Welcome to Alabaster Chronicle No. 38. Preparing this editorial/letter to you means that I have all but finished compiling this latest issue of the happenings of the Alabaster family, old and new.

You will find a number of abstracts from the Alabaster family tree in this edition, please do let me know whether they improve your enjoyment of the Chronicle as a whole or whether they detract from it. I have been told, on a couple of occasions, that some members can be confused as to which person an article is about—everybody having the same surname probably does not help!—and the trees are intended to clarify this. In particular, the tree on the middle pages should show how we now recognise the branches linking up. If anybody reading this is unsure where he or she personally fits in, please, please, contact me and I will happily attempt to print you out a personal tree connecting back to the division of the branches.

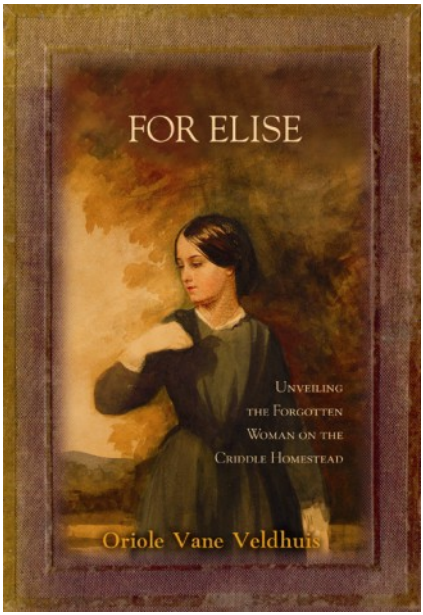
I get so much enjoyment out of compiling our family history information and the Chronicle itself that I can never understand the reason that I almost always seem to be beyond the date that I had hoped to be dispatching it from the post office and therefore apologising profusely on the first page of each new Chronicle……...so this time I hope you will just take my apologies as read. I WILL have the next Chronicle dispatched before the end of September this year (fingers crossed) because it will contain your all important booking form for the next Gathering (see page 4 & 5) and I will need to have a firm grasp on the numbers shortly after that to enable bookings to be made.

Whilst not apologising for my tardiness, I will say sorry to those of you who have written letters of note during the past couple of years but not seen them discussed in print before now. There has not been enough space available to do them justice: some of them warrant

articles in their own right, but I hope you will agree that this situation has now been remedied (p26-46) and that you will thoroughly enjoy their content and variety. Please do keep them coming in.

The next Chronicle will be focussing on Alabaster Weddings, as promised previously. I have received some lovely photographs but would still like to receive more, as soon as possible please. In Chronicle 37, I did request any information about the occupations and professions of your family. I have received some material on these but would really appreciate more, once again, whether it is just a list of information or a full blown essay.

There are still some subscriptions that remain unpaid for 2012/13, if this relates to you then you will have a reminder on the front of this Chronicle. If it should be the case that you have decided that you no longer wish to be a member of the Alabaster Society, then a phone call or email to me to confirm this would be appreciated.



To end on a really high note, I can report that the book written by Oriole Veldhuis, about her great grandmother, *For Elise,* which I reviewed in Chronicle 37, has been a tremendous success. By mid-March, only a few of the original 1100 books printed remained unsold and a whole new print-run was under way. Now we learn that Oriole's book has been shortlisted in the Local History Category of a Literary Prize in Manitoba. Very well done to Oriole. The book is so very enlightening and moving.

http://www.mhs.mb.ca/news/mcwilliams2012/shortlists.shtml

Births : Marriages : Deaths

IIA



Arthur Alabaster-Pavett, born March 26, 2013
Son of Lyn Alabaster-Pavett (nee Alabaster)

IV



Eric Mark Littlewood Graham, born June 22, 2012
2 x gt grandson of Walter West Alabaster

David Jonathan Knobloch, born March 24, 2013
3 x gt grandson of Virtue West Haines
(nee Alabaster)





Thomas James William Kennedy, born April 3, 2013
3 x gt grandson of Virtue West Haines
(nee Alabaster)

(Eric is 4th cousins once removed, to David and Thomas who are 2nd cousins, all being descended from Henry Walter West Alabaster)

Jennifer Knobloch married Lionel Rousset in Lyon, France on 23 March 2013
2 x gt granddaughter of Virtue West Haines
(nee Alabaster)

TENTH Alabaster Gathering
to be held in Hadleigh Guildhall on
Saturday 26th April 2014

As I type this, it is exactly one year from now (today is Saturday 27th April 2013!). It's hard for me to accept that Gathering Number Nine was actually two whole years ago, but there you are…….the calendar tells me I am wrong. Hopefully, in one more short year's time I will be able to enjoy your company once more.



Taking our places in front of the enormous family tree—2011

As previously, following the good time that was had at the Eighth and Ninth Gatherings in 2008 and 2011 respectively, we have decided to hold this next one in the Guild Room in Hadleigh Guildhall complex and to use Splinters, the same excellent caterers as before, for both the buffet lunch and the evening meal on the Saturday. We will keep to the successful alteration we made in 2011 in that we will have the Evening Dinner in the Dining Room on the ground floor of the Guildhall complex, rather than upstairs in the Old Town Hall. As we had hoped, this did have the effect that all those who wanted to be present to enjoy the evening were able to do so and were not incapacitated by the lack of easy access to the venue as did happen in 2008 when we used the Old Town Hall upstairs.

Whilst the main focus of the Gathering will be, as always, to meet up with each other and explore our mutual history and family tree, in 2014 a secondary focus will be to remember our Alabaster forebears and the part that they took in various conflicts, particularly remembering World War 1, or the Great War as it was then known, which began in 1914, just one hundred years ago. Please keep this thought in mind; if

you have any knowledge of how past conflicts have affected your immediate family, it would be good if we could share this information in some way. If you have any ideas or suggestions about this particular aspect of the Gathering, I would be very grateful if you would share them with me.



Relaxing in the Guildhall Garden 2011

We will be holding this summer's annual Alabaster committee meeting in a couple of months time, in July, at which we will be putting more ideas together, so any contributions of ideas, or offers of help, would be very much appreciated before then if possible. So far, one idea we are looking at is the possibility of making our Sunday visit to the Landguard Fort at Felixstowe on the Suffolk coast, about 30 minutes` drive from Hadleigh, and where a Francis Alabaster was stationed in an earlier conflict. This could be interesting and appropriate as well as pleasurable, and would be followed by Sunday lunch.

It is not yet the time to issue booking forms and ask for your deposits, this will happen in the Autumn Chronicle, but I would be very grateful indeed for a "show of hands" as to how many of you would hope to be with us in Hadleigh in April 2014. Obviously I cannot ask for a commitment as yet but I would welcome emails, letters, phone calls etc giving me notice of your intentions at your earliest convenience.

It is very exciting to think that we can make this happen once again, actually for the tenth time. Who would have predicted this back at the first Gathering in 1990? let alone consider what Thomas Alabaster, our mutual 13 or 14 x gt grandfather, would have made of the notion when he first arrived to live in Hadleigh in the 1540s…….not that far short of 500 years ago.

Laraine

Reginald Alfred Alabaster (1923-1944)

On May 14 2011, I received an email via my phone from a Steve Maslen. He had sent an email to the Alabaster Society after reading an article, in Chronicle 24 from 2005, on our website.

Steve wrote:
I can add the following to the story about Reg Alabaster the RAF Airman….
Between 1954 aged 2) and 1959(ish) I lived at 4 Mellows Road in Clayhall, Ilford, Essex. My next-door neighbours (I assume No 6) were Mr and Mrs Alabaster. During that time I remember a number of things about them. They were very kind, friendly people and Mr A (as he was affectionately known to us) made me an excellent wooden bow and arrow. They gave me several playthings (not new) including two miniature metal RAF aeroplane models and an extensive Meccano kit in a hand-made wooden box. It was only years later that I discovered that their only son was in the RAF and had been killed in an air crash and I realised that those toys would probably have been his.

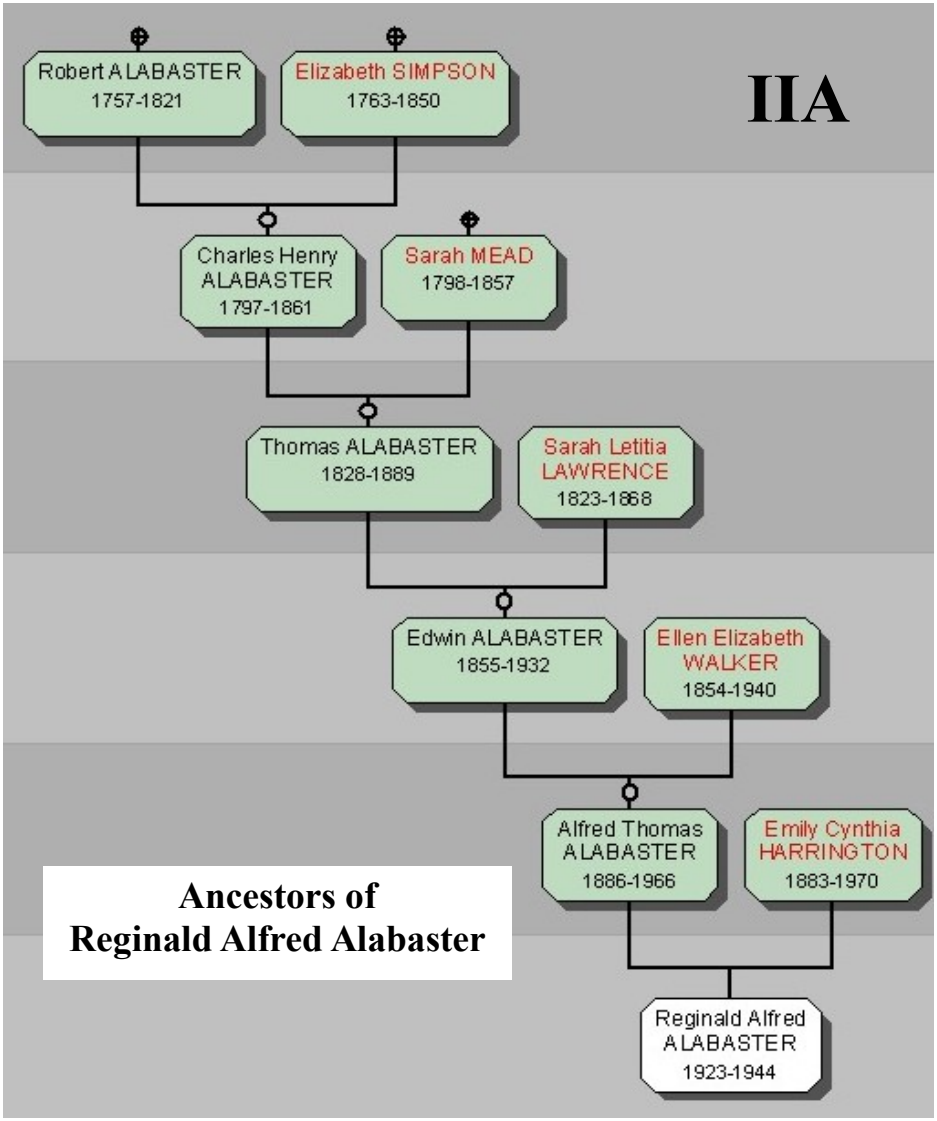
I made a trip to Barkingside cemetery some years ago, to pay my respects to the Young Airman so tragically killed and to his parents whose gifts and kindness to me were not fully appreciated until much later in my life. I found it difficult to find the grave, as I was looking for the standard RAF headstone. In fact, the headstone was not the RAF one, but instead was a highly personalised one with a reflective text written by Reg's parents. The love and loss described on that headstone moved me to tears. If any Alabaster relatives of that branch are in the area, I recommend stopping to see that memorial.

