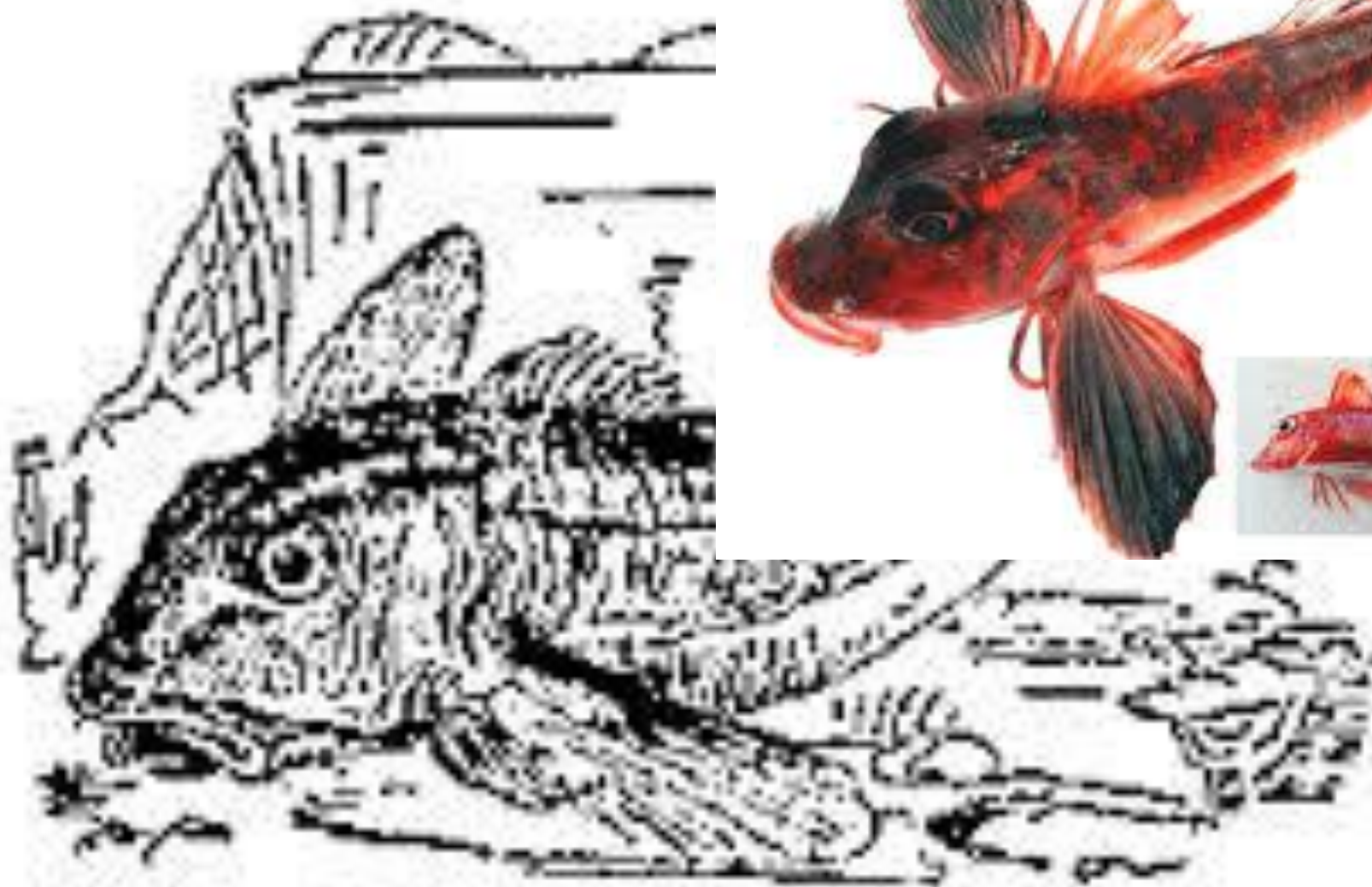


GURNETT family of Swanbourne

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THE GURNET.



