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Latest Family News and Corrections

Correction

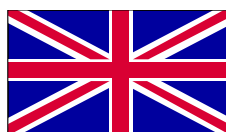
I would like to start off with a correction to the last newsletter. It is not an earth shattering correction, but needs to be made. I said, when referring to the birth of my 2xgt grandmother Sarah Brooks in 1797, that "*She may have been born in Beccles or its close vicinity, and perhaps not in Arminghall as stated in the last edition....*" It is sometimes possible to have so many different threads running through the mind that some of the earlier pieces of evidence tend to be forgotten. The fact is that Sarah herself stated in the censuses of 1851, 1861 and 1871 that *she was* born in Arminghall.

Visit to England

Last January, Chris and I went to England to attend the celebration of my sister Renee's 80th birthday. We were delayed two hours at Vancouver Airport



leaving at 10:45 p.m. on Monday 26 January, and eventually arrived at Manchester Airport via London Airport about 6:30 p.m. local time on Tuesday evening. My cousin Olive



Quinn had kindly offered to put us up at her home on our first night, but by the time we had picked up our luggage and a hire car and found our way to Olive's in Alderley Edge it was close to 8 p.m. Olive was waiting for us and had a really lovely meal ready the moment we stepped through the door. After a nice long chat we staggered to bed and were out to the world in seconds. When we awoke, Olive insisted on giving us a lovely cooked breakfast and wouldn't even let us help to get it ready! Thank you so much Olive for your much appreciated hospitality—you so reminded me of your mother, my Aunt Emmy. Unfortunately, despite all she did for us, Olive was in the midst of moving to a new home and was unable to attend Renee's birthday celebration.

We set off for the home of my niece Janice (Renee's daughter) in Elswick near Preston, Lancashire, at about 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday morning and arrived there about 1:00 p.m. We were met by Janice, her husband Maurice, and their 18 month old son Jordan Daniel MAGGS, who's birth announcement I failed to print in previous newsletters—sorry Jan and Maurice. Jordan was born 14 August 1996. He is a real bundle of energy and keeps his parents on their toes. It was good to meet Jordan and Maurice for the first time, and to see Janice once again. Janice and Maurice had offered to put us up for the duration of our stay, and we gladly accepted. Renee, daughter Vivienne, and grandsons Dean and Christopher came later and after greetings all around we sat down to a very satisfying dinner prepared by Jan.

The weather was quite bitter the first three days but after that was almost Spring like and that sure helps to make a visit even more

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Births

Since the last newsletter the following new arrivals have swelled the ranks of the family.

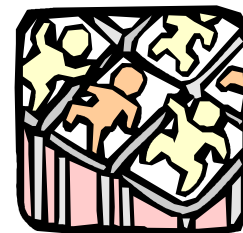
Kenneth Michael McLaren born 29 June 1998. Congratulations to parents John and Sandra McLaren now living in Texas. Kenneth Michael is the sixth grandchild of cousins Norma and Ken McLaren who live in California and who we met for the first time last August (pg 3).

Chris and I were delighted to greet the birth of our second granddaughter and seventh grandchild **Catherine Elizabeth Barnard** (to be known as **Catie**) who was born on 3 July 1998. The proud parents are our eldest son Gary and his wife Alice. As Gary was brought up in Canada (National Day, 1 July) and Alice was born and raised in the U.S. (National Day, 4 July), Catie did the politically correct thing and arrived between the two National Days!

Sierra Rebeka Rose Hall born 5 September 1998. Congratulations Erin on your little daughter and also to new grandpa Trevor Sanchez!

Proud parents Jeremy and Kristina welcome daughter **Arista Vielle Kevy** born 30 December 1998, first grandchild for Patti and Michael Yantis.

Sierra and Arista are the first great grandchildren of Don & Peggy Sanchez!



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enjoyable. On the Saturday evening Janice and Maurice put on a really nice party although Renee's birthday was not until the following Tuesday.



The advantage of the Saturday was that relatives and friends were able to attend without worrying about work on the following day. Apart from Renee's immediate family including Janice's children Damian and Ashley, we were reunited with cousins Winnie and Ted Jones, Kevin and Diana Fitzgerald, and my niece Tina (Neville's daughter) and her children and fiancée Neill. Everyone enjoyed the evening, especially Renee who was sharing the occasion with grandson Damian, who was 21 on the 28 January.

