

b 1741 **	b 22/3/1740 M	b 21/9/1746 M	b */3/1748	b */4/1749	b 18/4/1753 M	b 22/2/1756 M	b 6/1/1760 M	b */9/1762
d 21/6/1810 Mells (age 68)	d	d bf 1753	d	d	d */2/1795	d	d	d
m 6/9/1764 Mells								
Mary Ashman								
b 1745 15/6/1747 Mells								
d 11/2/1832 Mells (age 87)								
I	I	I	I	I	I			
Thomas Horler	John	James	Mary	Archelaus (Hercules)	Martha			
b 1/11/1772 Mells	ba 7/7/1765 M	ba 21/2/1768 M	b 16/4/1768 M	b 25/9/1774 M	b 19/7/1778 M			
d 15/6/1851 Mells (age 78)	d 23/3/1845 M (a d		d 16/4/1768 M	d	d			
m 2/11/1797 Mells	m 26/5/1788 M				m 12/6/1799 M			
Grace Richardson	Betty White				Robert Padfield			
b 7/8/1774 Mells								
d 19/8/1863 Mells (age 89)								
I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
Thomas Horler	William	Mary	Sarah	Martha	John	Elizabeth	Grace	William Butcher
b 1800 Mells	b 29/11/1799 M	b 1802 M	b 9/11/1804 M	b */7/1807 M	b 10/12/1809 M	b 9/2/1812 M	b 23/1/1815 M	b 28/5/1820 M
see first spreadsheet	d	d aft 1849	d 5/11/1893 IL	d aft 1849	d aft 1849	d aft 1849	d 2/1/1825 M	d 1878
		m 14/1/1827 M	m 1827	m 1835	m 25/12/1831 M	m 19/4/1835 M		m 1849
		Joseph Cook	William Hutchings	Thomas Butcher	Ann Packer	Job Rossiter		Elizabeth Vernon
m 23/11/1823 Mells								
Susannah Boddie								
bo 12/8/1804 Bailbrook ba 3/8/1808 BBB								
& ba 17/9/1824 Mells								
d 13/4/1878 Mells (age 73)								
I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
Mathias Horler	Anne	Thomas	William	Martha	Grace	Susannah	George Boddie	Sarah
bo 11/5/1824 ba 2/7/1824 Mells	b 1826 M	b 22/11/1829 M	b 15/2/1832 M	b 25/12/1834 M	b 7/5/1837 M	b 7/5/1837 M	b 10/11/839 M	b 3/4/1841 M
d 7/7/1887 Bath, Somerset (age 62)	d	d	d	d 1912 Wales	d	d	d	d
m 7/10/1855 Stoke Damerel RO , Devon	m 1/1/1844 M			m				m c 1867 Frome
Emma Patience Tremeer	James Brown			Jenkin Williams				Benjamin Plummer
b 1/12/1835 St Andrew, Plymouth, Devon								
d 29/10/1933 Bath (age 97)								
I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
Mathias Tremeer Horler	Susan Emma	Matthias	Maria Jane	Matilda Adelaide	Francina Sarah Tremeer	Annie Louisa	Thomas	Alice Emma
b 11/1/1872 Mells	b 10/7/1857 Ma	b 10/7/1857 Ma	b 24/1/1860 Ma	b 26/1/1861 Ma	b 29/10/1863 M	b 26/3/1866 M	b 19/12/1867 M	b 22/1/1870 M
di 9/4 Frome, bu 14/4/1953 Mells, Som (age 81)	d 7/1857 Ma	d 9/1857 Ma	d 14/6/1861 Ma	d 1923	d */2/1955	d aft 1889	d 1937 Br	d 1910 ?
m 26/12/1901 Croscombe, Somerset				m Bristol	m 31/12/1888	m 21/7/1889 Wi	m 1898	m
Minnie Jane Say				Henry Litman	Thomas Norris	Frederick Short	Elizabeth Aslett	Charles Parfitt
bo 4/12 ba 1/1/1870 Croscombe, Somerset								
di 20/9 Frome bu 26/9/1962 Mells, Som (age 92)								
I	I	I	I	I	I			
Henry Edward Horler	Thomas	Robert Tremeer Mathias	George Thomas	Dorothy Hettie	Rosina Thurza			
b 6/2/1910 Combe Hay, Somerset	b 1902	b 1/12/1903 Od	b 16/1 Od ba 23/4/1905 Cr	b 14/3/1907 CH	b 15/10/1908 CH			
d 6/12/2002 Wells c Bath	d 1902	d 2/3/1977	d 16/1/1981 Street	d 23/6/2009 Wilts	d 21/12/1991			
m 30/9/1935 Croscombe		m 30/7/1938	m 3/6/1933 Cr	m 20/3/1926 B	m 29/7/1939 Cr			
Hebe Florence Talbot		Grace Emily Camborne	Gertrude Bailey	Sidney John West	Fred Strange			
b 29/12/1915 Croscombe								

