

The Witches of Morwenstow and North Tamerton, Cornwall, England



A genealogy and history of Sally Found of Morwenstow and Cherry Parnell of North
Tamerton

Witches of the 18th to 19th centuries Cornwall, England

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Introduction.

In December 2015, I received my copy of the interesting book "Cecil Williamson's book of Witchcraft, A Grimoire of the Museum of Witchcraft", by Steve Patterson.

And I noticed on page 238, it described a ritual, "Calling Down the Moon".

Then on page 239:

"In an old display label found in the museum store, Cecil Williamson gives a fascinating account of the origin to this strange ritual:

Two pictures of the Reverend S. Hawker, one in full church vestment and the other at the front door of his church in Mowenstow, North Cornwall. Not far from Hartland Point. This extraordinary colourful priest was doubly interested in the spirit world of afterlife. To that end he made a point of winning the friendship of witches in his locality. One such was old Cherry who lived nearby. She it was who introduced him to the witches' art of calling down the moon.

In another handwritten manuscript he claims that the place in which he both learned and practiced this art was on his now famous hut, which still stands upon the cliff of Morwenstow. In his collection, still on display is a wooden mortar and pestle said to belong to Cherry. The Revd. Hawker was indeed a keen folklorist and poet who in the previous century lived a short distance up the coast from Boscastle, and his biographies do concur that he did have a keen interest in the otherworld, and did indeed know a local witch called Cherry Parnell...."

From the internet, I then find that Rev. Hawker mentioned two witches, Cherry Parnell and the witch of Morwenstow, Sally Found.

Afterwards I became interested in doing research on them. In 2016, I then got the old dusty thick book, "The Life and Letters of R. S. Hawker (Sometime Vicar of Morwenstow), By his Son-in-Law, C. E. Byles, MDCCCCV (1905).

In that book, it mentioned about Sally Found, which I mentioned below in the research on her family.

Also got the thin book, "Hawker's Tales of Ghosts & Witchcraft", R. S. Hawker, Oakmagic Publications 1997. It mentioned about Cherry Parnell, which I also mentioned below in the research on her family.

As I mentioned above in the Contents page above, the research into Cherry Parnell was made difficult in the fact that there were two Charity Parnells that were living in North Tamerton, Cornwall in the 19th century, one living longer than the other. It was not possible with the records currently available to me to choose which Charity Parnell was the witch. So I studied both of them.

Part I

Sally Found, the Witch of Morwenstow, Cornwall, England

Sarah Lugg (1796 - 1877)

Wife of John Pollard and then Richard Found

1. **SARAH LUGG** was born in Frithelstock, Devon and was baptized 19 June 1796 in St. Mary and St. Gregory church in Frithelstock.

Father: John Lugg

Mother: Elizabeth Hockin

She is also mentioned as Sally in the records.

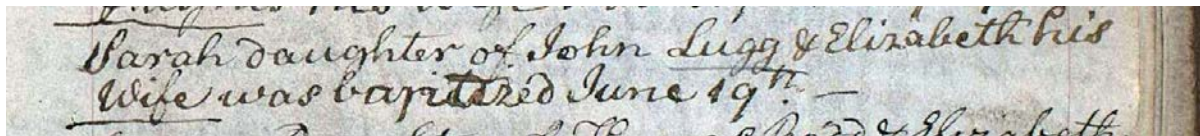
~ 1796

From the parish register of St. Mary and St. Gregory in Frithelstock:

Baptisms 1796

Sarah daughter of John Lugg & Elizabeth his wife was baptized June 19th.

The image of the 1796 baptism from the parish register:



~ About her parents

JOHN LUGG was born ca. 1743. The year of birth was calculated from his age of 71 at the time of his burial in 1814.

John Lugg married **ELIZABETH HOCKIN** (Hocking) on 5 July 1783 at St. Andrew church in Sutcombe, Devon.

From the parish register of St. Andrew in Sutcombe:

Marriages 1783 Page [blank] No. 43

John Lug of the Parish of Frithestock Husbandman and Elizth Hocking Sojourner of the Parish of Sutcombe were Married in this Church by Banns this 5th Day of July in the Year One Thousand 7 Hundred and eighty three by me Rob^t Hamlyn Minister

