**Christopher Rigby Collins**

The Collins surname was added by Royal Licence dated 20 August 1810 and Christopher Rigby then became known as the Rev Christopher Rigby Collins.

Christopher Rigby son of Christopher Rigby of Risborough Bucks was baptized 4 November 1772 and attended Wadham College listed in *Alumni Oxonienses* s. Christopher Rigby of Monks Risborough, Bucks gent. Wadham Coll, matric 14 April 1790 aged 17. AB 1794, AM 1797. rector of Ringmore, vicar of Ipplepen & Woodland, Devon 1808. (AB Artium Baccalaureus. Bachelor of Arts. A.M Artium Magister. Master of Arts). In June 1795 he was ordained deacon at Fulham London and appointed curate of Hockley Essex patron his uncle the Rev Henry Rigby vicar of Hockley. In November 1796 he was ordained priest at Sarum Wiltshire and appointed curate of St Martin’s Church Salisbury, stipend £42 plus surplice fees. .

*The Times* Thursday 3 December 1795*.* The Parish of St James, Westminster. On Sunday next the 6th instant Two Sermons will be preached for the Benefit of the Charity Girls belonging to said Parish at King Street Chapel, King Street near Golden Square. In the Morning by the Rev Christopher Rigby A.B student of Wadham College Oxford and in the Afternoon by Rey William Gilbank A.M the Reader and Afternoon Preacher at the Chapel. Prayers begin in the Morning at eleven and in the Afternoon at half past three.

*Trewmans Exeter Flying Post or Plymouth & Comish Advertiser* 27 August 1807. Modbury. To be Sold by Auction by Mr T. Coyte on Thursday 24 September and the two following days, All the neat and genteel household furniture, china and glass etc the property of the Rev Mr Rigby quitting his residence at Modbury comprising handsome carved mahogany four post and other bedsteads with prime bedding and elegant furniture with hair and straw mattresses, large Wilton and other floor and bed carpets, curtains with deep and rich drapery and fringe, chests of drawers; several sets. of chairs in mahogany, fancy painted and black japan, handsome side-board, large mahogany improved dining, card and tea tables, night tables and wash stands, pier and swing glasses, neat green fenders and fire- irons, dinner and tea services of china, Worcester and Wedgwood ware, excellent eight day clock and case, a variety of firearms, a capital double-barrel and two single fowling-pieces with the modem improvements by Nock Twigg ‘and Templeman, a small collection of exotics and geraniums and a large brazier together with all the kitchen furniture and a variety of other articles. Catalogues price 6d each allowed to purchasers may be had at the King’s Arms Plymouth, the Seven Stars Totnes, King’s Arms Kingsbridge, the Inn at Yealmpton, the Exeter Inn and the Auctioneer’s house at Modbury. The furniture may be viewed each morning of the sale and the Auction will begin punctually at twelve o'clock each day.

*Trewmans Exeter Flying Post or Plymouth & Comish Advertiser*. On Thursday 5 May 1803 the Rev Christopher Rigby clerk M.A was instituted to the rectory of Ringmore in Devon on the Presentation of Sarah Rigby of the city of New Sarum widow, void by the death of the Rev Thomas Baker D.D. (Rectors of Ringmore Church: Thomas Baker 1759. Christopher Rigby 1803. Stephen George Ram 1812).

On Wednesday 24 February 1808 A Dispensation has passed the Great Seal enabling Rev Christopher Rigby MA domestic chaplain to the Earl of Limerick to hold the rectory of Ringmore together with the vicarages of Ipplepen and Woodland.

In 1799 Christopher Rigby married Elizabeth daughter of William Collins at St Thomas’s Church, Salisbury Wiltshire. New Monthly Magazine 28 January 1799 Ai Salisbury Rev C. Rigby MA to Miss Collins dau of William Collins esq.

The Collins surname was added by Royal Licence dated 20 August 1810 and Christopher Rigby then became known as Christopher Rigby Collins: The King has been graciously pleased to give and grant unto the Rev Christopher Rigby clerk, Master of Arts the rector of Ringmore and vicar of Ipplepen both in the county of Devon, his Royal Licence and Authority, that he and his issue, by Elizabeth his wife, may out of grateful respect to the memory of William Collins late of the city of Salisbury esq deceased, take the surname of Collins, in addition to and after that of Rigby.

In 1810 William Collins bequeathed all his estate to son in law Christopher Rigby in trust for the benefit of his family. In 1817 Henry Rigby left his nephew Christopher Rigby not a large legacy as he and his children had been amply provided for by the late Mr William Collins. William Collins held a share of property on the New Canal, Salisbury once owned by his half brother Benjamin Charles Collins. In 1832 by Indenture said share was sold to William Bird Brodie by Rev Christopher Rigby Collins, his son Christopher Gerard Rigby Collins and daughters Edith wife of William S. Ahmuty (152), Elizabeth wife of Robert A. Langworthy, Mary wife of William Webster and Sarah wife of John Walter Phelps.

*The Salisbury & Winchester Journal*, September 1812. Rev C. Rigby Collins has paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the Salisbury Infirmary the sum of fifty pounds, a bequest to that charity by the late William Collins Esq. *January 1820*. Rev C. Rigby Collins has sent to the Treasurer of the Fuel Charity in this city, a liberal donation of five guineas. Such an addition to the funds of the charity is particularly seasonable at the present moment from the rigor of the weather and the death of several late subscribers.

*The Guardian Assurance Company, Bath Somerset*. Appointed 2 May 1823 Sir Geoffrey Leith, Colonel Ravenshaw, Captain Lysaght, Rev C. R. Collins, Alexander Hey, Thomas Scott, John Madison. Keen's Directory 1824 Rev C. Rigby Collins 9 Royal Crescent, Bath Somerset.

In 1825 Rev Christopher Rigby Collins was Officiating Minister of his son’s marriage to Annabella Gardiner. By Indenture dated 6 April 1825 the marriage settlement was agreed by Rev Christopher Rigby Collins of the Royal Crescent Bath of the first part, Rev John Gardiner of Bath of the second part, Christopher Gerard Rigby Collins of Bath son of Rev Christopher Rigby Collins of the third part, Annabella Mary Gardiner of Bath spinster daughter of Rev John Gardiner of the fourth part and William Collins Colton of Middle Hill, Box Wilts and William Gardiner of Exeter College Oxford trustees of the fifth part

*Trewman’s Exeter Flying Post* Obituary. On Thursday 9 August 1827 at Sidmouth, after a long and severe illness, Elizabeth wife of Rev C. Rigby Collins MA. formerly rector of Ringmore and vicar of Ipplepen and Woodland. Gentleman’s Magazine Obituary 9 August 1827 At Sidmouth Devon, Eliza wife of Rev C. Rigby Collins of Bath.

Christopher Rigby Collins died in 1837 and in his Will dated 27 July 1834 was formerly of New Sarum, late of the Royal Crescent Bath but now residing at Sidmouth Devon. He appointed his son Christopher Gerard Rigby Collins and George Gregory Gardiner executors the Will witnessed by Philip Henry Watts. Beneficiaries included his son and daughters Edith Ahmuty, Elizabeth Langworthy, Mary Webster and Sarah Pheips.

Rev Christopher Rigby Collins deceased. All persons having any undelivered claim or demand on the estate of Rev Christopher Rigby Collins, formerly of Salisbury in the County of Wilts, afterwards of Sidmouth in the County of Devon but late of the city of Bath Somerset, are requested 1o send the particulars of their respective demands to me in order that the same may be examined and discharged. 22 March 1837. Philip Henry Watts solicitor. 20 Queen Square, Bath.

In 1838 Philip Henry Watts by affidavit made oath he was well acquainted with the late Rev John Gardiner. In 1840 Philip Henry Watts and George Gregory Gardiner proved the Will of Alice Ahmuty (1026) daughter of Thomas Ahmuty (40) of Bath.

**Thomas Arthur Staples Ahmuty (86)**

Thomas Arthur Staples Ahmuty (86) was son of Thomas Ahmuty (40) by his first marriage to Mary Staples and grandson of Thomas Staples rector of Derryloran, Cookstown and Grace Houston. Baptismal Register of St George the Martyr, Queen Square Middx. 7 March 1777 son of Thomas and Mary Ahmuty born 31 December 1776.

He married his cousin Frances Staples daughter of Rev Alexander Staples of Derrynoose diocese of Armagh and Jane Wilson and granddaughter of Rev Thomas Staples of Derryloran. They married in January 1804 at Mrs Deane’s house Granby Row, Dublin and had sons both born on the Malabar Coast India. Alexander Ahmuty baptized 23 October 1808 at Quilon and William Somerville Ahmuty baptized 21 May 1810 at Cannanore. Keene’s Directory 1829 Lieutenant Colonel Ahmuty 40 Rivers Street, Bath Somerset.

Thomas Arthur Staples Ahmuty on the retired list of the East India Company died 4 July 1833 at Dungannon, Cookstown and in his will dated 22 October 1832 directed to be buried at Lissan Church, Cookstown co. Tyrone, He appointed his wife Frances Ahmuty residuary legatee and a trustee and executor together with Charles Henry Moore of Lincoln’s Inn and Thomas Hervey Baber late of the Bombay Establishment. Beneficiaries included his sisters Alice Ahmuty and Charlotte Margaret Elizabeth Swift, his son William Somerville Ahmuty and wife Edith, granddaughter Elizabeth Frances Ahmuty and friend Robert Smyth of Portlick Westmeath. Obituary Portlick Castle April 1869 Ralph Thomas Ahmuty Smyth third son of the late Robert Smyth of Portlick. Two codicils were witnessed by his brother in law Thomas Stanley Monck brother Charles Stanley Monck 1st Viscount. Rev Thomas Stanley Monck married in 1792 Jane Staples sister of Frances Ahmuty.

*Bank of England extract November 1833 summary*. Thomas Arthur Staples Ahmuty of Mullamore nr Dungannon Ireland a Lieutenant Colonel of the Honourable East India Company died 4 July 1833 probate granted 9 October 1833 at Doctors Commons to Frances Ahmuty widow one of the executors. By his ‘Will interest on £9,899.58.8d in the three per cents to be settled on his son William Ahmuty and wife Edith for the term of their natural lives on condition the interest on £3,600 be given yearly to his widow Frances Ahmuty. By codicil monies since vested in Government Security and India Bonds not to be transferred without consent given in handwriting of his wife Frances Ahmuty, son William and wife Edith Ahmuty, Thomas Hervey Baber and Charles Henry Moore or by majority. I demand to have the whole of the Funds standing in the name of the testator left at my disposal this 25th March 1834. Signed Frances Ahmuty acting executrix.

Frances Ahmuty of Portstewart, Londonderry died 6 October 1836 and in her Will dated 5 October 1836 bequeathed all her estate and life insurance held with the Clerical Insurance Company to her son William Somerville Ahmuty and his family. The Rev Alexander Major was appointed sole executor but having renounced probate administration was granted 18 March 1837 to William Somerville Ahmuty the son and universal legatee. *Asiatic Journal* Obituary 1836 At Portstewart, Frances relict of Lt. Col. Ahmuty of the East India Company’s service and daughter of the late Rev Alexander Staples of Donaghmore co. Tyrone.

*The London Gazette* 21 July 1840. Pursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery made in cause Ahmuty versus Moore, the creditors of Thomas Staples Ahmuty of Millamore near Dungannon, of Moneymore Londonderry, of Donaghrisk Dungannon and of Port Stewart Londonderry, all in Ireland, and of Bath Somerset, deceased late a Lt. Col. in the service of the HEIC who died 4 July 1833, are by their Solicitors on or before 3 August 1840 to come in and prove their debts before Nassau William senior one of the Masters of the Court at his chambers in Southampton Buildings, Chancery Lane London or in default thereof they will be peremptorily excluded the benefit of said Decree.

*The London Gazette* 11 July 1871. Pursuant to an Order of the High Court of Chancery in cause Ahmuty versus Moore dated 3 March 1871, all persons having or claiming assignment charge or incumbrance affecting a sum of £9899 5.8d. Consols (portion of the assets of Thomas Arthur Staples Ahmuty formerly of Port Stewart Londonderry are hereby required on or before 28 July 1871 to come in and prove their claims at the chambers of the Vice Chancellor Sir Richard Malins, 3 Stone Buildings, Lincoln’s Inn Middlesex or in default will be peremptorily excluded the benefit of said Order. Thursday 3 August 1871 at twelve o’clock noon at said chambers is appointed for hearing and adjudicating on the claims.

Thomas Arthur Staples Ahmuty served with the East India Company recorded in the Certificates of Age of Cadets of this Season 1794 and in the 1795 Cadet Book: (Lushington) Cadet No. 603. 22 April. The Lord Hawkesbury. Officers of the Indian Army at the Madras Presidency: appointed Cadet 1795, Ensign 19 March 1796, Lieutenant 29 Nov 1797, Captain 21 Sept 1804, Major 5 January 1814, Lieutenant Colonel 28 Feb 1819. Retired 19 May 1824. Fort St George Madras Army List for the Eighth Regiment of Native Infantry: on furlough to Europe for health reasons February 1801 returned 1805, on furlough to England January 1823.