Horler name -

Horler ... coal-carrier, a name of comparatively modern times, unknown in Medieval times. There were ten such men in this district in 18th century, probably many more now, but the name has outlived the special application".

History of Kilmersdon, by Hylton 1910

"Walter Combe in the right of Agnes Harler now his wyffe Willm Harler and John Harler the sons of the sayd Agnes holde by copy of Corte role 1554 of the grant of the late Francis Erle of Huntingdon a dwelling house, garden, orchard ..."

marriage - "31 Jan 1649/50", "TUCKER", "George", "HORLER", "Martha", ".....", "Chilcompton", ".....", "D/P/str.on.f. 2/1/1"

burial - "HORLER"."Richard"."10 Nov 1623"...."D/P/str.on.f. 2/1/1"

burial - "HORLAR [HORLER]","Thomas The Elder","02 Apr 1662",....,"D/P/str.on.f. 2/1/1"

burial - "HORLER"."Margrett"."01 Feb 1665/6"... "Widow"."D/P/str.on.f. 2/1/1"

Susannah Boddie was the daughter of George who was a gardener on the Mells estate in the early 19th century. The Mells estate was owned by the Horner family at the time. There is a belief in the family that Susannah was impregnated by a member of the Horner family and that she married Thomas Horler to prevent a scandal. Susannah was probably at least three months pregnant with Matthias by the time she married Thomas Horler in November 1823. The story is that the local clergy, trying to protect the Horners from scandal, helped in the cover up. The Horler / Boddie marriage in took place following Banns and not surprisingly no-one in this feudal village dared speak up and protest.

I have recently discovered (March 2009) from Brian Horler that Matthias' son, Matthias Tremeer Horler (Brian's grandfather), believed firmly in the Horner ancestry heritage and that when the last male heir to the Mells estate, Edward, was killed in World War One and when the last surviving direct Horner (Sir John in 1927 and Lady Frances Horner in 1940) died, that a lawsuit was lodged by him laying claim to some of the Horner family inheritance. This was either very opportunistic or based on a genuine belief in the lineage. I can find no surviving evidence of this lawsuit having been lodged and it clearly failed, probably due to lack of firm evidence or due to the very fact of illegitimacy, however the belief in the existence of the Horner ancestry persisted so that it was passed down to Matthias Horler's children and grandchildren, long past when it may have

yielded any material benefit to the Horlers.

Another story goes that one of the children of Mathas Horler (alleged son of a Horner) was hidden from the Horner family because she had the same colour hair that was prevalent in the Horner family rather than in the Horler family.

DNA tests now exist and had they existed in the early 20th century they would, I think, have been able to prove or disprove this rumour. However I believe that the last male Horner of this line died in 1927 and so a DNA test is unlikely to be able to take place unless some samples still exist which can be compared with any direct male decendents of the Horler line, like Brian.

Although it appears that my ancestors, and some family, believed this rumour, recent information has come to light via Ancestry DNA testing that a second cousin shares a match with Thomas Horler's sister Sarah. This does appear to confirm that Thomas Horler was the ancestor of our Matthias and therefore this amended spreadshet reflects that line.

