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EDITORIAL

A warm welcome to this, the start of the fourth volume of Pulvertaft Papers. As I said in the Editorial last December, new information which I have on the Pulvertoft and Pulvertaft families is getting a bit sparse so I plan to publish these papers only once a year instead of twice. Despite this change, I intend to follow the precedent of the first three volumes of having ten issues per volume. This will mean that Volume 4 will not complete until December 2005.

I have not managed to produce an index to Volume 3 in time to be distributed with this edition but I still plan to do so, even though it will not now reach you until Christmas 1997 with the next edition.

Despite this lapse, I wish all readers of Pulvertaft Papers a very happy Christmas.

D.M.P.

FAMILY HISTORY FROM ST FINBARR'S CEMETARY, CORK

Two contemporary and one more recent headstone in St Finbarr's Cemetery, Glasheen Road, Cork record the burials of members of the Pulvertaft family. Sketches of the two earlier ones will be found on pages 4 and 5 of this issue.

That on page 4 is to Thomas Pulvertaft [M010], his wife Mary Ann [M020] and their son Thomas Mahony Pulvertaft [M10P]. That on page 5 is to Robert Pulvertaft [M04P] and his two wives, Elizabeth Anne [M03P] and Agnes [M05P].

Also at St Finbarr's is a headstone erected in 1990 by Brian O'Leary, son of John Francis O'Leary and Ethel May Pulvertaft [M78R], in memory of his grandparents. It reads:

"In Loving Memory of THOMAS GEORGE PULVERTAFT died 15 May 1934. His loving wife ELIZABETH JANE Nee CHARTERS died 25 Feb 1960. R.I.P."

They will be seen in the modern family pedigree of Vol 3 No 7 as [M23Q] and [M83Q].

While these are all most useful in confirming the relationships shown in the modern family pedigree, the records of a burial plot which has no headstone provides us with information which is new and which may lead to two or three more generations being added to the modern family tree.

The plot was purchased by John Pulvertaft [M07P] on 17 March 1890 for £2.0.0, entitling him to exclusive right of burial "in perpetuity" of Plot No 40, Row No 7 of Section H South of the cemetery. In the certificate which records this he is described as a Brass Finisher of 36c Windmill Road, Cork.

The burials which are recorded as having taken place in this plot are:

17 Mar 1890 - Mary Goldstein aged in her 80s

14 May 1890 - Richard Lloyd Pulvertaft, son of John Pulvertaft [M07P] aged 11½

12 Dec 1899 - Anna V Pulvertaft [M06P]

15 Jan 1941 - John Pulvertaft [M07P]

4 May 1947 - Susan Pulvertaft [M82P]

Dec 1966 - Margaret Eleanor O'Driscoll [M26Q]

(John O'Driscoll, husband of Margaret Eleanor and two of their still-born babies were also buried there)

John Pulvertaft clearly bought the burial plot so that Mary Goldstein could be buried there although the burial record does not tell us how or even whether they were related.

Reference to Vol 1 No 5 of these papers will remind us that one Isaac Goldstein married a Mary Pulvertaft in 1839 at Christchurch, Cork and she surely must be the Mary Goldstein who was buried in 1890. The details of her burial have subsequently allowed the registration of her death to be found where it is recorded that she died on 17 March 1890 at 119 Old Georges Street, Cork and that she was a widow of 79 years. Depending whether she was in her 80s (as was suggested at her burial) or 79 when she died, she would have been born in 1811 or perhaps a few years earlier.

There is only one Mary Pulvertaft who matches that date of birth - Mary Anne Pulvertaft [C100] who is shown

IN AFFECTIONATE
REMEMBRANCE



THOMAS PULVERTAFT
DIED DEC^R 21ST 1864
AGED 47 YEARS
AND OF HIS WIFE
MARY ANN
AND THEIR SON
THOMAS
MAHONY PULVERTAFT

AND THE LORD
WENT BEFORE THEM
TO LEAD THEM
THE WAY

HE GIVETH HIS
BELOVED SLEEP



IN MEMORIAM

ELIZABETH ANNE
THE BELOVED WIFE OF
ROBERT PULVERTAFT

*A GOOD WIFE, A GOOD MOTHER
HAVING SERVED HER GENERATION
FELL ON SLEEP
MAY 24TH 1910*

ROBERT PULVERTAFT
*PASSED TO THE HOMELAND JULY 15, 1922
AGED 82 YEARS*

*"FATHER IN THY GRACIOUS KEEPING
LEAVE WE NOW OUR LOVED ONE SLEEPING"*

ALSO HIS WIFE AGNES
DIED 12TH SEPT, 1941

in the group of "Early Cork Pulvertafts" on p 37 of Vol 1 - she having been baptised at St Ann, Shandon on 11 May 1811. As she was sufficiently close to John Pulvertaft for him to wish to buy a burial plot for her, the two pedigrees would appear to be connected and it is tempting to suggest that she was his aunt and that the Thomas Pulvertaft [C130] - also shown on p 37 - was actually Thomas [MO10], the founder of the modern family.