The following week we took the opportunity to get some family research done and visited Preston, Manchester and Stockport Record Offices where we picked up a number of certificates. Later we

visited Gloucester to do some research on Chris's ancestors, and Suffolk to do the same on my ancestors. More about the little discovered on page 4.

We then returned to the Maggs home on Wednesday, 11 February to visit with Renee and the rest of her little family for the final week of our stay. We enjoyed dinner visits to a number of the local pubs with the family, and found the cuisine to be excellent. On Monday, 16 February, the evening before we left, Jan made my favourite lentil soup. Renee, Viv, and the boys joined us and Jan's family for a very special final evening. It was very difficult as always saying our goodbyes. Hopefully we will all meet again before too much time passes.

Thank you all for a memorable visit, we enjoyed every minute!

We arrived back in Vancouver at 6:35 p.m. on Tuesday, 17 February, to be met by daughter Kim and grandson Gavin. Kim drove us home after we chatted awhile about our visit, but sleep was calling and we were in bed by 10:00 p.m.

Letter from Australia

12 January 1999 - I received a letter from cousin Clifford Moores of Adelaide, South Australia.

He has been very sick during most of 1998 in hospital from 1 June until late December when he was allowed home for the Christmas holiday. He has had numerous operations with several complications arising but, thankfully, although still frail, he appears to be on the way to recovery. He is thankful for the support of his immediate family, particularly the staunch support of his wife Phoebe who visited him twice a day. He also received a boost from the support of many friends and wonderful doctors and nurses. His sister Olive, who gave Chris and I such a great welcome in England in January 1998, flew down under to see Clifford and stayed a month encouraging her brother.

You have our love and very best wishes Clifford. I know you will be mentioned in many prayers.



Congratulations Viv!!

Belated but nonetheless sincere congratulations are in order for my niece, Vivienne O'Shea.

It is more than a year ago now since Viv was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering at the University of Central Lancashire in Preston, England.

Now its true that plenty of people graduate from university these days, but this graduation was very special. You see, Viv lost her first husband Terry some years ago and was left with two young sons to bring up on her own. She worked at many different jobs in order to supply her little family with the necessities of life and made a good job of it.

After a second unsuccessful marriage, Viv decided that she wanted something better than she had out of life and enrolled in university. She was in her mid-forties competing with youngsters in their teens and twenties. Despite the fact that she was again on her own in providing a home for herself and her sons—with the assistance of her eldest son Dean who had started work—she continued to work hard and to study hard, **and she made it!**



Viv, no one deserves their success more than you do! I and my family are proud of you as I know your mother, sister and sons are. I made an attempt to attend your convocation, but unfortunately it didn't work out. All the best to you in the future!

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California Visit,

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I was involved in the organisation of the Soccer (Football) component of the British Columbia Summer Games until the second to last week in July. As soon as they were successfully completed, Chris and I prepared for a weeks trip to California—

 unfortunately, all Chris had left of her holidays after our trip to England early in the year. Our main purpose was to see Gary and Alice, and Catie, our newest granddaughter.

They met us at John Wayne Airport, Orange County, about 2 p.m. on 1 August. We were so happy to meet our gorgeous new granddaughter. Grandma Chris left Gary and me with the luggage while she monopolised Catie. We had a nice relaxing stay at their home in Mission Viejo, and were able to renew acquaintance with Alice's parents too. It was great to soak in the heat and watch the humming-birds chase one another from the feeder on the back porch. They are aggressive little 'critters'. (How's that for western talk?)



We enjoyed every minute of our stay but Tuesday, 4 August was a highlight when Gary drove us to the home of Nancy and Jerry Griffin in Huntington Beach. We met for the first time our 'newly discovered' American cousins, Norma and Ken McLaren, daughter Nancy and her husband Jerry and son John. We were immediately at home and truly felt like family. It was a wonderful meeting. I felt quite emotional when I realised that Norma and I were meeting for the first time 145 years after our respective ancestors, sister and brother Lydia Elizabeth and Thomas Barnard had met for the last time at their brother Samuel's marriage in Beccles, 2 January, 1853. It was an historic reunion for the family. Lydia Elizabeth was herself married to Frederick Leavold on 19 January 1853.

