of the City of London and Justice of the Peace."

There are some interesting speculations as to who Lydia Ferguson might have been. One suggestion that has been raised by Jerry Gandolfo, another American descendent of Francis, is that Ferguson was Lydia's married name, and that "she may have been born Lydia Jennings of a very rich family in the colony of Virginia (immediately across the Potomac River from Port Tobacco, Maryland). One of the Jennings was an English colonial governor of Virginia." [Jerry further notes that Sir Edwin Sandys (d.1629) controlled the Virginia Company and promoted the self-government of the colony in 1619." Sandys happened to have been the maiden name of Francis's grandmother Hanna. Was there another Virginian connection that Francis might have exploited?]

There is also an interesting speculation about the family's connection with France, which might have had something to do with Francis and Lydia's decision to have their baby in that country. Jerry Gandolfo offers the following: "The godfather of baby Jean Elisabeth Francois Georges Newman's French baptismal certificate was Jean-Antoine de Charry, marquis des Gouttes. Des Gouttes was a French Admiral who was defeated by the British Admiral Edwin Boscawen in 1758 at the Battle of Louisburg in Canada during the Seven Year War. Boscawen would

have, as was the custom at the time, have taken des Gouttes as prisoner and put him under house arrest with a family of suitable and equal status in England. Earlier, Boscawen had been sent to India with a Major John Mompesson. Also, Francis Newman's mother died early, I've learned that he was raised by his grandmother, the former Miss Eleanor Mompesson. Francis was born in 1759, about the exact time des Gouttes would have been under "gentleman's" arrest in England."

### **Conclusions:**

Many interesting questions remain unanswered. For instance:

- What really happened to cause the family to lose its wealth and its estates? Was it Francis the uncle's or his nephew Francis's actions that forced the sale of the Newman properties? And what were those actions?
- Did the young Francis spend time in debtors' prison, and was he rescued by his wife, only to subsequently desert her for another woman? If so, what were his debts, when was he imprisoned and in which prison?
- Where did the young Francis disappear to after deserting his wife in May 1785 and his brief conjugal meeting with her in Oct of the same year?
- Who was Lydia Ferguson, and was it she who took Francis to America and established a new life for him there?
- Was there any family connection between Sir Edwin Sandys and Hanna Sandys, and if so, did this

have any relevance to Francis's story?

- Does the portrait of Francis Newman dressed in the uniform of an American infantry officer mean that he, like his son Jean Elisabeth Francois Newman, joined the American army and fought against his homeland in the War of 1812?

- What Newman family treasures remain in the possession of the reclusive widow of a descendent of Frances Newman's nephew (Francis Newman of North Cadbury's grandson), and what will become of them when she dies?

Anyone who has visited my website ([www.newman-family-tree.com](http://www.newman-family-tree.com)) and attempted to read through the page covering the life of the "young" Francis Newman will have discovered it to be a jumble of anecdotes and speculations which are not easy to find a way through. As this article demonstrates, somewhere underneath the speculation and anecdotes is a fascinating story

of love and passion, incarceration and desertion, fortunes lost and found, adventures and travel, birth and death – quite enough to fill a book or a movie.

Whilst I sympathize with my English ancestors who for 200 years successfully concealed all knowledge of Francis's American descendents, I can just as easily identify with the esteem and admiration in which those American descendents hold their colourful ancestor. □

### Footnote

*Chris says: Sadly he's not my direct ancestor, but a g-g-g-g-uncle. Still he had a big influence on the family's history both in the UK and in the US. It's so frustrating knowing so much about him and yet knowing so little! Almost everything that I know about him came to me from people who discovered my website. It's been the most amazing source of information for me!*

*Contact Chris by email*

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## Newmans Brewery of Somerset

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**Newman's Brewery** is located at the foot of the Mendip hill range in the historic village of Banwell.

All of Newman's beers are named after pre-historic animal legends which inhabited the local area during the Pleistocene periods.

Remains of all of these animals can be found at various archive sites within the Mendips, for example at Banwell Bone Caves where remains of stags, lions, cave

bear and wolves are present.

