

SOME HALSTEAD ESSEX SPURGEON FAMILIES

I have drawn up a large part of the Halstead SPURGEON family history as my mother was born to Louisa Annie RAYNER (1882-1977) who married Samuel Garrad SPURGEON (1885-1953) in 1906.

As always with attempting to look at very old records, problems arise with what you can find to work on. Before 1750 there was no standardised format. The church could hardly afford any paper to write on, writing standards were very poor, with little or no standard for naming the subjects being baptised / christened, married or buried. Each recorder had their own idea of how to spell a local inhabitant's name, so using the phonetic option, you could get multiple spellings over time. One church in Wales, I think it was, spelled my name 'Rayner' with eight variations over the years. In the sixteenth century, women were often left off the records and for many, many years deaths of the very young were either not recorded and if it was noted it was name only and no details. There were so many John/Henry/William/Thomas etc that it could be impossible to know who the parents were.

So we must consider ourselves lucky to have what we have and do our best to create the family trees. In these SPURGEON family trees I have traced the line from my Grandfather Samuel Garrad SPURGEON back to a Richard SPURGEON born circa 1480. Listing each male parent by their birth year where known. Then a list of couples through the years. My final information page is a list of all known SPURGEONS to have died in World War I. So the first 5 trees show my association with the SPURGEON Families and the pages 6 to 14 show a sample of families where the information was limited. With several families of as many as 11 to 14 children, I ran out of steam to follow them all.

I hope any reader coming on this site will enjoy this small contribution to Family History

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