*East India Military Calendar*. Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Arthur Staples Ahmuty of the Madras Establishment. Summary: This officer arrived Madras 9 January 1797 appointed to a detachment of the 2nd Battalion 3rd Native Infantry under the command of the late Colonel Oram stationed at Sankledroog. He embarked with that corps under the command of Lt Col Oram in the proposed expedition against Manilla which was recalled in consequence of hostile preparations made by the late Tippoo Sultan against the British possessions and led to the Mysore War. He was with Colonel Read’s force during the war until the capture of Seringapatum in command of a detachment of Europeans composed of details of H.M’s regiments and was at the taking of several hill forts in Mysore and wounded at the storming of Sooligheri. In 1800 due to augmentation and reorganization of the Madras Army, he was removed to the 8th Native Infantry commanded by Lt. Col. Desse and served against the late Doondia Waugh. In 1801 he went to England on sick certificate and returned 1805 Quarter Master of Brigade to the Travancore subsidiary force and Assistant Quarter Master General to that force during the war in Travancore and saw action in January and February 1809 at the storming of the enemy’s batteries. In May 1810 he was appointed Store Keeper and Paymaster to the Goa subsidiary force and on its being withdrawn in 1815 was appointed Paymaster to the Mysore Division which he vacated in consequence of a promotion to a Majority in the 8th Regiment. He commanded this corps with the exception of a few months till March 1819 when promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and appointed to raise the 25th Regiment which was completed and reviewed in a year. In 1821 he was removed to the 1st Battalion 1st Regiment at Bellary which he commanded for a few months previous to his return to England in January 1823.

**William Somerville Ahmuty (152)**

William Somerville Ahmuty (152) son of Thomas Arthur Staples Ahmuty (86) and Frances Staples was born 14 January 1810 and baptized 21 May 1810 at Cannanore on the Malabar Coast, India. He attended Trinity College Dublin listed in *Alumni Dublinenses* pen. Mr Dowdall 5 June 1826 aged 16. b.East Indies s. Thomas Praefectus Militum Generalis in exercitu Indico.

In 1829 he married Edith Rigby Collins daughter of Christopher Rigby Collins and had two children Elizabeth Frances Ahmuty and Christopher Rigby Ahmuty. Marriage Certificate No. 271 St Nicholas Church, Sidmouth Devon 12 March 1829. William Somerville Ahmuty of this parish and Edith Rigby Collins of this parish were married in this Church by Licence with Consent of Parents this Twelfth day of March 1829. In the Presence of C. Rigby Collins. William Webster. Eleanor Walton. Ellen Alcock

*Trewman's Exeter Flying Post or Plymouth & Cornish Advertise*r 19 March 1829. On Thursday at Sidmouth, William Somerville Ahmuty only child of Colonel Thomas Arthur Staples Ahmuty HEIC Service to Edith youngest daughter of the Rev C. Rigby Collins MA of the Fort Field.

Thomas Arthur Staples Ahmuty devised William Somerville Ahmuty and wife Edith the interest on £9,899.5s.8d but if surviving her husband her part to be null and void unless her father the Rev Christopher Rigby Collins had settled on them her share of trust property bequeathed by her grandfather William Collins of Salisbury.

In 1832 property at New Sarum was sold by Indenture to William Bird Brodie by William Somerville Ahmuty of Cookstown and wife Edith Ahmuty, her brother Christopher Gerard Rigby Collins and three sisters Elizabeth wife of Robert Austin Langworthy, Mary Beata wife of William Webster and Sarah wife of Rev John Walter Phelps.

William S A’hmuty of Loy House, Cookstown co Tyrone was listed a Book Subscriber to the Topographical Dictionary of Ireland by Samuel Lewis published by S Lewis & Co. 87 Aldersgate Street

In 1838 a Bill of Complaint heard in the Chancery Court was brought by the Complainants infants under 21 years Elizabeth Frances Ahmuty (1037) and Christopher Rigby Ahmuty (1038) by Christopher Gerard Rigby Collins of Sidmouth Devon their next friend. The Defendants William Somerville Ahmuty (152), his wife Edith Ahmuty and Charles Henry Moore were seeking judgment whether the father of the Complainants is unable to maintain and educate his children according to their station in society.

*Census 6 June 1841 Montague House, Trinity Road, St Helier Jersey.*

* William Ahmuty 30 independent
* Edith Ahmuty 25 b. England
* Elizabeth Ahmuty 9 b. Ireland
* Christopher Ahmuty 7 b. Ireland

*Census 8 April 1861 Oldbury Road, Thombury, Bristol Gloucestershire*.

* William S Ahmuty lodger 51 fundholder b. East Indies. British subject

In 1868 the *Wells Journal* reported on events at Wookey Somerset summary: The Rev Theodosius Burnett Stuart died in July 1868 and the vicarage of Wookey value £309 per annum patron the Bishop of the Diocese had become vacant by his death. The Journal would be pleased to hear the Rev Shearly had received the appointment but later the preferment was announced of the Bishop’s nephew the Rev Morton Drummond. At a presentation in September the Rev Shearly received a purse of a hundred guineas given by the parishioners and friends as a testimony of their esteem and respect. The parishioners were led by Mr A’hmuty of The Hermitage, Henton who made the presentation and Dr Pumeil the Mayor of Wells who spoke of the abuse of patronage. *The Wookey Local History Group*

William Somerville Ahmuty died in 1870 and in his Will dated 6 June 1867 appointed Mary Ann Peach sole executrix bequeathed all his real and personal estate. He died 11 December 1870 buried at Henton in the parish of Wookey Somerset where a memorial headstone was raised by his widow Edith Ahmuty.

*Wells Journal* dated Thursday 15 December 1870 Obituary. On 11th instant at The Hermitage, Henton Wookey, William Somerville Ahmuty esq aged 61.

*The London Gazette* 29 August 1871. William Somerville Ahmuty deceased. Pursuant to the Act of Parliament intituled *An Act to further amend the Law of Property and to relieve the Trustees*. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claim or demand on the estate of William Somerville Ahmuty, late of Henton Wookey, Somerset, Gentlemen (who died 11 December 1870 and whose Will was proved 16 February 1871 by Mary Ann Peach, the executrix therein named, in the Wells District Registry of her Majesty’s Court of Probate) are to send particulars in writing of their claims or demands to the undersigned solicitor to the executrix, at his office at Wells on or before 29 September 1871. At the expiration of which time the executrix will distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto having regard only to claims which the executrix shall then have had notice, and will not be liable for the assets so distributed to any person of whose debt or claim the executrix shall not then have had notice. 22 August 1871. S. Hobbs junior solicitor Wells Somerset.

*The Times* Thursday 3 September 1885. The Legal Representative of the late Mrs Edith Ahmuty, wife of William Somerville Ahmuty, who died Kildare Terrace, Westbourne Grove, Paddington Middx the 6th February 1885, is requested to Communicate with H.M's Procurateur, Guernsey in reference to a matter connected with her estate.

**Elizabeth Frances Ahmuty (1037)**

Elizabeth Frances A’hmuty (1037) born in Ireland the daughter of William Somerville Ahmuty (152) and Edith Rigby Collins married in March 1853 William Edward Blackburrow of Banwell at Stratford upon Avon, Warwickshire.

*Census 6 June 1841 Towerhead House, Banwell Somerset*

* John Blackburrow 75 independent b. Banwell
* William Blackburrow 20 independent b. Banwell

*Census 30 March 185] Webbington Farm, Compton Bishop, Somerset*

* Jebe Collings head unm 35 farmer of 159 acres employing four labourers b. Compton Bishop
* Mary Collings mother widow 66 landed proprietor b. Badgworth
* William Edward Blackburrow visitor unm 31 landed proprietor b. Banwell
* Elizabeth Stokes dairymaid 22 b. Wedmore. :
* Elizabeth Marshall housemaid 18 b. Axbridge
* Henry Hemmings farmhand 17 b. Winscombe

**Christopher Rigby Ahmuty (1038)**

Christopher Rigby Ahmuty (1038) was bom in Ireland the son of William Somerville Ahmuty (152) and Edith Rigby Collins.

*The London Gazette* 31 January 1862. Christopher Rigby Ahmuty late of 108 Regent Street in the County of Middlesex and now a prisoner for debt in the Queen’s Prison in the County of Surrey, having been adjudged bankrupt by a Registrar of the Court of Bankruptcy in London attending the Queen’s Prison the 18th day of January 1862 and, the adjudication being directed to be prosecuted at the Court of Bankruptcy in London, is hereby required to surrender himself to Henry Philip Roche a Registrar of the Court at the First Meeting of Creditors to be held before the Registrar on the 14th day of February next at eleven o’clock in the forenoon precisely. Mr William Bell of 3 Coleman Street Buildings the Official Assignee and Mr Aldridge of Moorgate Street the Solicitor acting in the Bankruptcy.

*The Times* 1 February 1862. Bankrupts Notice of Adjudications & First Meeting of Creditors. To Surrender at the Bankrupt’s Court London. Christopher Rigbye Ahmuty late of Regent St. Feb 14 at 11. sol. Mr Aldridge, Moorgate St offi.assig. Mr Bell, Coleman St Bidgs.

*The London Gazette* 14 February 1862 Law Notices This Day. Bankruptcy Court, Basinghall Street before Mr Registrar Roche. First Meeting. A. Brown. J. Bright. C.R. Ahmuty.

*London District General Docket Book Ledger Entry No. 37*. Christopher Rigby Ahmuty non-trader late of 108 Regent Street and now a prisoner for debt in the Queen’s Prison Surrey. Adjudication by Registrar under £300. Petition Filing 18 Jan 1862, Commissioner of Court J Evans, Advertised 31 Jan. Annulled 23 July 1863 upon payment of Bankrupt.

*The Times* 22 August 1863. Bankruptcies Annulled. Christopher Rigby Ahmuty of Regent Street, Middx.

*The Law Times* 26 October 1867. Proclamation of Outlawry. At the Sheriff's Court, Red Lion Square last week, the following defendants were proclaimed for the last time: Christopher Rigby Ahmuty, Jabez Richard Quinton, J.W.L. Fox, W.D. Kelly, Theophilus A Buckley, Francis Thomas, John Lambert, Edward N. Monkhouse. This was the first County Court of the new sheriff.

Obituary Christopher Rigby Ahmuty died in March 1875 aged 41 buried St George’s Church, Hanover Square Middx.

**John Gardiner**

*Burke’s Peerage*. John Webber of Kittisford had a son William who inherited Batealton Court, Somerset. His son also William married Mary daughter of Mathew Havilland of Wellisford Manor. Their son John married Jane daughter of John Gardiner of King's Brompton and had son William who assumed the Gardiner surname and married in 1756 Annabella daughter of Robert Lucas of Bampton, Devon.

John Gardiner born in 1757 son of William Gardiner and Annabella Lucas attended Wadham College listed in *Alumni Oxonienses* s. William Gardiner of Beardley Somerset arm. Queen’s College matric 7 Nov 1778 aged 21. Wadham Coll. BA 1782. MA 1796. B & DD 1796. J.P Somerset. Entered Middle Temple 1773. Vicar of Shirley Surrey and rector of Brailsford, Derbyshire. Minister of the Octagon Chapel, Bath Somerset 1796 until his death 11 August 1838.

He was ordained deacon Christchurch Oxford 1780, priest to the Bishop of Peterborough and appointed vicar of Shirley and rector of Brailsford patron Robert the Earl of Ferrers 1781.

On 6 August 1794 at the Church of St Mary Magdalen, Taunton Somerset a sermon on the *Duties of a Soldier, Illustrated and Enforced* was preached at the Consecration of the Colours of the Somerset Light Dragoons by the Rev John Gardiner curate of the above Church. Published at the Request of the Regiment of the Corps. 1s.6d. Rivingtons.

*Bath Herald and Register* Saturday 24 February 1798. Contributors to the Defence of the Realm subscribed to at The Guild Hall Bath. Those marked thus \* have signified their intention to subscribe the same sum annually during the continuance of the War. The Rev Dr Gardiner £25\*.

In 1799 John Gardiner married Mary Spiers Piercy of Walcot Bath, the widow of Jeffrey Piercy of co. Cork Ireland at St Michael’s Church, Bath by licence 10 June 1799. witnesses Amelia Gardiner and Mary Spiers. Jane Austen of 13 Queen Square, Bath wrote to her sister Cassandra 11 June.1799: the Rev Dr Gardiner was married yesterday to Mrs Percy (sic).

*St Michael’s Church, Bath Baptismal Register.*

* John Gardiner b.25 March 1800. bpt 5 June 1800
* Charlotte Gardiner b.26 May 1801. bpt 29 December 1801
* Annabella Mary Gardiner b.13 August 1802. bpt 25 Feb 1805
* Wiiliam Gardiner b.9 December 1803. bpt 25 February 1805
* George Gregory Gardiner b.12 April 1805. bpt 28 March 1806

Mary Gardiner by her first marriage to Jeffrey Piercy had daughter Mehetabel Piercy who married William Austin in 1807 at Bath and had a son Wiliam Piercy Austin, Bishop of Guiana. In 1852 Mehetabel Austin died at Bonn Germany and her half brother George Gregory Gardiner was chaplain at Bonn from 1851 to 1859 and of Paris from 1859 to 1872. *The Times Friday 5 August 1870.* On 2 August at Weymouth Dorset, by the Lord Bishop of Guiana, assisted by Rev George Gregory Gardiner MA of Paris, father of the bridegroom, the Rev George Edward Gardiner MA to Bridget third daughter oi William Stancombe Esq of Farley Castle, Somersetshire.

