
The STOCKDEN NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends,

Again, let me start off by wishing you all a Happy New Year. An unusual one, a roll-over from an old century to a new, the third millenium as our calendar goes. Enjoy it, but I expect to most of us, the year will progress like all the others!!

UPDATES on what the STOCKDENS have been doing.

It would appear that most Stockdens kept their heads down during the past year, so there is not a lot to tell about what you all have been up to. However what news there is will be revealed.....

a: Travels in 1999:

Avril and I went to Lake Como in May. She has always wanted to go to the Italian Lakes ever since we met. At last we have got around to it. Later we had a few days on the Isle of Wight (for the fifth time in six years) and later in Swanage, Dorset. We searched for fossils, which I like to collect, in both these places where many good examples have been found, but no luck for us. We made the big trip to the United States for the month of September to see old friends who married US servicemen forty and more years ago. We arrived at DFW airport and stayed at Aledo, near Fort Worth. Here I was lucky enough to find a source of fossils which I gathered by the bucketful. However did I get through the airports with all that extra weight????!!!!!! Then off to Las Vegas so I was able to tell Ned Stockden (see below) about what he had missed. Then on to Asheville in North Carolina. Well, seventy miles north of Asheville, as our friends live 4200 ft up in the mountains. The infamous Hurricane Floyd delayed our arrival at Asheville airport because of high winds. While there we visited the Biltmore Estate, the only 'stately home' in America. Then South to Albany, Georgia. A visit to the aircraft museum at the Warner-Robins airbase near Macon, 'made my day' !.

Kevin and Cynthia Stockden of Safety Bay, Western Australia, again went to Broome in the north of the State for a well earned two months holiday. They have a trailer / caravan, according to which style of naming you prefer for these mobile self-catering hotels!! The weather was a beautiful 30's C. So there was time for plenty of swimming. Daughter Kellie and her family, husband Steven, daughters Claudia Jane and Caris (?), who is only 18 months old and is not yet listed on the family tree, flew up to Broome for two weeks of enjoyment with Kevin and Cynthia in this Australian Shangri-La.

Ned (Edward John, 1920) and his wife Winn had two weeks in Los Angeles, California, USA. They enjoyed their holiday but were disappointed in not being able to visit Las Vegas, Nevada. This was due to the severe storms in the area at that time. These caused such a heavy downpour of rain that several people were killed in the subsequent flooding.

b: General Information and Updates on family members (including Hatches, Matches and Despatches)

Last year I told you of Thomas George STOCKDEN killed at the Battle of Jutland in 1916 and that I had not found his name in the local parish church records. On thinking about this I am now wondering if I can get to Bristol soon to recheck those records. In 1893 the records show that Lewis Gilbert, son of Emily (1858) Stockden, was baptised and a note in the margins suggesting that he had been born in 1889. Nothing further was found of Lewis Gilbert. But if Thomas George was 23 years old when he died that means he was born in 1893 when Lewis Gilbert was baptised. I wonder if I missed something as parents often waited to have more than one child baptised at the same time or perhaps Lewis Gilbert changed his name.....

I also told you last year that Jack and Kath Stockden of Durban, South Africa, both of whom went through a bad patch, healthwise, during late 1998, did get better as I found out from their son Anthony in

his e-mail message. However we have not heard from them this past Christmas, which is most unusual, so let us all hope that they just forgot.....!

At long last on 4 October 1999, we met Jean (née Stockden) and her husband Keith Walton. They then went to see cousin Joan (née Stockden) and her husband Alan Bennett. Their first meeting in about 50 years!!!

Now to the latest births, deaths and marriages which have taken place since the publication of my book:

Births: None to report !! That is really unusual !!

Deaths: None to report so that is a pleasant change.

Marriages: I am informed of only one taking place in the past year; Philip Andrew (1963), son of Gary Lawrence (1941) and his wife Lorene, married on 6 March 1999, Rosalina POLIMENO.

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#### ADDENDUM

The following information has come to hand since my book was published.

Births:

1893 : Thomas George STOCKDEN son of Emily STOCKDEN of Stapleton, Bristol

1998 : Rhett Jacob born 19 Jul, son of Wyatt and Brenda STOCKDEN of MacKay, Queensland.

