VERITY FAMILY of Cowbridge & Bridgend

JOHN VERITY m. Elizabeth? Bowling House, Leeds

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ISAIAH VERITY m 08.03.1774 ANNE HILL in Leeds, moved to Bristol, then Cardiff, then Cowbridge

1753 -03.09.1837 1749-25.11.1835

(his sister Mary / Maria m. Parker Steel son of Sir Richard Steel 1773 in Bristol – this may have been the reason he left Yorkshire)

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1. Maria	b 1775?, Bristol / Cardiff. bpt 18.07.1780 at St John the Baptist, Cardiff
Verity	m 02.04.1812 William Wood, linen draper, son of Wood family living with Isaiah Verity at Ash Hall, Ystradowen in 1830s. d after 1841.
	Children: 1. Mary Ann Wood bpt 03.03.1813 Cowbridge. Died 23.12.1824, buried Ystradowen 2. William H Wood b 1814-5 Ash Hall Ystradowen. Qualified as doctor 1836? while living at Ash Hall. d 01.05.1850 age 35 buried Ystradowen
	3. Judith M Wood bpt 19.12.1816 Cowbridge. m 00.04.1839 Ystradowen William Bullock Webster. d shortly afterwards? Child = Mary Ann Bullock Webster 1840-1861+. In 1841 At
	Ash Hall with grandmother Maria Wood and uncle Leonard Wood, then moved with him to Singleton Lancs
	4. Leonard C Wood bpt 11.06.1819 Cowbridge m 10.08.1842 Coity, cousin Sophia Verity, daughter of mother's brother Henry. Vicar in Stapleton Lancs until 1891+. Children: Charles H Wood 1845 – 1871+, Mary Elinor Wood 1847 - 1891+, George W Wood 1850 – 1881+, Arthur Edward Wood 1856 – 1891+, Herbert Steel Wood 1857 – 1891+, Hugh L Wood 1860 – 1891+
2. Ann(e) L	b 1778-9, Cardiff. bapt 18.07.1780 at St John the Baptist, Cardiff
Verity	m Lt Evans RN. 1841 – in Southampton with niece Charlotte Verity, then with her after her marriage in Huntingdonshire, still there in 1871. ? No children
3. Sarah	b?, Bristol / Cardiff. bapt 18.07.1780 at St John the Baptist, Cardiff
Verity	d young? No mention elsewhere, or in father Isaiah Verity's will in 1827
4. Isaiah	b 1777, Bristol / Cardiff. bapt 18.07.1780 at St John the Baptist, Cardiff. Army captain & major 1804-1827. Went to
Linwood	West Indies, then lived in London and Ascot. ? disowned by Cowbridge & Bridgend family. d 1849
Verity	Children; Charles Felix Verity b 1820 Stapleton, d 1903 London, perhaps also Kate, Julia, Thomas, Ralph and others Charles Felix's children: Charles EM Verity 1853, lived in London (& Cardiff), m Jemima Jopp; Edith T Verity