Mary Gardiner died in 1825 and in her Will dated 1 April 1818 appointed her husband John Gardiner sole executor. Beneficiaries included Jeffrey Bond Piercy, Henry James Piercy, Frances Ellen Piercy and Mary Piercy the children of her Jate son Jeffrey Piercy. Obituary Mary Gardiner of 10 Paragon Buildings died aged 62 years buried 26 July 1825 St Michael’s Church Bath. In November 1825 by affidavit Mehetabel Austin widow and Wiliam Gardiner made oath they were well acquainted with the late Mary Gardiner wife of the Rev John Gardiner.

In 1820 Rev John Gardiner witnessed the Will of Harriet Ahmuty (1022) and in 1840 the Rev George Gregory Gardiner and Philip Henry Watts proved the Will of Alice Ahmuty (1026), the daughters of Thomas Ahmuty (40) of Bath.

John Gardiner died in 1838 and in his Will dated 1 November 1836 appointed his son George Gregory Gardiner sole executor and residuary legatee. Beneficiaries included sons John and William Gardiner and a 100 guineas left to the Vicar and Churchwardens of St Mary Magdalen, Taunton Somerset.

The Rev John Gardiner DD Clerk of the Octagon Chapel and of 10 Paragon Buildings Bath ‘Somerset died 11 August 1838 aged 81 years buried 18 August St Michael’s Church Bath. In September 1838 by affidavit Philip Henry Watts and William Tuckwell made oath they were well acquainted with the late Rev John Gardiner.

*Gentleman’s Magazine* Obituary 1838 summary. At Bath in his 82nd year the Rev John Gardiner Doctor of Divinity, rector of Brailsford Derbyshire for fifty seven years, minister of the Octagon Chapel Bath and a Magistrate for Somersetshire. He was educated at Tiverton whence he went to the University of Glasgow and studied civil law and then entered himself of the Middle Temple with a view to qualify for the bar. He exchanged law for the church and for this Purpose he repaired to Wadham College Oxford. In 1791 he took possession of Brailsford, the presentation to which was purchased by his father with whom he resided for some years at Wellington performing gratuitously the duty of curate. In 1789 he undertook office at Taunton where he continued till his father in 1796 purchased for him the Octagon Chapel at Bath where he has ever since regularly officiated.

*Bath Directory* Churches and Chapels 1837. Octagon Chapel, Milsom Street. Divine service every Sunday at a quarter past eleven in the morning and Prayers at three in the afternoon. Prayers every Wednesday, Friday and Saints' Days at a quarter past eleven in the morning. Sacrament [text missing in original]

Literature & Literati of Bath. Dr Gardiner was for many years the proprietor of the Octagon Chapel, as his worthy son now is, and in his day was a popular preacher, his style, doctrine &c may be judged of and from his published sermons.

**William Gardiner**

William Gardiner born 9 December 1803 son of Rev John Gardiner and Mary Spiers Piercy attended Exeter College listed in *Alumni Oxonienses* 2s. John Gardiner of St Michael’s, Bath Somerset doctor. Exeter College matric 24 Jan 1822 aged 18. BA 1826, MA 1828. rector of Rochford Essex 1837 until died 7 September 1861.

He was ordained deacon Wells Church Chapel in the Palace, appointed assistant curate Octagon Chapel, stipendiary curate St Michael’s Church Bath and assistant stipendiary curate to the Officiating Minister of the Octagon Chapel 1827, £100 required to reside in Bath.

In April 1825 William Gardiner of Exeter College and Rev Willam Collins Colton of Wiltshire were appointed trustees of the marriage settlement of Annabella Mary Gardiner and Christopher Gerard Rigby Collins. In December 1825 William Gardiner and Mehetabel Austin of Bath by affidavit made oath they were well acquainted with Mary Gardiner wife of the late Rev John Gardiner.

William Gardiner married Mary Windsor Brownrigg daughter of Jasper Brownrigg of Ireland. British Magazine 1835 Rev William Gardiner to Mary Windsor only child of the late J. Brownrigg esq of Edenderry, King’s County Ireland.

*Bath Street Directory 1837* Rev William Gardiner 8 Sydney Place, Bath.

*Gentleman’s Magazine* Obituary 7 September 1861 At Caton Green nr Lancaster aged 57, Rev William Gardiner MA rector of Rochford Essex.

*Bath Directory Churches and Chapels 1837*. All Saints Chapel, Lansdown Crescent. Divine service every Sunday at a quarter past eleven in the morning and at three in the afternoon. Sacrament administered the third Sunday in the month. Rev W. Gardiner minister. Rev Willis assistant minister. George Moody clerk. Mrs Cottle organist. Mrs Chapman sexton.

St Michael's Church, Broad Street. Divine service every Sunday at eleven in the morning and at six in the evening. Prayers and lecture every Wednesday at seven in the evening. Sacrament administered last Sunday in the month. Rev J. East curate. Adam Chivers clerk. Henry Nethercote sexton.

**George Gregory Gardiner**

George Gregory Gardiner bom 12 April 1805 son of Rev John Gardiner and Mary Spiers Piercy attended Exeter College listed in *Alumni Oxonienses* 3 s. John Gardiner of St Michael’s Bath, Somerset. Exeter Coll. matric 25 Jan 1823 aged 17. BA 1826. MA 1829. Sometime minister of the Octagon Chapel, Bath, Somerset. Chaplain of Bonn 1851-1899. At Paris 1859-1872. rector St Leonards on Sea 1872. He was ordained deacon Church of St Peter and St Paul, Bath and in 1829 appointed assistant curate and stipendiary curate of the Octagon Chapel, £100 required to reside in Bath.

George Gregory Gardiner married firstly in 1831 Catherine McClintock who died 1834 daughter of John McClintock by his first marriage to Jane Bunbury. (John McClintock married secondly in 1805 Elizabeth daughter of William Power Trench 1st Earl of Clancarty). *Gentleman’s Magazine* 28 July 1831 At Clifton Gloucester Rev G. G. Gardiner to Catherine eldest daughter of John McClintock late M.P for co Louth. *Gentleman’s Magazine* Obituary 5 June 1834 At Bath Catherine wife of Kev George Gregory Gardiner and eldest daughter of John McClintock of Drumcar.

George Gregory Gardiner married secondly in 1839 Frances Mary Touchet daughter of Peter Touchet. *Gentleman’s Magazine 9 April 1839* At St Andrews Church, Clifton Gloucester Rev George Gregory Gardiner to Frances Mary only daughter of the late Peter Touchet Esq and niece to Sir Francis Ford Bt. (Mary Ford sister to Sir Francis Ford married firstly in 1807 Peter Touchet and secondly in 1816 Captain Henry Elton RN son of Sir Abraham Elton Bt).

George Edward Gardiner son of George Gregory Gardiner attended university listed in *Alumni Oxonienses* 1 s. George Gregory Gardiner of Bath Somerset. Brasenose Coll. matric 28 May 1860 aged 19. BA 1864. MA 1867. vicar of Box Wilts 1874. In 1870 George Edward Gardiner married Bridget Downing Bowles daughter of William Stancomb J.P of Blount's Court, Wilts, On 2 August at Weymouth Dorset, by the Lord Bishop of Guiana, assisted by Rev George Gregory Gardiner MA of Paris, father of the bridegroom, the Rev George Edward Gardiner MA to Bridget third daughter of William Stancombe Esq of Farley Castle, Somersetshire.

In 1837 George Gregory Gardiner and Christopher Gerard Rigby Collins proved the Will of the Rev Christopher Rigby Collins, Bath Directory 1837 Rev George G. Gardiner of Queen’s Parade Place, Bath.

In 1851 George Gregory Gardiner on his departure from Bath was given a Testimonial by members of the Octagon Congregation which was published together with his Reply.

*Burkes Peerage* Obituary. George Gregory Gardiner died 11 November 1890.

*The Bath Year Book* summary. The death is announced at St Leonard’s on Sea of the Rev George Gregory Gardiner who succeeded his father the Rev John Gardiner DW as proprietor and incumbent of the Octagon Chapel until the year 1851. When Mr Gardiner left Bath, the Rev Fountaine Elwin continued to be the Morning Lecturer and the Rev W.C. Magee, the present Bishop of Peterborough, the Afternoon Lecturer. The lease on which the Chapel was held in 1856 having nearly expired, the congregation renewed it for another term at their own cost and presented it to their eloquent pastor. After leaving Bath Mr Gardiner became the English Chaplain at Bonn from where he went to the English Protestant Chapel in Avenue Marboeuf, Paris where he remained until the eve of the siege of Paris. He later became rector of St Mary’s Church at St Leonards on Sea.

**Annabella Mary Gardiner**

Annabella Mary Gardiner born 13 August 1802 daughter of Rev John Gardiner and Mary Spiers Piercy married Christopher Gerard Rigby Collins son of Rev Christopher Rigby Collins. Marriage Certificate No.568 Church of St Michael, Bath Somerset 7 April 1825. Christopher Gerard Rigby Collins of the Parish of Walcot in this City bachelor and Annabella Mary Gardiner of this Parish spinster were married in this Church by Licence this Seventh Day of April in the year One Thousand Bight Hundred and Twenty Five. By me Christopher Rigby Collins, Officiating Minister. In the presence of Margaret Balfour. Ann Tennant. Charlotte Gladstone.

By Indenture dated 6 April 1825 the marriage settlement was agreed by Rev Christopher Rigby Collins of the Royal Crescent, Bath Somerset of the first part, Rev John Gardiner of Bath of the second part, Christopher Gerard Rigby Collins of Bath son of Rev Christopher Rigby Collins of the third part, Annabella Mary Gardiner of Bath spinster daughter of Rev John Gardiner of the fourth part, and William Collins Colton of Middle Hill, Box Wiltshire and William Gardiner of Exeter College Oxford trustees of the fifth part.

Annabella Mary Collins of 10 Paragon Buildings, Bath died in 1838 aged 35 buried 14 April 1838 at St Michael's Church Bath. *Gentleman’s Magazine* Obituary 8 April 1838 At the house of her father, the Rev Dr John Gardiner of Bath, Annabella Mary wife of Captain C. G. Rigby Collins. Christopher Gerard Rigby Collins married secondly m 1840 Annette Lethbridge daughter of Sir John Hesketh Lethbridge 3Bt.

*Undated Draft*. In the matter of a Petition in the Irish Court of Chancery. — of the city of Bath with that part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland called England, Surgeon, maketh oath and saith that he is well acquainted with Annabella Mary Collins, wife of Christopher Gerard Rigby Collins late of the city of Bath, and has attended her professionally for several years past and that said Annabella Mary Collins within a year had an attack of — which produced great debility of body and rendered a separation from her husband necessary; and that she still continues in the same state of weakness and residing within the city of Bath with her father the Rev J. Gardiner DD, and that from the nature and effects of said attack there is not the remotest probability of her having any issue even where she again to live with her said husband.

*Bond dated 5 September 1827.* Know all Men by these presents that we, Christopher Gerard Rigby Collins of the city of Bath, a Captain unattached and the Reverend John Gardiner of the same city Doctor in Divinity, are held and firmly bound to Susanna Long of Cambridge in the parish of Slimbridge in the county of Gloucester spinster, in the sum of £1,000 of good and lawful money of Great Britain, to be paid to said Susanna Long or her certain attorney executors administrators or assigns. For the true payment whereof we find ourselves jointly and each of us by himself severally and each of our heirs executors and administrators, and every of them firmly by these presents sealed with our seals dated this 5th day of September in the eighth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Fourth by the grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland King defender of the faith and in the year of our Lord 1827. The condition of this obligation is such that if the above bounden Christopher Gerard Rigby Coffins and John Gardiner or either of them their or either oi their heirs executors administrators shall and do well and truly pay or cause to be paid unio the above named Susanna Long her executors administrators or assigns, the full sum of £500 of good and lawful money of Great Britain on the 17th day of December next ensuing the date hereof, (being the proper debt of said Christopher Gerard Rigby Collins alone and not as to any part thereof of the debt of said John Gardiner), together with interest for same sum in the meantime at the rate of five pounds for £100 by the year without fraud or further —.

Sealed and delivered being first duly stampt in the presence of - William Gardiner - Charles Avery Moore.

**Charles Avery Moore**

*Alumni Cantabrigienses*. adm Fell. Com. Trinity Hall 14 March 1837..of Dursley Glos 3s. William DD of Park Hill, Woodchester Glos. b.1801. matric michs 1837 LL.B 1843. ord deacon Peterborough 1840 priest 1841. curate Tichmarsh Northants 1840-1843. curate Montgom. 1843-1846. rector Poole Keynes Wilts 1846. vicar Romsey Hanis 1854-1859. vicar of Sutterton 1859-1875. During the latter part of his incumbency he was convinced every sermon he preached would be his last and in consequence his discourses were of inordinate length. J.P for Lincs and Wilts. married 1836 Mary Nankivill daughter of John Tripp of lwood House, Congresbury Somerset and widow of Thomas Townshend, Chief Judge of the Zilla Court Madras. died 10 March 1884 aged 82.

*Census 1861* Sutterton Lincolnshire.

* Charles Avery Moore 59 Vicar of Sutterton.
* Mary Nankivell Moore wife 57.
* Joseph Nankivell Townsend stepson 39 unm born Bath Somerset. In Holy Orders.

