

The HONEY Family Tree:

The Ancestry of the Honey Family of Upper Midford, Somerset

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Section 2: Introduction

None of Dick and Babs Honey's eight surviving children were born at Midford, Somerset; they were born at various points throughout the south of England, including Hampshire, Huntingdonshire and Bristol. But later, Dick decided that he wanted to run his own farm instead of a more mobile, less settled career managing farms for others. A settled life was certainly the result. When the family settled at Upper Midford Farm in October 1960, they started a Honey association with the place that survives today, over 44 years later. By the standards of the late 20th century, that's pretty permanent. In any case, as far as I know, there has never been another Honey family remotely connected with Midford- so just by calling the eight children (my father, six uncles and one aunt) the Honeys of Upper Midford, we can distinguish them from any other Honeys in English geography or history. Most importantly, and quite apart from the sheer length of time the family has spent there, Upper Midford is a homely, friendly and beautiful place that all members of the Honey family are proud to be associated with, even if they no longer live there- or even if , like me, they have never lived there.

There are a lot of theories on the origin of the surname Honey, not least among the Honeys themselves. Some books on Cornish surnames indicate that in Cornwall it may have originated with the personal name 'Hannibal'. However, according to the standard work (A Dictionary of English Surnames, by Reaney and Wilson, 1997), the name is likely to have originated as a nickname, meaning the same as today- 'darling, or dearest'. This is the derivation I would most incline towards. It is not only more likely (how many Hannibals have you ever heard of?) but also helps to explain the many Honeys in Kent, Devon and Oxfordshire, where Hannibal was a far less common name than in Cornwall. If the derivation of 'darling' or 'dearest' is true, then we are fortunate that the meaning of the maternal surname Friend would have originated for much the same reasons, so the Honeys can be said to spring from thoroughly decent stock on both sides!

Patterns of distribution of surnames in the 1881 census, before people had moved around as much as they do now, can still reveal where surnames originated at the time of surname formation from 1250 to 1450. Some rarer surnames might have originated with a single family (in our own tree, the surname Sweetapple is probably one example). Honey, however, originated completely separately in Kent, Oxfordshire and Cornwall. The surname is also common in Devon, but as so many of the Cornish Honeys came from the east of the county, it's possible that all Devonian Honeys spring sooner or later from Cornwall. Most people called Honey now living in London are probably Kentish Honeys. The mother of a good friend at university, Paul Simmonds (from South London), was born a Honey and is from Kent.

However, tracing one surname is only a tiny part of a family tree. We need to go back only twelve generations for Honey ancestors to number 4,096, all but one of whom probably had surnames other than Honey. Other people and names found in the ancestry are fascinating in their own right, and many are more unusual than Honey. With the exception of Williams (the third most common surname in the 19th century) there are no very common surnames to complicate matters- no Browns, no Joneses, no Smiths. Or at

least not yet. There may well be such surnames in the tree- of the 16,382 people who comprise its twelve generations, I have only been able to identify 118. Over sixteen thousand people remain, many of whom will never be identified!

The first question many people will ask as they read the pages that follow is ‘why no tree?’ The answer is that the Honey ancestry is particularly hard to fit onto a tree because some branches go back several generations and others don’t. This is mainly because lots of the family come from Cornwall (where it is relatively easy to trace ancestry) and others come from counties like Dorset and Wiltshire where it is harder. Rather, then, than creating an awkward, unbalanced tree, this kind of document can still show relationships clearly by assigning each ancestor a number, whether they have been identified or not.

The first part of the number covers the ancestor’s generation, all the way from **parent’s generation (1)** to **10 x great-grandparents (12)**. The second part of the number shows position within the generation. Anyone with the surname Honey (i.e. a pure paternal descent) has **1** as the second part of the number. Thus **Richard Charles Honey** is **1.1**, his father **Richard** is **2.1**, his father **John** is **3.1** and so on. Likewise, the last person in any generation is a purely maternal ancestor. Thus, **Babs (Honey) Friend** is **1.2**, her mother **Clarissa Kate Banks** is **2.4**, her mother **Elizabeth Jane Hayter** is **3.8** and so on. All males have odd second numbers and all females have even second numbers. Family relationships can always be predicted, even if the ancestor is unidentified, as the mother’s second number is always double her child’s. Therefore, **6.10** (an unidentified female ancestor) must be the daughter of **7.19** (father) and **7.20** (mother).

This family tree was only partially a result of my own research- at various points other descendants of the Honey ancestors have done vital work that has saved me a lot of time and money and I should acknowledge their great help. I’d like to particularly thank my uncle John Honey, for the Cross family tree he kindly sent to me; Michael Body of Wolverhampton who is descended from **5.3 Henry BODY** and who has traced Henry’s ancestry; Viv Hony of Oundle, Northants, who added the ancestors of **6.1 William HONEY** and is himself descended from them; June Moses of Nuneaton, descended from **3.7 Robert BANKS**, for the Banks and Hayter family trees she sent me; and Danni Ward of Perth, Australia who is descended from **3.5 John Melbourne FRIEND** and who found evidence of Stagg family associations at Heddington, Wiltshire. Lastly, the International Genealogical Index (IGI) (available free at www.familysearch.org) has made perhaps the greatest single contribution to the tree.

This family tree is a continuous, fluid document. It is not, and never will be complete; but the more people on it the better. Think of this as Version 1, with many revisions to come in the years ahead. In the meantime, if anybody else can help fill any gaps, and contribute to Version 2 (that is now in preparation) I would of course love to hear from them. My address appears at the back. Happy reading.