I was really touched by this. The story was sad. I replied and thanked Steve and said I would try to obtain a photograph of the grave when I could do so. Michael and Pauline Alabaster kindly agreed to go to Barkingside cemetery to hunt out and photograph the headstone.

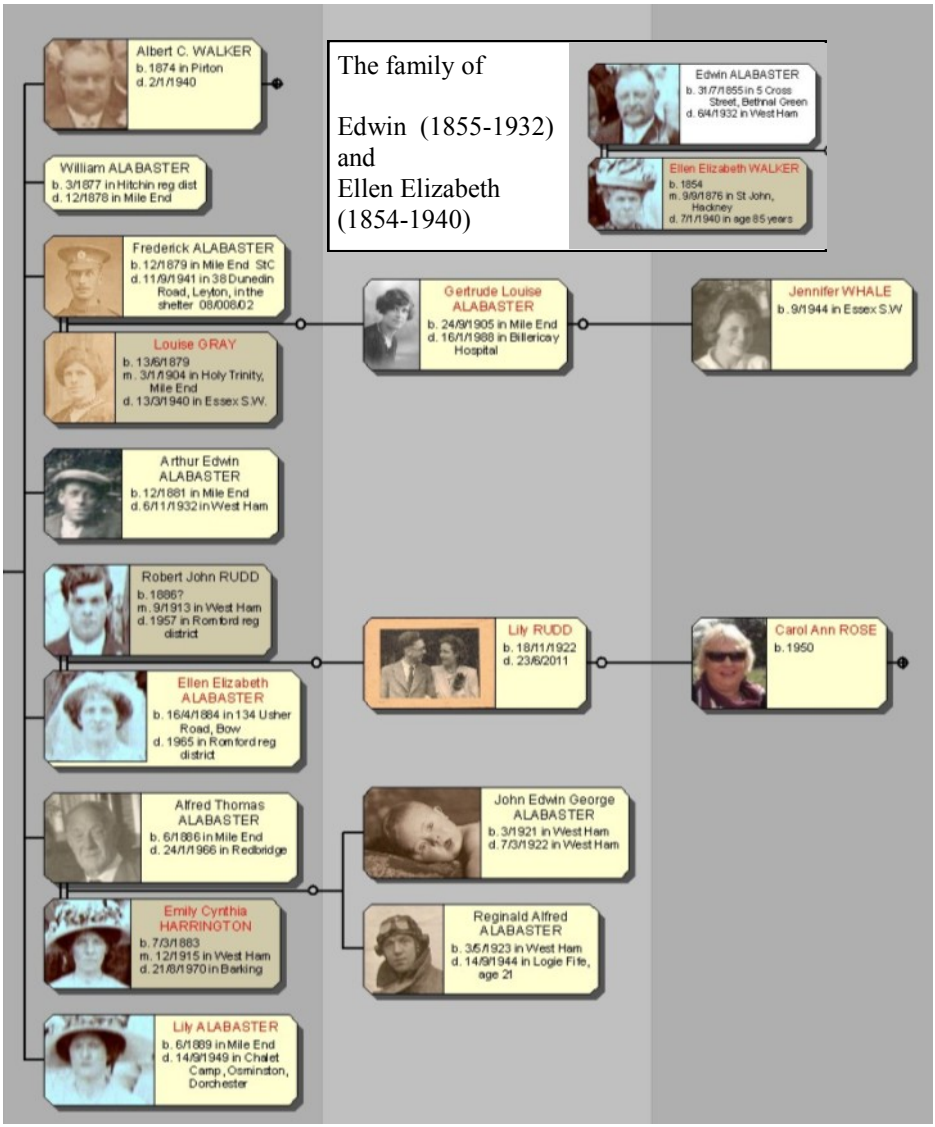


On 24th March 2012, Pauline posted on the Alabaster Family History page on Facebook:
Had lovely morning with Michael Alabaster researching the grave site of Reginald Alfred Alabaster who sadly was killed in action during the war.

After some research, it emerged that Reginald's father, Alfred Thomas Alabaster, was a member of Branch IIA, the gt gt grandson of Robert and Elizabeth Alabaster (nee Simpson). He and his wife Emily did have another son, John Edwin George (Jack), born two years before the birth of Reg, but Jack had died at the age of 14 months. Thus Reg was their only surviving child and it can be surmised that his death would thus have hit them all the harder.



After visiting and photographing the grave, Michael Alabaster kindly offered to retouch the fading and flaking paintwork of the touching epitaph on Reginald's grave but suggested that we should ask permission of the nearest relatives. Accordingly, I emailed both Jenny Osborne (nee Whale) and Carol Osborne (nee Rose) to ask for their feelings about this (their mutual surname is a coincidence, incidentally, although they are second cousins).





Jenny wrote:

Uncle Alf always kept Reg's cap on top of his piano right up until he died in 1966 and there was a picture of him with my brother.

Reg died in Scotland in a plane crash.

I have enclosed a picture of me with Uncle Alf in his garden, just off Clayhall Road.

Carol wrote:

Many thanks for this. It's very good of Michael to offer to do this remedial work. I have no objections whatever and would appreciate it very much if Michael is kind enough to do this painting next year. If he lets me know how much for paint, I'll be happy to reimburse him, and I thank him very much for offering to do this.

The inscription is indeed very touching and familiar to me, I think perhaps I have it written down amongst Mum's things, but without going through everything, I couldn't be sure. It's a tragic tale - all Uncle Alf & Aunt Em's hopes & dreams were pinned on Reggie (having lost their firstborn) and he was cruelly taken from them in a plane crash. It really did leave a massive gap in their lives.



Reginald Alfred Alabaster (1922 –1944)
(Reg is on the right)

Pauline and Michael Alabaster
visited Reginald's grave once again
on Remembrance Day
11th November 2012



IN
LOVING MEMORY OF
OUR DEAR BOY
FLYING OFFICER
REGINALD ALFRED ALABASTER
R. A. F. V. R.
KILLED IN ACTION
11TH SEPTEMBER 1944,
AGED 21 YEARS

HAD YOU KNOWN THIS BOY OF OURS
YOU WOULD HAVE LOVED HIM TOO,
YOU WOULD HAVE LIKED HIS SMILING
EYES, HIS SPIRIT FINE AND TRUE,
A MERRY SOUL HE MADE YOU FEEL
THAT LIFE WAS GOOD INDEED
A GAY WARM HEARTED FELLOW WITH
A PLAIN AND SIMPLE CREED
HE BELIEVED IN ENGLAND, AND HE
LOVED HER FAITHFULLY DIDN'T
TALK ABOUT IT MUCH BUT DIED TO
KEEP HER FREE. HE LEFT A HAPPY
MEMORY WITH EVERYONE HE KNEW
HAD YOU KNOWN THIS BOY OF OURS
YOU WOULD HAVE LOVED HIM TOO.

Samuel West Alabaster…… still a little bit more

It may be recalled that, after extensively researching the life of Samuel, I completed the final instalment in the previous Chronicle, October 2012, in the belief that we now had an overview of Sam's life and that there it must end…….. well, not quite! As appears to be the case with Our Sam, there is still a bit more to discover and surprise me by its existence.

At the beginning of the December 2012, checking one of the sites of old newspapers now available on-line, I happened upon the following:

Excerpt from The Western Times, Saturday February 21 1852

From the report of the first Annual General Meeting of the Exeter Branch of the Trade Protection Society:

Mr BLAKEMAN (the London Secretary) then addressed the meeting. …….. Having congratulated the meeting on the success of their Branch……. He then alluded to the case of a man, named Samuel Alabaster West, who had recently gone to Plymouth, and taken a house of a member of their association, in order to commence business as a confectioner. He stated that he had come from Southampton. As there was no appearance of goods, and Mr West was ordering fresh ovens to be built, &c., the member's suspicions were excited, and he wrote to him (Mr Blakeman) to know if he knew such a name as West. He made enquiries at Southampton without success, but it ultimately struck him that perhaps this Mr West was the same man who belonged to a gang in London. He wrote for a copy of his handwriting, and found it to match exactly the writing of Mr Samuel Alabaster West – (laughter). He saw a gentleman who this West had victimised, and asked him how he should like to capture him. "Oh!" he said, "I'd give a hundred pounds to do it!" He then went, in company with an

officer, to Plymouth, captured the man, and he was now lodged in Exeter gaol – (cheers).

As reported in Chronicle 38, we knew from Mary Ann West Alabaster's statement to the Justices of the Peace on 17th April 1852 that Samuel had "absconded" leaving her and the children in Southampton in November 1851 and that he was presently in Debtors Gaol in Exeter. From thie newspaper report of this anecdote, we actually get a bit more insight into how this imprisonment came about, something I would not have expected.

- and then, as if that was not enough, a couple of days later I received the following email from Australia:

Murray Williamson (I) 8th December 2012

Hi Laraine and Beryl!

I have just received the Autumn Edition of the Chronicle per Beryl, and read with a good deal of interest your article about Samuel Alabaster. Top work, both of you!

Your article and Beryl's contributions whetted my interest and so I did a little digging myself and offer the following in case you may not have seen them:

1. Advertisement in the Argus (Melbourne) 1 January 1857

Missing friends etc

Samuel West, Baker, per ship Arrogant, 1852, your son is at Keely's Bakery East Collingwood Melbourne

Murray continued:

This not only suggests that Samuel had a son living in Melbourne in

1857, a baker like his dad, but that the son thought Samuel was living in Victoria at the time. And of course, it confirms that Samuel arrived on the Arrogant, as Beryl discovered, although the date 1852 is a little inaccurate. And which son was this anyway - young Samuel perhaps?

I am as certain as I can be that the only surviving son born to Samuel West Alabaster was young Samuel (1837-1912) and, thus, this must have been Samuel seeking his father. As Murray points out, it does give even more credence to the assumption that Samuel West Alabaster travelled to Australia on the Arrogant, under the name of Samuel Tooley, as found by Beryl Neumann and explained in Chronicle 37. I do have to rethink my previous opinion that Samuel's children would not have known that he went to Australia; news had obviously reached them by one means or another. Whether or not young Samuel ever located his father is another matter. On 17th November 1858, he was back in the UK marrying his wife, Martha Dellar, with whom he later emigrated to South Africa and made a new life.

2. Extract from New South Wales Reports of Crime for Police Information No 92 15 November 1860

Tumut. A warrant has been issued for the apprehension of Samuel Alabaster alias Samuel West, charged with selling brandy on the 11th of October, near Tumut, he is about 40 years old, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, fair complexion, auburn hair, sandy whiskers, round features, very talkative; an Englishman; supposed to be slightly pockpitted, went in the direction of the Snowy River; Mr Edmund Murphy, Chief Constable, offers a reward of one pound for his apprehension.

Here, from the name, there can be no doubt this is our man, plus the added bonus of the detailed description is just wonderful:

Murray continued:

If Samuel went in the direction of the Snowy River from Tumut, he would have travelled East and crossed the Great Divide; Nerigundah is North of the Snowy River. Tumut was in a gold mining area, with the goldfields at nearby Adelong and Batlow being very productive.