Gurnetts worldwide

- There are approximately:
 - **445** people in the UK
 - 235 in the United States
 - 155 in Australia

Early Gurnetts

- Richard **Gernet** of Essex in the Domesday Book in 1086
 - There is an Essex family of Gurnetts to this day
 - Possibly all the Gurnetts descend from this family

Sir Thomas Gurnett pub Aveley, Essex



Northern Gurnetts

- Benedict **Gernet** in the pipe rolls of Nottingham in 1196
- Place called Gurnett near Macclesfield



Gurnetts in North Bucks since 1600s

John Gurnett & Elizabeth

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Sarah 1667	Edward 1672 & Ann died 1727 Buckingham	Thomas 1678	Anthony 1681-81	Anthony 1685	all christened at Water Stratford
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Elizabeth 1694-1714	John 1696 m 1721 & Elizabeth Cox died 1762 Buckingham	Edward 1698	Mary 1700-14	Thomas 1703-09	all christened at Buckingham
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John 1722-35	Elizabeth 1725	Edward 1729-30	Thomas 1731	Edward 1733	Ann 1736-6	John 1739-9	Ann 1741
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likely ancestors of Swanbourne Gurnetts?

Dinton parish register

30 Jan 1761



- Edward Gurnitt of the parish of Swanbourne, **widower** and Ann Hitchcock, spinster of Dinton was married in this Church by License, this thirteenth Day of January in the Year one thousand seven hundred and sixty one
- *Ann Hitchcock christened 1737 Dinton, (married aged 24)*
- *Edward Gurnett christened 1733 Buckingham (?)*

Dinton estate records

November 1761

- Abraham Lee plaintiff.
- Edward Gurnett and Ann his wife, deforcians
- 2 messuages,
2 barns, 2 stables, 2 gardens, 2 orchards,
50a. land, 20a. meadow, 20a.pasture
in Swanbourne and Ford, Dinton

