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### Family of Richard (17??-1795?) Stockden : and his descendants :

On 14 June 1741, Richard married Mary Dixon at Westerleigh parish church in Gloucestershire (abbr Glos). Nothing is known of their life in Westerleigh, other than that Mary was baptised on the day she married. We know that they had four children, all born and christened at Westerleigh. All baptism dates would be for children a month or more old. Richard was buried 3 February 1795 and was described as a pauper. Neither Mary nor Richard appear to have been born in Westerleigh. The only possible relation I could find for this early period was an Isaac Dixon, possibly a brother to Mary. I could not find Mary's burial reference perhaps because the records are in a terrible state and difficult to read.

Their children :

Ann	(1744)	was baptised 4 April
Elizabeth	(1746)	was baptised 15 March
Thomas	(1750-1820)	see 'Family of '.
Mary	(1753)	was baptised 19 April

### Family of Thomas (1750-1820) Stockden

Thomas is the only known surviving son of Richard and Mary Stockden. Thomas was baptised sometime in November 1750 and married Elizabeth Lynch on 27 March 1774 at Wickwar, Gloucestershire. Neither bride nor groom could write. He was from the parish of Iron Acton where he raised this family and nothing is known of Thomas' life in Iron Acton. In 1779 there is a record of a Hannah Stockden dying. No age given and in conflict with this a Hannah Stockden married in 1800 to Thomas Jones. In those days it was not a requirement to give the parents names, or, perhaps it was an elopement!

Their children :

John	(1774-1838)	see 'Family of '.
Hannah	(1776)	b 21 January ( married Thomas Jones 23 Sep 1800).
Thomas	(1777-1839)	see 'Family of '.
Richard	(1780-1838)	see 'Family of '.
Sarah	(1782)	b 14 April
William	(1785-1790)	b 20 December and buried on 23 July 1790
Robert	(1789-1876)	see 'Family of '.

### Family of John (1774-1839) Stockden

John was baptised on 31 July 1774 and he married Mary Cole on 18 November 1799. Both were living in Iron Acton parish. At the time of the 1841 census Mary, now a widow, was at home in Acton Lane and staying with her for the night was her grand-daughter, seven years old Bethia (1833) (received as Bertha by the enumerator!). Mary died on 27 February 1844 at the age of sixty-five years, some five years after John's death was recorded at Holbeach on 24 March 1839 when he was sixty-six years old. Mary's death certificate was No:273 issued by Registrar John Roberts for Chipping Sodbury (and sub-district Iron Acton). Cause of death was unknown and her son George, present at her death, made his mark 'x' on 28 February.

Their children :

George	(1800-1877)	see 'Family of '.
John	(1802-1802)	b 28 February, buried 5 November 1802.
John	(1804-1857)	see 'Family of '.
Mary	(1806-1808)	b 25 October 1806 and died 24 April 1808

Hannah (1816) baptised on 21 November. In 1839 at St James' Church, Bristol, twenty years old Hannah Stockden, a straw bonnet maker married Robert Jefferies. She could not sign the marriage register, being unable to write. Her husband was a 20 years old plasterer. Hannah gave her fathers name as John Stockden. This was a fairly recent practice. Many marriages before this date - for ordinary people - did not have the parents names appended to the marriage certificate.

#### **Family of Thomas (1777-1838) Stockden**

Thomas was baptised on 21 December 1777 and married Sarah Davis on 29 March 1801. Sarah Stockden's death was registered at Chipping Sodbury in 1838. Thomas does not appear to have been a church-goer, most unusual for those days. I believe that James (1808) and John (1817) are his children although no baptisms have been found for them. His youngest son John (1817), married in Wales and gave his father's name as Thomas on his marriage certificate. All their children were born in Rangeworthy according to various census or marriage certs :

Their children :

Thomas	(1802-1839)	see 'Family of '.
William	(1806-1871)	see 'Family of '.
James	(1808-1872)	see 'Family of '.
John	(1817-1886)	see 'Family of '.

#### **Family of Richard (1780-1838) Stockden**

Richard was the third son of Thomas (1750) and was baptised 20 February 1780. He married in 1805, Sarah Powell, (Bishops Transcripts give née Hutton), and neither could write their names in the marriage register. Their first child was Betty, born 1 October 1807. In those days the children were baptised at least a month after birth presumably because so many died within a few weeks of birth. Records for Richard are sparse. In the Iron Acton parish church records a Richard Stockden died in 1838. Richard probably married a widow.

Their children :

Betty	(1807-1826)	baptised on 1 November 1807, died on 2 July 1826
Thomas	(1811)	baptised on 23 February. (n.f.i.)
James	(1813-1826)	baptised on 22 August, died on 23 February 1826

#### **Family of Robert (1789-1876) Stockden**

Although all of Robert's children were born in Iron Acton, he had moved by 1846 to the parish of Saints Philip and Jacob, possibly Clifton. He was baptised on 28 June 1789 and he married on 1 April 1811, Sarah Stiff, at St Mary, Redcliffe, Bristol. Neither of them were able to sign the marriage register. Not long after moving to Clifton area, his wife, Sarah, died there in 1846. Robert died, aged eighty-six years, at 13 Windsor Place, Clifton on 19 March 1876. His son-in-law Thomas Morgan (husband of Robert's daughter Frances) was in attendance at the time of his death. His occupation was given as 'thatcher'. His death was certified by Surgeon D E Bernard and registered on 24 March 1876 on certificate No: 266 by Registrar I Hunt. It is not known what Robert did during the years from his marriage to his death, except through the 'fathers occupation' given on his childrens marriage certificates - this was usually agricultural labourer.

Their children :

Thomas	(1811-1882)	see 'Family of '.
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- Mary Anne (1813) see under 'Stockden Daughters'.  
 James (1815-1816) baptised on 9 October 1815 and was a sickly child. He was re-baptised on 24 December of that year. On 1 December 1816, he died aged sixteen months.  
 Eliza (1817) b 18 May, married in 1847, William Morgan.  
 Frances (1818) b 25 October. Domestic servant in Bath. Married on 18 March at Bath, Thomas Morgan, brother of William Morgan.  
 Hannah (1822) b 7 July, married William Price at Abergavenny, in 1841.  
 George (1824-1895) see 'Family of'.  
 Elizabeth (1826) see under 'Stockden Daughters'.  
 Ellen (1829) see under 'Stockden Daughters'.  
 Adelaide (1830-1855) b 24 October. She died in 1855 and her death was registered at Bath. As she was twenty-five years old at the time, and with the family home in Winterborne, it is likely that she was also a domestic servant in Bath.  
 John (1832-1905) see 'Family of' in Stockdens in Australia section.

#### **Family of George (1800-1877) Stockden**

George was baptised 22 June 1800 and for most of his life he was a farm labourer in Iron Acton. In 1841 the family lived at 20 Acton Lane, and by 1851, at 30 Coalpit Lane. Later by the time of the 1871 census George was a widower living at 23 Acton Lane. George married Harriet Howard on 30 July 1820 at St James' church, Bristol, neither of them could write in the marriage register. Harriet died in 1863, predeceasing George by fourteen years.

Their children :

- Thomas (1821-1892) see 'Family of'.  
 George (1823-1895) see 'Family of'.  
 Robert (1824-1895) see 'Family of' in "Stockdens in Australia".  
 Mary (1827) baptised 8 April. Emigrated to Australia 1854.  
 Bethia Harriet (1833-1848) was baptised on 26 May. She died, aged fourteen years, according to the Bishops Transcripts.

#### **Family of Thomas (1802-1839) Stockden**

Thomas and Elizabeth (née Hayward) probably lived in Rangeworthy for most of their married life until Thomas died in 1839. In the 1841 census not all the children were at home as Jane stayed the night at the house of a Thomas Roach. In the 1851 census Elizabeth lived at 60 Rangeworthy and was described as a pauper. By 1881 she was living as a lodger in the house of Louisa Beckerton and she died in 1885 at the age of eighty-six years.

Their children :

- William (1825-1869) see 'Family of'.  
 Jane (1827-1907) see under 'Stockden Daughters'.  
 George (1835-1924) see 'Family of'.

#### **Family of John (1804-1857) Stockden**

John was the second, surviving son of John (1774) and was baptised on 22 April 1804. He married, 15 October 1826, Louisa Wall at St Paul's Church in Bristol, again neither the bride nor groom could sign the marriage register. In 1841 he was living at Rangeworthy with Louisa and his first four children all of whom were baptised at Iron Acton. He was making a living as a felt maker for a hat factory near Iron Acton. Later

as a labourer he lived at 32 Coalpit Lane, Iron Acton. He died in 1857, three years after Louisa.

Their children :

John (1828-1877) is believed to have gone to Lancashire as there is no record of him in Gloucestershire. In Manchester, in 1855, a son Thomas was born to a John Stockden and his wife Mary Farnan. John died, according to 'death certificate No: 100 - on 8 Dec 1877, aged 50 years, in the Manchester Union Workhouse'. Nothing more is known of his wife Mary, or little son Thomas.

Wyatt Wall (1832-1832) baptised 31 May, died aged seventeen weeks.

Miranda (1834-1848) baptised 25 December, died 30 March at fourteen years of age.

Bathsheba (1838-1891) baptised 12 August. The death of a spinster named Bathsheba Elizabeth was registered in Barton Regis records during the second quarter of 1891. She died aged fifty-three years.

Wyatt Wall (1840-1922) b on 24 July, registered 'un-named' on 1 August and baptised on 30 August. In 1859 he migrated to Trevethin Monmouthshire, where other Stockdens had gone earlier, to work as a collier. He married at the age of nineteen years (but giving 'of full age' on the record), Maria Cleaves, daughter of James and Kezia Cleaves. Wyatt and Maria emigrated in 1861 to Australia. See 'Family of ' in 'Stockdens in Australia' section.

Uriah Wall (1843-1917) see 'Family of '.