3. Samuel was apparently at Nerrigundah as early as 1862;

Mr Alabaster donated 2/6d, collected by the police magistrate in Nerrigundah (the ***Empire Sydney 20 October 1862):***

4. Less likely but still possible, if Samuel was living in Victoria when his son advertised for him:

The Star (Ballarat) 21 October 1856 Police Court proceedings:

Martha Imbrie was charged with stealing five five pound notes, three one pound notes, and two sovereigns, the property of **Samuel West**, a baker on the Main road.

Mr Cope defended the prisoner.

The prosecutor said that he did not wish to press the charge.

His Worship said that the case was out of the prosecutor's hands.

Samuel West stated that he was a baker residing on the Main road. The prisoner was in his employment as housekeeper. On Saturday evening he came home late and counted the money. On the following morning prosecutor missed the purse, and asked the prisoner for it. She at first denied having the purse, and then said that if prosecutor exercised a little patience he might find it behind a log of wood. After half an hour had elapsed, and the purse not being forthcoming, prosecutor sent for the police. Before the police came prosecutor found the purse behind the log of wood. It contained only three one pound notes and two sovereigns. The five £5 notes were gone. Prosecutor had been in the habit of letting the prisoner have the purse for the purpose of giving change to customers coming into the shop.

Cross-examined by Mr Cope:- The prisoner had the whole control of prosecutor's money and business, just as a wife would have had.

Mr Cope here submitted that after that evidence there was no case to go to a jury.

His Worship asked if there were any other connection between the parties than that of employer and housekeeper?

Mr Cope replied that there was; the prosecutor did not wish to prosecute, as he had given the prisoner full control over his property and business.

His Worship dismissed the case, and £15, which had been taken by Detective Cawlay from the prisoner, was returned to her.

Nerrigundah was a wild place in Samuel's day. In the main street there is a monument to a policeman shot dead by a notorious gang of bushrangers:

The Monument commemorates Constable Miles O`Grady who while suffering from severe illness attacked five armed bushrangers and lost his life in the encounter. When Nerrigundah was raided by the Clarke gang in 1866, it was a gold mining town with a population of 1200. Before entering Nerrigundah the gang had held up travellers to and from the town, keeping their victims as prisoners. On April 9th they held up Wallis`s Hotel in Nerrigundah, bailed up people passing in the street, and attempted to rob Pollock`s store. They failed in this last task because Mrs Pollock threw the keys into the street. Once notified of the disturbance, the two constables of the station, Troopers Smith and O`Grady, the latter rising from his sickbed with a fever, went to Wallis Hotel. They fired two shots, killing one of the bushrangers. The policemen withdrew into the street where the other bushrangers, responding to the shots, had arrived. Clarke shot O`Grady who died almost immediately. The Clarke gang then rode out of town to be pursued by a posse of twelve men. An ambush was prepared at the Eucumbene River but the only victim was a pack horse. They were eventually arrested near their favourite hideout, the Jingera Ranges.

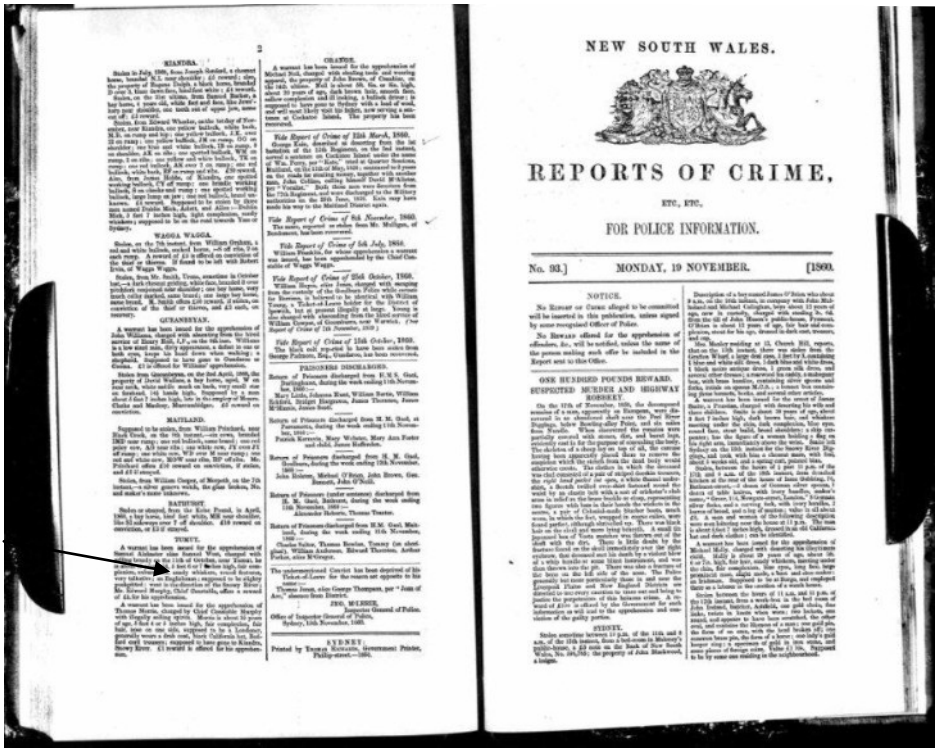
There is a link to the Rodd[1] brothers, about whom we have corresponded previously. James Rodd, member of the Legislative Assembly for Southern Goldfields in the 1860`s, visited Nerrigundah on a number of occasions for political purposes, and as JP at Braidwood facilitated a search for the Clarke Brothers by a secret posse sent by the authorities from Sydney. The Clarkes killed one of the posse, and the posse was unsuccessful in capturing the Clarkes.

The Sydney Morning Herald on 20 July 1866 carried a report from its Braidwood correspondent that Robert Brown, an employee of the Rodd brothers, was returning to Braidwood from Jembaicumbene on business when he saw two men hotly pursuing him. Thinking they were bushrangers, he spurred his horse faster. The pursuers fired at him, and soon afterwards he fell off his horse. The pursuers were in

fact policemen, and they had mistaken Brown for one of the Clarke brothers. The report concluded "*Brown was exceedingly agitated when he reached town, and he thinks himself extremely fortunate that he was not shot, as one of the bullets he thinks must have grazed his locks, the whizzing it made was so distinct*". The paper reported that in fact the Clarke brothers were then engaged in holding up the Moruya coach at Mudmolong near Araluen: "*These are truly lamentable times, no one liking to travel with a shilling in their pockets*".

[1] http://www.alabaster.org.uk/chron18.htm#gibsons

Thank you, thank you so much for all your contributions— and to Kelley Videbeck who also sent me the 1860 warrant for Samuel's arrest in Tumut, as well as the photograph of the actual document in which it appears, along with that wonderful description!



NEW SOUTH WALES.

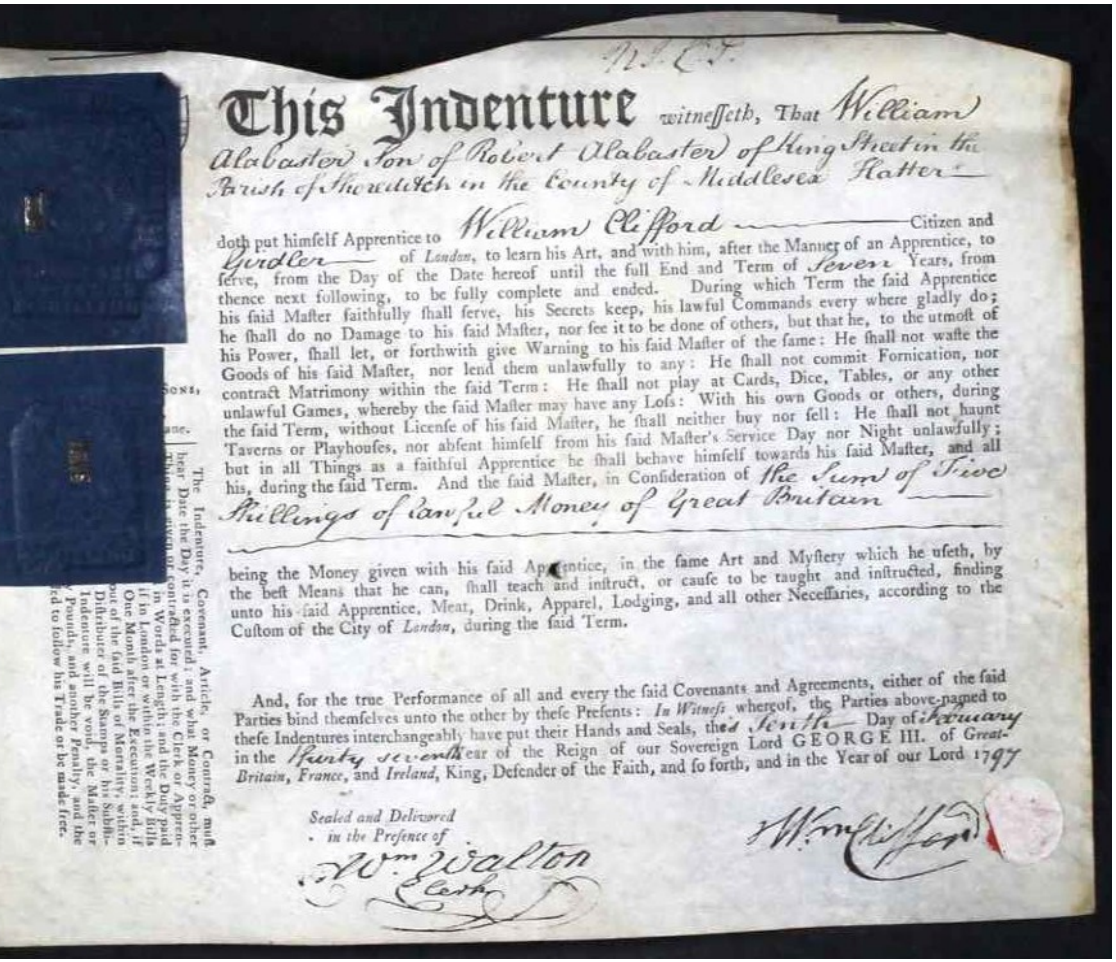
REPORTS OF CRIME,

ETC., ETC.,

FOR POLICE INFORMATION.

No. 93.] MONDAY, 19 NOVEMBER. [1860.

An Alabaster Indenture



This Indenture witneſſeth, That William Alabaster Son of Robert Alabaster of Hog Sheat in the Parish of Shenfield in the County of Middlesex Hatter doth put himſelf Apprentice to William Clifford Citizen and Girdler of London, to learn his Art, and with him, after the Manner of an Apprentice, to ſerve, from the Day of the Date hereof until the full End and Term of Seven Years, from thence next following, to be fully complete and ended. During which Term the ſaid Apprentice his ſaid Maſter faithfully ſhall ſerve, his Secrets keep, his lawful Commands every where gladly do; he ſhall do no Damage to his ſaid Maſter, nor ſee it to be done of others, but that he, to the utmoſt of his Power, ſhall let, or forthwith give Warning to his ſaid Maſter of the ſame: He ſhall not waſte the Goods of his ſaid Maſter, nor lend them unlawfully to any: He ſhall not commit Fornication, nor contract Matrimony within the ſaid Term: He ſhall not play at Cards, Dice, Tables, or any other unlawful Games, whereby the ſaid Maſter may have any Loſs: With his own Goods or others, during the ſaid Term, without Licenſe of his ſaid Maſter, he ſhall neither buy nor ſell: He ſhall not haunt Taverns or Playhouſes, nor abſent himſelf from his ſaid Maſter's Service Day nor Night unlawfully; but in all Things as a faithful Apprentice he ſhall behave himſelf towards his ſaid Maſter, and all his, during the ſaid Term. And the ſaid Maſter, in Conſideration of the Sum of Five Shillings of lawful Money of Great Britain being the Money given with his ſaid Apprentice, in the ſame Art and Myſtery which he uſeth, by the beſt Means that he can, ſhall teach and inſtruct, or cauſe to be taught and inſtructed, finding unto his ſaid Apprentice, Meat, Drink, Apparel, Lodging, and all other Neceſſaries, according to the Cuſtom of the City of London, during the ſaid Term.