Gurnett's Ground

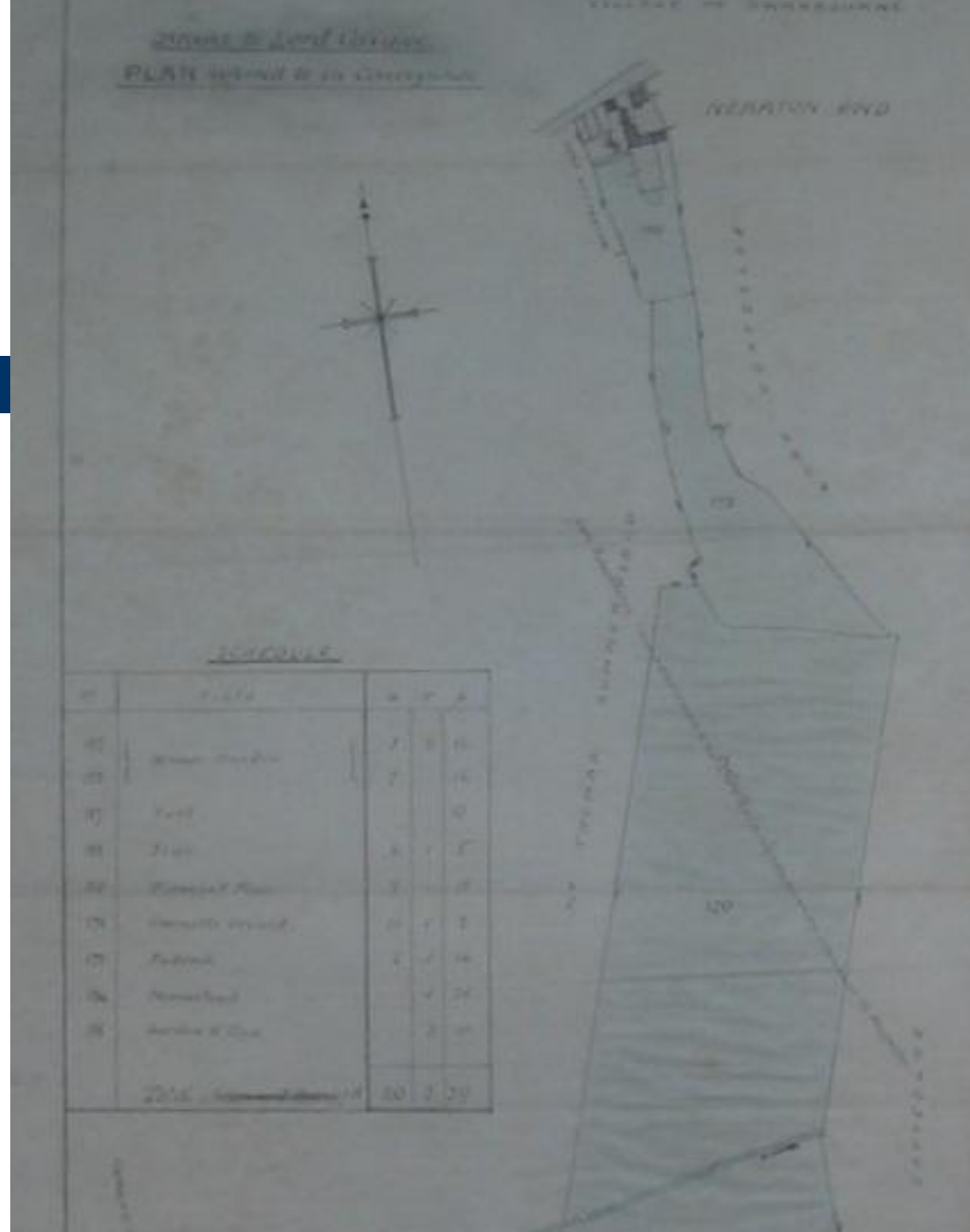
1762

Inclosure Award

Gurnett's Ground
Nearton End
behind Brook Farm

39 acres

awarded to Edward Gurnett
In lieu of lands he was
already farming



Dinton land records

- 1765 Ann Gurnett of Ford, Dinton, **widow**
- **Will of Edward Gurnett of Denham died 1765 mentions his wife Ann**

Baptists at Ford, Dinton?

1640s, old chapel built 1712



Swanbourne Registers



- First Gurnett mentioned in parish registers
- Benjamin Gurnett of Swanbourne
- 1787 married Rebecca Brome
- then 1839 buried aged 77
 - therefore born about 1762
 - most likely son of Edward Gurnett

Origin of Swanbourne Gurnetts

Edward Gurnett

of Swanbourne

married at Dinton Church 1761

awarded Gurnett's Ground 1762

died 1765

m. 1761

Ann Hitchcock

of Ford, Dinton

christened 21 Feb 1737 at Dinton

Benjamin Gurnett

born about 1762

married at 5 Nov 1787

died 1839 aged 77

buried in Swanbourne

m. 1787

Rebecca Brome

born about 1760

died 1823 aged 63

buried in Swanbourne

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ancestor of all Swanbourne Gurnetts

Children of Benjamin Gurnett

- 6 children

1.	Benjamin Gurnett	christened 2 Dec 1788	buried	29 Jan 1789	aged 2 months
2.	Benjamin Gurnett	christened 20 Dec 1789	buried	16 Oct 1861	aged 84
3.	John Gurnett	christened 6 July 1794	buried	19 Jan 1865	aged 72
4.	Ann Gurnett	christened 6 Aug 1797	buried	26 Feb 1810	aged 12
5.	William Gurnett	christened 29 Oct 1800	buried	23 May 1837	aged 35
6.	Rebecca Gurnett	christened 25 Mar 1804	buried	3 Nov 1805	aged 1½