This connection has not been suggested before as there is an inconsistency with the assumption; namely that when Thomas [MO10] died in 1864, his age was recorded as 46. He would thus have thus been born in 1818 and not the 1822 of Thomas [C130]. This four year difference cannot simply be ignored but, when it is realised from the death certificate that the death of Thomas [MO10] was registered by the Resident Medical Officer of the Cork Fever Hospital - he having died there of Typhus Fever - the possibility of his age being misquoted is a finite one. While a relative might be expected to have got the age at death right, an official could easily have understood him to be 46 rather than 42 and the two Thomases could be one and the same.

Of course we need more evidence to support this speculation but, with a possible linkage "dotted in", it will be interesting to see whether other connections will now emerge.

Returning from speculation to facts, the Richard Lloyd Pulvertaft who was buried on 14 Mar 1890 has been identified and given the code [M115Q] - see Notes and Queries opposite.

[I am indebted to Mrs Peggy Leonard of Cork and Mr Brian O'Leary of Louisville, Kentucky for the data on which this article is written. The assumptions which I have subsequently made are all mine. Ed]

NOTES & QUERIES

Civil Registration of Irish Births - A Confusion

The Pulvertaft entries in the Civil Registration Indexes for Irish births, marriages and deaths were printed in Volume 2 of these papers, Nos 8 and 9. Only where details were needed to help prove relationships were the actual registry entries bought from the Registrar General's office as the indexes were thought to be a suitably reliable source.

In investigating the Richard Lloyd Pulvertaft who is shown on page 3 as being buried in 1890, aged 11½, the two birth entries for Richard Pulvertaft were ordered from Dublin: Richard Pulvertaft - 1878, Vol 5, Page 153 and Richard Pulvertaft - 1874, Vol 10, Page 173.

The first of these shows that Richard was born on 13 October 1878, son of John Pulvertaft of 97 Hibernia Buildings, brassfounder, and Annie P (formerly Waugh). We can thus add him to the the modern family tree between George Thomas P [M23Q] and Mary Ann P [M25Q]. Presumably having registered his birth as Richard, he was baptised Richard Lloyd and therefore buried under his full name.

The second birth entry causes much more difficulty as, far from the child being registered as Richard (as it says in the index), Vol 10, Page 173 records the birth of Amos Fredrick Pulvertaft on 6 June 1874, son of Robert Pulvertaft of Ladyswell Place, brassfounder, and Eliza Anne Pulvertaft (formerly Bogan).

Quite why an entry for Amos Fredrick was indexed as Richard, is not understood. The staff of the Registrar General's office have confirmed the entry itself and this allows us to add another entry to the modern family tree - Amos Fredrick [M116Q] between Robert George P [M16Q] and Agnes P [M74Q].

NOTES & QUERIES (CONTINUED)

From the USA

My thanks to Gary Pulvertaft of Tucson, Arizona for providing some extra facts to add to the pedigree of his family which was printed in the last issue. This has allowed me to fill in some of the missing dates and surnames but, as there are still quite a few more to add, I will wait for these before going to print again.

From Wiltshire

My thanks to Robert Pulvertaft for searching the Internet for references to the family name. He found that there were references to a number of academic papers but when these were examined they came from the pens of known members of the family: R.G.Pulvertaft [M38R] and R.J.V.Pulvertaft [M30R] on medical subjects, T.C.R. Pulvertaft [M46S] on Greenland and B.S.G.Pulvertaft [M68T] on Vietnam veterans in Australia.

Birth

Congratulations to Rupert and Sally Pulvertaft on the birth of their son Jonathon James David on 22 November 1996 in Nantes, France. [Rupert, my son, is on an exchange appointment between the Royal Marines and the French Marines and is therefore based in Nantes]

Correction

The son of Robert Pulvertaft and Anne-Line Rasmussen whose birth was recorded in the last issue of these papers is not Julins as quoted but Julius. My apologies to him.