
The STOCKDEN FAMILY HISTORY 1741-1997

2019 Update :
Latest information at 20 April 2019

Dear Friends,

Again this year thanks to Dennis (1948) STOCKDEN who has found some interesting Internet records, albeit difficult to decipher, it is another item on STOCKDENs of old.

In the 18th Century: County of Kent: The year is 1794 and the charges for Rent under the heading of:

“An assessment made upon the several inhabitants and premises in the Ward of Greenhithe in the City aforesaid by virtue of an Act of Parliament instituted an Act for granting an Aid to His Majesty by a Land Tax to be raised in Great Britain for the service of the year One thousand seven hundred and ninety four that is to say---“

Then a names list for the First Precinct of Little Trinity Lane, Hatchet Court and Rose Precinct under “ Personal” and “Rent” :

Page 32: “Rose Precinct”

Hannah STOCKDEN : £0 10s 6d with each page indicating the total of the tax demanded from each inhabitant. Greenhithe is a village in the Dartford area of Kent. Its modern civil parish name is now “Swanscombe and Greenhithe”. These sums appear to be quite high considering the tenants’ probable earnings in those old times, but the period for which the tax/rent applies is not there to see. Four rental sums were over three pounds and the “Widow Lane”, one of four widows, was charged £4 2s 6d. The name “Jemima England” appears four times against sums of £4 4s 0d; then three sums of £0 10s 6d. Perhaps she owned the properties being rented.

Also in London :

Baptisms: 1592

On 3rd September, Richard STOCKDEN at St Lawrence Jewry, the Lord Mayor’s Church in Lambeth.

Baptisms: 1728

On 2nd June, James, son of Richard STOCKDEN, at St Mary’s Church, Lambeth.

STOCKDEN Early Emigrants :

There is now much more information on the Internet than when I started The STOCKDEN Family History over twenty years ago and/or it has become much more accessible.

Searching with "Google": "STOCKDEN" left England on the "James" 31 July 1622. A Thomas STOCKDEN, William STOCKDEN and Jonas STOCKDEN were also among early settlers to Maryland and Virginia. "STOCKDEN" on the Bona Nova which departed London in 1618. Further search for the details found the origin and this gave "The 120 passengers" which included:

"Stockton, Jonas - aged 40 at muster Elizabeth City.
Stockton, Timothee - aged 14 at muster in Elizabeth City under Jonas Stockton's muster"

Google error? One source gives "STOCKDEN" this original source gives "STOCKTON".

Also found : Stockden Settlers in United States in the 17th Century

- Edward Stockden, who landed in Virginia in 1635 ^[1]
- Tymothy Stockden, who arrived in Virginia in 1638 ^[1]
- William Stockden, who landed in Maryland in 1651 ^[1]

It seems that different people have read the old records and come up with different spellings of the name for the same people!!

From this I have decided to ignore anything that Google offers when searching for "STOCKDEN" names during the early days of emigration as it clearly cannot differentiate between the two. However, searching through "free" listings by such companies as "FindMyPast" and MyHeritage" we can see that many American census and other records appear to be leaning towards a change of spelling of "STOCKDON" which can now be found as "STOCKDEN". A continuing mystery.

Then searching the Internet for more "STOCKDEN" activity, I found some details of STOCKDENS and their travels. Up until recently I had only found Wyatt STOCKDEN (1840) visiting "the Old Country" with members of his family in 1906, and Muriel Elizabeth STOCKDEN (1925) going to Canada in 1953 to visit her uncle, Frederick Charles STOCKDEN (1887). This Frederick STOCKDEN visited England three times up to 1939.

From Durban, South Africa, George Edwin STOCKDEN (1885) came to London. He was also noted travelling to New York, USA, not surprisingly as he was a merchant seaman. Edward John STOCKDEN (1920), another merchant seaman, told me of his travels in the Merchant Navy after army service in WWII. He arrived in Fremantle and deserted his ship and worked his way around Western Australia (W.A.) for several years. He was amazed when I told him many STOCKDEN lived in W.A. and in all his time there he never met any or knew they were there.

The records show that several resident STOCKDENS and families travelled around Australia by ship. By sea was probably the best way to travel because the roads were not the best of surfaces and distances were great. The ships passenger lists usually gave name, age, year of birth, date of arrival,

departure and destination ports. The often used Google search engine can mix things up. I found odd, incomplete and often unlikely references to the name STOCKDEN. You have to know the STOCKDENS to recognise the right ones on Google. The best way to view these records is of course to subscribe to the companies that have been formed, in recent years, on the back of the ever increasingly popular pastime of Family History. But that can be an expensive method of searching for possibly small reward.

Following the death of Thomas Wall STOCKDEN (1853) in 1884, his widow and at least two of his three children emigrated to Canada aboard the “SS Lake Erie” arriving in Quebec on 22 July 1904. According to The STICKLER Family History, Ellen Jane STOCKDEN (nee STICKLER) moved to Manitoba, then Saskatchewan then back to Manitoba. I could find nothing more on Ellen or Alice Ann but Frank Charles (1882) died in 1961 and had married Mary YOUNG (1885 – 1975). They and their children are buried at Souris Cemetery, Glenwood, Manitoba. There are gravestones for Muriel Frances STOCKDEN (1920 – 1994) and Isobel Stockden SHAW (1924 – 2010) and Mary Young STOCKDEN (no dates given. Was this Frank’s wife?). A gravestone note says “Sisters at home to rest”. Gravestone photos were found.

The more recent “social media” has, I am sure, a lot of the younger STOCKDENS in the public domain, but I am not a subscriber to these means of communication.

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Here in the U K..... DEATHS :

On 11 Jul 2018: Gladys Jean (nee STOCKDEN) WALTON 1928 – 2018. Wife of Keith Singleton WALTON. Mother of David Glyn, Denzil Keith and Adrian Hardy; grandmother of Lauren Jane, Beth Amy, Luke, Lois, Susanna, Samuel, Louis and Molly and great grandmother of Charlie Robert Glyn, Ella May and Quinten.

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Comment found on “HouseofNames” website:

“Stockden History, Family Crest & Coats of Arms”

etc etc “with various forms of “STOCKDEN” crests as the surname STOCKDEN belongs to the large category of *habitation* names, which are derived from pre-existing names for towns, villages, parishes, or farmsteads.” I found this internet site provides mementoes such as mugs, keyrings decorated with the STOCKDEN crests. Originals ?. I wonder.

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Our Sincere Best Wishes to you all,

Bruce and Avril (nee STOCKDEN) RAYNER