Jesse Honey

London, December 2004

Section 3: Key

- b.** Born (after about 1850), Baptised (before about 1850)
- m.** Married
- d.** Died (after about 1850), Buried (before about 1850)
- p.** Parent (for simplicity, always the mother)
- o.** Occupation
- n.** Notes

Section 4: Parents

1.1 Richard Charles HONEY

- b.** Herodsfoot, Cornwall 21 February 1916
- m.** Wokingham, Berkshire 1941 to **1.2**
- d.** Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire 4 November 1988
- o.** Farm manager and farm owner
- n.** One of eight brothers and sisters

1.2 Joan Margaret 'Babs' FRIEND

- b.** Marlborough, Wiltshire 14 December 1918
- o.** Writer (Farmer's Weekly Diary in 1960s and several cookbooks), sometime TV presenter, and housewife
- p.** of 7 surviving sons and 1 daughter- the Honeys of Midford.
- n.** Youngest of five children of Henry Melbourne and Clarissa Kate Friend. Retired with husband to Vagwr-Eilw, Solva, Pembrokeshire in early 1970s. Now resident at Brockhampton Court Nursing Home, Herefordshire

Section 5: Grandparents

2.1 Richard HONEY

- b.** Duloe, Cornwall, May-Dec 1873
- m.** St Keyne, Cornwall, 12 October 1904 to **2.2**
- d.** Newlyn East, Cornwall, 1949
- o.** Farmer
- n.** One of sixteen brothers and sisters. At the time of his marriage, he was farming at Trehere to the east of St Keyne, which he had inherited after his parent's death two years earlier.

2.2 Susan CROSS

- b.** Templebrien, Clonakilty, County Cork 16 May 1881
- d.** Newlyn East, Cornwall, 1962
- p.** of **1.1 Richard Charles HONEY**
- n.** Known as 'Granny Honey'. Escaped anti-Protestant religious persecution in Ireland at the turn of the century, and in 1901 census she was working as a housemaid in Brecon, Wales.

2.3 Henry Melbourne FRIEND

b. Tarrant Hinton, Dorset, 21 January 1875

m. Salisbury, Wiltshire, 17 July 1905 to **2.4**

d. 28 March 1957

n. Twice Conservative Mayor of Marlborough, Wilts in 1931 and 1942- his portrait still hangs in the council chamber there.

2.4 Clarissa Kate BANKS

b. Paull, East Yorkshire, 22 May 1881

p. of **1.2 Joan Margaret FRIEND**

d. Bristol, Gloucestershire, 27 April 1959

o. Teacher in Salisbury, Wiltshire

n. Fourth of five children of Robert and Jane Banks. It's probable that she was actually born in Paull but baptised in Hull.

Section 6: Great-Grandparents

3.1 John HONEY

b. Wallace, Duloe, Cornwall, 1849 (baptised at St Keyne, Cornwall)

m. St Keyne, Cornwall, 15 March 1870 to **3.2**

d. Trehere, Liskeard, Cornwall, October 1902

o. Labourer

n. One of six surviving children of Richard and Rebecca Honey. At some point after his marriage he set up home at Trehere, not far from the family home at Wallace.

3.2 Mary Frances WILLIAMS

b. St Keyne, Cornwall, 1849

p. of **2.1 Richard HONEY**

d. Trehere, Liskeard, Cornwall, July 1902

n. Had at least one brother, Joseph H Williams, born St Keyne in 1854. The search for her mother's maiden name continues.

3.3 Samuel CROSS

b. Templebrien, County Cork, 14 November 1854

m. Clonakilty, County Cork, 31 July 1880 to **3.4**

d. 1926

o. Labourer

n. Eldest of ten children of John and Anne Cross. He does not appear in the 1901 England and Wales census; by this time, most of his brothers had emigrated, either to Australia or to England. However, by the time that his daughter Susan married in 1904, he is in St Keyne, Cornwall.

3.4 Ann FORDE

d. 1929

p. of **2.2 Susan CROSS**

n. The family story that we are related to ‘the’ Henry Ford (as opposed to the Henry Ford on the FRIEND side!) is probably true, as both the Fords (at Ballinascarty) and the Crosses (at Templebrien) were both Protestant families in a largely Catholic area; the families lived less than two miles apart; the families would have worshipped at the same Protestant church in Clonakilty; and both families were farmers. However, Henry Ford’s father, when he emigrated to Michigan in 1849 due to the famine, travelled with all of his brothers and sisters, so Ann, given her birthdate (and despite the spelling of her surname), could only be, at closest, Henry Ford’s second, third, or more distant cousin.

3.5 John Melbourne FRIEND

b. Gussage All Saints, Dorset, 1846

m. Gussage St Michael, Dorset, 15 September 1870 to **3.6**

o. Yeoman farmer and Farm Manager

n. One of nine children born to John and Emma Friend. In the 1901 census, farm manager at Enford, Wiltshire. The first of the family to bear the middle name Melbourne, unique to the Dorset branch of the Friends. Its origin and meaning are still a mystery but may commemorate Lord Melbourne, Prime Minister 1834-41, who died in 1848, two years after John Melbourne Friend’s birth.