Marinda (1846) was baptised on 30 August at Iron Acton. In the 1861 census, then aged 17 years, Marinda was working as a servant girl to Mr Edwin Hathway, a butcher, of 4 Penny Lane, Frampton Cotterell. In early 1872, the marriage of a Miranda (sic) Stockden was recorded in Clifton.

Thomas Wall (1852-1884) see 'Family of '.

#### **Family of William (1806-1871) Stockden**

William is the second son of Thomas (1777). Little is known of this family. William's baptism has not been found. On 26 February 1827, William married Mary Coventry at St Paul's Church in Bristol. He continued to live in Iron Acton and they were last noted in the 1851 census. At this time William was working / residing in Littleton-on-Severn. Little daughter Eliza, aged eleven years, was a lodger at the home of the Pearce family. William's death was registered at Thornbury in 1871. Mary also died in 1871.

Their children :

Elizabeth (1829) was baptised on 29 March. (n.f.i.)

Hannah (1832) was baptised on 30 October. (n.f.i.)

James (1836) was not found in the local parish baptisms. He was at home with the family in the 1841 census then, in the 1851 census, working as a fifteen years old servant in Chipping Sodbury for Mr Isaac Alden, a forty-seven years old 'carrier', and that was the last found information on him. [See death of James Stockden, aged 'about 54 years' at Aust in 1910.]

Eliza (1840) was baptised on 26 June. She was found to be visiting relations during the 1861 census. In 1864 her marriage (at Berkeley) was registered at Thornbury.

#### **Family of James (1808-1872) Stockden**

James was born at Rangeworthy according to the census return of 1851 when he lived in Tockington. In the 1861 census the family was living in Down House,

Alveston and by 1871 census time they were back in Olveston. James had been an agricultural labourer but by 1871 he was a gardener. He died, aged sixty-four years, on 18 October 1872.

In October 1833, he married Hannah Merrett at St James', Bristol. Hannah was born in 1814 at Almondsbury. She was described as a laundress and widow in the 1881 census. James was registered twice in the 1871 census, firstly at 17 Vicarage House in District 7 then again at 2 Lye Lane, in District 10. By the 1891 census, Hannah was, as a widow, still scraping a living as a laundress. Hannah died aged eighty years, on 15 May 1894; and a head-stone in Olveston churchyard commemorates the memory of both James and Hannah.

James' death in 1872 was added to that of daughter Maria on her head-stone. So presumably the head-stone for James and Hannah was erected after the death of Hannah in 1894. James' death is recorded in both the St Mary's Church records and St Catherine's House records, but where Hannah died has not been recorded, to my knowledge.

Their children :

Caroline	(1832-1908)	see under 'Stockden Daughters'.
George	(1834-1880)	see 'Family of '.
Emma	(1835-1872)	see under 'Stockden Daughters'.
James	(1838-1900)	see 'Family of '.
Ann	(1840)	servant in Ward household. Married, Bristol, 1874.
Sarah	(1844)	see under 'Stockden Daughters'.
Maria	(1847-1869)	at thirteen was still at school and died at the young age of twenty- one years in 1869. A head-stone is in Olveston churchyard.
Jane	(1851)	see under 'Stockden Daughters'.
Matilda	(1855)	Emma's daughter was at school for the 1861 census, she was, in the later census', described as a laundress. She married in 1877.

### **Family of Thomas (1811-1882) Stockden**

Thomas was the son of Robert (1789) Stockden and was baptised on 17 November 1811. He had left Iron Acton by 1836 and was married on 11 March 1837 at St James' Church, in Lyncombe Parish, Bath, to Charlotte Barnard (15 Aug 1816-1883) then of Bath. (Charlotte was born in Wickwar). He continued his career as a policeman, moving as was required of him, from station to station, eventually retiring as a police superintendent.

Their children :

George	(1838-1860)	b in Bath on 8 March, according to family bible died in China, 11 Sept 1860, but no other evidence of his short life has been found.
Martha	(1840)	b in Bath, 23 June, married in 1860, at Bath. (n.f.i.)
Louisa	(1842)	see under 'Stockden Daughters'.
Robert	(1845 - 1866)	b 16 September 1845 died 6 January 1866 in Bath, at the age of twenty years and is buried in Bath. No evidence of Robert was found during the search for Bath Stockdens.
Thomas	(1848-1918)	see 'Family of '.
Charles	(1853-1929)	see 'Family of '.
Charlotte	(1856)	see under 'Stockden Daughters'.

The following notes are based on Kelly's Directories so dates are 'as-seen' and therefore the persons occupations (and names spelled) as in Kelly's: -

Person Year Addresses from BATH Directory :-

Thomas (1811)

1846	Policeman	7 Carriage Rd
1850	Policeman	13 Hatfield Bldgs
1852	(as Stockton)	same address
1864		6 Beechen-Cliff Place, Holloway
1878/9		13 Caroline Bldgs

### Family of John (1817-1886) Stockden

John was probably the first male Stockden to migrate from the family area of Gloucestershire to the new industrial areas of Wales. Although we do not know the precise date of his arrival in Newport there is a record of his marriage to inform us that on 9 February 1840 he married Mary Ann Hiscock at the parish church of Pontnewydd.

His family lived in the Snatchwood area for probably all his life : in 1861 at 99 Snatchwood Road; in 1871 at 33 Snatchwood Road and in 1881 at 18 Snatchwood Road (Club Row was also mentioned in the census). They had moved yet again after John died to 53 Snatchwood Road. Life was very hard in Trevethin in those early mining days. They lived through the terrible outbreak of Cholera Morbus which claimed hundreds of lives. John lived to be sixty-nine years of age, a good age for a coalminer under the conditions in which he lived and worked in those days. He died on 30 June 1886. Of their children only William (1853) married.

John's wife, Mary Ann, (who was apparently born at Bradford-on-Avon) died in 1911 at 6 Somerset Street, Grange Road, Llantarnam. In the 1881 census the grandchildren, Mary Ann (1878) and Eliza Jane (1879) are registered at the grandparents home. Their children :

George	(1841-1843)	an infant death in Abersychan at fifteen months.
William	(1844-1848)	an infant death in Abersychan at four years.
George	(1846-1877)	was thirty years old at his death in Abersychan.
James	(1848-1881)	in the 1881 census as a general dealer in Trevethin was not living at the family home at the time of his death
Hannah	(1851-1852)	an infant death at five months.
William	(1853-1943)	see 'Family of '.
Hannah	(1856-1857)	an infant death at two years.
Alfred	(1860-1931)	described in the census as 'machine man'. When he died in 1931 he was living at 31 Birchfield Terrace, Tuckhold Lane, Pontnewydd. Alfred is known to have lost a leg in an accident.

### Family of Thomas (1821-1892) Stockden

Thomas was born at Kington, near Thornbury but was baptised at Iron Acton on 11 February 1821. He married Bathsheba Roach on 15 December 1850 at Iron Acton parish church. In the 1851 census Thomas and Bathsheba lived at 80 Rangeworthy and had no issue. Some time after Rosanna was born Thomas moved his family to 50 Broomhill, Stapleton, Bristol and may have been at Cotham Park in 1878 and later they were at 74 Park View, Stapleton.

Thomas had no son. [ In the 1881 census Thomas and his family were named as 'STOCKTON', with Bathsheba as 'Bathela' aged fifty-three years, of Rangeworthy, wife of Thomas 'STOCKTON' aged fifty-eight years of Iron Acton ]. Mary Jane and Bethia were, by then, married and living elsewhere. Emily aged twenty-two years and her daughter Lilian, one year old. Thomas was still a labourer by trade with Bathsheba and Emily each scratching a living as 'laundress'. Their children :

Mary Jane (1851) see under 'Stockden Daughters'.

Rosanna (1855) nothing is known of Rosanna after her birth. I presumed that she died in infancy as I have not found her death registration. (as of Dec 1999 - see Addendum)

Bethia (1853) was baptised on 25 January 1854. She married John Bellamy on 8 June 1878 at the parish church of St Matthew's, Kingsdown, Barton Regis. One of the witnesses was her younger sister Emily. On her marriage certificate Bethia's name is spelled 'Bithia' and family name is spelled as 'Stockdon'. John Bellamy was a 'railway agent'.

Emily (1858) see under 'Stockden Daughters'.

### **Family of George (1823-1895) Stockden**

George was the second son of George (1800) and was baptised 2 February 1823. He married in 1845, Hannah Dyer, the twenty years old daughter of Thomas Dyer a collier, of Westerleigh. Neither George nor Hannah could write. In 1851 he was living at 101 Sodbury Road and was a farm labourer. He had moved to 68 Dyers Lane by 1861 and on to 103 Dyers Lane by the 1871 census. He moved yet again by 1891 to 93 Dyers Lane.

Their children :

Hannah (1845) was baptised 30 November. (n.f.i.)

Bethia (1848) b 13 February, married 1868, Samuel Amos, aged 21 yrs.

George (1851-1913) see 'Family of '.

### **Family of Robert (1824-1895) Stockden**

At the 1851 census Robert and Mary Ann (née Spill) lived at 19 Rangeworthy and had no children but Hannah (1851) was born in June and was later baptized on 6 July (according to Iron Acton Parish records page 15 entry no.113 held at Glos Records Office). In 1857 Robert, Mary Ann and Hannah sailed on board the 'Shalimar' from Liverpool on 16 August, arriving at Geelong in Australia on 11 November. They were on an assisted passage and probably sponsored by his sister Mary, who was by now Mrs Mary Lester. See 'Family of ' : 'Stockdens in Australia' section.

Evidence was found on :- Assisted Passages to Australia

Book 10 Fiche 63-72 page 241 and Book 12 Fiche 87-96 page 434

### **Family of George (1824-1895) Stockden**

George, born 22 February 1824 at Iron Acton - died in 1895. He was the son of Robert (1789). George and Ann Merry were married at the Lyncombe and Widcombe Parish Church, Bath, on 24 March 1849. George started his working life as a policeman at Batheaston, like his brother Thomas (1811). In 1855 he was in Cardiff, a labourer of North Church Street, Canton, when his son Alfred George was born. It is not certain when he left the police force or joined his father-in-law's Coal and Wood merchants business but later added 'Fly Carriage proprietor' to the business at Widcombe Wharf. Four of George's five children were born in Bath.