This Marriage was solemnized between Us

The mark X of John Lug

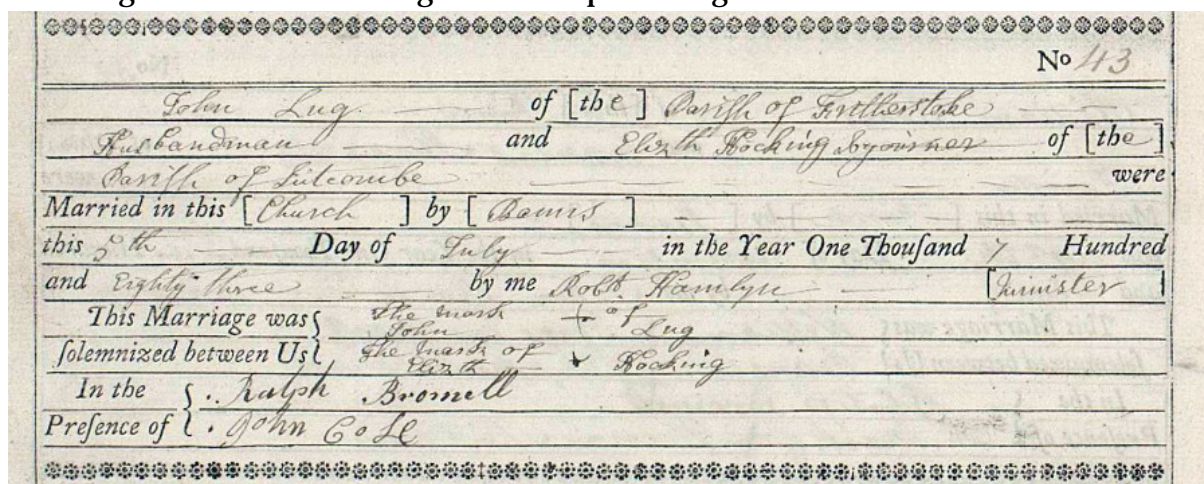
The mark X of Elizth Hocking

In the Presence of

Ralph Bromell

John [Cose or Cole?]

The image of the 1783 marriage from the parish register:



Elizabeth Hockin was born ca. 1758. The year of birth was calculated from her age of 74 at the time of her burial in 1832.

John Lugg died at the age of 71 years and was buried 3 July 1814 in the churchyard of St. Mary and St. Gregory church in Frithelstock, Devon.

From the parish register of St. Mary and St. Gregory in Frithelstock:

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

Burials 1814 - Page 2. No. 15.

John Lugg / Frithelstock / July 3 / 71 / Denys Yonge Curate

The image of the 1814 burial from the parish register:

John Lugg -	Frithelstock	July 3	71	Fredk Yonge Curate
No. 15.				

Elizabeth Lugg died at the age of 74 and was buried 27 February 1832 in the churchyard of St. Mary and St. Gregory church in Frithelstock, Devon.

From the parish register of St. Mary and St. Gregory in Frithelstock:

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

Burials 1832 - Page 19. No. 150.

Elizabeth Lugg / Frithelstock / Feb 27 / 74 / Fredk Yonge

The image of the 1832 burial from the parish register:

Elizabeth Lugg	Frithelstock	Feb 27	74	Fredk Yonge
No. 150.				

Frithelstock, St. Mary and St. Gregory church. A 2013 photo showing the parish church at the left and the priory ruins next to it at the right. The priory was dissolved in 1536 during the Dissolution of the Monasteries and only ruins remain.



~ **1818**

Sally Lugg married **JOHN POLLARD** on 5 April 1818 in St. Mary and St. Gregory church in Frithelstock, Devon.

From the parish register of St. Mary and St. Gregory in Frithelstock:

Marriages solemnized in the Parish of Frithelstock in the County of Devon in the Year 1818.

Marriages 1818 - Page 8. No. 23.

John Pollard Sojourner of this Parish and Sally Lugg of this Parish Spinster were married in this Church by Banns this fifth Day of April in the Year One thousand eight hundred and eighteen By me Denys Yonge Curate

This Marriage was solemnized between us

John Pollard

The X mark of Sally Lugg

In the Presence of

Salley Pollard

Rawland Moase

The image of the 1818 marriage from the parish register:

1818

No. 22.

John Pollard sojourner of this Parish

and Sally Lugg of this Parish

April

were married in this Church by Banns with Consent of

this 5th Day of

April in the Year One thousand eight hundred and eighteen

By me Samuel York Curate

This Marriage was solemnized between us { John Pollard

In the Presence of { The mark of Sally Lugg

Salley Pollard

Rawland Moase

No. 23.

of this Parish

John Pollard was a carpenter.

John and Sally Pollard lived in Cross Town in Morwenstow parish, Cornwall. They also lived at Great Torrington, Devon.

A 2003 photograph of the St. Morwenna and St. John the Baptist church in Morwenstow, Cornwall:



~ 1819

John and Sarah Pollard's daughter, Mary Anne, was baptized in 1819 at Great Torrington, Devon.

~ 1820

John and Sally Pollard's son, Thomas, was baptized in 1820 at Morwenstow, Cornwall.

~ 1823

John and Sally Pollard's son, John, was baptized in 1823 at Morwenstow, Cornwall.

~ 1825

John and Sarah Pollard's son, Wakeman, was baptized in 1825 at Morwenstow, Cornwall.

~ 1826

John Pollard died at the age of 32 years and was buried 29 January 1826 in the churchyard of St Michael and All Angels church at Great Torrington, Devon.

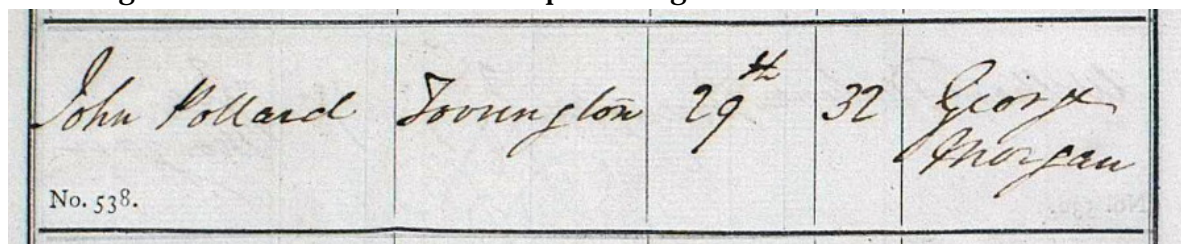
From the parish register of St. Michael and All Angels in Great Torrington:

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

Burials 1826 - Page 68. No. 538.