The brewery uses a supply of local precipitation water with excellent mineral properties, collected from the Mendips supply reservoirs. Each beer is hand-crafted using the finest whole hops and malt, which are then uniquely blended to produce the distinctive taste that represents the quality of the brand.

See [www.newmansbrewery.com](http://www.newmansbrewery.com) □



## *Newmans in the News (well, on the television)*

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Currently screening and in it's third series is a Melbourne-based quiz/chat show "The Einstein Factor" where contestants from all walks of life with a very specialised knowledge of one chosen subject and broad general knowledge skills, test themselves against others and a personality panel (The Brains Trust).

At the end of each episode the contestant with the most points will be declared the winner and go on to play-offs and eventually a grand

final to see who will be crowned the annual winner. Each year, the grand final winner receives a trophy acknowledging their achievement. There will be no other prizes awarded to any participants on the program.

One contestant recently was **Andrew Newman** whose special topic was 'The Roman Emperor Augustus' (He won!)

*Ed. Note: I'll let you know how he did in the Final!* ☐

## *Newman Matches and Despatches*

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*The Salisbury & Winchester Journal, 6 June, 1825*

Thursday se'nnight was married **Edward Newman, Esq.**, late of Market Lavington, to **Ann**, daughter of **Robert Smith, Esq.** Shareshill, Staffordshire.

*The Salisbury & Winchester Journal, 12 March, 1827*

Died at Corsham, aged 85, **Mr. Robert Newman**, father of the late **Mr. Richard Newman**, who died on his passage from Jamaica, and also of **Messrs. Charles** and **Wm. Newman**, now planters in that island.

*The Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette, 22 June, 1833*

This morning **Mr. Jeffries**, of the Forest, Melksham, to **Mary Anne**, eldest daughter of **Mr. John Newman** of the George Inn, Melksham. ☐

## *Newmans in Suffolk*

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The Cosford database for Kersey, Suffolk has copious amounts of Newman names. They are mainly folk from the area of Kersey, Suffolk.

- See <http://fp.raylong.plus.com/kersey/d7.html#P52152>
- There are also two final names from the listing on this page: <http://fp.raylong.plus.com/kersey/d8.html> ☐



## *Newmans in Downton, Wiltshire*

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*From The Salisbury & Winchester Journal, 8 May, 1826:*

*Notice to the Legatees under the Will of  
**Mr. ROBERT WHITMARSH** deceased,  
or their Representatives*

WHEREAS **ROBERT WHITMARSH**, late of Redlinch, in the parish of Downton, in the county of Wilts, Gentleman, deceased, did, in and by his last will and Testament, direct that upon the decease or second marriage of his wife, the residue of his Property, after certain specific devises and bequests should be satisfied, should be divided into two equal parts, and one of those parts be distributed between all his Brothers and Sisters, and the issue of such of them as should be then dead, in the manner therein mentioned and the other part be divided into three equal shares, one of those shares to go to his wife's brother, **Nicholas Newman**, one other share to **John Newman**, son of the then late **Samuel Newman**, of Higher End, in the said parish of Downton, and the other share between **John Newman** and **Samuel Newman**, sons of the then late **John Newman**. But if the said **Nicholas Newman** should not be living at the time of his wife's decease, then the said testator directed that this share should he divided into two parts, and that one of those parts should go to **John Newman**, of Higher End aforesaid, and the other part be equally divided between the two sons of the late **John Newman**. Notice is hereby given to all persons claiming any share or interest under the said will, by virtue of the before mentioned I bequest and directions, that **Elizabeth Whitmarsh** (formerly **Elizabeth Newman**, spinster), the widow of the said testator, **Robert Whitmarsh**, departed this life on the twenty-seventh day of March last past. And all such person's are desired to send particulars of their claims (free of postage) to **Messrs. Wilmot and Son**, solicitors, Salisbury, forthwith, in order that the same may be examined.

