

Generation 3

Ferham Arthur Hoyle

Ferham Arthur Hoyle was the last of the children of William Fretwell Hoyle and his second wife Jane Grave Hoyle (née) Walker. His birthday was Boxing Day 1852 and he was presumably named after the family home Ferham House. His birth was registered at Rotherham for the Jan-Mar quarter of 1853 at Rotherham, and the transcriber had difficulty with the name which the record rendered as *Arham Arthur Hoyle. For his first census, in 1861, Ferham was listed as an 8 year old scholar, living at home with his family at Ferham House, Kimberworth. Ten years later, together with his elder brother and a man servant, he was living at Hooton.¹

Frank Edward Hoyle	Head	U	24	Engineer pupil	Rotherham, Yorks
Ferham Arthur Hoyle	Brother	U	18	Law Student	Rotherham, Yorks
Lew Pashley Wardley	Serv	U	25	Butler Domestic	Warsop, Notts

Perhaps Ferham was attached to the Hoyle legal firm, but there is nothing to substantiate this. But whichever firm he may have been attached to, a legal profession was obviously not to Ferham's liking or, possibly, his aptitude. For when the 1881 census was conducted Ferham had not only changed career, but had also moved to London. He was a 29 year old bachelor living in lodgings at 1a Victoria Road, Islington, and earning his living as a wine and cigar merchant.²

It would have been during his stay in Islington that he met his future wife. Record No 163 of the 1889 Register of Banns, for the parish of St Mary, Islington, shows that the banns of marriage between Ferham Arthur Hoyle, bachelor of Christ Church, Parkgate, Yorkshire, and Mary Jane Jones, spinster of this Parish, were published on three Sundays – 12th, 19th, and 26th May. The marriage actually took place on 8th June 1889 at Christ Church, Parkgate, Rotherham. Ferham Arthur Hoyle was listed as a 36 year old bachelor, employed as a clerk, and who was living at 57 Bear Tree Road, Parkgate. The bride was recorded as Mary Jane Jones, a 39 year old spinster who, prior to the marriage, was living at 35 Richmond Villas, Holloway, London. The fathers were William Fretwell Hoyle, solicitor, and Thomas Jones, commercial traveller. The two witnesses were Alan Badger and Mary Jane Hewer, the latter being a cousin of the bride.³

For the 1891 census Ferham and Mary were at 20 Clifton Mount, Rotherham and Ferham has a new occupation. Their visitor had witnessed their marriage some ten months earlier.⁴

Ferham A Hoyle	Head	M	38	Colliery Manager's Clerk	Masbro, Yorks
Mary J Hoyle	Wife	M	41		Gravesend, Kent
Alan Badger	Visitor	M	37	Estate Agent	Rotherham, Yorks

Ferham and Mary had no children of their own, but they had a young girl staying with them for the 1901 census, by which time Ferham and Mary had moved to a new Rotherham address at 64 Ordnance Villa.⁵

Ferham A Hoyle	Head	M	48	Clerk at Colliery	Masbrough
Mary J Hoyle	Wife	M	51		Gravesend, Kent
Eleanor Mary Monk	Relative	S	15	Pupil Teacher	Holloway London

And Eleanor Monk is again listed with the Hoyles when the 1911 census was conducted, but this time her status has altered. The household was living at 75 Wilton Lane, Rotherham.⁶

Hoyle, Ferham A	Head	Mar	M	58	Pensioned Clerk	Rotherham, Yorks
Hoyle, Mary Jane	Wife	Mar	F	61	Nil	Gravesend, Kent
Monk, Eleanor Mary	Adopted Daur	Sing	F	25	Elementary School Teacher	Holloway, London
Cox, Mildred Ruth	Visitor	Sing	F	11	Nil	Rotherham, Yorks

Ferham died at Rotherham at the age of 59 in 1912. His death was registered for the Apr-Jun quarter. He died at home at 75 Wilton Lane on 11th May. His occupation was listed as colliery clerk and the cause of death was spinal sclerosis and acute cystitis from which he had been suffering for 13 days. The informant was Eleanor Monk of the same address.⁷

From the 1891 census we learn that Mary Hoyle (née Jones) had been born in Gravesend, Kent, and from the marriage certificate we know that her father was Thomas Jones. She is likely, therefore, to be the Mary Jane Jones, daughter of Thomas and Sarah Jones, who was baptised at St George, Gravesend, Kent on 1st September 1849. I have found no census records of Mary living at home with her parents. In fact I have found no further

records of her parents at all. If I have correctly identified the record, for the 1851 census one-year old Mary Jane Jones was a 'visitor' in the household of John and Mary Summers at 7 Arthur Road, Gravesend. John Summers was a gardener, but perhaps his wife took in young children, because there was another one year old child, Fanny Butcher, also included in the household as a visitor. Ten years later, for the 1861 census, Mary was a boarder/scholar at 12 The Grove, Milton, in Gravesend. The first in the list of the household is one Elizabeth J Goodchild, a governess, who is described as a daughter. Looking back at the 1851 census we see that the then head of the household at 12 The Grove was Elizabeth A Goodchild, a 68 year old widow of independent means, and her daughter Elizabeth J was listed as a head of school.⁸

For the 1871 census Mary Jones, now 21, is a resident of 39 Darley Road, Gravesend, the head of which is one John Baker.