John Pollard / Torrington / JanY 29th / 32 / George Morgan

The image of the 1826 burial from the parish register:



~ 1827

Sarah Pollard married **RICHARD FOUND** on 19 November 1827 at St. Morwenna and St. John the Baptist church in Morwenstow, Cornwall.

From the Cornwall OPC databases on marriages:

Date / Parish / Licence or Banns /

19 Nov 1827 / Morwenstow / married by Banns /

Name / Residence / Condition /

Richd FOUND Junr / otp / ----- /

Sarah POLLARD / otp / Widow /

Groom and Bride both left a mark for the signature

Witnesses: Richard BAKER Ann COLWILL

Richard Found was baptized 12 August 1792 at St. Morwenna and St. John the Baptist church in Morwenstow, Cornwall. He was a son of Richard and Ann Found

From the Cornwall OPC databases on Baptisms:

Date / Parish / Name / Sex / Father's Name / Mother's Name /

12 Aug 1792 / Morwenstow / Richard FOUND / son / Richard / Ann /

~ 1828

Richard and Sarah Found's daughter, Elizabeth, was baptized in 1828 at Morwenstow, Cornwall.

~ 1830

Richard and Sarah Found's son, Thomas, was baptized in 1830 at Morwenstow, Cornwall.

~ 1832

Richard and Sarah Found's son, William, was baptized in 1832 at Morwenstow, Cornwall.

~ 1834

Richard and Sarah Found's son, George, was baptized in 1834 at Morwenstow, Cornwall.

~ 1836

Richard and Sarah Found's daughter, Sally, was baptized in 1836 at Morwenstow, Cornwall.

~ 1839

Richard and Sarah Found's son, James, was baptized in 1839 at Morwenstow, Cornwall.

~ 1841

In 1841, Richard and Sarah Found were living at Crosstown Village in Morwenstow, Cornwall. Richard was listed as an agricultural laborer.

From the 1841 census of Morwenstow:

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

Crosstown Village

Richard Found / 35 M / Ag. Lab / Y

Sarah D^o / 30 F / ----- / Y

Elizabeth D^o / 12 F / ----- / Y

George D^o / 6 M / ----- / Y

Sally D⁰ / 5 F / ----- / Y
James D⁰ / 2 M / ----- / Y

~ 1851

In 1851, Richard and Sarah Found were living in the Parish House in Morwenstow, Cornwall. Richard was listed as an agricultural laborer.

From the 1851 census of Morwenstow:

Name / Relationship / Condition / Age & Sex / Occupation / Where Born

Parish House

Richard Found / Head / Mar / 60 M / Ag Lab / Cornwall Moorwenstow

Sarah Do / Wife / Mar / 57 F / ----- / Devon Tavistock

James Do / Son / [--?] / 12 M / ----- / Cornwall Moorwenstow

~ 1861

In 1861, Richard and Sarah Found were living in Cross Town, Morwenstow, Cornwall. Richard was listed as a road laborer.

From the 1861 census of Morwenstow:

Name / Relationship / Condition / Age & Sex / Occupation / Where Born

Cross Town

Richard Found / Head / Mar / 68 M / Road Lab. / Moorwenstow Cornwall

Sarah Do / Wife / Mar / 66 F / ----- / Friststock Devon

~ 1871

In 1871, Richard and Sarah Found were living at Village Cross Town, Morwenstow, Cornwall. Richard was listed as "having pay of parish". He was 81 years old and was getting support from the parish.

From the 1871 census of Morwenstow:

Name / Relationship / Condition / Age & Sex / Occupation / Where Born

Village Cross Town

Richard Found / Head / Mar / 81 M / Having pay of Parish / Cornwall Merwenstow

Sarah Found / Wife / D⁰ / 70 F / ----- / Devon Fristock

Edward Found / Grandson / ---- / 7 M / ----- / Cornwall St Cue

~ 1877

Sarah Found died at the age of 85 years on 13 June 1877 at Cross town, Morwenstow, Cornwall and was buried 17 June 1877 in the churchyard of St. Morwenna and St. John the Baptist church in Morwenstow.

According to the burial record she was listed as 82 years old.

From the death certificate:

Registration District Stratton

1877 Death in the Sub-district of Kilkhampton in the County of Cornwall.

No. 469

When and where died	Thirteenth June 1877 Cross town Morwenstow
Name	Sarah Found
Sex	Female
Age	85 Years
Occupation	Wife of Richard Found Labourer
Cause of Death	Natural Decay Certified by J. M. Braund M. R. C. S.
Signature, description and residence of informant	X The mark of Wakeman Pollard Son In Attendance Welcombe
When registered	Fourteenth June 1877
Signature of registrar	Alfred [-----?] Registrar

From the Cornwall OPC databases on Burials:

Date / Parish / Name / Age / Residence / Notes /

17 Jun 1877 / Morwenstow / Sarah FOUND / 82 / Crosstown / (Pauper) /

~ 1880

Richard Found died at the age of 88 years at Tonacombe Mill in Morwenstow, Cornwall and was buried 21 September 1880 in the churchyard of St. Morwenna and St. John the Baptist church in Morwenstow.

