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Comments -

Back in 2008, I was looking online trying to find information to explain the way I see all these people including my parents and family are all programmed and wearing color clothing that seems to correlate like they are following something to do with the colors of the pentagram....

Then I got sidetracked ... or perhaps I wasn't ?

Came across a website that had a listing of some of the magicians or witches of the past. Saw Aleister Crowley and others and then..... George Pickingill

I paused on him and stared at that picture of him. Felt pulled by the picture. Then I read the article on him in there. He was an intriguing person. Then I was surprised that there was not much detail about his life.

There were a lot of stuff that can be found on him since he was living in the 19th and early 20th century. So I got pulled into studying him on and off since 2008 till now 14 years later in 2022.

Again back to 2008. Soon I was checking the internet for any references on George Pickingill and I came to a reference to a forum that is now defunct, I clicked on it and it was like I came crashing through the ceiling into a middle of a major debate going on the subject of George Pickingill.

On one side was all the unruly members and the forum moderators. It was like there was a big moderating failure going on continuously. The failure of the moderating is what drove many people away from that forum eventually and led to the forum's demise.

On the other side was 'Barbarosa' who was Bill Liddell and 'Scott' and 'Froglover', they were trying to make the case for the Pickingill side of things.

I always liked the way Bill Liddell was explaining things in a nice friendly way and I was disgusted at the way the other side was. It was like they didn't want to debate at all. Looking back, I think I saw the way younger people were becoming, which explains the total lack of debating in today's world.

I became friends with them. Had communicated with Bill Liddell a couple of times. He passed on 19 March 2020. That night, I posted his funeral notice picture on my Facebook page. And a little later that night, I heard three shotgun blasts. It was very loud and very near.

I always knew that I would be checking out the stuff about his story. But as he said, that he changed his name before he began writing his articles.

It was difficult researching with records of New Zealand and Australia, not much available. They don't have any censuses as they destroyed them after the totals were tallied up. Birth, Marriage, and Death records are kept private until like it is a hundred years after the birth, etc.

Then later, I made a major breakthrough and got his birth name. I was surprised I was able to find some information in the Australian Government Gazette. Bill Liddell was a clerk for the government and these gazettes announce promotions etc. So I was able to track where he was during the 1950's to 1960's in Australia.

The New Zealand Government Gazettes of the 1960's to 1980's don't seem to be online yet. But was able to track his whereabouts in the 1960's to 1970's in the New Zealand Electoral rolls.

I now have found the first possible evidence of him being in Scotland and England in 1962. Perhaps as more passenger records come online we may find more records of him being in United Kingdom.

I think in Bill Liddell's case he was protecting the identity of his Elders. We know that Sylvia Tatham was one of his Elders and she was born in England.

Some of the information that Bill Liddell wrote about probably came from contacts that Sylvia knew in England.

He may have got the Pickingill information through those Elders or contacts.

I have proven the case that he did change his name and that he did have a paternal great-grandfather and paternal great-great grandfather that lived in Essex at the time of George Pickingill's life.

Also, I always believe that there is the sub-conscious collective mind (SCCM). You can say the Borg story line in the Star Trek sagas is similar, they all are connected to the collective mind.

I think when many of the witches and magicians of the past were destroyed, some of their thoughts and memory are still in the SCCM.

Then people in later generations who are psychic or magical in spirit can eventually tap into that SCCM and draw thoughts from the witches and magicians of the past.

It could be also how Bill Liddell got the rituals that became part of the covens that he created.

As I mentioned, this is only the beginning work on Bill Liddell. Hopefully that more documents come out later and that perhaps some of the people that knew him will add some stories or photos about him.

Many thanks to:

Melissa Seims - for her help in getting some original documents to my attention. She owns a website called 'The Wica' at www.thewica.co.uk.

Scott Bissek - for letting me and Melissa see some of the letters and documents of Bill Liddell.

Pauline Lind - for sharing that 2004 letter from Bill Liddell. She is a good textile artist in New Zealand and I bought an artwork from her perhaps 8 or 9 years before.

PART I

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Graham Alfred Irwin Moss (1932-2020)

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1. **GRAHAM ALFRED IRWIN MOSS** was born 16 August 1932 in the hospital in Marrickville, New South Wales, Australia.

Father: Ernest Charles Moss

Mother: Maude Vaughan Irwin



Map of Australia

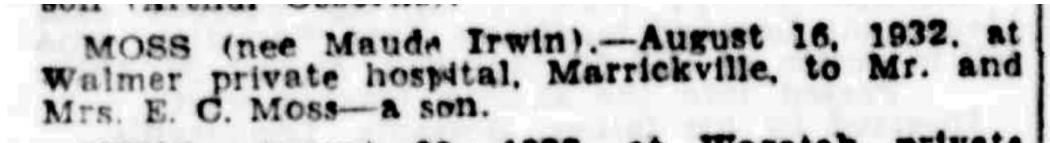
Australia

~ 1932

From the newspaper, The Sydney Morning Herald, Saturday 27 August 1932:

MOSS (nee Maude Irwin) - August 16, 1932, at Wolmer private hospital Marrickville, to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Moss - a son.

Image of the article:



~ February 1951 - New South Wales

Grahame Alfred Irwin Moss was appointed on February 1951 Clerk, Third Division to the Department of Trade and Customs in New South Wales, Australia.

From the Newspapers & Gazettes of Australia:

Commonwealth of Australia Gazette, Thu 15 Feb 1951, Issue no. 11, page 433.

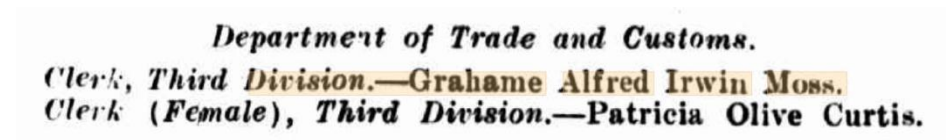
APPOINTMENTS.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Department of Trade and Customs.

Clerk, Third Division. --- Grahame Alfred Irwin Moss.

Image of the Article:



~ 1954 - Mt. Isa, Queensland

Graham Alfred Irwin Moss was listed as living in Cloncurry, Queensland, Australia in the 1954 Electoral Rolls.

From the 1954 Australia Electoral Rolls:

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Division Kennedy (Subdivision Cloncurry).

2863 --- Moss, Graham Alfred Irwin, Room 18, Barracks 14, BSD, Mt. Isa, ore sampler, Mines Branch, Darwin

It seems like Graham Moss got his interest in metal ores at this point. He also must of liked Queensland, Australia as he years later settled there.

~ 1958 - Seaforth, New South Wales

Graham Alfred Irwin Moss was listed as living in Seaforth, New South Wales, Australia in the 1958 Electoral Roll.

From the 1958 Australia Electoral Rolls:

Page 66

Subdivision of Seaforth.

3904 --- Moss Graham Alfred Irwin, 6 Ponsonby parade, clerk, M. Ernest Charles Moss and Maude Vaughan Moss at same address.

~ 12 June 1958 - South Australia

Graham Alfred Irwin Moss passed an examination and is promoted to Clerk, Third Division according to the gazette of 12 June 1958.

From the Newspapers & Gazettes of Australia:

Commonwealth of Australia Gazette, Thu 12 Jun 1958

Page 1958

Examination No. 3712.

For Appointment or Transfer as Clerk, Third Division, All States (Except Queensland), Canberra and Northern Territory.

(Commonwealth Gazette, No. 10, of 21st February, 1957.)

Results for the month of May, 1958, are ---

Order of Registration. Name.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Males.

(among others)

386. Moss, Graham Alfred Irwin.

~ August 1958 ~ South Australia

Graham Alfred Irwin Moss was appointed in August 1958 as a Clerk, 3rd Division in the Department of Social Services in South Australia.

From the Newspapers & Gazettes of Australia:

Commonwealth of Australia Gazette, Thu 14 Aug 1958, Issue no. 44, page 2664.

APPOINTMENTS.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Department of Social Services.

Clerk, Third Division. --- Thomas Colin Francis, Hubert Louis Geelen, Anthony George Koukoulas, Graham Alfred Irwin Moss.

Image of the article:

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Department of the Treasury.

Taxation Branch.

Clerical Assistant, Grade 1, Fourth Division.—Fay Dawn Clements.

Accounting Machinist (Female), Grade 1, Fourth Division.—Lynette Ruth Bryant, Josephine Lilian Johnston, Margaret Patricia Stone.

Clerk, Third Division.—Ross McLeod, Christian Malcolm Petersen, Walter Bailey Pridmore.

Department of Social Services.

Clerk, Third Division.—Thomas Colin Francis, Hubert Louis Geelen, Anthony George Koukoulas, Graham Alfred Irwin Moss.

~ April 1960 - Adelaide, South Australia

Graham Alfred Irwin Moss was working in the Department of Social Services in Adelaide, South Australia and got a promotion there.

From the Newspapers & Gazettes of Australia:

Commonwealth of Australia Gazette, Thu 21 Apr 1960, Issue No.28.

Page 1386

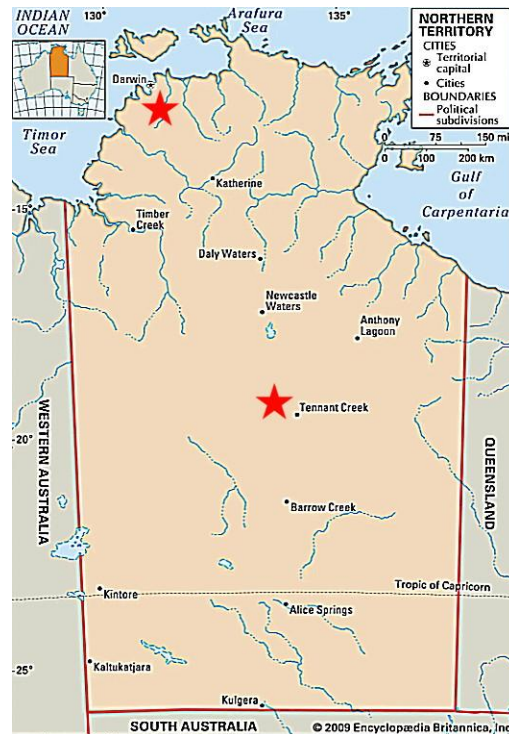
PROMOTIONS.

Department of Social Services.

South Australia.

Name. / Present Designation, Salary Scale, Division and Station. / Position to which Promoted, Salary Scale, Division and Station. / Duties.

Moss, Graham Alfred Irwin / Clerk (£385-£968), Third Division, unattached, Adelaide / Clerk (£858-£1,078), Third Division, Administrative Branch, Adelaide, vice R. A. Wood, prov. prom. / Relief Officer within the Department.



Map of Northern Territory, Australia
with stars added at Darwin and Tennant Creek locations

~ July 1961 - Darwin, Northern Territory

Graham Alfred Irwin Moss was promoted from the General Service Branch in Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia to the Mines Registration Section in Darwin.

From the Newspapers & Gazettes of Australia:

Commonwealth of Australia Gazette, Thu 13 July 1961, Issue No.57.

Page 2660

PROMOTIONS.

Department of Territories. Northern Territory Administration Division.

Mines Branch.

Name and Personnel Number. / Present Designation, Salary Scale, Division and Station. / Position to which Promoted, Salary Scale, Division and Station. / Duties.

Moss, Graham Alfred Irwin. 58/24121 / Clerk (£400-£968), Third Division, General Services Branch, Darwin / Clerk (£858-£1078), Third Division, Mines Registration Section, Darwin, vice D. Padget (position No. 31) / Assistant to the Mining Registrar.

~ 2 February 1962 - Tennant Creek, Northern Territory

Graham Alfred Irwin Moss was promoted and went from Darwin to Tennant Creek in Northern Territory. He was now working in the District Office at Tennant Creek.

From the Newspapers & Gazettes of Australia:

Commonwealth of Australia Gazette, Thursday 1 Feb 1962, Issue no.7.

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PROMOTIONS.

Department of Territories. Northern Territory. Northern Territory Administration Division.

Administrative Branch.

Name and Personnel Number.

Moss, Graham Alfred Irwin 58/24121

Present Designation, Salary Scale, Division and Station.

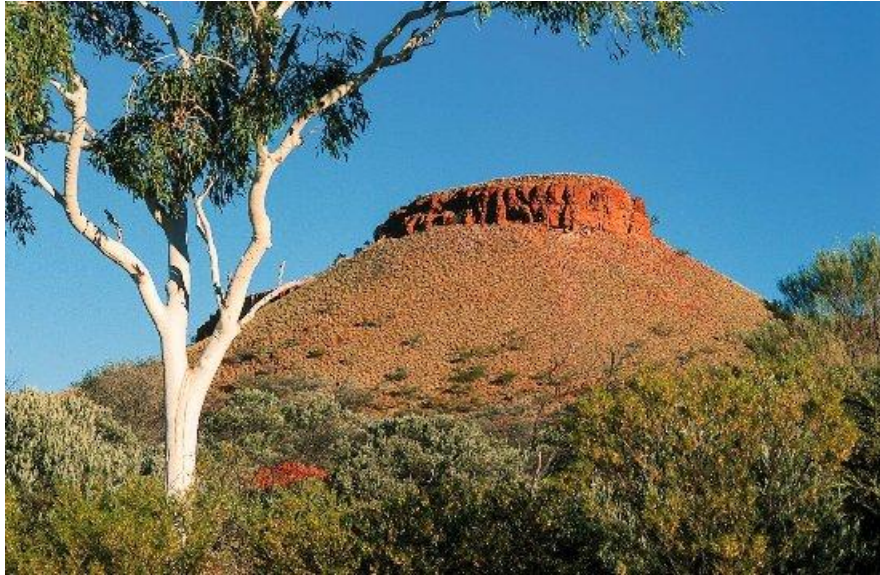
Clerk (£858-£1,078), Third Division, Mining Registration Section, Mines Branch, Darwin

Position to which Promoted, Salary Scale, Division and Station.

Clerk (£1,078-£1,298), Third Division, District Office, Tennant Creek, vice E. F. C. Ferrier, prov. prom. 1.2.62 (position No. 206)

Duties --- Senior Clerk, act as Mining Registrar, carry out accounting and administrative functions of Northern Territory Administration Branches as required.

Qualifications. --- Accounting and administrative experience desirable.



Places near Tennant Creek area, image from TripAdvisor website



Places near Tennant Creek area, image from Travel Online website



Tennant Creek, image from Wikimedia Commons



Tennant Creek in 1950, image from Wikimedia Commons

~ July 1962 - Tennant Creek, Northern Territory

Graham Alfred Irwin Moss was appointed as Electoral Register for Barkly in Northern Territory, Australia in 30 July 1962.

From the Newspapers & Gazettes of Australia:

Commonwealth of Australia Gazette, Thu 16 Aug 1962, issue no. 69, page 2851

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA.

THE NORTHERN TERRITORY ELECTORAL REGULATIONS.

It is hereby notified that, pursuant to Regulation 7 of the Northern Territory Electoral Regulations, Graham Alfred Irwin Moss, Clerk, Tennant Creek, has been appointed as Electoral Registrar to keep the Rolls for the Electoral District of Barkly in the place of Edison Ford Charles Ferrier whose appointment is terminated, such appointment to take effect on and from 30th July, 1962, and to continue during the pleasure of the Minister.