3.6 Emma Matilda FORD

b. Gussage St Michael, Dorset, 16 August 1852

p. of **2.3 Henry Melbourne FRIEND**

n. Moved away from Gussage All Saints with husband in the early 1870s, farming first at Tarrant Hinton nearby, then later at Exton, Hampshire, where the couple managed a farm of 2200 acres. In the 1901 census, Emma Friend appears in Portsmouth.

3.7 Robert BANKS

b. Portsmouth, Hampshire 1833-6

m. Sheffield, Yorkshire September 1874 to **3.8**

d. Clifford's Fort, Tynemouth, Northumberland. 12 August 1883

o. Gunner, later promoted to Bombardier, Royal Artillery Coast Brigade, 1 Division, soldier number 30449. Posted over course of career to Sheffield, Yorkshire (c. 1874-5 and 1877-8); Sandgate, Kent (c.1875-7) Sheerness, Kent; (c. 1871 and 1878-80) Paull, East Yorkshire; (c.1880-1882) Tynemouth, Northumberland (c.1882-83).

n. Robert Banks is the most elusive and interesting character in the Honey family tree. There are persistent rumours that he changed his name from something else to Robert Banks and that he died by drowning (his death certificate shows that this is not the case). His military job involved manning garrisons protecting England's east coast from enemy naval attack- hence his postings at Sandgate (guarding the English Channel), Sheerness (Thames Estuary), Paull (Humber) and Tynemouth (Tyne). He appears to have been promoted to Bombardier at some point in the last two years of his life. His death certificate indicates that he had been suffering from tuberculosis for 2 years before 7 days of pneumonia finally ended his life. There has also been speculation that his origins were northern because of his surname. In fact, the surname Banks, although not widespread, was not unknown on the South Coast in the 19th century, and there is no evidence yet to suggest that Robert was northern. His enlistment information, which would give many details of his background, does not survive as he was neither killed in action nor retired from the army, rather dying of other causes while a soldier, and in this case the widow is not entitled to an Army pension. Research continues!

3.8 Elizabeth Jane HAYTER

b. Whiteparish, Wiltshire, 1844

p. of **2.4 Clarissa Kate BANKS**

d. Marlborough, Wiltshire, 7 July 1914

n. The fourth of the five children of William and Clarissa Hayter. After her husband's death, she moved back to Wiltshire with her family.

Section 7: Great-Great-Grandparents

4.1 Richard HONEY

b. St Keyne, Cornwall, 19 February 1815

m. St Keyne, Cornwall, 30 June 1836 to **4.2**

d. Duloe, Cornwall, 28 September 1885

o. Labourer, then farmer

n. Was married first to **4.2 Rebecca BODY**, from whom the Honey family of Midford are descended; but soon after her (early) death he remarried Elizabeth Lyne BURT in late 1853 (she died in 1885). He lived at Wallace, Duloe, a farm in a steep valley similar to Midford to the east of the village itself. Wallace still exists. Richard Honey was the youngest of the eight children of Thomas and Elizabeth Honey.

4.2 Rebecca BODY

b. St Keyne, Cornwall 5 November 1815

p. of **3.1 John HONEY**

d. Duloe, Cornwall, 10 July 1853.

n. Cause of death unknown, but possibly in childbirth.

4.3 William WILLIAMS

b. Sithney, Cornwall 1825

m. St Keyne, Cornwall, to **4.4**

o. Engine driver in tin mine

n. William and Mary Williams retired to Tremar, St Cleer, Cornwall. William Williams is the only person in the Honey family tree with origins in western, not eastern, Cornwall. I have a tentative ancestry for him but I need to check it carefully, as the surname Williams is so common west of Truro and it is possible that it is the family tree of another William Williams! I have therefore not yet included it.

4.4. Mary A P _____

b. St Keyne, Cornwall, 1832

p. of **3.2 Mary Frances WILLIAMS**

n. A current high family history priority is to find Mary A P's surname, which should appear in the St Keyne parish registers.

4.5 John CROSS

- b.** Templebrien, County Cork, 20 March 1827
- m.** Clonakilty, County Cork, 14 January 1854 to **4.6**
- d.** 14 March 1903

4.6 Anne MOORE

- b.** Kilgarriff, County Cork 15 August 1832
- p.** of **3.3 Samuel CROSS**
- d.** 11 February 1911
- n.** Again, the surname Moore is English, not Irish- there is no part of the Honey ancestry from Southern Ireland that appears remotely 'native Irish' in either name or religion.

4.7-4.8

2 unknown ancestors

4.9 John FRIEND

- b.** Gussage All Saints, Dorset, 1801
- m.** Netheravon, Wiltshire, Oct-Dec 1841 to **4.10**
- d.** Gussage All Saints, Dorset between 1861 and 1881
- o.** Yeoman farmer
- n.** The Friend family were successful, wealthy Dorset farmers. By 1861, John was farming 645 acres at the family home (Bowerswain Farm, Gussage All Saints). He employed 12 men and 6 boys as agricultural labourers, a girl as cook and a girl as household servant. It is likely that he met his wife's family through them both going to market at Salisbury. John's grave is still visible near the entrance to Gussage All Saints churchyard.