Henry Edward Horler 1910-2002

Employment from about 1935, as farmer / farm manager -

* Sharcombe Farm, Dinder, Somerset

Worked for -

1st - Mr Pepper

2nd, from 1948, Sir William and Lady Verdon-Smith, Chairman of Bristol Aeroplane Company & Bristol Tramways, he died 1957

3rd - 4th Baron Strathcona and Mount Royal (born 1923) and Lady Jane Mary Waldegrave

through Mr Brooking-Clarke (of the Clarkes shoe fame, got a job with the Glencoat family at -

* Hartmoor Farm, Underhill, East Knoyle, Wiltshire c 1960 to 1986

where he worked for Ms Lettuce and Ms Elizabeth

* semi retirement at Cocked Hat, East Knoyle 1986 to 1994

* retirement - St Cuthberts Avenue, Wells, Somerset

Census entries - see final spreadsheet for full details

1911 - Fortnight Farm, Combe Hay, Somerset, age 1, son

Other matters -

Bare knuckle boxer in his 20's

Honorary life member of Dinder Cricket Club

Was a bell ringer at Wells Cathedral

Special police constable at Dinder, Somerset

Dinder home guard in World War II (reserved occupation), took London refugees on the farm at Sharcombe

Supported Bristol City FC

Celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary a year or two late because he remembered the anniversary of his getting his first herd of 'prize Guernsey' cows!

Matthias Tremeer Horler 1872-1953

Census entries - see final spreadsheet for full details

1911 - Fortnight Farm, Combe Hay, Somerset, age 39, general labourer railway company

1901 - House, Bath College, Bath, Somerset, age 31, house butler

1891 - missing (serving Royal Marines)

1881 - Duckery Lodge, Mells, Somerset, age 9, scholar

1953 newspaper article (courtesy of Tim Couzens)

"Former resident of Croscombe - Many friends at Croscombe heard with regret of the death of a former resident, Mr Matthias Horler, who with his wife had lived with their youngest daughter at 3 Bridge Street, Frome, for the past 18 months. Mr Horler, who was 81, passed away after a short illness.

"He joined the Royal Marines at the age of 17 and served all through the 1914-18 war being mentioned in the despatches from Field Marshall Sir Douglas Haig, for gallant and distinguished service in the field.

Mr Horler was also well known in Shepton Mallet and Wells. He was in charge of the Croscombe Home Guard during the Second World War and was well liked by those who served under him, and who presented him with an arm-chair on his retirement in October 1942 on reaching the age limit.

"The funeral took place at Mells Church on Tuesday last week. He leaves a widow, two daughters and three sons, two of whom have been in the services, and two grandsons who are now serving."

Home Guard Record

Retirement record - Lt Matthias Horler - 28/10/42 - on reaching age limit - 4/Somerset

Appointed Lt 1/2/1941 4th Bn Somerset Home Guard

Pre-12/1941 platoon commander

Bath Chronicle 31st December 1938

Golden Wedding - Mr and Mrs T Norris of Odd Down

Married on the last day of 1888 at St Luke's Church by the Rev W.G. Morgan curate. Mr and Mrs Thomas Norris of 15 Belle Vue Terrace, Odd Down, celebrate their golden wedding day on Saturday. Mr Norris is the eldest son of James and Elizabeth Norris of Odd Down. He is a freestone quarryman by trade. He worked for Messrs Love and Son, quarry masters, Odd Down, for 30 years and was ill for 3 1/2 years before going down to Mr Edwin Hancock, Claverton Down, where he has been for the last six months. Mrs Norris was born at Mells and lived at the Duckery, Mells Park, near Frome, until her father, Mr Matthias **Horler**, fell ill, and she was ordered to Bath hospital and she has lived in Bath ever since. They have a family of five, three daughters and two sons, and 15 grandchildren, all of whom live in or near Bath. There is to be a re-union on Saturday, at which all members of the family who can come will be present.

1935 Kelly's Directory

Horler Matthias, Paradise ho, Croscombe, Wells.