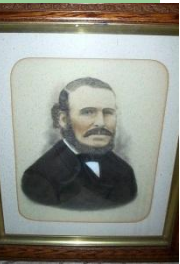
- All the Gurnetts of Swanbourne descend from:
 - Benjamin Gurnett (1st family group)
 - John Gurnett (2nd family group)

sons of John Gurnett

John Gurnett

1821 m Elizabeth Anstee

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Charles

1829

John

1833

2 brothers married 2 sisters:

m Elizabeth Wilmore

|

went to Australia 1855

m Mary Ann Wilmore

|

stayed in Swanbourne



Family of John Gurnett

John Gurnett 1794-1865

1821 m Elizabeth Anstee

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Benjamin	Mary	Charles	John	Ann
1821	1826	1829	1833	1838

m Jane Prior

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son Thomas emigrated to Queensland 1877

ancestors of 2nd Swanbourne Gurnett family group

Charles Gurnett 1829-99

Emigrated to Australia 1855

Descendants live around Sydney to this day
New South Wales Gurnetts



TO THE GLORY OF GOD
AND THE UNDYING MEMORY
OF THE MEN OF SWANBOURNE
WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN
THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918

W. ALDERMAN	Pte	18th Glouc Regt
N. BOUGHTON	Pte	5th Oxf & Bucks L.I.
T. COX	L. Cpl	1/1 Bucks Batt ⁿ
W. G. CURRELL	Pte	58th Canadians
T. ELMER	Pte	4th R. Fusiliers
T. H. FREMANTLE	2nd Lt	5th Oxf & Bucks L.I.
H. GURNETT	Pte	3rd Worc Regt
W. HINTON	Pte	R.A.S.C. att ^d Midd ^x Regt
F. J. KEEN	Pte	3rd Leic Regt
G. T. LEONARD	Pte	13th Canadians
H. J. LEONARD	Pte	1/1 Bucks Batt ⁿ
F. PITKIN	Pte	13th Som L.I.
E. PRICE	Pte	R.E. att ^d 32nd Bde R.F.A.

The righteous live for ever and in
the LORD is their reward and the
care for them with the Most High.

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H. W. GURNETT

WORCESTERSHIRE REGIMENT
27TH APRIL 1918 AGE 19



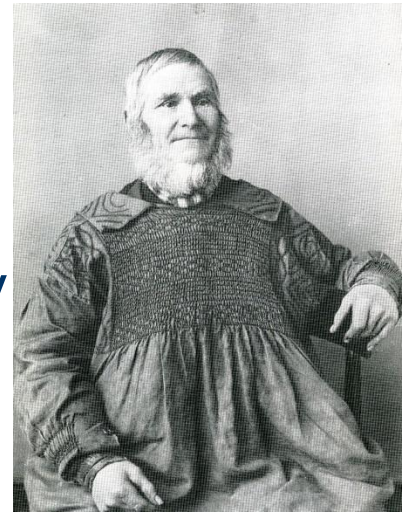
THE DEAREST OF MEMORIES
IS ALL THAT IS LEFT
OF A LOVING SON
ONE OF THE BEST

family of Benjamin Gurnett members of Baptist Chapel

Benjamin Gurnett 1789-1861

son of Benjamin & Rebecca Gurnett
married thrice:

1. Arabella died 1815 (probably in childbirth)
 - son **John Gurnett** 1815
2. Sarah Claridge married 1818
 - son **William Gurnett** 1826
 - ancestors of 1st Swanbourne Gurnett family
3. Sarah Pitkin married 1833
 - adopted her son **Thomas Pitkin**



MARRIAGES solemnized in the Parish of Swanbourne
in the County of Bucks in the Year 1818

Benjamin Garnett of this Parish

Widower

and Sarah Claridge of this Parish

Spinster

were married in this Church by Banns with Consent of
this seventeenth Day of

September in the Year One thousand eight hundred and eighteen

By me Joshua Elsdon, Curate

This Marriage was solemnized between us { Benjamin Garnett
Sarah Claridge

In the Presence of { Sarah Feasey
Richard Arnold

No. 28.

