

# Who'd A 'Thowt It ?

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## LATEST NEWS

Three letters arrived in November. The first was from cousin Clifford Moores in Adelaide, South Australia. Clifford sent me a cutting of an announcement in the Daily Telegraph of the death of Sir William Nield, aged 80, former permanent secretary in the British Department of Economic Affairs, the Cabinet Office and the Northern Ireland Office. Amongst other things, the article says that William Alan Nield was educated at Stockport Grammar School and Oxford. The point of all this is that Clifford believes that there is a connection between William Nield's family and the Barnard family, and he could be correct.

Unfortunately, the only definite connection I am aware of to-date between NIELDs and BARNARDS is the fact that Amelia (Emmy) TINKER, half-sister to the first generation of BARNARDS born in Stockport, apparently married a chap whose surname was NIELD and who was a manager at Carriers in Smithfield Market, Manchester. They had children but I only know the name of one son, Norman. It would be interesting to find more information. Next time I get a chance to visit Stockport or Salt Lake City I will try and find more about the connection. It is difficult to search for that type of information from this distance but, as a first step, I will attempt to find Amelia's marriage certificate and go from there.

There are all kinds of interesting stories abounding in most families but, the only thing that matters in the long run, is definite proof. That means birth, marriage and death certificates, plus apprenticeship indentures, wills, business gazetteers and the like.

Family tales and traditions are invaluable in giving possible leads but, because human memories are not infallible, they cannot be taken as true unless proven. For example, siblings in any family often have completely different memories of family events. They usually concentrate on things that interest them and ignore the rest. That is what helps to make genealogy so interesting, trying to unravel fact and fiction. Unfortunately, records can be wrong too—primarily because the information given in the records often needs to be obtained from informants with less than perfect memories. Where feasible, facts need to be obtained from as many sources as possible.

I also received a letter from Olive (Moores) Quinn, Clifford's sister. She and husband Charlie have moved from Wilmslow to Alderley Edge which, of

course, is also in Cheshire not too far from Stockport. We sure slipped up when we were in England. It may be recalled that we had some difficulty trying to find a base in the Manchester area. Olive and Charlie had a beautiful cottage available in Knutsford. I knew they had a cottage but was under the impression that it was occupied. It seems that the couple who lived there moved out in May 1994.

As may be seen from the picture (below), it is a lovely Tudor style 17th century cottage which is listed for sale and will likely have been sold by the time I get this newsletter out.



Olive also mentioned that she has a new great-granddaughter whose mother is Michelle, daughter of Olive's daughter Maureen. Thanks for all the news of the family Olive. Maybe next time we meet I will be able to get more details of your particular "twigs and branches" of the family tree. Good luck and good health in your new home.

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The final letter in November was from friends in New Zealand who I have mentioned briefly in this edition of "Tracing the Barnard Family." Edna and Vic SWAIN emigrated from Suffolk and Vic also had Barnard relatives in the Suffolk area, although it appears theirs are mainly around Lowestoft—a fishing port less than 10 miles from Beccles. It would be nice if we could find a connection between our two families. We have found that Barnard is not an uncommon name in East Anglia but the fact that we both had family in Beccles, at the same time, could be significant. Edna tells me that she is also searching in Yorkshire and Lancashire.

The Mormon (LDS) Family History Centres that both the Swains and I use are very useful. Only a couple of microfilms at a time can be ordered which makes it a slow job but it is better than waiting for someone else to do the work for you. I am fortunate that I can make occasional visits to Salt Lake City where the Mormons, without a doubt, have the best research facilities in the world available in one place. Despite that, as mentioned previously, genealogical research is frustrating, time-consuming, and expensive, but oh so interesting, fascinating and absolutely addictive when the occasional breakthrough is made.

In December I received a brief letter from Kevin and Diane Fitzgerald. It seems that Diane has had a spell in hospital but is doing nicely now. Kevin tells me that he has qualified as a tutor of sign language. Good for you, and thanks for the copy of "Irish Roots." I found it very interesting and I think I will probably subscribe to it.

