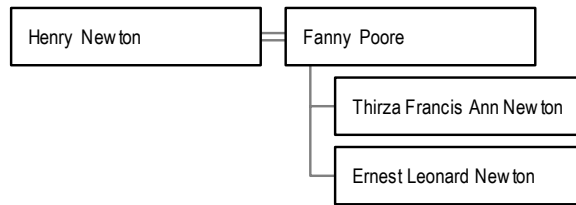


Henry Newton



Henry, the youngest child of Edward and Thirza Newton, was born early in 1854 at East Retford.^v He was at home with his widowed mother and his two sisters for the 1861 census, at Carolgate, East Retford, and again in 1871, when he was a young man of 22 earning his living as a railway clerk.^v Perhaps job prospects were better further south, because by 1881 Henry had moved to East Barnet, Hertfordshire, and it was here that he met his future wife, Fanny Poore, whose family had also, at some stage move to the area. Fanny was actually born at Foston, Lincolnshire, where her birth was registered in the Apr-Jun quarter of 1860.^{vi} She is located in the 1861 census, living with her parents James and Ann in at Vicarage House, Stainton, Yorkshire when her father appears to have been the butler in the household of William Gooch, Vicar of Stainton.^v

James Poore	32	Butler	Kingsworthy, Hampshire
Ann Poore	33		Stubton, Lincolnshire
Fanny Poore	1		Foston, Lincolnshire

It is more than likely that Fanny's mother's maiden name was Swann, as there is an IGI record of Ann Swann, daughter of John and Elizabeth Swann, being baptised on 15th December 1826 at Stubton, and also a registration of a marriage between James Poore and Ann Swann for the Apr-Jun quarter of 1857, in the district of St George Hanover Square.^v For the 1841 and 1851 census returns an Ann Swan(n) has been found "in service", in 1841 as a 15 year old female servant in the household of James Worth, Inn Keeper of Long Row West, Nottingham, and for the 1851 census she was employed as a housemaid to Martha E Campbell (widow) of 12 Halkin Street West, St George, Hanover Square.^v All this ties in neatly with the marriage certificate for Ann and James, with verifies the registration referred to above.

On 29th June 1857 James Poore and Ann Swann, both of full age, were married by banns, in accordance with the rites and ceremonies of the Established Church, in the parish church of St. George Hanover Square. The address given for both of them was Kinnerton Street, and James's profession was Servant. Witnesses to the ceremony, conducted by A.M. Sugden, were Frederick Smith and Maria Hutchins. Ann's father was listed as John Swann, Farmer, and James's as Charles Poore, Carpenter.^{vii}

James Poore features in the 1841 census, living at home with his parents Charles and Mary Poor [sic] at Kings Worthy, where his father was listed as a Carpenter.^{viii} Ten years later he has move out of home, but just up the road to the village of Ropley, where he is employed in the household of William Hale in Church Street.^{ix}

William Hale	55	Farmer of 120 Acres employing 5 labs	Ropley, Hampshire
Sarah Hale	56		Odiham, Hampshire
William Hale	23	Farmers Son	Ropley, Hampshire
Henry Hale	22	Farmers Son	Ropley, Hampshire
Sarah Hale	18		Ropley, Hampshire
Emily Hale	16		Ropley, Hampshire
Frederick Hale	12	Scholar	Ropley, Hampshire
John Tolfree	38	Farm Servant	Ropley, Hampshire
James Poore	20	Farm Servant	Bishops Sutton, Hampshire

Some time between 1851 and 1857 James relocated to London, where he met his future wife. By the time of the 1871 Fanny and her parents were living at Biclów Villas, Leicester Road, Chipping Barnet.^x

James Poore	42	Formerly Baker	Kingsworthy, Hampshire
Ann Poore	43		Stubton, Lincolnshire
Fanny Poore	10		Foston, Lincolnshire

Henry and Fanny were married during the Oct-Dec quarter of 1880, with the event being registered in the Pancras district^{xi} and had set up house in Weedington Villas, 1 Victoria Road, East Barnet by the time of the 1881 census.^{xii}

Henry Newton	26	Iron Merchants Clerk	Retford, Nottinghamshire
Fanny Newton	20		Foston, Lincolnshire
Eliza March	14	General Servant	Hatfield, Hertfordshire

They would have been a stone's throw from Fanny's parents who were living on the East Barnet Road. James seems to have found work again.^{xiii}

James Poore	52	Corn Dealer	Kingsworthy, Hampshire
Ann Poore	53		Stubton, Lincolnshire
Elizabeth Brewster (Niece)	23	Companion	Nottingham

Elizabeth Brewster, whose birth was registered at Nottingham in the Apr-Jun quarter of 1857, and from whose birth certificate we learn was born on 11th April 1857 at home at Sherwood Street, Nottingham, to James Stephen Brewster, Lace Presser, and Frances Brewster (formerly Swann).^{xiv}

However, on looking at the 1861 census return, we find James and Elizabeth at home at 15 Clarence Street, Nottingham, but James's wife is given as Emma.^{xv}

James Brewster	29	Lace Dresser's Pressman	Corby, Lincolnshire
Emma Brewster	29		Ockbrook, Derbyshire
Elizabeth Brewster	3		Nottingham
Herbert Brewster	1		Nottingham

It would seem that Frances Brewster died shortly after Elizabeth was born, and this may be confirmed on following up on a death registration for a Frances Brewster in the Jul-Sep quarter of 1858, lodged at Newark, Lincolnshire. (The certificate in fact was for a Frances Brewster, wife of Thomas Brewster – so this was not much help!)^{xvi} However, there is a Nottingham district registration of marriage for the Jan-Mar quarter of 1859 between a James Brewster and an Emma Goodwin.^{xvii} On that basis, Herbert would have been Elizabeth's step-brother.