Their children :

Ellen (1850-1864) died at fourteen years of age.

Mary Jane (1852) was a dressmaker at Widcombe Wharf, registered as a business which she gave up when she married at Bristol in 1895 at the age of forty-three years.

Alfred George (1855-1899) b 7 October 1855 and christened at Llandaff Saint Mary's, Cardiff. He ran the family business after the death of his father

in early 1895. After Alfred's death, the business was merged with that of a George Morgan until at least 1902. After 1903 it was under the aegis of only George Morgan. Alfred George never married.

Frank	(1861-1927)	was, sadly, registered as an 'imbecile'.
Sidney Jack	(1865-1893)	see 'Family of '.

The following notes are based on Kelly's Directories so dates are 'as-seen' and therefore the persons occupations (and names spelled) as in Kelly's: -

Person	Year	Address from BATH Directory :-
George Stockden		County Policeman Batheaston
	1858/1	County Policeman Batheaston
	1864/5	Wood & Coal Dealer, Widcombe Wharf (to 1895)
	1894/5	Wood & Coal Merchant, Fly Carriage Prop
	1895	Wood & Coal Merchant & Fly Prop. Widcombe Wharf
	1895	Stockden & Son, Wood and Coal Merchant & Fly Prop

At Wincombe Wharf.

Alfred George Stockden		
	1895	Stockden & Morgan: Wood, Coal & Carriage Prop.
	1899	Stockden & Morgan: Wood, Coal & Carriage Prop.
	1903	George Morgan

Mary Jane Stockden		Dressmaker Wincombe Wharf.
	1894	Dressmaker Wincombe Wharf.
	1895/6	Ceased trading

### **Family of William (1825-1869) Stockden**

Some time after the 1841 census, William, son of Thomas (1802), left Iron Acton for Monmouthshire. In Newport, he married Sarah Francis on 24 October 1847, where their first son, William, was born also in 1847. When they were in Merthyr Tydfyl, living at Penhyreol, Upper Common, William worked in the ironstone mines. Here Elizabeth Jane, Sarah, and John were born and little William (1848) died in November 1852 followed by Sarah in April 1853 (but it is an Elizabeth who is named in the St Caths records). It is possible that Elizabeth called herself 'Eliza', as in 1868, an 'Eliza' was married and is identifiable to this family. But there is also a Sarah getting married in Cardiff in 1878.....?! After a few years, probably 1857, William moved his family to Cardiff where he lived and worked at the Soapworks, Maindy.

This 'Soapworks' address was given in Kelly's from 1861 to 1871. He was a labourer in his first years there but was upgraded to 'fireman' (stoker ?) by 1866. Thomas, George, Mary Ann, William Henry and Hester were born there. All the children born in Cardiff were baptised at the Llandaff Cathedral. Probably due to his years in the ironstone mines William died at an early age in 1869, (he was probably forty-four but was reported as thirty-nine years old), his death is recorded in the Llandaff Cathedral records.

After William's death, Sarah remarried on 13 April 1872. She knocked five years off her age when she married at the Register Office in Cardiff to James Harris, a widower who earned his living as a Boatman; his father was James Harris, a mason. Sarah's father John Francis, a Newport shoemaker was also now deceased. Wit-

nesses at the ceremony were Sarah's son, John (1853) Stockden, and Robert Gadd, John's future brother-in-law. Neither bride or groom, nor John could write, all making their mark with an 'x'. [The 1851 census reg'd them as 'Stockton'.

Their children :

William (1848-1852) last seen as a three-years-old in Merthyr Tydfil census of 1851, he was born in Newport and died at Heolgerrig.

Elizabeth Jane (1850-1853) infant death (but see introduction above to this family's history).

(Eliza [1850] married 18 August 1868 to James Blake, but I found no baptism ).

Sarah Ann (1852-1853) died aged 11 months at Heolgerrig.

Sarah (1852) married in 1878 (but see introduction to this family history).

John (1853-1938) see 'Family of '.

Thomas (1858-1892) was in the 1881 census described as an engine cleaner. He resided in the St John area of Cardiff, at the home of James Blake, his brother-in-law. He later became a marine stoker and by the age of thirty-three years was an alcoholic. He died at his brother John's home in Blackweir, Cardiff.

[Death report of certificate No: 233 is as follows : On the 29 March 1892 at 39 Blackweir Terrace, Thomas Stockden aged 33 years; a Marine Service Stoker. Death was from Cirrhosis of the liver, certified by T Wallace MD. John Stockden, (still unable to write), made his 'x' on the report certificate dated 13 March 1892. D Rees was the deputy Registrar taking the report].

George (1861-1945) see 'Family of '.

Mary Ann (1864-1864) died only a few weeks old but this was not found in the Llandaff Cathedral records.

William Henry (1866-1867) b 24 July. He died aged 8 Months on 1 April of ' dentition cerebral congestion'. On his death certificate he was named as just 'Henry'.

Hester (1868) (or Esther) only her birth record at St Caths has been found.

### **Family of George (1834-1880) Stockden**

George was still in the parental home and working as a carter at twenty-seven years of age but was an agricultural labourer for the rest of his life. In 1865, he married Alice Dayman, the unmarried mother of Ruth Dayman born at Hartland in Devon (where Alice's father came from). By 1881 his wife Alice was a forty-two years-old widow living at 56 The Common, Olveston. She was born at Aust near Bristol and baptised at the Aust Chapelry on 15 March 1840 and after thirteen years of being a widow, and when all her children had left home, she married again in 1893 to a police sergeant named Phineas Harding. Alice was buried at St Mary's on 1 October 1921, aged 81 years and her second husband was buried on 1 June 1917 aged 85 years. (Alice's parents lived at nearby Ingst; they were buried also at St Mary's: Ruth Dayman on 1 May 1877 and her husband Thomas Dayman on 25 November 1877).

Their children :

James (1866-1897) see 'Family of '.

Thomas George (1867-1920) see 'Family of '  
Richard (1869-1925) remained a bachelor and in the electoral register for 1922, (Alveston area) his address is given as c/o Mrs Harding (his mother). He earned his living as an itinerant farm worker travelling around the country. He was buried at St Mary's on 4 March 1925.

Alice (1871-1948) married Henry (Harry) Thomas Hendy, a twenty-nine years old painter, on 5 August 1893 at St Mary's Church, Olveston, the same year that her mother remarried. Harry's father was Charles Hendy (deceased). Alice was buried at St Mary's, Olveston on 2 February 1948 aged 76 years; her husband, Harry was buried on 28 June 1945 aged 80 years.

William (1873-1949) see 'Family of '  
Frederick (1874-1915) see 'Family of '  
Bessie (1876) see under 'Stockden Daughters'.  
John (1879-1938) Followed his brothers to work in Wales. He married in the Pontypridd area in early 1916 to Rachel J Wilkins. There was no issue. It is believed he was a railway-engine driver in the Talywain area. John was only fifty-nine years old when he died at Pontypridd.

#### **Family of George (1835-1924) Stockden**

George was the son of Thomas (1802) Stockden. He was apparently born at 'Gloster Stoke', this was the placename given for 'where born' in the 1851 census. I've not been able to find exactly where George was born. He married Elizabeth Parker of Stoke Gifford at the Parish Church in Rangeworthy on 15 February 1858. Elizabeth was the daughter of Edward Parker and was born at Soundwell. It is interesting to add that in the 1861 census when George was living at Tockington, a relation 'Eliza' (1840) was staying the night. Eliza was the daughter of William (1806) and his wife Mary Coventry. This enables the relationships of the Stockdens to be genealogically established. The 1871 census showed that he was then living at 77 Alveston Down and an agricultural labourer. In 1881 George and his family were living at 71 Stroud Common, but when he died on 29 November 1924, he was living at 'The Square', Alveston. His wife, Elizabeth, died aged sixty-one years in 1898. See also Stockden Wills.

Their children :

Laura (1862-1941) born in Alveston and died there. At the age of twenty years Laura was a servant of Henry N Cooper at Westbury-on-Trym Ten years later, in the 1891 census, she was a cook / domestic servant at 32 Conynge Square, Clifton.

George Thomas (1863-1919) see 'Family of '.

#### **Family of James (1838-1900) Stockden**

James is the second son of James (1808) and his wife Hannah. By 1861 he was living in Alveston. When he was twenty-three years old the 1861 census indicated that he was employed as an unmarried junior footman in the house of Thomas J Ward, Gentleman JP, at Old Down Farm House in Alveston. He married on 13 March 1866, Ellen Price, who was born in Staunton-on-Wye, Herefordshire.

By 2 April 1871 he had acquired the tenancy of Mead Farm, Olveston, comprising 40 acres of land although in the April 1871 census he was shown as living at Mead Lane, Tockington, with his wife and two children, Else aged three and Martha aged two. Described as 'farmer' he was employing a servant named Ruth Dayman, aged

twelve and James Withers aged eighteen on the farm and 'indoors'. In the 1881 census he was shown as the employer of George England, aged twenty-two, general servant and one farm boy. (According to a family researcher James had been given two cottages in Olveston and then the tenancy of Mead Farm for not receiving any pay for two years).

Children at home on the 1871 census night included Elsie, aged thirteen, Martha twelve, Ellen eleven, Mary nine, Emily eight, Kate six, Herbert John two, and Blanche Matilda, was the baby, only one year old.

In 1891 James employed Albert Ball, aged fifteen, as a servant. Children at home on this occasion of the census were Emily, now eighteen years old, Kate sixteen, Herbert John twelve, Blanche eleven, Edward James nine, Beatrice seven, and Cecil Joe now the youngest baby aged two years.

James' gravestone in Olveston parish churchyard has details of his death, aged sixty-two, in 1900, his wife's death, at eighty, in 1923 and his son Edward James' death on the Isle of Wight in 1912. As his children grew up they did not work Mead Farm, but married and moved away. Ellen, as a widow, moved to 'The Villa' in Olveston / Tockington.

