

# TAPPIN FAMILY GENEALOGY

## The MILLARD Family

Tracing the Millard connection in our family tree has been a constant battle over many years and is still causing problems and relatively few names have been added to our tree out of all proportion to the effort expended. My research in 1991 had uncovered what seemed to be a very strong connection into the family of a William Millard who had been the Superintendent of the St Thomas's Hospital Southwark, London in the early 1800s, a position which brought him into contact with the very highest of the eminent Surgeons of the day. His story is fascinating and involves political intrigue, body-snatching, imprisonment and his eventual death in Prison and he had only been charged under the Vagrant Act! For some years this connection was pursued and a fair amount of information was gathered together, however, in 2002 by chance I came across a marriage record that had eluded me. This certificate proved that the connection so many researchers had accepted was wrong – back to the drawing board.

Further checking lead me back to a James Millard who was born circa 1794 in Mortimer, Berkshire (info from the 1851 Census) and a possible christening has been found on the 3 Aug 1794 at Burghfield, Berkshire. Burghfield is just a stones throw from Mortimer, well, very nearly. The Parish Record shows that James's parents were George and Rachel and that they were travelling people, George and Rachel Millard have been traced in the 1841 and 1851 Censuses. The complication is that in 1839 James married Maria Schweizer and the marriage certificate states that his father was James, a coachman as was James junior. So, was his father George a traveller, or was he James a coachman? As a Servant / Coachman James junior was most likely to have been employed by people of some standing and therefore did he hide his true parentage? It is possible we may never know but my suspicions are that he was "economical with the truth".

James's first marriage was to Sarah Cripps (or Crips) on the 13 Dec 1819 at Tadley, Hampshire, her parents and christening have not yet been established. Not long after their marriage they moved to London, not so unusual bearing in mind James's occupation of Servant / Coachman and it is here that the three children from the marriage to have been identified were born:

	Born	Christened	Place
Caroline	21 Nov 1821	16 Dec 1821	Marylebone London
In 1848 Caroline married Henry King in Cheshunt, Hertfordshire; Henry was a grocer in Hammersmith, London and Spilsby, Lincolnshire, Some time in the 1870s they moved to Grimsby, Lincolnshire probably when he changed profession to an Insurance Agent. Henry died in 1882 age 58 of pneumonia and Caroline died 1896 age 74 of bronchitis.			
Charles	13 Jun 1824	6 Oct 1824	Marylebone London
Charles has been traced in the 1841 Census in Berkeley Square, London working as a Manservant, no further trace has been found.			
Mary Ann	14 Jan 1829	1 Feb 1829	Marylebone London
Mary Ann was recorded in the 1841 Census age 12 with her parents in Westminster, London, again no further trace has been found.			

It seems that Sarah died sometime between 1829 (probably nearer to 1829) and 1839 because James re-married on 19 Dec 1839 in Madeley, Shropshire (in the Roman Catholic Chapel) to a Maria Schweizer who was German by birth; James was still a coachman. Nothing is known of Maria's background or how and why she came to England, at her marriage she stated that her father was called Jacob and that he was a farmer. They went on to have five children:

	Born	Place
Peter Philip	18 Mar 1840	Morville Shropshire
Louisa	ca 1843	Germany
Emma	ca Dec 1844	Morville Shropshire
Christina	ca Sep 1847	Morville Shropshire
James	ca Mar 1849	Morville Shropshire

The family have been located in the 1841 Census living in Westminster, London and in the 1851 Census in Morville. James died in 1852 in Morville of "congestion of the liver" aged 58. Neither Maria, or Mary Ann as she had been known by, nor her children have been traced after the 1851 Census, it is possible she re-married or she may have returned to Germany taking the children with her. Somewhere there are more Millards waiting to be rediscovered into our family. James may have been Coachman to a family that paid well, his will (signed six days before he died) shows that he left a fairly substantial sum for the benefit of his widow. In the will she is named as Marie Ana, another version of Mary Ann.

### Transcript of the Will of James Millard

This is the last will and testament of James Millard of Morville in the County of Salop I \_\_\_\_\_ the sum of twenty pounds to be equally divided between the surviving children of my first wife & also \_\_\_\_\_ the sum of two hundred pounds which I possess in the Sovereign Life Assurance Company together with the interests and profits due thereon to be placed out at interest at the discretion of my executor and that a interest thereon to be paid to my present wife Marie(?) Ana Millard for her use and benefit during her lifetime and I desire that the money so placed out to interest may be equally divided at her death between her children by me the aforesaid James Millard I give and bequeath all the rest of my property whether in possession or in expectation including my household furniture to my present wife the above Marie(?) Ana Millard absolutely for her sole use and benefit and I hereby appoint Charles Edward Williams of Morville sole executor of this my last will In witness thereof I have set my mark and seal this twenty first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty two James (his Mark) Millard ~~~~~ Signed published and declared by the said James Millard the testator in the presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of \_\_\_\_\_ other have subscribed our names as witnesses ~~~~~ Henry Parmenter both(?) Curate of Morville ~~~~~ Mary Hine.

Proved at London 8 March 1852 before the Judge in oath of Charles Edward Williams the sole executor to \_\_\_\_\_ was granted having been sworn by Commission \_\_\_\_\_ to administer.

*Note in margin –*

Admon Will of goods and \_\_\_\_\_ granted at the Principle Registry to George Nelson \_\_\_\_\_ the younger 14 January 1859.

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