William Pantlen of this Parish

Gurnett half-brothers

- John and William Gurnett in Royal Marines
- 1844 William joined Royal Marines
- 1854 Battle of Inkerman, Crimea 1854

- I told the story in Kiev



Gurnett half-brothers

- John Gurnett 1815-1880
 - 1856 married Ann Maria Davis in Woolwich
 - descendants live in the Woolwich/Plumstead area
- William Gurnett 1826-1887
 - 1862 married Charlotte Alderman in Woolwich
 - they lived at Woolwich
 - 1865 discharged and moved back to Swanbourne
 - 8 children, joined the Primitive Methodists
 - descendants live in Swanbourne area to this day

Granny Gurnett with daughters Annie (b 1863) and Edie (b 1877)



Children of William Gurnett

1. Hannah Rebecca GURNETT, born 1863 born at Woolwich
 1. 1897 married her cousin Edward ALDERMAN at Swanbourne
2. John William GURNETT, born 1865 at Woolwich, died 1943
1892 married Annie PARKER of Cublington, Bucks at Swanbourne, Bucks
3. Charlotte Ellen GURNETT , born 1867 at Swanbourne, died 1852
married Sidney GADBURY
4. Mary Alice GURNETT, born 1869, Swanbourne died 1948
1897 married John Harris SPITTLES of Gt Missenden
5. Charles Edwin GURNETT , born 1871 Swanbourne, died 1897

6. Amy Florence GURNETT , born 1873, died 1952
1898, 26 September married William Edward HERMON
7. Edith Minnie GURNETT , born 1877, Swanbourne, died 1960
married FRED JAPES
8. Alderman Ernest GURNETT, born 1885, died 1967
1907, married Amy CUTLER of Cublington, Bucks



