

## GIDLEY FAMILY

### 1891 census

William G Gidley was living at 4 Argyle Terrace, Plymouth St Andrew, age 40, occupation lodging house keeper, born Exeter. His wife Jemima was age 39 and born North Hill, Cornwall. They had 6 children by this date: Ethel M (10), Reginald W (8), Herbert H (5), Harold Geo (3), Hilda V (2) and Leila M (9 months). The 3 eldest were scholars (i.e. at school), and they were all born at Plymouth. They had one servant living in the house and a widowed male boarder who occupied 2 rooms and 2 spinster female boarders who occupied 3 rooms.

James Gidley, William's father, lived at 3 Penrose Street, Plymouth St Andrew, occupying 4 rooms. 2 other households occupied a further room each at the same address. James was widowed by this date, age 67, a town missionary, and born at Buckfastleigh. His daughter Harriet H Gidley was age 29, single, and acted as housekeeper. She was born at Plymouth.

### 1881 census

William G Gidley and his family was one of 4 households living at 3 Penrose Street, Plymouth St Andrew. He was age 30, stableman and groom, and born at Exeter. His wife Jemima was age 29 and born at North Hill, Cornwall. Their daughter Ethel M was 7 months and born at Plymouth.

James Gidley and his family was another of the 4 households living at 3 Penrose Street. He was age 57, town missionary and born at Buckfastleigh. His wife Ann was age 59 and also born at Buckfastleigh. They had 3 daughters living with them, Hannah M (24), drapers assistant, born at Devonport, Harriett H (19), milliner, born at Plymouth and Louisa E (16), domestic, born at Plymouth

### 1871 census

I have not yet searched this.

### 1861 census

I have not yet searched this.

### 1851 census

James Gidley was living at Bartholomew Street, Exeter St Olave. He was age 27, a grocers porter and born at Buckfastleigh. His wife Ann was age 29 and also born at Buckfastleigh. They had 2 sons: James (3) born at Dean Prior (near Buckfastleigh) and William (4 months) born at Exeter.

James Gidley senior (the above James' father) lived at Jordan Street, Buckfastleigh. He was age 60 and a wool washer. His wife Hannah was age 62. Their daughter Harriet was unmarried, age 19 and a wool sorter. They were all born at Buckfastleigh.

### Birth certificate

William Griffith Gidley was born the son of James Gidley and Ann (not Jemima) Gidley (formerly Hunt) at Bartholomew Street, Exeter, 20 November 1850. I have searched the Birth indexes for 1850 and 1851 and there is no other William Griffith Gidley

registered. James Gidley's occupation was grocer's porter as in the 1851 census.

#### 1841 census

James Gidley senior and junior are living at Jordan Street, Buckfastleigh. Less information is given in this census, and ages of those age 15 and over are rounded down to the nearest multiple of 5. Thus James senior is recorded as age 45 and his wife Hannah as age 50. They had 3 children living at home, James junior (15), John (14) and Harriett (10). The 3 males were employed as woolcombers, and all members of the family were born in Devon. Note that there is an Ann Hunt age 20 living in the next house. I have not yet established whether she is the Ann Hunt who married James Gidley junior.

#### Ashburton Circuit Methodist Church

James son of James & Hannah Gidley of Buckfastleigh, woolcomber, born 12 October 1823, baptised 27 October 1823

#### Buckfastleigh Parish Church

James Gidley of Dean Prior, sojourner (temporary resident) in this parish and Hannah Searle of this parish married 25 December 1816, witnessed by John Symons and Robert Webber

There is a baptismal entry for James son of George and Grace Gidley, 20 November 1791, at Buckfastleigh, which may be that of James senior.

N.B. Civil registration of births, marriages and deaths was introduced into England and Wales in July 1837. Before that date it was possible to be baptised in nonconformist churches, but all marriages had to take place in the Anglican church.

#### Gidley wives

Jemima daughter of William & Jemima Hawke baptised 28 March 1852 at North Hill, Cornwall.

(I note that Jemima's mother was also named Jemima. Has this been confused with the name of William G Gidley's mother so that she was thought to be Jemima rather than Ann?).

Ann Hunt's parentage uncertain at present.

Hannah daughter of Samuel & Frances Searle baptised 2 August 1789, at Buckfastleigh.