Bath Chronicle article during 1914-18 war

"Sergt Major Thomas Horler, who served 24.5 years in the 1st and 2nd Battalion Somerset LI re-enlisted at the beginning of the war, and is now attached to the HQ of the BEF in France. Pte M Horler who saw 10 years in the RMLI, was called up at the beginning of the war, and is now in the Navy. Lance-Corporal F Horler, Military Mounted Police, served his time in the 2nd Somerset LI and saw active service in South Africa and India. He re-enlisted at the beginning of the war. These three soldier sons have followed the example of their father, the late Mr Matthias Horler, who served 21 years with the Cheshire Regiment, and took place in the Crimea, Burmah and India. Mrs Horler lives at 11 Odd Down Cottages, Odd Down, a place which has contributed a large number of men to the forces, as our Roll of Honour has shown."

2nd period of military

Re-enlisted Royal Marine Light Infantry 1914 (A/L/C. Ply./15071)

Served in France - attached to a (Canadian) Naval Brigade??

Served - HMS Impregnable (Training ship) from 5/8/1914 to 1916?

Mentioned in Despatches 16th March 1919 by Field Marshall Sir Douglas Haig (cert signed by Winston S Churchill - SoS for War) for gallant and distinguished services in the field.

Rank on discharge in 1918 - Marine

Medals - DCM (according to the memoirs of Robert TM Horler) - now at RMM Southsea Museum no 396/80

Note - 'gallant and distinguished service' - the rumour is that Matthias refused to retreat and leave a field gun whilst being charged by the enemy. When he eventually destroyed the gun, to avoid it being captured, and had got back behind friendly lines he was threatened with a court martial for refusing to obey orders. However he escaped charge by claiming that as he was Navy he could ignore an army given by an Officer of an Army Regiment. Instead he may have been commended for helping save lives and hold off the enemy longer than would have been the case had the gun been destroyed immediately.

1905 - on baptism of son George, Matthias is recorded as being a grocer of Bath.

1901 marriage certificate

26/12/1901 St Mary's, Croscombe, Somerset

Matthias Horler, 30 years, bachelor, grocer of Odd Down, South Lincombe, Bath, father - Matthias Horler, soldier, RMLI

Minnie Jane Say, 31 years, spinster, of Croscombe, father - Robert Say, wheelwright and wood merchant

Witnessed by Richard Norris Say and Thurza Say.

Minutes from the Workhouse Union, Bath

22/11/1899

"a report from the General Purpose Committee stating that they had selected MATTHIAS HORLER as a candidate for the office of male caretaker at a salary of £20 with board, lodging and washing."

09/03/1900

"The committee decided to recommend that MATTHIAS HORLER, male caretaker be requested to undertake the duties of Barber and that his salary be raised from £20 to £25 a year."

14/03/1900

"The committee decided to recommend that MATTHIAS HORLER be transferred from the office of male caretaker to that of Van Driver and Horsekeeper and that advertisements be issued inviting applications for the office of Male caretaker and barber."

There are no further mentions of Matthias Horler after April 1900 when this post became available.

1st period of military service

Enlisted at Bath to Royal Marines Light Infantry 17th September 1889 for 12 years - aged 19 years and 4 months (actually about 18), living at Odd Down, Bath

Height 5' 7.1", chest 34", sallow complexion, hazel eyes, light brown hair, CofE, labourer, Distinctive Marks – Scars on both knees, cut – on 3rd finger, left hand, mole – left shoulder, mole – on throat.

Do you now belong to the Militia – Yes, 4th Battalion Somerset Lt. Infantry.

Did you receive a Notice – yes. Who gave you the notice – Sergt. F. Yerbury RMLI. Are you willing to serve for 12 years – yes.

Subsisted at Bristol. From 17th Sept 1889 to 19th Sept 1889.

Transferred to Plymouth Division, E Co., 7th May 1890.