*Ed. Note: Oh, how I wish those Downton Newmans were mine - they pop up everywhere, it seems.*

### *Did you know? PRO now TNA*

The English Public Record Office is now known as **The National Archives**. It has one of the largest archival collections in the world covering 1000 years of British history from Domesday Book of 1086. By using their website at [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk) you can gain access not only to their wonderful catalogue but also **documentsonline** (including wills) and the nation-wide **Access2Archives** for searching the catalogues of county record offices. It really is a treasure trove for English history and well worth a visit for more clues to your Newman family.

## *Notable Newmans - Alfred Newman*

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### **Alfred Newman**

The story of Alfred Newman starts from humble beginnings. He was the eldest of 10 children and his family were poor, but his interest in music was recognised at an early age and, on a shoe-string budget he received his first piano lessons, walking a round trip of 10 miles every day to practice on an instrument belonging to a friend of his mother's. His musical talents blossomed and he seemed to develop a particular fondness for Beethoven and Chopin. He played the former's "Moonlight Sonata" and "Fur Elise" at a concert at a very young age, and seems never to have looked back. He earned some money from recitals and was able to continue his musical education in New York supported by a scholarship and a kind teacher who taught him piano and harmony. There he also played in theatres and restaurants before getting a job as an accompanist to Grace La Rue in her vaudeville act. The novelty of a young teenager accompanist, meant that Newman was part of the act and frequently dressed in costume for the part. The vaudeville act went on tour, leading to further work for the talented pianist at the Harlem Opera House and on Broadway. By the time he was 20, Newman had struck up a friendship with George Gershwin and this rela-

tionship later led to his conducting some of George and Ira Gershwin's musical including "Treasure Girl" and "Funny Face". He also conducted Rogers & Hart's "Spring is Here" and "Heads Up", and Jerome Kern's "Criss Cross" among many other works for the stage. At this time he contributed the occasional song to musicals, and other compositions included his adaptation of some of Chopin's Nocturnes for Ballet.

Stage musicals were to lead to film musicals when Irving Berlin persuaded him to go to Hollywood, and thus Newman found himself working in Hollywood as a conductor in the 30s, during the early days of the talkies. He worked for United Artists for a while and as director for Sam Goldwin. His influence on music from Hollywood extended considerably when he was appointed as Music Director for Fox studios, then called 20th Century Pictures, where he remained as head of their music department for nearly two decades. Over this period he contributed an enormous amount to film music as a composer, arranger, musical director and conductor. The role involved employing composers and other musicians for Fox's films, and Newman played a key role in identifying and nurturing the talents of other composers starting out in the industry including David Raksin, Bernard

Herrmann and John Williams. He also employed two of his younger brothers in the industry, Emil Newman and Lionel Newman. There have been Newmans in Hollywood ever since, since two of Alfred's sons David Newman and Thomas Newman and his nephew Randy Newman are all established and accomplished film composers. One of his earlier tasks in his position at Fox was to write the 20th Century Fox Fanfare which is heard at the start of the studio's movies. This means that his music has probably been heard more times than that of any other film composer! To underline his huge contribution to the development of film music both before, during and after his stint at Fox, note that Newman received nine Oscars and countless Oscar nominations.

As a composer he has produced a significant amount of incidental music, but seemed to retain a particular interest in musicals. He played key roles in "Alexander's Ragtime Band" and "There's No Business Like Show Business" as musical director, "The King and I" as conductor and "South Pacific" as musical

supervisor! One of Newman's biggest projects, indeed one of the biggest film projects of the time with numerous directors and a host of stars, was kicked off soon after he left Fox. "How The West Was Won" required a large amount of music to fit its considerable duration and, together with Ken Darby his frequent collaborator, Newman provided a score which linked together the various story elements integrating them with a number of song arrangements. Watch out for versions of "Shenandoah", "When Johnny Comes Marching Home", "Greensleeves" and the hymn "Rock of Ages" by Thomas Hastings.