4.10 Emma STAGG

- b.** Heddington, Wiltshire, 1816
- p.** of **3.5 John Melbourne FRIEND**
- n.** In the 1861 Census at Gussage All Saints, an unmarried visitor is recorded by the name of Charlotte Stagg (almost certainly Emma's sister), aged 28 (born c. 1833, in North Kensington, London). Intriguingly, she is listed as 'Rank: Lady', suggesting that the Staggs were a very wealthy family. The Victoria County History for Wiltshire describes the descent of the manor lands of Heddington as follows: 'The main part of the demesne, later called Church farm, descended [from 1631 to 1795] in the Grubbe family. In 1795 William Hunt Grubbe sold it to **George Stagg** (will proved 1802), from whom it passed to his son **John**. In 1817 **John Stagg** sold the farm, 287 acres'.
- As Emma was born in Heddington the year before the manor was sold, it is very likely that John Stagg was a relation- possibly her uncle. Further research is needed.

4.11 Henry FORD

b. Shillingstone, Dorset, 1821 or 1822

m. to **4.12**

o. Yeoman farmer

n. By 1881, Henry Ford was a farm bailiff at Ebbesbourne Wake, Wiltshire. His wife Emma gave her occupation as 'Anything and Everything'!

d. before 1901

4.12 Emma TASKER

b. Melcombe Regis, Dorset, 8 September 1826

p. of **3.6 Emma Matilda FORD**

d. before 1901

4.13 James BANKS

m. to **4.14**

n. Unconfirmed information that he was a draper; also unconfirmed (and more unlikely) that he worked in Edinburgh, Scotland. Born at some time before 1815. I have a suspicion that he may have also been in the Royal Artillery at some point (there was a soldier of this name in the RA at this time) but more work is needed.

4.14 Unknown ancestor

p. of **3.7 Robert BANKS**

4.15 William HAYTER

b. Whiteparish, Wiltshire, 28 November 1809 (christened 24 December 1809)

m. 6 June 1833 to **4.16**

n. Eldest of nine children of David and Elizabeth Hayter

4.16 Clarissa RAWLINGS

b. Bramshaw, Hampshire, 24 April 1810 (christened 13 January 1811, Landford, Wiltshire)

p. of **3.8 Elizabeth Jane HAYTER**

Total unknown ancestors in the above generation: 3 (of 16)

Section 8: 3G Grandparents

5.1 Thomas HONEY

b. Shevioc, Cornwall, 22 June 1777

m. St Keyne, Cornwall 3 October 1796 to **5.2**

o. Labourer

n. Likely to have had older siblings, as he was born 7 years after his parents' wedding

5.2 Elizabeth HANDCOCK

b. St Keyne, Cornwall, 4 April 1775

p. of **4.1 Richard HONEY**

5.3 Henry BODY

b. Quethiock, Cornwall, 26 November 1775

m. Liskeard, Cornwall, 10 April 1800 to **5.4**

d. Liskeard, Cornwall, 17 January 1836

5.4 Ann GIDDY

b. St Keyne, Cornwall, 17 May 1772

p. of **4.2 Rebecca BODY**

d. Trewidland, Liskeard, Cornwall, 4 October 1825

n. Lived at Trewidland, Cornwall. The Giddy family later settled in Morval, Cornwall, where they appear in the 1871 and 1881 censuses.

5.5-5.8

4 unknown ancestors

5.9 Samuel CROSS

b. 1796 or 1797

m. to **5.10**

d. 13 August 1875

n. Both the Cross family and the families they married into were Protestants in a fiercely Catholic area. This fact, combined with their English surnames, suggests that they were descended from English freeholders, mainly from the West of England, who colonised the southern counties of Ireland confiscated from the native Irish by Queen Elizabeth I in 1603. So, ironically, the Honeys' ancestry originates in the West Country even through their Irish ancestors! The surnames Cross and Ford(e) originate in Somerset, Wiltshire and Dorset.

5.10 Mary _____

b. 1800

p. of **4.5 John CROSS**

d. 8 January 1887

5.11 John MOORE

m. to **5.12**

n. Of Kilgarriff, County Cork. Kilgarriff is on Clonakilty Harbour, and its residents worshipped at Clonakilty church.

5.12 Unknown ancestor

p. of **4.6 Anne MOORE**

5.13-5.16

4 unknown ancestors

5.17 Robert FRIEND

b. about 1770

m. Gussage All Saints, Dorset, about 1795 to **5.18**

n. The first Friend to appear in the parish records of Gussage All Saints. In the 1841 census he claimed to have been born in Dorset, but whether this is true or not, I do not yet know. There are some local MILBOURNE families, and the fact that Melbourne later turns up as a middle name in the family might suggest that this was his mother's maiden name, but more research is needed.

5.18 Mary SWEETAPPLE

b. Wimborne Minster, Dorset, 13 July 1768

p. of **4.9 John FRIEND**

n. Sweetapple is a Dorset surname, and very rare elsewhere (and rare even in Dorset). When Robert Friend married Mary Sweetapple, the name was commoner in Dorset than now, as a lot of later Sweetapples emigrated in the 19th century, particularly to Newfoundland, Canada.

5.19 Charles STAGG

b. Wiltshire, 1765

m. Pewsey, Wiltshire, 1 June 1796 to **5.20**

d. Netheravon, Wiltshire, 24 November 1832

o. Yeoman farmer

n. At the time of his marriage, Charles Stagg was living at (Milton) Fyfield, Wiltshire. Charles Stagg's will is available at the Wiltshire Record Office, Trowbridge, and shows that he was fairly wealthy at his death. See notes under **4.10**; it is possible that the John Stagg who at one point owned part of Heddington manor was related to Charles, possibly his brother. John Stagg's will was proven, meaning he had died, in 1827.