From the Cornwall OPC databases on Burials:

Date / Parish / Name / Age / Residence /

21 Sep 1880 / Morwenstow / Richard FOUND / 88 / Tonacombe Mill /

From the book, *The Life and Letter of R. S. Hawker, 1905:*

Pages 67 to 69

Another tale relates to the practice of ill-wishing. In most of the remote parishes of Cornwall there was an old woman who had the reputation of being a witch and possessing the evil eye, wherewith to work harm upon the pigs and poultry and cattle of her neighbours. Her dark operations were counteracted by the charms of the White Witch, who generally lived in a neighbouring town, and, for a fee, would supply antidotes and incantations.

The witch of Morwenstow was an old dame named Sally Found. Her husband, Dick Found, took his name from the circumstances of his arrival in the parish. Hawker used to tell how, late one night, along a lonely road, wheels were heard approaching, and a carriage drove up, stopped a few minutes, and then drove off again at full speed.

Next morning, in an outhouse by the roadside, a child was found, lying in a basket and dressed in the most beautiful clothes. The child grew up, and as a man was remarkable for his finely cut profile and aristocratic bearing. He did not rise, however, above the level on which fate had placed him, and he and Sally his wife died in the old poorhouse at Crosstown about thirty years ago.

Before they came to the poorhouse, however, Mrs. Found was something of a power in the parish, and the neighbours thought it advisable to "keep the lew side of Sally." The Parson always made a point of employing Dick at harvest time; otherwise, as he said, something was sure to go wrong.

"Sally Found," the story goes, "kipt ducks, an' ar did'n like to 'ave other neighbours kipin' ducks, and William C. livin' opposite sat a 'en on some eggs, an' 'e reckoned old Sally witched min. You niver zeed zich a brood o'ducks in your life. Zome was big an' zome was small, zome was on their backs wi' their legs up in the air and zome 'ad their veet turned backsifore. One mornin' they found one o'min daid, zo they brought un in an' burned 'en."

To burn the heart, or other portion, of an ill-wished creature, and keep it, was considered to be a protection against witchery, and this explains the procedure in these cases.

"The folks to Cross-Watter had a cow die. They vound 'en lyin' in the 'edge 'olland wi' the horns o' 'en stucked in the mud, an' the butcher cut 'en open an' 'e zaid there was nuthin' 't all the matter way'n, zo they saved the heart o' 'en an' stucked 'en vull o' pins an' burned 'en to a zinder. They kipt the zinder top the chimley piece ver yurs an' they did'n 'ave no more bad luck, an' then one day Missis was dusting' the chimley piece an' come across the old heart, an' ar zaid, what use was it kipin' un there, zo ar took an' buried un in the garden.

Next mornin' zomebody come in and zaid one o' the cows was bad, an' Missis purty quickly went out an' digged up th' ol heart an' brought un in again"

Children of John and Sarah (Lugg) Pollard

2. + **MARY ANNE POLLARD** was baptized 24 January 1819 at St Michael and All Angels church at Great Torrington, Devon.

From the Devon Bishop's Transcripts:

Baptisms 1819 - Page 55 No. 443

Baptisms solemnized in the Parish of Great Torrington in the County of Devon...

When Baptized. / Child's Name. / Parent's Names. / Surname. / Abode. / Profession. / By whom the Ceremony was performed. /

Jan^y 24th / Mary Anne daugh^r of / John & Sarah / Pollard / Torrington / Carpenter / George Morgan

Mary Anne Pollard married James Barry on 31 July 1841 in Morwenstow, Cornwall.

According to other family research trees on Ancestry.com, James and Mary immigrated to Canada and then to the United States. Mary died in 1874 in Waterloo, Black Hawks county in Iowa.

3. **THOMAS POLLARD** was baptized 5 November 1820 at St. Morwenna and St. John the Baptist church in Morwenstow, Cornwall.

From the Cornwall OPC databases on Baptisms:

Date / Parish / Name / Sex / Father's Name / Mother's Name / Residence / Father's Profession

05 Nov 1820 / Morwenstow / Thomas POLLARD / son / John / Sally / Cross Town / Carpenter

4. **JOHN POLLARD** was baptized 13 January 1823 at St. Morwenna and St. John the Baptist church in Morwenstow, Cornwall.

From the Cornwall OPC databases on Baptisms:

Date / Parish / Name / Sex / Father's Name / Mother's Name / Residence / Father's Profession

13 Jan 1823 / Morwenstow / John POLLARD / son / John / Sally / Cross Town / Carpenter

5. **WAKEMAN POLLARD** was baptized 27 March 1825 at St. Morwenna and St. John the Baptist church in Morwenstow, Cornwall.

From the Cornwall OPC databases on Baptisms:

Date / Parish / Name / Sex / Father's Name / Mother's Name / Residence / Father's Profession

27 Mar 1825 / Morwenstow / Wakeman POLLARD / son / John / Sarah / Cross Town / Carpenter

Children of Richard and Sarah (Lugg) Found

6. **ELIZABETH FOUND** was baptized 8 June 1828 at St. Morwenna and St. John the Baptist church in Morwenstow, Cornwall.