	1856 m Henry Walker, lived in London; Linwood Verity b 1859 d 1860s; Mabel Grace b 1860 m Henri Rochat; Heron Beresford 1862 m Georgina Jopp lived in British Honduras although grandchildren came back to England
5. John	b after 1780 ? Cardiff. bapt 13.07.1791 at St John the Baptist, Cardiff
Verity	Doctor. Died in French prison, after using poison supplied by brother (? Richard, who was one time physician at British Embassy) during a French Revolution.
6. Lucy Verity	b after 1780 ? Cardiff. bapt 13.07.1791 at St John the Baptist, Cardiff d 03.12.1798
7. ABRAHAM VERITY	b 1780? Cardiff bapt 13.07.1791 at St John the Baptist, Cardiff. m. Catherine Jenkins of Ewenny. Abraham was a doctor, was at St Thomas Medical School on 05.11.1800 aged 20. Lived elsewhere on Dunraven Place, then at 5 Dunraven Place, Bridgend. Abraham d 1.05.1848 age 63 of fever at Dunraven Place, buried 18.05.1848 with wife Catharine at St Brides. Catharine d 15/19.04.1845 aged 63 of consumption at Vine Cottage, Southerndown, after nursing son Richard who d 20.06.1844 also of consumption Children: 1 Robert Isaiah 1810 -1871. Doctor in Paris. Married Lucretia Manners, greatgrandaughter of 3 rd Duke of Rutland. Lived at Southwoods Hall N Yorks. His only son Richard b1844, a barrister, married cousin Matilda Fenzi and moved to Florence. 2. Catherine James Verity 1807? -1891+. m. 1842 Samuel Cox, solicitor. Lived at Lletai, Stadwan Rd, Coychurch for 50+ years. Children: Herbert Cox 1844-1859; Florence M Cox 1846 m Charles Allen 1871; Helen Cox 1847-m Charles Verity (son of Abraham); Constance Cox 1848 m George Hookey (her daughter Constance Hookey married Graham Martin Verity); Reginald Cox 1850 m Catherine Verity (daughter of Abraham) 3. Frederick Charles Steele Verity 1809-1867 m Ann Merlin. Doctor. Lived in Canada and Boston USA 4. Ann/ Annie Hill Verity 1811-1871 m Lt John Theodore Kelsall at British Embassy Paris. Lived in Italy. d 15.05.1871 Sandywell (Lunatic)Asylum Doweswell Glos. Daughter Juliet 1846-1864 in Italy 5. Charles Henry Verity 1813-1891. m Mary Ann Lauder & Henrietta March. Eventually disowned by Bridgend family because of 'his drunkenness and dissolute ways'. Sometimes a doctor, sometimes lived with family in Herefordshire, Gloucestershire & London, May have died as pauper inmate of Cardiff Workhouse 1891. Separated from Henrietta. Children; Kate died young; Elizabeth S Verity 1854 aka Lisette Steele; Henrietta Verity 1856 m Alfred Law; Maria 1858; Lucy 1861-1880 m Maxwell Stirling; Annie 'Queenie' 1867-1947 aka Elaine Gryce m William Astor Dadson (grandson of Waldorf Astor); Emily 1870-1

