

**THE JERRARD FAMILY OF  
CHIDEOCK, ENGLAND**

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# Preface

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Contractions used: bp=baptized, bd=buried, m=married, d=death.

Date convention day/month/year; i.e. 06/05/1888 is 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 1888.

## Introduction

In 1912 Frederick Bartholomew Joseph Jerrard (referred to as 'the author' later in this document) wrote a book titled "The Jerrard Family And Its Chideock Branch". He did a remarkable job given resources available at the time. The author set down the family and it's possible roots in the Jerrard Sampford Orcas family. He was assisted by Alfred William Gerrard whose roots stem back to Beaminster, Dorset and possibly the Sampford Orcas family. I refer to this book as 'the 1912 Jerrard book' and/or 'Jbook'. A copy of the 1912 Jerrard book is found on my website. [www.jerrard.ca]

I have spent some time in research to "prove" and provide references for the author's book. In doing so I have found some errors. Some of those errors are revealed by recent review of electronic images of Chideock Parish Register. All the errors, I have found, I will attempt to correct in this document.

## Chapter 1

Between 1650 and 1665 there were some surnames, in the original parish records, that appeared to be Garhard (first names Richard and some others). They are in actual fact surname Orchard. Some others are seen to be Game and Gale. Orchard, Game and Gale are well known names in Chideock.

Regarding pages 15 to 17, Chapter V, of the 1912 Jerrard book<sup>1</sup>

The author discusses the Jerrard family arrival in Chideock. He held that the Richard Jarhard family was the first in Chideock. A closer look at the digital images of the parish register pages reveals, at least to me, that the surname is not Jarhard but in fact Orchard. This then eliminates this family as the first occurrence of Jerrard in Chideock and throws a different light on the origins. The author's discussion concerning Richard's origin is no longer relevant.

We are left with the first occurrences, in Chideock, of the Jerrard family with the birth of Sarah, in 1671, daughter of Daniel and Anne Gerrard along with that of Joane Gerard who married Robert Redwood in 1673. One would then ask are Daniel and Joane, brother and sister and where did they come from? In both cases the surname spelling is clearly as written here. In addition in 1691 we see the entry "Agnes Gerard widow was buried march first". Again the surname spelling clearly Gerard. I now believe we have to accept that Jerrards' have their beginning in Chideock at this time period. Interesting to note is that the spelling matches the spelling of those Jerrards located in Milborne Port and Beaminster who where descendants of the Sampford Orcas Jerrard.

It remains to attempt to connect the lines, which has eluded us to this point, a connection the author was convinced existed to the Sampford Orcas Jerrards.

In addition I have found an entry in The Whitchurch Canonicorum registers for the marriage of

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<sup>1</sup> Original pages 15 to 17 are at the end of Chapter 1.

John Gerard and Bridget Rocket m1616. I have found no further records of Gerard in Whitchurch nor Chideock until the time period around and after 1671.

Regarding page 21, Appendix I (1) of the 1912 Jerrard book<sup>2</sup>:

There are errors in dates and additions to the families of Jerrard (Gerrard) which I will list below<sup>3</sup>.

A transcription error occurs with the listed family of William and Elizabeth (Mintern). I have found that this family is actually a family with the surname of Game, not Garrod as noted by the author. I, therefore, discount this family as Jerrard. I do not show this family in my revised chart.

The marriages of Daniel bp?? bd06/01/1701:

First Marriage: Daniel married Anne; the author as noted on the Key Pedigree on page 18 in the book, shows her surname as Snook and marriage date as m1669. I have not been able to find a record of this in the Chideock Registers. It seems we will have to check other registers, most probably Milbourne Port & Beaminster. Anne, Daniel's wife, was buried bd20/06/1676, this date coincides with the birth of daughter Ann. The children of this first marriage are; (1) Sarah Gerrard bp12/03/1671; (2) John Gerrard bp02/11/1673, the marriages as shown for this John Gerrard should actually be attributed to Game and/or Gale not to John, it seems this John dies prior to 1686, considering that in Daniel's second marriage they name a son John; and (3) Ann Gerrard bp23/06/1676, bd28/09/1706.

Second Marriage: Daniel married secondly Elizabeth; I have not found a marriage record so do not have a surname for Elizabeth. Daniel was buried in 1701, not 1702 as noted, and is recorded as Daniel senior. Elizabeth was buried 06 Mar 1715 and recorded as Elizabeth Gerot widow. It appears the marriage occurred before 1680. The children of Daniel & Elizabeth can now be shown as; (1) Daniel Gerhard bp??/05/1680, most likely called junior considering his father's death record; (2) Elizabeth Gerad bp??/09/1683 and bd??/09/1683, no day recorded; (3) John Gerrard bp04/07/1686 bd05/07/1686; (4) George Gerard bp29/07/1688; (5) Isaac Gerard bp30/06/1691 - we have to correct the children of Isaac's family, Daniel Gerat bp19/01/1725, George Gerat bp21/07/1728, Isaac Gerat bp21/07/1731, and James Jarrard bp08/09/1734; and the last child of Daniel & Elizabeth (6) Agnes Gerhard bp25/11/1694.

Other Records on page 21:

Daniel bp1680 bd30/11/1725, he married m14/07/1704 Elizabeth Gill bp?? bd??. I have not found a death record for Elizabeth, although their daughter Elizabeth was bp19/02/1716 which tends to point to her mother's death after 1716. Daniel's listed occupation 'Victualler', on his death record, and I have a document showing him as a Butcher in 1712. Their children were: (1) Anne Gerat bp10/04/1706; (2) Mary Gerat bp30/09/1707, she married John Parrot m27/02/1729; (3) John Gerat bp16/03/1711, he married Margaret; (4) Daniel Gerat bp31/08/1713 and (5) Elizabeth Gerat bp19/01/1716.

More Records not on page 21:

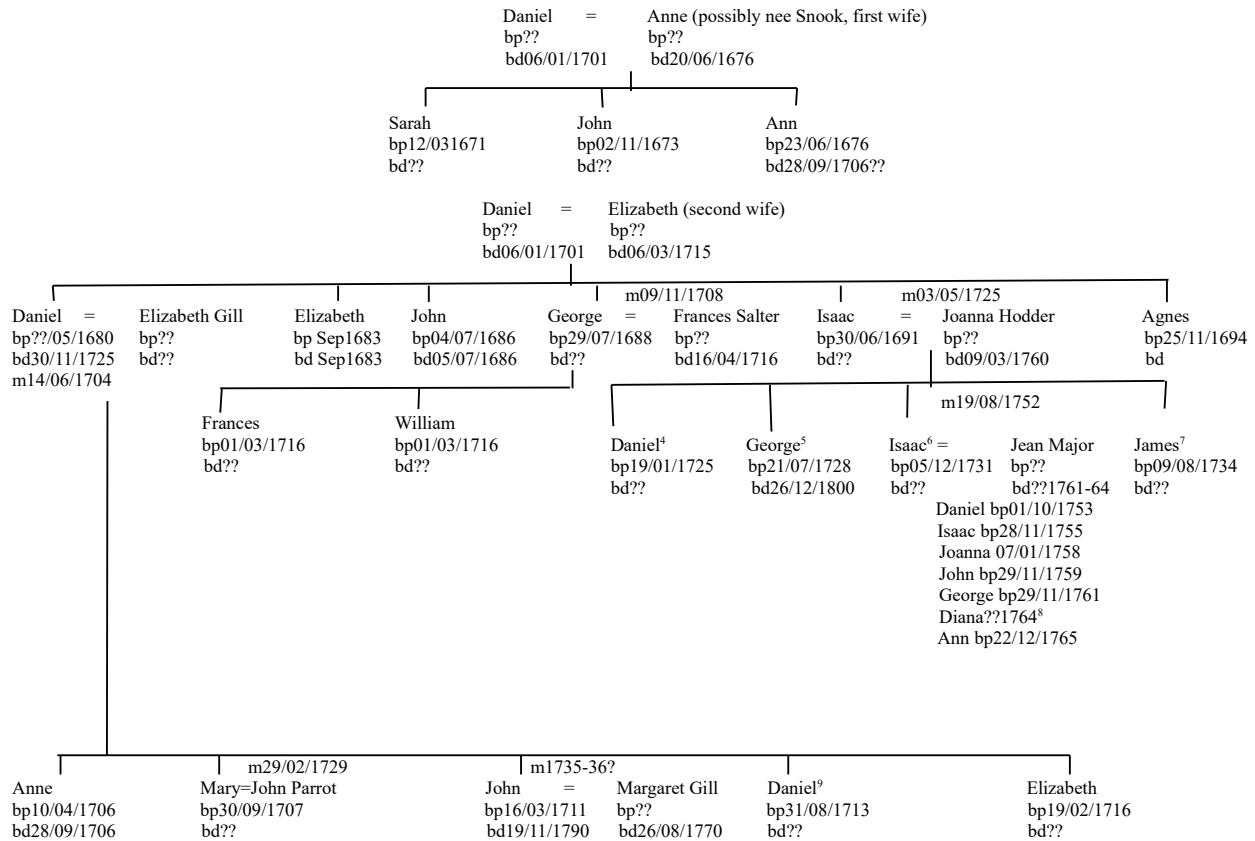
I can add records for George Gerat bp1688 and Frances his wife. They were married in Charmouth m09/11/1708. The Charmouth register says "George Gerrard and Frances Salter of Whitechurch"; their children, from the Chideock register, William and Frances, twins bp the same day, on 01 Mar 1716. The record was in Latin and very hard to read. The Whitchurch Canonieum register shows "Frances the wife of George Gerrard of Chideock was buried April the 16<sup>th</sup> 1716".

I will add records here for the family of Robert Redwood buried in 1711 and Joane Redwood, nee Gerard, buried in 1732 who were married 07 Apr 1673. They had children: (1) Joane Redwood 1674; (2) John in bp1679 bd1689; (3) Samuel bp1680; (4) Joseph bp21/06/1683 (5) Agnes bp1685 bd1705.

<sup>2</sup> Original page 21 follows Chapter 1.

<sup>3</sup> A transcript of the original Parish Registers is in Appendix One.