John Baker	Head	W	48	Retired	Islington, London
Sarah Hewer	Niece	U	51	Housekeeper	Burford, Oxfordshire
Mary J Jones	Niece	U	21		Gravesend, Kent
Harriet Burrows	Serv	U	15	Servant	Osset, Essex

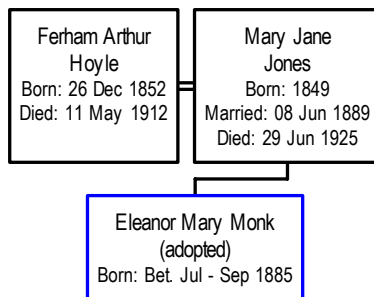
In the 1851 census, John Baker was listed as a parish sexton, who was married to Elizabeth, born at Burford, and whose household at 4 Church Lane, Islington, included Sarah Hewer, also born at Burford. So it is possible, but not proven that Elizabeth Baker's maiden name was Hewer. Sarah was not with the couple for the 1861 census, which this time lists John Baker as a retired furnishing undertaker. However, none of this really clarifies how Mary Jane Jones was John Baker's niece.⁹

Ten years later, and for the last census before her marriage eight years later, Mary Jones was earning her keep as a governess, in the household of Horatio N Bolton, at 11 Quadrant Road, Islington.¹⁰

Horatio N Bolton	Head	W	49	Manufacturing Perfumier & Chemist employing 8 men and 4 girls	Finchley, Middlesex
Harriet Mathews	Aunt	W	72	Companion	Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk
Mary J Jones	Boarder	U	31	Governess	Gravesend, Kent
Priscilla M Bolton	Daur		10	Scholar	Wandsworth, Surrey
Rosetta Clements	Serv	U	20	Servant	Homerton, Middlesex

I had hoped that Ferham's death certificate may have clarified whether Mary had predeceased or outlived him, but the document does not make any reference to Mary. However another document does, which clarifies the matter. She died in June 1929.¹¹

HOYLE Mary Jane of 31 Belmont-road Ilford Essex widow died 29 June 1925 Probate London 29 July to Eleanor Mary Monk spinster. Effects £169 9s.



Turning now to Eleanor Mary Monk, first described as a relative and then as the adopted daughter of Ferham and Mary Jane Hoyle. She was born in 1885, her birth being registered at Islington for the Jul-Sep quarter, and she was baptised on 7th October of that year at Holloway St James. Eleanor was found with her family for the 1891 census, living at 26 Percy Road, Willesden.¹²

James Monk	Head	M	33	Builder's Clerk	Witney, Oxon
Georgina E Monk	Wife	M	32		Sheffield
Eleanor M Monk	Daur		5		Islington
Daisy E Monk	Daur		3		Poplar, London
George Monk	Son		2	Servant	Camberwell, London

By 1901, when Eleanor was staying with the Hoyles, James and Georgina had added four more children to their family. However, and perhaps the reason that Eleanor's status changed from 'relative' to 'adopted daughter', was that by 1911 Georgina Monk was a widow. The death of James, at the age of only 51, had been registered at Romford for the Apr-Jun quarter of 1909, and it was at 14 Stanley Road, Ilford, in the district of Romford that widow Georgina was living with three of her children – Daisy, now 23 and a dressmaker, Charles, aged 15 and with no listed occupation, and the youngest, Beatrice, a 13 year old schoolgirl.¹³

Now for the link, which takes us back to the 1841 census, where one Mary Hewer, aged 45 and widowed, was living at High Street, Burford, with three children – Jane aged 21, Sarah aged 20 and Robert aged 18. We have already come across Sarah Hewer, who was the unmarried niece/housekeeper living with her uncle John Baker for the 1851 and 1871 census nights, and also a cousin to Mary Jane Jones. By 1851 Robert Hewer was married, and this occurred in 1850, in the Edmonton district, with the bride being Sarah Ann Evennett. By 1861 Robert and Sarah had three children, and were living at 12 Broomhall Street, Sheffield. The transcript is probably the worst example of legibility and presentation of census data that I have seen, but it appears to read as follows.¹⁴