We enjoyed a magnificent lunch Nancy had prepared and chatted "nineteen to the dozen" as the saying goes. We had much to talk about and many questions to be asked and answered—of course we had to take photographs too (see pg. 6)! A little later, cousin Doug McDonald, (the brother of Michelle who made the first e-mail contact) dropped in for a while. We spent about five hours at the Griffin home before we reluctantly had to leave. We could easily have chatted for another five days! But all good things must come to an end and we departed with hopes for a reunion in the not too distant future, and maybe we will have the opportunity to meet cousins Ruth, Loretta, and others. Thank you Norma and Ken, and Nancy, Jerry and John for making our visit so memorable.

The remainder of the week was also very enjoyable, and we were not really ready to return home on Saturday, 8 August, but ready or not, return home we did with many more memories to treasure.

Our American Cousins

As a result of the contact first made with cousin Michelle McDonald (last issue of the *Who'd A' Thowt It?*) I've had extensive correspondence with Loretta Alcorn, Michelle's aunt, and with two more cousins, Ruth Holland and Norma McLaren. Also I have corresponded with Mrs. Hilda Boosey, a relative of Michelle, Loretta, Ruth and Norma on the LEAVOLD side of the family. They are all so friendly and helpful and it is a great pleasure getting to know them through our correspondence, and in Norma's case, meeting her and some of her wonderful family (see *California Visit*).



Although there is much still to learn I know more than I did, when I first heard from Michelle, about the family branch of Lydia Elizabeth BARNARD. While it does not help me go further back on the family tree, it helps to fill in details of the life of another branch of our family (see pg. 4 in the continuing saga of the *Barnard Family*). Even more exciting to me, is the acquisition of pictures of Rose LEAVOLD and a picture that is believed to be her mother Lydia Elizabeth BARNARD! I don't expect too much success with reproducing Elizabeth's (the name I have known her by for the past 28 years) picture as it is from a laser copy of the original.



Rose Leavold

I am so grateful to cousin Ruth Holland for the pictures of Rose and family, and to cousin Norma McLaren for the picture of Elizabeth as well as that of a yet undetermined relative "Clara", believed to have been from the BARNARD side. Thanks also to Hilda Boosey from the LEAVOLD side of the family who very trustingly loaned me another picture of Clara taken in Colchester, Essex, probably in the 1890s. I had a negative made from the print before returning it to Hilda.



Clara

One thing about family history research is coming into contact with so many great people, *and it's even better when some of those great people turn out to be relatives!*

Tracing the Barnard Family - Part 8

With the discovery of our cousins in the States of Florida, Utah, Illinois, and California, it is now possible to add more details of the descendants of another of the children of Thomas BARNARD (1790-1849) and Sarah BROOKS (1797-1875).

Elizabeth

Lydia Elizabeth BARNARD (1831- ?) who appears to have been known as simply Elizabeth, was the first daughter born to Thomas and Sarah Barnard after three sons, Thomas (1821-1866), Benjamin (1823- ?), and Samuel (1826- ?). It is possible that additional children were born in the ten year gap between Thomas and Elizabeth, but we are not aware of any. Elizabeth was living with her family in Pudding Moor, Beccles, at the time of the 1841 census. I have mentioned previously that Chris and I, and our daughter Kim had the great satisfaction of staying some years ago in a hotel in Pudding Moor, one of the streets where my ancestors lived so long ago. It is on the banks of the River Waveney, the boundary between Suffolk and Norfolk counties. Pudding Moor was part of the ancient road to London from Beccles.

Elizabeth was not with the family in the 1851 census. For me she disappeared without trace until the fateful message from Michelle McDonald which put us in touch with our American cousins, and established that they were descendants of Elizabeth. Elizabeth was married as Lydia Elizabeth Barnard on 19 January 1953 to Frederick Leavold, a tailor, at Beccles Register Office.

There were at least 6 known children from the marriage, one of which was Rose or Rosa Leavold. She apparently told her descendants that her mother had six more children who had died, and she had named the last six after the six that died. I am not sure if we will ever be able to sort out the facts of that assertion or not, but I have some misgivings. However, it is known that the following children were born to Frederick and Elizabeth:

Frederick (1857- ?), Harriet Ann (1860- ?), Rosa (1865-1936), Ellen (1867- ?), Samuel Thomas (1869- ?), and Grace (c.1872-1883).

I have searched the Civil Death indexes for the Wangford Registration District to which Beccles belongs and there were only two LEAVOLD deaths registered in the district between 1853 and 1858. They were William Leavold who died in the second quarter of 1853, and Mary Leavold who died in the second quarter of 1856. These two names coincide with the names of Frederick Leavold's parents.