Obituary 26 August 1862 At Sutterton Vicarage Lincolnshire the Rev Joseph Nankivell Townsend only son of the late Thomas Townshend, Chief Judge of the Zilla Court Madras and of Pulteney Street Bath.

**John Rigby**

John Rigby rector of Ickford Bucks attended Wadham College listed in *Alumni Oxonienses* s. Christopher Rigby of Cosgrave Northhants gent. Wadham Coll, matric 15 January 1727-8 aged 18. BA 1731. MA 1734. *Gentleman's Magazine* Obituary 24 May 1775 the Rev Mr Rigby rector of Ickford Buckinghamshire.

**Henry Rigby**

Henry Rigby son of John Rigby of Ickford attended Eton School listed in the *College Register* s. Rev John R. rector of Ickford co. Buckingham. bpt. 5 April 1741 Ickford. entered 16 June 1756 (Newman) no fee. Kings Scholar 1756.

And of Wadham College listed in *Alumni Oxonienses* s. John of Ickford Bucks cleric. Wadham Coll. matric 28 May 1759 aged 17. BA 1763. MA 1768. rector of Hadleigh Essex 1776. died Salisbury 15 May 1819 aged 77.

He was ordained deacon Christchurch Oxford 1763 and priest St Mary’s Oxford 1766. Vicar of Hockley Essex and patron of his nephew the Rev Christopher Rigby when appointed curate of Hockley June 1795.

Henry Rigby married in 1776 Fanny Prower daughter of Dr Robert Prower MD and Frances Mervyn of Cranborne, Dorset. Marriage Register St Mary Le Bone, Middlesex 30 July 1776 Rey Henry Rigby clerk, Fellow of Wadham College Oxford bachelor and Fanny Prower spinster, by Licence. Witnessed Mary H. Downes. E. Rigby.

Henry Rigby died in 1819 and in his Will dated 3 November 1817 appointed three executors Peter Templeman, Thomas Andrews and Anthony Mervin Reeve Storey. By codicil Anthony Storey was replaced by Thomas Cotton described as the husband of Sarah Anne daughter of my late brother George Rigby. He devised in trust for the benefit of his wife Fanny Rigby the estates at Ockford Fitzpaine and Bradford Abbas, Dorset and Crane Street, Salisbury. (Dorset Poll Book 1807 Rev Henry Rigby residence Salisbury, situation of freehold Ockford Fitzpaine).

Beneficiaries included his sister in law Mary Anne Rigby widow of his brother Tipping Rigby, his nephews Christopher Rigby and George Arrowsmith and his sons George, Joseph, Henry Abel and Charles Arrowsmith The eldest son George Arrowsmith in his Will dated 13 August 1849 devised estates in London, Middlesex, Worcester and Surrey to his sons George, Henry George, Benjamin Yarrow and Thomas Charles Arrowsmith. *Gentleman’s Magazine* Obituary 11 October 1857 Benjamin Yarrow Arrowsmith aged 40 third son of the late George Arrowsmith esq of Dorking Surrey.

Fanny Rigby died in 1827 and in her Will dated 8 May 1822 desired to be buried at Cranborne Dorset in the Vault wherein her late father Dr Robert Prower, daughter Harriet Rigby and other relatives were buried. She appointed two executors nephews John Mervin Prower son of her brother John Prower of Purton Wilts and Anthony Mervin Reeve Storey of Basset Down House, Wilts son of her sister Bridget Prower and William Storey. Beneficiaries included her nephew Thomas Prower a surgeon of London and niece Anne wife of Robert Isherwood of Highgate Middx.

*Gentleman’s Magazine* Obituary 15 May 1819 At Salisbury aged 77 Henry Rigby clerk of Salisbury Wilts. Salisbury Journal Obituary 7 March 1827 At Crane Street,. Salisbury in her 82nd year, Mrs Rigby widow of Rev Henry Rigby.

**George Rigby**

George Rigby married firstly 19 October 1769 Sarah Ann Dicey daughter of Cluer Dicey, bookseller and publisher of cheap print literature or chapbooks, and had daughter Sarah Ann Rigby.

Sarah Ann Rigby married in 1795 Thomas Cotton and had sons Henry and Thomas Dicey Cotton and daughters Rosetta and Marianne Cotton. *Gentleman’s Magazine* 25 July 1795 At St Michael’s Church Cornhill, Mr Cotton to Miss Rigby daughter of Mr R. of Stoke Newington, Middx. The Genealogist At St Michael Cornhill, only daughter and heir of George Rigby of Stoke Newington by his first wife Sarah Ann daughter of Cluer Dicey Esq.

In 1817 Thomas Cotton was described by Henry Rigby as the husband of my niece Sarah Anne daughter of my late brother George Rigby. Thomas Cotton in his Will dated 20 November 1818 appointed his wife Sarah Ann Cotton sole executrix and guardian of his children during their minorities. :

Sarah Ann Cotton died in 1843 and in her Will dated 11 August 1840 appointed two executors son Henry Cotton and son in law Rey Alfred Williams. Beneficiaries included daughters Rosetta Lambert Williams and Marianne Cotton.

Obituary 16 April 1843 Sarah Ann aged 72 relict of Thomas Cotton of Chase Lodge, Enfield Middx.

Thomas Dicey Cotton son of Thomas Cotton died in 1835 and in his Will dated 4 October 1821 appointed his wife Elizabeth Maria Cotton sole executrix bequeathed all his real and personal estate.

Obituary Thomas Dicey Cotton of Curwen Woods, eldest son of the late Thomas Cotton of Chase Lodge, Enfield, died 7 October 1835 aged 38 and left one surviving child William Charles Cotton. Elizabeth Maria Cotton died 13 September 1851 aged 49. William Charles Cotton died 20 June 1860 aged 28.

George Rigby married secondly in 1775 Mrs Elizabeth Dupuy at St Olave’s Church, Old Jewry London. Ladies Magazine 18 Nov 1775 George Rigby merchant to Mrs DuPuy relict of the late Isaac DuPuy of St Christopher’s in the West Indies.

*The Diary of John Baker*, summary. Isaac Dupuy married Mrs Elizabeth Thomas at St Kitts in December 1753 having had children Jane and Isaac:

Jane Dupuy married James Akers son of Aretas of St Kitts and had sons John Akers, Isaac Dupuy Akers and James Akers. *Alumni Oxonienses* Isaac Dupuy Akers s. James of Isle of St Christopher gent. Brasenose Coll. matric 18 July 1783 aged 17. BA 1787. MA 1790.

Isaac Dupuy owned plantations in St Peter’s and St George’s, Basseterre and Palmetto Point, St Kitts and was of Leyton Essex. He married Elizabeth Kemp and had son also Isaac born in 1769. Isaac Dupuy died in 1771 in his 34th year and in 1775 George Rigby married his widow Elizabeth Dupuy who died 28 May 1789 aged 65.

*Diary entries and notes:*

27 May 1775 Went with Mr Akers and fils Bob in chaise to Mrs Dupuys, No. 6 Terrass (sic) Row, Hackney situated two miles beyond Hackney Church.

14 Nov 1775 Heard last night Mrs Dupuy going to be married to one Rigby an Irish factor in Old Jewry.

4 July 1777 Came Mrs Akers with Mr and Mrs Rigby’s invitation to dine at Hackney next Monday.

7 July 1777 Got to Mrs Rigby’s before four, present George Rigby and Uxor (wife), Mr Dip (Tipping Rigby) his brother and wife, Mr Reid (sic) George Rigby’s partner, Mr Kemp, Mrs Rigby’s son Isaac Dupuy, Mr Rigby’s daughter by first venter, about 4 or 5 years old and Mr James Akers and sons James, John and Isaac Akers.

5 June 1778 Mr Rigby called, stayed above an hour and a half, said he had a brother in America whom Lord Sandwich lately made a Post Captain.

11 June 1778 Mr James Akers just been with Mr and Mrs Rigby to see Mrs Savage, were told she was not at home, Mr and Mrs R. a good deal piqued.

14 June 1778 Went about half past ten by hack through the City to Mr Rigby’s at Terrass Row, arrived soon after twelve. present Mr and Mrs Rigby, his daughter 5 years old tomorrow, her son Isaac 9 years old, James, John and Isaac (they call the doctor) Akers, Mr Rigby’s brother Tipping Rigby a draper in Ludgate Street and one Mr Barber Mr Rigby’s clerk.

*Kent’s Directory for the Cities of London & Westminster and borough of Southwark, 1794* merchants.

* George Rigby City Chambers, 121 Bishopsgate Within
* Tipping Rigby 15 Ludgate Street

George Rigby died 15 February 1802 and in his Will dated 13 December 1800 appointed his wife Elizabeth Rigby sole executrix. Beneficiaries included his daughter Sarah Ann wife of Thomas Cotton and daughter Elizabeth Jane wife of Thomas Turner Weatherhead of Wapping. In 1800 an iron bar of value ten shillings the property of Richard James Weatherhead and Thomas Turner Weatherhead was stolen being lost from their premises upon the ruins of a chimney that had fell down occasioned by a fire.

*Gentleman's Magazine* Obituary 15 February 1802 At Stoke Newington aged 63, George Rigby esq merchant.

**Tipping Rigby**

Tipping Rigby married Maria Serjeant 3 September 1771 at St Olave’s Church, Old Jewry London.

In 1817 she was described by Henry Rigby as Mary Anne the widow of my late brother Tipping Rigby.

*Kent’s Directory for the Cities of London & Westminster and borough of Southwark 1794* merchants.

* Tipping Rigby 15 Ludgate Street.
* George Rigby City Chambers, 121 Bishopsgate Within.

*Gentleman’s Magazine* Obituary 7 February 1803 After a very short illness in consequence of a violent cold which he caught by officially attending the sessions at the Old Bailey, aged 56 or 57 years, Tipping Rigby esq Alderman of Castle Baynard Ward. He was the youngest of the five sons of a respectable clergyman of Buckingham descended from an ancient family in Northamptonshire where they were settled more than 200 years. Few men have passed through life with a fairer or more amiable character. So real was the confidence reposed in him by his fellow citizens that they chose him one of their representatives in the Common Council for 26 years successively. In this situation he conducted himself with so much prudence and moderation that notwithstanding the political turbulence of the times, he was so fortunate as to give satisfaction to all parties. On the death of the late Mitford Young in 1802 he was appointed Deputy of his Ward. The resignation of Sir William Heme very soon after afforded his friends another opportunity of shewing how much they were attached to him. By their active and zealous exertions he was elected alderman almost without opposition, three hands only of the numerous voters assembled on the day of election were held up in favour of his opponent, though that opponent was a man of very large fortune and of the greatest respectability. But these last civic honours so handsomely conferred upon him were but of short duration, he scarcely enjoying them six months. He married Miss Serjeant a West India lady who brought him a handsome fortune and by her who survives him, he has left three sons and two daughters.

**Tipping Thomas Rigby**

Tipping Thomas Rigby eldest son of Tipping Rigby and grandson of John Rigby of Ickford and great grandson of Christopher Rigby of Cosgrave, Northants, Barrister of the Inner Temple admitted 11 June 1806 called to the bar 20 November 1812 s. Tipping Rigby of the City of London. Biography. born 1774. solicitor London 1796-1810. barrister Inner Temple 20 Nov 1812. resided Yateley Lodge, Winchfield Hampshire. recorder of Wallingford Berkshire 1822 till death. *Gentleman’s Magazine* Obituary 24 January 1862 aged 87 Tipping Thomas Rigby of Yately Lodge and Inner Temple, recorder of Wallingford Berkshire.

Tipping Thomas Rigby married Ann Eliza Cousins daughter of John Cousins. *The Athenaeum* At Lambeth Tipping Thomas Rigby of the Inner Temple to Miss Ann Eliza Cousins second daughter of John Cousins esq of South Lambeth.

Caroline Rigby daughter of Tipping Thomas Rigby married William John Murton son of Colonel Henry John Murton. *Gentleman’s Magazine* 29 May 1843 At St Marylebone William John Murton, second son of Col. Murton late Royal Marines, to Caroline eldest daughter of Tipping T. Rigby of Yately Lodge.

Obituary 17 October 1869 At Great Yarmouth William John Murton late of the Admiralty son of the late Col. Murton RM.

Tipping Champion Rigby Obituary 21 July 1850 at Peshawar son of Tipping Thomas Rigby esq of Yately Lodge, Hants.

**Edwin Budd Rigby**

Edwin Budd Rigby son of Tipping Thomas Rigby attended Lincoln College listed in *Alumni Oxonienses* 1 s. Tipping Thomas of St Annes London arm. Lincoln Coll. Oxford matric 20 October 1827 aged 17. student of the Inner Temple adm 14 December 1827.

He attended Eton noted in *The Annals of Eton College of our Lady of Eton Beside Windsor*. Summary. Fights between Collegers usually took place in Chamber at night after permission obtained from the Captain. The Oppidans fighting ground was the comer of Lower Club under the stone in good calx where London coaches coming from Slough would stop for passengers to see the fights. Notable contests were between Lord Hillsborough later Marquis of Downshire and Edwin Budd Rigby, J.C.G Savile later Lord Mexborough and Thomas Pellew Hoseason later an Indian Cavalry Officer, Thomas Saunders a Colleger and John Henry Pringle later in the Scots Fusiliers.