Robert Hewer	Head	M	37	Lic Phys & Surgeons	General Practitioner	Alvescot, Oxfordshire
Sarah Ann Hewer	Wife	M	30	Surgeon's wife		Southgate, Middlesex
Robert Henry Evennett Hewer	Son	U	8	Scholar		Hoxton Old Town, Middx
Mary Jane Hewer	Daur		5	Scholar		Hoxton Old Town, Middx
Georgina Emily Hewer	Daur		2			Hoxton Old Town, Middx
Emily Evennett	S-i-L	U	24			Southgate, Middlesex
Thomas Evennett	B-i-L	U	18	Clerk out of employ		Southgate, Middlesex
Harriet Foster	Son	M	25	House Servant		Washingborough, Lincs

The Hewer family is much more neatly recorded in 1871, and has increased with the addition of three more children. Florence had been staying with her maternal grandparents at Edmonton for the 1861, where her grandfather, William Henry Evennett ran a combined post office and grocery shop. The family has also moved to 1 St George's Terrace. Given the age gap between Georgina and Augusta, there may have children born who may have been elsewhere on the night of 2nd April, or who had not survived infancy.¹⁵

Robert Hewer	Head	M	47	General Practitioner Licentiate (LFR Glasgow & LSA London)		Alvescot, Oxfordshire
Sarah Ann Hewer	Wife	M	40			Southgate, Middlesex
Robert Henry Evennett Hewer	Son	U	18	Student		Hoxton Old Town, Middlesex
Florence R D Hewer	Daur	U	16	Scholar		Hoxton Old Town Middlesex
Mary Jane Hewer	Daur		14	Scholar		Hoxton Old Town, Middlesex
Georgina Emily Hewer	Daur		12	Scholar		Ecclesall, Yorks
Augustus G Hewer	Son		4	Scholar		Sheffield, Yorkshire
Gertrude A Hewer	Daur		1			Sheffield, Yorkshire
William Smith	Assistant	U	22	Medical Student Register		Preston, Lancashire
Astin Coupe	Dispensary	U	25	Pharmaceutical Student		Pilsby, Derbyshire
Ellen J Kirkham	Serv	U	22	General Servant		Deeping, Lincolnshire
Clara Horton	Serv	U	15	General Servant		Sheffield, Yorkshire

Robert Hewer had done rather well for himself. He had passed his examination 'in the science and practice of medicine' and received his certificate to practice on Thursday 4th February 1871.¹⁶

A look at the 1881 census reveals that, sometime between 1871 and 1881, Robert Hewer re-married. A search of the BMD records shows that, at the age of 42, Sarah Ann Hewer died and her death was registered at Ecclesall Bierlow for the Jul-Sep quarter of 1873. The subsequent marriage of Robert Hewer and Mary Ann Swift was registered at Sheffield for the Jan-Mar quarter of 1879, and they were found together at 392 Glossop Road, Ecclesall Bierlow, Sheffield, for the 1881 census. The composition of the Hewer household was considerably different from that of ten years previous. It included Robert's daughter-in-law Eliza Ann Hewer (née Henchley), wife of eldest son, Robert Henry Evennett Hewer, and a grandson, Robert H H Hewer, and two step-daughters, Florence S and Amelia M Swift. However the person particular interest to us was no longer living at home and her father's remarriage may have been a contributing factor for her absence.¹⁷

Georgina Emily Hewer had relocated to, and was working in London by the time the 1881 census was conducted, and which was to be her last census as a single woman. On the night of 3rd April she was living with the Landt

family at 1a Victoria Road, Islington, one of three boarders, one of is already known to us!¹⁸

George F Landt	Head	M	57	Solicitor's General Clerk	Westminster, Middlesex
Annie Landt	Wife	M	48	Scholar	Highgate, Middlesex
Annie L Landt	Daur	U	23	Assistant at Fancy Drapers	Clerkenwell, Middlesex
Ada E K Landt	Son	U	21	Milliner	St Pancras, Middlesex
Florence L Landt	Daur	U	14	Scholar	Islington, Middlesex
Herbert A Landt	Son	U	10	Scholar	Islington, Middlesex
Walter Fielder	Boarder	U	21	Telegraph Clerk (Civil Service)	Southsea, Hampshire
Georgina E Hewer	Boarder	U	22	Clerk in Assurance Office	Sheffield, Yorkshire
Ferham A Hoyle	Boarder	U	29	Wine and Cigar Merchant	Rotherham, Yorkshire

Living in the same household, Georgina and Ferham would have been well acquainted and perhaps it was through Georgina that Ferham and Mary Jane Jones met? And from the census listings above for the Hewer family we can identify the Mary Jane Hewer who was to be a witness at Ferham and Mary's marriage.

