

Letter to 15.4.73

May Cousins 13.8.73

Mary Osmar

Tamara P.B. padlock

Sheila 28th Jack & Ruby

Cuff 25th 27.6.73

Lucy 26th Paid Herald 27.6.73

owing Lorraine

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Auntie Ivy

Mary Beckett

Lorraine, Mabel

Sheila

May Cousins 13.8.

Ruby Rodger

Mini

SCHOOL PAD

Mabel 2nd May

Lorraine 2nd

Mary Beckett 2nd

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Pearl A. 13.8-73

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Family history within

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Forewood Lin Helms

18 Holland St

89940 Rotorua Ph

Now M. Kaur Kaur

Lura L. Falls

Cathies

tel. Hindhead 5095 (1)

Dec 4. 1974

Brook Cottage
Whitmore Vale
Hindhead

Dear Mrs Coraghty

You will have been disappointed
not to have heard from me long
before this. I must apologise for being so
long in answering your letter.

I left the parish of Averton Sifford two
years ago & as you addressed your letter
to me by name, it was sent on to me
here.

As I was going down to Averton Sifford in
the summer I intended to look things up,
then. Unfortunately I forgot to take
your letter with me. Last week I had
to go again & to make amends I spent
quite a long time in the Record Office
at Exeter where the Parish Registers
are now kept. If you want further
details a letter direct to the Archivist
County Record Office Exeter, would probably

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get a quicker answer. The staff there are most obliging. Once I start I can never just look up the date about which I am asked. so I have gone back to 1755 for marriages, 1706 for Baptisms, 1792 for Burials and therefore it sets upon quite a puzzle to sort it all out, but I am sure you & your friend will be interested.

It seems difficult to distinguish between the spelling PROUSE & PROUSE & I should think they are probably both the same

As you see from the lists enclosed the name goes right through these years & evidently would go further back still but I had no time to look in the earlier registers. What surprised me was, that the couple emigrated so late in life & presumably took a large number of children with them, they were obviously

under age when they were married, as you will see from the entry "With the Consent of Parents" but unfortunately the registers do not give their ages, as modern registers do. I could not find a Baptism of Richard, which would fit in & give me a date near his birth. The entry of "Sopowner" of this Parish for Mary King, must mean that her home was not in the Parish, but that she probably worked in one of the houses there. Richard seems to have turned his hand to many things. He is described at his marriage as Shoemaker - and variously in the baptisms registers of his children as Labourer & Thatcher.

The Rector - The Rev Vaughan appears to have baptised all the children, but did not officiate at the wedding. He was in the Parish 58 years & I suspect, got a

little difficult, when ⁴ he was old, but that does not appear to be a strong enough reason for emigrating with a large family. It would be interesting to know.

Richard unlike many of the others of his time in the registers signs his own name at his wedding, but Mary evidently could not & makes her mark.

It is always interesting to follow up families through the registers & I have quite enjoyed this. As I read these details, Richard's father died two months before the wedding & his mother died in 1832.

Very Best
Wishes to you & your friends for
Christmas & the new year

yours sincerely
(Rev) Cuthbert C. Shaw
(Late Rector Averton Sifford).

Marrriages from 1754

1755. Richard Prowse. who have lived
June 11th. Elizabeth Martin in the Parish for
more than 20 years
married by Adam Fleschman
(Curate)

1759 Richard Prowse of Bigbury
~~May 8th~~ Feb 19th. Doris Wills
of Averton Gifford.
married by G. Bridgeman, Curate

1763 Robert Prowse } Both of
May 8th Margaret Crimp } Averton Gifford

1780 Richard Prowse } both of
Oct 6th Mary Hardy } Averton Gifford
married by John Davis (Curate).
Both Bride & Bridegroom make their
marks.

1816 Richard Prouse Bachelor of this
May 12 Parish - Shoemaker, and
Mary Snowden King, Sojourner
in this Parish were married in
entry No 27) this Church, by Banns, with the
consent of Parents, this 12th day of
May, in the year One Thousand
Eight Hundred & sixteen, by me
Geo Sullock officiating minister
This marriage was solemnized between
Richard Prouse

The mark of Mary Snowden King

In the Presence of Thomas King
William Widger (Parish Clerk.)