GORDON FREETH

Minister for the Interior.

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Minister for the Interior.

~ 1963 - Tennant Creek, Northern Territory

Graham Alfred I. Moss was listed as living in Tennant Creek, Northern Territory, Australia in the Electoral Rolls of 1963.

From the 1963 Australia Electoral Rolls:

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Northern Territory. Barkly.

454 --- Moss Graham Alfred I, NTA Hostel, Tennant Creek, clerk, M

~ 18 September 1963 - Tennant Creek, Northern Territory

Graham Alfred Irwin Moss was dismissed from his post on 18 September 1963.

From the Newspapers & Gazettes of Australia:

Commonwealth of Australia Gazette, Thu 26 Sep 1963, Issue no.80, page 3411.

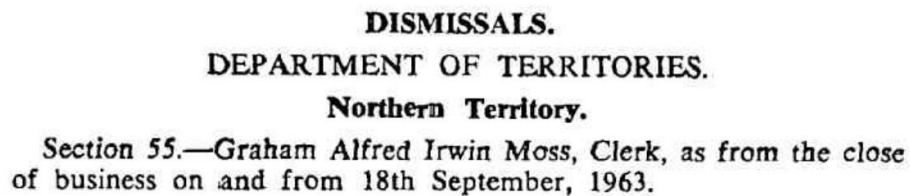
DISMISSALS.

DEPARTMENT OF TERRITORIES.

Northern Territory.

Section 55. - Graham Alfred Irwin Moss, Clerk, as from the close of business on and from 18th September, 1963.

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Northern Territory.
Section 55.—Graham Alfred Irwin Moss, Clerk, as from the close of business on and from 18th September, 1963.

~ 1 January 1964 - Tennant Creek, Northern Territory

The new person to the post of Electoral Register was appointed to start on 1 January 1964.

From the Newspapers & Gazettes of Australia:

Commonwealth of Australia Gazette, Thu 16 Jan 1964, issue no.6, page 249.

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA.

THE NORTHERN TERRITORY ELECTORAL REGULATIONS.

It is hereby notified that, pursuant to Regulation 7 of the Northern Territory Electoral Regulations ---

Michael Joseph Flynn, clerk, District Office, Tennant Creek, has been appointed as Electoral Registrar to keep the Rolls for the Electoral District of Barkly in the place of Graham Alfred Irwin Moss whose appointment is terminated, such appointment to take effect on and from 1st January, 1964, and to continue during the pleasure of the Minister.

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THE NORTHERN TERRITORY ELECTORAL REGULATIONS.
IT is hereby notified that, pursuant to Regulation 7 of the Northern Territory Electoral Regulations—
Michael Joseph Flynn, clerk, District Office, Tennant Creek, has been appointed as Electoral Registrar to keep the Rolls for the Electoral District of Barkly in the place of **Graham Alfred Irwin Moss** whose appointment is terminated, such appointment to take effect on and from 1st January, 1964, and to continue during the pleasure of the Minister.

J. G. GORTON
Minister of State for the Interior.

After this point there is no more references found concerning Graham Alfred Irwin Moss. He disappeared from the records.

Graham Moss' interest in witchcraft began in the 1950's. In the early 1960's, he wanted to become an initiate of Gardnerian Wicca tradition so he can learn what kind of rituals they used.

It seems like as early as 1962, he intended to move to New Zealand and wanted to have a different name so he can be able to travel and write anonymously.

He abandoned his life as Graham Moss and disappeared.

Seeing that Graham Moss was an ore sampler before and worked in the Mines department. He probably had gotten the gold rush bug and liked going to the gold mines.

It is more than likely Graham Moss became friends with a man with the name of Ernie Liddell.

His whole name was Ernest William Liddell an Electrical Mechanic who lives and works in the Nobles Nob Mine in Tennant Creek. He was born 10 July 1937.

Ernie Liddell probably let Graham Moss use his identity when he left.



Nobles Nob Gold Mine, picture taken in 1960, from the Library and Archives of Northern Territory.



Nobles Nob Gold Mine, picture taken in 1980, from Wikipedia

~ 1962 to 1964

Events in England

~ 4 November 1962

There was an interesting letter written from Eleanor Ray Bone to Gerald Gardner dated 4 November 1962. In it there is some about a New Zealander man that wanted to get in the craft.

He was staying at Monique Wilson (Olwen) in Perth, Scotland for a couple of weeks before going down to London and showing up at the doorstep of Eleanor Bone's place the Brackenburn Rest Home that she runs.

From a transcription of the letter:

Letterhead Brackenburn Rest Home

4th November 1962

My Dear Gerald,

I am sending this to Castletown as I guess you are back by now. No dear, I didn't tell you the wrong programme – it was Huw Thoma "Here and Now" 6.45p.m. Tuesday 30th October, but it was only shown in London I believe. You will be pleased to know that it went very well – everybody said what a dignified performance it was. I don't think that Jack saw it, I know Fay didn't. I am glad your programme went well, I would love to have seen it, but that was Northern only

Yes dear, the "New Zealander" as you call him arrived on my doorstep last Tuesday. Unfortunately I was out and one of my staff asked him in to wait. I might add that he arrived complete with bags etc. Well, of course, the moment I set eyes on him I could see he wasn't a man to be trusted and his accent struck me as typical Australian – having met a number of them in the past. I was even less impressed when he decided to spit into the fire! Bill was furious that the Crowthers gave him this address. I believe they did the same thing to Olwen once. They really must not do that sort of thing – most indiscreet. Anyway, I gave him a meal and he sat for a couple of hours and then I made it quite clear

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that I could not possibly help him into the Craft and I did not pass him on to any other long-suffering person. I am quite able to dispose of people I don't want around without passing the buck to others. I also made a few tactful enquiries and this man is an Australian who has been kicking around town for a couple of years, trying to get in on the fringe of things. He is known to Sal of all people. He told me that he was in Perth for four weeks, staying with Olwen for two of them – I wouldn't have him here for more than two hours, I can assure you.

“Gerald's Friend” who wrote the letter in “Fate” is none other than our dear Tex. He put in the advert in the name of Artemis, and has had three replies to date. Darling have you had any letters to pass on to me? I need some attractive females, so please do your best. John is now completely in agreement with me over Sal. He had a feeling that I was prejudiced by my pre-knowledge of her peculiarities. Now he know I was quite right in my decision.

Did you hear that programme by that disgusting man Williamson? He stated that witches make a lot of money helping people. From his angle we sounded like an American protection racket. He won't come to any good.

I am going away for a few days break. My very sick old lady died last Tuesday and her daughter gave me L 20 to have a little rest and holiday after the hard work I had put in. I haven't quite made up my mind where to go. I don't know if you are home or not. I may make my way to Cumberland. Have we any contacts up there that I could visit?

Well dear, no more now, hope to hear from you soon. Much love from Bill and myself.

Blessed be,
Ray.

Could this be Graham Moss ?

My theory is that at this point of time Moss wanted to become an initiate of the Gardnerian Wicca to find out what kind of rituals that they were using.

He would have to go to the United Kingdom as there probably were no covens in Australia at the time.

After Graham Moss was promoted to the post of Electoral Register, he probably had time to take a vacation.

From the letter, it sounds like the New Zealander was rebuffed in his attempt to join a coven. He went to Perth in Scotland and stayed at Monique Wilson's (Olwen) place for a couple weeks. He went to the Crowther's coven in Sheffield, England and they sent him to London to Eleanor Bone's place the Brackenburn Rest Home that she runs.

Again providing that this was Graham Moss, it would explain how he would later got to know Sylvia Tatham. Monique Wilson later sent Sylvia Tatham to New Zealand to start a coven there. Graham Moss was probably still corresponding with Monique Wilson after his visit to Scotland. He probably was one of the early people to be initiated by Sylvia in Australia or New Zealand.

One point that suggest it was not Graham Moss, was Eleanor Bone's comment " I also made a few tactful enquiries and this man is an Australian who has been kicking around town for a couple of years, trying to get in on the fringe of things."

It could be possible that Eleanor Bone got information on the wrong person. Also, if the man was in London or its environs for two years, he would have a place to stay there.... So why would he be carrying his bag (luggage) to Eleanor Bone's place which is in London too ? When considering the population of London and its environs at the time, it increases the chance of getting intel on the wrong person.

Also Graham Moss was planning to move to New Zealand as he later did. Hence the New Zealander with the Australian accent comment.

Bill Liddell wrote about events with people he knew directly and indirectly in England in his letters to Mike Howard and Pauline Lind.

There is a letter, dated ca. 1984, that Sylvia Tatham, in Australia, wrote to Bill Liddell. By that time he probably had moved from New Zealand to Australia. Bill Liddell then forwarded it to Mike Howard.

The content of the letter, of which I transcribed part of below, explains how she and Alex Sanders got their initiations. It also mentioned a Patricia of Long Eaton. That would be Patricia Kopinski.

This appeared in Julia Phillip's 2019 article, Secrets Revealed.

Part of the letter from Sylvia Tatham to Bill Liddell ca. 1984:

(From the quoted parts in the article by Julia Phillips)

“When Robert [Turner] and I were at Casteltown for our First Degrees, Robert (sic) Buckland and his wife were there for their Third Degrees. In conversation with the Bucklands, Lady Olwen ...”

(From the image of part of the letter in Julia Phillips' Article)

Regarding Sanders' Craft status - he is a GARDNERIAN, as all revived Craft stems from old Gerald. The book "King of the Witches" is incorrect - Sanders was NOT initiated by his grandmother. He was initiated by the Maiden of Pat Crowther's Sheffield coven. Ask Robert Turner for confirmation of this.

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Through Sanders I met Robert Turner (who later formed THE ORDER OF THE CUBIC STONE with Theodore Howard, a Kabbalist). According to Robert, the Sanders initiation was NOT VALID; he (ever a perfectionist) suggested we go to Castletown to be properly initiated by the Lady Olwen and Loic. After all, old Gerald initiated Lady Olwen, Lady Artemis, Doreen Valiente and, one wonders, did he initiate Pat Crowther? Or did Arnold initiate Pat Crowther?

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Letter from Bill Liddell to Mike Howard 5/6/1997 (5 June 1997):

"Andrew wants I put down details of Sylvia Tatham. (Knowing Andrew, I suspect that he is trying to prove that she never existed !)

Sylvia was born in Guatemala in the 1920s (? 1925 or 1927). Her maiden name was GAMBLE. Sylvia's father worked for the American Fruit Co, and I suspect he was American."

"Sylvia was employed as a legal secretary in Nottingham. She commuted from Nottingham to Manchester when Sanders started playing at being a witch[.] She was accompanied by "Pat who had married a Polish [---]-serviceman." (This just has to be the Pat Kopanski cited by Aidan Kelly. Neither Kelly nor Valiente mentions Sylvia when discussing Sanders' beginnings !)"

Both Sylvia and Pat were enamoured of Sanders but Pat was the favoured one. (Sanders must have had something going for him).

Pat supposedly wrote to Pat Crowther advising that Sanders had received the Gardnerian 1st. (This according to Kelly).

Sylvia claimed that Sanders had sighted Turner's Gardnerian BoS and written up the First Degree ritual. She was anxious to put all the blame on Robert Turner. I chose to believe that Sylvia herself let Sanders copy her Gardnerian BoS to curry favour with Alex, and spite Pat."

"Sylvia and Pat were with Alex before the advent of Maxine Morris."

Letter from Bill Liddell to Mike Howard 14/6/1984 (14 June 1984)

"P.S. Sylvia says that she ran "a small coven" in Nottingham with Robert Turner !"

Letter from Bill Liddell to Mike Howard 23/7/1997 - 3 (23 July 1997):

"You have my full permission to state in the last article of the Gerald Gardner saga that Sylvia Tatham was in Sanders' Manchester coven in the earl[y] days, and that she was subsequently my Gardnerian High Priestess and common-in-law wife in New Zealand. She was also recognized by Sanders as an Alexandrian High Priestess !

I am hoping that somebody who knew Sylvia, or knew of her, will come forward with information. It is a great pity that "Rae" Bone, Jack Bracelin and Monique Wilson are deceased."

"It also occurs to me that Patricia Crowther might know something about Sylvia's background given that Pat Kopanski (one of her coven members) accompanied Sylvia when they journeyed from Nottingham to Manchester to be with Sanders. Sylvia worked in a legal office in Nottingham. One of her husbands was a Les Camm, who was born and lived in Nottingham. I never asked whether Camm was the first or second husband. Sylvia chose to be addressed as Mrs. Tatham when dealing with the Alexandrian coven."

Letter from Bill Liddell to Mike Howard 16th December 2001:

"Red Pat was a busy redhead according to Sylvia."

"To the best of my knowledge, Sylvia was never a schoolteacher. She worked in Nottingham as a typists in a legal practice. In New Zealand and Australia Sylvia was a Typists or a secretary. However Sylvia made an art form of being pedantic and [frissy or fussy?]. She would have made a good role model for a Victorian schoolmarm. I can understand how Sylvia's Circle performance would have grated on a teenager. (It grated on me and everyone else who worked with her) Every movement and inflection had to be perfect and put right. Sylvia was a perfectionist in every sense of that word."

"Sylvia assured me that she knew Jack Bracelin. She spoke very highly of Rae Bone. I still don't know if she ever worked with Jack or Rae. She always gave the impression that she had worked in a circle with them."

Letter from Bill Liddell to Pauline Lind of New Zealand, dated 5 July 2004:

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"No doubt Ron [Hutton] has mentioned that Sylvia, Pat Kopanski, and Alex were initiated by "Medea" and her husband. It is quite untrue when Patricia Crowther alleges that Alex Sanders was not a legitimate witch because Pat, his supposed initiator, only held the First Degree. Sanders received his Third Degree from Sylvia Tatham !"

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"None of the Craft authors has ever mentioned Sylvia. Neither Doreen Valiente nor Aidan Kelly mentioned her when discussing Sanders' claims. Pat never mentioned Sylvia when speaking to reporters about Sanders' coven; and thereby hangs a tale.

Both Pat and Sylvia were really in love with Sanders. (Alex had great personal magnetism !) Sylvia was furious when Sanders agreed to marry Pat. Pat was Sanders' High Priestess because of her engagement to Alex.

Doreen Valiente erroneously claimed that Alex Sanders visited Gerald Gardner on the Isle of Man. Alex never left England ! It was Sylvia who went to the Isle of Man. Whatever aspersions have been cast on Medea's Gardnerian qualifications --- and there have been some --- Sylvia was welcomed by the Lady Olwen. (Monique Wilson)

Monique Wilson accepted Sylvia as a Gardnerian Second and had her husband (LORIC) raise Sylvia to the Gardnerian Third. So Sylvia's Gardnerian lineage was not only kosher --- it was impeccable. Gardner initiated Monique, who initiated "LORIC" (Campbell "Scotty" Wilson), who initiated Sylvia Tatham ("Isis")

It is quite wrong to say that Alex Sanders had not received his Third, He received a clandestine (?) initiation from Sylvia Tatham. Alex clung to the ridiculous yarn that he had been initiated by his grandmother; one supposes he had to keep"

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"face.