8. Richard Verity 1782-1857	Dennis did family history research which is in County Record Office) 8. Lucy 1819-1859+ m David James Harmer (who was previously married to Harriet Emma Wilkins). They separated and she moved to Italy. He stayed friends with Bridgend Veritys, especially Lucy's sister Caroline! 9. Caroline 1826-1893. Lived with sister Catherine Cox. ? took name of David Harmer 10. Edward Arundale Verity 1823-1910. Trained as doctor, then went to St David's College Lampeter and became vicar in Burnley Lancs. Two wives, lots of children all in Lancashire area 11. Richard Verity 1825-1844 died of TB at Southerndown 12. Emily Verity 1826-1844 m. Chavalier Sebastiano Fenzi (2nd son of Emanuel Fenzi, banker in Florence) 27.05.1848 in first season 'out', at St Mary's, Coity (Rev EA Verity officiating, witness Samuel Cox and Mary Jane Verity) then at the Catholic Church Cardiff. Lived in Florence. Fenzi family important bankers, backed the building of the Suez Canal. Lots of children, including Matilda who married cousin Richard Verity, and Eugenia who married 1 Baron Oppenheim then returned to Bridgend in 1883 and married 2 Count Prina Ricotti before moving back to Italy. b 1782/6/8, Cardiff? / Bristol, bpt 13.07.1791 at St John the Baptist Cardiff Doctor, at one time Physician at British Embassy, Paris. Lived (&? Practised) at Picadilly, London and Dean Lodge, Kimbolton (1861) m1 Charlotte m2 Susan W Bayntree d 18.03.1857. One child – Charlotte 1834-1871+ m Henry Dalton
9. Henry Verity	b 1785/6, Cardiff?, bpt 13.07.1791 at St John the Baptist Cardiff m. Harriet Wood 10.12.1812, Lansatinor Church Glamorgan. Separated. Harriet died 1857 at 26 Oxford Street
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Verity 1809-1880+	in 1830 joined brother William at 45 High Street, Cowbridge (45 & 47 High Street were some of the local properties owned by Isaiah Verity then his son Abraham. Was still there in 1843-8 but no mention in 1841 census. Moved to Verity's Court, then Eastgate, In 1850 was linen draper in Cowbridge (Directory of trades), but not listed in 1858-9. In 1871 and 1880 was listed as 'Gentry' living in East Village, Cowbridge. Appeared in 1861, 1871 & 1881 census, living in East Village, Cowbridge, an annuitant. In 1837 inherited £30 per year from father Isaiah Verity.
Richard	b 11.05.1807. Natural son of Isaiah. Mother was Cecil Humphries.
Verity 1807-?	Name struck out of Isaiah Verity's will of 1827, was to have inherited £500 when 21 years old. Did he receive the money early? Die before 1837? Be disinherited for some reason?
	1841 census lists a Richard Verity 15 b Glamorgan (1826) with David Miles 65, road labourers, at Perthyteg, Llangafelac, Clase, Swansea. Could be son of this Richard? Or illegitimate son of Abraham?
William	b 16.07.1810 Bristol. Natural son of Isaiah. Mother was Cecil Humphries. Was linen & woollen draper at 45 High
Verity 1810-1861+	Street Cowbridge in 1830, joined by sister Cecilia by 1835 but had left by 1843. In 1841 was with wife Louisa and son William (1) at Union Street Cardiff. In 1861 he was a ship owner's clerk, married to Louisa, with son William 20 ship broker's clerk b 1841 Cardiff, daughter Flora 18 b 1843 Cardiff and Walter 14 b 1847 Cardiff, living at 8 East Terrace, St John's, Cardiff. In 1837 inherited £500 from father Isaiah Verity. In 1830 had woollen & drapery business at 45 High Street Cowbridge, later joined by sister Cecilia, who was the occupant in 1843.
	Widow Louisa 1811 (warehouse assistant), & Flora b1849 (shop assistant) & Walter b 1847 (porter) in Birmingham in 1871. In 1881 Flora b 1855 manufacturer of fancy goods and mother b 1816 were still in Birmingham .By 1891 Flora manufacturer (b 1863!) is living on own with 1 servant, in Birmingham
Frederick	b 09.01.1818. Natural son of Isaiah. Mother was Harriet Howell, although other mistress Cecil Humphries was still
Verity	alive and mentioned in his will dated 1827. Harriet Howell not mentioned in will.
1818-?	In 1837 inherited £25 per year then £500 at age of 21 from father Isaiah Verity.

Veritys in area who may be connected, perhaps Isaiah 1st 's illegitimate children / descendants, or Abraham 1st,'s illegitimate children:

1881 – Penprisk, Pencoed – George J Verity 39 b Risca, Monmouth, no occupation listed, with Constance E b Bridgend, Constance M 6 b Coychurch, Lilian E 5 b Newport, George R 2 b Coychurch + 1 servant.. No trace of family 1861, 1871 or 1891

Isaiah Verity, postmaster and wine & spirit seller in Southerdown 1836-15.06.1912 aged 78. Born St Bride's Major or Coychurch. 1841 – with mother Elizabeth John and brother John Verity b 1841 at Cefn Carn St Brides Minor. Married twice, Ellen and Hilda, Perhaps illegitimate son of Abraham. Buried at St Bride's Church (grave near path just past church door), with Evelyn daughter died in infancy, Enid daughter b 1899 d 02.06.1921 aged 22, 2nd wife Hilda b 1862 d 21.01.1944 in 82nd year. Stained glass window at east end of church dedicated. Also Beatrice b 1871, and Dorothy b 1890

1901 Ernest Verity 39, b 1862 Cardiff, shipping agent, with wife Emily, children Clara b 1887, Ernest b 1888, Winifred b 1889, Dora b 1892, Emily b 189, Edith b 1897, Kate b 1899 and Gertrude b 1900 at 3 Lower Greville Road, Bristol. Is Ernest William's grandson? Ie great grandson of Isaiah?