In October I was continuing my reading of the 1891 census of Manchester at the local LDS Family History Centre when I came across a Thomas FITZGERALD lodging in Gould Street, off Rochdale Rd, a little north of Thompson St. He was a 36 yr. old general labourer and gave his birthplace as Tuam which is in Co. Galway, Ireland. As he is about the right age to be grandfather John Fitzgerald's brother, I sent for the parish registers of Tuam and I have been reading baptisms for most of January. Baptisms from 1790 to 1929 are covered. Unfortunately, although I came across a few Fitzgeralds, I have nothing to connect them to our family.

Despite the great number of records that were lost in the Dublin fire in the 1920s, there are still many, many parish records available, plus Griffiths Valuation which is a listing of Irish householders about 1850, and there are many Will, Court, Grant, Lease,

and Chapter books held in local hands. Quite a number are now available on LDS microfilms.

A few days ago I received a letter from a chap that I last corresponded with in 1988, Peter Hammond of Nottingham. Peter is particularly interested in Clay Tobacco Pipemakers. We had, of course, three BARNARD pipemakers: Thomas (1821-1866), Thomas (1849-1931) and Samuel George (1851-1916). After the death of great-grandfather Thomas, in 1866, his widow Mary married another pipemaker, John TINKER father of great-Aunt "Dinkie."

Peter is preparing some papers on various aspects of the pipemaking trade. He is hoping to produce one on the Manchester firm of McLardy's who employed 150 people at their Newton Heath factory in the late 1880s. Grandfather Samuel George BARNARD worked for McLardy's and Peter was asking if we had any written records of his employment with them. I had to tell Peter that none exist as far as I know, but I promised to appeal for any information on family connections with McLardy's in this newsletter.

*So please, if anyone has any information on family connections with McLardy's, or simply information on McLardy's, no matter how trivial it may seem, please drop me a line.*

I have a tape recorded interview with Aunty Kate (Goss) TAYLOR recorded a couple of years before she died in which she tells of George Barnard working at McLardy's and she said that she also worked there as a young girl trimming the pipes as they came out of the kilns. There is a suggestion that my Aunts Emmy and Mag may have done the same thing.

Finally, in February we had phone contact with my sister Peggy and brother Neville. Peggy tells us that two of her children are scheduled to remarry this year. Daughter, Patty, in May and son, Alan, in August. We wish them both the very best of luck in their new lives. Peggy and husband Don live in a lovely spot called Winlock in Washington State and are hoping to visit England before very long. I think 1970 was the last time Peggy visited and she will find great changes. In my view not all for the better, although I can never get too much of the British countryside.

Neville and Diane have moved to another house in Campbell River, Diane's home town, on Vancouver Island. It is a temporary move until they get a new

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home built adjacent to the local golf course. They now have three of their five daughters living in the same town in addition to cousins Dave and Jan McVey and their children.

My brother George visited sister Renee and her family in Blackpool last October. He enjoyed his visit and on his return joined us for Christmas dinner. He lives about three miles away from us in Burnaby with eldest son George Robert.

**Drop us a line to include  
in the family newsletter!**



*Jacob George  
and  
Kelsey Michelle Morris,  
Christmas 1995.*

*Parents-George & Tanya  
Morris-live in Ottawa,  
Ontario.*

*Grandparents,  
Neville and Diane Barnard,  
reside in Campbell River,  
B.C.*

## TRACING THE BARNARD FAMILY - PART 5

As related in PART 1 of this story, we first discovered the family of **Thomas BARNARD** (1821-1866) Tobacco Pipemaker in the 1861 census of Stockport. That told us that he had been born in Beccles, Suffolk, and led us to the 1841 census of Beccles.

As a reminder, I am reprinting a paragraph from PART 1:

The 1841 census of Beccles revealed the family living in Pudding Moor, and they were listed as follows:

Thomas (45) Labourer, Sarah (40), Thomas (15), Samuel (15), Elizabeth (10), William (8), Henry (6), and Harriet (3). The 1841 census gave ages roughly to the nearest five years. Thomas and Samuel were not twins, Thomas as we discovered later was 4 years older. All the children were born in Suffolk but neither of the parents were and that has provided the largest obstacle in our research. In the 1851 census we discovered that Sarah (nèe BROOKS) was born in 1797 in Arminghall, Norfolk, but Thomas senior had died in 1849 and so we still did not know his birthplace.