Served HMS Cambridge (Devonport Gunnery School) 107 days

HMS Vivid (Royal Naval Barracks Devonport) 1/5/93 to 28/9/93 and afloat 1/5/93 to 29/10/95

HMS Hazard (submarine supply vessel) 10/7/96 to 17/8/96

HMS Ganges (training vessel/sailing hulk or supply ship) 4/11/96 to 2/4/99

Rank. Pvte. From 17 Sept 1889 to 14Aug 1899. Served 9 years 332 days - ashore 3 years 323 days and afloat 6 years and 9 months. 2 Good Conduct Medals

Discharged 14th August 1899 (invalided - hydrocele left) - character good

Place of residence on discharge 18 Odd Down Cottages, Odd Down, Near bath, Somerset

Bath Chronicle and Western Gazette

Thursday 10th November 1887

Bath Police

Edward Dainton and Matthias Horler of Odd Down, Bath, were summoned for damaging a fence, the damage being estimated at 1s, the property of William Purchase on the

1st inst. The prosecutor, a butcher, of Odd Down, said he had bought some clover on Odd Down and had folded some sheep upon it. The defendants pulled the fold down. They were each fined 5s and costs and 1s damage or in default seven days imprisonment.

Matthias Horler 1824-1887

Heirlooms

According to Tim Couzens in 1994 -
the family of son Frederick in Australia inherited Matthias' medal.
David Strange (an ancestor of his daughter Rose) has his sword.

Burial records - Lower Bristol Road, Bath

Grave space E 6 21 - reg number 8310 age 62 Matthias Horler 11th July 1887
Grave space E 6 21 - reg number 20288 age 97 Emma Horler 5th November 1933

1887 death certificate

7/7/1887 Living at 14 Odd Down Cottages, Bath
Age 62. Army pensioner. Cause - Phehissis (?), reported and present at death - Matilda Lyden - daughter

Ancestry.com British Army WW1 pension records

Thomas Horler (Mathias' son), born 1867, Mells joined the 4th Battalion Somerset Light Infantry in 1887 in Taunton, regimental number 2143
In 1914 Thomas joined the army reserve for one year, at the time he was a licensed victualler. He was however in France from December 1914 until January 1919.

Western Gazette

Friday 26th March 1875

Frome Petty Sessions
John Wise and Matthias Horler surrendered on bail to answer to the charge of stealing coal and wood from the Westbury Ironworks. Mr Coles, manager, said that he wished to withdraw the case. Discharged.

Census entries - see final spreadsheet for full details

1881 - Duckery Lodge, Mells, Somerset, age 56, pensioner (sergeant 22nd foot)
1871 - Coalpit Lane, Mells, Somerset, age 46, pensioner and labourer
1861 - missing (probably in Malta)
1851 - missing (probably in India)
1841 - missing

Pocket watch - 1862

On or after his discharge Mathias was presented with a silver pocket watch which says -
"Presented to Sergeant Mathias Horler, by the Sergeants of the 2nd Battalion 22nd Regiment, as a token of respect and esteem."
2011 this watch was in the possession of Clive Horler in Hawaii who received it from his father George (Mathias' grandson) and who had it from his brother Bob.

Discharge papers of Sgt Matthias Horler dated 17th April 1862 (source PRO Kew) (and other person info)

Born Mells near Wells Somerset, trade labourer
Attested for 22nd Regiment at London on 17th March 1841 aged 18 years and 1 month
served 21 years and 45 days of which abroad 14 years and 355/365 (Malta 2 years 346/365 and India 12 years 2/365)
Character 'good'. Possession of 3 good conduct badges when promoted to Sergeant
12 mentions in regimental defaulters book, not tried by court martial and possession of 'good conduct medal'.
served in campaign in Scinde in 1843.
present at the Battle of Meanee (17/2/1843) and Hyderabad (3/1843)
served under Major General delamotte in southern Mahratta country in 1844-45
present at the taking of fort Pandharpur
present at one excursion into the desert under the command of General Sir Charles Napier KCB and present at the destruction of Fort Emnanpur.
present at the taking and destruction of villages in the Boice Valley in the Peshawar district under Brigadier JB Brileve Nov 29th 1853
In possession of the Medal for Meeanee.

Promoted to Corporal 11 June 1854-31 May 1857, promoted to Sergeant 10th March 1858 - 31st April 1862 (rank of sergeant on child's birth cert in 1860, whilst in Malta)
Age on discharge 39, height 5'2", complexion fresh, eyes grey, hair brown, no scars and intended residence Plymouth (labourer)
Occupation on birth of son in 1872 - carter (Chelsea pensioner - 22nd Foot)

Matthias and Emma lost all three of their first children in infancy whilst in Malta, including two twins, Susan and Matthias.