And, for the true Performance of all and every the ſaid Covenants and Agreements, either of the ſaid Parties bind themſelves unto the other by theſe Preſents: In Witneſs whereof, the Parties above-named to theſe Indentures interchangeably have put their Hands and Seals, the Seventh Day of February in the Twenty ſeventh Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE III. of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and ſo forth, and in the Year of our Lord 1797

Sealed and Delivered in the Preſence of

Wm Walton Clerk

Wm Clifford

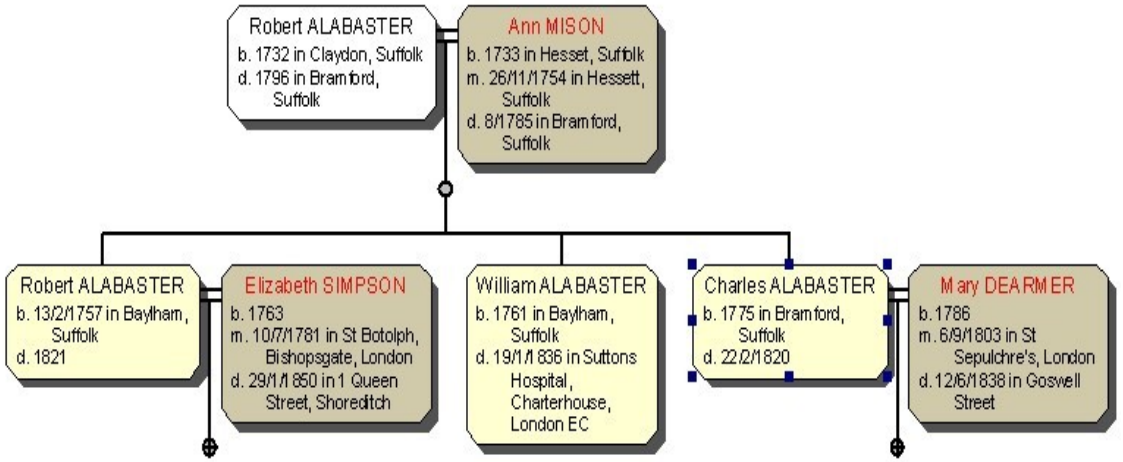
The Indenture, Covenant, Article, or Contract, muſt bear Date the Day it is executed; and what Money or other Thing is given or contracted for with the Clerk or Apprentice in Words at Length; and the Duty paid thereon.

One Month after the Execution; and, if in London or within the Weekly Bills of Mortality, within Fourteen Days after the Execution; and, if out of the ſaid Bills of Mortality, within Twenty-one Days after the Execution; and the Diſtributer of the Stamps or his Subdiſtributer will be void, the Maſter or Maſters of the Apprentice ſhall forfeit for every ſuch Indenture will be void, the Maſter or Maſters of the Apprentice ſhall forfeit for every ſuch Indenture Ten Pounds, and another Penalty, and the Apprentice ſhall be void, and the Apprentice ſhall be diſcharged from his Apprenticeſhip, and ſhall not be compelled to follow his Trade or be made free.

In Alabaster Chronicle No 6, way back in 1996, there was an article

"Branches IIA, IIB & IIC. Piecing it all together"
http://www.alabaster.org.uk/chron6.htm

in which I explained, in some detail, the logic and the evidence we had used in linking the Alabaster families of hat makers living in London at the beginning of the 19th century. This established how three Alabaster brothers, born in Baylham and Bramford, Suffolk during the 18th century, individually came to London to work in various aspects of the hat trade, and showed that the families of Robert (IIA) and William (IIB) remained closely connected well into the middle years of the 19th century at least.
However, now this indenture[1] has come to light which appears to show that William, who we supposed to be the son of William (IIB), was actually the son of Robert (IIA), so they are even more closely connected, being one and the same branch (or twig!).



This indenture is dated 10th February 1797 and is between a certain William Alabaster and one William Clifford, a Girdler of London, to whom he was to be apprenticed for seven years. (Girdlers made girdles or belts).

It states:

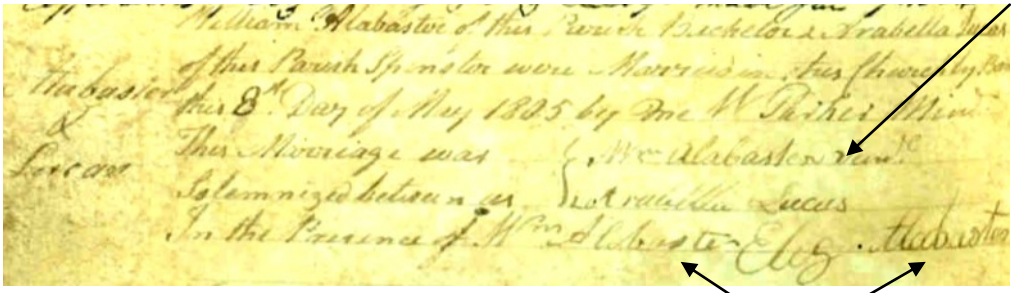
This Indenture witnesseth, That

William Alabaster Son of Robert Alabaster of King Street in the Parish of Shoreditch in the County of Middlesex Hatter doth put himself apprentice ……

We know that Robert, a straw hatter and the oldest brother of the three, was living in King Street, on 5th February 1797, when another son, Charles Henry, was baptised at St Leonards, Shoreditch, so this is clearly the same man. This indenture indicates for the first time, that William (1782-1847) was the eldest son of Robert (1757-1821) and his wife Elizabeth (nee Simpson).

William Alabaster, born 1782, was the 3 x gt grandfather of Michael William Alabaster[2]. Michael traced his own line of Alabasters back as far as this William and his wife, Arabella (nee Lucas), many years ago. When William married Arabella in May 1805 at St Giles, Cripplegate, he appears to have signed the register as "William Alabaster Junior" which could be taken as an indication that he was the son of a William Alabaster, Senior. In addition to that, the witnesses to the marriage were a William Alabaster and an Elizabeth Alabaster so it was very easy to assume that these were the parents, as witnesses often were.

There was always doubt, however, because we had not found a



baptism for the younger William, nor a marriage for his possible parents. The only definitive evidence was these names on the marriage

record and the death of William the elder. He had died in January 1836 in Suttons Hospital, Charterhouse where he had been admitted three years previously, described as "of Chapple Street, Holywell Mount, Middx".

Chapel Street, Holywell, Shoreditch, was the same street in which William, the younger, lived from at least 1820 until his own death in 1847, which had made it seem all the more likely that they were father and son, but various other members of this branch of the family had also lived there, including Charles, younger brother of Robert and William, who had moved on to sell hats in Piccadilly, so it is quite feasible that the two Williams were actually uncle and nephew, living in the same area.

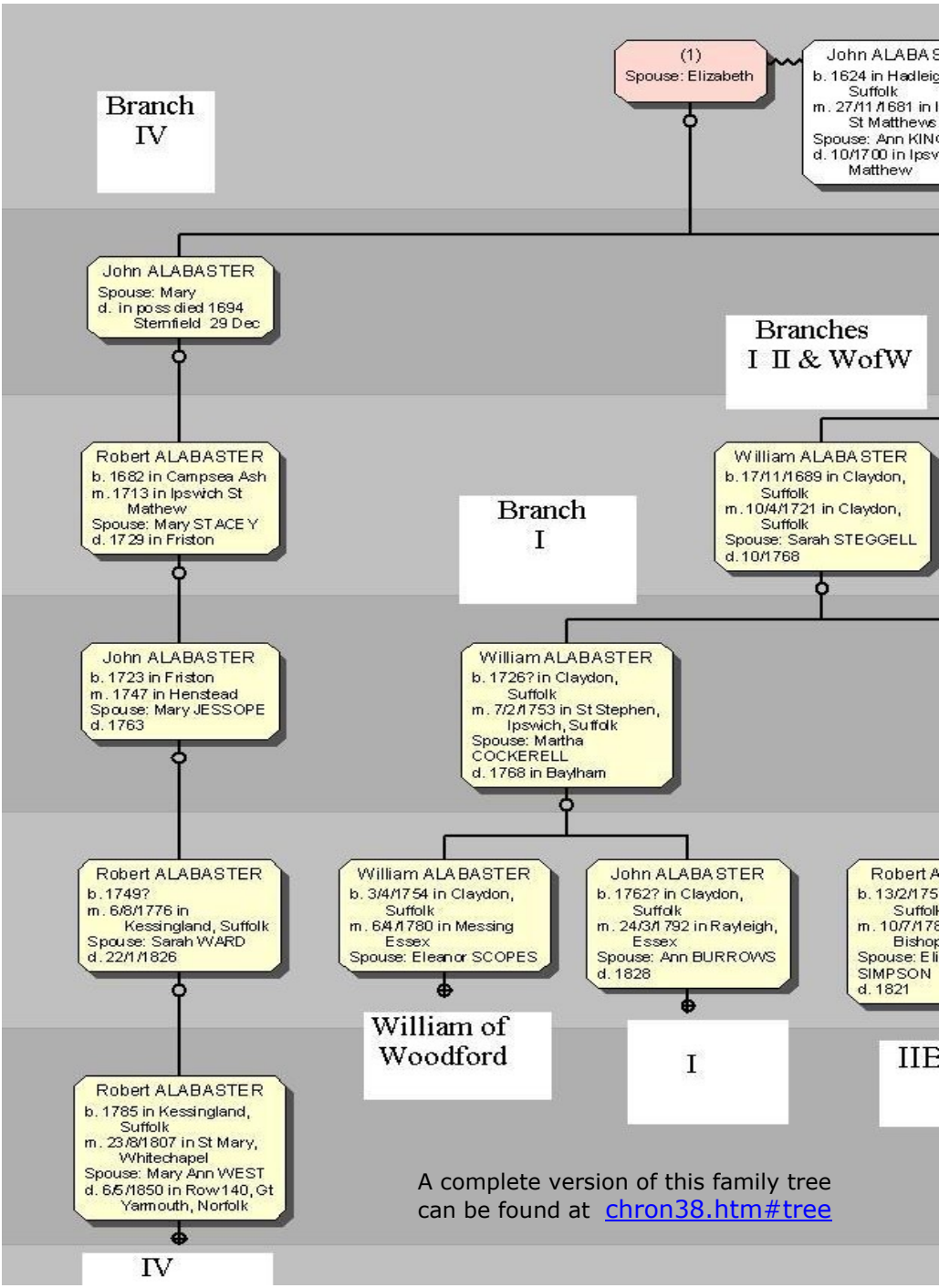
It appears, therefore, that we have yet another minor alteration to the family tree. When Adrian Alabaster, John Stammers Alabaster, Michael William Alabaster and myself got together and pooled our researches before the first Gathering in 1990, we labelled the Branches in order for convenience of reference. I, IIA, IIB, IIC, IIIA, IIIB, IV & WofW. With this latest discovery the correct order appears to be: IV, WofW, I, IIB, IIA, IIC, IIIA, IIIB !