As **Thomas BARNARD** (c.1790-1849) was not born in Suffolk, it was logical to start at the nearest county to Suffolk, namely Norfolk, which is just over the River Waveney, in a search for his birthplace. This seemed particularly appropriate as his wife Sarah was definitely born in Norfolk.

During earlier visits to the Mormon Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (LDS) Family History centres at Mount Vernon, Washington State, and Salt Lake City, Utah, I simply sought for Norfolk parish registers, indiscriminately looking for Thomas' birth.

The last few years I have tried a more organized approach searching for Thomas' birth by checking the Norfolk parishes close to Beccles and gradually working outwards in a semi-circle into Norfolk. As remarked previously, it is a long, slow, fairly costly business that I intend to continue either by occasional visits to Salt Lake or by sending for films from Salt Lake to be read at the Burnaby LDS Family History Centre, a facility that didn't exist when I started the search.. The latter method is even slower as only two films at a time may be obtained, whereas in Salt Lake itself many films can be read in a week. Despite the lack of success in unearthing Thomas (no pun intended) *I have* discovered relatives on Sarah's side of the family and I will talk about that after I have revealed the comparatively little I know about the Beccles Barnard family.

I engaged a researcher at Salt Lake for a time and he consulted the International Genealogical Index (IGI) where he found an entry indicating that **Thomas BERNARD** married **Sarah BROOKS** in Beccles, on 14 May 1821. Seeing that their first child, Thomas, was born 11 September 1821, I suppose it was a case of better late than never! In 1975 I wrote to the Rector of Beccles Parish Church, Canon Malcom Sutton. He sent me a certificate confirming the marriage.

I later discovered that Thomas and Sarah produced at least eight children. They were:

**Thomas (1821-1866), Benjamin (1823-?),  
Samuel (c.1826-?), Elizabeth (c.1831-?),  
William (c.1833-?), Henry B. (1836-?),  
Harriet Ann (1837-?) and Sarah (1842-?).**

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Let's consider the family in order starting with Thomas senior:

**Thomas senior** was described at various times as an agricultural labourer and as a bricklayer. His surname was sometimes spelt **BERNARD** and sometimes **BARNARD**. The former spelling would support the family legend known by each branch of the family contacted that they originated from France. Some family members were told that they were Huguenots.

The main emigration of the Huguenots from France started about 1685. Even if the Barnards were among them they could have already been in England over a hundred years when Thomas was born in 1790. The BARNARD spelling became constant with Sarah and those children whose records we subsequently found.

Thomas died in 1849, two years before the 1851 census which, for the first time, asked for the place of birth. His death certificate states that he died on 11 November at Smallgate Street, Beccles, after one week of *Typhus Fever*. Sarah was in attendance at the death.

**Sarah** was the daughter of **Thomas BROOKS** and **Elizabeth CUSHEN** who were married on 24 January 1797 at St. Mary's Church, Gillingham, Norfolk, four weeks before Sarah's birth at Arminghall, Norfolk, on the 21 February 1797. The same kind of situation occurs 200 years later, except many young people today don't bother getting married at all. Incidentally, Arminghall is approximately 15 miles away from Gillingham, which is just over a mile from Beccles. Arminghall, on the outskirts of Norwich, is the place where Elizabeth CUSHEN was christened in 1775.

After the death of Thomas, Sarah never remarried. In 1851 she had five children living at home ranging in age from 25 down to 8. As unusual as it was in those days, Sarah and all her children were able to write. In every record obtained they have signed their names instead of placing a cross as most of the working class (and many others) did at that time.

As was to be expected of a widow, bringing a family up without the help of a husband, Sarah was in strained circumstances and finished up in the Shipmeadow Union Workhouse where she died a pauper in 1875 at the age of 78.

Chris and I and our children visited St. Mary the Virgin Church in Arminghall in 1979 and photographed the font where Sarah was christened 102 years previously. It was a lovely little church in a

quiet village away from the traffic. The verger opened the church safe and left us to read the original registers while he and his wife entertained our children with toys belonging to their grandchildren. I later wrote thanking them for their consideration and hospitality in supplying us with refreshments.