1855 marriage certificate

7/10/1855 Stoke Damerel register office, Devon

Matthias Horler, 30 years, bachelor, corporal in HMs 22 regt of foot, residence - Ligonier Square (late Granby Barracks) Devonport, father Thomas Horler, farmer

Emma Tremeer, 19 years, spinster, 17 Barrack Street, Devonport, father Joseph Tremeer, carpenter (journeyman)

Witnessed by James and Elizabeth Bailey.

Matthias was almost certainly named after his great uncle (his grandmother's brother) Matthias Richardson of Mells.

Thomas Horler 1800-1884

Burial in 1884 states that Thomas was of Stone Ash and that he was carried in a 'wheeled bier from house, and common bier at ch. (church) hatch'.

Census entries - see final spreadsheet for full details

1881 - Stone Ash, Mells, Somerset, age 81, widower / farmer renting 21 acres

1871 - Stone's Ash Farm, Mells, Somerset, age 71, farmer of 21 acres

1861 - Stone Ash Cottages, Mells, Somerset, age 61, farmer 21 acres

1851 - Frogbury, Mells, Somerset, age 50, coal carrier

1841 - missing, Mells records destroyed by fire

1883 Kelly's Directory for Somerset and Bristol

Mr Thomas Horler, Stone Ash, Vobster, farmer.

Frome Times 1873

Tuesday 10th June 1873 (pm) the police found 500 lbs of gunpowder at the house of Thoma: Mr Thomas Horler, dairy farmer, Stone Ash, Mells.

Thursday 26th June 1873 Thomas Horler of Mells was summoned to court and was found guilty of unlawful possession of gunpowder. However the bench did not believe that Thomes Horler had intentionally held 'unlawful property' and a fine of just 1/4d per pound of powder was levied. The gunpowder belonged to local trader Mr Chambers and was transported by Thomas Horler's employee Oliver Trollope and stored in Thomas' stables. The gunpowder was confiscated (as punishment against the actual owner).

1861 PO Directory for Somerset and Bristol

Mells - Thomas Horler, dairy farmer, Stones Ash

Witnesses at the 1823 marriage, by banns, were - Anne Nicholson Boddie, William Boddie and Mary Horler

Mells Vestry Minutes

Thomas Horler signed minutes 6th June 1826 (note that this could be his father Thomas)

Thomas Horler born 1800 was a coalcarrier between about 1815-1820 and in 1851 and later a farmer (see census)

Thomas Horler (1772 - 1851)

Thomas Horler born 1772 Farmer and coalcarrier

Census entries - see final spreadsheet for full details

1851 - Stone Ash, Mells, Somerset, age 78, farmer of 20 acres

1841 - missing, Mells records destroyed by fire

Rev FW Cleverton, The History of Mells

Extract from the Workhouse Accounts - paid Thomas Horler, 21 horseload of coal at 1/4 p. horse £1.8.0.

Lord Oxford's Archives information from Michael McGarvie, 1991

Annual accounts 1805-1811 Thomas Horler paying £3.5.8 half years rent for an unspecified property. This may be 21 acres of pasture held from TS Horner at the time of the Tithe Commutation Act of 1839.

24/2/1841 Tithe Apportionment, Mells, Somerset

Landowner - Thomas Strangeways Horner, Esquire

Occupier - Thomas Horler

land, all pasture -	area	tithe
42 - parsonage	1acre-2-28	£0-10-1
43 - paddock	3acres-0-7	£0-18-3
449 - branches	3acres-0-16	£0-13-0
450 - north dole	4acres-0-38	£1-3-0
451 - William's mead	5acres-1-8	£1-1-2
452 - the four acres	3acres-3-3	£0-18-1
totals	21acres-0-2	£5-3-7

1849 will of Thomas Horler

"This is the last Will and Testament of Thomas Horler of Mells in the County of Somerset. I give and bequeath unto my Wife Grace Horler the whole of my Worldly goods, household furniture, dairy utensils, live stock of whatever description or wheresoever together with all such monies I may happen to possess at the time of my decease for her own absolute use and benefit.