Sylvia returned to England from the Isle of Man and confronted Alex Sanders with an ultimatum: dump Pat if you want your Third. Pat left the coven and Sylvia became Sanders' High Priestess. Sylvia gave Alex the Gardnerian Third, actually rather than symbolically. The "power" had been physically passed to her by Loric. Her Craft authority derived from Gardner himself.

Mike Howard kindly sent me a Craft magazine interview with Maxine Sanders. She stated that when she first met Alex his High Priestess was a woman named Sylvia. (I may still have a copy)

Alex dumped poor Sylvia for Maxine. Sylvia was devastated and wanted to run away. Alex appointed her his High Priestess in Australia."

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Incidentally, Ron Hutton very kindly sent me a copy of Pat's letter to Gerald Gardner wherein she explained how Alex, she and her friend Sylvia were initiated by Medea and her husband.

Sylvia Tatham should receive full recognition for her role in legitimizing the Alexandrian tradition."



Map of New Zealand with stars at the locations of Auckland and Hamilton

New Zealand

~ January 1963

From the Letter from Bill Liddell to Pauline Lind of New Zealand, dated 5 July 2004:

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"I reached New Zealand in January 1963."

~ Revisiting the timeline of 1962 to 1963

30 July 1962 - Graham Alfred Irwin Moss was appointed as Electoral Register for Barkly in Northern Territory, Australia.

4 November 1962 - the "New Zealander" with the Australian accent is in England trying to join a coven. As the letter is an after the fact reporting from Eleanor Bone, on Nov. 4th, the visit of the "New Zealander" probably took place in October 1962.

January 1963 - Bill Liddell says in the letter to Pauline Lind (2004) that he reached New Zealand in January 1963.

1963 - Electoral Roll of Australia listed him at Tennant Creek in Northern Territory. Usually, directories, phone books, and electoral rolls is prepared from data that they have current from the previous year.

In other words, the 1963 electoral rolls would be from what information they had in 1962.

So in speculations..... in Graham Moss case, it was old data on him. He was already gone from Tenant Creek.

18 September 1963 - Graham Alfred Irwin Moss was dismissed from his post.

Speculations:

That Graham Moss wanted to move to New Zealand and form a coven there. So after he got promoted, he soon took a long leave of absence from his job to go to England and then go to New Zealand.

The officials then seeing that he did not return when he said he would get back, then the officials dismissed him from the post.

Again, from the 1963 Australia Electoral Rolls:

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Northern Territory. Barkly.

454 --- Moss Graham Alfred I, NTA Hostel, Tennant Creek, clerk, M

As you can see he was living in a NTA Hostel in Tennant Creek.

From Wikipedia:

"A hostel is a form of low-cost, short-term shared sociable lodging where guests can rent a bed, usually a bunk bed in a dormitory..."

That shows that he was a man that didn't established roots in Tennant Creek, he knew he was going elsewhere. And that he didn't have a whole house full of things. He knew how to survive with just a few items and be ready to move on.

Further speculations -

Seeing that Bill Liddell was an effective operative, he probably had another identity when he went to England and New Zealand in the beginning.

We are currently still looking for clues to support that.

~ 1966

There is an Incoming Passenger Card on Ernest William Liddell (aka G. A. I. Moss) from his trip he made on 4 November 1966 from Wellington, New Zealand to Australia. His destination was Burnside, Adelaide in South Australia. He was taking a month holiday.

It is possible that he then went from South Australia to Perth, Western Australia to see Sylvia Tatham. She arrived from England to Perth, W. A. in 1965.

From the Incoming Passenger Card:

Name - LIDDELL ERNEST WILLIAM

Nationality - Australian

Country of Birth - Australia

Date of Birth - day 10 / month 7 / year 37

Sex / Conjugal Condition / Usual Occupation

Male / Never Married / Clerk

Country in which I last stayed for 12 months or more - New Zealand

Country in which I next intend to stay for 12 months or more - New Zealand

Purpose of Journey to Australia - Visiting; mainly for: Holiday

Intended Length of stay in Australia - 1 Month

Last Permanent Residence - Overseas

Intended Address in Australia - Burnside. Adelaide. S.A.

Signature of Passenger - E. W. Liddell

For Completion by Carrier Company

Name of Ship or Flight No. - TE 321293

First Port of Call in Australia - Sydney

Scheduled Date of Arrival at First Port of Call in Australia - 4 Nov. 1966

Passenger Embarked at - Wellington

| COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA | INCOMING PASSENGER CARD | Serial Number |
|--|---|--|
| To be completed in the <u>English</u> Language | | |
| 1. Name | | |
| Surname in Block Letters | Given Names | |
| LIDDELL | | ERNEST WILLIAM |
| 2. Nationality (if British specify country of citizenship)..... | | 3. Passport or other Travel Document No..... |
| Australian | | N.A. |
| 4. Country of Birth..... | | 5. Date of Birth..... |
| Australia | | 10. 7. 37 |
| | | day month year |
| Please MARK APPROPRIATE BOX THUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 6. Sex: | | 7. Conjugal Condition: |
| Male <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Never Married <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Female <input type="checkbox"/> | Now Married <input type="checkbox"/> | Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Usual Occupation..... Clerk | | |
| 9. Country in which I last stayed for 12 months or more..... New Zealand | | |
| 10. Country in which I next intend to stay for 12 months or more..... New Zealand | | |
| (If Australia, specify State or Territory.) | | |
| 11. Purpose of Journey to Australia: | | |
| (i) Returning to live in Australia <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| or (ii) In Transit <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| or (iii) Visiting; mainly for: | | |
| Business <input type="checkbox"/> | Education <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Holiday <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Other Purposes <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| or (iv) Settling in Australia <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| 12. Intended Length of Stay in Australia: | | |
| Years..... 1 Months or Days (Give figures or write "Permanent", "Indefinite", &c.....) | | |
| 13. Last Permanent Residence: | | |
| Australia <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Overseas (incl. Papua, N. Guinea) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | |
| If "Australia", how long since you were last in Australia? | | |
| Years..... Months or Days | | |
| 14. Intended Address in Australia..... | | |
| Burnside, Adelaide S.A. | | |
| Signature of Passenger..... E. W. Liddell. | | |
| (The completion of this card is required by the Migration Act 1953-1964.) | | |

FOR COMPLETION BY CARRIER COMPANY

Name of Ship or Flight No. TE 321293
First Port of Call in Australia SYDNEY
Scheduled Date of Arrival at
First Port of Call in Australia 4 Nov. 1966
Passenger Embarked at WELLINGTON

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National Archives of Australia NAA: A1197, LIDA-LITSTER D

Note that the birth date is that of the real Ernest William Liddell, electrical mechanic, who still lives in Tennant Creek in Northern Territory, Australia.

~ also in 1966

Ernest W. Liddell was listed as living in Grey Lynn, Auckland, New Zealand.

From the 1966 New Zealand Electoral Rolls:

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Grey Lynn Main Roll

Name in full, Residence, and Occupation or Description:

23 --- LIDDELL Ernest W. 24 Harcourt St. W. 2. Clerk (GL)

Also others at the same address:

Grey Lynn Main Roll, page 46

70 --- DAY Charles Thomas 24 Harcourt St. W. 2 Painter (GL)

Grey Lynn Main Roll, page 51

48 --- DOWNING Mary I. 24 Harcourt St. W2. Married (GL)

Grey Lynn Supplementary Roll, No. 1, page 215

57 --- DOWNING David G. 24 Harcourt St. W.2. Storeman (GL)

Grey Lynn Supplementary Roll, No. 1, page 219

73 --- KANE Robert J. 24 Harcourt St. W2. Tech. Tele. (GL)

~ 1969

Ernest William Liddell (aka G. A. I. Moss) was listed as living in Waikato, New Zealand.

From the 1969 New Zealand Electoral Rolls:

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Waikato Supplement Roll, No. 1

17 --- Liddell, Ernest William, 2 O'Neill St., Hn., clerk

Also others at the same address:

Waikato Main Roll, page 25

01 --- Blackmore, John Harold, 2 O'Neill St., Hn., salesman

~ 1969 to early 1970's

"the ill-fated New Zealand Coven"

~ 1969

Sylvia H. Tatham arrived at the Port of Auckland, New Zealand on 27 May 1969.

From the New Zealand, Passenger Lists:

Columbus Line

List of Passengers

Arriving by the S. "BIRGITTE SKOU" from New York on May 27th. 1969

Port of Auckland

*Ship's Name and Official No. / British or Foreign / Port of Registry / Tonnage (Net) /
Name of Master / Where From Whither Bound*

[BI]RGITTE SKOU D750 / Danish / Copenhagen / 2629,77 / T. C. Madsen / Newport
News Auckland

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No. / Name in Full / Nationality / Age / Address /

313. / Tatham Sylvia H. / BRITISH / 42 / 5 Hardley st. Whitiota Hamilton

Images of the passenger list

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|------|----------|------------|---------|----|---------------------------------|
| 312. | SHIFF | Gillian F. | 40 | 19 | 40 |
| 313. | TATHAM | Sylvia H. | BRITISH | 42 | 5 Hardley st. Whitiota Hamilton |
| 314. | MITCHELL | Marion M. | BRITISH | 40 | 6/12 Tenthredine Office |



Thanks to Melissa Seims for finding the above record.

~ 1969 to early 1970's

A letter that Sylvia Tatham wrote to Bill Liddell which was then forwarded to Mike Howard.

In this letter it shows that Sylvia Tatham was growing disappointed at her asthma issues and of the results in trying to get members for the coven. She finds that the New Zealanders didn't trust outsiders much.

Letter from ST to BL forwarded to MH 24/1/1984 (24 January 1984):

"In N.Z. the asthma was starting. Please do not blame yourself. I realized something was wrong and I felt rather apprehensive. You had written to CASTLETOWN for a Priestess, the Lady Olwyn sent me with a copy of the "Shadows." I have always believed

Olwyn caused the asthma because her annoyance at not acquiring an N.Z. coven. You recall she kept my measure and had the means. I believe she cursed me with KIWIS !! Where ever I go there are Kiwis who reject outsiders."

Letter from Bill Liddell to Mike Howard 5/6/1997 (5 June 1997):

"Incidentally, my dates for the Prediction of Fate article may be wrong. I lived with Sylvia from the late 60s to the early 1970s. I have post remembered that we were still together when the [mysterious?] and elusive article was published."

The following two letters are mostly about the coven activities after Sylvia Tatham left and went back to Australia.

Letter from Bill Liddell to Mike Howard 9/7/1997 - 2 (9 July 1997):

"Alex Sanders appointed Sylvia Tatham his Alexandrian High Priestess for Australia. Sylvia advertised for coven members in Australian newspapers. We corresponded and Sylvia came to N. Z. to live with me. I was her High Priest. Sylvia had a Gardnerian BoS and an Alexandrian BoS. Both books had the rituals for the Three Degrees !

Sylvia and I split-up after some years. I wrote to Alex Sanders that Sylvia was back in Australia and I was in New Zealand minus a High Priestess. Maxine Sanders replied in a brief note on blue note-paper (She did mention that she hated writing letters) Maxine assured me that Alex remembered Sylvia, and that he appointed me his High Priest for New Zealand. (It is this logical to assume that Alex accepted Sylvia as a Third Degree witch !) There was only one proviso to my appointment: I had to wait for a High Priestess named Sue who would shortly leave England to settle in New Zealand.

Nothing transpired with the ill-fated N. Z. coven because "Sue" never arrived, and I had no sanction to operate without a High Priestess. Perhaps a year or so later I received an extraordinary letter from two of Maxine's little helpers. These young hopefuls were organizing the Alexandrian movement in overseas countries - by astral initiations ! (I recall mentioning this couple to you years ago, but did not name them.)

This was probably after Alex and Maxine had separated. Sue and "Rusty" Russell-Gough assured me that because I had

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no Alexandrian High Priestess they would not be satisfied unless they gave me each of the Alexandrian Degrees from scratch, as it were. My initial was to tell them where to put their tools. However, I had a young couple who were breaking their necks to become Alexandrian witches. They had been patiently for the High Priestess appointed by Maxine to arrive.

Sue and "Rusty" Russell-Gough arranged for an "Astral" first degree initiation for Kathy and Ivan Boyes. I was to be the initiator. It appears that Sue and "Rusty" were supervising many foreign covens and handing out "astral" initiations.

I perserved with this travesty because of Kathy and Ivan.

To my utter amazement, one of the "guardians" of the Pickingill covens entered the circle and placed a necklace around my throat.

This circumstance convinced me that Sylvia did have a Gardnerian initiation as she claimed, and Gardner had been induced into the old style Craft as my Brethren always claimed.

Sue and "Rusty" were delighted when I reported back, and then claimed that we were now first degree witches by their reckoning. My Elders were furious at my account, and told me to sever all connections with the Russell-Goughs. I accordingly wrote to Sue and "Rusty" and thanked for initiating Kathy and Ivan, but declined any further contact with the Alexandrians. My letter explained my previous Hereditary affiliation. (The Russell-Goughs can confirm this if they kept files of their overseas "students" !)"

Letter from Bill Liddell to Pauline Lind of New Zealand, dated 5 July 2004:

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"I reached New Zealand in January 1963."

"Sylvia reached New Zealand in either 1969 or 1970."

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"Alex dumped poor Sylvia for Maxine. Sylvia was devastated and wanted to run away. Alex appointed her his High Priestess in Australia.

Sylvia and I corresponded and she removed to New Zealand. She became my hand-fast wife. Sylvia gave me the three Gardnerian degrees and the three Alexandrian degrees. The Alexandrian First and Second are almost identical with the Gardnerian originals. Sanders had to very careful. He couldn't afford to be accused of plagiarism. Alex changed some correspondences, and parts of the Third Degree to continue his charade. Sylvia was disgusted with the candidates who applied to join our coven. She rejected the lot and returned to"

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"Australia. Sylvia was going to have a coven by hook or by crook. I remained in New Zealand as I had my career here.

I wrote to Alex Sanders and explained how Sylvia had decamped. Maxine eventually wrote back and announced that Alex had appointed me his High Priest in New Zealand. I was not to initiate anybody until a High Priestess could be sent from England. A woman named Sue was supposedly on her way. However, Sue decided to stay in Australia which had been her first port of call. I forgot all about the Alexandrians.

Shortly afterwards, a couple named Russell-Gough wrote to me and authorized me to found an Alexandrian coven. It appears that Maxine had deputized Sue and "Rusty" Russell-Gough to found overseas covens in her name. They assured me they had founded covens in Iceland, the Netherlands, Canada and America. They travelled "Astrally" to these countries.

It appears that Maxine passed letters from overseas correspondents to the Russell-Goughs. Sue and Rusty would nominate a leader from that country and arrange for aspiring witches to contact him or her. A time would be arranged for the astral ceremony. The nominated leader --- whether male or female --- would cast the circle. He or she would initiate candidates of both sexes. This was apparently acceptable."

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"Both Sue and Rusty would be present in the circle in their astral body. Sue would overshadow a nominated female leader when she initiated a man. Rusty would overshadow a nominated male leader when he initiated a woman. It is hardly surprising that the Alexandrian tradition spread so quickly !