Chris and I followed Sarah through the records from her birth in 1797, her marriage and the censuses from 1841 to 1871, to her death in 1875. We both felt that we knew Sarah and felt it as a personal blow when we viewed the dark and dreary workhouse where she died, now used to house poultry and pigs.

**Thomas junior** born 11 September and baptised 16 September in Beccles Parish church, as already seen, left Beccles sometime after the census of 1841, married Mary WALTON in Wigan in 1845, and spent the rest of his life in Stockport. He did, however, return to Beccles in 1853 for the marriage of his brother Samuel, a reasonably long and hazardous journey in those days.

**Benjamin** was born 9 March 1823, christened in Beccles Parish Church 16 March 1823. That is the last mention of him we have been able to find. He was not present in his parents home at the time of the 1841 census and, although he would have been 18 yrs old at that time if he had lived and could have been living away, I think in view of the apparent closeness of Thomas and Samuel, the next younger brother, Benjamin had very likely died in infancy or in his youth.

**Samuel** according to census records and his marriage certificate was born about 1826. So far there is no trace of his birth or baptism entry. He became a Pork Butcher in Beccles and had his own shop there. He married **Susan CHASTON** in Beccles, 2 January 1853. Susan had three children prior to her marriage, **John, Ellen** and **Richard** born respectively about 1846, 1850 and 1852. It is unlikely that they were Samuel's children because they retained the surname CHASTON after Samuel and Susan's marriage. The only child of the marriage known, daughter **Sarah BARNARD** was born in 1855.

In 1987 Chris and I visited the Record Office in Lowestoft, Suffolk. We discovered the following entries in the *Shipmeadow Union Workhouse Minute Book*. Shipmeadow is on the south-west outskirts of Beccles on the Bungay road.

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19th May 1875 - Sarah BARNARD

*The Clerk is directed to write to Samuel BARNARD of Beccles, butcher, and to require him to contribute to the maintenance of his mother Sarah BARNARD now a pauper inmate of this workhouse.*

26th May 1875

*A letter from Mr. BARNARD of Beccles, butcher, is read offering to pay one shilling a week towards the maintenance of his mother Sarah BARNARD. The Clerk is directed to reply that the Board decline to accede to Mr. BARNARD'S proposal, but they are willing for the present and without prejudice to any order which the Justices may see fit to make to accept two shillings a week and that in the event of Mr. BARNARD declining to pay that sum he must attend this Board at their next meeting and explain his reasons for non compliance or that proceedings would be taken without further warning.*

2nd June 1875

*Relieving Officer Jude reports that Mr. BARNARD offered to pay 2/- towards the cost of the maintenance in the Workhouse of his Mother Sarah BARNARD the pauper mentioned in the minutes of the last meeting. The offer is accepted by the Board.*

At first glance it appears that Samuel was remiss in his apparent reluctance to help support his mother and, indeed, to allow her to remain in the workhouse. However, there are a number of extenuating circumstances that should be taken into account. His wife, Susan, had died in 1873. It is very likely that his daughter Sarah, who was 20 yrs old in 1875 was either married or working in service. Further, there is a story in the family that a family member who was a butcher had become disfigured from a bout of smallpox and his business was badly affected. Samuel is the only known butcher in the family. In addition, poor old Sam was the only one of his siblings that we know for sure was still living in the Beccles area. The Workhouse minutes do not indicate

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that any other family member was approached to help. He had been the one who had stayed near his mother since the death of his father.

On our visit in 1979 my daughter, Kim, found Susan's gravestone in Beccles municipal cemetery. The inscription read:

*In affectionate remembrance of Susan. the beloved wife of Samuel Barnard of Beccles who died in the 44th year of her life.*

The Book of Burgesses show that Samuel had moved to London Road by 1876 and was there in 1877 also. There was no trace of Samuel in the Book of Burgesses after 1877. He was not in the 1881 census of Beccles, nor could a death entry be found in the Wangford Hundred which covers Beccles and district.