From the Cornwall OPC databases on Baptisms:

Date / Parish / Name / Sex / Father's Name / Mother's Name / Residence / Father's Profession

08 Jun 1828 / Morwenstow / Elizabeth FOUND / dau / Richard / Sarah / Cross Town / Labourer

7. **THOMAS FOUND** was baptized 24 February 1830 at St. Morwenna and St. John the Baptist church in Morwenstow, Cornwall.

From the Cornwall OPC databases on Baptisms:

Date / Parish / Name / Sex / Father's Name / Mother's Name / Residence / Father's Profession

24 Feb 1830 / Morwenstow / Richard FOUND / son / Richard / Sarah / Cross Town / Labourer

8. **WILLIAM FOUND** was baptized 12 February 1832 at St. Morwenna and St. John the Baptist church in Morwenstow, Cornwall.

From the Cornwall OPC databases on Baptisms:

Date / Parish / Name / Sex / Father's Name / Mother's Name / Residence / Father's Profession

12 February 1832 / Morwenstow / William FOUND / son / Richard / Sarah / Cross Town / Labourer

9. **GEORGE FOUND** was baptized 16 March 1834 at St. Morwenna and St. John the Baptist church in Morwenstow, Cornwall.

From the Cornwall OPC databases on Baptisms:

Date / Parish / Name / Sex / Father's Name / Mother's Name / Residence / Father's Profession

16 Mar 1834 / Morwenstow / George FOUND / son / Richard / Sarah / Cross Town / Labourer /

10. **SALLY FOUND** was baptized 10 March 1836 at St. Morwenna and St. John the Baptist church in Morwenstow, Cornwall.

From the Cornwall OPC databases on Baptisms:

Date / Parish / Name / Sex / Father's Name / Mother's Name / Residence / Father's Profession

10 Mar 1836 / Morwenstow / Sally FOUND / dau / Richard / Sarah / Poor House / Labourer

11. **JAMES FOUND** was baptized 27 January 1839 at St. Morwenna and St. John the Baptist church in Morwenstow, Cornwall.

From the Cornwall OPC databases on Baptisms:

Date / Parish / Name / Sex / Father's Name / Mother's Name / Residence / Father's Profession

27 Jan 1839 / Morwenstow / James FOUND / son / Richard / Sarah / Cross Town / Laborer

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Part II

Cherry Parnell, the Witch of North Tamerton, Cornwall

From the book, Hawker's Tales of Ghosts & Witchcraft:

Page 19:

HOLACOMBE.

There is a small outlying hamlet in my parochial charge, about two miles from my vicarage^[1], with a population of about two hundred souls, inhabiting a kind of plateau shut in by lofty hills and skirted by the sea.

Footnote at the bottom of the page:

¹ Welcombe, to which Mr. Hawker became curate in 1850, and which he continued to serve until his death.

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Some years ago a violent thunderstorm passed over the hamlet of Holacombe, and wrought great damage in its course. Trees were rooted up, cattle killed, and a rick or two set on fire.

It so befell that I visited, the day after, one of the chief agricultural inhabitants of the village, and I found the farmer and his men standing by a ditch wherein lay, heels upward, a fine young horse quite dead. "Here sir," he shouted, as I came on, "only please to look! is not this a sight to see?" I looked at the poor animal, and uttered my sympathy and regret at the loss.

"One of the fearful results," I happened to say, "of the storm and lightning yesterday." "There, Jem," said he to one of his men, triumphantly, "didn't I say the parson would find it out? Yes, sir," he said, "it is as you say: it is all that wretched old Cherry¹ Parnell's doing, with her vengeance and her noise!" I stare with astonishment at this unlooked-for interpretation which he had put into my mouth, and waited for him to explain. "You see, sir," he went on to say, "the case was this: old Cherry came up to my place, tottering along and mumbling that she wanted a fagot of wood. I said to her 'Cherry,'

Footnote at the bottom of the page:

¹ Charity is the full name.

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says I, "I gave you one only two days ago, and another two days before that, and I must say I didn't make up my woodrick altogether for you.'

So she turned away, looking very grany, and muttering something about 'Hotter for me hereafter.' Well, sir, last night I was in bed, I and my wife, and all to once there bursted a thunderbolt, and shook the very room and house.

Up we started, and my wife says, 'O father, old Cherry's up! I wish I had gone after her with that there fagot.' I confess I thought in my mind I wish she had; but it was too late then, and I would try to hope for the best.

But now, sir, you see with your own eyes what that revengeful old woman hath been and done. And I do think, sir," he went on to say, changing his tone to a kind of indignant growl --- "I do think that when I call to mind how I've paid tithe and rates faithfully all these years, and kept my place in church before your reverence every Sabbath-day, and always voted in the vestries that what hath a be ought to be, and so on, I do think that such ones as old Cherry Parnell never ought to be allowed to meddle with such things as thunder and lightning." What could I --- what could any man in his senses --- say to this ?

