

Our Stainer Ancestors

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The earliest records of the family of STAYNER or STAINER are found in the published registers of the village of Lydlinch in Dorset, England. In more than one generation two families of Stainers with the same Christian names are to be found in the Lydlinch registers, so that our exact descent is not clear. The following tree is probably more or less correct, but becomes more reliable after the birth of the John Stainer baptised at Lydlinch January 11th 1715.

We are PROBABLY descended from JOHN STAYNER of Lydlinch who married (1) Jane, who was buried at Lydlinch February 14 1657, and (2) on July 11 1666 Joan Aires. This John Stayner died at Lydlinch March 17 1672 and his widow on January 31 1703. He had the following issue:-

- (1) George, baptised July 24 1625, married (a) Frances who was buried June 12 1674, (b) Alice who was buried February 18 1681, and himself died January 6 1688 leaving eight children.
- (2) John, Jane and Jone, baptised March 12 1629, all of whom died in the same month.
- (3) William, of whom more hereafter.
- (4) Elizabeth, born November 15 1635, who married Robert Card of Funtmill on June 26 1665.

WILLIAM STAYNER the above named was born at Lydlinch January 9 1631, and married (a) on October 23 1655 Grace Snoake, who was buried at Lydlinch October 28 1674, and (b) on April 23 1677 Margaret Vowells, who was buried at Lydlinch May 16 1680. It is not clear where or when William died, but he left issue:-

- (1) William, of whom hereafter.
- (2) Ellianor, baptised September 30 1659 and buried at Lydlinch May 16 1680.
- (3) John, who was baptised at Lydlinch March 28 1666 and married (a) Susanna who was buried at Lydlinch November 5 1696, and (b) on May 6 1700 Elizabeth Kiddle, and left two children.

WILLIAM STAYNER the above named, sometimes called William Stainer, married in May 1711 Mary Allen of Blandford, Dorset, having apparently been married once previously, and left issue:-

- (1) Thomas, baptised July 25 1686.
- (2) Susanna, baptised April 9 1712 and buried at Lydlinch April 15 1714.
- (3) Eliz; (sic) baptised April 31 1713.

- (4) John, of whom hereafter.
- (5) James, baptised May 3 1716.
- (6) Susanna, baptised November 9 1717 and buried at Lydlinch April 14 1740.
- (7) Robert, baptised September 1 1719 and buried at Lydlinch May 20 1722.
- (8) Jane, baptised April 25 1721 and buried four days later.
- (9) Robert, baptised July 3 1722 and buried at Lydlinch October 28 1757.

JOHN STAINER the above named, baptised at Lydlinch January 11 1715, married (a) in 1745, at Maperton Somerset, Mary Lovel of Henstridge, Somerset and was at that time "of Werrington, Devonshire" (Mary Lovel was born at Henstridge in 1720), (b) Elizabeth ... and had issue:-

- (1) John, baptised at Henstridge July 13 1746.
- (2) Joseph, baptised at Lydlinch July 25 1748, who became an innkeeper at Wimborne Dorset, where he married (a) on July 3 1782 Ann Clench, (b) on July 24 1787 Jane Clench, and died October 6 1824 leaving three children (a) Mary baptised at Wimborne July 3 1783 and buried at Wimborne April 8 1854, left the majority of her property to "my cousin William Stainer, schoolmaster of No. 2 Broadway, St. Thomas Borough, London", who described himself as a descendent of the father's brother of Mary Stainer. (This William Stainer was Sir John Stainer's father) (b) Hannah, baptised at Wimborne October 5 1790, buried there March 29 1802, (c) Jane, baptised at Wimborne October 24 1795, buried there November 19 1808.
- (3) Charles, baptised at Lydlinch May 27 1750, who according to my great uncle Will later lived at Poole Dorset.
- (4) William, baptised at Lydlinch December 26 1751, and possibly the William who married Mary Goddard of Sturminster April 7 1806.
- (5) Ruth, baptised at Lydlinch December 26 1753.
- (6) Anne, baptised at Lydlinch May 4 1755.
- (7) Hannah, baptised at Lydlinch March 27 1757 and buried at Lydlinch March 15 1774.
- (8) James, baptised at Henstridge either June or July 9 1760 (His name has apparently been entered in the register twice).
- (9) Robert, the son of Elizabeth, baptised at Henstridge October 1 1764, of whom hereafter.

ROBERT STAINER, the above named, tallow chandler and parish clerk of St. Thomas, Southwark, married on November 17 1796 at Hanslope, Buckinghamshire Mary the daughter of Jeffrey Howett of Stamford, Lincolnshire, cabinet maker, and died in Southwark April 1872 (his wife had died August 28 1825), and had issue:-

- (1) Robert.
- (2) John, born at Wing Buckinghamshire where his father was then innkeeper, September 21 1798, died at St. Albans March 28 1883.
- (3) Mary, born at Wing September 27. 1800, buried at Markyate Street, where her father was by then innkeeper, January 1 1809.
- (4) William, of whom hereafter.

- (5) & (6) Jane and Hannah, twin daughters baptised June 26 1803, both of whom died in infancy.
(7) Charles, born at Wing Buckinghamshire January 8 1805, buried at Amptill January 21 1807.