1841 - Marianne Verity b 1806 in Cardiff. Not in 1861 census

1841 - Richard Verity b 1811, Rosana Verity b 1821 with Vernon Verity b 1841 at David Street, Cardiff

1861 - Rosa, with daughters Elizabeth 1847, Rosa 1851, Edith 1855 in Cardiff

1871 - Rosina, b 1814, Rosaline b 1850, Edith b 1854 all laundresses, in Cardiff

Picton - Jenkins - Verity connection

Abraham Verity m Catherine Jenkins of Ewenni. (Catherine Jenkins b 1781 m 1803 d 20.06.1844. Her mother's maiden name was James)

Family tradition says Catherine was related to Sir Thomas Picton although quite how is not certain, as he had no children. Before he left for Waterloo in 1815, he took communion at the church in St Bride's Major where his brother in law was vicar. (— or was it his brother Edward who was vicar / curate, not a brother in law?) Sir Thomas Picton had a younger brother — Rev Edward Picton of St Brides Major who died 26.08.1834 aged 75 (who married Charlotte Browne on 17.12.1789. They had no children.) Sir Thomas Picton had an older brother (Richard Turberville Picton d 1817/9 m to Elizabeth Powell), and 5 other brothers including the Rev Edward. He had 7 sisters including Catherine m John Warlow. Any of these could have been Catherine Verity's family.....

George Picton Jenkins was vicar at St Bride's in 1834, the patron was Richard Turberville of Ewenni. Did he take over from Rev Edward Picton? He died in 1836 at Shalfleet IOW (or 1844...). Was he the same Rev Thomas Picton Jenkins of St Brides Major (Collection of Public General Statutes Passed in 1836 p 661), and Rev Thomas Picton Jenkins formerly curate of Shalfleet IOW (British Magazine 184 p 702) nephew of Sir Thomas Picton d 06.11.1844 aged 37 (Gentleman's Magazine 1844 p 103). Or George Thomas Picton Jenkins at Pembroke College Oxford BA 08.12.1825 (Quarterly Theological Review Ecclesiastical Record 1826 p 269 Google books). And on register 1770-192 at Old Blundells School.

Was George Thomas Picton Jenkins Catherine's brother? Or nephew? George Thomas was born in 1807 (or maybe 1799) Catherine was born in 1781, married in 1803.

Annie 'Queenie' Verity claimed in her book written in the 1940s to have been granddaughter of Picton Jenkyns – did she mean great-granddaughter? ie her grandmother Catherine Jenkins was Catherine Picton Jenkyns. (Because her grandparents were Abraham Verity and Catherine Jenkins). Were George/Thomas and Catherine Picton Jenkins the children of a sister of Sir Thomas Picton & Rev Edward Picton, who married a Jenkins ie they were nephew & niece of Sir Thomas and Rev Edward.?

Properties in Cowbridge & Bridgend areas connected to Verity family

Ash Hall, Ystradowen

Isaiah Verity (1753 - 1837), there early 1800s - 1837

Maria Wood (1775-1840s) Isaiah's daughter and widow of William Wood there in 1841, with her son Leonard Wood (1819-1890s) (later a vicar in Lancashire) & granddaughter Mary Webster (1840-) daughter of Maria's daughter Judith Maria and William Bullock Webster

William Henry Wood (1814 - 1850) another of Maria's sons qualified as doctor while living there in 1836

5 Dunraven Place, Bridgend

Dr Abraham Verity (1780 - 1848), one of Isaiah's sons, and his family lived there from 1810s to 1845. His son Dr Abraham John Verity (1817 - 1885) also lived there all his life, and was succeeded by two of his children: Jessie Lucy Verity (1858 – 1941) & Anne Theresa Verity (1866-1951) who in turn left the house to their niece Eryl C Verity (1915 -) daughter of their brother Graham Martin Verity (1867-1933)

ie house was occupied by 4 generations of Veritys from 1820s to middle of 20th century.

