

The STOCKDEN FAMILY HISTORY 1741-1997

2018 Update : Latest information at 16 Jul 2018

Dear Friends,

News of STOCKDEN families is usually in short supply but this year thanks to Dennis (1948) STOCKDEN we have several items of interest on past and new STOCKDEN families and from Denzil WALTON some recent births and a death.

From the far past.

A baptism in 1590, of John STOCKDEN in Bradford on Avon in Wiltshire, could be the best lead on the origins of the only existing STOCKDEN line that we can trace back to its origin.

A marriage was made, on 5 Sep 1583 at St Peters, Canterbury, Kent between Abraham STOCKDEN and Agnes SESSINGTON. Nothing more is known of this couple.

Another baptism on 18 September 1649 at St Gregory's by St Pauls in London. The parents did not give their forenames when baptising daughter Elizabeth. (The STOCKDEN name only survived via a couple who married in 1741 in the parish of Westerleigh near Bristol.)

Another item from Dennis: Although we knew from a family Bible record that a 22 years old George STOCKDEN had died somewhere in China, we did not know where or at what date he died. Dennis had found a document from the (United States) Department of State to the publisher of the Journal of Commerce, New York. This document stated :

“ You are requested to publish three times in the inside form of your paper, the annexed notice. You will please address one of the papers containing it to The CONSULATE BUREAU, DEPARTMENT OF STATE. This was signed “ I am very respectfully, J S Black”. Then the heading “OFFICIAL”

“Department of State Washington December 21st 1860” then,

“Information has been received at this Department from Mr Ch W BRADLEY, the late United States Consul at ‘VINGxx’* of the death on 20th September last at that place, of George STOCKDEN of New York. His effects were deposited with the Consul of the United States”.

I cannot find in my World Atlas a place name beginning “Vingxx” in China or elsewhere. The handwritten place-name’s last two letters were not clearly decipherable. George was the son of Thomas and Charlotte STOCKDEN of Bath. Thomas was a policeman ending his career as a superintendent.

As you may or may not know there was no 1941 census because of the start of WWII in September 1939. However, a list, now known as the “Wartime census” is now on-line. From this “Wartime Census” Dennis STOCKDEN has found that his grandfather, Edgar Down STOCKDEN was a special constable.

BIRTHS 2016 to 2018 :

On 28 Jun 2018, at Calderdale General Hospital, Halifax, Agatha Blythe RIDDIOUGH, arrived at 23:14 hrs and weighed in at 7lbs 9ozs. Her parents are Helen (nee STOCKDEN) and Paul RIDDIOUGH. She is a third grandchild for Dennis (1948) and Mary Ann STOCKDEN.

On 7 Oct 2017, at Bolton Royal Hospital, Penny Elizabeth SENIOR. Her parents are Louise (nee STOCKDEN) and Chris SENIOR. She is a second grandchild for Dennis (1948) and Mary Ann STOCKDEN.

On 26 Jan 2016, Quinten KUIPERS was born to Lois (nee WALTON) and Adriaan KUIPERS. Lois is the daughter of Denzil WALTON who is son of Keith Singleton and his wife Gladys Jean (nee STOCKDEN) WALTON.

DEATHS :

On 14 May 2018, Jean (nee TILL) STOCKDEN. Wife of Raymond Hardy (1933) STOCKDEN.

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That’s it for this year,

Sincere Best Wishes to you all,

Bruce and Avril (nee STOCKDEN) RAYNER 16 Jul 2018