I went through this farce with a couple who contacted me, having advised Sue and Rusty that I would do it once, and only for them to have a nucleus for their New Zealand coven. I then told Sue and Rusty what they could do with their astral initiations ! Sue and Rusty said previously stated that they knew nothing about me, and had no knowledge of Sylvia Tatham. Consequently, I had to go through the process that they used for other nominated leaders."

Bill Liddell then described in the letter about the kind of candidates that were trying to get in their coven. Most of them were turned away for various reasons.

Letter from Bill Liddell to Pauline Lind of New Zealand, dated 5 July 2004:

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"Queensland, Australia.
5th July 2004.

Dear Pauline,

Thank you for supplying an address.

I really do not believe I can be of much help. There is no possible way that I could estimate the number of Witches or Pagans in New Zealand in the 1960s or 1970s. There may have been several small groups operating. Unfortunately, these people kept very much to themselves. It is extremely doubtful whether they had a legitimate provenance."

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"Although I am unable to help you with your research, I can regale you with accounts of the witches I met in the 1970s.

There was a Canadian who really believed that he turned into a werewolf every"

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"New Year's eve. He had also been taken --- a' la George Adamski --- to Venus. This was the guy that the Russell-Goughs asked me to initiate.

Another candidate was a sixteen - year - old girl who had an ulterior motive for joining an Alexandrian coven. She wanted to learn black spells in order to kill her step-father ! I was able to dissuade her from becoming a witch, and sent her packing.

Needless to say, one plausible young man put it around that he had been sexually initiated by his grandmother. This so-called Hereditary rituals were copied word-for-word from the Alexandrian Book of Shadows ! And he wasn't the only poseur to make the claim.

My favourite was an enterprising young tough who had joined a black magic coven in Melbourne. He approached me because he had been assured that Alex Sanders was a Satanist. This guy soon ended up in prison. However, with perverse tenacity he soon re-invented himself as a professional astrologer and a witch magister. I understand that he had his own radio show.

No one should overlook Bruce, the self-styled 17th Marquis de Bourbon. This character was mooted to be the most powerful black magician since Crowley. He basked in the adulation of his Rotorua-based coven. There were spasmodic newspaper"

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"reports about sacrifices in a Rotorua forest. The usual media hype mentioned both human and animal sacrifices.

I met Bruce on several occasions and had several phone conversations with his teen-age High Priestess. She assured me that they drunk the blood of the animals they sacrificed. This friendly little creature also explained that she enjoyed copulating with an alsation on their Alexandrian altar (Poor Alex Sanders. He would turn in his grave if he knew how his black magic antics had affected some so-called "witches")

Bruce assured me that he corresponded with Sanders. He wanted us to exchange reciprocal initiations. My answer was unprintable ! When I last saw the 17th Marquis de Bourbon he was eking out an existence as a part-time barman in an Auckland hotel. I can only hope that the Craft and Pagan scenes in New Zealand have dramatically improved since the 1970s.

Best Wishes,
Bill Liddell"

Very interesting letter. After reading it, it made me sit back and think about it..... and the theme song for the show "The X-Files" started playing in my head several times...

I then sent a message to Jimahl Di Fiosa (the author of *A Coin for the Ferryman*, 2015) to ask about whether the Sanders had done some astral initiations in those early years. He sent the following reply.

From the Messenger text of October 12, 2022:

"In my opinion, an astral initiation into Alexandrian witchcraft - especially when viewed from today's perspective - would be considered a highly unusual and potentially invalid practice. Mostly because in witchcraft such initiations are most effective when performed on the physical plane. However, in the world of witchcraft, nothing is impossible so it may have occurred at the time. Who can say but those who were present?"

At the time, 1960's to 1970's, New Zealand was still a remote place. It was very expensive to travel there by plane and lesser but still expensive by ship. Even calling long distance was expensive.

And as the letter shows, getting a High Priestess to volunteer to go to and settle in New Zealand proved not easy.

In the early 1970's, Alex and Maxine Sanders were probably looking at other ways to initiate people at these remote places in the world and probably tried some astral initiations.

Maxine Sanders is known to have mentioned in several places that she had done astral projections when she was younger.

At this time in the 1970's, Alex and Maxine separated in 1971 and Maxine was pregnant and the child was born in 1972. So as the letters stated, it looks like Sue and "Rusty" Russell-Gough were running the day to day business in London.

Nobody in the upper floors yet come forward to confess that it was done. So at this point, all we can say is that it is believed by some that the astral initiations probably was mainly a project that was done by "Rusty" and Sue and later with "Rusty's" second wife Celia Russell-Gough.

The one letter above mentioned that the Russell-Goughs founded Alexandrians covens through astral initiations on candidates in Iceland, The Netherlands, Canada, and America and then in New Zealand.

Hopefully, in the future, some more information will come out about the astral initiations that may have been done by the Alexandrians.... "The truth is out there".

Any one that want to share information about this and as well as any of the topics mentioned in this history, please contact us.

~ Who were Sue and "Rusty" Russell-Gough ?

Further research showed that they were real people that were members of the Alexandrians. His name was Grenville Keith "Rusty" Russell-Gough.

~ 1970

Grenville K. Russell-Gough married Susan L. Coath in the 3rd quarter (Jul-Aug-Sep) of 1970 in the Kensington registration district of Greater London.

~ 1972

Grenville Russell-Gough was mentioned in a 1972 newspaper.

From the newspaper, Daily Mirror, Tuesday 29 February 1972:

(Excerpts from the article)

"WITCHCRAFT'S 'ROYAL FAMILY' "

"Alex Sanders is one of the best-known witches in the country and the head of a cult with hundreds of members.

One of his disciples is GRENVILLE RUSSELL-GOUGH. He spends his working life in the cab of a tower crane.

"It's the nearest I ever get to a broomstick," says 22 year-old Grenville. Swinging his jib high above a London building site, he meditates, "The isolation is good for thinking."

Africa

He warmed to witchcraft after spending his youth in Africa, and furthers his studies in the regular sessions that Sanders holds in his Notting Hill flat."

Pictures of Alex Sanders and Grenville Russell-Gough that was part of the article.



~ 1976

Grenville K. Russell-Gough married Celia M. Evans in the 2nd quarter (Apr-May-Jun) of 1976 in the Redbridge registration district of Greater London.

~ also in 1976

Grenville "Rusty" Russell-Gough was mentioned in a 1976 newspaper.

From the newspaper, News of the World, 19 September 1976:

(Excerpts from the article)

"Each day, 27-year-old Grenville Russell-Gough leaves the flat to go to work as a London Transport electrician. Each night, he returns to his 23-year-old wife Celia and [t]ogether they take up their role as witches. Two investigators called on them and were invited into their flat. Just inside the hallway a candle burned on a small altar.

Russell-Gough, who prefers to be called Rusty, said: "I change the oil every day when I come in from work. While that candle burns, I still believe."

Celia was wearing a long scarlet dress.

Bonfire

She said she was the high priestess. Then turning to Rusty, in tee shirt and dark trousers, she said: "I rule the coven, I have the last word."

~ Who were Kathy and Ivan Boyse ?

The search for the Boyse was difficult. They did not show up in the available New Zealand records that are available online at the genealogy sites.

While there are entries of people with those names living separately, there were no Ivan and Kathy Boyse listed together in the New Zealand Electoral Rolls of the 1960's to 1970's.

I found that the name Ivan Boyse was not a common name. So I expanded my search for Ivan Boyse worldwide and there were only a few entries of Ivan Boyse on the internet. I then came across few entries concerning an Ivan Boyse who claimed that he was taken by a UFO in the 1960 or 1961.

But I find that he was living in Canada so I dismissed it as not the right Ivan Boyse.

A month later, Melissa Seims found references of a Polly Lind of New Zealand who wrote an article on the Pagan scene in New Zealand of the 1970's. Melissa wrote to her and found that she had a letter written from Bill Liddell to her in 2004. Polly sent Melissa a copy of it.

In the letter that Bill Liddell wrote, he mentioned that the man who was initiated by Sue and "Rusty" Russell-Gough was a Canadian and that he claimed he was taken to Venus on a UFO. So the Ivan Boyse that I came across earlier was the correct person.

It turned out that Ivan Boyse was in Auckland, New Zealand in 1972 to attend a UFO convention that was held there. He then liked New Zealand and they decided to live there in Auckland afterwards.

~ 19 October 1960

Ivan Boyse wrote an account of what happened to him with the UFO incidence of 19 October 1960. His story was published in the magazine, Ancient Astronauts issue of May 1977.

From the magazine, Ancient Astronauts, May 1977:

On Board an Ancient Astronaut Spacecraft !

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"Today, even as a UFO researcher and ancient astronaut theorist, I still have to force myself to talk openly of the events that transpired within a 48-hour span in the middle of October 1960. Only the evidence of later events convinced me that the contact had actually occurred.

At the time I was a 15-year-old student who had never heard of UFOs. Then on the evening of October 19, my world was drastically altered. At four-thirty in the afternoon I arrived home from school and proceeded to do my homework for a few hours, until a very strange feeling came over me. I had the overpowering urge to get up and go outside. The feeling soon became a compulsion. I went out around seven o'clock and walked in a southerly direction to the Queen Elizabeth Highway. I was being pulled by an unknown power to and equally unknown destination!

Before I knew it, I had hitched a ride out toward the Welland area of Ontario. Then I found myself walking into the bleak countryside to the north of the highway....."

Images of pictures on page 15:



UFO abductee Ivan Boyes of Auckland, Canada.



Boyes' sketch of his first encounter with a UFO.

If you want to read the whole article, copy and paste this URL in your internet search engine browser:

https://ia803101.us.archive.org/18/items/AncientAstronautsMay1977/Ancient_Astronauts-May1977.pdf

It is on pages 14 to 17 and 51 to 53.

~ 24 April 1972

I. Boyse was mentioned attending an international UFO convention in New Zealand. A source mentioned a newspaper article with a date of 24 April 1972. The article mentioned that he was a Canadian now living in Auckland.

From the URECAT - UFO Related Entities Catalog:

URECAT is a formal catalog of UFO related entities sightings reports with the goal of providing quality information for accurate studies of the topic.

"1961, WELLAND, ONTARIO, CANADA, MR. I. BOYES:

Brief summary of the event and follow-up:

In 1972 in New Zealand, a UFO convention gathered 600 people, ranging from skeptics to proponents, all talking about their respective theories and speculations. A newspaper reported on the convention, and amidst the brief presentation of various point of views held by the speakers, mentioned one I. Boyes, aged 26, a Canadian now living in Auckland.

This young man was promoting a group known as "Integral Structures Systems Utopia". The group claimed to have been formed by the Intergalactic Administration and to be in contact with people from other worlds. It also claims to have been given details of how to build a flying saucer.

The group had plans to "bring a space fleet from Taurus by 1979 to stop mankind from destroying itself," to help form a world government under the "biocratic" system and abolish the monetary system.

Mr. Boyes later told the reporter that he had been telepathically attracted to a spacecraft 100 miles from his home in Welland, Canada, in 1961. He claimed he had hitchhiked the distance and was later taken on board the circular craft, about 100 feet in diameter, which was manned by three crewmen who came "from the coniferous age of earth".

They had time-traveled to the present, claimed Boyle.

And that's all there is to it."

In the source list, it mentioned "Article in the newspaper New Zealand Herald, New Zealand, April 24, 1972.

~ 16 July 1972

There is a passenger list of a Mr. and Mrs. Boyse departing from Auckland, New Zealand on 16 July 1972. The ship's next port of call was Sydney, Australia.

From the New Zealand Passenger Lists:

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CHANDRIS LINES

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Cruise Passenger List

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Ticket No. / Name / Age / Cabin / Berth / Nationality

51753 / Boyse Mr / A / 765 / A11 / N. Z'LANDER

" / Boyse Mrs / A / " / " / "

51581/ Boyse Miss F. / A / 280 / A11 / "

Image of part of the list:

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| 51753 | BOYES | MR | A | 765 | A11 | " |
| " | " | MRS | A | " | " | " |
| 51581 | BOYES | MISS F. | A | 280 | A11 | " |

There also was a Miss F. Boyse on the list. She has a different ticket number and a different room. Don't know if she was a relative traveling with Mr. and Mrs. Boyse or a coincidental stranger.

~ 1978

By 1978, Ivan Boyse was back in Canada. He was the director of the Flying Saucer-Hollow Earth Research Society in Toronto, Ontario.

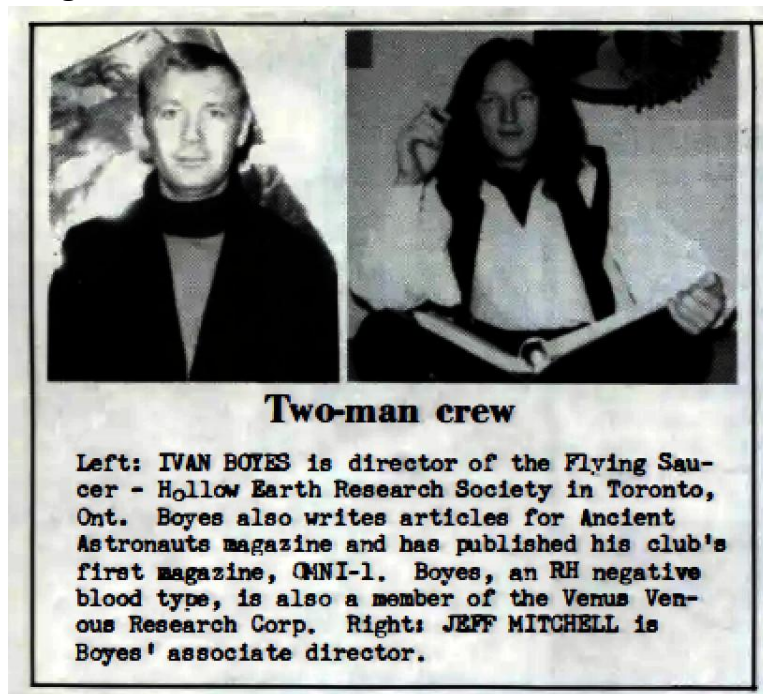
From the UFOLK magazine, No. 1 1978:

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Two-man crew

Left: IVAN BOYSE is director of the Flying Saucer-Hollow Earth Research Society in Toronto, Ont. Boyse also writes articles for Ancient Astronauts magazine and has published his club's first magazine, OMN I-1. Boyes, an RH negative blood type, is also a member of the Venus Venous Research Corp. Right: JEFF MITCHELL is Boyes' associate director.

Image of the record:



~ 1972

Ernest W. Liddell was listed as living in Auckland, New Zealand.

From the 1972 New Zealand Electoral Rolls:

Page 139

Auckland Central Main Roll

24 --- Liddell, Ernest W., 63 St Stephens Ave, clerk

~ 1978

Ernest William Liddell was listed as living in Mt. Albert, Auckland New Zealand.

From the 1978 New Zealand Electoral Rolls:

Page 72

Mt Albert Main Roll

187 --- LIDDELL, Ernest William 7/106 St Lukes Road, Clerk E

~ 1983

Bill Liddell was still living in New Zealand as of 12 November 1983.

Letter from BL to MH 12-11-1983 (12 November 1983):

"E. W. Liddell
P. O. Box 2867.
Auckland. 1
NZ"

Concerning the real Ernest William Liddell

This is to show that the real Ernest 'Ernie' William Liddell stayed in Northern Territory, Australia till the end of his life.