Vine Cottage (or Dunlop Cottage?, although was Vine Cottage in 1844), Southerdown, – possibly 3 doors away from Three Golden Cups inn. Occupied by Dr Abraham Verity's estranged wife, Catherine in early 1840s. She was formerly Catherine Jenkins or Picton Jenkins from Ewenny.

Lletai, Stadwan Rd, Coychurch

Home of Catherine Verity, Abraham's daughter who married Samuel Cox, solicitor, from 1842 -1891+

Fitzhammond Court, Bridgend and Riverdale, Bridgend

Homes of David J Harmor / Harmer, who became husband of Lucy Verity daughter of Abraham. In 1845, Abraham Verity wanted to let his eldest son Robert manage his complicated affairs, but Robert was in France, so AV conveyed his property, inherited from his father Isaiah and by then mortgaged, to his son in law David Harmor. There were various court cases about the property which was eventually sold by D Harmor in 1864. Lucy and David Harmor separated, and Lucy went to live in Italy. He also had properties in London and Bath, where he was often visited by other members of Lucy's family.

Fitzhammond Court opposite Nolton Chapel (? also owned by David Harmer) Oldcastle House & grounds; house & land at St Brides Minor & Ystradowen

Owned / occupied by Henry Verity (1786 -1869), another son of Isaiah Verity and brother of Abraham.

Sarn Fawr, St Bride's Minor

Family home of George Hamilton Verity (1819 – 1901+), Henry's son, from 1843 to 1870s (they then moved to Cheltenham, then Bromley and Southampton, by which time George Hamilton Verity had separated from his wife Eleanor who was living in Bath)

Post office, St Bride's, Southerndown

Isaiah Verity, postmaster and wine & spirit seller in Southerndown (1836-1912) was probably Abraham Verity's illegitimate son.

1 Glamorgan Record Office: Glamorgan deeds and documents from Gloucestershire Record Office

Sale particulars, farms in Peterston-super-Ely, 1894; deeds, Llangynwyd and Penarth, 1769-1891; will of William Boughton, of Splott,in Cardiff, 1850; pedigree of James and Thomas family of Llangadog (Carmarthenshire), 1922; Verity family of Bridgend, deeds, wills, and other documents, concerning pro...

2 Glamorgan Record Office: Verity, Denis, of Bridgend, collection

Material relating to Reginald Harmar Cox, 1908-1926; notes on the life of James Ebenezer Bicheno (1785-1851); draft marriage settlement of Catherine Verity, 1842; miscellaneous photographs; Newcastle parish incumbent's cash books, 1903-1909; marriage settlements, correspondence and other documents r...

3 Glamorgan Record Office: Verity, Martin, papers

Letter books of George Hamilton Verity, 1850-1856; accounts book of Elizabeth Martin of Vervil, 1763-1764; The History of the Verity Family, compiled by G. Verity, 1968, and other miscellaneous documents....

Glamorgan Record Office Verity, Martin, papers

Reference code(s): GB 0214 DXCB.

Held at: Glamorgan Record Office

Title: Martin Verity Papers

Short Title: Verity, Martin, papers

Creation date(s): 1675-1968

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 0.06 cubic metres (5 volumes, 5 papers, 1 parchment, 4 postcards)

Name of creator(s): Martin Verity, solicitor

CONTEXT

Administrative/Biographical history: George Hamilton Verity, of Bridgend, Glamorgan (fl. 1850-1856) was the ancestor of Martin Verity, a solicitor who compiled a history of his family in 1968.

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Scope and content/abstract: Letter books of George Hamilton Verity, 1850-1856; accounts book of Elizabeth Martin of Vervil, 1763-1764; *The History of the Verity Family*, compiled by G. Verity, 1968, and other miscellaneous documents.

