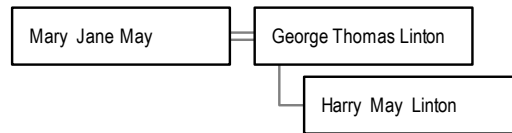


Mary Jane May



Mary was the first known born child of the third generation. She was the daughter of Henry and Rebecca May and her birth was registered in Bedale in the Oct-Dec quarter of 1852, within the first year of her parents' marriage. She was at home for the 1861, 1871 and 1881 census counts, the last of which records her as a 27 year old woman. Mary Jane married relatively late in life - when she was about 34. Her husband, ten years her junior, was George Thomas Linton and their marriage was registered at Bedale for the Jan-Mar 1888 quarter.[#]

The Lintons were a well established brewing family who in 1871 were running the Fleetham Brewery at Kirkby Fleetham. In 1871 young George Thomas is part of an extended family at the Brewery, which is headed by his widowed grandfather, also named George (and which included 'an entire horse'!!).[#]

George Linton (W)	76	Brewer and Landowner employing in trade and farmland 4 Men	Crakehall
David Linton	33	Brewers Traveller	Sowerby with Catcliffe
Etta Wells	23	Domestic Servant	Hunton
Joseph Appleby	51	Traveller with an Entire Horse	Ellingstring
John Linton (Head)	36	Maltster	Sowerby with Catcliffe
Elizabeth Linton	32		Kirkby Fleetham
George T Linton	8	Scholar	Kirkby Fleetham
David W Linton	5	Scholar	Kirkby Fleetham
Margaret A Linton	3		Kirkby Fleetham
John Linton	1		Kirkby Fleetham

By 1881 George's mother had died as the census return for that year shows John Linton as a widower. The census also gives the name of the pub for which John Linton (and his sons David and George) were brewers - Old Salutation Inn - to which the Stud Farm, where they were shown as residents, was attached. The brewing business must have been profitable as John Linton was a substantial landholder.^v

John Linton (W)	46	Brewer and Farmer of 110 Acres (3 Labs)	Sowerby with Catcliffe
George Linton	18		Kirkby Fleetham
David Linton	15		Kirkby Fleetham
Mary Simpson	23	General Servant	Mickelby
Hewson Jackson	50	Shepherd	Bishop Burton

George and Mary Jane lived in his home village of Kirkby Fleetham a short distance to the north of Burneston, and this is where their son Harry May Linton was born. But the 1891 census tells us a sorry story. George, living at Great Fencote, Kirkby Fleetham, is now a widow after such a short marriage and he is also a father to a newly born son.^v

George T Linton (W)	28	Brewer's Son	Kirkby Fleetham
Harry May Linton	1mth		Kirkby Fleetham
Rebecca May (S-i-L)	27		Burneston
Elizabeth Alice Yenne	50	Nurse	West Witton

With him on the census night is his sister-in-law Rebecca who may have come to stay to help with Harry's birth or to help out after her sister's death. I think it likely that Mary Jane died in childbirth, or very soon after as there is a registration of death for Mary Jane Linton and a registration of birth of Harry May Linton, both for the Jan-Mar quarter of 1891 at the Bedale district. This possible cause of death is confirmed by the death certificate. Mary Jane Linton died on 27th February 1891, aged 37, of Partus Septicaemia (12 days). George's uncle, David Linton of Low Street, Kirkby Fleetham was the person who registered the death.^w

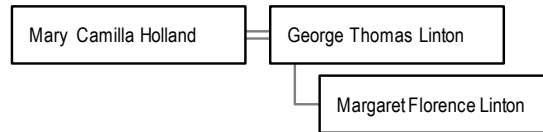
Ten years later, and George has remarried. In fact he married quite soon after his first wife's death, as recorded by the registration in the Buckingham district of the marriage between him and Mary Camilla Holland.^w

Mary has been a little difficult to trace through the census, but we do find her in 1881, together with her older sister Eliza, at the Vicarage, Ringwood, Hampshire.^w

William Fredk Witts	60	The Vicar of Ringwood	London, Middlesex
Elle Mary Witts	60		Suffolk
Blanch Hanbury (niece)	27		London, Middlesex

Brooke Lake Witts (nephew)	26		Surrey
Eliza Holland	32	General Servant	Oxfordshire
Mary Camilla Holland	23	General Servant	Oxfordshire

Mary has not been traced in the 1891 census. It would be interesting to know how George and Mary met as she hailed from Finmere, a small Oxfordshire village near Buckingham.



In 1901 George and his second wife are found living at Great Fencote, Kirkby Fleetham, next door to George's brother David. Living with George and Mary is his father.^v

George T Linton	38	Brewer and Farmers Son	Kirkby Fleetham
Mary Camilla Linton	39		Finmere, Oxfordshire
Harry May Linton	10		Kirkby Fleetham
Margaret Florence Linton	7		Kirkby Fleetham
John Linton (Father)	66	Brewer and Farmer	Sowerby
Lilly Gibbon	17	General Servant	Whaston

Harry now has a step sister – Margaret Florence, whose birth was registered at Bedale in the Apr-Jun quarter of 1893. Whether George and Mary had any other children, apart from Margaret, is not known at this time. What is known, however, is that she would have been responsible for their upbringing as by 1909 she was a widow. A Bedale registration for the Apr-Jun quarter of that year records the death of George at age 46. Following up on this record we find that George Thomas Linton, Brewer's Traveller, died of Acute Nephritis, Uraemia and Exhaustion, on 15th June 1909. His son Harry, who would have been around 18, was named as the informant.^x



ⁱ RG9/3665/p11; RG10/4866/p11; RG11/4871/p10.

ⁱⁱ FreeBMD Marriage Index.

ⁱⁱⁱ RG10/4865/p8.

^{iv} RG11/4871/p8.

^v RG12/4028/p4.

^{vi} Certified copy of Death Certificate DYB472941. Partus is a somewhat archaic term for Birth.

^{vii} FreeBMD Marriage Index.

^{viii} RG11/1198/p2.

^{ix} RG13/4598/p5.

^x Certified copy of Death Certificate DYB472955.