Edwin Budd Rigby married Emma Rebecca Pinnock daughter of Thomas Pinnock and Rebecca Cartwright.

In December 1832 Rigby v Hamilton was heard in the Court of Common Pleas on a case of libel, plaintiff Edwin Budd Rigby, defendant Francis James Hamilton. In July 1842 Pinnock v Rigby was heard in the Rolls Court concerning costs, plaintiff Edwin Budd Rigby. In August 1842 Rigby v Rigby was heard regarding Mrs Pinnock’s property settlement of which Tipping Thomas Rigby was trustee, petitioners Edwin Budd Rigby and his wife Emma Rigby.

in 1877 *The Times* published two Notices regarding Emma Madelina Rigby spinster who died 22 June 1865 and Edwin Budd Rigby who died 15 July 1875 that Letters of Administration were granted 26 June 1877 by the Principal Registry of the Probate Division of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice to Edward Cartwright Pinnock Rigby.

**Christopher Palmer Rigby**

Christopher Palmer Rigby son of Tipping Thomas Rigby was bom 20 January 1820 at Yately Lodge, Hants and died in 1885. He attended Addiscombe Military College and then joined the East India Company appointed Consul for Zanzibar in 1858. During his overseas service he acquired fluency in many Oriental and African languages and retired in 1866.

In 1867 Christopher Palmer Rigby married Matilda Prater and had sons Gerard Christopher Rigby and Percy George Rigby and daughter Lillian M. Rigby. *Gentleman’s Magazine* 27 June 1867 At All Souls’ Church, Langham Place, Colonel Christopher Palmer Rigby to Matilda eldest daughter of Charles Prater esq of Stanley Terrace, Kensington.

Percy George Rigby attended Marlborough College and the Royal Military College, Sandhurst.

He died in 1915 and is commemorated in the First World War Book of Remembrance. Obituary summary In memory of Major Percy George Rigby who died 10 March 1915 aged 43 years serving with the Canadian Infantry, British Columbia Regiment 7th Battalion. He was twice mentioned in dispatches and appointed Brevet Major in 1900, He commanded the 4th King’s African Rifles and had previously served with the Sherwood Foresters 45th Regiment 1st Battalion, the Royal Niger Company’s Expedition, West African Campaign, South African Campaign and Fast African Expedition. Veterans Affairs Canada.

*Census 2 April 1871* Bevois Hill House, Portswood Road. South Stoneham, Hampshire.

* Christopher Gerard Rigby Collins head 68 late Army Captain b. Isle of Wight.
* Annette Rigby Collins wife 48 b. North Wales
* Elizabeth Hanchett visitor widow 66 b. Modbury Devon.
* Martha Portman servant 54 b. Southampton
* Emily Bolwell servant 22 b. Salisbury
* Christopher Palmer Rigby visitor 51 Major General retired b. Yately
* Matilda Rigby visitor 36
* Gerard Christopher Rigby 2. b. Torquay Devon
* Catherine Webb nurse 38 b. London
* Francis G. Tembo visitor 21 b. East Africa

*Census 3 April 1881* 14 Mansfield Street, Portland Place, St Marylebone Middx.

* Christopher Palmer Rigby head 61 Major General Indian Staff Corps retired list
* Matilda Rigby wife 46
* Lillian M Rigby daughter scholar 5 b. Middx
* Harriet Leaman nurse 27 b. Torquay Devon
* Emma Toovey cook 42 b. Bristol
* Eliza Conning housemaid 56 b. West Love Cornwall
* Alice Leaman parlourmaid 21 b. Plymouth

Obituary 14 April 1885 The death of Major General Christopher Palmer Rigby in his sixty fifth year at his residence 14 Portland Place, London after a few days illness will be deeply felt by a wide circle of private friends and officers in the Navy, Army and Diplomatic Services.

**Collins Family**

William Collins founder of the *Salisbury Journal* was a bookseller and publisher which business in 1740 passed to his brother Benjamin Collins who expanded operations from premises on the New Canal at Salisbury. Benjamin Collins died in 1785 and his son Benjamin Charles Collins took over and when he died in 1808 the business was administered by his half brother William Collins who died in 1810 after managed by nephew William Bird Brodie son of the Rev Peter Bellinger Brodie

**Francis Collins**

Francis Collins born 1713 elder brother of Benjamin Collins was a vintner who managed the Mitre and Crown Tavern in Silver Street, Salisbury. He died unmarried in 1782 and in his Will dated 21 August 1779 named his brothers Joseph Collins and Benjamin Collins and nephews William Collins and Benjamin Charles Collins. Other beneficiaries included the Tatlock and Evatt families, Nicholas Saunders, Thomas Towers, Thomas and Frances Nicholas of Frome.

**Benjamin Collins**

Benjamin Collins born 1715 married firstly in 1743 Edith Good who died in 1751 and had daughter Elizabeth Collins wife of Rev Barfoot Colton and son William Collins whose daughter Elizabeth married Rev Christopher Rigby.

Benjamin Collins married secondly Mary Cooper and had son Benjamin Charles Collins and daughters Jane wife of Sir George Leonard Staunton, Sarah wife of Rev Peter Bellinger Brodie and Charlotte Collins.

Benjamin Collins died in 1785 buried 23 February at St Edmund’s Salisbury and in his Will dated 25 March 1778 appointed his wife Mary Collins, brother Francis Collins, sons William Collins and Benjamin Charles Collins, son in law Rev Peter Bellinger Brodie and brothers in law John Cooper and Joseph Elderton joint executors and trustees. Beneficiaries included nieces Lydia Compton, Margaret Towers, Mary Tatlock, Elizabeth Saunders, Ann Evatt and Lucy Poole, nephews Rev John Elderton and Joseph Elderton, brothers in law John Cooper and Joseph Elderton and godson Rev Edward Cooper. His son Benjamin Charles Collins was devised the business on the New Canal at Salisbury of a shop, warehouse and printing office, stock in the trades of bookseller, bookbinder and medicine and a patent for snuff.

*Wiltshire Patents* No. 1030 Benjamin Collins of the City of New Sarum 18 January 1773. A new invented composition of Snuff called and known by the name of Cordial Cephalick Snuff and which he humbly conceives will be greatly conducive to the health of his Majesty’s subjects.

Obituary *Salisbury Journal* 21 February 1785 On Wednesday evening at his home on the Canal in the 68th year of his age Benjamin Collins Esq of this city.

*Salisbury Journal* 26 February 1785. All persons indebted by note, bond, mortgage or otherwise to the estate and effects of Benjamin Collins late of this City deceased are hereby earnestly desired to pay same immediately to Benjamin Charles Collins one of the acting executors at his house in this city. All persons having any claim or demand by bill, note or otherwise are earnestly requested to deliver or transmit particulars thereof in writing.

*Salisbury Journal* 24 July 1786. The Acting Executors of the late Benjamin Collins will attend on Monday 21 August from nine in the morning until three in the afternoon and at the same hours daily until 9 September for the purpose of paying all remaining legal demands on the estate whether by reason of notes for monies at interest due thereon or any other notes, bills &c. All persons holding notes carrying interest are desired to take notice that interest on such notes will cease from said 9 September. Whereas many persons remain largely indebted upon various securities &c to the estate the executors earnestly request they discharge same without delay or they must proceed at law for the recovery thereof.

The Bank of the late Mr Benjamin Collins will Open on Monday 21 August under the firm of Collins, Brown, Smith and Tamlyn who respectfully seek the Favours of Past Customers and the Public whose confidence they will endeavour to merit. Benjamin Charles Collins. Thomas Brown jun. Richard Smith. Wiliam Tamlyn.

Mary Collins the widow of Benjamin Collins died in 1808 and in her Will dated 9 March 1808 appointed grandsons Peter Bellinger Brodie, William Bird Brodie, George Thomas Staunton and great nephew Rev Blakley Cooper joint executors and trustees. Beneficiaries included daughters Lady Jane Staunton widow, Sarah Brodie widow and Charlotte Bacon widow, granddaughter Charlotte Mary Bacon and stepchildren William Collins and Elizabeth Colton.

*Gentleman’s Magazine* Obituary 25 April 1808 At her home on the Canal, Salisbury aged 83 Mrs Collins mother of Mr B. C. Collins, late printer of the Salisbury Journal whom she survived exactly eight weeks, and second wife and widow of Mr B. Collins formerly printer and banker at Salisbury.

*The Athenaeum* At Salisbury aged 83 Mrs Collins widow of Benjamin Collins formerly a Banker in this city and many years printer of the *Salisbury Journal*.

**Benjamin Collins**

*Summary of Will dated 25 March 1778 proved with five codicils 1 March 1785*

Benjamin Collins of the city of New Sarum in the county of Wilts gentleman made and published his last Will and Testament the 25th day of March 1778. He bequeathed his wife Mary Collins all her rings jewels and paraphernalia, £50 also £500 within a year for own use and benefit. Brothers Joseph Collins £5 annuity and Francis Collins £50. Mother in law Jane Cooper, sisters in law Mrs Sarah Cooper and Mrs Jane Elderton, cousin Mrs Ann Batt, nieces Lydia Compton, Margaret Towers, Mary Tatlock, Elizabeth Saunders, Ann Evatt, Lucy Poole and nephews Rev John Elderton and Joseph E Junior five guineas apiece for mourning. Brothers in law John Cooper and Joseph Elderton and nephew Rev Edward Cooper ten guineas apiece for a ring and mourning.

He devised son William Collins his heirs executors and assigns the copyhold estates at Milford, New Sarum and leasehold messuage and garden there occupied by Edward Williams blacksmith. He devised son Benjamin Charles Collins his heirs executors and assigns the freehold messuage or house shop warehouses printing office premises with appurtenances on the New Canal at Sarum, all fixtures and stock in the several trades or business of printer bookseller bookbinder, vender of medicines, all implements utensils tools materials in the printing and bookbinding business and the several businesses and rights therein now carried on in the name of Benjamin Charles Collins and John Johnson. Also the copyright or right of printing publishing and vending the Salisbury Journal and copyrights or shares viz a third share of Royal Battledore, Royal Primer, Pretty Book for Children. Pretty Book of Pictures, History of Tommy Trip Museum, Private Tutor for Masters and Misses, Royal Psalter, Daily Journal, Gentleman’s and Tradesman’s compleat Annual pocket Book, one eighth share of Fenning's Spelling Book, one third of the Compleat Letter Writer and full moiety in Cephalic Snuff made and prepared by him and patent for same. The legacy subject to £105 annuity payable to his wife Mary Collins which with her legacies and beneficial interest to be in satisfaction of all claims on his real or personal estate by settlement or otherwise.

He devised daughter Elizabeth Colton the estate and interest of leasehold estate at Purse Candle, Dorset for the lives of her and Mr Gardener after the decease of Mrs Barbara Gardener. To daughter Jane Staunton £67.4s.0d annuity during her life payable out of the plantation estates late of John Missett deceased of Montserratt. To daughter Sarah Brodie the income of the Shilling Okeford Rectory, Dorset for the life of Rev Mr Moreau during his incumbency, the right of the next presentation in trust to Rev Peter Bellinger Brodie. To wife Mary Collins reversionary estate and interest for life of daughter Charlotte Collins after the decease of Mrs Briche the leasehold at Fovant Wilts held under the Earl of Pembroke.

He devised all his other messuages farms lands tenements hereditaments estates freehold leasehold in Somerset, Dorset, Wiltshire, Middlesex, Surrey or elsewhere in the Kingdom of Great Britain and all the rest and residue of monies mortgage securities goods chattels real and personal estate to the executors and trustees their heirs administrators and assigns in trust to sell and dispose at their discretion as thought best. The produce thereof and the £3700 advanced his three married daughters and said foregoing specific devises hereafter ascertained in value to be added and thrown into hotchpot and valued together to constitute one aggregate stock or fund, the whole into eight equal parts or shares to be divided. William Collins legacy valued £2000 and two eighth shares. Benjamin Charles Collins legacy valued £6500 and two eighth shares. Elizabeth Colton legacy valued £700, Jane Staunton legacy valued £450, Sarah Brodie legacy valued £1500, Mary Collins legacy valued £210 and to each one eighth share.

The share of Mary Collins for own absolute power and disposal to make provisions and apply for the maintenance and education of daughter Charlotte Collins during her minority. William Collins released from all debts and the right for six years to carry on the business of banker in the front of the house also the compting house on the New Canal. Mary Collins the right to reside rent free in the house on the New Canal also at Milford in same manner as always whilst William Collins shall continue unmarried.

I do hereby make and appoint my wife Mary Collins, sons William Collins and Benjamin Charles Collins, brother Francis Collins, son in law Peter Bellinger Brodie and brothers in law John Cooper and Joseph Elderton joint executors in trust of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first hereinbefore written - Benj. Collins signed sealed and published and declared by said Benjamin Collins the testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses thereto in the presence of said testator and each other - Edward Wray. Edward Joye. Thos. Chubb.

*Five Codicils [to Will of Benjamin Collins]*

1. Should son Benjamin Charles Collins die under 21 his legacy to be divided equally among the other children and likewise daughter Charlotte Collins the one eighth share of Mary Collins to be divided in same manner, 25 March 1778 - Benj. Collins - in the presence of Edward Wray. Edward Joye. Thos. Chubb.

2. Brother Francis Collins a trustee and executor now deceased and other property since acquired same now devised to the surviving trustees. 18 February 1781 - Benj. Collins - in the presence of Mary Collear. Joseph Hillary. Christopher Hallett junior.