Tennant Creek, Northern Territory, Australia

~ 1937

The real Ernest William Liddell was born 10 July 1937. The information came from his cemetery record (see below).

~ 1963

Ernest William Liddell (the real EWL) was listed as living at Nobles Nob Mine in Tennant Creek in Barkly, Northern Territory, Australia.

From the 1963 Australia Electoral Rolls:

Page 7

The Northern Territory. Barkly.

459 --- Liddell Ernest William, Nobles Nob Mine, Tennant Ck, elec mech M

~ 1968

Ernest William Liddell (the real EWL) was listed as living at Tennant Creek in Barkly, Northern Territory, Australia.

From the 1968 Australia Electoral Rolls:

Page 12

S/D 103 Barkly District

668 --- Liddell Ernest William

Tennant Cr, Elec Mech M

~ 1972

Ernest William Liddell (the real EWL) was listed as living at Tennant Creek in Barkly, Northern Territory, Australia.

From the 1972 Australia Electoral Rolls:

Page 5

Dist. 103 District of Barkly

931 --- Liddell Ernest William Tenck 5760 elec mech M

~ 1977

Ernest William Liddell (the real EWL) was listed as living at 24 Paterson Street in Tennant Creek in Barkly, Northern Territory, Australia.

From the 1977 Australia Electoral Rolls:

Page 5

0103 District of Barkly

842 --- Liddell Ernest William 24 Paterson St Tnt Ck 5760 elec mech M

~ 1999

Ernie William Liddell (the real EWL) died on 14 July 1999 at Dolomite Mine in Northern Territory, Australia. He was buried 17 August 1999 in Tennant Creek Cemetery.

Note that his birth date was 10 July 1937.

From the cemetery records of Tennant Creek Cemetery:

LIDDELL, ERNIE WILLIAM

Born / Died / Interred / Location / History

10-Jul-37 / 14-Jul-99 / 17-Aug-99 / Tennant Creek Cemetery / Lived at Dolomite Mine

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PART II

Moss family

James Moss (1801- 1858)

Husband of Charlotte Hicks

1. **JAMES MOSS** was born ca. 1801 in Colchester, Essex, England.

Father (unknown)

Mother (unknown)

~ **ca. 1801**

James Moss was born in Colchester about 1801 in Colchester, Essex according to the 1851 census.

A detail search for James Moss' baptism in the many churches of Colchester, Essex did not turn up his baptism. He may have been baptized elsewhere .

~ **1823**

James Moss married **CHARLOTTE HICKS** on 16 September 1823 at St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, Tower Hamlets, England.

From the parish register of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green:

Marriages 1823 - Page 300. No. 900.

James Moss of this Parish Bachelor and Charlotte Hicks of this Parish Spinster were married in this Church by Banns this Sixteenth Day of Sep^{br} in the Year One thousand eight hundred and twenty three By me J. Mayne Minister

This Marriage was solemnized between us {

James Moss

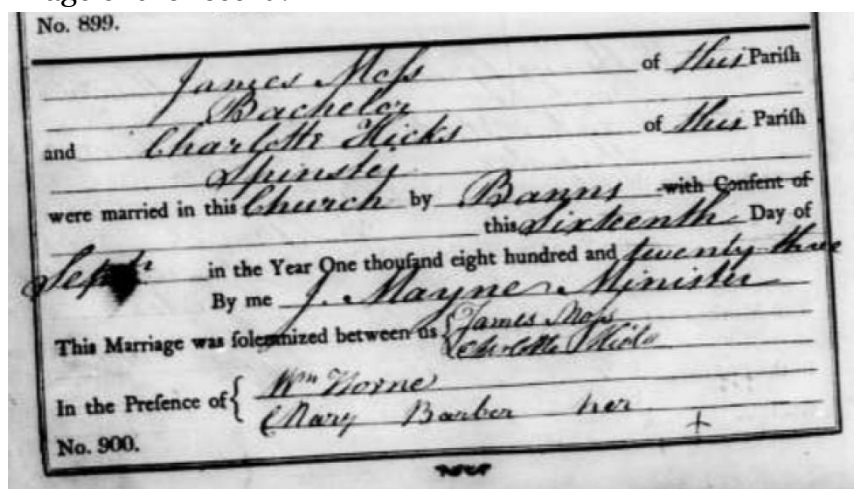
Charlotte Hicks

In the Presence of {

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Image of the record:



~ more about Charlotte Hicks

Charlotte Hicks was born in 1798 in Whitechapel, Stepney, London and baptized 29 August 1798 at St Mary Whitechapel in Stepney. Her parents were Thomas and Mary Hicks.

From the England, Select Births and Christenings:

Name / Baptism date / Baptism place / Father's name / Mother's name / FHL Film Number

Charlotte Hicks / 29 Aug 1798 / St Mary Whitechapel, Stepney, London, England / Thomas Hicks / Mary / 94695

~ 1826

Jas. Moss was listed as a hair dresser and perfumer in Stratford in 1826.

From the 1826 Pigot's directory:

Page 495

Stratford (Essex)

Miscellaneous.

Moss Jas. hair dresser & perfumer

~ 1830

Jas. Moss was listed as a hair cutter in Stratford in 1830.

From the 1830 Robson London directory:

Commercial Directory.

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Moss Jas, Hair cutter, Stratford

~ 1836

James Moss's home burned down in a big fire that happened on Tuesday 5 April 1836 in Stratford, Essex:

From the newspaper, Essex Herald, Tuesday 12 April 1836:

EXTENSIVE FIRE AT STRATFORD. --- On Tuesday night last between the hours of eight and nine o'clock, an extensive destruction of property by fire took place in the houses of Mr. Moss, hairdresser, Mr. Kennedy, salesman, Mr. Ridley, shoemaker, Mr. Biddell, tailor, and Mr. Maynard, grocer, High-street, Stratford, which burn with the most fearful rapidity, and threatened destruction to the entire neighbourhood.

The parish engines were immediately procured and brought into use by a party of the K division of police, and messengers were despatched to London for the assistance of the fire brigade, many of whom with their engines, reached Stratford about ten o'clock, when, there being an excellent supply of water at hand for use, the fire was subdued, but not until the whole of Mr. Moss's stock and furniture had been consumed, and considerable damage the other houses already mentioned.

The fire broke out in the upper part of Mr. Moss's house but how it originated is not known. It is but justice to add, that but for the assistance afforded to the inhabitants by the omnibus drivers on the Stratford road during the raging of the fire, the loss of property would have been very great. The parties are insured in the Alliance and Imperial Fire Offices.

~ 1839

James Moss was listed as a hairdresser in Stratford in 1839.

From Robson's 1839 London and Birmingham directory:

Page 651

Moss James, Hairdresser, Stratford, Essex

~ 1840

James Moss was listed as a hairdresser in Stratford in 1840.

From the 1840 Robson London directory:

Page 691

Moss, James. Hairdresser, Stratford, Essex

~ 1841

In 1841, James and Charlotte Moss were living at High Street in Stratford, Essex.

James Moss was listed as a Hair Dresser.

From the 1841 census of Stratford:

Name / Age & Sex / Profession / Whether Born in same County

High Street

James Moss / 40 M / Hair Dresser / Y

Charlotte Do / 40 F / ----- / N

James Do / 17 M / ----- / Y

Alfred Do / 14 M / ----- / Y

Mary Ann Do / 9 F / ----- / Y

Image from the census record:

A photograph of a handwritten census record from 1841. The record is on a grid with columns for Name, Age, Sex, Profession, and Whether Born in same County. The entries are for James Moss (40 M, Hair Dresser, Y), Charlotte Do (40 F, -----, N), James Do (17 M, -----, Y), Alfred Do (14 M, -----, Y), and Mary Ann Do (9 F, -----, Y). The handwriting is in cursive and the paper is aged.

| Name | Age | Sex | Profession | Whether Born in same County |
|--------------|-----|-----|--------------|-----------------------------|
| James Moss | 40 | M | Hair Dresser | Y |
| Charlotte Do | 40 | F | ----- | N |
| James Do | 17 | M | ----- | Y |
| Alfred Do | 14 | M | ----- | Y |
| Mary Ann Do | 9 | F | ----- | Y |

~ 1851

In 1851, James and Charlotte Moss were living at 12 King Street in Stratford, Essex.

James Moss was listed as a Silk Draper.

From the 1851 census of Stratford:

Name / Relationship / Marital status / Age & Sex / Profession / Birthplace

12 King Street

James Moss / Head / Mar / 49 M / Silk Draper / Colchester Essex

Charlotte D^o / Wife / Mar / 48 F / ----- / Whitechapel Midx

Mary A D^o / Daur / U / 18 F / ----- / Stratford Essex

~ 1858

James Moss died in the 4th quarter (Oct-Nov-Dec) of 1858 in the West Ham registration district of Essex.

From the England & Wales Death Index:

Name / Date / Registration District / County / Vol. / Page

James Moss / Oct-Nov-Dec 1858 / West Ham / Essex / 4a / 2

~ 1861

In 1861, Charlotte Moss, a widow age 63, was living at 23 Baker's Row in West Ham, Essex.

Charlotte was listed as a needlewoman.

From the 1861 census of West Ham:

Name / Relationship / Marital status / Age & Sex / Profession / Birthplace

23 Baker's Row

Charlotte Moss / Head / Widow / 63 F / Needlewoman / Middx London

~ 1871

In 1871, Charlotte Moss, a widow age 72, was a lodger living in the household of Daniel J. Coleman at 94 Mayland Road in Stratford, Essex.

From the 1871 census of Stratford:

Name / Relationship / Marital status / Age & Sex / Profession / Birthplace

94 Mayland Road

Daniel J. Coleman / Head / Mar / 34 M / Wheelwright / Norfolk Norwich

Caroline Coleman / Wife / Mar / 40 F / ----- / Norfolk Norwich

Frederick Coleman / Son / ---- / 12 M / Scholar / Essex Stratford

Caroline Coleman / Daur / Unm / 19 F / Dressmaker / Norfolk Norwich

Charlotte Moss / Lodger / Wid / 72 F / ----- / London City

~ 1872

Charlotte Moss died at the age of 74 in the 2nd quarter (Apr-May-Jun) of 1872 in the West Ham registration district of Essex.

From the England & Wales Death Index:

Name / Age / Date / Registration District / County / Vol. / Page

Charlotte Moss / 74 / Apr-May-Jun 1872 / West Ham / Essex / 4a / 8

Children of James and Charlotte (Hicks) Moss

2. **JAMES WILLIAM MOSS** was born 6 July 1824 in Essex and was baptized 22 August 1824 in All Saints church in West Ham, Essex.

From the Essex, England, Church of England Births and Baptisms:

Name / Birth date / Baptism date / Baptism Place / Father / Mother /

James William Moss / 6 Jul 1824 / 22 Aug 1824 / West Ham, All Saints. Essex, England / James Moss / Charlotte Moss /

In 1841, James Moss, age 17, was living with his parents at High Street in Stratford, Essex (see above under the parents for census details).

It is not known what became of him after 1841.

3. + **ALFRED MOSS** was born 8 February 1827 in Stratford, Essex and baptized 6 May 1827 in All Saints church in West Ham, Essex.

From the Essex, England, Church of England Births and Baptisms:

Name / Birth date / Baptism date / Baptism Place / Father / Mother /

Alfred Moss / 8 Feb 1827 / 6 May 1827 / West Ham, All Saints. Essex, England / James Moss / Charlotte Moss /

Alfred Moss married Emma Showell.

4. **MARY ANN ELIZA MOSS** was born 16 September 1832 in Stratford, Essex and was baptized 6 February 1833 at St Leonard St Mary Bromley, Tower Hamlets, London.

From the London, England, Church of England Births and Baptisms:

St Leonard St Mary Bromley

Baptisms 1833 - Page 1 No. 8

Baptism date (and Birth date) / Name / Parent's names / Surname / Abode / Occupation / By Whom the Ceremony was performed

Feb. 6 - (born) 16 Sep 1832 / Mary Ann Eliza / James & Charlotte / Moss / Stratford / Hair - Dresser / Jno Stock Offg: Min

Mary Ann Eliza Moss married James Webb.

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14. 1861 census of England, Essex, West Ham, West Ham, District 04, image 33, online at Ancestry.com. Public Record Office reference R.G. 9 1057, original page no. 29, stamped page no. 83. No. of Schedule 159, household of Charlotte Moss. Searched on April 22, 2022 Friday 1:01 AM
15. 1871 census of England, Essex, West Ham, Stratford, 14, image no. 48, online at Ancestry.com. Public Record Office reference R.G. 10 1676, original page no. 46 & 47, stamped page no. 85. No. of Schedule 207 and 207a, Charlotte Moss a lodger in the household of Daniel Coleman. Searched on April 22, 2022 Friday 1:31 AM.
16. 1872 death of Charlotte Moss in the index. England & Wales, Civil Registration Death Index, 1837-1915, online at Ancestry.com. Age: 74; Date: Apr-May-Jun 1872; Registration District: West Ham; County: Essex; Vol.: 4a; Page 8. Searched on April 22, 2022 Friday 12:23 AM.

2nd generation

Alfred Moss (1827- 1893)

Husband of Emma Showell

Stationer & Post Master

3. **ALFRED MOSS** was born on 8 February 1827 in Stratford, Essex and was baptized 6 May 1827 at All Saints church in West Ham, Essex.

Father: James Moss (No. 1)

Mother: Charlotte Hicks

~ 1827

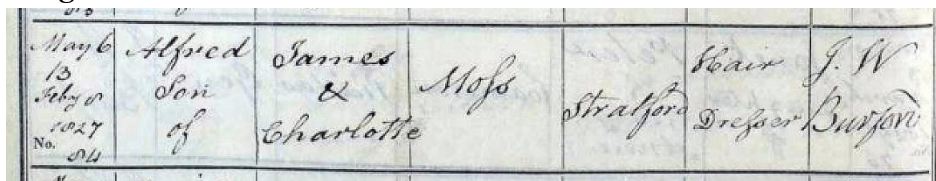
From the parish register of All Saints, West Ham:

Baptisms 1827 - Page 444 No. 84

*When Baptized / Child's Name / Name of Parents / Surname / Abode / Occupation /
By whom the Ceremony was performed*

May 6 B Feby 8 1827 / Alfred Son of / James & Charlotte / Moss / Stratford / Hair
Dresser / J. W. Burford

Image of the record:



~ 1841

In 1841, Alfred Moss, age 14, was living with his parents at High Street in Stratford, Essex.

From the 1841 census of Stratford:

Name / Age & Sex / Profession / Whether Born in same County

High Street

James Moss / 40 M / Hair Dresser / Y
Charlotte Do / 40 F / ----- / N
James Do / 17 M / ----- / Y
Alfred Do / 14 M / ----- / Y
Mary Ann Do / 9 F / ----- / Y

~ 1857

Alfred Moss married **EMMA SHOWELL** in the 1st quarter (Jan-Feb-Mar) of 1857 in the West Ham registration district of Essex.

From the England & Wales, Marriage Index:

Names / Date / Registration district / County / Vol. / Page

Alfred Moss and Emma Showell / Jan-Feb-Mar 1857 / West Ham / Essex / 4a / 37

~ 1860

Alfred Moss was listed in the 1860 directory for Stratford, Essex.