REVISED APPENDIX I CHART, page 21 (Nov 2013)



Regarding page 18 “Key Pedigree” of the 1912 Jerrard Book:

The author connects the Sandford Orcas family to the Chideock family through John & Agnes (nee Hunte) to Richard & Pertizeh<sup>10</sup> to Daniel & Anne (Snook?). As stated previously in this document I believe the Richard family shown on this Pedigree is incorrect. As well the record of “John (The son of Richard Jarhard the younger)” is incorrect as the surname is definitely Orchard not Jarhard. The author shows Joan m1673 as a sister to Daniel which is possible. The records of Agnes Gerard widow buried in 1691 along with a child of Daniel named Agnes and a child of Joane Redwood named Agnes might point to Agnes Gerard (nee Hunte?) as the Grandmother and it is also possible that Agnes is the widow of John of the Milborne Port register.

It is possible, therefore, that the connection between the Sandford Orcas and Chideock families comes through John & Agnes (nee Hunte) directly to Daniel & Anne, but it is not proven to date (Nov 2013).

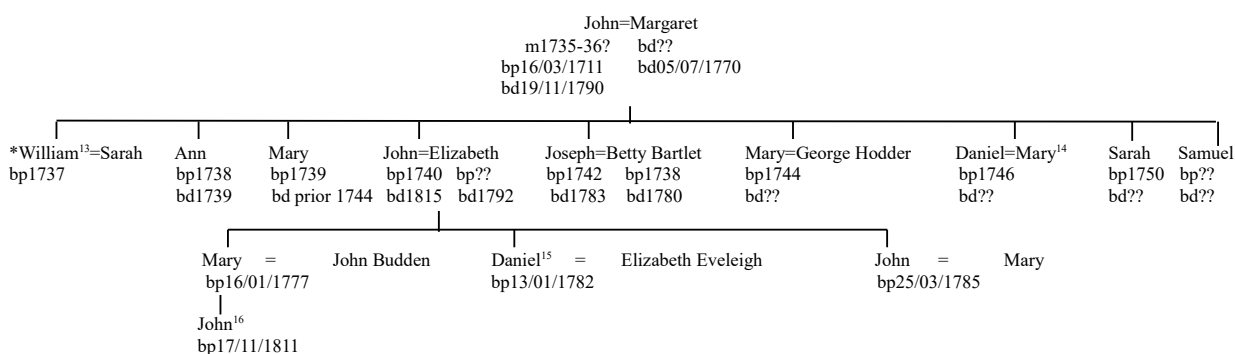
The following sections concern page 22<sup>11</sup> of the 1912 Jerrard book. There are corrections and additions to the information as originally displayed in 1912. I will set those out below. The author started on page 22 with the family of John and Margaret. I will do the same.

4 Refer to footnote 10.  
 5 George Gerrard occupied Cold Harbour and Beer Lands in 1772. The Weld registers (Catholic) show a Gerrard family of John & Elizabeth at Beerland in 1789. Beer Lands or Beerland is a farm around Whitechurch Canonicorum.  
 6 He was overseer of the Poor in 1772. Isaac may have married second wife Ann from who they had Ann bp1765.  
 7 A James Gerrard was buried 02/10/1742 in Chideock. In Whitechurch Canonicorum Ann da of James & Elizabeth was bp 01/08/1773.  
 8 Whitechurch Canonicorum register shows Daniel Gerrard base born of Diana. Therefore I show Diana as a daughter bp approx 1764.  
 9 I have placed Ann Snook as the wife of this Daniel, although she could be the wife of the Daniel son of Isaac&Joanna bp1725.  
 10 A Richard & Pertizeh are noted in the registers of Milborne Port and Sandford with records showing persons of those names being buried in those parishes.  
 11 Original page 22 follows Chapter 1.

## Section 1

John was a son of Daniel and Elizabeth Gill. I have to note that I have a record dated in 1712 that states that Daniel Jerrard (spelling as in the document) of Chideock was a Butcher. It is interesting to note that descendants of John and Margaret were Butchers.

John and Margaret were probably married around 1735-36, no record found to date. The children are; William bp05/11/1736 in Whitchurch Canonicorum Bishops Transcript, he married Sarah bd20/04/1777; Ann bp28/01/1738, bd17/04/1739; Mary bp27/02/1739, bd prior to 1744; John bp04/02/1740, bd10/12/1815, he married Elizabeth bd05/07/1792; Joseph bp07/01/1742, bd29/09/1783, he married Elizabeth (Betty) Bartlett bp17/03/1738, bd03/07/1780; Mary bp09/01/1744 in Chideock Bishops Transcripts, she married George Hodder; Daniel bp30/03/1746, bd??, he married Mary; Sarah bp20/05/1750; Samuel bp??, noted by the author “No doubt a son of John and Margaret not baptised in Chideock”<sup>12</sup>. Chart below is a reproduction, with additions, of Pg22 of the 1912 Jerrard book, including CN note.



C.N. \*William Jerrard, brother of Joseph Jerrard, had a son named Jabez John Jerrard who had a son named Thomas Jerrard of Lyme; Thomas Jerrard's father and Samuel Bartlett Jerrard were fist cousins. – (Dunsford Papers).

## Section 2

In the middle of page 22 the author reviews a couple of families in two small charts. The author indicates that Ann Snook is the second wife of the Daniel which he noted on one of those two small charts. I have to disagree with the author's premise that Anne is Daniel's second wife. I reviewed the parish marriage record for Daniel and Ann Snook . The record clearly states that Daniel is a bachelor and not a widower. Thus, I conclude that the marriage of Daniel and Ann Snook is a first marriage.

The two small charts, therefore, depict two distinct families. The first chart shows Daniel married to Mary. Daniel Jerrard bp30/05/1746, bd?? in Chideock married to Mary. I have not been able to determine Mary's maiden name, her birth date nor any other information. They had one child William bp05/04/1772 who married Elizabeth (the Symondsburys records show the marriage of William Jerrard to Elizabeth Hobbs m09/02/1792). William and Elizabeth, who I believe to be Elizabeth Hobbs, had Ann bp16/09/1792 and a second child Daniel bp31/01/1794.

The second small chart records the family for Daniel, shown as bachelor and from Chideock in the marriage record, who married Ann Snook. I am unable to determine Daniels lineage. Anne Snook's

<sup>12</sup> I have doubts as to whether Samuel is a son of Daniel & Margaret.

<sup>13</sup> The author noted that the line carries forward to Jerrards in Lyme Regis, Brighton, Lewisham, Sutton Coldfield branches as noted on pages 23-24.

<sup>14</sup> See Chapter 1, Section 2.

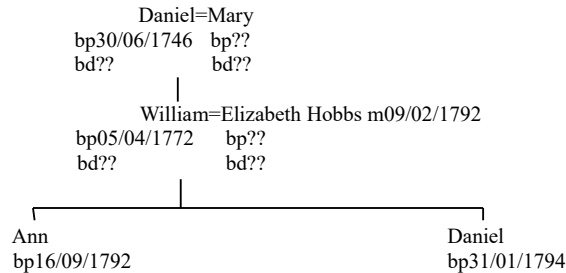
<sup>15</sup> Mr Peter Barker, who provided information to my research, clearly showed that Daniel bp13/01/1782 married Elizabeth Eveleigh and “enjoyed a long life and large family”. Peter descended from Elizabeth, a daughter of Daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth.

<sup>16</sup> Chideock register transcribed incorrectly by the author of the 1912 book. The record during this period placed the last name first then the rest of the info followed. Record shows “Budden John son of John and Mary (late Jerrard) Nov 17th”. Thus the child was John first name, Budden last name.

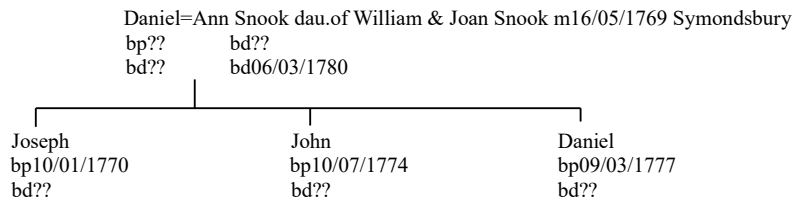
parents were William and Joan Snook. The marriage occurred m16/05/1769 in the parish of Symondsburry. Their children were Joseph bp10/01/1770, Symondsburry register; John bp10/07/1774, Chideock register and Daniel bp09/03/1777<sup>17</sup> Chideock register.

Although the author has noted burial/death dates for the Daniels; given the information available today it is impossible to confirm the dates. Therefore I have removed them.

#### First Chart



#### Second Chart



### Section 3

The author shows a family for Samuel who married Ann, at the bottom of page 22. Noted by the author “No doubt a son of John and Margaret not baptised in Chideock”. The children of this marriage; Betty bp25/10/1771 daughter of Samuel & Anne Gerrard in Symondsburry register; and Betty bd02/02/1772 daughter of Samuel & Ann Gerrard in Symondsburry register.

John bp26/09/1772 son of Samuel & Ann Gerrard, in Symondsburry register; and John bd13/12/1772 son of Samuel & Ann Gerrard in Symondsburry register.

William bp08/11/1773 son of Samuel & Ann Gerrard in the Symondsburry register.

John bp10/11/1776 son of Saml & Ann Jarrard in the Chideock register, I have not been able to attribute a death record.

Samuel bp17/01/1779 son of Saml & Ann Geret in the Chideock register.

Betty bp11/03/1781 daughter of Saml & Ann Jerret in the Chideock register, I have not been able to attribute a death record.

Mary bp18/05/1783 daughter of Saml & Ann Gerrard in the Chideock register, Mary bd13/02/1791 daughter of Samuel & Ann Gerrard in the Symondsburry register.

Mary bp14/11/1790 daughter of Samuel & Ann Gerrard, Symondsburry register. I believe that this entry, for the wife, should be Mary (Whittel) not Ann.

Samuel bp21/07/1795 son of Samuel & Mary Gerrard, Symondsburry register, Samuel bd10/10/1795 son of Samuel & Mary Jerrard in the Symondsburry register.