3. The freehold estate at Somersham, Huntingdonshire purchased from Christopher Milburne now devised to the trustees. 28 February 1783 - Benj. Collins - in the presence of John Sanger. Thos. Frampton. Joseph Hillary.

4. William Collins devised Milford estates now with benefit of lives since added. Benjamin Charles Collins devised the Canal freehold now subject to £150 annuity payable to Mary Collins. The Montseratt annuity of daughter Staunton revoked now devised Milford estates since acquired. Now appointed trustees wife Mary Collins, Robert Cooper linen draper of Milford Street Sarum, son Benjamin Charles Collins and son in law Peter Bellinger Brodie. Sarah Brodie legacy now valued £1200, William Collins owing £900 and interest same now part of his share. William Collins bequeathed £100 annuity payable by Lord Arundel subject to £25 paid yearly to Charlotte Collins and valued £750 in his share. Mary Collins share a fund to apply in her lifetime or by her Will for benefit of daughter Charlotte or others at her discretion. If William Collins now abroad beyond the seas predeceased him the trustees devised his legacies to be part of the beneficial trusts one moiety thereof for Benjamin Charles Collins the other for Mary Collins and daughters Colton, Staunton and Brodie, 5 June 1784 - Benj. Collins - in the presence of Catherine Kimber. Will. Collier. Jos. Elderton.

5. The two eighth share to son William Collins and one eighth share to daughter Colton are meant to satisfy all demands they may have out of my estate under and by virtue of any settlement contract bond or engagement made and entered into on my marriage with their late mother Edith Good and in firm satisfaction thereof witness my hand and seal same day and year - Benj. Collins - in the presence of Catherine Kimber. William Collier. Jos. Elderton.

The Will was proved at London with five codicils 1 March 1785 before the Right Worshipful Peter Calvert Doctor of laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the oath of Benjamin Charles Collins son of the deceased and Rev Peter Bellinger Brodie two of the surviving executors named in the Will to whom administration of all and singular the goods chattels and credits of the deceased was granted they having been first sworn by Commission duly to administer power reserved of making the like grant to Mary Collins widow the relict, William Collins son of said deceased and John Cooper and Joseph Elderton the other surviving executors named in the Will when they or either of them shall apply for same.

**Benjamin Charles Collins**

Benjamin Charles Collins born 1758 son of Benjamin Collins by his second marriage to Mary Cooper died in 1808 and in his Will dated 19 August 1796 [next page below] bequeathed all his estate and effects real and personal to his mother Mary Collins, brother William Collins, brothers in law Sir George Staunton, Rev Peter Bellinger Brodie and Rev Barford Colton to hold unto them their heirs executors administrators and assigns equally share and share alike as tenants in common and not as joint tenants. Later by codicil the bequest made to the Rev Peter Bellinger Brodie was revoked. He appointed Sir George Staunton, Townley Ward of Soho Square Middx, Rev Peter Bellinger Brodie and Rev Barford Colton the executors. Later by codicil Jonathan Dennett replaced the Rev Peter Bellinger Brodie as an executor. Other beneficiaries included John Cooper of Salisbury, Elias Hibbs, Robert Dennett, Harriet and Frances Eliza Dennett daughters of Jonathan Dennett, Sarah Greaves and brothers William and Robert Greaves, John Dowding and John Luxford.

*Wiltshire Patents* No. 1798 Benjamin Charles Collins of Salisbury 18 March 1791. A grate to be used in or out of a chimney, with an air flue or air flues in the cheeks and back, whereby the fuel burnt in it will have the effect of giving a brighter and stronger fire than is produced in chimney grates now in use.

*Gentleman's Magazine* Obituary 29 February 1808 At one in the morning in his 50th year Mr B. C. Collins, an Alderman of the Corporation of the city of Salisbury. He was seized with an apoplectic fit in the afternoon of the 28th near Lincoin’s Inn Fields, and was soon recognized and conveyed to his house in Mortimer Street, Cavendish Square but the stroke was fatal and the skill of the most eminent of the Faculty proved unavailing. He was the youngest son of the late Mr Benjamin Collins an eminent Banker in Salisbury and was well known as the Printer and Proprietor of that very respectable weekly publication the Salisbury Journal a newspaper which has been printed and published in the Collins Family upwards of seventy years.

**Jane Collins**

Jane Collins born 1743 daughter of Benjamin Collins by his second marriage to Mary Cooper married in 1771 George Leonard Staunton, At Salisbury George Staunton esq of Grenada son of George Staunton of Galway Ireland to Miss Collins daughter of Benjamin Collins of Salisbury banker. He was succeeded by his son George Thomas Staunton who in 1808 was appointed by his grandmother Mary Collins one of the executors and trustees.

*Gentleman’s Magazine* Obituary 16 June 1823 At her house in Devonshire Street, Portland Place, Lady Staunton relict of the late Sir George Staunton Bart.

Sic George Leonard Staunton 1st Baronet was a Member of Council and His Majesty’s Attorney General in the island of Grenada. In 1784 he went with Lord Macartney to Madras and negotiated the peace with Tipoo Sultan for which he was created a Baronet of Ireland in 1785. Later as Secretary of Embassy he went with Lord Macartney to China and became Minister Plenipotentiary in 1792.

**Benjamin Charles Collins**

*Summary of Will dated 19 August 1796 proved with four codicils 6 May 1808.*

Benjamin Charles Collins of Salisbury Wiltshire devised all his estate and effects of what nature or kind soever wheresoever both real and personal to his mother Mary Collins, brother William Collins and brothers in law Sir George Staunton, Rev Peter Bellinger Brodie and Rev Barford Colton to have and to hold their heirs executors administrators and assigns equally share and share alike as tenants in common and not as joint tenants.

He bequeathed legacies to Elizabeth Goodenge known as Mary Castle now residing with him at No. 40 New Road, St Marylebone Middx and his uncle John Cooper of Salisbury a £100 annuity each. William Tomlyn of Salisbury banker, Elias Hibbs of Monument Yard. London wine merchant and cousin Frances Henrietta Elderton of Salisbury £500 each. Harriet Dennett and Frances Eliza Dennett daughters of Jonathan Dennett of Leicester Place £250 each. Robert Dennett a gold watch and £250. Rev Edward Cooper of Yetminster, Sherborne Dorset £500. Miss Sarah Greaves £100 and brothers William Greaves and Robert Greaves £100 each. John Dowding his clerk, Henry Stevens and William Havers both of Salisbury £100 each. John Luxford his overseer and Thomas Williams of Vere Street released from all debts.

He appointed Sir George Staunton, Townley Ward of Soho Square, Middx, Peter Bellinger Brodie and Barford Colton executors revoking and making void all former and other Wills. As witness my hand and seal this 19th day of August 1796 - Benjamin Chas. Collins - signed sealed published and declared by said testator Benjamin Charles Collins as and for his last Will and Testament in the sight and presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses at his request and in his sight and presence and the sight and presence of each thereto - Cliff. Ashore. James Moss. Matthew Thompson.

Four Codicils

1. Executors to deliver up to Thomas Williams every agreement entered into by him with William Bacon regarding supplying medicines for the shop in Oxford Street. John Sawyer now his clerk employed in the Oxford Street business £500. John William Hucklebridge of Salisbury late his clerk £200 - B. C. Collins - Cliff. Ashore. James Moss. Matt. Thompson.

2. Bequests made to Peter Bellinger Brodie, William Tomlyn, Edward Cooper and Frances Elderton revoked also the appointment of Peter Bellinger Brodie as executor. Townley Ward and his wife £100 each. Jonathan Dennett appointed an executor and to him and his wife £100 each. 7 November 1796 - Benjamin Charles Collins - Cliff, Ashmore. Samuel Sowther. James Brough clerks to Messrs Ward Dennetts and Greaves of Covent Garden.

3. On 7 July 1792 I delivered by letter enclosed draft value £769 to my most able and faithful solicitor Townley Ward for own sole use in grateful yet humble token of my sense of the many and important services rendered me and my family during a long and most arduous executorship being in part a small portion only of my share of very large sums wrested by his able head from the bands of needy and artful villains namely Maurice Lloyd, Viscount Newhaven and Gregory Bateman as also from rogues of lesser note all which services were done and rendered without law and litigation the more meritorious this and to the estate of Benjamin Collins my father deceased immensely advantageous for the experience of time has shewn had a Chancery suit or even the usual delays of a nisi prius court taken place a very great portion of the large sums so recovered would have been lost. All these three swindlers long since dead and the two last named died insolvent it was on this day 21st April my worthy and honourable friend Mr Ward returned to my hands this draft and as he was peremptory that I should take it I did so. I now give it into the hands of my esteemed friend and solicitor Robert Dennett to be placed herewith in my last Will and Testament in his keeping and in case of my death by him to be delivered into the hands of his brother one of my executors for the uses and purposes of Mr Ward or as he only shall direct and all this I declare to be a codicil to my aforesaid Will signed with my name and sealed with my seal 21 April 1797 - Ben. Chas. Collins.

4, 1801 Dec 25th. This is a codicil to my Will in the hands of Robert Dennett of Covent Garden London. I owe not one penny to my father’s estate and not one penny to all or any of my late partners in the banking business. £3500 in trust to Robert and Jonathan Dennett and partner William Graves £500 for Frances Eliza Dennett and residue for Maria Castle at Mrs Butts Ladies School, Great Marlborough Street Carnaby Market the said Maria to be a Ward of Chancery - B. C. Collins.

Affidavit 2 May 1808. Appeared personally Gerard Selby of Lincolns Inn Fields Middx gentleman and made oath that on 6 February last he went to the city of Salisbury for the purpose of being present at the examination of the papers of Benjamin Charles Collins late of Salisbury who died this deponent believes the 24 January last past. At Salisbury a search was made by this deponent, William Collins, Samuel Emly, John Luxford and John Dowding gentlemen of Salisbury and the deceased’s papers were examined. The daily journal for the year 1801 was found by Samuel Emly locked in the deceased’s bureau in the dining parlour in the presence of this deponent and said other persons and on reading same a codicil was found therein written in a page of Memorandums and Resolutions beginning 1801 Dec.

The will was proved at London with four codicils 6 May 1808 before the worshipful George Ogilvie Doctor of Laws surrogate the Right Honourable Sir William Wynne Knight Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury.

**Sarah Collins**

Sarah Collins bom 1754 daughter of Benjamin Collins by his second marriage to Mary Cooper married in 1775 Rev Peter Bellinger Brodie rector of Winterslow who died in 1804. *Alumni Oxonienses* s Alexander of St James Westminster arm. Worcester Coll. matric 23 Feb 1762 aged 19. BA 1765. MA 1768. rector of Winterslow Wilts. died 19 March 1804. *Gentleman’s Magazine* Obituary 7 February 1847 At Salisbury aged 92 Sarah relict of Rev Peter Bellinger Brodie rector of Winterslow, daughter of Benjamin Collins of Milford formerly an eminent bookseller of Salisbury, and sister of Lady Staunton wife of the late Sir George Staunton. She was left a widow having had four sons Peter Bellinger Brodie conveyancer, William Bird Brodie late M.P for Salisbury, Sir Benjamin Collins Brodie 1st Bt surgeon and Charles George Brodie.

Born 1778 **Peter Bellinger Brodie conveyancer** the son of Peter Bellinger Brodie and Sarah Collins. He was a barrister of Lincoln’s Inn, London and prepared the draft of the Rock Life Assurance Company and in 1829 drew up the Charter of King’s College London. A member of the Real Property Commission he drew up parts of its three reports concerning fines and recoveries, probate of wills, copyhold and ancient demesne and also prepared a Parliamentary Bill for abolishing fines and recoveries which became law in 1838. The author of a Treatise regarding a tax on successions to real and personal property, removal of the house tax as substitutes for the income tax, and on burdens on land and restrictions on commerce and loans of money.

He married firstly in 1810 Elizabeth Mary Wood who died 1823 daughter of Sutton Thomas Wood of Oxford and had son Peter Bellinger Brodie born in 1815. He married secondly in 1826 Susan Mary Morgan daughter of John Morgan. Peter Bellinger Brodie died 8 September 1854 at his home 49 Lincoln Inn Fields, London and in his Will dated 29 October 1842 appointed his wife Susan Mary Brodie sole executrix bequeathed all his real and personal estate.

Bom 1815 **Peter Bellinger Brodie geologist** the son of Peter Bellinger Brodie by his first wife Elizabeth Mary Wood. He was ordained in 1838 at Salisbury Cathedral appointed curate to Rev Francis Baker rector of Wylye, Wiltshire. In 1853 he was instituted vicar of St Lawrence Church, Rowington Warwickshire where he raised funds for a new school, the restoration of the church and the building of a mission chapel in an outlying hamlet. He married Isabella Octavia Baker who died 1896 daughter of the Rev Francis Baker. A stained glass window in Rowington Church was dedicated to her by the Worcestershire Diocesan Girls Friendly Society of which she was a founder member. Peter Bellinger Brodie died in 1897 buried Rowington Churchyard alongside his wife and two of his sons. Two stained glass windows were dedicated to him by his parishioners who held him in high regard and affection.