WILLIAM STAINER, the above named, Parish Clerk and schoolmaster at St. Thomas', Southwark, was baptised at Wing, Buckinghamshire on March 22 1802 and married on November 9 1823 at Christ Church, Spitalfields Ann the daughter of William Delves Collier. William Stainer died at Wimborne, Dorset April 27 1867 and Ann on March 4 1884, aged 81. They left issue:-

- (1) William born August 11 1824, died November 1 1824.
- (2) Ann, born December 28 1825, died a spinster January 30 1914.
- (3) William, born March 31 1827, who became a clergyman to the deaf, and died without issue April 9 1898.
- (4) Sarah, baptised December 29 1830, buried January 4 1832.
- (5) Frederick, baptised December 12 1832, buried January 11 1837.
- (6) Sarah born May 14 1835, married William Dyke Thacker, and died January 9 1899 leaving three children. One of her grandchildren, Larry Kelly, later managed a packing house in Kelowna, British Columbia, and was a member of Rotary there.
- (7) Mary, born October 14 1837, died a spinster November 25 1899.
- (8) John, of whom hereafter.
- (9) Henrietta, born April 7 1844, died a spinster (as I remember it at Wimborne, Dorset) on July 31 1930. She left me her set of musician spoons.

JOHN STAINER the above named, Knight, Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur, organist at St. Paul's Cathedral, London and later Professor of Music at Oxford where as a young man he had been organist at Magdalen College, was born in London June 13 1840 and married on December 27 1865 Eliza Cecil daughter of Thomas Randall of Oxford. Sir John Stainer died at Verona, Italy March 31 1901 and was buried at Holywell Cemetery Oxford. Lady Stainer was born November 19 1836 and died September 6 1916. They had issue:-

- (1) John Frederick Randall, of whom hereafter.
- (2) Elizabeth Cecil, born November 19 1867 and died a spinster in Bayswater, London October 31 1937. Known as Cecie.
- (3) Ellie, born October 13 1868, married F.P.M. Schiller (from whom she was later legally separated), and died in London without issue September 28 1928.
- (4) Edward, a doctor who practised at Lea Common near Great Missenden in Buckinghamshire, born December 16 1869, married Rosalind Flora, daughter of Sir Frederick Bridge, organist at Westminster Abbey, and died at Great Missenden Buckinghamshire January 23 1948. His children are Mrs. Flora McAdam (of Rhiwbina, Cardiff), Mrs. Hilary Sampson, Edward (of Acton Turville, Avon), John Ranald (of Westbury near Shrewsbury, Salop) and Mrs. Sophie Kibblewhite (of Hedgerly Park near Slough, Buckinghamshire).
- (5) Charles Lewis, Fellow of Queens College, Oxford, born June 7 1871, married Evelyn Robinson, and died at East Budleigh, Devonshire

on February 14 1947, leaving one son Richard, who married Marjorie Weston and died at Silverton in Devon without issue December 1994.

(6) Frederick Henry, born September 27 1872, died December 30 1874.

(7) William Edgar, an engineer, born October 7 1873, died a bachelor in Newcastle, November 12 1932.

JOHN FREDERICK RANDALL STAINER the above named, M.B.E., legal adviser and chief examiner at the Passport Office, London, was born at Oxford October 2 1866 and married on December 29 1906 at Holywell Church, Oxford Ruth Alice the daughter of Doctor Henry Parr Mallam. He died at Henbury, Bristol June 5 1939. Ruth was born at Oxford December 14 1879 and died at Stoke Bishop, Bristol December 28 1949. They had issue:-

(1) Elizabeth Mary, born at Epsom, Surrey May 23 1909, married in July 1930 at the Parish Church, Ashted, Surrey David Sumner Milford the son of Humphrey Milford, later Sir Humphrey

of Epsom. He died at Marlborough June 12 1984; she died at Marlborough, Wiltshire December 14 1991.

(2) Margaret Ruth (Peggy), born at Epsom, Surrey May 17 1910, married at Ashted, Surrey in July 1933 Alexander Shaw Newsom of Bristol. He died at Axminster Devonshire December 4 1981; she died at Lyme Regis, Dorset September 6 1991.

(3) Alice Catherine, was born at Epsom Surrey October 4 1912 and married August 6 1938 David Edward Thornton Pennant, who later became a circuit judge; she died February 19 2001.

(4) John, Priest, of Oliver, British Columbia, was born at Epsom, Surrey November 23 1915 and emigrated to Canada in 1938, where he served successively in the Dioceses of British Columbia and Kootenay. He married on September 20 1939 at St. Mary's Parish Church, Luton, Bedfordshire Margaret Constance Julia Knight daughter of Evelyn Harold Knight of Luton

(5) Robert, Lieutenant R.N., born at Epsom, Surrey October 8 1918, killed on active service over the Atlantic off Squantum, Massachusetts November 18 1943.

NOTES:-

(1) Stainers continued to live at Lydlinch into the 1930's, but they had all left by the time Alice and I visited there in 1967. One Lydlinch Stainer homesteaded in Manitoba and has Stainer descendents there. One of them, Orville Stainer, is a long distance truck driver whose home is at Saltcoats, Saskatchewan.

(2) I have met a family of Stainers living in B.C., but their forbears came from Czecho-Slovakia.

(3) Admiral Sir Richard Stainer of Tarrant Gunville, Dorset, who made a fortune in prize money in the time of Cromwell, left no male heirs, but must have been some kind of relation since a number of prints from his portrait came up the family. My uncle Charles was able to buy back the original at the sale of the Holford collections at Sotheby's in the 1930's. Sir Richard had brothers who emigrated to Boston, Mass. They are of interest to us because generations later their descendents came up to Canada as United Empire Loyalists, hence Stayner Ontario and Staynerville, Quebec. John E.R. Stainer has found copious details about them and their descendents in the

Archives in Halifax, Nova Scotia.