5.20 Charlotte SPENCER

b. Pewsey, Wiltshire, 1777

p. of **4.10 Emma STAGG**

d. Netheravon, Wiltshire, 1844

n. Charlotte and Charles Stagg's grave remains visible, and legible, in Netheravon churchyard (at east end of church).

5.21 Thomas FORD

b. Shillingstone, Dorset, 18 October 1782

m. Okeford Fitzpaine, Dorset, 7 February 1804 to **5.22**

n. Of Shillingstone. There is no record of Henry Ford's baptism in Shillingstone, but Thomas and Sarah baptised several children in the early 19th century here and there are no other Ford families in the village, so they are extremely likely to be his parents. Perhaps he was baptised in Okeford Fitzpaine.

5.22 Sarah STONE

b. Okeford Fitzpaine, Dorset, 16 March 1783

p. of **4.11 Henry FORD**

5.23 Joseph TASKER

m. Broadwey, Dorset, 11 October 1821 to **5.24**

n. Tasker is an unusual surname in Dorset, so it should be easy to trace. A John Tasker died in Winterborne St Martin in 1725, so it is possible that he was a relation.

5.24 Mary MORRIS

p. of **4.12 Emma TASKER**

5.25-5.28

4 unknown ancestors

5.29 David HAYTER

b. Whiteparish, Wiltshire, 26 December 1787

m. to **5.30**

o. Sawyer

n. David was deaf. He was the eldest of the four children of William and Martha Hayter.

5.30 Elizabeth HAYTER

b. 29 May 1791

p. of **4.15 William HAYTER**

n. May have been a cousin of David. No closer, we hope!

5.31 James ROWLINS

b. Landford, Wiltshire, 2 May 1784

m. East Wellow, Hampshire, 10 April 1806 to **5.32**

5.32 Elizabeth CHUBB

p. of **4.16 Clarissa RAWLINGS**

Total unknown ancestors in the above generation: 12 (of 32)

Section 9: 4G Grandparents

6.1 William HONEY

b. St Just in Penwith, Cornwall, 1744

m. St Cleer, Cornwall, 13 August 1769 to 7.2

6.2 Prudence KEET

b. Quethiock, Cornwall, c.1740-5

p. of 6.1 Thomas HONEY

6.3 John HAN(D)COCK

b. Menheniot, Cornwall, 22 October 1740

m. St Keyne, Cornwall, 20 April 1763 to 6.4

6.4 Ann HICKES

p. of 5.2 Elizabeth HANDCOCK

6.5 Henry BODY

b. Quethiock, Cornwall, 31 July 1743

m. Quethiock, Cornwall, 13 June 1768 to 6.6

d. Quethiock, Cornwall, 11 November 1828

6.6 Elizabeth RICHARDS

p. of 5.3 Henry BODY

6.7 John GIDDY

b. St Cleer, Cornwall, 8 March 1737

m. St Cleer, Cornwall, 26 October 1762 to 6.8

6.8 Elizabeth STEPHENS

b. Liskeard, Cornwall, 17 March 1741

p. of 5.4 Ann GIDDY

6.9-6.16

8 unknown ancestors

6.17 Samuel CROSS

m. County Cork, 1797 to 6.18

6.18 Margaret DEVETT

p. of 6.9 Samuel CROSS

6.19-6.34 16 unknown ancestors

6.35 Richard SWEETAPEL

m. to 6.36

6.36 Unknown ancestor

p. of 5.18 Mary SWEETAPPLE

6.37-6.38

2 unknown ancestors

6.39 William SPENCER

m. Pewsey, Wiltshire, 12 October 1768 to **6.40**

o. Plumber and glazier, of Pewsey

6.40 Dorothy COOKE

b. about 1747

p. of 5.20 Charlotte SPENCER

n. Living in Pewsey at the time of her marriage

6.41-6.42

2 unknown ancestors

6.43 Thomas STONE

m. to **6.44**

6.44 Ann _____

p. of 5.22 Sarah STONE

6.45-6.56

12 unknown ancestors

6.57 William HAYTER

b. Whiteparish, Wiltshire, 12 February 1766

m. Whiteparish, Wiltshire, 26 December 1785 to **6.58**

6.58 Martha GAMBLING

p. of 5.29 David HAYTER

6. 59-6.64

6 unknown ancestors

Total unknown ancestors in the above generation: 46 (of 64)

Section 10: 5G Grandparents

7.1 Thomas HONEY

b. Kenwyn, Cornwall, 27 December 1707

m. Duloe, Cornwall, 17 May 1733 to **8.2**

d. 1771

n. Thomas and Mary moved to St Cleer after they married in Duloe, where Mary was from, as there are several children of theirs recorded as being born there. They had five children, including four boys who created a proliferation of Honeys in the Parish. However, **7.1 William HONEY** was their youngest and was born in St Just in Penwith. It is interesting to note that there were no other Honey births in St Cleer between 1734 and 1783.