And my Will is that whatever of my said property may be remaining after the decease of my said Wife shall as soon as conveniently may be after her death sold and the monies arising from the sale thereof be equally divided between my children Thomas Horler, Mary Cook, Sarah Hutchings, Martha Butcher, John Horler, Elizabeth Rossiter and William Horler, share and share alike and in case any or either of my said children die before my said Wife the share or shares which would have his hers or theirs shall be given unto his hers or their child or children if they have any surviving them.

And I hereby nominate my said Wife Executrix of this my Will.

Dated the third day of January in the year 1849. Signed Thomas Horler (seal).

Witnesses Joseph White and Deborah Read.

Death Duty Record, 1850

IR26 ref:/1903 f.720

Testator: Thomas HORLER, Yeoman of Mells

Proved: Cons. Wells 17 Sep 1851

Effects: Under £100

Died:15 Jun 1851

Will signed: 3 Jan 1840

Executrix: Grace HORLER of Mells, Relict

Legacies: Personal estate to wife Grace: should any remain after her death, equally among Thomas HORLER, Mary COOK, Sarah HUTCHINGS, Martha BUTCHER, John HORLER, Elizabeth ROSSITER and Willm (?) HORLER or issue

Thomas Horler (1741-1810)

** There are three other more remote possibilities of his parentage but are ruled out due to his age being 68 when he died in 1810 -

Thomas son of Hercules and Elizabeth Horler (nee Young) baptised 6/10/1734 Mells

This Thomas Horler may have died in 1736 as there is an unattributed burial record in Mells dated 30/6/1736.

Thomas son of Archaleus and Betty Horler baptised 6/4/1731 Babington

1764 marriage of Thomas Horler to Mary Aishman of Mells, witnessed by John Hort snr and John Masters

Estate Duty Record, Wells, 1810

Will No: 433

Testator: Thomas HORLER of Mells

Proved: 3 Aug 1810

Estate: Under £100

Executor: Thomas HORLER

Legacies: (1) to chn John HORLER, James HORLER, Thomas HORLER and Martha PADFIELD, money and interest

(2) to wife Mary HORLER, residue

James Horler (1710-1778)

There was a James son of Thomas Horler baptised at Bath St James 12/12/1720. However we believe that it is unlikely that this is the James who married in 1739 because -

* the young age he would have been in 1739. Possible though.

* The fact that Bath is a distance from Mells and combined with how old James of Bath would have been this is less likely as there is no indication of any link between the Horlers of Mells and those of Bath at this time.

* The fact that there were plenty of Horler families in Mells and Kilmersdon at this time and so this James is most probably descended from one of those local families than the Bath Horlers.

* James had children called Edward and Mary and this indicates a probable link to Edward Horler and Mary Moon who were married in nearby Kilmersdon in 1706.

* That James used the name Hercules for one of his children and this is a name clearly associated with the Kilmersdon and Stratton Horlers in the 17th century (Hercules was Edward's father and would have been James' grandfather).

There is a gap in Kilmersdon baptism records 1708 to 1725. Therefore his parentage is impossible to confirm. However he had children called Edward and Mary and the date of his likely baptism fits with the marriage of Edward Horler and Mary Moon and Kilmersdon is a neighbouring parish to Mells.

The 1739 marriage just states James to Martha and no places referred to suggesting they were both of Mells.

1778 burial does not mention James' age on burial.

Edward Horler (1683-1752)

Hercules Horler (c 1655 - 1732)

1678. Nov 1st.Hercules Horler received a Warrant from the Treasury allowing him & William LONG a lease to mine for Coal at Barrow, Stratton on the Fosse.

1689: Monday, 6th May Hercules Horler, Kilmersdon (Poor Law rates ?) for the Parson of Cadbury 2s.5d, also 1s in the £, value 7s 0d per annum.