As a matter of interest, during the 1871 census of Beccles, while Samuel was a 45 yr. old pork butcher in Smallgate St, 44 yr. old William BARNARD, formerly of Lowestoft, had a fishmongers shop in Jones Score. In a small town, as Beccles was at that time, they must surely have known each other. William was a relative of some friends who emigrated from Suffolk to Auckland, New Zealand—Edna and Vic Swain. We have corresponded with Edna and Vic for some time after coming in contact through the Genealogical Research Directory (GRD), an Australian publication I subscribe to. Vic had other relatives in Beccles around the same time, named **WATERS and GODBOLD**. As they say, it's a small world after all.

Incidentally, the William Barnard mentioned was most likely the one that appeared in the Book of Burgesses in Northgate St. in 1871-72 and in Ingate St. in 1873-74. **Please note Edna and Vic Swain.**

So far **Elizabeth** has only one mention, in the 1841 census when she was said to be 10 yrs old. As ages were only given to the nearest 5 years in the 1841 census, we don't know when she was born and no other reference to Elizabeth has been found. An Elizabeth Barnard aged 22 was employed as a Nurse/Servant at the home of a retired Lieut. Colonel in Blyburgate Street in the 1861 census. Despite the apparent 8 year discrepancy, with the common tendency to reduce one's age, she cannot be ruled out as being our Elizabeth.

**William** appears in the 1841 and 1851 censuses and I have not been able to find any other mention of him.

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His given age was 8 in 1841 and he was a 17 yr. old errand boy in 1851, so I assume his birth was c.1833.

**Henry B.** Barnard was born 9 May 1836 and baptised at Beccles Parish Church 11 March 1849 when he was 13 yrs. old. He is mentioned in the Beccles censuses of 1841, 1851 and 1861. It is likely that he is mentioned in the Book of Burgesses in 1868 only. The initial B only appears in the 1851 census when he is a 15 yr. old errand boy. I suspect that his second name was **Benjamin**—possibly for the older brother who probably died. Henry married **Harriet NYALL** on 14th. January 1861. The census of that year lists him as a 25 yr. old agricultural labourer living with his 30 yr. old silk-weaver wife at 103 Newgate St.

There is no trace of the pair after 1868, and if I ever get the time I will check to see if they returned to Harriet's birthplace which was Mettingham, Suffolk, three parishes west of Beccles along the Suffolk/Norfolk border.

**Harriet Ann** was born on the 30 July 1837 according to her birth certificate, which I obtained. She was also mentioned with the family in the 1841 and 1851 censuses. She was not with her mother Sarah in 1861 when Harriet would have been 24 yrs old and could

have been either married or working away from home. I have not yet found a marriage for Harriet, but there is a possible marriage in 1860 at FORHOE which, by the number of the registration district, cannot be too far from Norwich.

**Sarah**, the youngest of the eight known children of Thomas and Sarah, was born 29 November 1842. She was 7 yrs old when her father died. She appears in the 1851 census of Beccles with her family. In the 1861 census she was a 19 yr old domestic servant in a Linen Draper's at 125 New Market. She married **George TAYLOR** a 31 yr old widower and brewer's labourer on the 7th February 1868. They married in the Martyr's Memorial Chapel of the Particular Baptists. Further evidence of nonconformity in the family was the baptism of Sarah's grandfather Thomas BROOKS in the Meeting House, Beccles, presumably the Quaker Meeting House.

*That is as far as we have been able to go on the direct BARNARD line. It has taken a little more space than anticipated, so we will leave our look at the ancestors of Sarah BROOKS in the Norfolk villages of Arminghall, Geldeston and Gillingham until the next edition.*



*Alan and Christine Barnard  
with  
the three most beautiful little fellows ever!  
From left to right:*

*Micah, Gavin and Kyle Barwich  
(caption written by their mother).*

*If you care (or dare!) to dispute this please send  
along proof with your correspondence.*

*We'd love to see other members  
of the family!*

**A well known British genealogist, Cecil Humphery-Smith, quoted American genealogist, Whitmore, who said over 100 years ago, "Don't insult your true progenitors with false claims to others." Humphery-Smith continued, "I always like to look up to my great-aunt Hilda in the heavens above who wags her head sadly, saying, 'Tut! Tut! You can't include them. They are not ours!'"**