7.2 Mary KEAST

b. Duloe, Cornwall, 2 February 1714

p. of **7.1 William HONEY**

d. 1789

7.3 Robert KEET

m. to **7.4**

n. of Quethiock, Cornwall

7.4 Prudence _____

p. of **6.2 Prudence KEET**

7.5 Samuel HAN(D)COCK

b. Menheniot, Cornwall, 10 February, 1709

m. Menheniot, Cornwall, 28 November 1739 to **7.6**

7.6 Agnes (or Agnis) PITT

b. St Germans, Cornwall 16 March 1713

p. of **7.3 John HANDCOCK**

7.7-7.8

2 unknown ancestors

7.9 John BODY

b. Quethiock, Cornwall, 1706

m. Quethiock, Cornwall, 1731 to **7.10**

d. Quethiock, Cornwall, 25 November 1775

7.10 Thomasina (or Dorothy) TOLL

p. of **6.5 Henry BODY**

7.11-7.12

2 unknown ancestors

7.13 John GIDDY (or GEDDY)

b. Liskeard, Cornwall, 5 February 1706

m. St Cleer, Cornwall, c. 1731 to **7.14**

d. St Cleer, Cornwall, 9 March 1777

7.14 Phillipa TRUSCOTT

b. 1710

p. of **6.7 John GIDDY**

d. St Cleer, Cornwall, 6 October 1794

7.15 Thomas STEPHENS

m. to **7.16**

7.16 Elizabeth _____

p. of **6.8 Elizabeth STEPHENS**

7.17-7.112

96 unknown ancestors

7.113 William HAYTER

b. Whiteparish, Wiltshire, 2 February 1727

m. Whiteparish, Wiltshire, 21 November 1756 to **7.114**

n. Second of nine children

7.114 Lucy PETTY

p. of **6.57 William HAYTER**

7.115-7.128

14 unknown ancestors

Total unknown ancestors in the above generation: 114 (of 128)

Section 11: 6G Grandparents

8.1 Nicholas HON(E)Y

b. Southill, Cornwall, 26 October, 1676

m. Kenwyn, Cornwall, 24 May 1704 to **8.2**

8.2 Grace ROW

p. of **7.1 Thomas HONEY**

8.3 John KEAST(E)

b. St Cleer, Cornwall, c. 1685-88
m. Duloe, Cornwall, 10 July 1712 to **8.4**

8.4 Katherine STANINGE

b. Duloe, Cornwall, 17 April 1683
p. of **7.2 Mary KEAST**

8.5 to 8.8

4 unknown ancestors

8.9 William HANCOCK(E)

b. Menheniot, Cornwall, 24 August 1681
m. St Germans, Cornwall, 10 March 1701 to **8.10**

8.10 Dorcas DREW

p. of **7.5 Samuel HANDCOCK**

8.11 John PITT

m. St Germans, Cornwall 20 November 1701 to **8.12**

8.12 Joan PARSON

b. St Germans, Cornwall, 11 December 1677
p. of **7.6 Agnis PITT**

8.13-8.24

12 unknown ancestors

8.25 Esdras GIDDY

b. Liskeard, Cornwall, 12 June 1669
m. Liskeard, Cornwall, about 1695-1699 to **8.26**
d. Liskeard, Cornwall, 24 June 1726

8.26 Constance DONYTHORNE

p. of **7.13 John GIDDY**
n. The very rare surname Donithorn (or Donythorn(e)) seems to originate from a single family in Gulval, near Penzance.

8.27-8.224

198 unknown ancestors

8.225 Moses HAYTER

b. Whiteparish, Wiltshire, 6 July 1692

m. Downton, Wiltshire, 22 February 1731 to **8.226**

8.226 Sarah HATCHET(T)

b. Downton, Wiltshire, either 23 May 1697 or 9 March 1711

p. of **7.113 William HAYTER**

8.227-8.256

30 unknown ancestors

Total unknown ancestors in the above generation: 246 (of 256)

Section 12: 7G Grandparents

9.1 James HONY

b. Menheniot, Cornwall, 30 March 1645

m. Southhill, Cornwall, 11 November 1670 to **9.2**

9.2 Anne GRILLS

p. of **8.1 Nicholas HON(E)Y**

9.3-9.6

4 unknown ancestors

9.7 William STANINGE

m. Duloe, Cornwall, 23 October 1682 to **9.8**

9.8 Anne PAWLY

p. of **8.4 Katherine STANINGE**

9.9-9.16

8 unknown ancestors

9.17 Nicholas HANDCOCK

m. Menheniot, Cornwall, 30 July 1668 to **9.18**

9.18 Jane ROBERTS

p. of **8.9 William HANDCOCK**

9.19-9.22

4 unknown ancestors

9.23 Unknown ancestor

m. to **9.22**

n. Either Anthony or John PITT. The parish registers of St Germans, Cornwall, read (frustratingly): John PITT baptised 27 March 1676, son of Anthony and Joan, then John PITT baptised 12 February 1677, son of John and Elizabeth. It's impossible currently to tell which one is **8.11 John PITT**.

9.24 Unknown ancestor

p. of **8.11 John PITT**

n. Either Joan BONE (if Anthony) or Elizabeth _____ (if John)

9.25 William PARSON

b. St Germans, Cornwall, 4 June 1637

m. Menheniot, Cornwall, 14 November 1665 to **9.24**

9.26 Elizabeth BLACKLER

p. of **8.12 Joan PARSON**

9.27-9.48

22 unknown ancestors

9.49 Esdras GIDDY

b. Liskeard, Cornwall, 21 March 1640

m. to **9.50**

d. Liskeard, Cornwall, 10 October 1697

9.50 Honour _____

p. of **8.25 Esdras GIDDY**

9.51-9.448

398 unknown ancestors

9. 449 John HAYTER

m. 6 July 1691 to **9.450**

9.450 Dorothy WELSTEED

p. of **8.225 Moses HAYTER**

d. Whiteparish, Wiltshire, 1 May 1706

9.451 Roger HATCHETT

m. Homington, Wiltshire, 3 February 1710 to **9.452**

9.452 Christian FRANCIS

p. of **8.226 Sarah HATCHETT**

9.453-9.512

60 unknown ancestors

Total unknown ancestors in the above generation: 500 (of 512)