"Airport" is one of Newman's last soundtracks and notable for the composer's departure from the traditional old style of grand lush orchestral music. Although there are moments of suspense and comedy, most of the soundtrack uses an easy-listening jazz influenced idiom to depict the day to day activities in the airport. □

*This information was taken from [www.mfiles.co.uk](http://www.mfiles.co.uk)*

### ***Vale - Peter Newman***

We regret to advise members of the death in August this year of NNS member, **Peter Newman** of Trimley St Mary, Felixstowe. Roberta Newman was sent the Order of Service from the Funeral and a note to say that her apologies were given for not attending (short staffed at work) to Jem (Peter's son) and that the church was full, singing very robust, afterwards eats and drinks in a marquee in the garden behind St Cecilia's RC Church. A Prayer was said at the end by J H Newman (presumably John Henry). Donations were for Walton Surgery.

## Seeking Silas - a follow-up

In *The Newman Chronicle* No.48 (July 2005) there was a piece from Louisa Shermerhorn, in Canada, on Silas William NEWMAN who arrived in Manitoba, Canada from England in the early 1900s. Our Keeper of Newman Records, Bob, has been busy investigating.

I had a look in the census and found Silas with his parents and siblings in 1891 and 1901. Judging by the birth places given the family moved around quite a bit.

In 1891 they were living in a 4 room cottage in Ashbury, Berkshire (RG 12/0974 folio 47 sch. 73) -

John J	Head	marr	M	36 years	Dairyman	employed	Nyland	Dorset
Emily M	Wife	marr	F	35 years	Dairy Asst	employed	Downhead	Somerset
Gertrude R	Dau	um	F	16 years	Dairy Asst	employed	Downhead	Somerset
Elizabeth C	Dau		F	13 years	Dairy Asst	employed	Nyland	Dorset
George J	Son		M	11 years	Scholar		Longham	Dorset
Alice K	Dau		F	10 years	Scholar		Longham	Dorset
Silas W	Son		M	9 years	Scholar		Longham	Dorset
Albert C	Son		M	7 years	Scholar		Warmwell	Dorset
John J	Son		M	2 years			Downton	Wiltshire
William H	Son		M	3 months			Ashbury	Berkshire
Frank	Boarder	um	M	22 years	Dairy Asst	employed	Downton	Wiltshire

By 1901 they are living in a farm at Canford Magna, Dorset, and father John has his own Dairy Farm (RG 13/1977 folio 33 sch. 62) -

John J	Head	marr	M	46 years	Dairy Farmer	employer at home	Nyland Farm	Dorset
Emily M	Wife	marr	F	45 years	Dairy ?	worker at home	Downhead	Somerset
Elizabeth C	Dau	um	F	23 years			Nyland Farm	Dorset
Sylas W	Son	um	M	19 years	Dairy Lad	worker	Longham	Dorset
Alice K	Dau	um	F	20 years			Longham	Dorset
Albert C	Son	um	M	17 years	Dairy Lad	worker	Warmwell	Dorset
John J	Son	um	M	12 years			Downton	Wiltshire
William H	Son	um	M	9 years			Ashbury	Berkshire
Dorothy F E	Dau	um	F	4 years			Shillingstone	Dorset
William Spear	Servant	um	M	22 years	Dairy Chap	worker	Castle Cary	Somerset

I notice that one son, John, was born in Downton, Wiltshire which is a very popular village among our members.

## *Newman Emails*

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*These emails queries are published in the hope members might be able to provide some answers.*

### **Newmans of England and Australia**

*This query from Jenny Merrell*

I have been referred to you from Chris Newman. I have been looking for information about my Great Grandfather Joseph Gower Newman who came to Australia from Birmingham, England; I have no evidence of this I can only go by what I've been told. Joseph met Caroline Wright, my Gt Grandmother and they had a son Joseph lewin Gower Newman, he was born at Wickham Terrace, Brisbane Queensland, Australia on the 08/01/1897. Not long after this my Great Grandfather died in a tragic accident, my mother told me he died in his early twenties, of the bends while deep sea diving in Queensland, but I am not sure of this, he was buried at Toowong Cemetery on the 13/01/1899. Caroline went on to marry a Thomas Marshall and had other children, but

any other living relatives do not seem to have any more knowledge of the original Joseph than I do. My grandfather was at Gallipoli and was quite a war hero, being awarded the Military Medal his story was in the London papers at the time under the heading "The Amazing Aussie". I never heard my grandfather talk about his father or his origins and my mother and her siblings never seemed to ask questions, my mothers name was Caroline Lillian Gower Newman, the Gower seems to be a common thread and has been passed down from my Great Grandfather I think it may have been his mother's maiden name, but I'm not sure. I would be grateful if you could help me in any way or if you could steer me in the right direction. □