Unless Elizabeth and Frederick were producing children long before they were married, it is difficult to account for the supposed first six children. Another alternative is that some children were stillborn and were not counted as normal deaths. In any case, there were only four years between their marriage and the birth of Frederick in 1857. I will try and obtain the two death certificates and see if that sheds any light on the matter.

The names of the known children are interesting. Frederick was named after his father, Harriet Ann after Elizabeth's younger sister, Samuel Thomas after Elizabeth's two older brothers, and goodness knows where the names Rosa, Ellen, and Grace came from. They were not reflected in names of either Frederick's or Elizabeth's parents or siblings.

It seems that at least two of the sons became tailors like their father and served in that calling with the British Navy or Military. Courtesy of cousin Ruth Holland I have a picture of one of them taken in Valetta, Malta, in uniform, and with a cap badge that looks very much like that of the Royal Artillery. I am not sure which of the Leavolds it is. Maybe Ruth could put me straight on that if I remember to ask her. Grace died when she was only 11 years old, and the only remaining child whose life is known with any certainty is of course Rosa.

I looked in the 1881 census for Frederick and Elizabeth and to my dismay could find no trace of them in Suffolk. I figured I would need to look at adjacent counties, and decided to start with Norfolk. Bingo! I did not find Frederick, but I did find Elizabeth Leavold (50) born in Beccles! She was an inmate of an institution of some kind in Great Yarmouth. It could be a hospital, asylum or workhouse, I won't know until I get a chance to look at the original copy of the census. It stated that she was married, not widowed, yet there was no sign of Frederick in Norfolk or Suffolk. Chris suggested that as Great Yarmouth is a sea port, perhaps Fred had become a sailor and was at sea. I have no idea where he could be, but next time I get a chance to look at the 1881 census again, I will look at additional counties to see if I can find him. The Genealogical Society of Utah (the Mormons) have said that they will be reproducing the 1881 census of Britain on CDs early in 1999. That will certainly be a great help.

Rosa

But to continue - I found Rose Leavold (15) who was a general servant for a woman, Grace Duffield (67) who kept a greengrocers shop. (I wonder if Grace

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Duffield was a relative?) They were living at 10 Howard Street, Great Yarmouth. As expected Rose was said to have been born in Beccles. At 83 George Street, Great Yarmouth, lived William Bowdon (36) a draper, his wife, two daughters and a son, and another general servant, Ellen Leavold (14) also born in Beccles, and certainly Rose's sister.

Also at 50 Blackfriars Street/or Road, Great Yarmouth, lived two families, James Parr (22) Tailor, and his wife and 2 year old son, and Frederick Leavold (23) tailor, and his wife Amelia (20), and son Frederick A. (4 months). Fred senior was born in Beccles and must be Elizabeth & Frederick's son surely? Amelia was born in Bungay which is in Suffolk 5 miles west of Beccles. Baby Fred was born in Gt. Yarmouth.

In addition, at Heigham, Norfolk, in Derby Street I found another Leavold family, all of them born in Beccles. They were:

Name	Relate.	Cond	Age	Occup.	Born
Charles Leavold	Head	Mar	38	Coach maker	Beccles, SFK
Harriet E. "	Wife	"	38	Shop keeper	"
John Robert "	Son	Unm	16		"
William Geo. "	"		10		"
Herbert Edward "	"		9		"

I don't know who Charles is, as I don't have any details of a Charles among the siblings of Frederick Leavold (Snr). Perhaps they were cousins. Maybe Hilda Boosey who has done quite a bit of research on the Leavolds can shed some light on the matter.

Family tradition is that Rosa was orphaned while still in her teens and, although I have not yet had a chance to look for their deaths, it seems that Frederick and Elizabeth probably died before 1890. It is believed that Rosa went to live with an Aunt, possibly Harriet Ann Barnard (I don't yet know if Harriet married, but suspect she did). The Aunt taught Rosa to cook, and she used her knowledge to obtain a post with a well to do English family who took her off to Spain. Unfortunately, Rosa contracted measles, chicken pox, or a similar disease. That was the end of her job as cook and she returned to England.

It seems that Rosa later fell in love with a seafaring man, but when he refused to leave the sea, she decided that she was not going to spend her life waiting on the shore—which in later life she did to some extent anyhow—and she decided against marrying him. She eventually met her husband to be, Edward Henry ASHLEY who had been born in London, son of Edward

Ashley, a notable London watchmaker, and his wife Ann ARNOTT. Edward Henry and Rosa were married on the 10th October 1890 in the Congregational Chapel, High St, Gorleston, Suffolk. Gorleston, although in Suffolk, is in fact on the outskirts of Great Yarmouth which is in Norfolk. (Confusing isn't it?) They are believed to have met when Rosa was working in a sweet (or candy) shop in Lowestoft, Suffolk.