From Wikipedia:

Robert Stephen Hawker was born in the clergy house of Charles Church, Plymouth, on 3 December 1803, He was the eldest of nine children and grandson of Robert Hawker, vicar of Charles Church. When he was about ten years old his father, Jacob Stephen Hawker, took Holy Orders and left Plymouth to become curate of Altarnun, leaving him in the care of his grandparents. By this time Hawker was already reading and writing poetry.

He was educated at Liskeard Grammar School and Cheltenham Grammar School. As an undergraduate, aged 19, he married Charlotte Eliza I'ans, aged 41. The couple spent their honeymoon at Tintagel in 1823, a place that kindled his lifelong fascination with Arthurian legend and later inspired him to write *The Quest of the Sangraal*. This marriage, along with a legacy, helped to finance his studies at Pembroke College, Oxford. He graduated in 1827 and won the 1827 Newdigate Prize for poetry.

Hawker was ordained in 1831, becoming curate at North Tamerton and then, in 1834, vicar of the church at Morwenstow, where he remained throughout his life. When he arrived at Morwenstow there had not been a vicar in residence for over a century.

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Family of Stephen Parnell and Charity Serjeant

Charity Serjeant (1769 - 1847)

Wife of Stephen Parnell

~ 1769

1. **CHARITY SERJEANT** was born in Cornwall and was baptized 24 March 1769 in St. Stephen church by Launceston, Cornwall.

Father: (unknown)

Mother: Mary Serjeant

According to the 1841 census, she was born in Cornwall. Her burial at the age of 77 in 1847, calculates to being born 1769.

In her baptism, Charity was with last name spelling of Searjent. At her marriage, the last name spelled Serjeant which is the more common spelling for that surname.

From the Cornwall OPC databases on baptisms:

Date / Event / Parish / Name / Sex / Father's name / Mother's name /

24 Mar 1769 / Baptism / St. Stephen by Launceston / Charity SEARJENT / dau / (blank) / Mary /

Apparently it appears that Charity Searjent was born an illegitimate child to Mary Searjent. The name of the father was not mentioned.

~ More about Charity's mother and sister

Seven years later in 1776, there was another baptism of interest.

Joanna Harvey Searjent was baptized 21 April 1776 in St. Stephen church by Launceston, Cornwall. She was a daughter of Mary Searjent.

From the Cornwall OPC databases on baptisms:

Date / Event / Parish / Name / Sex / Father's name / Mother's name /

21 Apr 1776 / Baptism / St. Stephen by Launceston / Johanna Harvey SEARJENT / dau / (blank) / Mary /

She too apparently was an illegitimate child of Mary Searjent. No father's name given, the only clue about her the father was her middle name of Harvey.

The following marriage almost three months later confirms the Harvey connection.

Mary Serjeant married Benjamin Harvey on 9 July 1776 at St. Stephen by Launceston, Cornwall.

They were married by Banns. Benjamin signed with his signature and Mary left a mark for a signature. The witnesses were John Sarjeant, who left a mark, and Chris'r Bounsall.

Benjamin Harvey died at the age of 74 years in St. Stephen and was buried 7 July 1828 in the churchyard of St. Stephen by Launceston, Cornwall.

From the newspaper, Royal Cornwall Gazette, Saturday 12 July 1828:

DIED.

At St. Stephens, near Launceston, last [-- --] Mr. Benjamin Harvey, aged 74.

Mary Harvey died at the age of 85 years in St. Stephen and was buried 15 June 1829 in the churchyard of St. Stephen by Launceston, Cornwall.

Calculating 85 from 1829 would mean Mary (Searjent) Harvey was born ca. 1744.

Joanna Harvey married James Benoy on 23 December 1799 at St. Mary in Taunton, Somerset. Married by Banns. Both signs their names.

They came back to St. Stephen by Launceston, Cornwall and had several children baptized there.

Johannah Benoy died at the age of 42 in St. Stephen and was buried 12 November 1818 in the churchyard of St. Stephen by Launceston, Cornwall.

James Benoy died at the age of 79 years in Newport in St. Stephen and was buried 17 May 1849 in the churchyard of St. Stephen by Launceston, Cornwall.

~ 1801

Charity Serjeant married **STEPHEN PARNELL** on 13 July 1801 in St. Mary Magdalene church in Launceston, Cornwall.

From the Cornwall OPC databases on marriages:

Date / Event / Parish / Groom's name / Bride's name /

13 Jul 1801 / Marriage / Launceston, St. Mary Magdalene / Stephen PARNELL / Charity SERJEANT /

Groom Residence: North Tamerton

Note: Stephen Parnell was not a brother of the Richard Parnell that married Charity Hooper. It can be possible for them being close or distant cousins.

~ 1802

Stephen and Charity Parnell's son, Stephen, was baptized in 1802 in North Tamerton, Cornwall.

~ 1805

[Research note: This record, I could not prove which Charity Parnell that it belongs to. The original Sessions records is lost. I'm more inclined to believe that it belongs to this Charity (Sergeant) Parnell. Base on that she was born an illegitimate child, more chances that she had a rough upbringing and that in 1805, she had only one child. While the other Charity (Hooper) Parnell had three children by 1805.]

Charity Parnell was convicted of Larceny in the October 1805 Launceston Sessions in Cornwall.

The sentence given to her was to be whipped.