He attended geology lectures given by Adam Sedgwick at Emmanuel College, Cambridge and was elected in 1834 a Fellow of the Geological Society of London proposed by William Clift the curator of its museum. He was author of the Fossil Insects in the Secondary Rocks of England and had many species were named for him. In 1853 he became a member of the Warwickshire Natural History and Archaeological Society and founded its Field Club leading field trips, writing papers, serving on committees and donating many fossils to its museum. He was described as a genial man who impressed people with his enthusiasm and energy. In 1887 he was awarded the Murchison medal by the Geological Society of London. After his death in 1897 Charles Lapworth wrote to the Warwickshire Natural History Society: We of the younger generation of geologists look up to Mr Brodie as one of the fathers of our science and not only does palaeontological geology owe a deep debt of gratitude to Mr Brodie but stratigraphical geologists have cause to be equally grateful. *Modern English Biography*.

*Alumni Cantabrigienses*. Peter Bellinger Brodie born 27 Jan 1815 adm pens Emmanuel College 7 June 1834. s. Peter Bellinger barrister. matric Michs 1834. BA 1838. MA 1842. ord deacon 1838 priest Salisbury 1839. curate of Wylye Wilts 1838-1840. curate Steeple Claydon, Bucks 1840. curate Down Hatherley 1840-1853. vicar of Rowington 1853-1897. Surr dio Worcester 1853-1897. rector Baddesley Clinton 1855-1897. rural Dean of Warwick 1877-1894. Entomologist. Fellow Geological Society. Author of Fossil Insects in Secondary Rocks. died | November 1897 aged 82 Rowington Warwickshire. Father of Arthur William Lawson Brodie 1870 and Frank Malcom Brodie 1877.

**Arthur William Lawson Brodie** bom 9 May 1851 adm pens St Johns 27 May 1870. 3s.Peter Bellinger 1834 clerk. bpt 19 Jume 1851. Hereford Cathedral matric Michs 1870. BA 1874. Athletics Blue 1872. 1873. died 13 June 1874.

**Frank Malcom Brodie** born 30 Oct 1859 adm pens Trinity Hall 23 April 1877. s. Peter Bellinger 1834 clerk. Lancing and Stratford upon Avon Colleges matric Michs 1877. BA 1881. MA 1882. ord deacon 1882. priest Worcester 1883. curate Rowington 1882-1889. rector Honiley 1889-1897. perpetual curate Christ Church Coventry 1897 to 1916. vicar Northwood Middx 1916-1923. retired lic. pr. dio Chichester. of 76 St Helen’s Road, Hastings 1933.

**William Bird Brodie**

William Bird Brodie bom 1780 son of Peter Bellinger Brodie and Sarah Collins married firstly in 1810 Louisa Hussey who died 1816 daughter of Thomas Hussey of Salisbury. He married secondly in 1826 Frances Huntley daughter of Rev Richard Huntley of Boxwell Court, Gloucester.

In 1812 William Bird Brodie was elected Mayor of Salisbury and from 1832 to 1843 was Member of Parliament for Salisbury. His son **Erasmus Henry Brodie** attended Trinity College listed in *Alumni Oxonienses* 2s. William Bird Brodie of the Precincts, Salisbury Cathedral gent. Trinity Coll. matric 27 May 1850 aged 18. BA 1855. MA 1860. Inspector of Schools.

*The Salisbury Journal*, Monday 23 November 1812. Summary: On Wednesday Edward Davis esq Mayor of this city of Salisbury retired from office and Mr William Bird Brodie was sworn in as Mayor. Afterwards at four o'clock he gave a dinner in the Council Chamber and the Assembly Room for Members of the Corporation, Nobility, Gentry and Clergy and principal inhabitants of the City, Close and Neighbourhood. Among those who honoured the Mayor with their presence were the Earl of Radnor, Earl of Pembroke, Lord Viscount Folkstone, Sir Eyre Coote, Sir Charles Warre Malet, Major Wadham Wyndham, Mr Wyndham of Dinton, the Messrs Paul Methuen, Chancellor Douglas, Canon Coxe, Penruddocke, Osborne, Egerton, Templeman, Bethel Coxe, Bristowe, Rev Marsh, Rev Finch and many other Gentlemen of family and distinction.

At the Assembly Room after dinner some of the Gentlemen of the Cathedral Choir under the direction of Mr A-Corfe performed in great style and toasts made to the King, Prince Regent, the Queen and Royal Family, Duke of York and the Army, the Navy, Lord Wellington and the Army in Portugal, Lord Bridport and the Royal Marines and amidst loud applause to the Emperor Alexander and the brave Russians. In the Council Chamber to Count Woronzow and the brave Russian Army which received rapturous enthusiasm heightened by the presence of the Count’s noble brother in Jaw the Earl of Pembroke. Among the toasts considered local were to Mr Chancellor Douglas and Major General George Michell which were received with unequivocal testimonies of the high esteem in which these gentlemen are held by all to whom they are known. The company continued together in great conviviality the room not being completely cleared till near seven on Thursday morning and the Mayor had the satisfaction of knowing his efforts for the entertainment of his friends were eminently successful.

In 1832 by three Indenture property on the New Canal at Salisbury was sold to William Bird Brodie by Rev Christopher Rigby Collins, his son Christopher Gerard Rigby Collins and daughters Elizabeth wife of Robert Austin Langworthy, Mary wife of William Webster, Sarah wife of Rev John Walter Phelps and Edith wife of William Somerville Ahmuty (152).

*London Gazette* 5 November 1847 Bankrupts. William Bird Brodie and Charles George Brodie of Salisbury Wilts copartners Official assignee Bell sols Bundrett & Co Temple. Fiat 1 November pet.cr William Ward of Salisbury carrier. London Gazette 4 June 1850 Meetings. William Bird Brodie and Charles George Brodie of Salisbury bankers. 24 June 1850 at 11 Court of Bankruptcy London div. sep. est Charles George Brodie.

**Indentures sale of property on the New Canal at Salisbury to William Bird Brodie.**

*Three Indentures dated 9 May, 10 May and 30 October 1832.*

*Summary dated 9 May 1832.*

This Indenture made in the second year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord William IV of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland between the Rev Christopher Rigby Collins of Sidmouth Devon, Christopher Gerard Rigby Collins of Sidmouth Devon, Robert Austen Langworthy of Bath Somerset, William Webster of 17 Bedford Place Russell Square, Middx a Lieutenant in the Royal Navy, the Rev John Phelps of Rennes in the Kingdom of France and William Somerville Ahmuty (152) of Cookstown in the Kingdom of Ireland of the one part and William Bird Brodie of New Sarum Wilts of the other part: Witnesseth that for and in consideration of five shillings apiece of good and lawful money of Great Britain to each of them in hand well and truly paid by said William Bird Brodie at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged.

The parties have sold to William Bird Brodie one undivided fifth part the whole unto five equal parts being considered as divided between them of the messuage or tenement and ground and soil whereon same stands and the garden with appurtenances within the city of New Sarum lately called the Ditch but now the New Canal divided and bounded between lands formerly of Robert Baynes on the west part, lands of the Lord Bishop of Sarum on the east part and the land formerly of Lord Staunton on the south part and the street or highway lately called the Ditch but now the New Canal on the north part, all of which were formerly in the occupation of Benjamin Charles Collins, afterward of William Bird Brodie, John Dowding and John Luxford and since of William Bird Brodie and John Dowding, and now of William Bird Brodie and Charles George Brodie. And together with one undivided fifth part or share of and in all houses shops counting houses warehouses outhouses edifices buildings stables yards gardens ways paths passages easements waters water courses liberties privileges profits commodities advantages hereditaments appurtenances to said messuage are hereby sold to William Bird Brodie from the day next before the day of the date of these presents for and during and unto the full end and term of one whole year from thence next ensuing and fully to be complete and ended.

To the uses upon the trusts and for the ends intents and purposes and subject to the powers and declarations expressed and declared and concerning same by an Indenture of Release already prepared and intended to bear date the day next after the day of the date of these presents and made between Christopher Rigby Collins of the first part, Christopher Gerard Rigby Collins of the second part, Robert Austen Langworthy and Elizabeth his wife of the third part, William Webster and Mary Beata his wife of the fourth part, John Walker Phelps and Sarah his wife of the fifth part, William Somerville Ahmuty and Edith his wife of the sixth part, William Bird Brodie of the seventh part and Charles George Brodie of the eighth part. In witness whereof said parties to these presents have set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

*Summary dated 10 May 1832.*

The Rev Christopher Rigby Collins of the first part, Christopher Gerard Rigby Collins of the second part, Robert Austin Langworthy and Elizabeth his wife of the third part, William Webster and Mary Beata his wife of the fourth part, Rev John Walter Phelps and Sarah his wife of the fifth part, William Somerville Ahmuty and Edith his wife of the sixth part, William Bird Brodie of the seventh part and Charles George Brodie of New Sarum trustee of the eighth part: Benjamin Charles Collins at the execution of his Will entitled to said estates and to a fifth part or share that is now intended to be released did sign and publish his last Will dated 19 August 1796 and devised all his estate and effects real and personal to Mary Collins, Sir George Staunton Baronet, Peter Bellinger Brodie, Barfoot Colton and William Collins their heirs executors equally share and share alike as tenants in common. Benjamin Charles Collins by codicil dated 7 November 1796 revoked his bequest to Peter Bellinger Brodie but did not make any devise of the share. The Will and codicils were duly proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury by Townley Ward one of the executors. Sir George Staunton and Barfoot Colton both died in the lifetime of Benjamin Charles Collins and their shares descended to Dame Jane Staunton widow, Sarah Brodie and Charlotte Bacon the three sisters and co-heirs of Benjamin Charles Collins and that by said Will the real estates passed to Mary Collins and William Collins respectively as tenants in common.

William Collins having one fifth part of property did by his Will devise unto the Rev Christopher Rigby the husband of his daughter Eliza his estate in trust for the children of the marriage. William Collins departed this life in August 1810 and his daughter Eliza in August 1827. Rev Christopher Rigby Collins by Eliza his wife had six children namely Christopher Gerard Rigby Collins, Elizabeth Langworthy, Mary Beata Webster, Sarah Phelps, Edith Ahmuty and Henry Collins who died under 21 years without issue. The said parties have agreed the sale of property to William Bird Brodie for £360 forfeiture or otherwise during his life time to the use of Charles George Brodie and neither the present nor any future wife of William Bird Brodie may become entitled to dower out said premises or any part thereof. Christopher Rigby Collins, Christopher Gerard Rigby Collins.

Robert Langworthy, William Webster, John Phelps and William Ahmuty did covenant promise and agree to sell to William Bird Brodie . . all that one undivided fifth part or share the whole unto five parts . . all that messuage or tenement and the ground whereon same stands and garden with appurtenances situate lying and being within the city of New Sarum . . and in all houses shops counting houses warehouses outhouses . . hereby released.

*Summary dated 30 October 1832.*

The final Agreement made in the Court of our Sovereign Lord the King at Westminster before Nicolas Conyngham Tindal, James Allan Park, Stephen Caselee, John Bernard Bosanquet, Edward Hall Alderson. Justices of our King and others then and there present: Between William Bird Brodie and Christopher Gerard Rigby Collins, Robert Austen Langworthy and Elizabeth his wife. William Webster and Mary Beata his wife, John Walter Phelps and Sarah his wife, and William Somerville Ahmuty (152) and Edith his wife of one undivided fifth part of messuage with appurtenances in the city of New Sarum. Whereupon a Plea of Covenant was summoned between them in the same Court that they acknowledged the said one fifth part with appurtenances to be the right of William Bird Brodie and they each remised and quit-claimed to him and his heirs for ever. And for this acknowledgment remise quit-claim warranties and agreement William Bird Brodie hath given to the aforesaid the sum of sixty pounds sterling.