From the 1860 London Post Office Directory:

Page 85

STRATFORD. (E)

Broadway.....

Moss Alfred, stationer

Page 154

Moss Alfred, stationer, Broadway, Stratford e

Page 240

STATIONERS.

Moss Alfred, Broadway, Stratford e

~ 1861

In 1861, Alfred and Emma Moss were living on Broadway in Stratford, Essex.

Alfred Moss was listed as a Post Master.

From the 1861 census of Stratford:

Name / Relationship / Marital status / Age & Sex / Profession / Where born

Broadway

Alfred Moss / Head / Mar / 23 M / Post Master / Essex Stratford

Emma Moss / Wife / Mar / 27 F / ----- / D^o D^o

Ernest Moss / Son / ---- / 3 M / ----- / D^o D^o

Frederick Moss / Son / ---- / 1 M / ----- / D^o D^o

Jane E Showell / Sister in law / Un / 17 F / Shop Attendant / D^o D^o

Isabella Kemply / Servant / Un / 16 F / House Servant / Stratford Essex

Emily Ann Aldredge / Visitor / Un / 21 F / [manufacture?] / [Belgrave Middlesex?]

~ 1871

In 1871, Alfred and Emma Moss were living at 1 Manture Cotg in Stratford, Essex.

Alfred Moss was listed as a Stationer.

From the 1861 census of Stratford:

Name / Relationship / Marital status / Age & Sex / Profession / Where Born

1 Manture Cotg

Alfred Moss / Head / M / 44 M / Stationer / Essex West Ham

Emma do / Wife / M / 36 F / ----- / do do

Alfred E do / Son / --- / 13 M / ----- / do do

Frederick do / Son / --- / 11 M / ----- / do do

Kate do / Daur / --- / 9 F / ----- / do do

Charles do / Son / --- / 7 M / ----- / do do

Sidney do / Son / --- / 4 M / ----- / do do

Arthur do / Son / --- / 2 M / ----- / do do

Mary Cross / Serv / Un / 18 F / Serv / do do

~ 1880

Alfred Moss was listed in the 1880 directory for Stratford, Essex.

From the 1880 London Post Office Directory:

Page 225

Moss Alfred, stationer, 52 Broadway, Stratford e

Page 620

Stationers - Retail.

Moss Alfred, 52 Broadway, Stratford e

~ 1881

In 1881, Alfred Moss was living at 52 Broadway in Stratford, Essex.

Alfred Moss was listed as a Stationer.

From the 1881 census of Stratford:

Name / Relationship / Marital status / Age & Sex / Profession / Where born
52 Broadway

Alfred Moss / Head / Mar / 54 M / Stationer / West ham Essex

Charles Henry Moss / Son / Unm / 17 M / Shop Assistant - Stationer / West ham.

Also in 1881, Emma Moss was living at another location, at 18 Gurney Road in Stratford, Essex.

From the 1881 census of Stratford:

Name / Relationship / Marital status / Age & Sex / Profession / Where born
18 Gurney Rd

Emma Moss / Head / Mar / 47 F / ----- / Essex Stratford

Ernest do / Son / Unm / 23 M / Engineer's Clerk / do do

Frederick do / Son / Unm / 21 M / Commercial Clerk / do do

Kate do / Daur / Unm / 19 F / ----- / do do

Sidney Moss / Son / ---- / 14 M / Scholar / Essex Stratford

Arthur do / Son / ---- / 12 M / do / do do

~ 1891

In 1891, Alfred Moss was living at 2 Peascot Street in New Windsor, Berkshire.

Alfred Moss was listed as a Toy & Fancy Goods dealer.

From the 1891 census of New Windsor:

Name / Relationship / Marital status / Age & Sex / Profession / Where born
2 Peascot St.

Alfred Moss / Head / M / 63 M / Toy & Fancy Goods dealer - Employer / West Ham - Essex

Jane E Showell / Sister in Law / Single / 46 F / do Assistant - Employed / West Ham - Essex

Also in 1891, Emma Moss was living at 8 Earlham Grove in Forest Gate, Essex.

From the 1891 census of Forest Gate:

Name / Relationship / Marital status / Age & Sex / Profession / Where born

8 Earlham Grove

Emma Moss / Head / M / 57 M / ----- / Essex Stratford

Alfred E. Do / Son / S / 33 M / Engineer's Clerk- Employed / Do Do

Kate Do / Daur / S / 29 F / ----- / Do Do

Arthur A. Do / Son / S / 22 M / Commercial Clerk - Employed / Do Do

Charlotte E. Fountain / Serv / S / 16 F / General Servant / Do Do

~ 1893

Alfred Moss died on 16 April 1893. He probably died at 8 Earlham Grove, Forest Gate, Essex.

From the England & Wales, Death Index:

Name / Age / Death date / Registration district / County / Vol. / Page

Alfred Moss / 66 / Apr-May-Jun 1893 / West Ham / Essex / 4a / 72

From the England & Wales Probate Index:

Page 315

1893.

MOSS Alfred of 8 Earlham-grove Forest Gate Essex died 16 April 1893 Probate London 15 May to Emma Moss widow Effects £1755 4s. 3d.

From the newspaper, Essex Herald, Tuesday 02 May 1893:

STRATFORD.

DEATH OF MR. ALFRED MOSS. --- We regret to hear of the death of Mr. Alfred Moss, who was for over 30 years postmaster of Stratford.

~ 1901

In 1901, Emma Moss, widow age 67 years, was living at 8 Earlham Grove in Forest Gate, Essex.

Emma Moss was listed as Living on own means.

From the 1901 census of Forest Gate:

Name / Relationship / Marital status / Age & Sex / Profession / Where born

8 Earlham Grove

Emma Moss / Head / Wid / 67 F / Living on own means / Essex Stratford
 Kate do / daur / S / 39 F / ----- / do
 Alfred E. do / Son / S / 43 M / Engineer's Manager / do
 Arthur A. do / Son / S / 32 M / Chief Clerk to [-----] CoY / do
 Charlotte B Tomes / Serv / S / 23 F / General Servant / London Regents Park

~ 1911

In 1911, Emma Moss, widow age 77 years, was living at 8 Earlham Grove in Forest Gate, Essex.

From the 1911 census of Forest Gate:

Name / Relationship / Age & Sex / Marital status / Years married / Children born / Profession / Industry / Where born

No. of Schedule - 235

Signature - Alfred Ernest Moss

Address - 8 Earlham Grove Forest Gate.E.

No. of Rooms - 10

Alfred Ernest Moss / Head / 52 M / Married / ---- / ---- / Engineers Manager / Saw Mill Engineer / Stratford London

Emma Moss / Mother / 77 F / Widow / ---- / ---- / ----- / ----- / Stratford "

Grace Mary Moss / Wife / 42 F / Married / 7 / None / ----- / ----- / Poplar London

Jane Elizabeth Showell / Aunt / 67 F / Single / ---- / ---- / Private means / ----- / Stratford "

Alice Jane Blane / Servant / 16 F / Single / ---- / ---- / Gen. Servant (Domestic) / ----- / Kentish Town

~ 1913

Emma Moss died at the age of 80 on 8 December 1913 in Forest Gate, Essex.

From the England & Wales, Death Index:

Name / Age / Death date / Registration district / County / Vol. / Page

Emma Moss / 80 / Oct-Nov-Dec 1913 / West Ham / Essex / 4a / 6

From the England & Wales, National Probate Calendar:

Page 245

1913.

Moss Emma of 8 Earlham Grove Forest Gate Essex widow died 8 December 1913
Probate London 31 December to Alfred Ernest Moss engineers manager Frederick
Harvey Moss commercial traveler. Effects £2222 14s.

Children of Alfred and Emma (Showell) Moss

5. **ALFRED ERNEST MOSS**

6. **FREDERICK HARVEY MOSS**

7. **KATE MOSS**

8. **CHARLES HENRY MOSS**

9. **SIDNEY HERBERT MOSS**

10. **ARTHUR A. MOSS**

Source:

1. 1827 birth and baptism of Alfred Moss. West Ham, All Saints, Essex. Essex Archives online at www.seax.essexcc.gov.uk. D/P 256/1/6, Baptisms 1818-1838, 305 images. Image 148 left side. Baptisms 1827, page 444, no. 84. Searched on May 21, 2022 Saturday 1:36 AM.
2. 1841 census of England, Essex, West Ham, Stratford, District 5, image no. 3, online at Ancestry.com. Public Record Office reference HO 107/323/13, original page no. 9. Household of James Moss. Searched on April 9, 2022 Saturday 3:17 PM.
3. 1857 marriage of Alfred Moss and Emma Showell in the index. England & Wales, Civil Registration Marriage Index, 1837-1915, online at Ancestry.com. Searched on May 26, 2022 Thursday 1:26 AM.
4. 1860 Alfred Moss in the directory. London, England, City Directories, 1736-1943, online at Ancestry.com. Post Office London Suburban Directory, 1860, Image 100 page 85, image 165 page 154 & image 251 page 240. Searched on May 26, 2022 Thursday 11:06 PM.
5. 1861 census of England, Essex, West Ham, Stratford, District 9, image no. 37. Public Record Office reference R. G. 9 1055, original page no. 39, stamped page no. 48. No. of householder's schedule 200, household of Alfred Moss. Searched on May 27, 2022 Friday 1:47 AM.
6. 1871 census of England, Essex, West Ham, Stratford, 10, image no. 11, online at Ancestry.com. Public Record Office reference R. G. 10 1644, original page no. 10. Number of Schedule 48, household of Alfred Moss. Searched on May 29, 2022 Sunday 10:29 PM.

7. 1880 Alfred Moss listed in the directory. London, England, City Directories, 1736-1943, online at Ancestry.com. Post Office London Suburban Directory, 1880. Image 460, page 225 and image 655, page 620. Searched on May 29, 2022 Sunday 11:09 PM.
8. 1881 census of England, Essex, West Ham, Stratford, District 7, images 19 & 20, online at Ancestry.com. Public Record Office reference RG 11/1704, original pages no. 18 & 19, stamped page no. 73. No. of Schedule: 83, household of Alfred Moss. Searched on May 29, 2022 Sunday 11:44 PM.
9. 1881 census of England, Essex, West Ham, Stratford, District 17, images 31 & 32, online at Ancestry.com. Public Record Office reference RG 11/1706, original page nos. 30 & 31. No. of Schedule 168, household of Emma Moss. Searched on May 30, 2022 Monday 12:49 AM.
10. 1891 census of England, Berkshire, New Windsor, ALL, District 05, image 2, online at Ancestry.com. Public Record Office reference RG 12/1011, original page no. 1, stamped page no. 56. No. of Schedule 1, household of Alfred Moss. Searched on May 30, 2022 Monday 9:19 PM.
11. 1891 census of England, Essex, West Ham, West Ham, District 89, image no. 28, online at Ancestry.com. Public Record Office reference RG 12/1337, original page no. 27, stamped page no. 17. No. of Schedule 128, household of Emma Moss. Searched on May 30, 2022 Monday 9:50 PM.
12. 1893 death of Alfred Moss in the index. England & Wales, Civil Registration Death Index, 1837-1915, online at Ancestry.com. Searched on May 30, 2022 Monday 10:44 PM.
13. 1893 death and probate of Alfred Moss in the index. England & Wales, National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations), 1858-1995, online at Ancestry.com. 1893, Kain-Myers, Image no. 315, page 315. Searched on May 30, 2022 Monday 10:56 PM.
14. 1893 death notice of Alfred Moss in the newspaper. Essex Herald, Tuesday 02 May 1893, page 8. British Newspaper Archive, online at www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk. Searched on June 1, 2022 Wednesday 9:58 PM.
15. 1901 census of England, Essex, West Ham, Forest Gate, District 19, image 14, online at Ancestry.com. Public Record Office reference RG 13/1589, original page no. 18, and stamped page no. 114. No. of Schedule 60, household of Emma Moss. Searched on May 30, 2022 Monday 11:43 PM.
16. 1911 census of England, Essex, West Ham, Forest Gate, 29, image 470, online at Ancestry.com. No. of Schedule 235, household of Alfred Ernest Moss. Searched on May 31, 2022 Tuesday 1:26 AM.
17. 1913 death of Emma Moss in the index. England & Wales, Civil Registration Death Index, 1837-1915, online at Ancestry.com. Searched on May 31, 2022 Tuesday 1:46 AM.
18. 1913 death and probate of Emma Moss in the index. England & Wales, National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations), 1858-1995, online at Ancestry.com. Image no. 245, page 245. Searched on May 31, 2022 Tuesday 11:39 PM.

PART III

Showell family

1st generation

Robert Showell (1723- 1801)

Husband of Anne Rubidge

Shipwright

1. **ROBERT SHOWELL** was born ca. 1723

Father: (unknown)

Mother: (unknown)

~ **1723**

The birth year of 1723 was calculated from his age of 78 years at his burial in 1801.

~ **1752**

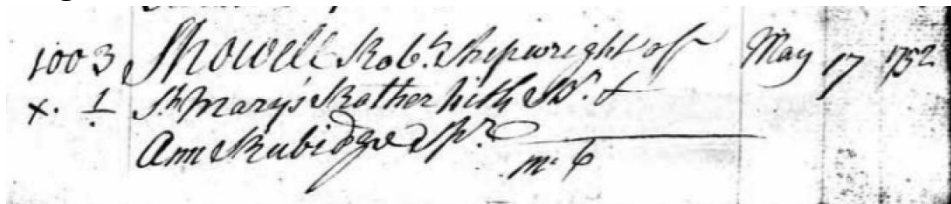
Robert Showell married **ANNE RUBIDGE** on 17 May 1752

From the London, England, Clandestine Marriage:

Wyatt's register of marriages "At home"

1003 X. L. / Showell Rob^t. Shipwright of St. Mary's Rotherhithe Br. & Anne Rubidge
Sp^r. / May 17 1752

Image of the record:



~ **1775**

There was a Will from a Thomas Skinner of Rotherhithe who gave all his goods to his friend Ann Showell.

From the Surrey & South London Will Abstracts:

SW/39_718

Thomas Skinner (X) of Rotherhithe, gentleman 16 Dec 1767

to my friend Ann Showell wife of Robert Showell of Rotherhithe, shipwright all my goods and after her death to her children; Ann Showell, exec.

Witnesses: Thomas Trevor; Charles Trevor

Proved: 11 Nov 1775 to exec. [DW/PA/7/30 ff.332v-333r; DW/PA/5/1775/35] (died within a week)

~ 1801

Robert Showell died at the age of 78 at Silver Street in Rotherhithe, Surrey and was buried on 15 November 1801 in the churchyard of St. Mary in Rotherhithe.

From the parish register of St Mary, Rotherhithe:

Burials

November 1801

15 - Robert Showell Shipwright Silver Street - 78

Image of the record:



Children of Robert and Anne (Rubidge) Showell

2. **PETER SHOWELL** was baptized on 23 March 1753 at St. Mary's in Rotherhithe, Surrey.

3. **SARAH SHOWELL** was baptized on 27 February 1756 at St. Mary's in Rotherhithe, Surrey.