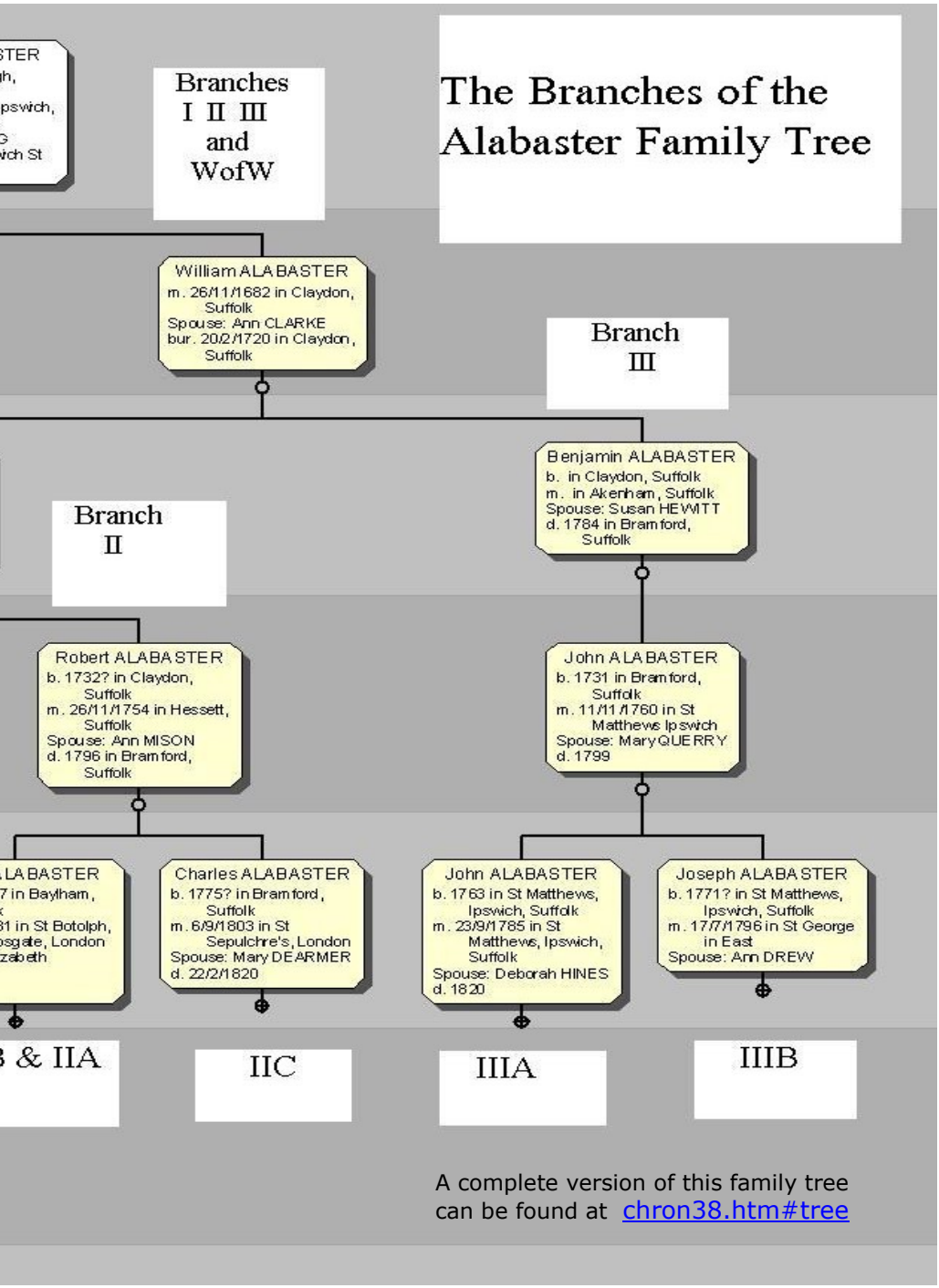
I have produced a branch tree to display this order over the page. Hopefully it will help!

Footnotes

[1]According to Wikipedia: "An indenture is a legal contract between two parties, particularly for indentured labour or a term of apprenticeship but also for certain land transactions. The term comes from the medieval English 'indenture of retainer' - a legal contract written in duplicate on the same sheet, with the copies separated by cutting along a jagged line (toothed, hence the term "in*dent*ure") so that the teeth of the two parts could later be refitted to confirm authenticity". Note the wavy cut edge on this indenture.

[2]Other descendants of William include Martin Alabaster, Mary Enifer and Julie Summers.


Branch IV
(1) Spouse: Elizabeth
John ALABAS
b. 1624 in Hadleig Suffolk
m. 27/11/1681 in I St Matthews
Spouse: Ann KIN
d. 10/1700 in Ipsv Matthew
John ALABASTER
Spouse: Mary
d. in poss died 1694 Sternfield 29 Dec
Branches I II & WofW
Robert ALABASTER
b. 1682 in Campsea Ash
m. 1713 in Ipswich St Mathew
Spouse: Mary STACEY
d. 1729 in Friston
William ALABASTER
b. 17/11/1689 in Claydon, Suffolk
m. 10/4/1721 in Claydon, Suffolk
Spouse: Sarah STEGGELL
d. 10/1768
Branch I
John ALABASTER
b. 1723 in Friston
m. 1747 in Henstead
Spouse: Mary JESSOPE
d. 1763
William ALABASTER
b. 1726? in Claydon, Suffolk
m. 7/2/1753 in St Stephen, Ipswich, Suffolk
Spouse: Martha COCKERELL
d. 1768 in Baylham
Robert ALABASTER
b. 1749?
m. 6/8/1776 in Kessingland, Suffolk
Spouse: Sarah WARD
d. 22/1/1826
William ALABASTER
b. 3/4/1754 in Claydon, Suffolk
m. 6/4/1780 in Messing Essex
Spouse: Eleanor SCOPES
John ALABASTER
b. 1762? in Claydon, Suffolk
m. 24/3/1792 in Rayleigh, Essex
Spouse: Ann BURROWS
d. 1828
Robert A
b. 13/2/175 Suffol
m. 10/7/178 Bisho
Spouse: Eli SIMPSON
d. 1821
William of Woodford
I
IIE
Robert ALABASTER
b. 1785 in Kessingland, Suffolk
m. 23/8/1807 in St Mary, Whitechapel
Spouse: Mary Ann WEST
d. 6/5/1850 in Row140, Gt Yarmouth, Norfolk
IV
A complete version of this family tree can be found at chron38.htm#tree



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Laraine's Letters Page

There are a variety of letters of interest here. My apologies that they were received by me over such a great length of time; there has been insufficient room in the last two Chronicle to do them justice. In particular, I must express my regrets to Evelyn Monaghan when I realise that her letter was sent to me more than three years ago and has been held on file ever since waiting for "the right moment" Please do keep these communications coming in. Other members do tell me how much they enjoy reading them.

Evelyn Monaghan (nee Alabaster) (IIIA) 1 December 2009

The recent article from R. Clifford Alabaster *(Chronicle 31!)* prompted me to search out the enclosed copy, which you may not know about. This was published in the The Straits Times in 1959 when I was living in married quarters at RAF Seletar, Singapore.

I believe Cliff's father and my father were cousins and remember meeting Cliff when he visited my father , who was in hospital. The date escapes me, but I know he looked very dashing in his RAF uniform and equally so in the BOAC one enclosed.

Evelyn sent me photocopies of three separate newspaper cuttings from 1959 . I have retyped the text to make it easier to read.

The Straits Times, 23 January 1959 reported:

Around the world in 88 hours by Comet

SNGAPORE Thurs. BOAC announced here today that it would begin the first round the world jet service with Comet 4s on April 1.

The flying time would be 62 hours 20 minutes, but would take 88 hours 50 minutes because of the stops.

A Comet 4, under the command of Capt. R.C. Alabaster is expected here at noon on Jan 29 from Hong Kong on a proving flight.

The airliner will visit Kuala Lumpur the same day before flying to London the next day by way of Colombo. The Comet is now on a proving flight to Tokyo.

Another cutting included as photograph of a dashing Captain "Robert Alabaster" The start of the 10 day visit of Harold MacMillan to Kruschev, the first to Russia of a British Prime Minister since the end of WWII, took place on 21st February 1959 so this next cutting must date from then.

Pathfinder

I went to London Airport to see 40 year old Pathfinder veteran Captain Robert Alabaster, who commands the Comet 4 which will fly the Prime Minister to Moscow on Saturday. He has not been to Moscow before but has been well briefed.

"Moscow is perfectly all right," he said. "But the airfields around are a bit limited. I gather they view foreigners with suspicion."

The Russians had offered Minsk as an alternative if the Moscow field was out of action……."But I'd favour going back to Stockholm."

Captain Alabaster, who comes from Woking, obviously had full faith in Moscow's radio beacons.

"Of course, they measure height in metres, not feet, so we'll be checking all the time to ensure we are at the correct height," he added.



Comet pilot Captain Robert Alabaster, who will fly the Prime Minister to Moscow on Saturday, pictured to-day with stewardess Patricia Phillp.

Comet IV in record flight to S'pore

SINGAPORE, Sat—A BOAC Comet IV streaked into the airport here from Hong Kong tonight to claim two records:
The Comet did the trip in four hours and 10 minutes to smash the previous record of four hours and 30 minutes set by a BOAC Britannia in February 1957.
And it became the first jet airliner to touch at Paya Lebar.
A large crowd watched breathlessly as the glistening Comet taxied into the apron with its two headlights stabbing the night and four jets screaming.
The airline commanded by Captain R.C. Alabaster, top BOAC pilot is on a crew-training flight from London. It has already completed about 14,000 miles and its route included all the airline's stations on its Britain-Far East service.
On board were four BOAC captains, three air hostesses and several BOAC technicians, and journalists.
Captain Alabaster told the Sunday Times: "The chief purpose of this trip is to give all those who will serve on this route, an idea of what to expect, when we begin our Far East jet service in April."
He described the Paya Lebar runway, navigational facilities and air traffic control……..

How good is that!?! An Alabaster at the forefront of various aspects of aviation history in 1959!.....but there is even more. A letter received by me more recently points us to history being made by Cliff seven years earlier, in 1952.

Tony Moore (IIA) 31st March 2012

There was an "As life was in 1952" series of programmes on BBC1 presented by Len Goodman in the mornings this week and there was some footage of the advent of jet air travel, with the arrival of the de Havilland Comet, yesterday. It centred on the inaugural flight of this aircraft to Johannesburg on 2nd May 1952 .

Audrey Iliffe, stewardess on this flight, came on and spoke about the event.

This crew photograph then appeared and she looked down at it— it was on a flat surface so it was not possible to see what she was pointing at . She said “That's me”- no prizes for guessing she was the one wearing the skirt— “That's” (inaudible) “the Radio Officer and that's “ (you've guessed it) “Captain Alabaster.”

I took this photo off the TV screen with my camera and transferred it to computer. It was not terribly clear at best but I assume he's the chap in the centre, where he would normally be positioned and seems, faintly, to have four-bar epaulettes.

Comparing the two photographs, I think Tony is probably correct and that it is Captain Robert Clifford Alabaster in the centre. Hopefully either he, or one of his family, will be able to confirm that for us.

