

Re davis

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Printed: Thursday, September 30, 2004 12:02:14 am

From: kevinaleighton@optusnet.com.au (Kevin Leighton)

To: martinstephens@mac.com

Sent: 30/08/04 02:16 pm

Received: 30/08/04 02:16 pm

Martin

Thanks for your email. Look forward to hearing about your Davis family.

My mother was born Joan Davies (some confusion seems to have arisen over the spelling) in 1927 in Catshill, Bromsgrove. She was William Henry's daughter, the last of seven children. Her elder sisters were 20 or so years older and I clearly remember their tales of visiting Charles and Elizabeth in Fairfield.

I recall Mum saying that a couple of William's brothers ended up in the US. Her parents were ready to book their passage and join them but changed their minds at the last minute. I was wondering whether you are related to these Davis'?

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Regards

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Sent: 30/08/04 09:09 pm

To: kevinaleighton@optusnet.com.au (Kevin Leighton)

Received: -

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Right, then. I've attached a zip file with four files in it. One is a family tree in PDF format. It is printed on a really big piece of paper so that you can scroll around in your PDF reader. It won't print out. I've also attached a report and a photograph of my grandfather, Arthur Lammas's wedding. Actually there are 2 copies of the picture, one is a small one with the names written on it.

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No, John Davies, my G Grandfather, stayed in Belbroughton, as far as I know.

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The attachment arrived but I couldn't open it for some reason. I hope that you have better luck with mine!

What sort of computer are you using (if you don't mind me asking)?

Regards

Martin

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Sent: 31/08/04 05:24 pm

To: martinstephens@mac.com (Martin Stephens)

Received: 31/08/04 05:24 pm

Martin

Finally managed to open your file with Kevin's help.

Your research was fascinating and enjoyed photos. A strong resemblance between John and William.

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I use a Mac as well and I am using a program called Reunion to organise my research. It is an excellent program.

Thanks for the information!

Regards

Martin

Wedding cert 2

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Sent: 01/09/04 04:48 am

To: martinstephens@mac.com (Martin Stephens)

Received: 01/09/04 04:49 am

Have also found William and Prudence's wedding certificate. I don't know why I never sent for Elizabeth's birth certificate. I sent off for Charles Davis' birth last week.

I must type up what I've found so far and send it to you. If Elizabeth's mother was Prudence Waldron then she and Charles were second cousins. I can trace the Waldron line back to the 1600's.

Liz

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From: kevinaleighton@optusnet.com.au (Kevin Leighton)
To: martinstephens@mac.com (Martin Stephens)

Sent: 14/09/04 08:53 am
Received: 14/09/04 09:40 am

Stephen

Thanks for your email. I've attached Charles' birth certificate but it's a pretty big document as I'm useless at compressing them.

Hope this link works

http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/frameset_search.asp

It appears there were two Elizabeth Hemus' born in 1844, one to William and Ann and another to William and Prudence in Belbroughton.

I searched the 1881 census and there is an Elizabeth Hemus, unmarried, living with William and Ann in Alvechurch. I think this is the Elizabeth on your birth certificate.

Charles and Elizabeth Davis (nee Hemus) are living in Belbroughton in 1881 with William and Prudence a couple of dwellings away. I'll try to order this Elizabeth's birth certificate.

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Will keep in contact if I find anything fruther.

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The thing is, I have checked the birth register index for all of 1844 and the first quarter of 1845 and the only Elizabeth Hemus is the one that I ordered the certificate for. It is likely that she was born outside the narrow range of dates that I have had time to check. I'm out of time now and I can't get to these sites on the rig so I'll just have to gnash my teeth in frustration for a month!

Thanks for the certificate. Keep in touch.

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From: kevinaleighton@optusnet.com.au (Kevin Leighton)

Sent: 09/30/04 06:31 AM

To: martinstephens@mac.com (Martin Stephens)

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Martin

Looking at the IGI, Charles and his siblings appear to be Benjamin's great nieces and nephews.

Charles father, John was christened in 1813 in Belbroughton to James Davis and Hannah Waldron.

James was christened in 1787 to James and Francis Davis. James and Francis also had a Benjamin christened in 1801 and James in 1804.

Pretty sure these must be the right guys. As you said, too much of a coincidence.

Still trying to locate an Elizabeth Hemus born to Prudence and William. Unfortunately IGI only gives the christening dates - Elizabeth christened 17 Nov 1844 in Belbroughton. I wonder if she was born somewhere else and they waited to christen her in Belbroughton?

Liz

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You don't happen to have the 1851 census for Birmingham?

Just remembered that my grandfather was actually born in Selly Oak, Birmingham. My aunts said that Charles and Elizabeth were living there at the time as Charles was involved in the building of a lot of new houses there. William did the same in Selly Park with his young family in the 1910's.

Just glanced at the 1881 census for Charles Davis again. Noticed that they had some Hemus' living with them. Samuel Hemus 24, matches Samuel Hemus christened in 1857 to William and Prudence. Possibly Elizabeth's brother.

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Sent: 10/03/04 06:48 AM

To: martinstephens@mac.com (Martin Stephens)

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Martin

Sorry made a typing error. The 1804 birth was John not James.

Kids home for two weeks holiday and doing my head in!

Liz

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No, I've only got Worcestershire I'm afraid.

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>they didn't really crack down on it until 1875. Apparently a lot of
>births in the city slipped through the net.

Well, this is my last throw of the dice. Waiting 2 years to christen someone doesn't seem too unreasonable. I've asked my sister to email me as soon as she gets the certificate so we don't have too long to wait!

Regards

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Well, the 1842 birth certificate came through, but it doesn't match. The father was a William Hemus, Cordwainer and the mother was Bridget Maria Hemus nee Patrick.

The GRO references for the two births that are not our Elizabeth are:-

December 1842 W. Bromwich v18 p506
December 1844 Bromsgrove v16 p???

Those are the only 2 Elizabeth Hemus births registered between Jan 1st 1842 and December 31st 1844.

According to my mother, Elizabeth Hemus birth was recorded as November 3rd 1844 in someone's family bible. When I get hold of a copy I'll send it to you.

Hope that you are keeping well.

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Sorry I haven't been in contact for a while. I've been pretty busy with work - a Japanese friend and I are setting up an agency for students coming to study in North Sydney.

I recently joined ancestry.com and can access the 1871, 1891 and 1901 censuses. The 1851 census is not yet complete. In 1871 the Hemus family and Davis's were living a couple of doors away from each other. I've had no luck in locating any more info on Elizabeth Hemus' birth.

Thanks for everything you've sent - I'll let you know if anything interesting comes up.

Have a great Christmas.

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Just re-checked ancestry.com for Elizabeth and remembered that they often ended up with misspelt surnames.

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> Martin
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