William bp05/08/1797 son of Samuel & Mary Gerrard in Symondsburry register, William bd02/11/1797 son of Samuel & Mary Gerrard in Symondsburry register.

A Samuel appears to have married a Grace because in the Symondsburry register there is a burial

17 The author shows a burial date for this Daniel as 28/10/1805. A Daniel Jerrard was buried on this date as recorded in the Chideock registers, however, I can not confirm that this record is attributable to this Daniel.

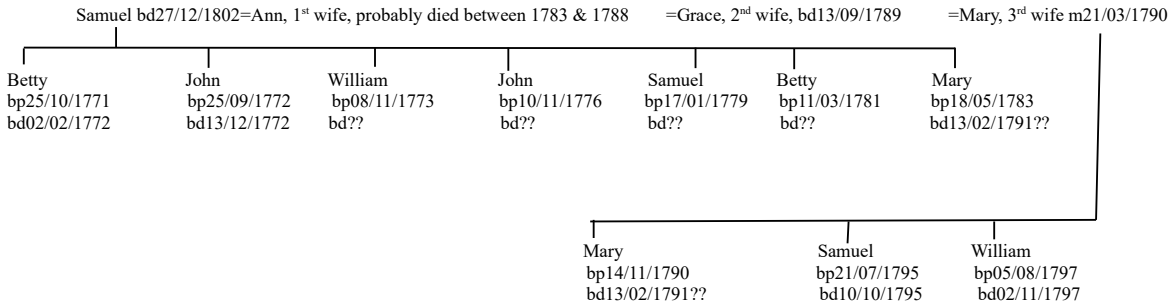
record for “13 Sep 1789 Grace wife of Samuel Gerrard of Chideock”.

In the Allington register there is a marriage record for Samuel Gerard of Chideock who married Mary Whittle of Allington on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March 1790.

In the Symondsburry register there is a burial record for Samuel Jerrard 27 Dec 1802.

As per the author's note, quoted in Section 1 of this document, I placed Samuel in the line from Daniel and Margaret as I have shown in the chart in section 1 above. I have not found any other records to attribute to this family.

Thus from my comments in this section 3 I produce the following chart which expands on the last chart on page 22 of the author's book. It appears that there were no children of Samuel & Grace.



#### Section 4

There was a Samuel Jerrard of Bridport who married Rebecca Edwards in Bothenhampton m04/01/1808. This record does not state whether Samuel was a bachelor or not. It is possible that this Samuel bp1779 is the son of Samuel and Ann!

There are removal records for the family of Samuel=Rebecca. One recorded from Beaminster records states “1812 March 4<sup>th</sup>, Jerrard otherwise Clarke, Samuel, Rebecca his wife & William their son: from Bridport”. Another one from Beaminster records states “1821 September 26<sup>th</sup>; Jerrard alias Clarke, Samuel, Rebecca his wife, William, Charles & Hannah their children, from Bridport”.

There is a family in Wyke Regis, Samuel=Rebecca that I can not attribute to any of the Jerrards in that area. They had a daughter Ann (Jerrard) bp05/04/1812. They also had sons, twins?, bp20/02/1814; Samuel and William (Gerrard) recorded in the Wyke Regis register and shown of Weymouth. Also George (Gerrard) bp19/11/1815 in the Wyke Regis register shown from Weymouth.

A Samuel Jerrard, age 79 of Weymouth, was buried 20/02/1830 in the Wyke Regis register and a John Jerrard, age 38 of Weymouth “son of the above”, the above record being that of Samuel age 79, was buried 25/02/1830 shown in the Wyke Regis register.

A communication on Ancestry.com, by “jackdaw3” indicates that Samuel married Rebecca Edwards moved to Wyke Regis and then later to Hampshire. Also, from “frank17890”, that “My 4 great grandfather Samuel Jerrard b1751 married a Rebecca Edwards at Bothenhampton Jan 4 1808 he was from Bridport, they lived in Weymouth and had 4 children Ann, Samuel, William and George 1812-1815”.

At this time I can not confirm nor deny any of the connections noted above, in section 4, other than the records as I have quoted.



## CHAPTER V

# SUMMARY AND DEDUCTION

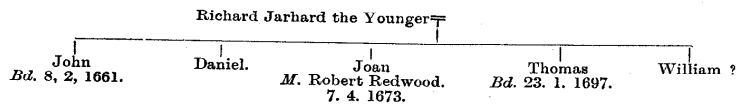
*"Come now and let us reason together."*—ISAIAH I., 18.

**I**N the course of his research, Compiler has consulted all available family papers, the Church Registers of parishes where the family, or members of it have, to his knowledge, resided, and paid many visits to the British Museum, Record Office, and to Somerset House. He proposes now to deal with the Register—dating from 1654—at Chideock (Dorset), where this branch were certainly settled in 1661. The following entries appear in its earlier pages:—

- "John, son of Richard Jarhard the Younger, bur. February 8th, 1661."
- "Robert Redwood to Joan Gerard, April 7th, 1673" (mar.)
- "Thomas Garrod, burd. January 23rd, 1694"; also complete records of the families of Daniel and William.

The paucity of Jerrard entries in the years succeeding 1654, when the Chideock Church Register was commenced, until the records of the families of Daniel and William begin, appears to Compiler to be an almost conclusive argument that the above named all belonged to one branch of the family, and that, recently settled in the parish.

At first Compiler was inclined to think that "John the son of Richard Jarhard the Younger" was the father of the other four, but he can find no Richard who could be the grandfather of Daniel—from whom the descent is indisputable—but he finds two Richards either of whom might easily be his father; so he is forced to believe that John also is a son of Richard's, this gives:—



The order of birth being, of course, purely conjectural. The fact that William's eldest child was not born till 1691 makes it possible that he may not have been a son of Richard's, but may have followed him to Chideock; but this is immaterial.

John, William and Thomas are all stock names in the Samford Orcas and Milborne Port families, and there was a Johane, Jone or Joan, wife of Robert Jerard (Esquire) of Kyngsburie and Samford Orcas, who, judging from her will, still extant, must have been a lady of a strong personality and likely to be long remembered.

Two questions now arise:—

- A. It is certain that one of the two Richards mentioned above is the originator of the Chideock branch?

B. If so, which ?

With regard to A :—

- (a) Both belonged to the Samford Orcas stock.
- (b) Both seem to fulfil the necessary conditions as to age, etc.
- (c) The most careful search has produced no other Richards who similarly fulfil these conditions.

Proof positive there is not, but circumstantial and presumptive evidence seems strong enough to warrant Compiler in feeling certain that one of them must be the "Richard Jarhard the Younger" of the Chideock Register.

Before dealing with B Compiler will set down what he has found out, about these two Richards.

First regarding :—

Richard, 4th son of "Nich. de Londone, Mercator" 2nd or 3rd ? son of Robert of Sandford Orcas. Actual date of birth not known ; but his next younger brother Thomas, was born in St. Austin's Parish, 19th July, 1629, so, he, Richard, can not have been born later than early in 1628, most likely a couple of years earlier for the average interval between children in Nicholas' family seems to be over 2 years, i.e.: Nicholas was married in 1611 (31st Dec.) and Thomas, the seventh child was born in 1629.

Richard was admitted to Merchant Tailor's School 11th March, 1638, and to St. John's College, Oxford, in 1648, the same year as his younger brother, Thomas. The late President of St. John's College, Oxford, the Rev. J. Bellamy, D.D., informed Compiler that except as to date of election he could give no information, as 1648 was the year in which the Parliamentary Visitors ejected the President and most part of the Fellows, and that, from that time to 1661 the college was in confusion, and the register imperfect. Richard subscribed 7th December 1650. He might very well have been described as the "Younger" in contradistinction to either of the Richards of Milbourne Port, one of whom was born in 1604 and the other in 1620 or thereabout.

Secondly regarding :—

Richard of Milbourne Port, whose son John was born in 1645. Milbourne Port Register, (p. 12).

- (a) Without doubt of the Samford Orcas stock.
- (b) Undoubtedly "The Younger."
- (c) Supposing this John to have been his eldest son, he, Richard, was probably born about 1620, and was presumably a son of that John Jerred who, vide Somerset and Dorset Notes and Queries, married Agnes Hunte 13th April, 1618, and who—the close connection between the Chilton and Milbourne Port branches clearly shewn in Johane Jerrard's will, together with the migration from the former to the latter place, indicated in Notes and Queries and in the Parish Registers being duly considered—was in turn almost certainly a son of Johannes de Chilton, 4th son of Thomas (Visitation of Somerset, 1623.)

This descent would account for Richard calling his eldest son John, and for Daniel after the death of his brother John, calling one son by each of his two wives, John and for naming a daughter Agnes in memory of his grandmother.

About this period, also, the family seems (Somerset & Dorset Notes and Queries, p. 13) to have found the place (Milbourne Port) "too straight" for them ; as William moved to Somerton, and John to Maperton—why not Richard to Chideock ? He certainly did not stay at Milbourne Port.

Now as to B, (p. 16) although Compiler would have much preferred to have traced the descent through Richard of London, the Oxford University man, with the glamour of his connection with the Royalist Officer who died on Tower Hill, he must concede that the weight of evidence is with this Richard, apparently a simple yokel-gentlemen.

However this may be, although the evidence, as stated before, is little more than circumstantial, Compiler maintains that the gap between the Chideock branch and the original stock, existing before he began his work may be considered as bridged over, and family traditions justified; he therefore constructs a Key pedigree (p. 18) shewing 24 descents from 1371 to 1911; the possible alternative link, through Richard the son of Nicholas, being also clearly shewn.

With the information at present at Compiler's disposal, he feels he can now do little more than set down, in the form of an appendix (I.) what he knows of the Chideock Jerrards from Daniel (1) to the present time.

APPENDIX I

CHIDEOCK BRANCH.