Harry, as Rosa called him, was initially a commercial clerk in London. One day he saw a reference to a Mr. Matthey of Los Angeles. Harry wrote to him and asked if it were true what was said about California's climate. Assured that it was they embarked for the U.S.

Rosa, taking leave of her family at the ship, took off all the jewellery her husband had given her and hastily gave it to them.

Rosa was apparently pregnant with their first child when they emigrated, probably in 1892. Daughter Rose

Ann was born in 1892 in Rivera, California. In 1894 son Frank Edward was born, and then daughter Florence Irene, in 1896. May Grace followed in 1900, and finally George Alfred in 1904.

Harry became quite an expert horticulturist. On the death of his father in London he declined to go home and take over his father's business. The business was, in fact, taken over by his younger brother Frank. It is possible that Harry inherited some small legacy because he later travelled to a number of countries including Hawaii, Bali, possibly New Zealand and Australia too—leaving Rosa and the children behind. Rosa who was very capable and determined carried on despite some doubt as to when her husband would return. Harry did return however and they lived in a number of places in California. Rosa was widowed in 1930, and she died on 4th December 1936 in San Diego. All her children have now also passed away, the last one, George Alfred in May 1992.

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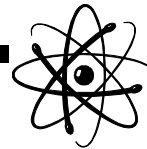
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Cousins Norma and Ruth are her grandchildren, Norma is the daughter of (Florence) Irene Ashley and her first husband Walter Edwin DILLEY, and Ruth is the daughter of May Grace Ashley and her husband Werner Henry MILLER. Cousin Loretta is the eldest daughter of Norma's sister Charlotte, now deceased, who did a lot of the research on the ASHLEY/LEAVOLD family. Cousin Michelle who first contacted me by e-mail is the daughter of Loretta's sister Marilyn. There are other cousins descended from Rose Ann ASHLEY and Frank Edward ASHLEY who I have not yet had contact with to date. Coincidentally, Rose Ann married a WALTON, another of our family names.

Thanks to Michelle, Loretta, Ruth, and Norma, I know much more about the descendants of Lydia Elizabeth BARNARD who of course are also descendants of my great great grandparents Thomas and Sarah BARNARD. There is still much to discover, and the biggest job of all is discovering the origins of the aforementioned Thomas BARNARD (1790-1849). There is a glimmer of hope in this respect, because in addition to the IGI entry for a Thomas BARNARD born in 1790 in Wallbrook, London, to parents Thomas and Elizabeth, I have just recently been informed by a contact in Hemel Hempstead, Herts, of another IGI entry for Thomas BARNARD son of John Barnard/Mary baptised 1 Aug 1790, in Norwich Old Meeting House, Independent. The Old Meeting House, in Colegate, Norwich was the meeting place of the Congregationalists, who were of course dissenters from the established Church of England. Both the Barnards and the Brooks had a history of dissenting, so that fits well. Unfortunately the parents names of John and Mary do not. However, it must be followed up and I will try to discover more.

There are many leads to be followed up in the search for our ancestors, but in order to fill out the wider picture I also need to trace other descendants of our ancestors. Frankly, I am finding it quite difficult to do all the things that I would like to do, and some tasks will need to be put to one side for the moment.

I am presently in contact with 3 other Barnard researchers, one in Norfolk, one in Suffolk, and of course the Swains, formerly of Suffolk but now living in New Zealand. I am still hoping that I will eventually get a clue to the birthplace of Thomas BARNARD (c.1790-1849).



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Fitzgerald/McKeown Research

There is no progress to report unfortunately. I have had a researcher working on McKeown in Dublin with zero results. I am trying to locate Gt. Aunt Mary Fitzgerald in Chicago, ILL, and in various passenger lists. I hope for a breakthrough eventually. Wish me luck!



(left to right)

John Griffin, Nancy Griffin (mother of John), Gary & Alice Barnard with daughter Catie, Chris Barnard (mother of Gary), Norma McLaren (mother of Nancy), Alan Barnard (father of Gary). Except for Chris & Alice, all of the above are descendants of Thomas Barnard 1790-1849!