1835 George Prouse Sojourner of this
Sep 11th Eliza Brown " " " Parish

1804 Robert Prouse Sojourner of this Parish
April 20th Sarah Brooking " " " "
married by Benjamin Kerr Vaughan
RECTOR

Baptisms from 1706 to 1891

1733 Richard S of Richard & Elizabeth Prowse ^{B. Jan 3, bap Jan 19}
 1755 George S of " " B Nov. 18, Bap Dec 7
 1763 John, S of Robt & Margaret Prowse, B. Aug 3, Bap Aug 23
 1765 Elizabeth D of " " " Feb 23, Bap Mar 10th
 1767 Margaret D of " " " Mar 29, Bap April 27th
 1769 Robert S of " " " July 4 " " July 17th
 1772 Sarah D of William & Elizabeth March 31 " April 12
 1775 Elizabeth D of " " " ? ? Bap July 2nd
 1778 William S of " " " ? ? Feb 16 " May 25
 1781 Mary D Richard & Mary ? ? ^{Aug 19th bap}
 1783 Mary base D of Bridget Prowse Bap Mar 28
 1789 John S of John & Susannah Prowse of Bigham
 1805 Sarah D of Robert & Sarah ? bap ^{Jan 18} April 21
 1807 Robert S of " " ? ? April 10th
 1809 John " " " ? ? July 2nd
 1820 Mary D of Richard & Mary Prowse June 25
 1821¹⁷ Elizabeth ^{Lapourer} Richard & Mary " Born Feb 11th
 1822 Sarah Thatcher " " Dec 13
 1826 William " " " " Jan 4
 these 3 bapised together Jan 15 1826

Continuing, Richard & Mary
Labourer

1829 Richard S " ? Bap. Oct 4
1832 Thomas S " " Aug 5th
1842 Mary Jane D of Roger & Mary Ann " Bap July 28
1843 Roger S " " " ? " Nov 30
1845 Alfred James S of James & Sarah Jane ? " Nov 25
1850 Edith D of Roger & Mary Ann B. Feb 2nd Bap Mar 7th
1855 Alfred William S of Roger & Mary Ann B. Mar 17th
1858 Albert John S of " " " ? June 10th
1891 Ernest James " of March Mills Cottage B Oct 18 - 22

Burials from 1792 - 1858

1802 Margaret Prowse Jan 24th
1806 William " June 29th
1810 Elizabeth " Dec 3rd
1816 Richard Prowse aged 54 Mar 24th (Entry no 37)
1832 Mary " Aged 82 Jan 12.

from Correspondence Rev Cutthbert C. Shaw
to Mrs K. G. G. G. G.

1792 Richard & Mary baptised April 29th
1792 + 1792

Extract from Book Kath's cousin got from
the library "Life in Cornwall in the mid 19th
century," by R. Ne Barron
(1837) One extract reads thus: "Interred
His own child"

A child of dissenting parents, having died
in Newlyn, the clergyman of the Parish was
applied to to bury it, but 2 hrs before the time
appointed for the funeral he refused to read the
burial service, assigning as a reason that
the child had not been baptized. The corpse
was however taken to the grave & having been
deposited in the house for all living the
afflicted father went outside & interred his own
child, after the manner generally adopted by
the dissenters, while tears fell copiously from
a large concourse of spectators (Feb 23rd 1838
my cousin (K. G.) is going to contact the Vicar at
Newlyn & find out the name (But she is sure it is
Prowse,) she says there are Prowses at Penzance
near Newlyn. Also at Berealston in Devon

Also from Kath's cousin

On the Chancel wall is a plaque to the Rector
who served longest.

54 Years Rector of Aferton Gifford

Sacred to the memory of the Rev Benjamin
Kerr Vaughan, who departed this life

Jan 2nd 1847 in his 84th year.

Also to the memory of Julia his wife died 7th 18th
Aged 72. 1837

Was Rector from 1789 to 1846.

1850 Public House

George Prowse

(King's Arms)

Vestry meeting, March 25th 1867

Persons to oversee, poor of the Parish

George Prowse

Tel Hindhead 5095

Brook Cottage
Whitmore Vale
Hindhead

Dear Mrs Beltison

Surrey,

I was interested to receive Feb 23- 1975

your letter sent on to me from
Averton Gifford. I left Averton Gifford two
years ago but, as the letters were addressed to
me personally they were sent on.