*"Green for ever be the groves and bright the flowery sod,  
Where first the child's glad spirit loves, its Country and its God."*

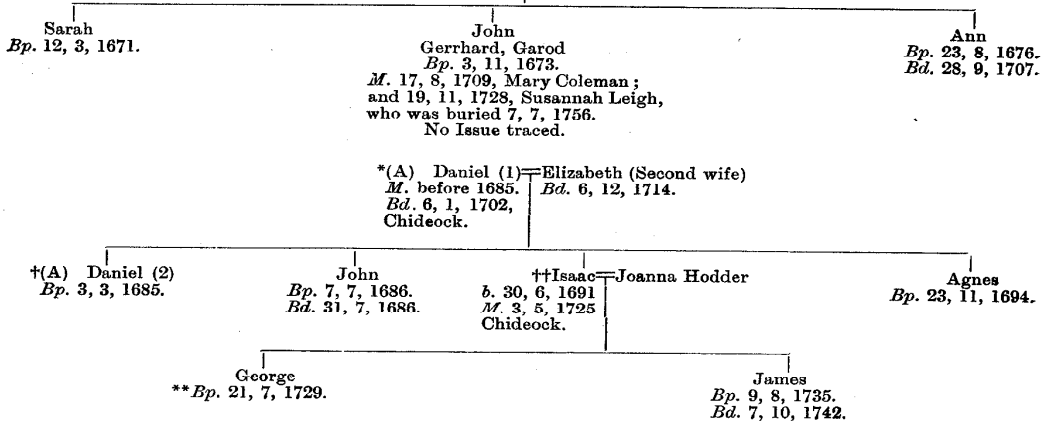
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GERRARD, GERRHARD, GAROD, JERROD GEROD.

*Coleman; Leigh; Hodder; Major.*

\*(A) Daniel (1) = Anne (First wife).  
Probably born 1647-8. Bd. 20. 6, 1675.

C.N. There are 3 signatures of this Daniel extant, he signs Jerrod, and, for the time, writes well.

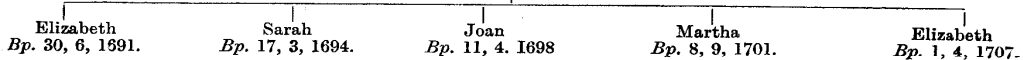


++ C.N. There was an Isaac Gerrard, probably son of this Isaac, at Whitchurch Canoncorum who in August, 1752, married Jean Major, and had a large family. He was an Overseer of the Poor in 1796.  
\*\* George Gerrard occupied Cold Harbour and Beer lands in 1772.

JAROD, GARROD, GARRARD.

*Mintern.*

William = Elizabeth

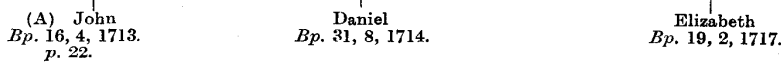


C.N. Was this William a brother of Daniel's (1) or a cousin? Marriage, Chideock, William Garrod and Grace Mintern, 8, 9, 1729. Can this be his second marriage?

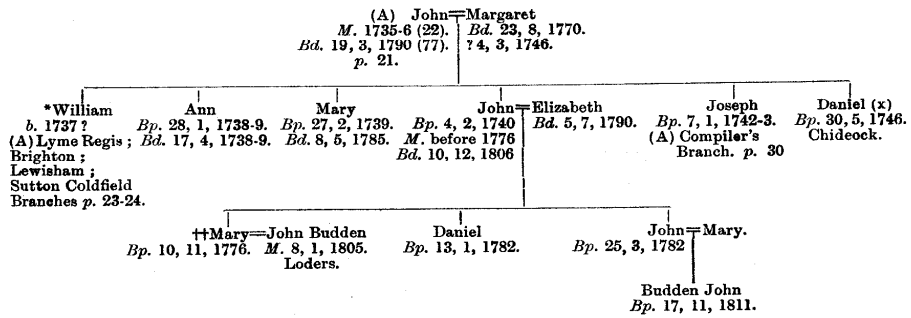
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*Gill.*

+(A) Daniel (2) = Elizabeth Gill  
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Bd. 31, 1, 1776 (91) Bd. 8, 10, 1717.

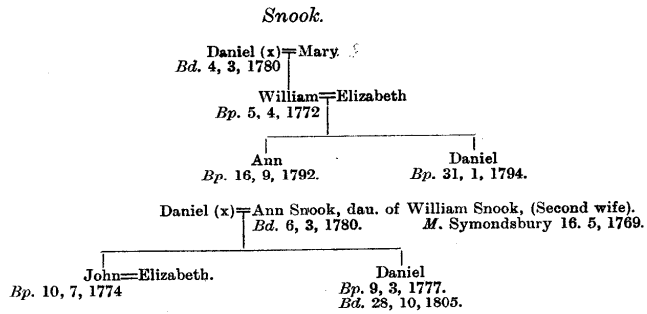


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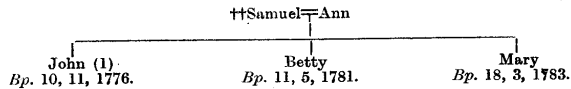


C.N. \* William Jerrard, brother of Joseph Jerrard, had a son named Jabez John Jerrard who had a son named Thomas Jerrard of Lyme; Thomas Jerrard's father and Samuel Bartlett Jerrard were first cousins.—(Dunsford Papers).

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C.N. †† No doubt a son of John and Margaret not baptized at Chideock. John (1) was baptized the same day as John's (son of John and Margaret) daughter Mary.

## Chapter 2 – The 'DANIELS' Jerrard

On the key pedigree, page 18, and page 22 of F.B.J. Jerrard's book we see a proposed descent for some Daniel Jerrards. F.B.J. chose not to trace these lines of descent yet in records acquired from Mr. Peter Barker and Mr. Roy Morgan as well as research done by myself there was no lack of Jerrard's descended from Daniels in the Chideock area. In one case the descent down through William John Jerrard born in Chideock in 1848 of Daniel and Miriam has resulted in my contact with Mr. Roy Wilfred Jerrard of Calgary, Alberta, Canada in the spring of 1998. William John was Roy's great grandfather.

In the chart below William = Sarah [N2], is the branch that leads to the three brothers who came to Canada then to myself, William Thomas Jerrard, and also branched to Rob Jerrard currently of Budleigh Salterton, England.

The key pedigree, page 18, and on page 22 of the JBook we see Daniel Jerrard [N3 on the chart below], bp30/5/1746, bd4/3/1780 in Chideock married to Mary. I have not been able to determine Mary's maiden name, her birth date nor any other information. They had one child William bp5/4/1772 who married Elizabeth [it should be noted that my viewing of the microfiche Parish Register shows William bp5/4/1771 son of Daniel=Mary and the records also show the marriage of William Jerrard to Elizabeth Hobbs m9/2/1792]. William and Elizabeth, who I believe to be Elizabeth Hobbs, had Ann bp16/9/1792 and a second child Daniel bp31/1/1794. I accept F.B.J.'s depiction on page 22 for this family line to be true.

The following will refer to information that is on pages 21 and 22 of the JBook concerning Daniels and Ann Snook. The JBook tells us that a Daniel married Ann Snook on m15/5/1769 at Symondsburry. F.B.J. indicates that this Daniel is the same as he who married Mary. I disagree.

The Symondsburry parish records and Bishops Transcripts clearly show the marriage date and the fact that Ann Snook is the first wife of Daniel and daughter of William Snook. The record clearly states that Daniel is a bachelor and not a widower. The 2 sons of Daniel=Ann Snook were born in John bp10Jul1774 and Daniel bb09Mar1777. I have found a 3<sup>rd</sup> child of Daniel=Ann Snook; Joseph Gerrard bp10Jan1770.

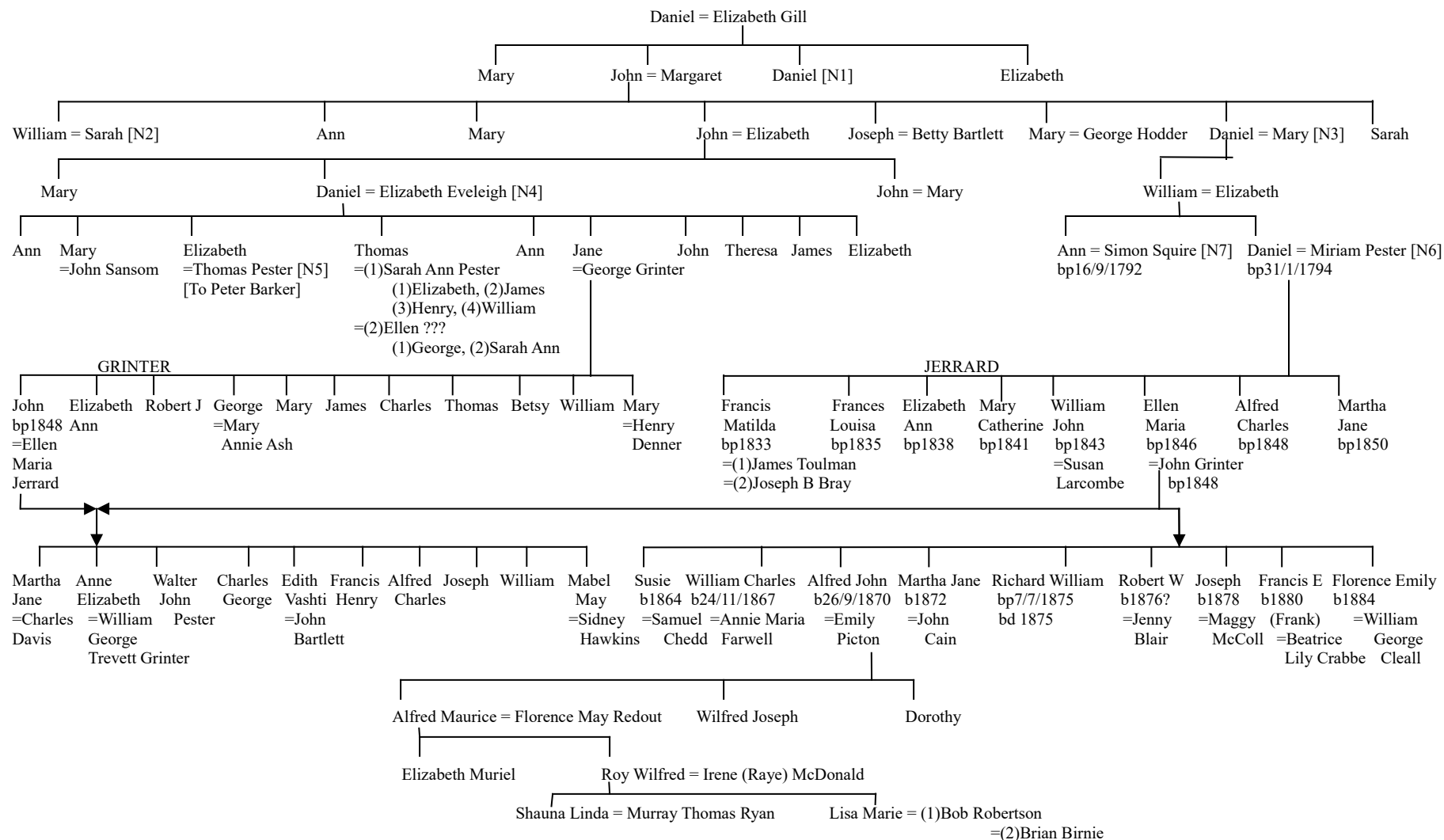
There were two distinct families:

First; Daniel=Mary with son William bp5/4/1772. The date of William bp5/4/1772 son of Daniel[N3]=Mary and the parish records leave no doubt that William is the son of Daniel and Mary not of Daniel and Ann.