John Horler (bf 1622 - c 1691)

Court Roll 19 Oct 1676

Manor of Kilmersdon, Edward and John Horler tenants of the manor surrendered to the Lord of the Manor one messuage or tenement and singular 'appurtenances called "Griffethers" late in the tenur of Hercules Horler deceased.

Goes on to talk about the same Edward Horler and agreement to a new tenure for life and detail of the land he was renting.

Hercules Horler (1600 - 1669)

From Tony Meighan's Horler One Name Study website

Hercules Horler, a coal miner in Stratton on the Fosse in 1622 settled a dispute by marrying Elizabeth the daughter of Nicholas Everret. This union has many children attributed to it so it appears that the dispute was forgotten soon after the nuptuals

Hercules Horler had his legal case with Nicholas verett in 1622 over miner's rights.

He then married Elizabeth Everett "to secure those miner's rights"

Notes on Hercules Horler of 1600

1628 - Hercules Horler in Stratton mentioned in manuscript by Rev. JDC Wickham

1641 Subs at Stratton - Hercules

1641/42 Duchy of Cornwall coal mining lease expired. Stratton pits left in a "disgraceful state." (Hercules Horler)

? date Vic, Perthill, Trespass of Hercules & "Gentleman" John Salmon (the elder) into land leased by Toby Salmon

? date Vic, Stratton, Before civil war damages dispute over mining rights between Hercules, "Gentleman Salmon" & Nicholas Everett.

? date M (vic) Hercules Horler married Elizabeth, daughter of Nicholas Everett to gain access to land for mining

Wickham Rev JDC, Records of Spade and Terrier

"There was a Hercules Horler at Stratton, 1628, who seems to have derived his christian name from his strength of character no less than of body".

?* John Horler - this is in question marks as this is unconfirmed. However as this is the only John Horler who is still present in 1662 whilst there are three in the 1641 returns this is a most likely reference. This John Horler married Tamsin Hayne(s) in Croscombe in 1640 and they buried a child (Mary) in the village in 1642.

Tamsin was buried in 1680 as Thomasine Horler at Croscombe.

1641 Protestation Returns for Somerset - listed Horlers

Samuel - Evercreech

John and Thomas - Litton

John and Walter - Wells St Cuthbert

Edward - Shepton Mallet

John - Croscombe

Steven - East Pennard

Timothy - Halse

Hundred of Kilmersdon is missing from PRs

1641 Lay Subsidy Rolls

Stratton - Hercules L£2, Thomas L£1

Kilmersdon - Richard L£1

1662 Hearth Tax

Stratton - Edward, churchwarden

Croscombe - John

The will of Hercules Horler

Archdeanory of Wells 1669 - 72

HERCULES HORLER of Pittcott in Stratton yeoman weak in body dated last day of January 1668

To my son John HORLER 1s

To my son Edward Horler 1s

To my daughter Elizabeth MOORE 1s

To my daughter Ann Raynes 1s

To my grandchild Christian THOMAS 10s

To every one of my grandchildren 12d

To my son Wiliam Horler £10

To my son Thomas Horler £20

To my son Richard Horler £20 (2 years after my death)

To my son Samuel Horler £10 (3 years after my death)

To my son Danile Horler £10 (3 and a half years after my death)

To my daughter Sarah Horler £20 (2 years after my death)

To my son Timothy Horler £16 (6 years after my death)

To my daughter Martha Horler £15 (seven years after my death)

To my daughter Ruth HORLER £15(ten years after my death)

To my son Joseph Horler £20(fourteen years after mydeath)

Residue to my wife and to my son Thomas Horler, executors

overseers William WATKINS of Chilcompton and john HEATH of Ashwick.

Witness Joseph Atkines the yngr Rebecca Everett/

Proved 29th Oct 1669 by Elizabeth Horler relict and Thomas Horler son

Executors. inventory sum £216.3s.8d

I	I	I	I	I	I
Timothy	Martha	Henry	Mary	Ruth	Joseph
b */12/1649 So	b 8/9/1653 SoF	b 8/9/1653 SoF	b 1653 SoF	b 1655 SoF	b 1657
d	d	d	d	d 21/10/1674 SoF	

I
Edward
b 2/10/1846 M
d
m
Elizabeth ?