Several of the children were baptised into the Wesleyan Methodist church. However, apparently the church was too small for weddings and the children that did marry in Olveston married in the St Mary's Church of England Parish church.

Their children :

Else Maria	(1867-1942)	see under 'Stockden Daughters'.
Martha	(1868)	(known in the family as Pat) was born 28 August and baptised into the Wesleyan Methodist church on 16 September 1868. She married an Alcott in Birmingham in 1891 and had a daughter.
Ellen	(1870)	see under 'Stockden Daughters'.
Mary	(1872-1961)	see under 'Stockden Daughters'.
Emily Sarah	(1873-1968)	see under 'Stockden Daughters'.
Kate	(1874-1961)	see under 'Stockden Daughters'.
Henry James	(1875-1876)	was an infant death.
Herbert John	(1878-1964)	see 'Family of ' - in 'Stockdens, South Africa'
Blanche Matilda	(1880)	following Emily to West Ham married a man named Hunt. They had a son named Derek.
Edward James	(1881-1912)	see 'Family of '.
Beatrice Jane	(1883)	see under 'Stockden Daughters'.
Henry George	(1886-1886)	an infant death.
Cecil Joseph	(1889-1966)	see under 'Stockdens in New Zealand ' section.

#### [Author's Note:

Several visits to see Mead Farm have been made by Pauline Stevenson, her American cousins, Avril Rayner, myself and in 1995 again with Pauline and New Zealand cousin, Margaret Peebles. Since then a motorway system for the new 'Second Severn Crossing' bridge has transformed the area. We spoke to the occupants of the farm back in 1995.]

#### Family of Uriah (1843-1917) Stockden

Uriah, born 18 March 1843, son of John (1804) and Louisa, was by 1881, working for the Midland Railway as a plate-layer. He lived at 54 Bull's Eye Lane, Thornbury, with his wife and eight of his surviving children. By 1891, however, he

was living at his mother-in-law's house, No 56 Bull's Eye Lane. She was Mrs Ann Walker - a widow aged eighty-one years.

Their children :

Louisa (1874-1947) remained a spinster until her death.  
 William Walker (1876-1959) see 'Family of '  
 Emma (1877) see under 'Stockden Daughters'.  
 Ann Elizabeth (1879) married at Bristol in late 1902, to a Mr Cook, postmaster, at Clevedon.

Henry (1882-1960) known as Harry. During Great War (WWI) served in the Gloucester Regt as Private 27284 and in the South Wales Borderers as Private 42253. He was awarded the Victory and British medals;

ref : J/1/101B16/4101. Harry never married.

Joseph (1884-1887) born 20 June probably not registered until 1885 and was an infant death.

Frederick Charles (1887-1954) see 'Family of ' in 'Stockdens in Canada' section.

John Wall (1889-1938) known as Jack, served in Great War of 1914-18. He was Sapper 190321 (WR258501) in the Royal Engineers. His medals were awarded under ref: RE/102B71 13830. Jack also worked on the railway, and on the death of his father, Uriah, assumed his position as a ganger. Jack also remained a bachelor.

Sidney Thomas (1892-1964) see 'Family of '.

Alice May (1893-1968) together with Louisa, Harry and Jack remained single and they all lived together in the house in (old Bull's Eye Lane) now Bath Road, Thornbury. In 1941 Alice was the innocent party to a bigamous marriage.

### **Family of Thomas (1848-1918) Stockden**

Thomas born 15 February 1848, married in 1871 in Bath, to Ellen Mary Stonall, aged eighteen years, daughter of George Edward Stonall, a sailor. Of three children known to be born to the marriage only one may have survived. In Bath, Thomas had made his living during the early 1870's as a railway signal manufacturer living at 6 Somerset Street. However, following his marriage to Ellen Stonall, he moved to Bristol where he was a general labourer, later working in the docks. Their three children were all born in their Bristol home. In 1881, Thomas and Ellen, with their surviving child, son Sidney George then three years old, lived in the St Philip and St Jacob Parish of Bristol. Divorce was unaffordable to the ordinary person in those days and it would appear that after Thomas and Ellen separated, they referred to themselves as 'widower' and 'widow'. By 1890 Ellen a 'widow', remarried to a Thomas Wood on 22 June 1890 at Chertsey, Surrey.

The children of Thomas and Ellen :

Thomas William (1875-1875) he was registered as being born at 13 Rose Street, St Mary Redcliff, Bristol and his death was registered in the last quarter of 1875.

Ellen Emma Louisa (1876-1876) b 6 August, also at 13 Rose Street, died in the Autumn of that year.

Sidney George (1878) his birth was recorded in Bath. Sidney was last noted in the 1881 census at home with his parents in the parish of St George, in the Clifton area of Bristol. Possibly his mother took him with her when she remarried and he perhaps assumed by adoption the name of Wood.

Thomas remarried at the Bristol Register Office in 1905 to Elizabeth Evans, a widow with two children. In the 1891 census a Thomas Stocton (sic), born in Bath, and Elizabeth Evans lived together at 72 Power Street, Bristol. Elizabeth, born at Clifton, was fifty-three years of age to Thomas' forty-three and was a laundress. Her two children were George Evans and Ada Evans. Young George was twenty-three and a general labourer by profession while Ada was, at seventeen, a domestic servant. Elizabeth died in 1912 and Thomas in 1918

### **Family of George (1851-1913) Stockden**

George was baptised on 8 June 1851. On 13 January 1874, George married Jane Taylor, aged thirty-two years, daughter of Samuel Taylor. Jane was living in Yate at the time of the marriage. George went into the grocery shop business and over the years had several addresses in the Yate Road. According to his widow's death certificate George was a 'General Haulier' at the time of his death'. To my knowledge there was no issue of this marriage. George died on 26 September 1913. (See Wills).

Jane's death certificate reads as follows :

[Registration District of Chipping Sodbury - Sub-district of Iron Acton : 1926 No: 451 2 February 1926 at Iron Acton : Jane Stockden Female : aged 84 years : Widow of George Stockden, Haulier general :(1) Intestinal obstruction (2) Toxaemia certified by J M Kearns MB : W Prior nephew of Station Road Yate : reg 3 February 1926: Lawrence Blackmore, Registrar]

### **Family of Thomas Wall (1852-1884) Stockden**

Thomas, baptised 12 July 1852, was the last born son of John (1804) and his wife Louisa. Thomas married in mid 1880 to Ellen Jane Stickler, of Stinchcombe who was baptised on 24 November 1850 (Pucklechurch records page 13 entry 100 and is the daughter of Charles and Ellen Stickler). Thomas' first son, John Wall, was in the 1881 census for the parish of Bristol St George, where all the family were misidentified as 'Stockdon' at 15 Myvart Street, St George, Barton Regis. He made a living as a plasterer. Thomas died in 1884 and nothing more is then known of his wife or the children.

Their children :

John Wall	(1881)	born in the parish of Bristol St George. (n.f.i.)
Frank Charles	(1882)	b 25 August at 5 Myvart Street, St George. (n.f.i.)
Alice Ann	(1883)	born in the parish of Bristol St George. (n.f.i.)

### **Family of Charles (1853-1929) Stockden**

Charles was born on 2 August 1853 and by the time of the 1891 census he was thirty-eight years of age and a railway engine driver living at 48 Grange Street, Derby. He had probably come to Derby about 1882. Two children were living at the address in 1891. His marriage to Harriet Darby was at Bath in 1871. She was born at Litchburg, Northamptonshire and she died in 1904 at Towcester and their daughter Ethel Eliza died in the same year. He re-married at Derby in late 1906 to Mary Elizabeth (l.n.u.) who died at Shardlow, Derbyshire in 1936.

Their children :

Herbert George	(1876-1942)	see 'Family of '.
Charles Henry	(1877-1878)	an infant death.
Ethel Eliza	(1879-1906)	her birth was registered in Barton Regis, Bristol.
Florence Esther	(1887)	married at Derby 1912 to man named Deakley.
John	(1893-1893)	died shortly after birth.

### **Family of William (1853-1943) Stockden**

William, born in Abersychan, was the only male child of John and Mary Ann to leave Trevethin for work rather than go down the coal mines for his living. He became a railway guard and he lived in Newport. He married three times, firstly in 1877 at the parish church of Mynyddislwyn, to Esther Jane Parry, aged twenty years, of Abercarne. Her father, James, was a butcher. Esther died in early 1880, probably as a result of complications following the birth of Eliza Jane, and the children lived with their paternal grandparents while William took lodgings at the home of David Bird in the parish of St Woolos.

Their children :

Mary Ann	(1878)	b Newport, lived with grandparents in Trevethin.
Eliza Jane	(1879)	born Newport married William (Bill) Harvey at Pontypool on 26 December 1904.

In 1884, William married for the second time to Mary Emma Barnes, aged twenty-five years, daughter of William Barnes, a silk weaver. Both William and Mary had the address of 11 Albion Street, Newport, at the time of the wedding. To this marriage three children were born.

Their children :

George Edwin (1885-1966) became a merchant seaman and died at the Home for Retired Sailors, Birkenhead, Lancashire. He never married.

William John (1886-1976) see 'Family of '.

Elsie (1889-1889) Elsie died shortly after birth.

Within the year, in early 1890, Mary Emma also died. At this time in 1889-1890, William was still a railway goods guard and resided at 33 Capel Street, Newport. Again, the surviving children went to Trevethin to be cared for by their paternal grandmother.

In 1894 William married for the third time, to Polly Helon Hurford, aged forty-three years, daughter of Edwin Gay Hurford, H. M. Customs officer. Polly already had a daughter also named Polly born 1879 and who took the name of Stockden upon her mothers marriage to William. She married William John Clarke in 1909 and gave her fathers name as William Stockden, Coal Agent. When he died, William was living at 11 Grange Road, Pontnewydd.

