

Individual Report for Henry Whitby POLLEY

Individual Summary: Henry Whitby POLLEY¹

Sex: Male

Father: John POOLEY

Mother: Jane FLATT

Individual Facts:

Birth: 1791 in Stoke Ferry, Norfolk²⁻³

Baptism: 09 Oct 1791 in Stoke Ferry, Norfolk⁴

Occupation: 1839 ; Carpenter⁵

Residence: 1841 in Walsoken, Norfolk

Residence: 1861 in Riverside, Walsoken, Norfolk⁶

Occupation: 1863 ; Carpenter⁷

Death: 13 Dec 1863 in Walsoken, Norfolk⁸⁻⁹

Also Known As: Henry PORLEY¹⁰

Person ID: [N.242]

Shared Facts: Susannah PEED

Marriage: 13 May 1816 in Norwich, Norfolk¹¹

Children: Henry POOLEY
Susannah POLLEY
Samuel POOLEY
John Peed POOLEY
Jane POOLEY
Lucy Wilson POOLEY
Alfred POOLEY
William POOLEY
Mary Ann POOLEY

Notes:

Person Notes: Henry Whitby Pooley was born about 1792 in Stoke Ferry, Norfolk. He was trained as a builder and about 1812 he married Susannah Peed in Upwell, Norfolk. The family moved to Wisbech in neighbouring Cambridgeshire where Henry worked as a builder and owned land east of the canal in New Walsoken. Wisbech was a prosperous port town through the 19th Century and Henry Whitby Pooley was responsible for the development of land east of the canal through the 1830's and 1840's. This involved property development and the building of cheap housing for the influx of workers to Wisbech. The major development east of the canal occurred in the 1840's, when Agenoria, Henry, Ruby and Whitby Streets were built. The second and fourth of these exist to the present day and are named after Henry Whitby Pooley, the former owner of the land. Henry Pooley is listed in the Wisbech directory of 1836 as a builder living in New Walsoken (the area east of the Canal).

In the early 1850's Henry was declared bankrupt likely the result of a property development that was unsuccessful. There is a record for Henry Pooley , a carpenter from Wisbeach Cambridgeshire, in the Court of Bankruptcy, London. This is likely Henry Whitby Pooley or else his son Henry who was also a builder in Wisbech. He continued to work as a builder in Wisbech through to his death in 1863. The 1871 census has his wife Susannah still living at 11 Agenoria Street in New Walsoken. She is described as a widow annuitant. Henry and Susannah's children were all born in Wisbech between 1818 and 1834. The family belonged to the Castle Square Independent Church in Wisbech which had likely been built by Henry Whitby Pooley in 1818. The Church was Congregationalist and

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followed the protestant traditions of the Anglican Church without the adherence to church hierarchy. This fits with Jane Pooley's shipping record where she nominates her religious affiliation as 'dissenter'.

The eldest three sons, Henry, Samuel and John Peed Pooley, all follow their father in the building trade. Henry is listed as a joiner and carpenter in the 1852 Wisbech Directory living in Ruby Street around the corner from his parents. He was quite successful and by 1881 he has attained the position of Town chamberlain and Borough Surveyor and has moved with his family to 4 Museum Square in Wisbech, a more prosperous and established area of town. The second son, Samuel also lives in New Walsoken, two doors down from his parents in Agenoria Street. He is a painter and decorator who, by the time of the 1871 census, has also established a successful business as a master painter employing three men and a boy. John Peed Pooley also worked as a carpenter and joiner in Wisbech and lived in New Walsoken at least until the 1850's. Of Henry and Susannah's daughters, Susannah married Hugh Hobson, a managing clerk who worked for a solicitors office in Bourn, Lincolnshire.

Jane Pooley, was visiting her sister's family at the time of the 1851 census. The census lists her occupation as dressmaker. Interestingly there is a original water colour painting of Jane Pooley in a long blue dress that can be seen on the website - it is possible that it is a dress Jane had made for herself. Jane, along with some of her younger siblings, moved to London for work and opportunity. Jane was living in Middlesex in the early 1850's when she met Edward Ford who had also moved to London from Dunchideock Devon in search of work as a builder. They were married at All Saints in Marylebone London on 23 Oct 1853.

Edward and Jane decided to emigrate to Australia in 1855. Edward's uncle and aunty, William Mudge and Susannah (nee Lear) had emigrated to South Australia in October 1849 and Edward decided to go and work with his uncle establishing a farming property at Milang in South Australia. Edward and Jane came out on the ship the 'Telegraph'. The year after arriving in the colony, Jane gave birth to a daughter, Susan Jane Ford, on 25th March 1856 at Aldinga in Wilunga, South Australia. Unfortunately, the following year was a tragic one for the young family. In 1857, Edward fell gravely ill with consumption. How long he had the condition is not known but it may have been a reason for their original decision to emigrate. A death notice in the South Australian newspaper on the 21st August 1857 confirmed that he died at Milang of consumption aged 31.

Jane was now left in the new colony with a baby to care for on her own. At some stage between 1858 and 1860 she met and married her second husband William Evans, a Cornishman, in South Australia. William was likely friends with the Thomas family who had emigrated from Cornwall to Melbourne. The new family moved to Collingwood in Melbourne during this time and William and Jane had three sons of their own all born in Collingwood. Susan Jane Ford worked as a dressmaker in Collingwood learning her skills from her mother. On the 20th April 1875, Susan Jane Ford married Richard Thomas, a family friend who worked as a bootmaker in Johnston St, Collingwood. The young couple moved to lodgings at 161 Johnston St, Collingwood. Jane Evans (nee Pooley) lived to the age of 71 and died in Collingwood in 1897. [per Nick Freeman family tree on Ancestry.com]

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Sources:

- 1 Baptism register for son Henry.
- 2 Census of 1841.
- 3 per Nick Freeman's family tree on Ancestry.com.
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- 5 Pigot's directory.
- 6 Electoral register.
- 7 Index of Wills.
- 8 Index of deaths at GRO.
- 9 Index of Wills.
- 10 Parish marriage register.
- 11 Parish register.