Elizabeth was the niece of Ann Poore, whose sister Frances Swann was the daughter of George and Ann Swann who, in 1851 were living at Bridge Street, Nottingham.^{xviii}

George Swann	50	Master Joiner employing 10 men	Nottingham
Ann Swann	49	Cheminer(?) of Hose	Hucknall, Notts
Frances Swan	24	Dressmaker	Nottingham
George Swann	16	Joiner's Apprentice	Nottingham
Henry Swann	9	Scholar	Nottingham
Catherine Swann	4	Scholar	Nottingham

I have spent some time trying to follow up on Elizabeth Brewster as she was very much a feature of the Poore and Newton families. She reappears in the 1891 census, now living with Henry and Fanny at Beanes(?) Villas, East Barnet.^{xix} Two children have been born to the Newtons in the intervening decade, the daughter named for her grandmother Thirza Albertine Newton who had recently died, and who was probably with the family in Barnet for her final years (refer to Generation 2 notes).

Henry Newton	36	Mercantile Clerk	Retford, Nottinghamshire
Fanny Newton	31		Foston, Lincolnshire
Thirza F Newton	7		New Barnet
Ernest L Newton	15 mths		New Barnet
Elizabeth Brewster (Cousin)	33	Shopwoman Corn Chandler	Nottingham

The Barnet district birth registrations spell out the full names of the children – Thirza Frances A Newton (Jan-Mar quarter of 1884) and Ernest Leonard Newton Jan-Mar 1890).^{xx}

Cousin Elizabeth may have been operating, or at least still working at James Poore's corn dealing business, but James himself probably died in the Jan-Mar quarter of 1890, according to a Barnet registered death for that time.^{xxi}

Fanny was another Newton wife who was widowed at an unexpectedly young age. Henry Newton died on 16th May 1899, at home now at 2 Weedington Villas, Victoria Road, East Barnet. His occupation was given as Mechanical Engineer's Manager, and he had been ill for some 3 years prior to his death, the cause of which, as certified by William A. Fox, LRCSE, was Cardiac Hypertrophy, Syncope. Interesting it is his cousin Elizabeth Brewster who was the person recorded as being present and the informant for the death which was registered in the sub-district of Barnet on 18th May.^{xxii}

It is, therefore, as a widow that Fanny appears in the 1901 census. The writing on the census form is difficult to read, but it seems that Fanny still at Weedington Villas. How far 'living on her own means' would provide for her is not known, but at least by this time daughter Thirza was in employment – and her occupation was a sign of the times and the advances of communication! – and the income from the boarder would have boosted the household finances. The presence of Elizabeth Brewster must also have been some comfort and assistance to

Fanny.

Fanny Newton (Widow)	40	Living on own means	Foston, Lincolnshire
Thirza F A Newton	17	Telegraphist	New Barnet
Ernest L Newton	11		New Barnet
Elizabeth Brewster (Cousin)	43	Companion/Domestic	Nottingham
Herbert N Vincen(?) (Boarder)	28		Railway Clerk Cambridge

Until the 1911 census is accessible, any further research is tentative and speculative.

Fanny, widowed so young, may have remarried, although there is a death registration for the Apr-Jun quarter of 1913.

A record of a marriage between a Thirza Ann Newton and either Frederick Atkins or John Miller which was registered in the Wandsworth district for the Jan-Mar quarter of 1906 has been checked out, but this is not the correct Thirza, as this bride was 2 years older than 'our' Thirza would have been in 1906, and the bride's father was given as George Newton, Boatman.^{xxiii}

A less likely reference for Ernest L Newton getting married is a 1914 registration in Nottingham, for the Jul-Sep quarter. The print out gives 2 alternative brides – Eliza A Briggs and Sybil M Charlesworth.

Again, a dubious reference to Elizabeth Brewster's death is an Apr-Jun quarter of 1910 registration at West Ham, Essex.^{xxiv}



ⁱ FreeBMD Birth Index; FreeBMD Death Index.

ⁱⁱ RG9/2415/p15; RG10/264/p5.

ⁱⁱⁱ FreeBMD Birth Index.

^{iv} RG9/3689/p1.

^v IGI Individual Record CO11632; FreeBMD Marriage Index.

^{vi} HO107/870/15/p24; HO107/1477/p27.

^{vii} Certified copy of Marriage Certificate MXD147186.

^{viii} HO107/404/22/p2.

^{ix} HO107/1678/pp20-21.

^x RG10/1332/p45.

^{xi} FreeBMD Marriage Index.

^{xii} RG11/1370/p50.

^{xiii} RG11/1370/p55.

^{xiv} FreeBMD Birth Index; certified copy of Birth Certificate BXCC384648.

^{xv} RG9/2458/p25. 1851 Census details for James and Emma are on file.

^{xvi} Certified copy of Death Certificate DYB492501.

^{xvii} FreeBMD Death Index; FreeBMD Marriage Index.

^{xviii} HO107/2133/pp22-23.

^{xix} RG12/1054/p91.

^{xx} FreeBMD Birth Indexes.

^{xxi} FreeBMD Death Index.

^{xxii} FreeBMD Death Index; certified copy of Death Certificate DYB427670

^{xxiii} Certified copy of Marriage Certificate MXD146865.

^{xxiv} FreeBMD Death and Marriage Indexes on file.