From the England & Wales Criminal Registers:

Pages 31-32, stamped page no. 16.

Cornwall

Name / When Tried / Crime / Sentence / How disposed of /

Charity Parnell. / 1805 Launceston Octob^r. Sess. / Larceny / d^o. (above says Whipped) / d^o. (above says Discharged) /

~ 1806

Stephen and Charity Parnell's son, John, was baptized in 1806 in North Tamerton, Cornwall.

~ 1841

In 1841, Stephen and Charity Parnell were living in Hornacott Lodge in North Tamerton, Cornwall. Stephen was listed as an agricultural laborer.

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

Hornacott Lodge

Stephen Parnell / 70 M / Ag. Lab. / Y

Charity D^o. / 70 F / ----- / Y

~ 1846

Charity Parnell died at the age of 77 years in Higher Shop in North Tamerton, Cornwall and was buried 24 December 1846 in the churchyard of St. Denis in North Tamerton.

From the death certificate:

Registration District The Holsworthy Union

1847 Death in the Sub-district of Clawton in the Counties of Devon and Cornwall

No. 314

When and where died	Twenty-first December 1846 North Tamerton.
Name	Charity Parnell.
Sex	Female.
Age	77 years.
Occupation	Wife of Stephen Parnell. Labourer.
Cause of Death	Natural Decay. Not Certified
Signature, description and residence of informant	X The Mark of Stephn Parnell. Present at the Death. North Tamerton.
When registered	Fifth January 1847.
Signature of registrar	Rob ^t . Veale. Registrar.

[One the left margin was some notations "One R.W.C. Two R.W.C."]

From the Cornwall OPC databases on burials:

Date / Event / Parish / Name / Age / Residence /

24 Dec 1846 / Burial / North Tamerton / Charity PARNELL / 77 / Higher Shop /

~ 1848

Stephen Parnell died at the age of 77 years at Ragget Hill in North Tamerton, Cornwall and was buried 19 October 1848 in the churchyard of St. Denis in North Tamerton.

From the Cornwall OPC databases on burials:

Date / Event / Parish / Name / Age / Residence /

19 Oct 1848 / Burial / North Tamerton / Stephen PARNEL / 77 / Ragget Hill /

Children of Stephen and Charity (Serjeant) Parnell

2. **STEPHEN PARNELL** was baptized 27 September 1802 in St. Denis church in North Tamerton, Cornwall.

From the Cornwall OPC databases on baptisms:

Date / Event / Parish / Name / Sex / Father's name / Mother's name /

27 Sep 1802 / Baptism / North Tamerton / Stephen PARNELL / Son / Stephen / Charity /

3. **JOHN PARNELL** was baptized 9 March 1806 in St. Denis church in North Tamerton, Cornwall.

From the Cornwall OPC databases on baptisms:

Date / Event / Parish / Name / Sex / Father's name / Mother's name /

09 Mar 1806 / Baptism / North Tamerton / John PARNEL / Son / Stephen / Charity /

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Family of Richard Parnell and Charity Hooper

Charity Hooper (? - 1868)

Wife of Richard Parnell

1. **CHARITY HOOPER** was born in the 1760's to 1770's period, probably in Holsworthy, Devon.

According to the 1851 census, Charity Parnell was born in Dolton, Devon and in the 1861 census she was born in Holsworthy, Devon.

Charity Parnell's year of birth varies with the different records

1841 census	age 70	born ca. 1771
1851 census	age 81	born ca. 1770
1861 census	age 94	born ca. 1767
1868 burial record	age 102	born ca. 1766

The names of Charity Hooper's parent is not known.

~ 1794

Charity Hooper married **RICHARD PARNELL** on 17 July 1794 in the Holy Name church in Boyton, Cornwall.

From the Cornwall OPC databases on marriages:

Date / Event / Parish / Groom / Bride /

17 Jul 1794 / Marriage / Boyton / Richard PARNELL / Charity HOOPER /

Married by Banns

Both Groom and Bride left a mark for their signatures

Witnesses William Spry John (mark of) Parnell

Richard Parnell was probably the Richard Parnell that was baptized 22 September 1771 in St. Paternus church in North Petherwin, Cornwall. He was a son of Richard and Mary Parnell.

From the Cornwall OPC databases on baptisms:

Date / Event / Parish / Name / Sex / Father's name / Mother's name /

22 Sep 1771 / Baptism / North Petherwin / Richard PARNELL / son / Richard / Mary /

Note: Richard Parnell was not a brother of the Stephen Parnell that married Charity Sergeant. It can be possible for them being close or distant cousins.

~ 1795

Richard and Charity Parnell's daughter, Betty, was baptized in 1795 in North Petherwin, Cornwall.

~ 1796

Richard and Charity Parnell's daughter, Mary, was baptized in 1796 in North Petherwin, Cornwall.

~ 1804

Richard and Charity Parnell's son, Richard, was baptized in 1804 in Boyton, Cornwall.

~ 1805

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While this Charity (Hooper) Parnell had three children by 1805.]

Charity Parnell was convicted of Larceny in the October 1805 Launceston Sessions in Cornwall.

The sentence given to her was to be whipped.

From the England & Wales Criminal Registers:

Pages 31-32, stamped page no. 16.