4. + **ROBERT SHOWELL** was baptized on 12 July 1758 at St. Mary's in Rotherhithe, Surrey.

Robert Showell married Jane Hawkins.

5. **REBECCA SHOWELL** was baptized on 29 July 1761 at St. Mary's in Rotherhithe, Surrey.
6. **WILLIAM SHOWELL** was baptized on 29 June 1764 at St. Mary's in Rotherhithe, Surrey.
7. **SAMUEL SHOWELL** was baptized on 18 September 1767 at St. Mary's in Rotherhithe, Surrey.

Sources:

1. 1752 marriage of Robt. Showell and Anne Rubidge. London, England, Clandestine Marriage and Baptism Registers, 1667-1754, online at Ancestry.com. Piece 260: 1751 Jun - 1752 Jun, image no. 125. Wyatt's register of marriages "At home" (1751 Jun - 1752 Jun). Searched on May 2, 2022 Monday 12:03 AM.
2. 1753 baptism of Peter Showell. St Mary, Rotherhithe, Southwark, Surrey, England. London, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1538-1812, online at Ancestry.com. Searched on May 6, 2022 Friday 1:18 AM.
3. 1756 baptism of Sarah Showell. St Mary, Rotherhithe, Southwark, Surrey, England. London, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1538-1812, online at Ancestry.com. Searched on May 6, 2022 Friday 1:18 AM.
4. 1758 baptism of Robert Showell. St Mary, Rotherhithe, Southwark, Surrey, England. London, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1538-1812, online at Ancestry.com. Image 60 left side. Searched on May 6, 2022 Friday 1:18 AM.
5. 1761 baptism of Rebecca Showell. St Mary, Rotherhithe, Southwark, Surrey, England. London, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1538-1812, online at Ancestry.com. Searched on May 6, 2022 Friday 1:18 AM.
6. 1764 baptism of William Showell. St Mary, Rotherhithe, Southwark, Surrey, England. London, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1538-1812, online at Ancestry.com. Searched on May 6, 2022 Friday 1:18 AM.
7. 1767 baptism of Samuel Showell. St Mary, Rotherhithe, Southwark, Surrey, England. London, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1538-1812, online at Ancestry.com. Searched on May 6, 2022 Friday 1:18 AM.
8. 1775 Will of Thomas Skinner who gave to Ann Showell. Surrey & South London Will Abstracts, 1470-1856, online at Findmypast.com. Searched on May 16, 2022 Monday 12:32 AM.
9. 1801 burial of Robert Showell. St Mary, Rotherhithe, Southwark, Surrey, England. London, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1538-1812, online at Ancestry.com. Image no. 241 left side, Burials 1801. Searched on May 5, 2022 Thursday 1:46 AM.

2nd generation

Robert Showell (1758-1822)

Husband of Jane Hawkins

Ropemaker

4. **ROBERT SHOWELL** was born in Rotherhithe, Surrey and was baptized on 12 July 1758 at St. Mary's in Rotherhithe.

Father: Robert Showell (No. 1)

Mother: Anne Rubidge

~ 1758

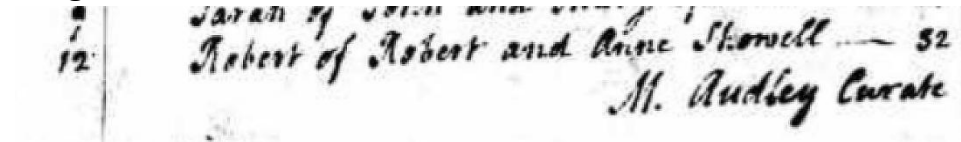
From the parish register of St. Mary, Rotherhithe:

Baptisms 1758

July

12 - Robert of Robert and Anne Showell - 32

Image of the record:



~ 1780 to 1799

Tax records of Robert Showell of Rotherhithe, Surrey for the years 1780 to 1799.

From the tax records of Rotherhithe:

Year / Proprietor / Occupier / Lands. The Yearly Value / Sums Assessed

1780 / Duke of Bedford / Rob^t Showell & Elizth Dutton / £ 1 / --- . 4 . --- (4 shillings)

1781 / Duke of Bedford / Rob^t Showell & Elizth Dutton / £ 1 / --- . 4 . --- (4 shillings)

1782 / Duke of Bedford / Rob^t. Showell & Eliz Dutton / £ 1 / --- . 4 . --- (4 shillings)

1783 / Duke of Bedford / Rob Showell & Eliz Dutton / £ 3 / --- . 12 . --- (12 shillings)
 1784 / Duke of Bedford / Rob Showell & Eliz Dutton / £ 3 / --- . 12 . --- (12 shillings)
 1785 / Duke of Bedford / Rob Showell & Elizth Dutton / £ 3 / --- . 12 . --- (12 shillings)

Year / Proprietor / Occupier / Lands, &c Yearly Value / Sums Assessed

1786 / Duke of Bedford / Robert Showell & Elizabeth Dutton / £ 3 / --- . 12 . --- (12 shillings)
 1787 / Duke of Bedford / Rob^t Showell & Eliz Dutton / £ 3 / --- . 12 . --- (12 shillings)
 1788 / Duke of Bedford / Robert Showell & Elizabeth Dutton / £ 3 / --- . 12 . --- (12 shillings)
 1789 / Duke of Bedford / Robert Showell & E Dutton / £ 3 / --- . 12 . --- (12 shillings)
 1790 / Duke of Bedford / Robert Showell & Elizabeth Dutton / £ 3 / --- . 12 . --- (12 shillings)
 1791 / Duke of Bedford / Robert Showell & Elizabeth Dutton / £ 3 / --- . 12 . --- (12 shillings)
 1792 / Duke of Bedford / Robert Showell & Eliz Dutton / £ 3 / --- . 12 . --- (12 shillings)
 1793 / Duke of Bedford / Robert Showell & Eliz Dutton / £ 3 / --- . 12 . --- (12 shillings)
 1795 / Duke of Bedford / Robert Showell & Eliz Dutton / £ 3 / --- . 12 . --- (12 shillings)
 1796 / Duke of Bedford / Robert Showell & Eliz Dutton / £ 3 / --- . 12 . --- (12 shillings)
 1798 / Duke of Bedford / Robert Showell / £ 3 / --- . 12 . --- (12 shillings)

Year / Rentals / Proprietor / Occupier / Sums Assessed and not Exonerated

1799 / 3 / Duke of Bedford / Robert Showell / --- . 11 . 3 (11 shillings and 3 pence)

Image of the 1782 record:

| Names of Proprietors. | Names of Occupiers. | Personal Estate. | | | | Lands. The Yearly Value. | Sums Assessed | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-------------|----|----|-----------------------------------|---------------|----|----|
| | | The Val. | Assessment. | | | | | | |
| | | £ | £ | s. | d. | £ | £ | s. | d. |
| Duke of Bedford | Rob. Showell & Eliz Dutton | | | | | 1 | | 4 | |

Image of the 1786 record:

| Names of Proprietors, and Landlord's assessed for | Names of Occupiers. | Personal Estate. | | | | Lands, &c. Yearly Value. | Sums Assessed | | |
|--|---------------------|------------------|-------------|----|----|-----------------------------------|---------------|----|----|
| | | The Val. | Assessment. | | | | £ | s. | d. |
| | | £ | £ | s. | d. | £ | £ | s. | d. |
| Duke of Bedford | Robert Maxwell | | | | | 3 | | 12 | |
| D. | Elizabeth Dutton | | | | | | | | |

Image of the 1798 record:

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| Names of Proprietors and Landlords assessed for | Names of Occupiers. | Personal Estate. | | | | Lands, &c. Yearly Value. | Sums assessed. | | |
|--|---------------------|------------------|-------------|----|----|-----------------------------------|----------------|----|----|
| | | The Val. | Assessment. | | | | £. | s. | d. |
| | | £. | £. | s. | d. | £. | £. | s. | d. |
| Duke | Robert Howell | | | | | 3 | | 12 | |
| of | James Roper | | | | | 3 | | 12 | |
| Bedford | Richard Gardner | | | | | 3 | | 12 | |

Don't know if this was where Robert Showell lived and also made ropes. From the beginning of the tax records in 1780 to 1796 Robert Showell was listed with a Elizabeth Dutton. Starting at 1798 he is listed alone.

Elizabeth Dutton could have been renting the same space as her residence or she was involved in his business.

~ 1783

Robert Showell and **JANE HAWKINS** were married on 2 March 1783 in the church of St. Mary Magdalene in Bermondsey, Surrey.

From the parish register of St Mary Magdalene, Bermondsey:

Marriages 1783 - Page 131 No 15

Robert Showell of this Parish Bachelor & Jane Hawkins of the same Parish Spinster were Married in this Church by Banns this Second Day of March in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty three by me Tho. Mason Min^r.

John Poynter

No 15 } Robert Howell of this Parish Bachelor
 & Jane Hawkins of the same Parish Spinster were
 Married in this Church by Banns
 this Second Day of March in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred
 and Eighty three By me H. Mason Min. R.
 This Marriage was solemnized between Us, Robert Howell
 & Jane Hawkins
 In the Presence of { Mark Saxton
 John Byrster

From the tax records of Rotherhithe:

1802 / Silver Street / 3 / James Brent / Robert Showell / -- . 10 . 6 (10 Shillings and 6 Pence)

1809 / Silver Street / 7 / ----- / Rob^t Showell / --. 8 . 9 / ---. ---. --- (8 Shillings and 9 Pence)

1810-1811 / Silver Street / 7 / ----- / Rob^t Showell / --. 8 . 9 / ---. ---. --- (8 Shillings and 9 Pence)

1811-1812 / Silver Street / 7 / ----- / Rob^t Showell / -----

1812-1813 / Silver Street / 7 / ----- / Rob^t Showell / -----

1813-1814 / Silver Street / 7 / ----- / Rob^t Showell / -----

~ 1822

Robert Showell died at the age of 64 in Surrey Place in Rotherhithe, Surrey and was buried in the churchyard of St. Mary in Rotherhithe.

Robert was mentioned as a Rope Maker.

From the parish register of St. Mary, Rotherhithe:

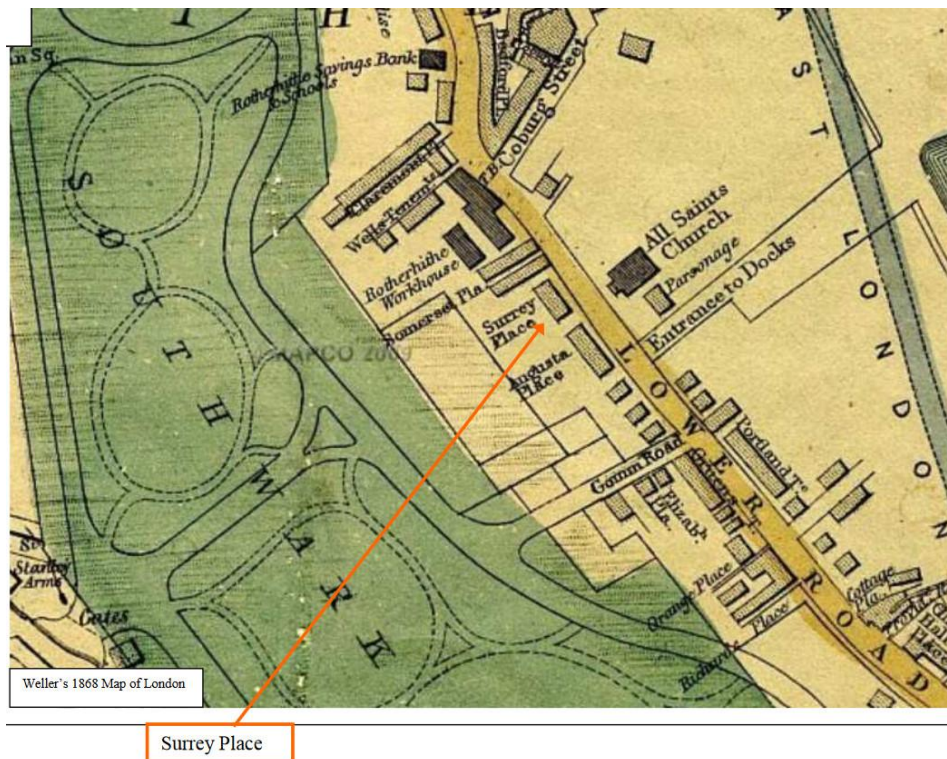
Burials 1822 - Page 89. No. 706.

Name. / Abode. / When buried. / Age. / By whom the Ceremony was performed.

Robert Showell. Rope Maker. / Surrey Place. / Jan^{ry}. 5th. / 64. / Rev^d T. H. Lincoln.
Off^g Minister

Image of the record:

| Name. | Abode. | When buried. | Age. | By whom the Ceremony was performed. |
|--|------------------|-------------------------------------|------|---|
| Samuel William Son of Samuel Green. Mariner. No. 705. | Carraway Street. | Jan ^{ry} 5 th . | 64. | Rev ^d T. H. Lincoln. Off ^g Minister. |
| Robert Showell. Rope Maker. No. 706. | Surrey Place. | Jan ^{ry} 5 th . | 64. | Rev ^d T. H. Lincoln. Off ^g Minister. |



1868 map of Rotherhithe, Surrey showing the location of Surrey Place on Lower Road.
from Wikitree online, Map from Weller's 1868.

Children of Robert and Jane (Hawkins) Showell

8. **FORTUNE SHOWELL** was baptized on 2 March 1785 at St. Mary church in Rotherhithe, Surrey.
9. **SARAH SHOWELL** was baptized on 14 February 1787 at St. Mary church in Rotherhithe, Surrey.
10. **WILLIAM SHOWELL** was baptized on 4 July 1788 at St. Mary church in Rotherhithe, Surrey.
11. **HARRIET SHOWELL** was baptized on 14 July 1790 at St. Mary church in Rotherhithe, Surrey.
12. + **JAMES SHOWELL** was baptized on 26 May 1799 at St. Mary church in Rotherhithe, Surrey.

James Showell married Christian Davis.

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3rd generation

James Showell (1799-1858)

Husband of Christian Davis

Toy dealer / Stationer / Postmaster

12. **JAMES SHOWELL** was born ca. 1799 in Rotherhithe, Surrey, England and baptized 26 May 1799 in St. Mary church in Rotherhithe.

Father: Robert Showell (No. 4)

Mother: Jane Hawkins

~ 1799

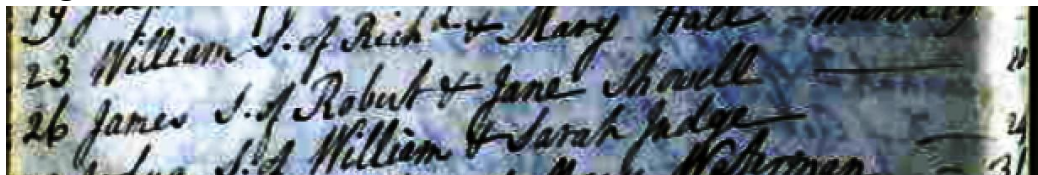
From the parish register of Rotherhithe:

Baptisms 1799

May

26 James S. of Robert & Jane Showell ----- 20

Image of the record:



~ 1823

James Showell married **CHRISTIAN DAVIS** on 25 May 1823 in St. Mary the Virgin church in Wanstead, Essex.