*Jenny's email is: [dmerrell@jhug.com.au](mailto:dmerrell@jhug.com.au)  
Her postal address is unknown.*

### **Newmans of Suffolk**

*This query from Bob Newman*

My ancestor, William NEWMAN, married Elizabeth GOODING in Oct 1748 in village church at Boxford in the county of Suffolk, England. Their descendants have produced a fair number of sets of twins over the years, continuing into the late 20th century.

A few miles to the west of Boxford is the village of Cavendish, where a John NEWMAN married Alice PARSONS on 28 May 1751, and again the descendants of this couple have produced a number of sets of twins.

I would therefore like to find

out if William and John are related. As yet I have been unable to find their baptisms, but neither was baptised in the parish of marriage.

I was wondering if anyone else has come across these couples and has any more details on them.  
Bob Newman

*Bob's contact details are on our back cover. (He is our Keeper of New-man Records).*

## **Newmans of Springvale, Maine, USA**

*This query from Dave Whitehouse of Auckland, New Zealand*

I am on a never-ending (it seems) search for Robert James NEWMAN of Springvale, Maine around the period 1830-1854.

As an eighteen-year-old he left Maine for Sydney, Australia in 1854 on the Barque 'Homer'.

Various folk over the years have contributed ideas and thoughts and links to try and solve the mystery of

WHERE he was born and when he ARRIVED in America from (I am very sure) London, England. As a ten-year-old (in 1846) he was placed under the guardianship of one Benjamin NEWMAN in Springvale. We can only surmise this was because of the demise of his parents or something similar. □

*Dave's email is daveandannaw@xtra.co.nz  
His postal address is unknown.*

## **Newmans of Southampton, England**

*This query from Alison Tessier*

I wonder if you can help me please with the family of **Henry Penney Newman** :

My great uncle - Henry Penney Newman, was born in Southampton (1839/40), but married his wife - Ann Gillingham, in Bridgewater, she was also born there. Henry Newman's family also lived in Notting Hill, Kensington, and so did his son and daughters, having moved from Bridgewater, Somerset.

If you can help me in any way

with the parents of Henry Penney Newman, or any other details I would be extremely grateful, here are the following details on my great uncle and subsequent family and children:-

Henry J Newman  
Laura Jane Newman  
Alice Ann Penney Newman  
Clara Penney Newman  
Edith Louise Newman  
Kate Penney Newman

Kind regards, Alison Tessier

*Alison's email address is: alitess@hotmail.co.uk  
Her address is unknown, but possibly Bob Newman (address on back cover) could help as he was her first contact.*

# Help Wanted!

Some dear, kind USA/Canada-based member is desperately need to fill the role of

## **NEWMAN NS SECRETARY (USA/CANADA)**

The job is not too onerous:

He/she would receive and reply to queries regarding membership. Email/internet access would be a great advantage, as email does make it easier for office bearers in North America/Canada and Australia to confer quickly and conveniently).

One major part of the job would be to arrange for the Chronicle to be photocopied each quarter, then collate it and post out to our North American members, after receiving an updated list of financial members.

Expenses incurred (photocopying/postage, etc) will be reimbursed when receipts are sent to Anne Cole in England.

Any queries the Secretary receives which are suitable for inclusion in our journal, need to be forwarded to Sandra in Australia.

*If you feel you might be able to help the Society in this way, please get in touch with Anne Cole, Graham Newman or Bob Newman (contact details on the back page), or send an email to Sandra (sb@beckettcon.com.au).*

***Please, please help!***

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