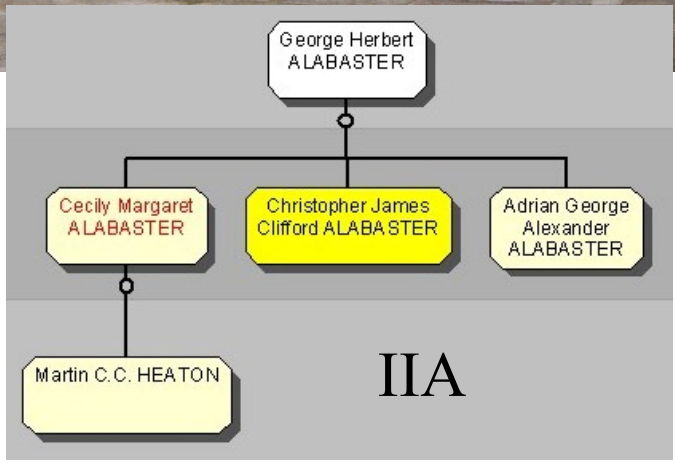


Martin Heaton (IIA) October 2011

I was in Singapore earlier this month and took a photograph of the entry in the Kranji War Cemetery for Captain Christopher Alabaster, 8th Punjab Regiment, son of George Herbert Alabaster, and the Cemetery generally.

Looking up hill is a view from the entrance and the general country wide scene is looking from the highest spot in the Cemetery NW.







Christopher's name is on one of the vertical columns forming the background to the picture (opposite) which is where those killed in Malaya but whose final resting place was not known are recorded.



Sylvia Alabaster (IIIB) 20th Jan 2012

I have attached a photograph of John Alabaster, father of Sidney etc. making a speech just after end of World War 1, I believe. He was heavily involved with the council and I think he was the one who was involved with market traders, I will try to find out more and also will send another photo of the same incident.

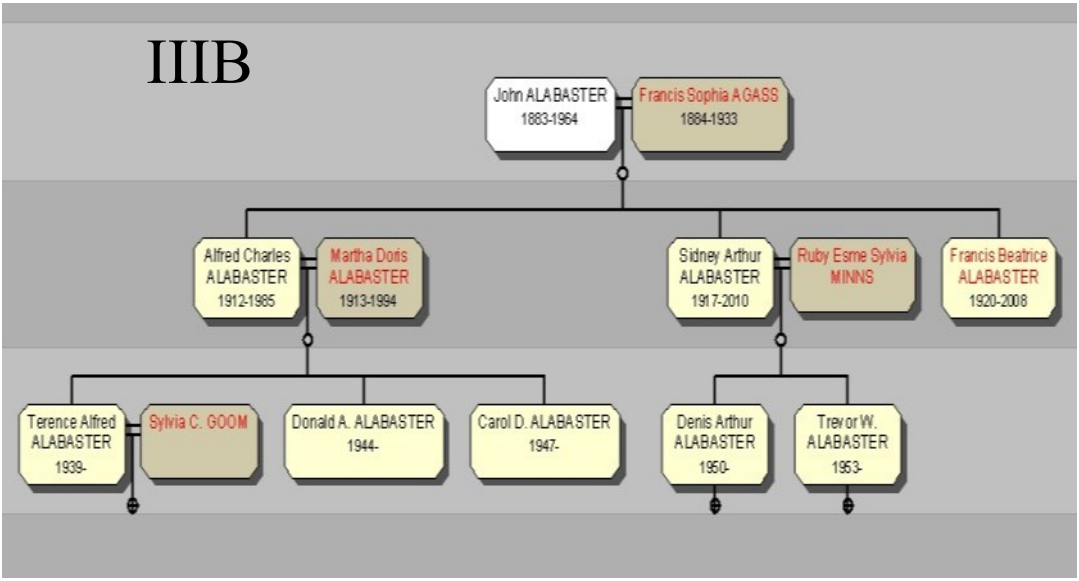
Sylvia's husband, Terry, confirmed:

"John was the head of the Costermongers Union. He was a Councillor, I think in Hackney. I was told his job was something to do with plating of metal, not sure what type - something like silver plating brass taps. His retirement present from the Costermongers` Union was a diamond ring which I now wear."




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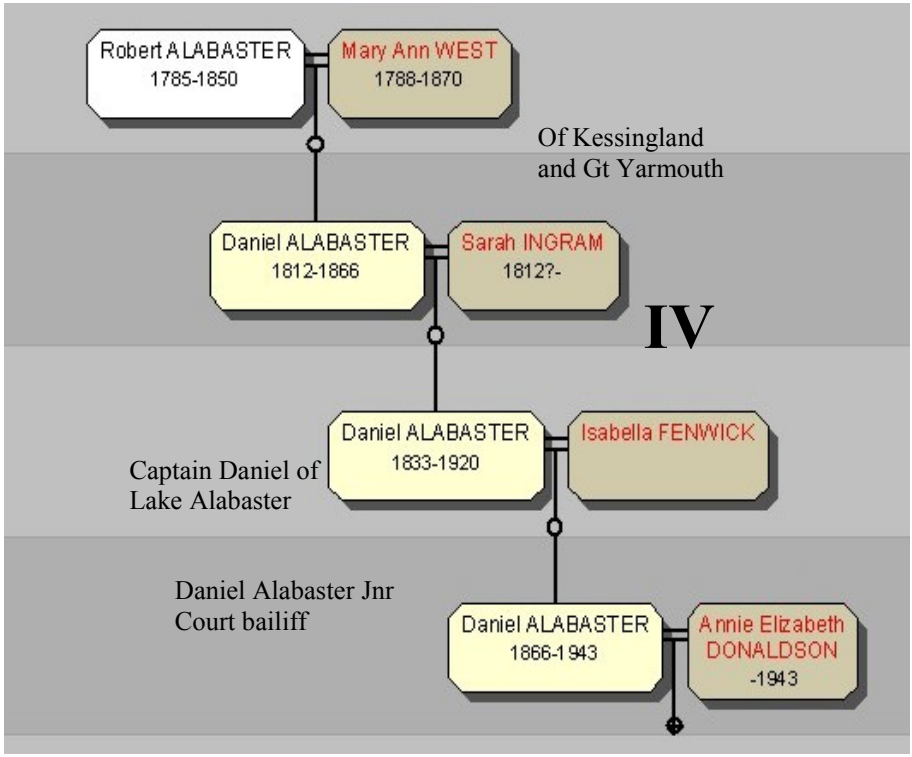
IIIB


John ALABASTER
1883-1964
Francis Sophia AGASS
1884-1933
Alfred Charles ALABASTER
1912-1985
Martha Doris ALABASTER
1913-1994
Sidney Arthur ALABASTER
1917-2010
Ruby Esme Sylvia MINNS
Francis Beatrice ALABASTER
1920-2008
Terence Alfred ALABASTER
1939-
Sylvia C. GOOM
Donald A. ALABASTER
1944-
Carol D. ALABASTER
1947-
Denis Arthur ALABASTER
1950-
Trevor W. ALABASTER
1953-



DANIEL ALABASTER, JNR.
(Bailiff, S.M.'s Court, Wellington.)

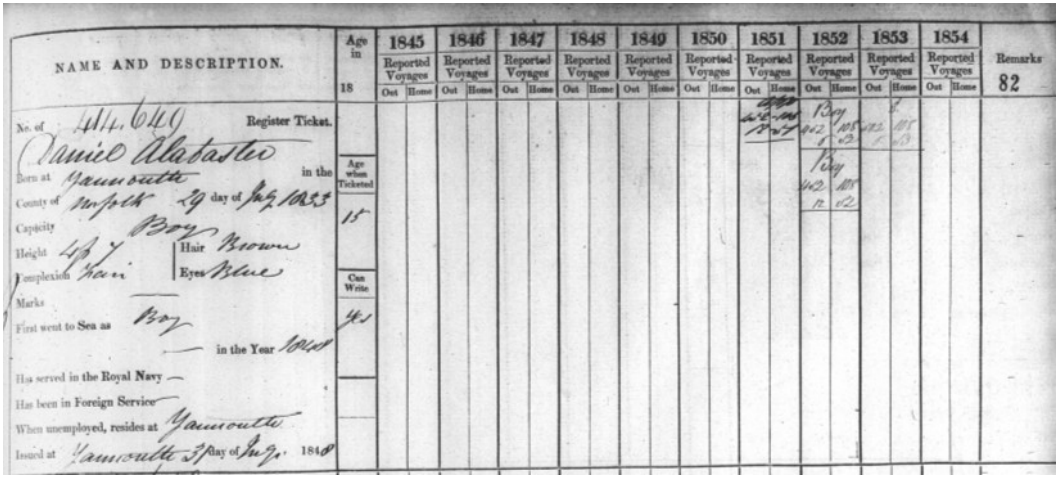
He's not a saint in Paris plaster,
Is Mister Daniel Alabaster,
He's the bailiff of the court,
Debtors can't set him at naught.



Kelley Videbeck,(gt gt granddaughter of Daniel Alabaster Jnr) and I shared a smile via email at this cartoon-like caricature but Kelley also raised another interesting point.

Kelley Videbeck (IV) 11th March 2012
—did you happen to notice Captain Dan's height on his seaman's certificate? 4ft 7 ins…. Now that was a surprise.
I know he was only 15 at the time of the certificate, so I am very much hoping that he was still growing at the point, but I think we can gather that our captain was probably always a wee man. This I would never have thought!

When I told my Mum about finding the certificate, I told her it had his height and did she think he would have been tall or short? And she thought for a minute and said "short". Apparently his son Daniel (the caricature figure) was a wee short man too. I just love to piece all these bits together.


NAME AND DESCRIPTION.

Age in 18

1845 Reported Voyages Out Home
1846 Reported Voyages Out Home
1847 Reported Voyages Out Home
1848 Reported Voyages Out Home
1849 Reported Voyages Out Home
1850 Reported Voyages Out Home
1851 Reported Voyages Out Home
1852 Reported Voyages Out Home
1853 Reported Voyages Out Home
1854 Reported Voyages Out Home

Remarks 82

No. of 414,640 Register Ticket.
Daniel Alabaster
Born at Yarmouth in the
County of Norfolk 29 day of July 1833
Capacity Boy
Height 4 ft 7 Hair Brown
Complexion Fair Eyes Blue
Marks
First went to Sea as Boy
in the Year 1848
Has served in the Royal Navy
Has been in Foreign Service
When unemployed, resides at Yarmouth
Issued at Yarmouth 31 day of July 1848

Age when Ticketed 15

Can Write Yes

This was referring to Daniel's seaman's ticket which I had found on Ancestry.co.uk It shows him enlisting in the merchant navy at Great Yarmouth, Norfolk on 31st July 1848, having been born just 15 years and 2 days earlier on 29th July 1833. Height:: 4ft 7 Complexion: Fair Hair: Brown Eyes: Blue. Another wonderful find indeed!

Roger Clyde Alabaster (IIIB) 6 July 2012

This is on the Royal British Legion, Pitsea branch. I googled it but no joy, who is she? Is she related to me? It's my local place to have a pint!



Roger was referring to the plaque above. I replied:

.Are you certain it is a female? Am I missing something? I would have put it down to predictive texting on your phone but you've said

"she" twice. I can come up with a possible E. Alabaster, but he's a man!

Roger replied:
It could be a man, I thought a woman as on the plaque it says Yardleys. which was the perfume factory. 90%+ of the work force was female.. I would be pleased to find out any information. Thanks.