Second; Daniel=Ann Snook who were married m16/5/1769 and had three children; Joseph bp1770, John bp1774 and Daniel bp1777.

Ann Snook could not be the second wife of Daniel at [N3] bp30/5/1746.

# DANIELS PEDIGREE CHART



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So whom did Ann Snook marry? Let's start with to whom was she not married. I have eliminated Daniel bp30/5/1746 as shown above. I can eliminate Daniel bp1/10/1753 son of Isaac=Jean of Whitchurch Canonicorum who would be 16 in 1769 thus not eligible for a first marriage let alone a second marriage. As well the following were all born after the marriage date and have to be discounted; Daniel[N4] bp13/1/1782 son of John=Elizabeth; Daniel[N6] bp31/1/1794 son of William=Elizabeth; and Daniel, base born 1781, in Whitchurch Canonicorum. I have eliminated some Daniels but I am left with three other Daniels in the Chideock records that would have been eligible for marriage to Ann Snook.

One is Daniel bp1685 bd1776 married to Elizabeth Gill in 1704. Elizabeth Gill died in 1717. I will eliminate him because of age, he would be 85 at time of marriage to Anne Snook in 1769.

The second eligible Daniel is Daniel[N1] bp31/8/1713 death unknown. For the purposes of my charting I have chosen this Daniel as the more likely candidate.

The third eligible Daniel was born bp19/1/1725 to Isaac and Joanna Gerat death unknown. Although this Daniel is also a suitable candidate.

Without further information it is impossible to determine at this time which of these Daniels married Ann Snook. It is possible that future research and discovery of unknown records or the recovery of the records described in the JBook as the "Dunsford Papers" will bring new insight but for the moment I believe I have provided a correction to the original book.

Information provided to me from Mr. Roy Barker [N5] (he descends from this marriage) of his ancestry clearly shows that a Daniel married Elizabeth Eveleigh and enjoyed a long life and a large family. In the chart above, at and from [N4], I have shown the descent based on the following and have concluded that Daniel [N4] bp13/1/1782 son of John and Elizabeth married Elizabeth Eveleigh.

1. The death record for Daniel Jerrard [N4] stated that he died bd15/4/1854 at age 72 and was married to Elizabeth Eveleigh. My own search of the parish records confirms the age of 72 as accurate. The age provides a birth year of 1782 matching the birth date of the Daniel bp13/1/1782 son of John and Elizabeth.
2. Census records for Daniel and Elizabeth's family show for 1841 an age of 62 for Daniel and in the 1851 census an age of 72. These ages translate into a birth year of 1779 for Daniel. This is too close to the birth year of Daniel bp9/3/1777 son of Daniel and Ann Snook. The ages shown on census records are general, in the early census taking, less accurate than other documented information produces. Additionally the JBook shows Daniel bp9/3/1777 passing away bd28/10/1805. I have already reasoned that this information is accurate.
3. If Elizabeth (bp26/6/1796 Chideock registers) married Daniel bp1777 he would have been 38 while she was 19 at the time of the marriage [see point 5 below]. If Elizabeth married Daniel bp1782 he would have been 33 and closer in age to Elizabeth.
4. On m11/10/1802 (11<sup>th</sup> November) Daniel Gerrard married Mary Eveleigh in Whitchurch Canonicorum. The parish records, for Whitchurch and Charmouth, show the births of children to Daniel and Mary Gerrard: Joannah bp20/11/1803; John bp17/2/1805; George bp8/2/1807, bd20/2/1808, James bp8/2/1807 bd6/3/1808; Jane bp3/7/1808; Susanna bp30/12/1810; Daniel bp19/12/1812 (of Daniel and Mary formerly Eveleigh); William 1815; Mary Ann bp15/08/1820. A Removal Order dated 26 Oct 1829 shows that Daniel Gerrard is 48 years old (born therefore in 1781) with wife Mary and 5 children Jane 21, Susan 19, Daniel 17, William 15, and Ann 9 returned to Charmouth. A Daniel Gerrard base born son of Diana was born bp7/1/1781 in Whitchurch. Given this information I believe that this Daniel married to Mary is the same base born Daniel of Whitchurch Canonicorum.



5. The marriage record for Daniel and Elizabeth shows that Daniel was a bachelor not a widower and Elizabeth was a spinster.
6. The JBook shows Daniel bp1777 as having died bd28/10/1805. The parish records show a Daniel dying on bd28/10/1805. I accept this information as accurate.

Therefore, regarding Daniel and Elizabeth Eveleigh:

Daniel bp13/1/1782, bd15/4/1854 married Elizabeth Eveleigh on m3/11/1815. Elizabeth Eveleigh was born bp26/6/1796. They had the following children, Ann bp24/12/1815, bd1816; Mary bp26/10/1817 who married John Sansom; Elizabeth bp10/6/1820 who married Thomas Pester m1864; Thomas, bp22/12/1822 who married (1)Sarah Ann Pester m1853 and (2)Ellen; Ann, bp6/6/1824; Jane, bp20,3,1825 who married George Grinter m13/7/1847; John, bp19/9/1827; Theresa, bp25/4/1830; James, bp2/6/1833 and Elizabeth, bp25/12/1834

The 1841, Chideock Street, and 1851, Village, censuses show this family's children with the dates matching birth records. Roy Morgan's family records show Daniel married to Elizabeth Eveleigh. It is interesting to note that Daniel's daughter Jane married George Grinter. They had a son John, who married Ellen Maria Jerrard sister to William John Jerrard who is the Great Grandfather to Roy Wilfred Jerrard (now deceased) of Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Originating from Roy Morgan's files and family tree we see Thomas Pester married to Elizabeth Jerrard [N5], Sarah Ann Pester married Thomas Jerrard [under N5] and Miriam Pester married Daniel Jerrard [N6]. These Pestors were brothers and sisters children of Richard Pester. The 1861 census clearly shows that Thomas Jerrard married to Sarah Ann is the son-in-law of Richard Pester. Also at [N7] Ann Jerrard married Simon Squire m15/5/1821, is part of the records from Roy Morgan and parish sources.

The parish records show that on m15/6/1833 Daniel Jerrard married Miriam Pester. I have placed this family in the lineage as shown in the chart at [N6] as no other placement makes any sense because the other eligible Daniels are either married, too young or dead. The census records place Daniel's birth year at approximately 1796 in Chideock. Other records, Roy Morgan's included, show Daniel's sister Ann marrying Simon Squire on m15/5/1821. No other Daniel in the records has a sister Ann that would fit this profile. Daniel bp1809 son of John = Elizabeth is shown in the records as dying in 1843 at the age of 34. Daniel bp1812 in Whitchurch is a possible but does not have a sister Ann who was eligible to marry Simon Squire in m1821. Thus;

Daniel, bp31/1/1794 who married Miriam Pester, Bp1811 in the year m1833. They had the following children, Frances Matilda, bp21/8/1833 who married (1)James Toulman, (2)Joseph B. Bray; Frances Louisa, bp29/4/1835, bd3/2/1842; Elizabeth Ann, bp25/3/1838; Mary Catherine, bp17/1/1841, bd30/3/1843; William John, bp23/3/1843, bd13/5/1930 who married Susan Larcombe m15/6/1866; Ellen Maria, bp29/3/1846, bd?/4/1936 who married John Grinter m29/10/1871; Alfred Charles, bp21/8/1848, bd1926 and Martha Jane, bp20/10/1850.

The further families as shown on the chart.

**The family of George Grinter and Jane (nee Jerrard)**

George Grinter, bp1820 married Jane Jerrard, bp20/3/1825, in m13/7/1847. They had the following children; John, bp30/6/1848, bd1936, married Ellen Maria Jerrard m29/10/1871; Elizabeth Ann, bp1851; Robert J, bp1852, bd1911; George, bp1854 married (2)Mary Annie Ash m1890; Mary Ann, bp1855; James, bp1857; Charles, bp1858, bd1926; Thomas, bp1860; Betsy, bp1862; William, bp1867; Mary Jane, bp1871 married Henry Denner (age 73 at time of marriage) in m1914.

**The family of John Grinter and Ellen Maria (nee Jerrard)**

John Grinter, bp30/6/1848, bd1936 married Ellen Maria Jerrard, bp29/3/1846, bd?/4/1936 on m29/10/1871. They had the following children; Martha Jane, bp17/2/1872, married Charles Davis m2/10/1898; Anne Elizabeth, bp1874 , married William George Trevett Grinter m?/4/1901; Walter George Pester, bp1876; Charles George, bp1878, bd1879; Edith Vaishi, bp1880, married John Bartlett m1907; Frances Henry, bp1882; Alfred Charles, bp1885; Joseph, bp1887, bd1888; William, bp1887; Mabel May, bp1890 married Sidney H. Hawkins m1919.