### **Family of John (1853-1938) Stockden**

John Stockden was born on 20 February 1853. He lived at a number of addresses in the Blackweir area of Cardiff (see list below). John also worked at the Maindy Soapworks at the time that his first child, William John, was born. In both the 1881 and 1891 census he was described as a 'Pressman' - probably a metal worker. His employment was variously described as 'fuel worker', and latterly as a foreman at the 'Patent Fuel Works' in Neath. He died in Neath in 1938, (see Wills). John's wife Ellen Gadd was born 26 May 1853 in Taunton, Somerset. Ellen and John were married at Cardiff Register Office on 31 May 1873. The fathers of both bride and groom were deceased at the time of the marriage. Witnesses were Robert Gadd, John's friend and now brother-in-law, and Edward L Jemmett. R R Watkins was the Registrar and Edward John was Deputy Supt. Registrar.

**[Author's Note:**

John's name was written down in error as 'Stockwood' which is why I was unable to find them, although it was corrected by the registrar in their presence several months later. The correction was placed at the foot of the column in St Caths records but I missed it. My thanks to Russell Perks, great grandson of Rosina Stockden, for giving me the details.]

Death report of certificate No: 398

Ellen died in Neath 26 January 1908. The wife of John Stockden, now a foreman at the Patent Fuel Works, Neath, died of cerebral embolism, hoemiplegia and 4 days of bronchitis at the age of 54 years. Her death was certified by J Arnall MD. The widower, John, made his mark 'x' on the certificate as being present at time of death. They were, at this time, living at 69 Tydraw Street, Port Talbot, Margam. The certificate, was signed on 27 January by Harward Beynon, Registrar.

Both John and Ellen are buried in Cathays Cemetary, Cardiff in Plot No: L2537. A marker gives their names, ages and dates of death.

The children of John and Ellen :

William John	(1874-1931)	see 'Family of '.
Edith	(1875)	married a Canadian, Herbert E Passingham in 1916.
Rosina	(1876-1954)	see under 'Stockden Daughters'.
Francis Henry	(1878-1949)	see 'Family of '.

In 1913 John married eighteen years old Susan Williams. They adopted Neville John Palmer Lewis (see 'Family of'). Neville probably went to the Ealing area to be a schoolteacher and his mother Susan went there after her husband John's death in 1938. She died at Ealing in 1963. Addresses given in Kelly's Directories for John Stockden during his lifetime are :

1871	Soapworks, Maindee, Cardiff (using the old spelling for Maindy).
1888-91	71 Vachells Terrace North Road
1891	39 Blackweir, St John, Central Cardiff (census address)
1892	39 Marlborough Terrace North Road
1893	Vachells Terrace North Road
1894-5	55 Blackweir Terrace North Road
1900-1	38 Clytha Place North Road

**Family of George (1861-1945) Stockden**

George eventually went to work in Barry Docks, possibly during WWI, as a ships rigger. He lived in lodgings at 19 York Place. He married in 1919, at the age of fifty-seven, Mary Jane Thomas, a fifty-three years old widow of the same address. George was still unable to write and on the marriage certificate gave his late fathers occupation as 'fuel worker'. It is interesting to note that one of the witnesses signatures to George's marriage was an Edith Stockden. I believe that she is Edith Stockden (1902) the daughter of Francis Henry Stockden. The certificate of marriage was signed by J T Lindsley, Registrar and counter-signed by the Superintendent Registrar R J Watkins. (RJ perhaps related to both R R Watkins the Cardiff Registrar and T P Holmes Watkins who was the Superintendent Registrar of Pontypool District Register Office in 1909.)

Mary Jane, formerly Thomas, (daughter of the late John Salter, a farmer) was born in 1866. However, between the marriage and George's death in 1945, nothing more is known of Mary Jane.

### **Family of George Thomas (1863-1920) Stockden**

George was an agricultural labourer and a jobbing gardener for most of his life. He married, at the age of thirty-two years, Rosa Morgan, aged thirty-six years, of Alveston on 15 October 1895, at the Wesleyan Chapel, Thornbury. George died of T.B. Rosa was the daughter of George and Ann Morgan. Rosa was baptised on 17 October 1858 and died on 1 November 1933. She is buried with George, who died in 1920, at the Parish church, Alveston. Following the death of George Thomas, Rosa moved to Bristol with their son. She went back into service and for some time was housekeeper to the Lord Mayor of Bristol. Their son :

George Gilbert (1899-1971) see 'Family of '.

### **Family of Sidney Jack (1865-1893) Stockden**

Sidney Jack died at the age of twenty-eight years in 1893. He and his wife Catherine Sarah (née Down) ran a beer only (ie made their own beer) public house - "The Cabinet Makers Arms" at 4, Trym Street, Bath until his death. Sidney Jack and Catherine may have married about 1887 and had three children, before he died in 1893. Catherine remarried, to Albert Dabner, in 1895. I have not found the parish record of his marriage, but, like many of the records in the 1800's it was also not registered (to my knowledge) at St Catherine's House.

Their children :

Mabel Fanny	(1888-1888)	born at Woodbine Place on 4 January, infant death.
Daisy Lilian	(1890)	married in 1913, William George Wood. They had two children, Jack and Nancy.
Edgar Down	(1893-1950)	see 'Family of '.

The following notes are based on Kelly's Directories so dates are 'as-seen' and therefore the persons occupations (and names spelled) as in Kelly's: -

Sidney George	1878	An error here (Sidney Jack ? )
Sidney Jack	1890	Cab Proprietor Wincombe Wharf
Sydney	1890	at Cabinet Makers Arms, 4 Trim St.

In 1892 Sidney Jack had moved to 1 Woodbine Place, Widcombe Hill.

Mrs Stockden	1890	Cabinet Makers Arms
	1892	Cabinet Makers Arms

Mrs Catherine S Landlady of the 'Cabinet Makers Arms' licensee of a beer house

### **Family of James (1866-1897) Stockden**

James was baptised 26 January and was a five years old child in the 1871 census and seen again in the 1881 census as a servant at the home of Abel Fisher in Olveston. He left Olveston about 1890 to find work as an excavator in the then new Barry Docks which were under construction from 1885. He married Caroline Wright on 13 November 1893 at the parish church of Cadoxton-juxta-Barry. They lived at 19 Morel Street at the time of their wedding. His brother (Thomas) George was a witness to the wedding.

In 1897 he was living at 15 Coyngé Terrace, Barry when he developed typhoid fever and meningitis. He died on 14 October of that year. His death was registered as No 243 on 16 October by John Powell, S R C P. The Registrar, of the sub-district of St Nicholas, was Henry C Jones. James' occupation, given as an 'excavator' when he

married was now given, at his death, as 'dock-labourer'. Caroline, at twenty-six years of age in 1897, was living at 12 Robert Street, Barry, when she remarried in 1898 to Charles Owen, aged thirty-two years, a storekeeper of Woodland Road, Barry.

**[Author's Note:**

My father-in-law, Wilfred George (1899) Stockden, was not aware of having an Uncle James. No mention of James was ever made by either Wilfred's father (Thomas George) or his aunt in Olveston where he went for holidays with his siblings.]

**Family of Thomas George (1867-1920) Stockden**

Thomas George was baptised on 15 September 1867. He left Olveston after the 1891 census following his older brother James to Barry to work in the new Barry Docks which were probably still under construction in 1893. Having got there he met his future wife, Ellen, (née Withers) through his friend at the docks, Tom Withers. They eventually married in 1896. During the difficult times caused by the Great War and its effect on the economy, he contracted pneumonia whilst having to walk everywhere in all weathers in search of work. The pneumonia developed into TB and he died of this early in 1920 at the age of fifty-two years. His wife, Ellen, was left to raise the children virtually by herself. She died on 13 April 1962 at the age of ninety years. She was a widow for forty-two years. Those children who married have their personal family histories below :

Their children :

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|----------------|---------------|---|
| Nellie May     | (1897-1976)   | see under 'Stockden Daughters'.   |
| Wilfred George | (1899-1994)   | see 'Family of '.   |
| Harry          | (1901-1969)   | bachelor and died of cancer of the liver. He lived at the family home with his mother until her death in 1960. By trade, a blacksmith, he worked all his life on Barry Docks. |
| Alice          | (1902-1974 ?) | see under Stockden Daughters'.  |
| John           | (1905-1908)   | died of pneumonia at the age of three years.  |
| Lily           | (1907-1972 ?) | see under 'Stockden Daughters'.   |
| Frederick      | (1909-1922)   | died of meningitis at the age of fourteen years.  |
| Bessie         | (1912)        | see under 'Stockden Daughters'.   |
| Ronald         | (1915)        | see 'Family of '.   |

**Family of William (1873-1949) Stockden**

William, worked as an agricultural labourer at 72 Olveston Green, (probably the Hamlet of Ingst) until shortly after the 1891 census. He left Olveston in late 1891 to work in the 'British Pit' at Talywain, Monmouthshire, South Wales. He was a labourer when he married. He later moved his family to Merthyr Tydfil where his last two children were born. William was the third of five brothers to migrate to Wales for work. William lived with his son Richard (1894) at Earls Colne in Essex, after leaving his home, at 8 Stafford Road, Griffithstown, near Pontypool.

William married, on 25 December 1892, Mary Elizabeth Wilcox at St Thomas' Church, in Talywain. Mary Elizabeth, daughter of G Henry Willcox, a carpenter and his wife Ada, died in 1936 at Griffithstown. William died, on 26 August 1949, after a prostate operation at Colchester hospital. Their children :

- |          |             |                                 |
|----------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| Beatrice | (1893-1979) | see under 'Stockden Daughters'. |
| Richard  | (1894-1970) | see 'Family of '.               |
| Violet   | (1896-1973) | see under 'Stockden Daughters'. |

Eva	(1898-1995)	see under 'Stockden Daughters'.
Hardy	(1900-1970)	see 'Family of '.
William Alexander	(1901-1974)	see 'Family of '.
James	(1908-1961)	see 'Family of '.