Deaths:

1998 : Ronald John Robert STOCKDEN aged 83 yrs; son of Robert Thomas and Annie Gertrude STOCKDEN of Pert, Western Australia.

1998 : Kathleen Etta BAKER (née Stockden) aged 71 yrs; widow of Albert William BAKER and dau of Felix William and Gertrude Winifred STOCKDEN

Marriages:

At Jindabyne, New South Wales, on 19 Sep 1998, Amanda Jane STOCKDEN, dau of Kevin Ronald and Cynthia Dawn STOCKDEN of Safety Bay, Western Australia, to Mark William WHITTAKER.

At Perth, Western Australia, on 6 Mar 1999, Philip Andrew (1963) STOCKDEN, son of Gary Lawrence (1941) and Lorene STOCKDEN of Perth, to Rosalina POLIMENO.

From The Past :

At long last I have found some information which did not seem to exist when I was searching on an almost daily basis!. People who just seem to have disappeared because of being misnamed are now 'on the books' .....

Miranda STOCKDEN: Born 1846, daughter of John (1804) STOCKDEN and his wife Louisa WALL. Her name may have been Marinda (a first daughter named Miranda died as an infant). Marinda as baptised, married, as Miranda, Thomas CHAPPELL, on 01 Jan 1872, at Holy Trinity Church, Bristol. By the 1881 Census they were at 117 Kiveton Park, Wales, YORK. Thomas gave his age as 28 years and Miranda, 33 years. Their children at that time were : John 8 yrs; Herbert 6 yrs and Thomas M., 4 years. I have no idea where this is in Yorkshire so a look at the original place is called for.

Rosanna STOCKDEN: Born 1855 in Iron Acton, daughter of Thomas (1821) STOCKDEN and his wife Bathsheba ROACH. I saw no more of Rosanna, until in the LDS Vital Records I found : Rosina STOCKTON, aged 20 years, married George HOBBS, aged 21 years, on 15 March 1874 at Holy Trinity Church, Bristol. I am certain, with that feeling of someone who studies these families, that, as her fathers name was given as 'Thomas STOCKTON', and she was married at Holy Trinity Church, Bristol, which should be their parish church at Stapleton, that I have found 'Rosanna STOCKDEN'. There is no further record of 'Rosina and George' though a Rosina and Richard Hobbs lived in Stapleton in 1881. Thomas and Bathsheba STOCKDEN were mistakenly named 'STOCKDON' in the 1881 Census.

Hannah STOCKDEN: Daughter of William (1806) STOCKDEN and his wife Mary COVENTRY, of Rangeworthy, Hannah was born there in 1834. As Hannah STOCKTON she married John JONES at

Horfield, Bristol, on 22 Oct 1854. There is no further known evidence of what happened to them or where they may have gone.

Other information provided by the LDS records of 'Holy Trinity' churches indicated details of two other Stockden marriages. That of Uriah (1843) STOCKDEN to Alice WALKER on 12 June 1871 and of his younger brother Thomas Wall (1852) STOCKDEN to Ellen Jane STICKLER on 7 May 1880.

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Given the chance at some future date I shall have a look at these parish records for addresses or further identification of those mentioned above to confirm what I believe is the exact naming. I have just telephoned the Bristol Records Office and they tell me that there are several 'Holy Trinity' churches. So Horfield and Stapleton were two mentioned above, the third will be in the parish of St Philips. Many more parish records have been received during this past year so searching for a relative and getting a result should be a little more likely now.

So how many of you have taken up the use of the Internet and for what particular reason? Lets hear from you by e-mail now, the revolution is gaining strength by the month and soon postal messages, long known to us computer users as 'snail mail', will be a thing of the past. Greetings messages with accompanying musical tunes are all the rage. Perhaps only 'parcel post' will survive. There is a shortage of Stockdens on my e-mail address book. I have David (1978) in the UK, Anthony (1944) in South Africa and Gary (1959) in Canada....and two American STOCKDON, Skip and his son Casey. I will always wonder where they fit in the naming game.

Our Best Wishes to you all for the New Year,