**The family of William John Jerrard and Susan (nee Larcombe)**

William John Jerrard, bp23/3/1843, bd13/5/1930 married Susan Larcombe, bp1841, d1900, on m15/6/1866. They had the following children; Susie b???? married Mr. Chedd; William Charles, b24/11/1867, married Annie Maria Farwell m1895; Alfred John, b26/9/1870 married Emily Pilton m29/10/1898; Martha Jane b???? married John Cain m1897; Richard William, bp7/7/1875; Robert W. married Jenny Blair; Joseph (James?) b1878 married Maggy; Francis E(Edwin?) (known as Frank) b1880 and Florence Emily b1884.

**The family of Alfred John Jerrard and Emily (nee Picton)**

Alfred John Jerrard, b26/9/1870, married Emily Pilton m29/10/1898. They had the following children; Alfred Maurice, b5/11/1901, d1978, married Florence May Redout m1927; Wilfred Joseph; Dorothy.

**The family of Alfred Maurice Jerrard and Florence May (nee Redout)**

Alfred Maurice Jerrard, b1901, d1978 married Florence May Redout m1927. They had the following children; Elizabeth Muriel, b1928, d1992; Roy Wilfred married Irene (Raye) McDonald.

**The family of Roy Wilfred Jerrard and Irene (Raye) (nee McDonald)**

Roy Wilfred Jerrard married Irene (Raye) McDonald. They had the following children; Shauna Linda married Murray Thomas Ryan; Lisa Marie married (1)Bob Robertson and (2)Brian Birnie.

## Chapter 3 – Ancestors of William Thomas Jerrard

In the early 20<sup>th</sup> century three brothers migrated to Canada, the oldest Albert Fredrick Jerrard born b5/10/1892, the fourth child and second son William James Jerrard born b7/6/1898 and the youngest sixth child and third son Leonard Cecil Jerrard born b20/1/1906. They did not come to Canada at the same time. They did not come from Chideock. They did not know that their heritage lay in the Jerrard's of Chideock and Sandford Orcas, although they may have known that their father was born in Chideock. They did get married in Canada. They did serve in the World Wars of the Century and survived. They did settle in the same area of Ontario, around London and Dorchester. They did establish the family that I know as the Jerrard's of Canada and up until the spring of 1998 the only known Jerrards in Canada.

They were the sons of Joseph Jerrard and Elizabeth Hodder. Elizabeth Hodder was Joseph's 1<sup>st</sup> cousin and as the story goes Joseph married Elizabeth after her sister turned Joseph down. Joseph's father married Miriam Hodder. Elizabeth Hodder's mother Esther Hodder was a sister to Miriam Hodder. Elizabeth Hodder, who was legally born Elizabeth Letten, had Letten half brothers and sisters. Elizabeth's mother, Esther, married Michael Letten, Albion (Albert) Letten, & Annie Letten were her brother & sister by Esther and Michael. After Michael died Elizabeth, Albert & Annie used the Hodder surname. Esther had illegitimate children prior to marrying Michael, who were Ann William, John (Jack), and Alice. These children also used the Hodder surname.

It is unknown which sister turned down Joseph. Annie, Jack (John), Albert (Albion) and Alice Hodder moved to Canada and settled in Ontario in the London and Dorchester area. The Hodders provided comfort, friendship and employment to the Jerrard brothers when they came to Canada.

But what of the connection and heritage to the Jerrards of Chideock and back to Sandford Orcas? The pedigree chart on the next page shows the line of descent as I know it today. Little is known of the people between John and Margaret and their son William up until Charles George who married Miriam Hodder.

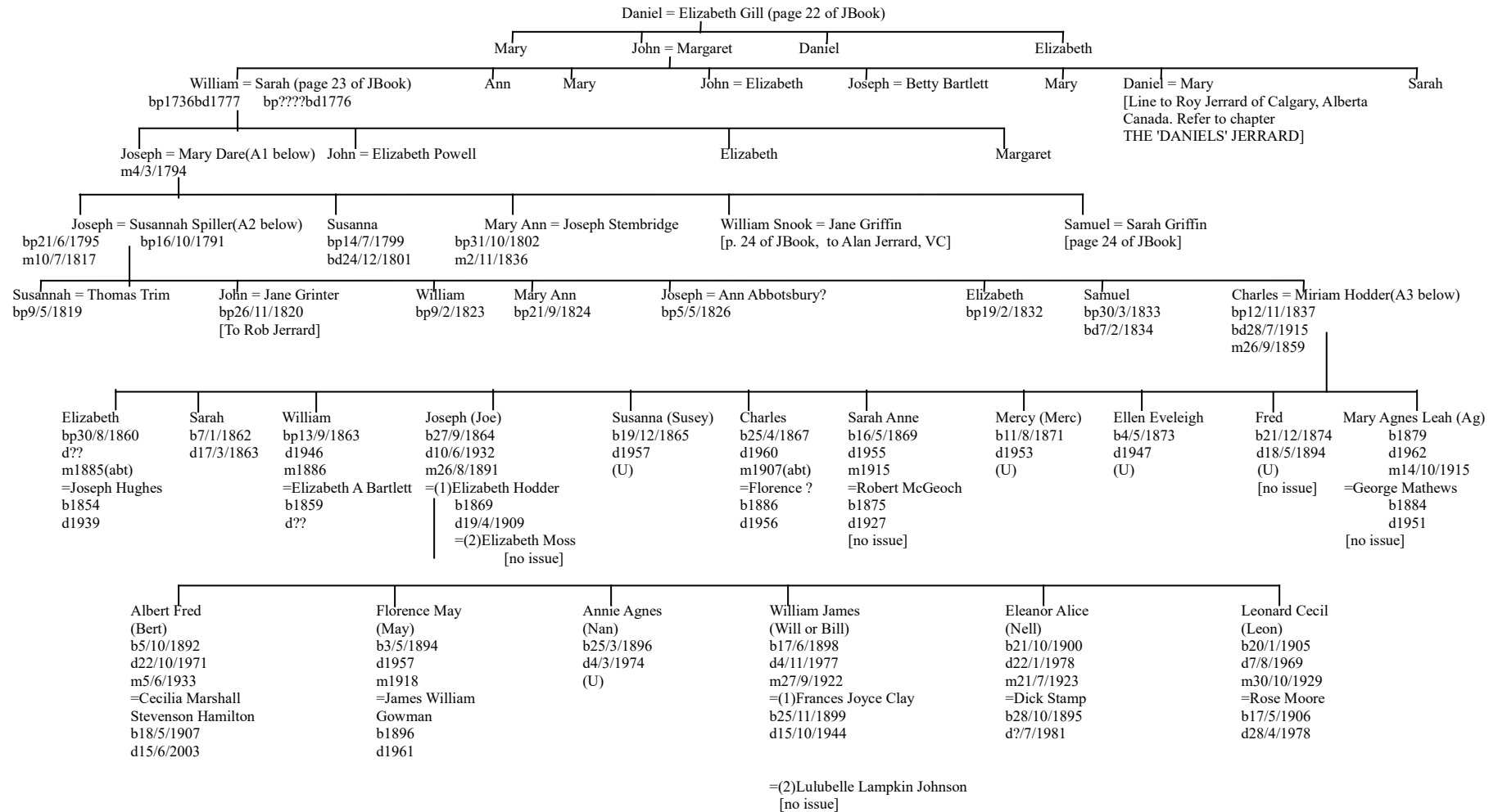
These generations were living in the North Chideock area. I have located records from the parish registers, legal documents and census records that show the families existence in Chideock. F.B.J. shows on page 23 of his book that William married Sarah and he shows their children. I will accept his pedigree since it seems he has taken the material from documents that he calls the "Dunsford Papers" which contained Jerrard family information<sup>18</sup>.

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18 JBook page 22; "CN William Jerrard, brother of Joseph Jerrard, had a son named Jabez John Jerrard who had a son named Thomas Jerrard of Lyme; Thomas Jerrard's father and Samuel Bartlett Jerrard were first cousins. - (Dunsford Papers)." [I have not been able to confirm the name "Jabez" to be associated with John in this quote.]

# THE THREE BROTHERS PEDIGREE CHART

ALL DATES are Formated day/month/year



A1 – Joseph b1769d1834. Mary b1763d1829  
 A2 – bd11/06/1864. Susannah (Hannah) bd14/12/1874  
 A3 – Miriam bp26/07/1835 d1917

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I have not found the "Dunsford Papers". I did find William b5/11/1736 in the Bishop's transcripts for Whitchurch Canonorum<sup>19</sup> and in the Chideock parish records the records of William bd24/3/1776 and Sarah bd20/4/1777, both William & Sarah die when all the children are less than 8 years old, but little else for this family. William and Sarah are shown to have had 4 children Joseph, (Jabez) [I do not believe that the name "Jabez" can be associated with this John] John, Elizabeth and Margaret. I found little information on this family and rely on the JBook information due to the "Dunsford Papers" issue. It is of note that it is from William and Sarah that Alan Jerrard<sup>20</sup> descends. Alan was in the Royal Flying Corps in the 1<sup>st</sup> War, 1914-1919, and was awarded a Victoria Cross for his efforts in the Italian Theatre<sup>21</sup>.

We pick up the record with Joseph Jerrard son of William and Sarah. Joseph and Mary Dare were married in Charmouth on m4/3/1794<sup>22</sup>. Banns for this marriage were published in the Lyme Regis parish record which listed "Joseph and Mary both of this parish". The sons and daughters of Joseph and Mary are as follows. Record show Joseph bp21/6/1795<sup>23</sup>; Susannah bp14/7/1799<sup>24</sup> and a burial record of bd24/12/1801<sup>25</sup> (which matches the JBook info); Mary Ann bp31/10/1802<sup>26</sup>, m2/11/1836 to Joseph Stembridge<sup>27</sup>; William Snook bp10/2/1805<sup>28</sup> and Samuel bp8/3/1807<sup>29</sup> married at Allington m9/6/1835<sup>30</sup>. All further information in the JBook provided for these children is confirmed by my search of parish records and other documents. In addition a removal order dated 20 April in the 59<sup>th</sup> year of the Reign of George the Third [1819]<sup>31</sup> shows Joseph Gerrard a labourer and his wife Mary with their children William aged 14 and Samuel aged 11 being permitted to stay in Chideock parish rather than removed to Charmouth.<sup>32</sup> This proceeding confirms that Chideock was Joseph's place of residence. It is also an indication that Joseph was poor and living off parish relief at that time. Chideock Parish records show that a Joseph Jerrard age 65 was buried bd16/12/1834 and a Mary Jerrard age 67 was buried bd2/2/1829. I have a record from the Chideock Parish records that shows a Mary Dare born bp22/12/1763 of Barnabas and Martha.