### **Family of Frederick (1874-1915) Stockden**

As a young lad Fred worked as an agricultural labourer for Mrs Mary Williams at 2 Olveston Green, also known as Porth Farm. He then left Olveston sometime between 1899 and 1900 as he was at Olveston when the 1891 census was taken. Unfortunately we are not able to see the 1901 census until 2001!. We do know that Fred had met and married Sarah Ann Jones by September 1904 at the latest.

At the moment, little to nothing is known of Fred's life. He married Sarah Ann in 1904 and Sarah Ann died at Pontypool in early 1949 aged sixty-seven years. She was widowed at thirty-two or thirty-three years of age in 1915. Fred was only forty years old when he died and Sarah Ann did not remarry. All the childrens births were registered in Pontypool,

Their children :

Eva Gwynneth	(1905)	see under 'Stockden Daughters'.
Bessie	(1907)	married late 1930 to John H Dean. (n.f.i.)
Wilfred George	(1909-1966)	see 'Family of '.
Lena	(1912)	(n.f.i.)

### **[Author'sNote :**

What is difficult to understand is why there was so little communication between these siblings. Yes, the early 1900's was not the best of life for many as indeed the same could be said for today. But, my father-in-law Wilfred George (1899) did not know of Wilfred George (1909), when I discovered him in the records. Or indeed, had he even heard of Bessie (1907). These are 'family' names and I would have thought that at sometime, someone, would have been proud to tell the relations that the family names were being continued. If you will glance at the 'family tree' you can see how the names were passed on.]

### **Family of William John (1874-1931) Stockden**

William John was born on 15 May 1874. He married Johanna Margaret Hewett on 19 July 1902 at the church of St Albans-on-the-Moors in Cardiff. He died in Neath on 18 November 1931 (see Wills file). Two of William John's four children were born in Cardiff and two in Neath. It is possible that William John moved to Neath at the time that his father moved there. John was a fuel works foreman in 1902 when William John and Johanna married. In 1939, William John was described as a 'fuel shipper' on his sons marriage certificate. Johanna Margaret died in Surrey in 1961 at the age of eighty-two years. (See list of addresses below showing William John's movements during his lifetime).

Their children :

Gladys Amelia	(1904-1987)	married 1940 at Westminster to Maldwyn Rhys-Morris. She was widowed and died in Exmouth.
Ellen	(1905-1985)	unmarried and also died at Exmouth. She was known to the family as 'Cissie'.
John	(1906-1991)	married Dorothy C Taylor, 1941 at Edmonton, London, died at Weybridge, Surrey. No known issue.

William James (1908-1993) see 'Family of '.

### **Family of William Walker (1876-1958) Stockden**

William Walker, born 29 February 1876, son of Uriah Wall (1843) Stockden, was a stonemason from Thornbury who came to South Wales to work in the Neath Valley and Resolven coal industry. He married Ann Rees (18 Sep 1877-1967), of Resolven on 30 January 1898 and had three children. He stayed here all his remaining years, learned the Welsh language and became a well respected member of the community. William died in 1958 and Ann died in 1967.

Their children :

Annie Myrinda (1899-1981) b 3 November. She married in 1932, a farmer, Percy Merton-Jones of Abergavenny; Annie died in March 1981. No issue.

Alice Mary (1900-1923) b 3 December, died on 19 March.

William Richard (1906-1997) see 'Family of '.

### **Family of Francis Henry (1878-1949) Stockden**

Francis Henry, born in September, second of John's two sons and known in the family as 'Frank', married in Cardiff in 1901 to Margaret Rubey (1880 - 4 October 1940) and she predeceased Francis Henry by nine years. Francis Henry was a shopkeeper in Cardiff and his addresses are listed below. Francis and Margaret are buried with their daughter in the family plot No:R2902 in Cathays Cemetary at Cardiff. They had one daughter:

Edith Winifred (1902 - 1923) who died aged twenty-one years at Cardiff.

Addresses at which Francis Henry Stockden lived in Cardiff from 1903 to 1937, given in Kelly's Directory :

1903	Henry Stockden	18 Manor Str Cathays
1904	Frank Stockden	31 Blackweir Terrace North Road
1906	Henry Stockden	126 Pembroke Rd Canton
1907	Frank Stockden	7 Talygarn Str Cathays
1908-12	Frank H. Stockden	59 Allensbank Rd Cathays General Shop
1913	Mrs M Stockden	Do
1914	Francis Henry	Do
1915	nil	
1916-21	Francis Henry	77 Manor Str Cathays
1922-37	Do	2 Allensbank Rd Cathays

### **Family of Edward James (1881-1912) Stockden**

Edward James, known as Ted in the family, was born and brought up on Mead Farm at Olveston. His father, James (1838) died when Ted was only eighteen years old. In 1905 he married Kate Clarice Palmer, aged twenty years, at Axbridge in Somerset. Kate was the daughter of Alfred John Palmer, a farmer. Jim and Kate had four daughters by 1909. He then worked at Locking Hall Farm near Weston-Super-Mare and by early 1912 he was working at Rew Farm, Ventnor, Isle of Wight as the farm bailiff (foreman). Sadly, on 23 April 1912, Ted died from heart failure brought on from the effects caused by rheumatic fever when he was a child. Family legend from the three surviving daughters (at time of writing) tells us that he was chased by a bull and leapt over a gate, which is quite possible in view of his work. His death certificate report says:

'Registration District: Isle of Wight. Death in the Sub-District of Godshill: in the

County of Isle of Wight. No:110 23 April 1912 at Rew Farm Cottages, Ventnor. Edward James Stockden, male, aged 30 years, Farm Bailiff. Cause of death: 1. Rheumatic Fever 2. Heart disease (Valvular) Certified by Reginald Roberts M.B. K C Stockden, widow of deceased present at the death. The death was registered on 26 April, the Registrar was Thomas York and Ted was buried in Ventnor cemetery on 27 April 1912. Reference No:4510 plot 360 (2nd interment) consecrated by the minister Reverend R W Colquhoun.'

Their children :

Rosina Clarice	(1906)	see under 'Stockden Daughters'.
Dorothy Millicent	(1907-1982)	see under 'Stockden Daughters'.
Marjorie Alice	(1908)	see under 'Stockden Daughters'.
Ida Mary	(1909)	see under 'Stockden Daughters'.

NB: After Ted's death, Kate and the children returned to Axbridge. On 22 December 1934 she remarried to Donald St Clare Hope, a widower aged forty-eight who was a paper box machinist. Donald lived at 54 Gloucester St, East Ville, Bristol.

### **Family of William (1883-1944) Stockden**

William, baptised on 3 June at Stapleton, Bristol, was the second child of Emily (1858) Stockden. According to his son 'Ned' whom I saw recently, William joined the army and served in the Boer War and WWI then after leaving the army, in which he attained the rank of sergeant-major, William went to Wales where at Bedwellty in 1919 he married a widow, Morfydd Fisher (née Witherell). They moved eventually to Caerleon where William died. In the March quarter of 1951, Morfydd remarried. Their children :

Edward John (1920) served in the army during WWII then the Merchant Marine for thirty-three years afterwards. He travelled the world visiting Australia several times where many Stockden families lived, but he was not aware of them, even though he 'jumped ship' and tried working the gold mines at Calgoorlie. He married in 1976, Winifred Lamb, a widow.

Cyril (1922-1982) (n.f.i.) and  
Lilian (1927-1996) named after her fathers elder sister, married (f.n.u.) Guest in 1948 and had a son and daughter. Lilian died 27 December 1996.

#### **[Author's Note:**

A William Stockden was in the RASC as Pvt J/368675 RASC5417. Probably this 'William' .]

### **William John (1887-1976) Stockden**

William John was the second child of William (1853). William served in WWI as Pvt 29056 in the Machine Gun Corps. He entered the service on 23 December 1915 and was discharged on 28 November 1918. He married in Cardiff in 1921 to Elizabeth Evans, daughter of Charles Evans, a miner of Chesterton, Staffordshire. They had one son:

Leonard Edwin (1921) see 'Family of '.

### **Family of Sidney Thomas (1892-1964) Stockden**

Sidney Thomas joined his brother in the Neath area of South Wales, and worked as a foreman in the tinplate industry. His wife, Elizabeth Jane Ricketts, came from Culbone, Somerset but they both remained in the Neath area all their married life. Elizabeth died 25 February 1960 and Sidney, who served in the armed forces during

WWI, died 11 May 1964. He entered the Welsh Regiment as Private 13068 on 21 December 1915 and was discharged on 14 January 1919. During this time he served in France and was awarded the Victory and British medals, (J/1/104B495/3 & J/1/3b2133 S W B List J798).

Their children :

Sidney William (1920-1924) b 15 April - d 7 September, aged five years.  
Muriel (1925-1989) b 18 March was a tailoress by profession and was very involved with the Canadian side of the family (See Canada chapter) which she visited several times. She was godmother to Elizabeth Joyce Ann (1938). Muriel died 31 July 1989.

#### **Family of Edgar Down (1893-1950) Stockden**

Edgar was born in Bath in 1893 and married Annie Maria Sargent at Bath in late 1916 and they had two children. In 1918 he started his hair dressing business at 1 Newark Street. Edgar died in 1950 at the comparatively early age of fifty-eight and his widow Annie remarried on 26 April 1958, to Leonard Harris. Edgar also worked at Burnham-on-Sea.

Their children :

Sidney Jack (1917-1974) see 'Family of'.  
Roy Dennis Edgar (1921) see 'Family of'.

#### **Family of Richard (1894-1970) Stockden**

Richard born 10 September, died 8 December 1970 in Earls Colne, Essex, married Mary Jane Wilkins (2 Jul 1893-1973) at Pontypool in 1918. They had one daughter :

Nancy Elizabeth (1923-1981) see under 'Stockden Daughters'.

Richard was involved with the mining unions and eventually left the coal-mines when he became asthmatic. He moved to Essex where he took up poultry farming. His daughter married Geoffrey Herbert Partis, who was a Royal Air Force navigator during WWII.

[**Authors Note:** The marriage was at the Earls Colne parish church where I had often attended with my school, between 1944 and 1948.]