From the parish register of Wanstead:

Marriages 1823 - Page 91. No. 271.

James Showell of this Parish Bachelor and Christian Davis of this Parish Spinster were married in this Church by Banns this twenty fifth Day of May in the Year One thousand eight hundred and Twenty three by me William Gilly Rector.

The Marriage was solemnized between us {

James Showell

Christian Davis

In the Presence of {

Rebecca Davis

Tho^s Barker

James Davis

Image of the record:

MARRIAGES solemnized in the Parish of *Wansstead*
in the County of *Essex* in the Year 1823

James Showell of *this* Parish
Bachelor
and *Christian Davis* of *this* Parish
Spinster

were married in this *Church* by *Banns* with Consent of
this *twenty fifth* Day of
May in the Year One thousand eight hundred and *Twenty three*

By me *William Gilly - Rectory*

This Marriage was solemnized between us { *James Showell*
Christian Davis

In the Presence of { *Rebecca Davis* *Tho^s Barker*
James Davis

No. 271.

Christian Davis was born on 20 November 1798 in St. Saviour, Southwark, Surrey. She was a daughter of Hugh and Christian Davis.

From the England & Wales, Christening Index:

Name / Gender / Birth Date / Birth Place / Baptism Place / Father / Mother

Christian Davis / Female / 20 Nov 1798 / St. Saviour, Southwark, Surrey, England St. Saviour, Southwark, Surrey, England / Hugh Davis / Christian Davis

~ 1839

James Showell was listed in Stratford, Essex in the 1839 Pigot's Directory.

From the 1839 Pigot's Directory:

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Stratford

Toy Dealers.

Showell James, Broadway

~ 1840

James Showell was listed in Stratford, Essex in the 1840 Pigot directory.

From the Pigot 1840 Directory:

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Stratford

Booksellers and Stationers.

Showell Jas. (and stamp distributer) Broadway

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Stratford

Toy Dealers.

Showell James, Broadway

~ 1841

In 1841, James and Christian Showell were living on High Street in Stratford, Essex.

James Showell was listed as (selling) Toys and Stationer.

From the 1841 census of Stratford:

Name / Age & Sex / Profession / Whether born in same County

High Street

James Showell / 42 M / Toys & Stationer / No

Christian do / 42 F / ----- / No

Christian do / 15 F / ----- / Yes

James do / 12 M / ----- / Yes

Emma do / 8 F / ----- / Yes

Ann Ruddick / 5 F / ----- / No

John Shules / 25 M / Tailor / Yes

Samuel do / 25 M / do / Yes

~ 1845

James Showell was listed in the 1845 London Post Office directory.

From the 1845 London Post Office directory:

Page 1364

Trades Directory.

Stationers.

Showell James, Broadway, Stratford

~ 1846

James Showell is an agent for the Chelmsford Chronicle for Stratford, Essex.

From the newspaper, Chelmsford Chronicle, Friday 13 February 1846:

Chelmsford,

Friday, February 13, 1846.

Mr. James Showell, Postmaster, Stratford, has been appointed Agent for this Paper.

~ 1850

James Showell was listed in the 1850 London Post Office directory.

From the 1850 London Post Office directory:

Page 516

Stratford Broadway.

Showell James, stationer

Post Office Receiving House James Showell, receiver

Page 1001

Commercial Directory.

Showell Jas. stationer & post master, Broadway, Stratford

~ 1851

In 1851, James and Christian Showell were living at Broadway in Stratford, Essex.

James Showell was listed as a Stationer.

From the 1851 census of Stratford:

Name / Relationship / Marital status / Age & Sex / Profession / Where born

Broadway

James Showell / Head / Mar / 51 M / Stationer / Surrey Rotherhithe

Christian Do / Wife / Mar / 52 F / ----- / " Southwark

Do Do / Daur / U / 26 F / ----- / Essex Stratford

Emma Do / Do / Do / 17 F / ----- / Do Do
Jane E Do / Do / ---- / 7 F / Scholar / Do Do

~ 1854

Christian Showell died in the 3rd quarter (Jul-Aug-Sep) of 1854 in the West Ham registration district of Essex.

Stratford is part of the West Ham R. D.

From the England & Wales, Death index:

Name / Death date / Registration district / County / Vol. / Page

Christiana Showell / Jul-Aug-Sep 1854 / West Ham / Essex / 4a / 10

~ 1858

James Showell died at the age of 59 years on 8 July 1858 at Stepney, London and was buried in Newham, London on 15 July 1858.

The date of death and place came from the Probate Index (see below).

From the UK, Burial and Cremation Index:

Name / Register Type / Burial Date / Burial Place

James Showell / Burial / 15 Jul 1858 / Newham, London, England

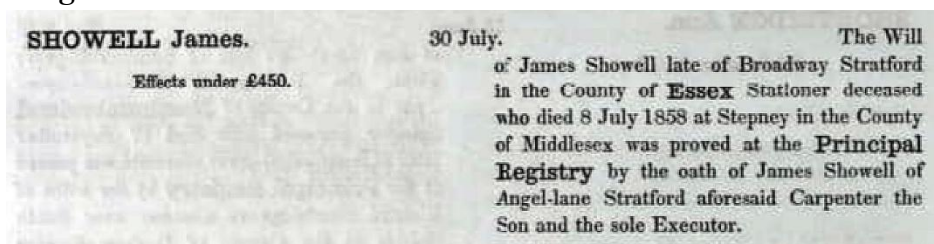
From the National Probate Calendar:

SHOWELL JAMES.

Effects under £450.

30 July. of James Showell late of Broadway Stratford in the County of Essex Stationer deceased who died 8 July 1858 at Stepney in the County of Middlesex was proved at the Principal Registry by the oath of James Showell of Angel-lane Stratford aforesaid Carpenter the Son and the sole Executor.

Image of the record:

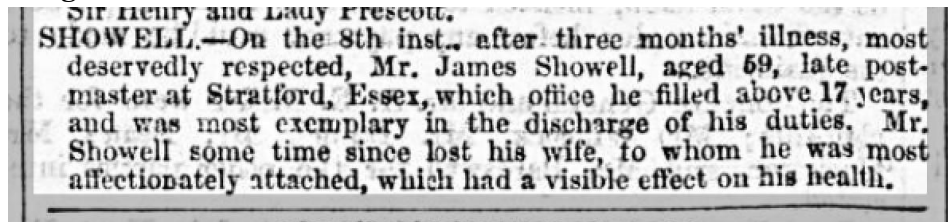


From the newspaper, Morning Herald, Thursday 15 July 1858:

DEATHS.

SHOWELL. --- On the 8th inst., after three month's illness, most deservedly respected, Mr. James Showell, aged 59, late postmaster at Stratford, Essex, which office he filled above 17 years, and was most exemplary in the discharge of his duties. Mr. Showell some time since lost his wife, to whom he was most affectionately attached, which had a visible effect on his health.

Image of the article:



From the newspaper, Chelmsford Chronicle, Friday 23 July 1858:

STRATFORD AND WEST HAM.

We understand Mr. George Moss has been appointed Post-Master at Stratford in the room of Mr. James Showell, deceased.

Children of James and Christian (Davis) Showell

13. **CHRISTIAN SHOWELL** was born on 21 May 1824 in Stratford, Essex.
14. **JAMES SHOWELL** was born on 9 January 1829 in Stratford, Essex.
15. + **EMMA SHOWELL** was born 6 June 1833 in Stratford, Essex.
Emma Showell married Alfred Moss.
16. **JANE ELIZABETH SHOWELL** was born ca. 1844 in Stratford, Essex.

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PART IV

The 2004 letter written by Bill Liddell to Pauline Lind. It is mentioned in sections above in Part I and again here in its entirety.

From the letter from Bill Liddell to Pauline Lind of New Zealand, dated 5 July 2004:
Queensland, Australia.
5th July 2004.

Dear Pauline,

Thank you for supplying an address.

I really do not believe I can be of much help. There is no possible way that I could estimate the number of Witches or Pagans in New Zealand in the 1960s or 1970s. There may have been several small groups operating. Unfortunately, these people kept very much to themselves. It is extremely doubtful whether they had a legitimate provenance.

I reached New Zealand in January 1963. Witchcraft was still illegal when I was inducted into the Traditional Craft in 1950. By birth and training I was taught never to discuss beliefs, or to admit to my persuasion.

Gerald Gardner and Alex Sanders have much to answer for, as it were. I have not read Ron Hutton's *Triumph of the Moon*, and cannot possibly know when he said I linked up with Sylvia Tatham.

Sylvia reached New Zealand in either 1969 or 1970. No doubt Ron has mentioned that Sylvia, Pat Kopanski, and Alex were initiated by "Medea" and her husband. It is quite untrue when Patricia Crowther alleges that Alex Sanders was not a legitimate witch because Pat, his supposed initiator, only held the First Degree. Sanders received his Third Degree from Sylvia Tatham !

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None of the Craft authors has ever mentioned Sylvia. Neither Doreen Valiente nor Aidan Kelly mentioned her when discussing Sanders' claims. Pat never mentioned Sylvia when speaking to reporters about Sanders' coven; and thereby hangs a tale.

Both Pat and Sylvia were really in love with Sanders. (Alex had great personal magnetism !) Sylvia was furious when Sanders agreed to marry Pat. Pat was Sanders' High Priestess because of her engagement to Alex.

Doreen Valiente erroneously claimed that Alex Sanders visited Gerald Gardner on the Isle of Man. Alex never left England ! It was Sylvia who went to the Isle of Man. Whatever aspersions have been cast on Medea's Gardnerian qualifications --- and there have been some --- Sylvia was welcomed by the Lady Olwen. (Monique Wilson)

Monique Wilson accepted Sylvia as a Gardnerian Second and had her husband (LORIC) raise Sylvia to the Gardnerian Third. So Sylvia's Gardnerian lineage was not only kosher --- it was impeccable. Gardner initiated Monique, who initiated "LORIC" (Campbell "Scotty" Wilson), who initiated Sylvia Tatham ("Isis")

It is quite wrong to say that Alex Sanders had not received his Third, He received a clandestine (?) initiation from Sylvia Tatham. Alex clung to the ridiculous yarn that he had been initiated by his grandmother; one supposes he had to keep

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face.

Sylvia returned to England from the Isle of Man and confronted Alex Sanders with an ultimatum: dump Pat if you want your Third. Pat left the coven and Sylvia became Sanders' High Priestess. Sylvia gave Alex the Gardnerian Third, actually rather than symbolically. The "power" had been physically passed to her by Loric. Her Craft authority derived from Gardner himself.

Mike Howard kindly sent me a Craft magazine interview with Maxine Sanders. She stated that when she first met Alex his High Priestess was a woman named Sylvia. (I may still have a copy)

Alex dumped poor Sylvia for Maxine. Sylvia was devastated and wanted to run away. Alex appointed her his High Priestess in Australia.

Sylvia and I corresponded and she removed to New Zealand. She became my hand-fast wife. Sylvia gave me the three Gardnerian degrees and the three Alexandrian degrees. The Alexandrian First and Second are almost identical with the Gardnerian originals. Sanders had to be very careful. He couldn't afford to be accused of plagiarism. Alex changed some correspondences, and parts of the Third Degree to continue his charade.

Sylvia was disgusted with the candidates who applied to join our coven. She rejected the lot and returned to

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Australia. Sylvia was going to have a coven by hook or by crook. I remained in New Zealand as I had my career here.

I wrote to Alex Sanders and explained how Sylvia had decamped. Maxine eventually wrote back and announced that Alex had appointed me his High Priest in New Zealand. I was not to initiate anybody until a High Priestess could be sent from England. A woman named Sue was supposedly on her way. However, Sue decided to stay in Australia which had been her first port of call. I forgot all about the Alexandrians.

Shortly afterwards, a couple named Russell-Gough wrote to me and authorized me to found an Alexandrian coven. It appears that Maxine had deputized Sue and "Rusty" Russell-Gough to found overseas covens in her name. They assured me they

had founded covens in Iceland, the Netherlands, Canada and America. They travelled "Astrally" to these countries.

It appears that Maxine passed letters from overseas correspondents to the Russell-Goughs. Sue and Rusty would nominate a leader from that country and arrange for aspiring witches to contact him or her. A time would be arranged for the astral ceremony. The nominated leader --- whether male or female --- would cast the circle. He or she would initiate candidates of both sexes. This was apparently acceptable.

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Both Sue and Rusty would be present in the circle in their astral body. Sue would overshadow a nominated female leader when she initiated a man. Rusty would overshadow a nominated male leader when he initiated a woman. It is hardly surprising that the Alexandrian tradition spread so quickly !

I went through this farce with a couple who contacted me, having advised Sue and Rusty that I would do it once, and only for them to have a nucleus for their New Zealand coven. I then told Sue and Rusty what they could do with their astral initiations ! Sue and Rusty said previously stated that they knew nothing about me, and had no knowledge of Sylvia Tatham. Consequently, I had to go through the process that they used for other nominated leaders. Incidentally, Ron Hutton very kindly sent me a copy of Pat's letter to Gerald Gardner wherein she explained how Alex, she and her friend Sylvia were initiated by Medea and her husband.

Sylvia Tatham should receive full recognition for her role in legitimizing the Alexandrian tradition.

Although I am unable to help you with your research, I can regale you with accounts of the witches I met in the 1970s.

There was a Canadian who really believed that he turned into a werewolf every

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New Year's eve. He had also been taken --- a' la George Adamski --- to Venus. This was the guy that the Russell-Goughs asked me to initiate.

Another candidate was a sixteen - year - old girl who had an ulterior motive for joining an Alexandrian coven. She wanted to learn black spells in order to kill her step-father ! I was able to dissuade her from becoming a witch, and sent her packing.

Needless to say, one plausible young man put it around that he had been sexually initiated by his grandmother. This so-called Hereditary rituals were copied word-for-word from the Alexandrian Book of Shadows ! And he wasn't the only poseur to make the claim.

My favourite was an enterprising young tough who had joined a black magic coven in Melbourne. He approached me because he had been assured that Alex Sanders was a Satanist. This guy soon ended up in prison. However, with perverse tenacity he

soon re-invented himself as a professional astrologer and a witch magister. I understand that he had his own radio show.

No one should overlook Bruce, the self-styled 17th Marquis de Bourbon. This character was mooted to be the most powerful black magician since Crowley. He basked in the adulation of his Rotorua-based coven. There were spasmodic newspaper

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reports about sacrifices in a Rotorua forest. The usual media hype mentioned both human and animal sacrifices.

I met Bruce on several occasions and had several phone conversations with his teen-age High Priestess. She assured me that they drunk the blood of the animals they sacrificed. This friendly little creature also explained that she enjoyed copulating with an alsation on their Alexandrian altar (Poor Alex Sanders. He would turn in his grave if he knew how his black magic antics had affected some so-called "witches")

Bruce assured me that he corresponded with Sanders. He wanted us to exchange reciprocal initiations. My answer was unprintable ! When I last saw the 17th Marquis de Bourbon he was eking out an existence as a part-time barman in an Auckland hotel.

I can only hope that the Craft and Pagan scenes in New Zealand have dramatically improved since the 1970s.

Best Wishes,

Bill Liddell

Source:

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