Our ancestry continues from Joseph and Mary with their first born son Joseph bp21/6/1795. Joseph married Susannah Spiller, m10/7/1817<sup>33</sup>, the witnesses were William Snook and Ann Jerrard. The witnesses are obviously Joseph's brother and sister. Mary Ann was bp 31/10/1802 and would be 15 years old while William Snook was bp10/2/1805 and would have been 12. As witnessed in the removal order of 1819 Joseph's parents would still have been alive in 1817. One wonders why minors, in 19<sup>th</sup> century, were the official witnesses as opposed to the parents of the bride and groom? At age 12 and thereafter a person was of working age. Therefore not a minor then?

A record exists for Susannah Spiller born of John and Elizabeth (nee Trask) on bp16/10/1791 in

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19 5/11/1736 William son of John and Marg Garrod.

20 JBook page 23. William Snook Jerrard is Alan's Great Grandfather.

21 Appendix 4.

22 Charmouth: Married - Joseph Gerrard of this parish and Mary Dare of this parish 4 March 1794 signed by Joseph and Mary. Witnesses, Mytilda Cook (her mark) and John Gerrard (his signature). [AN - Joseph's brother or Uncle?] [cd]

23 Both the Parish records and Bishop's Transcripts of Whitchurch Canonorum show this date. The spelling of Jerrard on this record is with a G.

24 Chideock Parish Record. Jerrard spelt with a J.

25 Ibid. Jerrard with a J.

26 Ibid. Jerrard with a J.

27 Bridport Parish Record, Joseph Stembridge (widower) and Mary Ann Jerrard both of this parish 2 Oct 1836.

28 Chideock Parish Record. Jerrard with a J.

29 Ibid. Jerrard with a J.

30 Allington Parish record, Samuel Gerrard and Sarah Griffin 9 Jun 1835, Witness: William Gerrard and Charlotte Griffin.

31 As stated.

32 Dorchester Public Record Office, copied to file Joseph&MaryDare.pdf.

33 Bishop's Transcripts for Chideock. Joseph Jerrard, bachelor married Susannah Spiller, spinster 10/7/1817. He signed she placed her mark. Witnesses: William Snook and Ann Jerrard.

Netherbury<sup>34</sup>. The children of Joseph and Susannah Jerrard<sup>35</sup> are; Susannah bp9/5/1819; John bp26/11/1820; William bp9/2/1823; Mary Ann bp21/9/1824; Joseph bp5/5/1826; Elizabeth bp19/2/1832; Samuel bp30/3/1833, d1834 and Charles bp12/11/1837<sup>36</sup>.

Census records for 1841, 1851 and 1861 show the family of Joseph and Susannah<sup>37</sup> residing in North Chideock. On the 1841 census Joseph age 45 an Ag Labourer and Susannah 45 are shown with their children, William age 18, Mary Anne 15, Joseph 13, Elizabeth 9 and Charles 3 living at home. Susannah and John are not listed since they are on their own as we will see below. The 1851 census shows Joseph 47, Hannah 60, Elizabeth 19 and Charles 14 and on the next lines below a family of Thomas Trim and Susan. It appears by comparing records of the 1851 census and the 1861 census that Susannah daughter of Joseph and Susannah married Thomas Trim<sup>38</sup>. I have no record of this marriage but by the same token I was not looking specifically for this record. As to John Jerrard b1820 we have record of his marriage to Jane Grinter and from this union descent to Rob Jerrard in Budleigh Salterton, Devon. William married Elizabeth Parsons. I have no records for Mary Ann. The 1851 and 1861 census show us a family of Joseph and Ann<sup>39</sup>. Joseph b1826 married Ann Eveleigh b1829. I found that Elizabeth b1832 married George Eveleigh b1829 which then brings us to Charles. However before we proceed with Charles and his family I would be remiss in not mentioning some interesting facts about the times and people around Chideock.

Barbara Marshall, nee Stamp, (Barb's grandmother was my grandfather's sister) some years ago did some research and turned up some interesting information about the smuggling activity of Jerrard's in this Dorset area. It seems that over the 1700's and into the late 1800's smuggling was an honourable means to supplement income, "... of which the sin, in their eyes, consisted only in being found out."<sup>40</sup>. "The most persistently troublesome centres in the Lyme Custom House area were Beer in Devon, and Chideock and Burton Bradstock in Dorset. At Chideock and Seatown, practically every family was involved in the trade, with the Bartletts, Farwells, Oxenburys and Orchards leading the way"<sup>41</sup>. In the Chideock and Seaton area in 1826 John Jerrard age 41, flax dresser, was fined for smuggling £100 and Joseph Jerrard age 31, flax dresser, was fined £100 for smuggling<sup>42</sup>. It is interesting to note that Joseph and Susannah have no children between the years 1826 to 1833 after having children every two years on average. After 1833 they then begin having children again. In those days if you did not pay the fine you did time. £100 was a considerable sum. Did Joseph spend some time in jail? Clearly it is easy to draw the conclusion that the smuggler Joseph is our Joseph married to Susannah Spiller. In another story we see that the Chideock mill was used to hide contraband, "The mill at Chideock had a secret room under the floor of miller James Gerrard's living quarters. It was discovered by the village riding officer, Samuel Dawson, when he searched the premises in 1820, and there he found two casks of brandy and two of geneva. Gerrard was not the most considerate of millers and tried to put the blame on his servant boy,

34 Netherbury Parish Records.

35 Chideock Parish Records for all the children. Jerrard is spelt with a J for all the children.

36 The name Charles, only, is shown for this record and his marriage record, yet his son Fredrick's army record shows Charles George as Fredrick's father.

37 1851 census shows her name as Hannah.

38 The 1841 Chideock census shows Thomas Trim age 25, Susan his wife 20, George 2 and Sarah 1 and living with them John Jerrard age 20. The 1851 Chideock census shows Thomas Trim 44 and Susan Trim wife 31 and several children including Mary Ann 3. The 1861 census shows Joseph 67 and Susannah 62 and their granddaughter Mary A Trim 15.

39 Chideock Parish Register George Evelyn bp4/11/1849, Charles bp16/11/1851, Elizabeth Ann bp19/10/1853 bd28/4/1854 and Joseph bp1/4/1855 of Joseph and Ann. The 1851 census shows Joseph 25 and Ann 22 of Doghouse with a son George Evelyn age 3. The 1861 census has Joseph 34 Ann 32 of Doghouse with children George Evelyn 11 Charles 9 and Joseph 6. I had Ann as Ann Abbotsbury in my records but when writing this could not find my record to confirm her last name.

40 Rev. Worthington T. *Chideock: Historical and Other Notes* (W.C Frost and Son, Dorset, 1880) page 35.

41 Gutteridge R. *Dorset Smugglers*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, (Dorset Publishing Company, Dorset, 1987) page 93. It should be noted that Seaton and Seatown are two different places the later being on the coast a mile or so south of Chideock.

42 *Ibid*, page 106.



Martha Jerrard 1  
(all spellings as above)

It was noted a little later that an error had occurred in the vote count and the actual vote was 117 FOR to 117 AGAINST. The motion was, therefore, defeated and the Churchwardens had to return the rate collected up to that point."<sup>47</sup>

Life even then was not dull!

Our next step to the 'Three Brothers' is with Charles. Charles was baptized, as recorded in the Chideock Register, on bp12/11/1837. On m26/9/1859 Charles married Miriam Hodder in Offwell church of the County of Devon<sup>48</sup>. William Hodder and Joseph Jerrard were listed as the fathers of the Bride and Groom. William Hodder and Elizabeth Hodder, mother or sister of Miriam we do not know, were listed as the witnesses. It appears that all concerned made there mark as opposed to signing the papers. It is interesting to note that in all the written information Charles is known as Charles and not Charles George. This will be a minor issue when we touch on Fredrick Charles's son.

The 1861 census for North Chideock shows Charles age 23 an agricultural labourer born in Chideock. Miriam, his wife, is listed as age 24 and occupation as wife having been born in Marshwood. They are shown with one child Elizabeth age 5 months. In the 1871 North Chideock census Miriam's occupation is shown as a braider<sup>49</sup>. Charles and family are listed in the 1881 census for North Chideock but do not show up in the 1891 census<sup>50</sup>. This leads us to believe that some time between 1881 and 1891 Charles and Miriam move to Offwell.

The information from the two census takings, birth certificates and Chideock parish records give us a family for Charles and Miriam of the children, Elizabeth, bp30/8/1860<sup>51</sup>; Sarah b17/1/1862, bd22/3/1863<sup>52</sup>; William, bp13/9/1863<sup>53</sup>; Joseph b27/9/1864<sup>54</sup>; Susanna b19/12/1865<sup>55</sup>; Charles b25/4/1867<sup>56</sup>; Sarah Ann b16/5/1869<sup>57</sup>; Mercy b11/8/1871<sup>58</sup>; Ellen Eveleigh b4/5/1873<sup>59</sup>; Fred (not Frederick) b21/12/1874<sup>60</sup>; Mary Agnes Leah b12/09/1878.

Various family members over the last several years have provided the following general information. Barbara Marshall located the marriage certificate for Charles and Miriam. The certificate provided the information that I have transcribed above. Comparing the Marriage Certificate, Birth Certificates and Parish records against the census information it is interesting to note that Charles and

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47 Chideock Churchwardens Account Book, Church of the Latter Day Saints microfilm #1565412.