I am glad to say that I was able to write
& send a good many details to your cousin
in New Zealand very recently, & received a
letter of thanks from Mrs Geraghty only
this last week. It took me a long time to
get the opportunity to visit Exeter ^{Exeter}

Record Office & look up the Averton Gifford
^{Church} Registers, as I live in Surrey now.

Mrs Geraghty said she was very excited
to get my letter & immediately phoned her
friend to report, I therefore hope that has

given great pleasure. I gave details of marriages, Births & Burials, from 1840 or so, back to about 1706. As there were a good many entries it will take them quite a time to sort it all out. The Exeter Record Office hold the Averton Gifford Records & as I told Mrs Geraghty in my letter, any other details could be obtained from there if it were found other questions arise. Fortunately for you I forgot to include in my letter your photograph so I gladly return it to you. I did not remember to say in my letter, that I refer in my book of the history of Averton Gifford to a Sir William PROUZ, who held the manor of Averton Gifford in 1305 & I expect the name PROUSE or PROWSE came through him to Devon. There is also a Recumbent Effigy of him & his Wife in the Church at Lustleigh in Devon, as they also

held the Manor in ~~Devon~~ of Lustleigh &
probably lived there, rather than at Amerton
Gifford. You might like to visit Lustleigh
& then hand on that information to
New Zealand. Very Best wishes

Yours Sincerely

Cathbert C. Shaw

late Rector of Amerton Gifford

Dec 4. 1974

The Advowson, or right of presentation of a son as priest to the Church of Averton Gifford —

The Lords of the manor held this right & handed it down mainly by inheritance but occasionally by purchase until the Reformation. At the end of the Gifford era, in 1303, it is probable that Sir John Danwarle gained it by purchase. William le Prouz gained it by inheritance, but soon transferred it to "Simon de Wybburg (who afterwards became Rector).

Reclining Effigy of Sir William le Prouz & his wife on the tomb in Lustleigh church. He held the manor of Lustleigh in Devon & lived there.

Sir William le Prouz held the manor of Averton Gifford in 1305. He married Alice, Daughter of Sir John Danwarle & had a daughter, also named Alice, owned part of the manor of Sladbury

From Cuff. May 16th 1975

The Domesday Geography of South-West
England. H. O. Darby & R. Weldon Finn
Page 236.

Exeter Domesday (289-289b)

Baldwin has one manor which is called
Lewtrenchard which Brictric held on
the day that King Edward was alive &
dead. Seven plough-teams can plough
this. And now Roger de Meules holds
it of Baldwin. There Roger has
1 plough-team in demesne & the villains
(have) 6 plough-teams. There Roger has
12 villains & 8 borders & 6 serfs & 18 ~~and~~
animals & 50 sheep & 30 acres of ~~good~~ wood
& 20 acres of meadow & 60 acres of
pasture. This is worth £4 & when
Baldwin received it, it was worth 60s

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Exchequer Domesday (1086)

Roger de Meules holds Lewtrenchard of Baldwin. Brictric held it in the time of King Edward & it paid geld for half a hide. There is land for 7 plough-teams.

In demense is 1 plough-team, & 6 serfs & (there are) 12 villeins & 8 bordars with 6 plough-teams. There (are) 20 acres of meadow & 60 acres of pasture & 30 acres of wood.

Formerly (it was worth) £3. Now it is worth £4 (Lewtrenchard in the valley of Lew to the west of Dartmoor, some ten miles south-west of Okehampton).

It was held entirely by one owner & so is described in a single entry etc)

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Will Robinson. c/o Critchley, 6 York Place
Mata mata
Phone 7275.

Helen (Hosworth) (Mrs D. F. Payne)
33 Doris St
Birkdale

take Beach Haven Rd. to Ranch House, ^{almost}
opp this place Doris St branches off

Write to. Phyl
~~Sheila~~ 4th
~~Ellen~~ 5th pay Spence
A.M.P. Society
Marge
Mabel
Cuff
Clyde
Pearl
Mary Edman

Mrs Hazel Taylor
61 Hill St
Warkworth

Mrs F. Parker-Bergh
Te Puna No 2 Rd.
Tamanga

Mrs Doll Pool
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