Section 13: 8G Grandparents

10.1 Sam HONY

b. 1596

m. St Stephen by Launceston, Cornwall, 1625 to **10.2**

d. 1662

10.2 Jane HONYE

b. St Stephen by Launceston, Cornwall, 9 February 1605

p. of **9.1 James HONY**

10.3-10.48

46 unknown ancestors

10.49 John PARSON

b. St Germans, Cornwall, 24 February 1599

m. St Germans, Cornwall, 12 November 1624 to **10.46**

10.50 Lore DYER

p. of **9.25 William PARSON**

10.51-10.96

46 unknown ancestors

10.97 Esdras GIDDY(E)

m. to **10.98**

d. Liskeard, Cornwall, 8 May 1646

10.98 Joan EVENS

p. of **9.49 Esdras GIDDY**

10.99- 10.1024

926 unknown ancestors

Total unknown ancestors in the above generation: 1018 (of 1024)

Section 14: 9G Grandparents

11.1 Nicholas HONY

- b. 1565
- m. Pillaton, Cornwall, 17 November 1589 to **11.2**
- d. 1622
- o. Yeoman farmer

11.2 Joan BOOLE

- b. Pillaton, Cornwall, 6 May 1565
- p. of **10.1 Nicholas HONY**
- d. 1629

11.3 Digorie HONYE

- b. St Stephen by Launceston, Cornwall, 1572
- m. St Stephen by Launceston, Cornwall, 6 February 1597 to **11.4**
- d. Menheniot, Cornwall, 1646
- n. Digory Hony owned property in Devon, lived most of his life in St Stephen by Launceston and, between 1641 and 1646, in his old age, moved to Menheniot where he was buried. His burial entry refers to him as “the old Digory Hony”.

11.4 Sibyle TOKER

- p. of **10.2 Jane HONYE**

11.5-11.96

92 unknown ancestors

11.97 William PARSON

- m. St Germans, Cornwall, 10 July 1592 to **11.90**

11.98 Joan MOORE

- p. of **10.49 John PARSON**

11.99-11.2048

1950 unknown ancestors

Total unknown ancestors in the above generation: 2044 (of 2048)

Section 15: 10G Grandparents

12.1-12.2

2 unknown ancestors

12.3 John BOOLE

m. Pillaton, Cornwall 1563-4 to 12.4

d. Pillaton, Cornwall. 1566

12.4 Jone PEERS

p. of 11.2 Joan BOOLE

12.5-12.4096

4092 unknown ancestors

Total unknown ancestors in the above generation: 4094 (of 4096)

Section 17: 11G Grandparents

13.1-13.4

4 unknown ancestors

13.5 John BOOLE

b. about 1525

d. Pillaton, Cornwall, 1566

13.6 Agnis _____

d. Pillaton, Cornwall, 1565

13.7-13.8192

8186 unknown ancestors

Section 18: Appendices

Appendix A: Extant wills in the Honey Family Tree

1. Will of 11.1 Nicholas HONY (extract)

(with thanks to Viv Hony, who contributed the explanatory notes as well).

“**Cover:** Testament (probably 13th of Sept/ Oct/Nov/Decembris 1622. Testament and Inventorie of the goods of **Nicholas Honney** defunct (deceased) was proved before the venerable William Parker etc etc the executor nominated (having been) first sworn.

“In the name of god amen, the first day of March Anno Domini 1620 I, **Nicholas Honey** of the pishe (parish) of Menheniott in the County of Cornwall, yeoman considering the fraylty of mans lyfe, and the uncertainty of mans death, and also knowinge that every man is bounde in conscience and by the rules of gods lawes to settle his honestie and estate in order before his death to beyend strife and contention may be prevented , and peace and quietnes maynteyned in the feare of god wth (with) a good conscience doe make this my last will testamt in manner and forme followinge, *ffirst* , I give and bequeath my soule to allmighty god and my body to Christian buriall And as concerninge my wordly Menheniott Xs (10 shillings), *Item* I give and bequeath unto **John Honey** my sonne when he shall accmplishe the age of Twenty and three yeares Threescore pounds *Item* I give and bequeath unto **flower Honey** my daughter iijs iiijd (3 shillings and 4 pence): *Item* : I give and bequeath unto **Johan Honney** my daughter when she shall accomplyshe the age of Twenty and five yeares, Threescore and Ten pounds: *Item* : I give and bequeath unto **Elizabeth** my daughter iijs iiijd: *Item* I give and bequeath unto **Nicholas Honney** my sonne iijs iiijd: *Item* I give and bequeath (struck out) devise unto **Johan** my wyfe the halfendale (50%) of my Tenent (tenement) wth the appertenance in Trengo wthin (within) the said pshe (parish) of Menheniott for terme of her naturall lyfe, and the rev-con (reversion) of the same, I give and devise unto **Samuell Honey** (additional 'n' added above) my sonne To have and hold the same unto him his heires and assignes for ever. *Item* I give and devise unto the said **Samuell** thother (the other) moyty (the other halfendale) of the said tenent in Trengo aforsaid To have and hold the same to him his heires and assignes for ever, *Item* , I give and bequeath unto **Johan** my wyfe my second best bedsteede and bed proformed: *Item*: I give and bequeath to each of my grandchildren **Roberte Warne** and **Richard Warne** a lambe of a halfe yere old: *Item* the residue of all my goods and chattells not given nor bequeathed I give and bequeath unto **Samuell** my sonne whom I mak my whole and sole executor of this my last will and Testament: *Item* witness whereof I have here unto putt my hand and seale the day and yere above written 1620”.