48 Marriage Certificate.

49 Census 1871, North Chideock, Charles 34 an agricultural labourer born in Chideock, Miriam 34 a braider born in Marshwood, Elizabeth 10, William 7, Joseph 5, Susanna 4, Charles 3, Sarah Ann 1. All the children born in Chideock.

50 Census 1881, North Chideock, Charles 48 an agricultural labourer born in Chideock, Miriam 47 wife born in Marshwood, William 17 unmarried ag lab, Joseph 15 unmarried ag lab, Charles 13 ag lab, Mercy 9 scholar, Ellen E 7 scholar, Fred 6 scholar, Mary A L 2. All the children born in Chideock.

51 Parish record bp30/8/1860, no birth certificate.

52 Parish record bp2/3/1862, Birth Certificate b17/1/1862. Both the Parish Record and Birth Certificate show her name as Sarah only. The parish record shows Sarah Jerrard age 1 buried bd22/3/1863.

53 Parish record bp13/9/1863 only.

54 Birth Certificate b27/9/1864 only.

55 Birth Certificate b19/12/1865, Parish record none.

56 Birth Certificate b25/4/1867, Parish record bp21/7/1867.

57 Birth Certificate b16/5/1869, Parish record bp28/7/1869.

58 Birth Certificate b11/8/1871, Parish record bp5/11/1871.

59 Birth Certificate b4/5/1873, Parish record none.

60 Birth Certificate b21/12/1874, Parish record bp31/1/1875.



Miriam married in Offwell yet he was from Chideock and she was born in Marshwood. They then returned to Chideock to raise their family as witnessed by the children's birth records who were all born in Chideock. Sometime after 1881 Charles and Miriam return to Offwell for retirement and we have a record of Charles's death and burial in Offwell on bd28/7/1915 after having lived in the Lower Village. Elizabeth the first child married Joseph Hughes and they had four children that we know of, Charles, Arthur, Agnes and Susan who died young. Sarah, Charles's second child died young. William married Elizabeth Ann Bartlett and they had a daughter Mabel Ethel Rose & son Joseph Charles. This line is untraced. I will come back to Joseph. Susannah lived until 1957. She was a spinster and known as Aunt Susey. Charles the third son married Florence, last name unknown. Barbara tells of a story her dad Raymond Stamp told her about remembering Charlie Jerrard and his wife Florence (Florrie). "He was a little old man and Florrie was a big women. He liked the bottle and when he staggered home from the pub she used to cuff his ears. A verbal dressing down was not unknown." Charles and Florrie had Fredrick and possibly 2 daughters. Sarah Ann married Robert McGeoch when she 45 years old. Mercy, known as Aunt Merc, never married. Ellen Eveleigh remained unmarried also and was a witness at her sister Mary Agnes's wedding in 1915. Mary Agnes was known as Aunt Ag (although when pronounced it sounds like Egg or Eg. Eg being the common use by the family). Fred joined the army 30/11/1892 at Fort Rowner, Gosport. His number was 94470 and he was in the Royal Artillery. He was 18 years and 11 months old and 5 foot 7.5 inches in height when he joined. He died from fever in India on d18/5/1894 and had listed his next of kin as mother, Miriam and father, Charles George. Mary Agnes Leah married George Mathews a railway signalman living at Broadclyst on m14/10/1915. Witnesses at Aunt Eg's wedding were her brother Charles Jerrard and her sister Ellen Eveleigh Jerrard. Aunt Eg attended Barbara Marshall's christening in 1961. Apparently Aunt Eg was a great family favourite. She and George settled in Lyme Regis.

I have left Joseph to the last because he is my great grandfather. Joseph, number 39002, joined the Royal Artillery at Charmouth/Lyme Regis on 31/8/1883. He was 19 at the time. Joseph retired from the army on 31/8/1895 stating that his intended place of residence on discharge was Dares Cottage, Offwell. He took a job with the railway as a plate layer. Joseph was married, while still in the army, in Offwell on m26/8/1891<sup>61</sup> to Elizabeth Hodder (legally born Letten), who went by the nickname of Bessie. The marriage certificate shows Charles Jerrard as Joseph's father but no father listed for Bessie. The witnesses were C. Jerrard and Alice Hodder, Alice married Mr. Eaton in Canada.

Joseph and Bessie had six children Albert (Bert) Fred, b5/10/1892, d22/10/1971<sup>62</sup>; Florence May (May), b3/5/1894, d1957; Annie (Nan) Agnes, b25/3/1896, d4/3/1974; William (Will) James, b7/6/1898, d4/11/1977<sup>63</sup>; Eleanor (Nell) Alice, b21/10/1900, d22/1/1978; and Leonard (Leon, pronounced Len) Cecil, b20/1/1906, d7/8/1969.

As a railway worker Joseph probably, on occasion, was required to move with the work. We believe the family spent some time in Appledore, North Devon. We know they lived in the Offwell, Broadclyst and Willington areas most of their time, which of themselves are not too far apart in distance. When in Broadclyst, the family lived in the railway cottages. It seems that Joseph had intended on bringing the family to Canada, after Bessie's death, but stayed in England when he received a promotion to foreman.

In 1909 Bessie died of pneumonia. She was 41. The memorial card states "In Loving Memory of Bessie, the dearly beloved wife of Joseph Jerrard of 2, Railway Cottage, Broadclyst, Who fell asleep

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61 Marriage Certificate, 26/8/1891, both of full age, he a bachelor, she a spinster, married in Offwell.

62 Birth Certificate b5/10/1892. His name is shown as Albert Fred. Born at Combewater, Offwell.

63 Birth Certificate b7/6/1898. Born Offwell.

April 19<sup>th</sup>, 1909, aged 41 years. Don't trouble, a little while and we shall all be re-united"<sup>64</sup> She was 'with child' at the time and the child was lost as well. The three Aunts Merc, Susey and Eg came to stay with the family for a while and then the family was broken up. Nan, she never understood why she was sent away, went to live with Susey and Mercy. Nan's sister Nell found both the ladies, Merc and Susey, particularly Mercy, rather strict and daunting.<sup>65</sup> It seems that the sister (Joseph's) who helped out the most during this time of sadness for the family was Aunt Eg. It was as a result of her visits to Broadclyst that she met her husband George Mathews.

Schooling for the children finished when they were around 12 or 13 years old. They had to pass a test to finish and then they were sent out to work. Sometimes if they failed the test they did one more year at school but this was not usual. The family stayed in the Railway Cottages in Broadclyst for a period of time after Bessie's death. Barbara Marshall tells me that "it was a long walk from the Broadclyst incline where the railway cottages were located to the village school, especially in a long woolen dress and hob nail boots. My gran (Nell) used to describe this [walk] taking a packed lunch of bread and dripping wrapped in paper". It would seem that at this time Bert, age 17, was working at the Poltimore Estates as a gardener. The Poltimore Estates were right next door to Broadclyst. May was probably working or even taking care of her young brothers and sisters. She would have been 15 years old when her mother died, which death seemed by all accounts, "to have a devastating effect on the kids."<sup>66</sup> Nan, age 14, went to live with her Aunts. Lacking other information it seems that Will, 11, Nell, 9, and Leon, 3, stayed at home probably to finish school. The family was still in Broadclyst as Will joined his brother Bert as a gardener at the Poltimore Estates. Nan eventually settled in Shaftsbury, Dorset having spent many years as a companion to a wealthy old lady by the name of Miss Wilkinson, who on her death, left Nan some money and several nice pieces of silver and antiques. Nan never married and Barbara remembers her as a formidable lady who would give her grandfather, Dick Stamp, what for. "Dick used to like the cider and go drinking down on Cook's farm with his mates. After a skinful of cider he'd stagger home in the early hours good for nothing. Aunt Nan was not a lady to worry about telling a grown man off but brother and sister-in-law always seemed to make up."<sup>67</sup> At some time after Will went to work the family then moved to Wilmington, maybe, as a result of Joseph's promotion.

After the move to Wilmington Nell went into service at the Wilmington Hayes and later met Dick Stamp, a local man, whom she married. It was during this time that Nell and Leon became very close as brother and sister. The boys referred to their sisters as "sis".

Joseph remarried in 1917 to Elizabeth Ann (nee Connett) Moss. She was a widow and her father was Joseph Connett a carpenter from Stockland. They were married in Offwell on m4/2/1917. They did not have any children. As my father tells me Leon and his new mother-in-law never got along and when old enough, in the year 1924, Leon came to Canada. Dad says that Leon was always resentful that his two brothers "ran out on him".

On d23/4/1927 Elizabeth died, aged 70. In 1930 Joseph bought some land for £300 and built a house called "Sunnyside" by Wilmington. Nell and Dick Stamp inherited this land and lived there their entire lives. Next door their son Ray built a house called "Shortlands" where Barbara grew up. Joseph died on d10/6/1932 at "Sunnyside" at the age of 67.<sup>68</sup>

Florence May (May) married Bill Gowman. Annie Agnes (Nan) did not marry and died

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64 Memorial notice. My father has an original.

65 I am indebted to Barbara Marshall for a large amount of the information about Joseph's sisters and daughters.

66 Story related to Barbara Marshall by Nell her grandmother.

67 Story by Barbara Marshall.

68 Death Certificate and Memorial notice.

d4/4/1974. Eleanor Alice (Nell) married Dick Stamp b28/10/1895, d?/7/1981, m21/7/1923. Albert Fred (Bert) moved to Canada and Married Cecilia Marshall Stevenson Hamilton, b18/5/1907 d18/06/2003, m5/6/1933. William James moved to Canada after WW1 and married France Joyce Clay b25/11/1899, d15/10/1944, m27/9/1922. Leonard Cecil (Leon) moved to Canada in 1924 and married Rose Moore b17/5/1906, d28/4/1978, m30/10/1929.

A much more up to date family tree including notes, pictures and source information may be accessed on the Ancestry.com website in the “Jerrard Of Chideock, Dorset” family tree. Access to Ancestry is via subscription/membership or as an invited guest.

I have also provided as much of this information as I can on my own website “[www.jerrard.ca](http://www.jerrard.ca)” that was still in operation as of Jan 2016 and hopefully for as long as I live or I can afford to maintain.

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