#### **Family of Wilfred George (1899-1994) Stockden**

Wilfred George was born 18 July 1899 at 44 Clive Road, Barry Island. His father was a railway plate-layer at this time. When Wilfred married Helen Isobel Piper (27 Apr 1902-26 Sep 1982) on 14 May 1932 at All Saints Church, Barry, he was a coal tipper in Barry Docks. His residence at time of marriage was at 1 Amherst Crescent, Barry Island. Helen (known to all as Nell), was thirty years old, (and had been courted for ten years by Wilfred) and lived at 8 Kathleen Street, Barry, daughter of Thomas Richard Piper, a brick-layer.

Following the death of his wife, Wilfred continued to live on in his own home and for the next eleven years was very successful in doing that. However, at the age of ninety-three years he lost his sight and became too frail to care for himself. He entered the 'The Waters Edge' nursing home in Barry, but after a few months he decided to transfer to the 'Fenwick Lodge' Nursing Home in Cheltenham, which was near to his daughter and son-in-law.

He had left school at the age of fourteen and started his working life as a clerk in the Aberthaw cement works. However, as the 1914-18 war progressed he went to work

in the boat-yards at Chepstow. From there he joined the army, but after an accident with an ammunition box which involved some time in hospital, the war came to an end and he was discharged without having to serve in France. (Amazingly, he did not again see the inside of a hospital as a patient until 1985). After WWI he had various jobs which included the building trade with his father-in-law, coal-tipping at Barry Docks and clerical work in Barry employment exchange office.

At the outbreak of WWII he was too old for active service but was drafted to the firm of Ocean Salts which was engaged in war work. After the war he worked for the Docks and Inland Waterways Board as a clerk. This job was the most interesting of his career. He was responsible for ensuring that cargoes of ships in Barry Docks were loaded, unloaded and all accounted for. Because the order of weight input to and from the ship affected its balance the job called for a high degree of accuracy and responsibility. He retired in 1966 but was asked to return to the docks for a short time in 1967 to help with the increase in cargo traffic during the removal of ordnance from France, when SHAPE HQ moved from Paris to Brussels following France's departure from the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation in 1966. He died on 25 February 1994 at the age of ninety-four years.

Their children:

Avril Ann	(1935)	see under 'Stockden Daughters' section.
Geoffrey George	(1940)	see 'Family of '.

### **Family of George Gilbert (1899-1971) Stockden**

George was born on 30 January at Rose Cottage, Alveston. As a young man George joined the Royal Marine Artillery. He was posted to Orkney where he manned a coastal battery guarding Scapa Flow and the Grand Fleet. It was here that he met his future wife. Something of a coincidence occurred to George one day in the late 1930's. He had been in the Bristol Royal Infirmary and was in a bed next to a William Stockden of Newport. However, before they could exchange details and identification, George was moved down to the operating theatre and found that on his return 'Will' Stockden had left the hospital. This story was related to me by George Stuart, George's son.

George Gilbert married Fanny Rendall Wilson (1898-1969) on 19 August 1922 at the Wesleyan Chapel, Gloucester Road, Bristol. George, given in Kelly's Directory for Bristol as a commercial traveller, started work at the Co-operative Wholesale Society (C.W.S.) as a boot and shoe warehouseman (and coincidentally at a later date the father of Stuart's wife Muriel, also started his working life as a boot and shoe warehouseman at Kingswood). George ended up as manager of the South Wales and Plymouth departments as well as the Bristol department.

Fanny, who came to Bristol to marry George after her parents died, was born 22 March 1898 at 81 Victoria Street, Kirkwall, Orkney Islands. She was the daughter of John and Mary Wilson who married on 28 May 1883 at Kirkwall. During WWI, John Wilson was captain of the St Ola, the mail-boat which plied between Aberdeen and Scapa Flow. It used to carry mail for the Navy - and one day it was late approaching Scapa - but the boat had been cleared. The marines were ordered to put a shot across its bows - yes, George Gilbert was the gunner! John Wilson was so annoyed that he returned with the mail to Aberdeen. George played safe and did not visit the Wilson household for a while. Fanny died 25 June 1969 at the Bristol Royal Infirmary. George died 6 April 1971 at Ham Green Hospital, Bristol. Their son:

George Stuart (1927-1997) see 'Family of '.

#### **Family of Hardy (1900-1970) Stockden**

Hardy was born on 6 March and married in 1928, Gladys Betsy Wells (1904-20 Nov 1993). Hardy died on 6 June 1970 predeceasing Betsy by twenty-three years. Their children :

Gladys Jean (1929) see under 'Stockden Daughters'.

Raymond Hardy (1933) b 9 November married Jean Till on 21 April 1956 at Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton. No issue.

#### **Family of William Alexander (1901-1974) Stockden**

William Alexander (16 Oct 1901-23 Oct 1974), known as 'Alec', married Gladys Violet Jones (1901- 27 Dec 1979) on 26 December 1928. Their children :

Evelyn Joyce (1930) see under 'Stockden Daughters'.

Iris June (1934) see under 'Stockden Daughters'.

#### **Family of William Richard (1906-1997) Stockden**

William Richard born 29 September, was married in 1936, to Eileen Elizabeth Ann Summers of Swansea, who was born 3 June 1911. William went to work in the local coal mines and eventually became the pit-head baths superintendent. He died on 3 November 1997.

Their children :

Godfrey Oswald Walker (1936-1937) b 12 October 1936 - d 7 March 1937.

Elizabeth Joyce Ann (1938) see under 'Stockden Daughters'.

Ronald David Percy (1939) see 'Family of '.

Eric William Arthur (1944) see 'Family of' in 'Stockdens in Canada'.

Anthea Margaret (1948) see under 'Stockden Daughters'.

#### **Family of Sidney Herbert (1906- 1995) Stockden**

Sidney was born in Derby and his marriage to Elizabeth Townend was registered at Leighton Buzzard in 1932. There were four children from this marriage. He travelled extensively in England during this marriage and divorced Elizabeth in 1946. In 1950, he remarried at Yeovil, to Kathleen Lydia Moore, who died in 1979. Elizabeth remarried to Ernest E. Abrahams at Bristol in 1947.

Their children :

Betty June (1933) birth registered at Leighton Buzzard. She was married in 1959, at Chippenham, to Robin S Jarvis.

Derek Sidney (1935) see 'Family of '.

Robin L (1943) see 'Family of '.

Wendy Lois (1945) born in the Chippenham area and she married in 1971, Roy Lincoln.

#### **Family of William James (1908-1993) Stockden**

William James, at the age of thirty-one years was an aircraft fitter and married on 23 September 1939 to Jeannette Alice Williams aged twenty-five years, who was a domestic servant at the Nelson Hospital, Kingston Road, Merton, Surrey. William James was living at 30 Eden Grove Road, Byfleet, Surrey. They had one child, a daughter :

Jacqueline Ann (1952) see under 'Stockden Daughters'.

### **Family of James (1908-1961) Stockden**

James (13 Jan 1908-4 Sep 1961) died when he was aged fifty-three. He married Gladys Irene Giles (23 Jun 1908-Feb 1980) in February 1927, at Pontypool. At the time his children were born James was a company manager living at 4 Llantradach Street, Pontypridd. In WWII he served in the Royal Air Force as a medical section corporal. He met Geoffrey Partis in Qastina, Palestine in 1944-45.

Their children :

Joan	(1930)	see under 'Stockden Daughters'.
John	(1938)	see 'Family of '.

### **Family of Wilfred George (1909-1974) Stockden**

Wilfred George married, in mid 1935, to Jessie Jewell (15 Mar 1910-1974). Like many of the male Stockdens, Wilfred George also died at the comparatively early age of fifty-seven years. They had a daughter :

Margaret	(1938)	In mid-1961 she married Paul Baber.(n.f.i.)
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### **Family of Neville Palmer Lewis (1913{?}-1982) Stockden**

Neville Palmer Lewis Stockden was apparently adopted in Port Talbot, South Wales. He married Lilian Jones in Surrey in early 1938. Neville became a schoolteacher and was eventually a headmaster. He had one son and a daughter. Neville died in August 1982. Lilian, his widow, now lives at 13 Upper Halliford Road, Shepperton, Middlesex.

Their children :

Neville James John	(1938)	see 'Family of '.
Lilian S. M.	(1951)	married Peter J Francis in 1974.(n.f.i.)

### **Family of Ronald (1915) Stockden**

Ronald born on 23 July, married firstly Beatrice Kate (Kitty) Lovering in 1941. They had a daughter, Ann (1941). Ronald married secondly in 1949 to Ena Page (1927-1995). They had no issue. Ronald is the youngest son of Thomas George (1867). He ran away from home at the age of sixteen and joined the army. By 1937 he was posted overseas to India and was in Quetta just after the terrible earthquake that hit that city. On his return to England he joined the Glider Pilot Regiment learning firstly to fly on the De Havilland 'Tiger Moth' then the enormous wooden 'Horsa' gliders. In September 1944 as second pilot on a 'Horsa' he was dropped over Arnhem during the famous Operation 'Market Garden'. He was one of the last of the fortunate 2000-odd men to escape capture. He returned to England for a short time before being sent to Burma where further glider operations had been planned against the Japanese. Before these could take place the atom bomb brought about the end of World War II. After leaving the army and following a small variety of jobs Ronald settled in the town of Long Eaton where he now lives in retirement. His wife Ena died from cancer in September 1995.

### **Family of Sidney Jack (1917-1978) Stockden**

Sidney Jack, first son of Edgar Down (1893) Stockden, was born at Bath. Jack, as he was known to the family, joined the Royal Air Force at the beginning of WW II and received a wartime substantive commission as Pilot Officer 133758 J Stockden, rising to the rank of Flight Lieutenant. By the end of 1946 he was placed on the Reserve, according to the Air Force List held at Kew Records Office. He trained as a pilot in Rhodesia flying Hurricanes and Spitfires in the Middle East war zone. At

Bath, in 1945 Jack married Joan Iris Cowlea. In 1963 he lived at 6 Lansdown Place, Weston Rd. Jack died of cancer in 1974 at the age of fifty-seven years. There was no issue of the marriage and Joan died at Dartford in 1978 at the age of sixty years.