Nichi E (his mark) Honni

Wittesses: Christ: Cug-e ? Nic: Rawe

Nicholas Hony, being a yeoman, was, by the standards of the day, a wealthy man. The status of yeoman was given to men who either leased large farms or who owned smaller farms but, as the will shows, he was in the former category. To leave two lots of £60 was a considerable sum, possibly enough to build a substantial farm house, after all, the average daily wage for a labourer, in those days, was just 4.4d, which is about 11p.

As Nicholas Junior was given the same Christian name as his father it is very likely that he was the eldest son and, as he was only left iijs iiids in the will (3 shillings and 4 pence,

i.e. one sixth of a pound), it is more very probable that he had already inherited money or property during his father's life time. Old man Nicholas makes the point that he wants to avoid strife and contention so we can assume that everyone was happy with the result.

The farm of Trengo, now called Trengrove (OS grid reference: 275664), was probably part of a manor within Menheniot and Nicholas held the property by "copyhold", a form of tenure, which was normally created for three lives, i.e. three nominated individuals, totalling, if they were lucky, 99 years. The tenant's rights were protected by the customs of the manor and at the end of the tenure the property reverted to the lord of the manor.

2. Will of 11.3 Digory HONYE

(Transcribed by Nicholas Young)

In the name of god amen I **Degory Honey** of the pishe of Menhenniot in the County of Cornwall Yeoman being sick of body yet perfect of Memory thanks be to god doe make & ordiene this my last will & testament in maner & forme followinge

first I give my soule to Almighty god & my body to Chrstian buriall & as for my goods I give to the poore of the pishe of St Stevens Neere Lancelton twenty shillings

Item I give unto **John Honey** my son all the? & terme I have in the tenement called good mansle where I lately dwelt immediately at the end of one yere after my decease

All soe I give unto my sone **John Honey** all that one tenemt called by the name of Coote wth in the pishe of (S)hibber (Shebbear) in the County of Devon wch I hold by vertue of severall deeds of John Barnefeeld (?) & George Rattenbury wch sd (which said) tenemte I give in consideration of sixty pounndes wch I promised unto John my sone in mortgage to be payd after my decease nowe my will & pleasure herein is that sd **John Honey** my sone doe request my executor of the fore sd sixty pounds that there the foresd tenemente to be _____ unto him & his assines & if not then the fore sd tenemente wth all there appertanances unto my executor

Item I give unto **Digorie Honey** & **Martin Honey** my sones all my estate in one tenemet called Mooretowne wthin the pishe of Shibber aforesd wch I howld of George Rattenbury

Item I give unto eache of my gran children that now be coten (begotten) twenty shillings apece

Item all the rest of my goodes not given I give unto **Samuell Honey** of Menheniott abovesd (abovesaid) my sone Martin in consideration of my maintenance & attendances & him I make my whole & sole executor of his my last will & testament witness my hand & seal this foreteenth day of January Anno Domini 1645

Sealed & acknowledged
in the presents of

John Lyne Senior
John Lyne Junior
John Honey

the signe of
Degory Honey (mark) x

**An Inventory of the goods & chattells of Degory Honey,late of St Stevens Neere
Lanceston, apprayed the sixteenth day of September anno domini 1647**

Imprimis one bed proformed	1 - 6 - 10
three littell panes (pans)	0 - 18 - 6
one littell crock	0 - 4 - 0
one coate	0 - 1 - 0
moneye due uponn security	11 - 10 - 0
Item chattell leases	35 - 0 - 0
Item things forgotten or left unapprayed	0 - 0 - 5
Suma totaliss (sum total)	49 - 9 - 9

Appendix B: The most common surnames in the family tree

David Hey's excellent book 'Family Names and Family History' (Hambleton and London, 2000) gives a ranked list of the fifty most common surnames in England and Wales in 1853, as compiled by the Registrar General. Here are quoted the entries for those surnames that appear in the Honey family tree, with their ranking number. Only 6 of the top 50 appear in the Honey family tree, which is incredible considering that it so far contains a total of 47 surnames. This is largely to do with how a lot of unusual surnames are particular to Cornwall!

3. WILLIAMS. 'Son of William'. Found in many English counties in the west, all the way down to Cornwall, before it became a popular Welsh name.

8. EVANS. A Welsh name meaning 'son of John'.

(Note: in the Honey family tree it appears in the mid-17th century in Cornwall, and this form of Evans is therefore probably from the Cornish 'son of John' instead).

9. ROBERTS. 'Son of Robert'. Found particularly in north Wales, but known earlier in the West Riding of Yorkshire and other parts of England.

34. MORRIS. From the Old French personal name Maurice, introduced by the Normans.

40. COOK. An occupational name, especially for a keeper of an eating house.

41. MOORE. Usually someone who lived by a moor, but sometimes a nickname for a man with a swarthy complexion.

(Note: in the Honey family tree there are two families called Moore, and the Cornish Moore family almost certainly derive from the first explanation, for obvious reasons. For the Irish Moore family, it's harder to tell- it could be either. Remember that they were probably originally English, so if they were named after a moor, it would not have been in Ireland).

Section 19: Surname Index

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