John William 1865-1943 & Annie Gurnett



Bill Gurnett

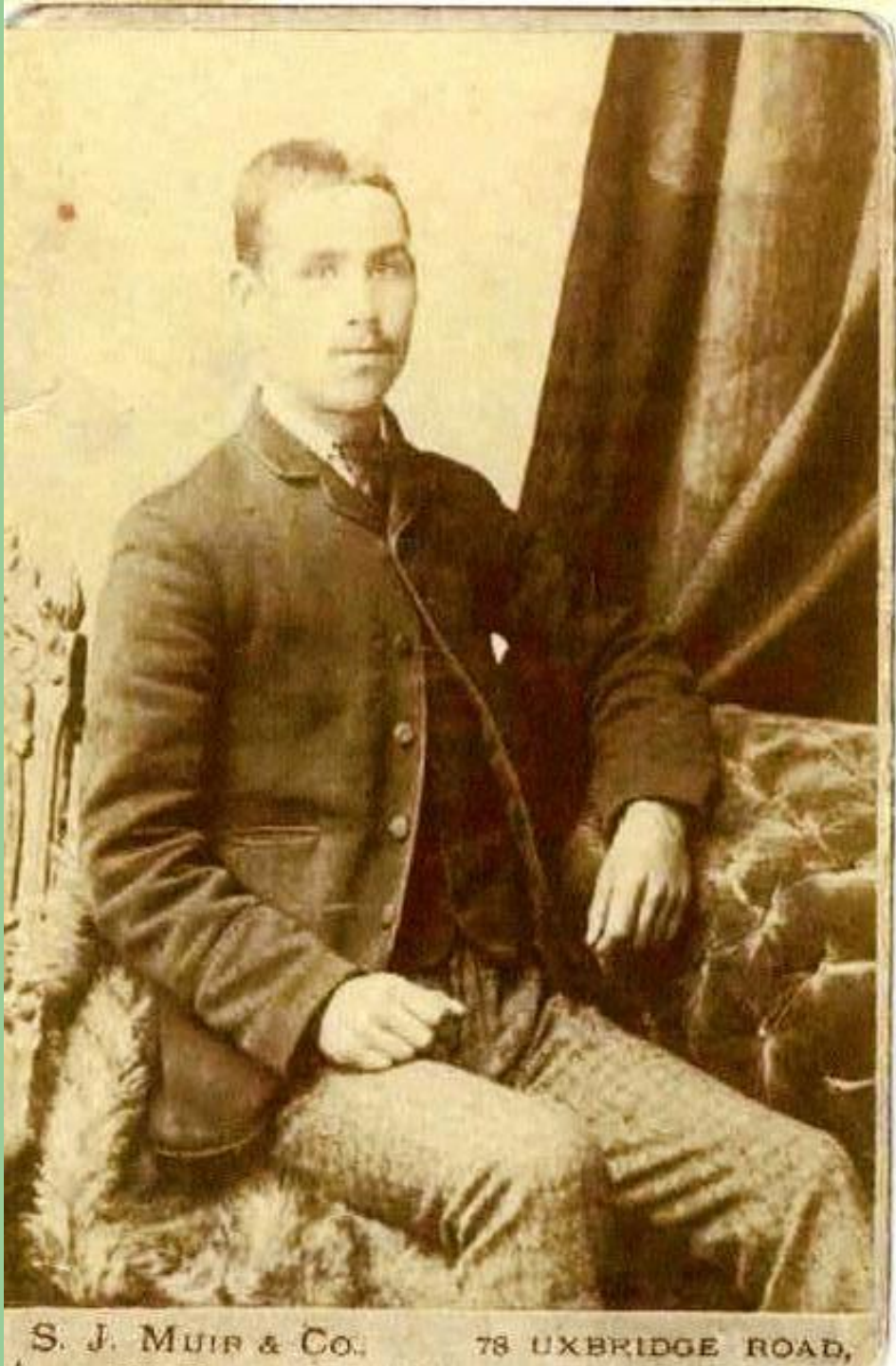


Madge Gurnett



Floss Gurnett





- Charles Edwin Gurnett
- gardener

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- June 1897 was due to marry his fiancée Elizabeth Massey
 - she cancelled the wedding
 - He committed suicide in depression

DISTRESSING SUICIDE AT SWANBOURNE.

WAS TO HAVE BEEN MARRIED.

An inquest was held on Saturday on the body of Charles Gurnett, a man of twenty-five, employed as under gardener at Swanbourne House, Bucks. From the evidence of deceased's brother, Wm. Gurnett, and another man named Willis, it appeared that deceased was missed on Thursday morning, and after calling for him repeatedly, search was made in the shrubbery, where he was found kneeling, but not dead; and where he told his brother it was of no use sending for a doctor as he had poisoned himself, and should soon be dead. Dr. Vaisey, of Winslow, was at once sent for, but on his arrival the poor fellow was dead. Deceased's mother's evidence was to the effect that the deceased was quite unlikely to have poisoned himself, and that he had suffered from heart disease. The young woman to whom deceased was to have been married in a few days also gave evidence, and said she had received a bright and cheerful letter from him that morning. The jury, after hearing this evidence, decided to adjourn the inquest till the afternoon for a post mortem examination, which Dr. Vaisey was requested to make. At the adjourned inquest Dr. Vaisey stated that the inside of the stomach was very much inflamed, and, denuded of mucous membrane, it presented all the signs of irritant poisoning, but what the nature of the poison was he could not say. The heart was sound. It was stated by the witness Willis that deceased had been using some poisonous weed killer. The jury returned a verdict of "Death from taking irritant poison during a state of temporary insanity." Deceased and his friends are highly respected in the village, and the occurrence has caused much sorrow.



Alderman Ernest & Amy Gurnett



Alderman Ernest “Jim” Gurnett









Swanbourne School 1913

May Tofield (Gurnett)

Ernest William Frank Gurnett

Bill Gurnett

Sept 1948 Cricket Team

Joe Gurnett

Bill Gurnett



Fred Japes

2014 Gurnett family at Ruth's 80th all descendants of William Gurnett