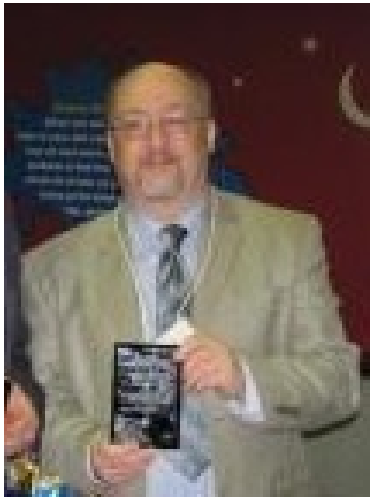
Looking carefully at the plaque, it appears to say "Essex Reg." and "ENGINEERS DEPT" after E. Alabaster's name.

The only E. Alabaster of whom I am aware who died as a "War Death" was Edwin James Alabaster (IIA) who was born in 1911 and died in Burma in February 1944. I do not know whether he was connected with the Yardley organisation but I am hoping that one of you will know the answer. Was there another E. Alabaster I have not considered?

Pearl Teasdale (IV) September 2012

Pearl pointed me towards an exciting news article posted on-line about her nephew, Dr Samuel De'Bell in Canada. She kindly agreed to précis the article for the Chronicle.

EXTRACT FROM A NEWS ARTICLE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE OF
ST FRANCIS XAVIER UNIVERSITY, NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA

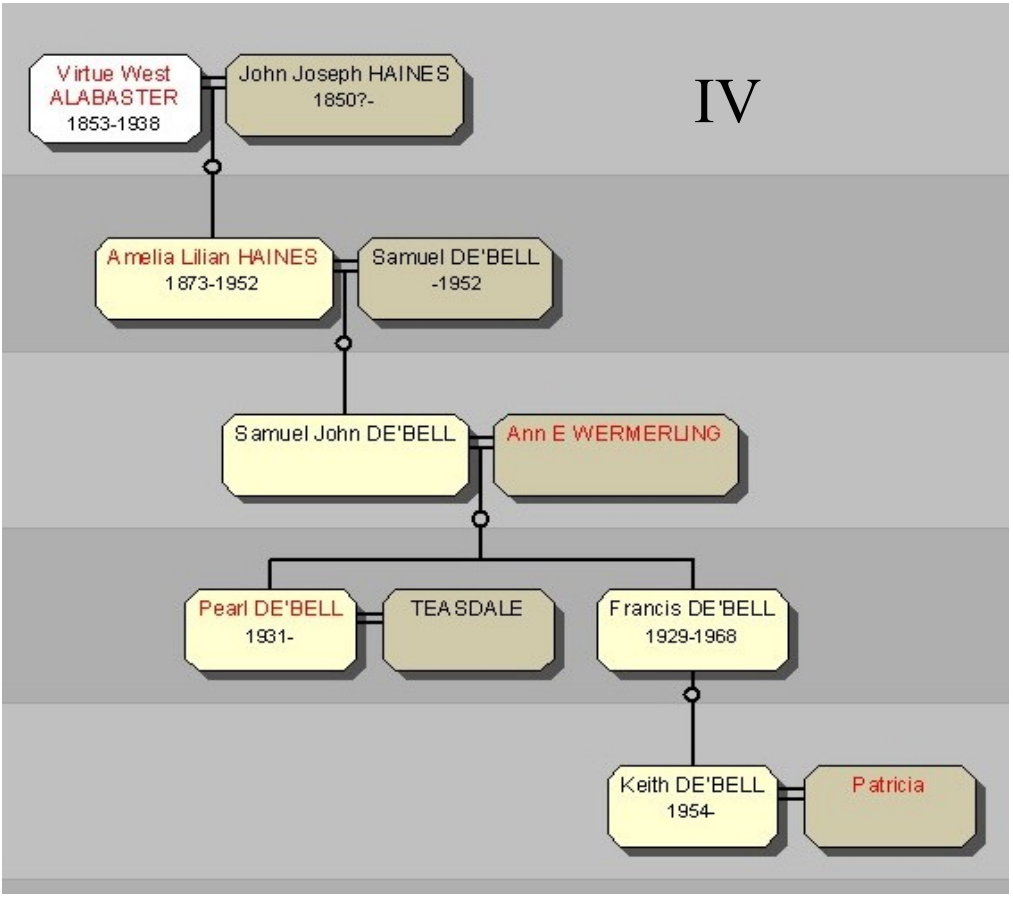


At a gala to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Science Atlantic (Canada), held on the 27th April 2012 at the Discovery Centre, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Dr Keith De'Bell, Vice-President Research at St Francis Xavier university in Nova Scotia (*and* ***a great, great grandson of Virtue West***

Alabaster) was inducted, with his colleague physics professor, Dr Michael Steinitz, as Outstanding Contributing Members of the Science Atlantic Hall of Fame. The Outstanding Members Hall of Fame is intended to honour individuals who have shown exemplary and outstanding service to Science Atlantic.

It was reported that Dr De'Bell (and Dr Steinitz) made significant contributions to advancing post-secondary science education and research in Atlantic Canada.

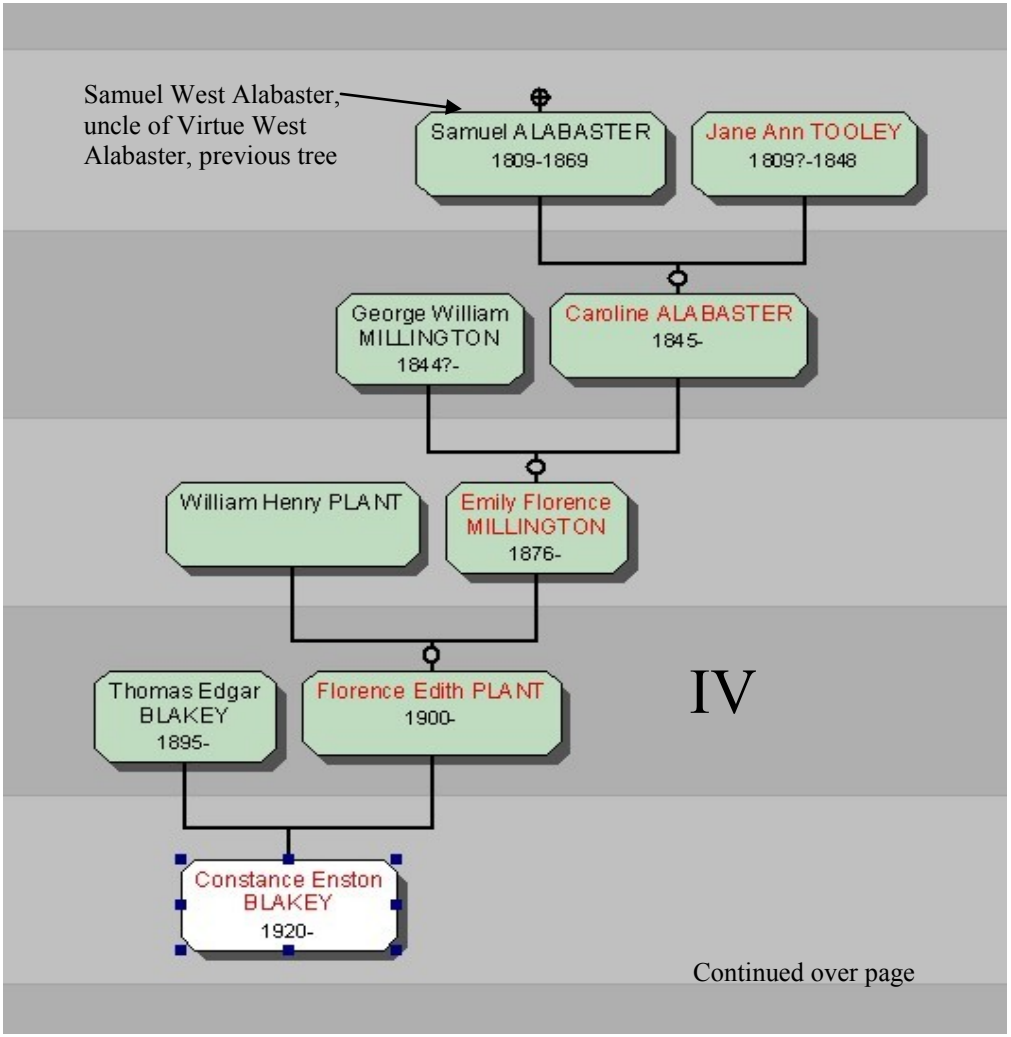
At the gala evening Dr De'Bell said, "It is an honour to have worked with Science Atlantic that brings together science, education and research and particularly highlights research by undergranduates."



Patricia Powell (IV) 12 November 2012

Just to say how much I appreciated Chronicle 37.

I would like to think my entrepreneurial spirit has come down the line from Samuel. My grandmother (his great granddaughter) certainly had it. Also, it is strange that all down the Alabaster line, since Samuel West, have all been good cooks. I even opened a bakery and diversified from my office job for 16 years.



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His great great grand daughter (my mother) is still alive, and is now 92 . She can still remember her great grandfather, George Millington



Patricia Powell and her mother, Constance.(nee Blakey),
gt gt granddaughter of Samuel West Alabaster.

Patrick Roycroft 17th January 2013

I would very much like to join the Alabaster Society, but I have a problem that perhaps you might be able to help me with.

On the basis of collating several on-line family trees I seem to have a connection to a Mary Alabaster who married a John Rudland (b. Jan 25, 1672) on July6, 1693 in Claydon. This Mary is thought to be a daughter of John Alabaster (b. Sept 20, 1624 in Hadleigh) and Elizabeth ----; and this John himself being the son of Thomas Alabaster and Elizabeth Glanfield.

The problem is this: I know that I am descended from a John Rudland (b. Jan 21, 1736/7) who married a Sarah Mayhew on Mar 16, 1767 in Claydon. This John Rudland is *possibly* the grandson of the John Rudland who supposedly married Mary Alabaster.....but I cannot demonstrate this or find a convincing link by anyone else.

Hence, the actual link between my John Rudland and the John Rudland who married Mary Alabaster is missing.