#### **Family of Roy Dennis Edgar (1921) Stockden**

Roy is the second son of Edgar Down (1893) Stockden, was born in Bath and has lived at various places in and around Bath all his life. Roy joined the Royal Air Force at the beginning of WW II and was a flight mechanic / air gunner. His aircraft was the famous 'Catalina'. He went to Gibraltar, and also flew on Arctic convoy escort duty. His plane was one of four which flew to Gradnya, near Murmansk in Russia to collect the photographs taken by Spitfire PR9's, of the battle-cruiser Tirpitz - sunk by Lancasters in a Norwegian fiord. His other wartime stations included Lough Erne in Northern Ireland and Perranporth in Cornwall. He remembers that his grandmother was called Kate, but did not, of course, know his grandfather. Roy married Betty (aka Bessie) Ferris at Bath in 1945.

Their children :

Dennis Jack	(1948)	see 'Family of ' and
Lynda	(1951)	see under 'Stockden Daughters'.

#### **Family of Leonard Edwin (1921-2002) Stockden**

Eddie was born on 28 November at Cardiff. He is the only son of William John (1886) Stockden and his wife Elizabeth. Eddie joined the Royal Air Force when he was a young man and during the late war years he was in Burma. In 1958 he married Jean Penny (died in June 2000 in Cardiff and they have two sons. When one of his sons was ill he had to have an operation in Bristol hospital. So as to be near to him, Eddie and Jean bought a house at Frampton Cotterell which is only one and half miles from the Stockden family origins of Westerleigh, Rangeworthy and Iron Acton. This they did not know - until I knocked on their door and introduced Avril and myself!

Their children :

Leonard Andrew	(1960)	see 'Family of ' and
Robert Allen	(1967)	see 'Family of '.

#### **Family of George Stuart (1927-1997) Stockden**

The only son of George Gilbert is known to the family as Stuart. He therefore carries on the name of George in the family tree, but avoids any confusion over identification. Born 7 August at Bromilly Road, Bristol, he started his working life at the Bristol Aeroplane Company as a drawing office apprentice in the Engine Division and after five years went into the Drawing Office and finally became Bearing Engineering Manager. After forty-one years service he took early retirement. In recent years Stuart had some health problems and underwent a kidney replacement operation. On 18 September 1948, he married Muriel May Burden at the Wesleyan Chapel, Gloucester Road, Bristol. Muriel, at the time of their marriage was a short-hand typist at the Board of Trade. Muriel was born 3 May 1927 at North Road, Bristol, daughter of the late Gordon Burden (8 November 1896-28 July 1933) of Bristol. [Gordon's wife was Elsie May Fudge (22 Dec 1897-20 May 1945) They had married on 31 July 1926 in the parish of St George, Bristol.] Their children :

Mary Elizabeth	(1955)	see under 'Stockden Daughters' and
Jean Louise	(1958)	see under 'Stockden Daughters'.

**[Author'snote:**

My thanks to Stuart Stockden for many of the details in this section of the Family History. In 1996 Stuart's replacement kidney operation failed. Following extensive dialysis through to early 1997 his body succumbed to deteriorating health. On 23 April 1997 Stuart died in his sleep. I did not have the chance to meet Stuart, although we had several telephoned conversations and many exchanges of letters. He carried his illness bravely and will be sadly missed by family and friends.]

#### **Family of Derek Sidney (1935) Stockden**

Derek Sidney's birth was registered at Leighton Buzzard. He married Margaret Marriott in the Cambridge area in 1959. Derek has a very busy life on fifteen committees and actively supports Coventry Cathedral. He and his family now live in Leamington Spa.

Their children :

Fiona Caroline	(1974)	b 8 January and
David James	(1979)	b 7 November.

#### **Family of Neville James John (1938) Stockden**

Neville James John married Maria Munde-Camarena in 1962. He and Maria divorced in 1992. He may have remarried in Austria in 1993. On a holiday to South Africa in March 1993, he met another distant branch of the family name, Herbert John (1915) Stockden. Although promising to keep in touch, he failed to do so. He was accompanied by his second wife 'Kristal'. They have a son aged about eight years at time of writing (who was not with them on their holiday) and possibly another child.

Children of Neville and Maria :

Ian Michael Lewis	(1964)	see 'Family of ' and
Paul Antony	(1965)	born in Rome on 16 November and is a mining engineer. In 1995 he married Helen M Tiernan.

#### **Family of John (1938) Stockden**

John was born 30 July. He married Margaret Elizabeth Herbert (1942) on 11 September 1965. John was then a production planner and Margaret a short-hand typist. John was living at 126 Bonvilston Road, Trallwn and Margaret at 10 Woodland Terrace, Maesycoed.

Their children :

Carl James	(1968)	see 'Family of ' and
Kathryn Anne	(1971)	b 3 June.

#### **[Author's Note :**

Of all the grandchildren of William (1873) and Mary Elizabeth Stockden, John is the only one to carry forward the family surname.]

#### **Family of Ronald David Percy (1939) Stockden**

Ronald David Percy was born 3 September. He has worked for British Steel and at the Gorseinon works he met Geoffrey George (1940) Stockden. He now lives in Brierley Hill, West Midlands, and is currently employed in the sheet-metal industry, as a sales manager for a large colour coated steel company. He married firstly on 15 June 1963, Dorothy Sheila Rees and they have two sons :

Richard Rees	(1965)	see 'Family of ' and
Andrew David	(1967)	b 26 December, still lives with his mother

Dorothy Sheila in Pontardawe. The boys are both employed in the local metal industry.

Ronald David married secondly, Lynne Malloy by whom he has a son :  
David Carl (1978) b 6 October.

#### **Family of Geoffrey George (1940) Stockden**

Geoffrey George was born on 2 December. He married Julie Davies on 31 August 1963. Their twin daughters were born on 20 January 1976. Geoffrey George is the only son of Wilfred George (1899). On leaving school he worked in the Distillers plastics industry at Barry as a Laboratory assistant. He later joined Richard Thomas and Baldwin (RTB, Aylesbury), and gained a degree in plastics. RTB was eventually taken over by British Steel which started a 'colour coated steel' plant at Gorseinon. Geoffrey has been employed at this plant since its conception and now holds a top technical management post. During this period he met Ronald David Percy (1938) Stockden who, at that time, also worked for British Steel.

Their children (twins):-

Ceri (1976) b 20 January and  
Joanne (1976) b 20 January.

In 1997, Ceri graduated from Southampton College and in 2003 was a staff nurse at Singleton Hospital, Swansea. Joanne graduated from Cardiff University, became a department manager at Sainsbury's and then in 2003 moved to Marks & Spencers.

#### **Family of Robin L (1943) Stockden**

Robin L (1943) was born in the Bedford area. He was married in 1967 at Bristol to Rosina M Woolley. In mid-1996 Robin was a garage service manager in Bridgewater, Somerset.

Their children :

Sharon (1966) married Julian P Rainbow at Bath in 1994;  
Tracey Anne (1968) and her partner Jamie (l.n.u.) two children:  
    Jamie John P. (1987) b October, and  
    Faye Marie (1989) b June;  
Roberta (Bobby) June (1970) and her partner, Chay (l.n.u.), had a daughter, Abbey Louise (1993-1993) who, sadly, died on 15 April of that year.  
Myles James W (1973).

Robin and Rosina divorced and Robin married secondly to Pauline Holmes (née Dubois), in 1986; there is no known issue of this second marriage.

#### **Family of Dennis Jack (1948) Stockden**

Dennis, son of Roy Edgar (1922), is named after both his uncle and grandfather. He is i/c of the Computer Department of the firm of Damart Ltd. Dennis has married twice, firstly in late 1975 to Joan Piper, and secondly in 1980 to Mary Ann Wells, née Eagles, by whom he has two daughters, both born at Bradford :

Louise Alison (1981) and  
Helen Lindsey (1982)

Dennis' wife, Mary Ann, was born in West Germany in a British Royal Military Hospital, on 9 December 1951 at Rinteln, where her father was a Major in the Army.

**Family of Leonard Andrew (1960) Stockden**

Leonard Andrew was born on 20 November 1960 in Singapore. He now has an interesting job which entails travelling abroad. He married Tracey Burgiss at Chatham in 1982.

Their children :

Shawn Colin	(1983)	b 12 October, at Stamford, Lincolnshire
Sheryl-Ann Louise	(1985)	b 10 September, also at Stamford.

**Family of Ian Michael Lewis (1964) Stockden**

Ian Micheal Lewis was born on 7 April at Isleworth. He is now a geophysicist, and has a partner, Mary Jane Higgins.

Their children :

Jason Elliot B. H.	(1986)	b 16 August and
Felix Lewis H.	(1991)	b 27 September.

**Family of Richard Rees (1965) Stockden**

Richard was born in Neath on 25 August and is the first son of Ronald (1938) and his then wife, Dorothy Sheila. Richard works in the local metal industry. He married Julie Whitefoot on 22 July 1995 at Pontardawe and they now have a daughter :

Ffion Elizabeth	(1996)	b 25 April.
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**Family of Robert Allen (1967) Stockden**

Robert married in August 1995 at Trowbridge, Lisa M Bailey (16 Oct 1969). Robert works as a milk-roundsman in Trowbridge. Their children :

Kieran Robert	(1996)	b 2 March at Trowbridge
Charlotte Marie	(1997)	b 18 September at Trowbridge

**Family of Carl James (1968) Stockden**

Carl James was born 21 October and married on 30 July 1994, at Pontypridd, to Helen Mary Davis, aged 25 years, a nursery nurse of 65 Thurston Road, Trallwn, Pontypridd. Carl, a trainee accountant, was living at 23 Rosser Street, Maesycloed, Pontypridd.

They now have a son :

Liam James	(1996)	b 24 October.
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**End of  
Stockdens Sons and their Families in the United Kingdom.**