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Glamorgan Record Office Verity, Denis, of Bridgend, collection

Reference code(s): GB 0214 DXEI

Held at: Glamorgan Record Office

Title: Denis Verity of Bridgend collection

Short Title: Verity, Denis, of Bridgend, collection

Creation date(s): 1697-1980

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 0.24 cubic metres (4 boxes, 3 volumes, 2 rolls)

Name of creator(s): Denis Verity and others

CONTEXT

Administrative/Biographical history: These papers were assembled by members of the Verity family, Bridgend, Glamorgan, and particularly Denis Verity, from a variety of sources. Many of the papers were used as a basis for historical research on the history of Bridgend and district.

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Dear Mr Alden,

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the Verity family history, a suject I have been interested in for many years.

Since a very young age I have "Lived" with the presentation box which contained the Freedom of the Borough of Cowbridge presented to Isaiah Verity. This was made from the timbers of the old town hall in 1831(or1837) and passed from F.A. Verity, my grandfather, to Reginald, my late father. The actual freedom document is now with Peter Verity my half cousin in Edinburgh and both items were deposited in the Glamorgan Record Office on loan for an exhibition in the 1950's. I recently collected the box from there so I could have the pleasure of it in my home. As far as I am aware the freedom document, owned by Peter Verity, is still at the Record Office.

You will no doubt be aware that the main family history was written by the Verirty's of Bridgend and is deposited at the National Library of Wales.

Yes, I was in Cowbridge recently and most interested to find "Verity's Passage" just off the main street! I hope to visit Cowbridge again in the not too far distant future.

I am rather occupied with writing a book at the present time entitled "The Search" - the story of the search for the brother of my late wife who was lost from a Pathfinder Lancaster operation over Fraance in 1944 and who has no known grave. He was with the Canadian Airforce and we have spent many years travelling in France and Canada for evidence. As a result the Verity project has not much attention in recent years but at last I have made a visit to your interesting town and I will return as soon as possible.

Yes, I would be very interested about the transactions in 1846 when Abrahan Verity transferred his holdings to DJ Harmar - thank you.

Excuse the rush typing as I am off this weekend to France for more research work. Very pleased to hear from you and would appreciate information on the Cowbridge Record Society. I undersdtand there is still a Verity in Cowbridge - the grocer on the main street informed me he was something to do with a flight company at Heathrow!

Roll on the winter months so I can forget my very large garden and 50 ft long greenhouse and get on with learning my computer and writing.

Yours sincerely,

John F. Verity

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15th July 2002

Dear Mr Verity,

Thank you so much for replying so promptly, and for your interesting letter. I wish you luck in your search - it sounds a very interesting project, especially because of the personal connections.

You are probably aware that Major David James Harmar, of Oldcastle, Bridgend, and later of Bath, married Abraham Verity's daughter Lucy. From 1839, Abraham mortgaged and re-mortgaged his property in Cowbridge a number of times. He attempted to convey it his brother Robert who was in Paris in 1846, but this obviously did not work out and so Abrahan then conveyed it to his son-in-law and to Lucy. It looks as if the complicated mortgages and family arrangements had to be sorted out through the High Court before the sale of the Harmar property in 1864.

I presume the Robert mentioned above was the same Robert who lived at South Woods. On the photocopies you sent me, you did not include the date of the marriage of Robert and Lucretia. Was this before or after 1846? The other interesting point is that a Sebastiano Fenzie had something to do with the Verity family before Robert's son married Matilda in 1876. I presume that this is in the family history in NLW Aberystwyth. I must search for it the next time I visit - I was not aware of its existence.

I enclose a sheet of my notes on DJ Harmar, and a sheet about the publications of the Cowbridge Record Society. Membership costs £3pa, and gives £1 discount on each of our publications; there is an occasional newsletter - but our main aim is to encourage the recording, preserving and publishing the history of Cowbridge and District. Our next book will be one of reminiscences of the area in the first half of the twentieth century.

Yours sincerely,



9 re December 2008

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to the society's feeder, as promised.

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of the family watter by Graham Verty
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