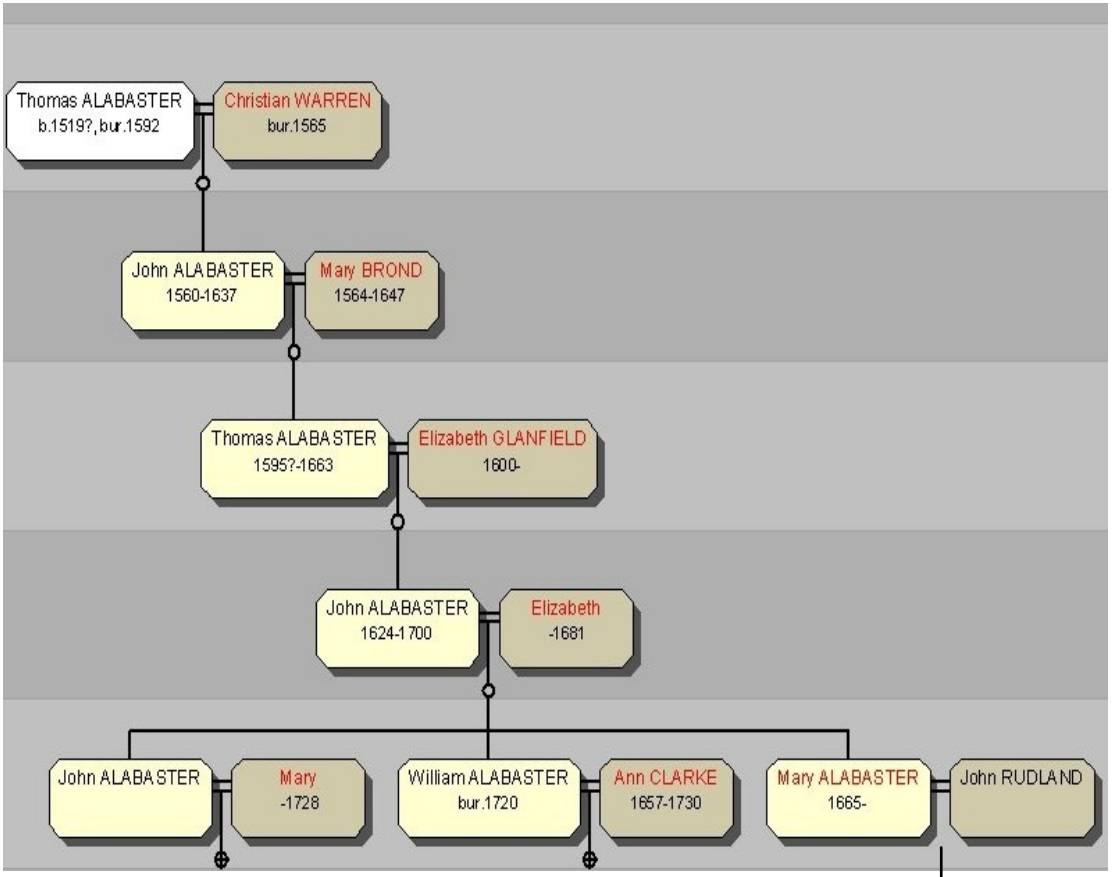
Having said this, I have seen (online) that there might be another, intermediate, John Rudland who married a Penelope ---- who would be the missing generation: ut I cannot find if they had a son John [I have found on Family Search that this John and Penelope had children, but did not find a John amongst them].

Thus, with the information at your disposal, can you tell me if there is a definite link between my John Rudland/Sarah Mayhew back to John Rudland/Mary Alabaster and so link in with John Alabaster/Elizabeth---- and so to Thomas Alabaster/Elizabeth Glanfield. Has any member traced the descendents of 'my' Mary Alabaster?

I replied:
I have not managed to research the details of all the female Alabasters past their marriage and immediate offspring, especially as far back as the 17th century, so I am afraid I am unable to furnish you with a great deal of detail. I can say, however, that Mary who married John Rudlland was indeed the daughter of John Alabaster and Elizabeth. Not only was she given as such in Muskett's tree, attached, but she was also mentioned (albeit as Mary Rutland) in the Will of Jane Alabaster (c1636-1708), sister of her father John, and the Will of Benjamin Bryan, cousin to her father (son of Bridgett, herself sister of Thomas who married Elizabeth Glanfield).
In 1666, Ofton being the parish in which John's grandfather, William Glanfield, died in 1637. The family also had strong links with Claydon at this time, however, and your conclusion that your John was probably the grandson of John seems likely to me, particularly if the John who married Penelope were in the intervening generation. It is unlikely, in my experience, that they would have male children without one of them being given the name John as in previous generations.

Patrick replied:
The link to an Alabaster direct ancestor is, I agree, tantalisingly close: all the circumstantial evidence points to it being true. Just can't be

From Thomas of Hadleigh to the splitting of branches



IV

I, II
III
&
WofW

Patrick

100% sure of that intermediate John Rudland/Penelope [missing] link, and I'm not really in a position to try and resolve it.
If you would like to know the snaking connection from ancient Alabaster to present-day Roycroft, I can pass that along - it might be of interest for those who trace the different branches to see where they end up [bearing in mind that we are only 90% sure of the original connection].

Yes please, I would be very interested to know of the snaking connection - and believe me, one can never be 100% sure of anything.

By now, Patrick had decided to take the plunge and join us, he also invested in as many back copies of the Chronicle as are still available in their original paper form.

- and of course, I have been unable to avoid the urge to produce yet another tree, particularly as Patrick's link, Mary Alabaster, is the sister of our John and William from whom the Branches all spring - see tree on middle pages , 24 & 25.

As regards how I link (or probably link) to the Alabasters, it's by way of the following chain, which starts with me:

Patrick Roycroft,
son of Patrick W. Roycroft (+ Jennifer Davies),
son of (Benjamin Roycroft +) Ruth Banks,
daughter of (Bernard R. Banks +) Frances E. Cockrell,
daughter of William W. Cockrell (+ Emma R. Browne), son of William Cockrell (+ Charlotte Worledge),
son of William Cockrell (+ Hannah Sawyer),
son of (William Cockrell +) Amey Rudland,
daughter of John Rudland (+Sarah Mayhew),
son of John Rudland (+ ?Penelope.....)
[This is the unconfirmed link in the chain],
son of (John Rudland +) Mary Alabaster,
daughter of John Alabaster + Elizabeth .....

So, this means that the closest link is Mary Alabaster, who is one of my 8 x gt grandmothers. And if true, then all the other Alabasters further back means I could be looking back to my 14 x gt grandparent in William Alabaster (b. 1445). That does boggle my mind a bit!

On seeing the details of Patrick's descent, I sent another reply…..

I was very interested to see your linkage back (on the balance of probabilities) to Mary, daughter of John and Elizabeth Alabaster. I would be very interested to know more details of your various William Cockerell ancestors - dates and parishes in particular.....it is just possible that we might be able to establish another tenuous link.....!
Patrick was able to tell me that his Cockerell ancestors had lived in the parishes of Claydon and Baylham, Suffolk.. William Alabaster (I) (1726-1758), born in Claydon, died in Baylham, married Martha Cockerell in 1753 (see tree pp 24&25) making a link even more likely.

Patrick posed another question:

Is there a centrally held - by the Alabaster Society or privately - single file that contains (and possibly updates) all the known descendents of the original Alabasters? That is, a single file containing all the several thousand (I am guessing) lines by which anyone can see how every descendent is connected and so work out specific cousin relationships to anybody else etc? If such a thing can be put on a CD and distributed to members that would be a tremendous thing.

Of course, it would be a lot of work initially to compile a 'grand tree' of all Alabaster descendents from the 15th century down - but has this been attempted and if so, is there a way to see it? And my own line will add a few more hundred names to this tree.

I have to admit, there is no such thing……and I have a horrible feeling that the result would be far too big for a single CD—but,of course, if there is anybody who would care to volunteer……..

James Lockwood 16th March 2013
Deputy Master, Royal Black Preceptory No. 477
Deputy Master, South of England Black Chapter No. 11

I have just come across the Alabaster website as I have begun researching early members of Royal Black Preceptory No. 477 "Knights of Enniskillen", a branch of the Imperial Grand Black Chapter of the British Commonwealth that operated in the East End in 1903-04 and now meets near Leicester Square.

Robert Alabaster of Lyall Road Bow was the Registrar of the Preceptory and also the District Registrar for the London area (in other words, the secretary). I was unaware of his being a regalia manufacturer until beginning my research this evening using Ancestry. It would sound right for him to have been a freemason, but membership of the Black Institution in 1903 required a period of membership of a Royal Arch Chapter. This in turn required ongoing membership of the Orange Order, so Robert was evidently a firm Protestant and an ardent Unionist. I am unsure which Orange lodge he would have been a member of as I do not have access to the Edwardian directories. It seems around 1904 he got himself expelled from the Orange (the latter organisation was often controlled by anti-masonic 'low' churchmen who disiked the Black Institution) but he was permitted to remain a member of Black Institution nonetheless, even serving on the Provincial Committee for England.

That, alas, is all I can tell anyone. If you know of any descendants of Robert, I would be pleased if you could send my details to them. I am researching Orange and Black history in London for the period 1898-1914 at present. I am sorry to say I am wholly unaware of any surviving Alabaster regalia.

Please feel free to use the information. I am a freemason myself and work close to Grand Lodge, so have asked some contacts if they know about Robert's regalia. Freemasons' Hall contains records of all past masons going back 200 years or so , so for a fee any relative or interested party can apply for their lodge career history.

I would be interested in being put in touch with one of Robert's relatives but have not researched their family tree—according to the 1901 census he had a son (Robert jnr.) and a daughter.
If you wanted any further snippets of information, the Knights of Enniskillen preceptory was formed in 1898 and it is a distinct possibility that Robert was a founder member. It met in East London for many years during which time the capital was served by three further preceptories. I cannot say when the others fell by the wayside, but 477 has been the sole survivor in London for decades, although it has given birth to branches in Essex and Kent recently.

The nearest relatives I was able to find were Beryl Neumann and Norman Alabaster whose grandfathers were brothers of Robert. I contacted Beryl who was able to provide the following information:

Beryl Neumann

Re the above gentleman, I have been looking through all my paperwork and can find a hand-written note by my Auntie, Dorothy A., dated 20th Sept. L980, which was sent to me. It reads, "Robert was one of 4 boys, his wife's name was Emma and they had 2 children, Robert and Emma. The family lived at Bow, East London

"Robert became a Freemason. His work was regalia work; insignia of Royalty as used at Coronations etc. (Embroidery Badge, Emblems of honour or office, also for the Freemasons, Gold and silver thread, various coloured embroidery silks."

According to various certificates I have, it shows that Robert was a Confectioner in 1877 and 1878, a regalia maker in 1890, 1899 and 1916 (although he died in 1911 it was listed in the Directories as Regalia Manufacturer).

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 3rd SEPTEMBER 2012

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Donations	98.00	Chronicle Printing	594.00
Book Donations	176.06	Chronicle Postage	409.46
		FFHS	38.00
		Research Subscription	74.50
		Donations	218.48
		Book Donation	500.00
		Balance in bank @ 03/09/2012	693.39
Total	2659.10		2659.10

RESERVE ACCOUNT

Income		Expenditure	
Balance in bank @ 30/08/2011	3873.54	Transfer to current account	0.00
Interest	1.93	Balance at bank @ 30/08/2012	3875.47
	3875.47		3875.47

Stephen S. Hake
Treasurer

Accounts audited by Stephen Billin, Honorary auditor, and are certified to be a true record of the society's finances as at 3rd September 2012

Stephen Billin

Found on the Internet

I recently found and noted this report of an auction sale which took place in the year 2000. Articles about Robert George Alabaster have appeared in Chronicles 26 and 31 (available on our website) but I do wonder what he would have made of this!

Lot Description

A VICTORIAN SILVER PRESENTATION LOVING CUP AND A PRESENTATION SERVING TROWEL

The loving cup London, 1877; the serving trowel London, 1866

The loving cup vase-form with three handles, one side engraved with scene and inscription *MANCHESTER GUN CLUB NOV 26th 1881*.

The serving trowel with synthetic ivory handle, the blade bright-cut engraved with foliage and inscription

ST. LEONARD SHOREDITCH PRESENTED TO
ROBERT GEORGE ALABASTER ESQ...
ON HIS LAYING THE MEMORIAL STONE OF
THE NEW SCHOOL AT HORNCHURCH ESSEX.
SEPTr. 1st 1887,

this lot not illustrated

The loving cup 7¼in. (18.4cm.) high, the trowel 13¾in. (35cm.) long; the loving cup 32oz. (1004gr.) (2)

Price Realized $1,528