Cornwall

Name / When Tried / Crime / Sentence / How disposed of /

Charity Parnell. / 1805 Launceston Octob^r. Sess. / Larceny / d^o. (above says Whipped) /
d^o. (above says Discharged) /

~ 1808

Richard and Charity Parnell's son, John, was baptized in 1808 in Boyton, Cornwall.

~ 1811

Richard and Charity Parnell's daughter, Maria, was baptized in 1811 in Boyton, Cornwall.

~ 1813

Richard and Charity Parnell's daughter, Maria, was baptized in 1813 in Whitstone, Cornwall.

~ 1841

In 1841, Richard and Charity Parnell were living in North Tamerton, Cornwall. Richard was listed as an agricultural laborer.

From the 1841 census of North Tamerton:

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

D^o ('Shop' or 'Cherriton' on previous page)

Richard Parnell / 70 M / Ag. Lab. / Y

Charity D^o / 70 F / ----- / N

~ 1846

Richard Parnell died in the Poor House and was buried 9 January 1846 in the churchyard of St. Denis in North Tamerton, Cornwall.

From the Cornwall OPC databases on burials:

Date / Event / Parish / Name / Age / Residence /

09 Jan 1846 / Burial / North Tamerton / Richard PARNELL / 78 / Poor House /

~ 1851

In 1851, Charity Parnell, a widow, age 81 was living in the Church House in North Tamerton, Cornwall. Charity was listed as a pauper in the parish house.

From the 1851 census of North Tamerton:

Name / Relation / Condition / Age & Sex / Occupation / Where Born

Church House

Mary Kerslake / Pauper / Widow / 70 F / Pauper in Parish House of Agr Lab / Lanncells Cornwall

Charity Parnell / d^o / d^o / 81 F / d^o d^o d^o / Dolton Devon

~ 1861

In 1861, Charity Parnell was living in one of the Rectory cottages in North Tamerton, Cornwall. Charity was listed as a widow of an agricultural laborer.

From the 1861 census of North Tamerton:

Name / Relation / Condition / Age & Sex / Occupation / Where Born

Rectory Cottage

Charity Parnell / Head / W / 94 F / Widow of Ag Lab / Devon; Holsworthy

~ 1868

Charity Parnell died at the age of 102 years in Church Cottages in North Tamerton, Cornwall and was buried 12 June 1868 in the churchyard of St. Denis in North Tamerton.

From the death certificate:

Registration District Holsworthy

1868 Death in the Sub-district of Clawton in the Counties of Devon and Cornwall

No. 476

When and where died Tenth June 1868 Rectory Cottage North Tamerton

Name Charity Parnell

Sex Female

Age 102 Years

Occupation Widow of Richard Parnell Agricultural Labourer

Cause of Death Debility from Old Age Chronic Bronchitis Certified

Signature, description and residence of informant

X The Mark of Richard Parnell In attendance South Down North Tamerton

When registered Eleventh June 1868

Signature of registrar R^d. Banbury Registrar

From the Cornwall OPC databases on burials:

Date / Event / Parish / Name / Age / Residence /

12 Jun 1868 / Burial / North Tamerton / Charity PARNELL / 102 / Church Cottages /

Children of Richard and Charity (Hooper) Parnell

2. **BETTY PARNELL** was baptized 8 February 1795 in St. Paternus church in North Petherwin, Cornwall.

From the Cornwall OPC databases on baptisms:

Date / Event / Parish / Name / Sex / Father's name / Mother's name /

8 Feb 1795 / Baptism / North Petherwin / Betty PARNEL / dau / Richard / Charity /

3. **MARY PARNELL** was baptized 28 November 1796 in St. Paternus church in North Petherwin, Cornwall.

From the Cornwall OPC databases on baptisms:

Date / Event / Parish / Name / Sex / Father's name / Mother's name /

28 Nov 1796 / Baptism / North Petherwin / Mary PARNELL / dau / Richd. / Charity /

4. **RICHARD PARNELL** was baptized 12 February 1804 in the Holy Name church in Boyton, Cornwall.

From the Cornwall OPC databases on baptisms:

Date / Event / Parish / Name / Sex / Father's name / Mother's name /

12 Feb 1804 / Baptism / Boyton / Richard PARNEL / Son / Richard / Charity /

5. **JOHN PARNELL** was baptized 6 March 1808 in the Holy Name church in Boyton, Cornwall.

From the Cornwall OPC databases on baptisms:

Date / Event / Parish / Name / Sex / Father's name / Mother's name /

06 Mar 1808 / Baptism / Boyton / John PARNEL / Son / Richard / Charity /

6. **MARIA PARNELL** was baptized 2 June 1811 in the Holy Name church in Boyton, Cornwall.

From the Cornwall Parish Registers:

*Date / Event / Parish / Name / Gender / Father's name / Mother's name /
Relationship /*

2 Jun 1811 / Baptism / Boyton / Maria Parnal / Female / Richard Parnal / Charity
Hooper / Dau /

Apparently this Maria Parnell died young.

7. **MARIA PARNELL** was baptized 11 July 1813 in St. Anne's church in Whitstone, Cornwall.

From the Cornwall OPC databases on baptisms:

Date / Event / Parish / Name / Sex / Father's name / Mother's name / Residence / Father's occupation /

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