For the same census, Georgina's future husband was living at Spencers Lodges, 5 Harewood Street in Marylebone and was a draper's clerk and one of a great number of people connected to the drapery trade in some role or other, living in Harewood Street. These people would have been in the employ of Spencer, Turner and Boldero, one of the largest wholesale haberdashers at the time.¹⁹

In 1884 the marriage between Georgina Emily Hewer and James Monk was registered at Islington for the Oct-Dec quarter and within a year, Eleanor Monk was born. Apart from the fact that Eleanor was the sole administrator of Mary Jane Hoyle's estate, and that she was still a spinster in 1929, nothing further is known about her.²⁰

As a point of interest, Kelly's London Post Office Directories record the firm where James Monk was employed as being established in 1837 as Boldero Limited. The first record of the firm at 70 and 72 Lisson Grove is in 1851 as William Spencer and Co, linen drapers. The 1851 census records two master drapers at 70 Lisson Grove, Henry Turner (aged 28 and born in Old Newton, Suffolk) and William Bolder[o] (aged 26 and born Dunham, Norfolk). There were also thirteen draper's assistants and a draper's porter recorded at 70 Lisson Grove and an additional four assistants listed at 72 Lisson Grove, indicating the scale of the business. The directories do not list the firm as Spencer, Turner and Boldero, linen drapers, until 1855. It is clear that the firm rapidly expanded and flourished as retail drapers. However, the drapery business started to decline towards the latter part of the century, partly due to demolition of residential property in the area associated with the construction of the Great Central Railway. To compensate for this trend the firm diversified its business and became wholesalers dealing in a wide variety of products. An 1876 delivery label records that the firm's delivery carts made two deliveries each day. In 1887 they are described as manufacturers and warehousemen, agents and importers. An 1894 prospectus reveals the scale of the firm's business activities, "Textile and General Warehousemen, Drapers, Outfitters, Carpet and Furniture Dealers" with over 7,000 customer accounts and 800 employees. The firm's premises had expanded to create a complex that incorporated 61-85, 89-93 Lisson Grove, 1-22 Duke Street (Boldero Street from 1937), 1-5 Devonshire Street (Ashmill Street from 1912) and 2-8 Exeter Street (Ashbridge Street from 1938). Initially a subway and then a concrete passageway on the third floor level linked the firm's premises either side of Duke Street. In 1894 the firm's sole partners and proprietors Henry John Turner and John Boldero were made Managing Directors of a new Board of Directors and the firm sold shares to raise £450,000 in capital to fund their expansion plans. By 1900 the directories list the firm as linen drapers, upholsterers, carpet factors, tea merchants, wine and spirit merchants, and warehousemen and "complete home furnishers". During the Second World War, in May 1941, the packing and forwarding warehouse fronting Ashbridge Street suffered bomb damage and was subsequently demolished. The firm is last recorded in 1969 as 'Spencer, Turner and Boldero Limited (including Devas Routledge and Co Ltd), wholesale textile warehousemen, 61-93 Lisson Grove' prior to the redevelopment of the area. On the site were erected Alpha House, Earl House and Tresco House.²¹



Notes

- ¹ FreeBMD Birth Index 1837-1915; RG9/3507/54/p14; RG10/4713/20/p33.
- ² RG11/244/28/p50.
- ³ London England Marriage and Banns 1754-1921; FreeBMD Marriage Index 1837-1915; certified copy of Marriage Certificate MXE732989.
- ⁴ RG12/3846/31/p55.
- ⁵ RG13/4397/35/p11.
- ⁶ RG14PN28082 RG78PN1604 RD511 SD3 ED9 SN361.
- ⁷ FreeBMD Death Index 1837-1983.
- ⁸ IGI Individual Record Batch No C131332 1727-1875; HO107/1608/179/pp10-11; RG9/470/122/p3; HO107/1608/467/p33.
- ⁹ RG10/893/72/p9; HO107/1501/630/p60; RG9/471/173/p13.
- ¹⁰ RG11/263/11/p15.
- ¹¹ National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administration) 1861-1941.
- ¹² FreeBMD Birth Index 1837-1983; London England Births and Baptisms 1813-1906; RG12/1046/153/p71.
- ¹³ RG13/1650/47/p43; FreeBMD Death Index 1837-1915; RG14PN9878 RG78PN521A RD191 SD2 ED29.
- ¹⁴ HO107/872/17/p5; FreeBMD Marriage Index 1837-1915; Rg/3478/33/p14.
- ¹⁵ RG9/797/108/p10; RG10/4677/68/p6.
- ¹⁶ The Medical Journal, Feb. 13, 1869, page 151 Medical News, Apothecaries' Hall, Names of gentlemen who passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates.
- ¹⁷ FreeBMD Death and Marriage Index 1837-1915; RG11/4633/108/p6.
- ¹⁸ RG11/244/28/p50.
- ¹⁹ RG11/156/22/p11; Business Directory of London 1884 Classified Section HAB.
- ²⁰ FreeBMD Marriage Index 1837-1915.
- ²¹ www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/A2A/records.aspx?cat=094-macc593&cid=-1&Gsm=2008-06-18#-1.