*Indenture of 9 May 1832 Summary.*

Made in the second year of the Reign of Sovereign Lord William IV of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland between Rev Christopher Rigby Collins of Sidmouth Devon, Christopher Gerard Rigby Collins of Sidmouth Devon, Robert Austen Langworthy of Bath Somerset, William Webster of 17 Bedford Place, Russell Square Middx a Lieutenant in the Royal Navy, Rev John Phelps of Rennes in the Kingdom of France and Wiliam Somerville Ahmuty (152) of Cookstown in the Kingdom of Ireland of the one part and William Bird Brodie of New Sarum Wilts of the other part. That for and in consideration of five shillings apiece of good and lawful money of Great Britain to each of them in hand well and truly paid by said William Bird Brodie at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged. The said parties have sold to William Bird Brodie one undivided fifth part the whole unto five equal parts being considered as divided between them of all that messuage or tenement and ground and soil whereon the same stands and the garden with appurtenances within the city of New Sarum lately called the Ditch but now the New Canal divided and bounded between lands formerly of Robert Baynes on the west part, lands of the Lord Bishop of Sarum on the east part and the land formerly of Lord Staunton on the south part and the street or highway lately called the Ditch but now the New Canal on the north part. All of which were formerly in the occupation of Benjamin Charles Collins, afterward of William Bird Brodie, John Dowding and John Luxford and since of William Bird Brodie and John Dowding, and now of William Bird Brodie and Charles George Brodie together with one undivided fifth part or share of and in all houses shops counting houses warehouses outhouses edifices buildings stables yards gardens ways paths passages easements water courses liberties privileges profits commodities advantages hereditaments and appurtenances. Subject to the powers and declarations expressed and declared and concerning same by an Indenture of Release already prepared and intended to bear date the day next after the day of the date of these presents and made between Rev Christopher Rigby Collins of the first part, Christopher Gerard Rigby Collins of the second part, Robert Austen Langworthy and Elizabeth his wife of the third part, William Webster and Mary Beata his wife of the fourth part, John Walker Phelps and Sarah his wife of the fifth part, William Somerville Ahmuty and Edith his wife of the sixth part, William Bird Brodie of the seventh part and Charles George Brodie of the eighth part. In witness whereof said parties to these presents have set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

*Indenture 10 May 1832 summary.*

Rev Christopher Rigby Collins of the first part, Christopher Gerard Rigby Collins of the second part, Robert Austin Langworthy and Elizabeth his wife of the third part, William Webster and Mary Beata his wife of the fourth part, Rev John Walter Phelps and Sarah his wife of the fifth part, William Somerville Ahmuty (152) and Edith his wife of the sixth part, William Bird Brodie of the seventh part and Charles George Brodie of New Sarum a trustee for purposes hereafter mentioned of the eighth part. Whereas Benjamin Charles Collins at the execution of his Will entitled to said estates and to a fifth part or share that is now intended to be released did sign and publish his last Will dated 19 August 1796 and devised all his estate and effects real and personal to Mary Collins, Sir George Staunton, Peter Bellinger Brodie, Barfoot Colton and William Collins their heirs executors equally share and share alike as tenants in common. Benjamin Charles Collins by codicil dated 7 November 1796 revoked his bequest to Peter Bellinger Brodie but did not make any devise of the share. The Will and codicils were duly proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury by Townley Ward one of the executors. Sir George Staunton and Barfoot Colton both died in the lifetime of Benjamin Charles Collins and their shares descended to Dame Jane Staunton widow, Sarah Brodie and Charlotte Bacon the three sisters and co-heirs of Benjamin Charles Collins and said real estates passed to Mary Collins and William Collins respectively as tenants in common. Whereas William Collins having one fifth part of property made and published his Will dated 12 July 1810 and thereby bequeathed Christopher Rigby Collins described as the husband of his daughter Eliza all his estate in trust for the children of the said marriage. William Collins departed this life in August 1810 and his daughter Eliza in August 1827. Christopher Rigby Collins by his wife Eliza had six children Christopher Gerard Rigby Collins, Elizabeth Langworthy, Mary Beata Webster, Sarah Phelps, Edith Ahmuty and Henry Collins who died under 21 years without issue. The said parties have agreed the sale to William Bird Brodie for £360. Forfeiture or otherwise to the use of Charles George Brodie during the life of William Bird Brodie, All that one undivided fifth part or share the whole unto five equal parts . . . hereby released.

*Indenture 30 October 1832 summary.*

Final Agreement made in the Court of our Sovereign Lord the King at Westminster before Nicolas Conyngham Tindal, James Allan Park, Stephen Caselee, John Bernard Bosanquet, Edward Hall Alderson, Justices of our King and others then and there present: Between William Bird Brodie and Christopher Gerard Rigby Collins, Robert Austen Langworthy and Elizabeth his wife, William Webster and Mary Beata his wife, John Walter Phelps and Sarah his wife, and William Somerville Ahmuty (152) and Edith his wife of one undivided fifth part of messuage with appurtenances in the city of New Sarum. Whereupon a Plea of Covenant was summoned between them in the same Court that they acknowledged the said one fifth part with appurtenances to be the right of William Bird Brodie and they each remised and quit-claimed to him and his heirs for ever. And for this acknowledgment remise quit claim warranties and agreement William Bird Brodie hath given to the aforesaid the sum of sixty pounds sterling.

**Benjamin Collins Brodie**

Benjamin Collins Brodie born 1783 son of Rev Peter Bellinger Brodie and Sarah Collins married in 1816 Anne Sellon third daughter of Mr Serjeant Sellon and Charlotte Dickinson.

Sir Benjamin Collins Brodie 1st Bt. cr baronet 30 Aug 1834. DCL President Royal College of Surgeons 1844. President Royal Society 1858 to 1861. Surgeon to the Queen and first surgeon in ordinary to H.R.H the Prince Consort. Corresponding Member of the Academy of Sciences in the Institute of France. died 19 October 1862. of 14 Saville Row, London and Broome Park, Dorking Surrey. Succeeded by his son Benjamin Collins Brodie 2nd Baronet.

Benjamin Collins Brodie 2nd Bt bom 1817 son of Benjamin Collins Brodie 1st Bt married in 1848 Philothea Margaret daughter of John Vincent Thompson, Serjeant at law. *Alumni Oxonienses* 1s, Benjamin of Westminster bart. Balliol Coll. matric 29 Nov 1834 aged 17. BA 1838. MA 1860. Lincolns Inn 1839. DCL 1872. Waynflet Professor of Chemistry 1865-1872. Aldrichian professor 1855-1873. Fellow of the Royal Society. died 24 November 1880.

William Brodie bom 1821 son of Benjamin Collins Brodie 1st Bt married in 1844 Lady Maria Waldergrave the third daughter of William, Earl of Waldergrave. *Cantabrigienses Alumni* 2s. Sir Benjamin Collins Bart. adm pens Trinity Coll. 3 July 1838 aged 17. matric Michs 1839. BA 1843. MA 1846. ord deacon 1844, priest Winchester 1845. rector New Alresford, Hants 1851-1868. vicar East Meon Hants 1868-1882. married Lady Maria Waldegrave daughter of William 8th Earl of Waldegrave.

Maria Brodie daughter of Benjamin Collins Brodie 1st Bt married in 1839 the Rev Edward Hoare.

**Charles George Brodie**

Charles George Brodie born 1789 son of Rev Peter Bellinger Brodie and Sarah Collins married in 1825 Catherine Sarah Ray daughter of Walter Ray of Suffolk.

*Gentleman’s Magazine* Obituary 22 August 1849 At Salisbury after a few hours illness Catherine Sarah wife of Charles George Brodie and eldest daughter of Walter Ray of Tostock Suffolk.

*Gentleman’s Magazine* Obituary 1 February 1853 At Salisbury in his 74th year Charles George Brodie esq many years an eminent wine merchant and Alderman of that city. He was a younger brother of the late William Bird Brodie MP for that city and of Sir Benjamin Collins Brodie Bart, being the fourth and youngest son of Rev Peter Bellinger Brodie vicar of Winterslow by Sarah daughter of Benjamin Collins of Milford Salisbury. married 1825 Catherine Sarah eldest daughter of Walter Ray esq of Wicken Hall, Suffolk.

Margaret Brodie daughter of Rev Peter Bellinger Brodie and Sarah Collins married the Rev M. Marsh, Chancellor of Salisbury.

Mary Jane Brodie daughter of Rev Peter Bellinger Brodie and Sarah Collins married Mr E. Cooper Esq of Havertree, Wiltshire.

**Mary Collins**

*Summary of Will dated 9 March 1808 proved with one codicil 27 April 1808*

Mary Collins of New Sarum widow the relict of Benjamin Collins late of same city made and published her last Will and Testament dated 9 March 1808. By the Will of her late husband she was entitled to receive one eighth part of produce and sum of his trust estates and residue of personal estate for own disposal and to apply for the benefit of her daughter Charlotte. She devised grandsons Sir George Thomas Staunton Baronet, Peter Bellinger Brodie, William Bird Brodie and grandnephew Rey Blakley Cooper all capital bank stock purchased with monies from said one eighth share now vested in her name in the books of the Bank of England. In trust to pay the proceeds from six eighth parts thereof to daughter Charlotte Bacon widow for own use during her life and the other two eighth parts to her daughter Charlotte Mary Bacon. After the decease of Charlotte Bacon three eighth parts to Charlotte Mary Bacon the other three eighth parts in equal proportions to daughters Lady Jane Staunton widow and Sarah Brodie widow.

By the Will of her lately deceased son Benjamin Charles Collins she was entitled to an undivided equal fifth part of his teal and residuary personal estates and under the Statutes of Distribution of Intestates she was also entitled to three other equal fifth parts of such residuary personal estates which by the deaths of sons in law Sir George Leonard Staunton, Rev Barfoot Colton and Rev Peter Bellinger Brodie became lapsed and considered as undisposed. All her parts and shares in the real and personal estates of son Benjamin Charles Collins and all her estate right title and interest therein she devised in trust for daughters Lady Jane Staunton, Sarah Brodie and Charlotte Bacon as tenants in common and not as joint tenants.

She bequeathed Lady Staunton a silver tea kettle, lamp and tea chest with the silver tea canister. Charlotte Bacon £100 all plate china bed and table linen and Charlotte Mary Bacon a piano forte. Granddaughter Margaret Brodie a gold watch and chain. Son in law Mr Collins, daughter in law Mrs Colton and grandniece Frances Henrietta Elderton £50 each, Elizabeth Grace faithful servant during her life the proceeds of £500 4% bank annuities. All the rest and residue of monies goods chattels and personal estate after payment of debts funeral and testamentary charges to Lady Jane Staunton and Sarah Brodie equally divided. She appointed grandsons Sir George Thomas Staunton, Peter Bellinger Brodie, William Bird Brodie and grandnephew Blakley Cooper the executors in trust. During the absence of Sir George Thomas Staunton from England at any time the other executors and trustees to proceed in carrying out all or any of the powers trusts and provisions.

In witness whereof to the first three sheets of this my last Will and Testament contained in four sheets of paper I have set my hand and to this the fourth and last sheet my hand and seal the day and year first hereinbefore written - Mary Collins (Is) signed sealed published and declared by the testatrix Mary Collins as and for her last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto in the presence of the said testatrix and of each other - Mary Williams. Geo. Dow. Thos. Chubb.

Codicil, In addition to the devise and bequest of my share of the real and personal estates of my late son Benjamin Charles Collins I do declare that it was and is my earnest wish and desire and I accordingly hereby recommend to my surviving relations that in case my grandson William Bird Brodie together with John Luxford and John Dowding the principal managers and assistants in the printing and other businesses of my said late son shall not succeed thereto in my lifetime they may afterwards with all convenient expedition succeed thereto as partners and continue the same as such for their own respective advantage in such manner as may be agreed upon and as the nature of such premises and the circumstances of the parties shall require and also that the several other assistants and servants of my said late son may remain as such to the persons so taking to said businesses in like manner as if he had been living. In witness whereof 1 have hereunto set my hand and seal 15 March 1808 - Mary Collins signed sealed published and declared as and for a codicil to her last Will and Testament in the presence of us - Mary Williams. T\*hos. Chubb.

The Will was proved at London with one codicil 27 April 1808 before the Right Honourable Sir William Wynne Knight Doctor of Laws Master Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury lawfully constituted by the oaths of Peter Bellinger Brodie and William Bird Brodie grandsons of the deceased and Rev Blakley Cooper great nephew three of the executors named in the Will to whom administration was granted of all and singular the goods chattels and credits of the deceased they having been first sworn to wit said Peter Bellinger Brodie before the worshipful George Ogilve Doctor of Laws and Surrogate and William Bird Brodie and Reverend Blakley Cooper by commission duly to administer power reserved of making the like grant to Sir George Thomas Staunton Baronet grandson of the deceased the other executor named in the Will when he shall apply for the same.

**William Collins**

William Collins born 1745 eldest son of Benjamin Collins by his first marriage to Edith Good had daughter Elizabeth who married in 1799 the Rev Christopher Rigby and had sons Christopher Gerard Rigby and Henry Rigby and daughters Elizabeth, Mary, Sarah and Edith Rigby. *New Monthly Magazine* 28 Jan 1799 At Salisbury Rev C. Rigby to Miss Collins daughter of William Collins Esq.

William Collins died in 1810 and in his Will dated 12 July 1810 devised all his revenue and interest in the real and personal estates of his late brother Benjamin Charles Collins by virtue of Will or otherwise to Rev Christopher Rigby the husband of his daughter Eliza and the rest and residue of his real and personal estate wheresoever. To hold same unto him said Christopher Rigby his heirs executors and administrators in trust for all and every of his children by his said wife. All the rents profits and proceeds of real and residuary personal estates to be applied for the maintenance and education of said children during their minorities and grandson Christopher Gerard Rigby or any other sons at the age of 21 to receive one third part more than her daughters. William Collins directed when his share in the messuage printing office shop premises on the New Canal late belonging to his said brother Benjamin Charles Collins was sold to be not less than £500 but left to the discretion of Christopher Rigby to act therein as thought proper. He appointed the Rev Christopher Rigby executor in trust and other beneficiaries included sister Elizabeth Colton and her daughter Mrs Cook, Rey Henry

Rigby uncle of Rev Christopher Rigby, Rev Francis Baker, Samuel Emly, George Maton, Benjamin Bamard, Mrs Catherine Kimber and the Salisbury Infirmary.

*Monthly Magazine* Obituary 4 August 1810 At Salisbury aged 66 Wm. Collins Esq one of the Aldermen of that city,

By Royal Licence dated 29 August 1810 the Collins surname added and Christopher Rigby then became known as the Rev Christopher Rigby Collins: The King has been graciously pleased to give and grant unto the Rev Christopher Rigby clerk, Master of Arts rector of Ringmore and vicar of Ipplepen both in the county of Devon, his Roya) Licence and Authority, that he and his issue, by Elizabeth his wife, may out of grateful respect to the memory of William Collins late of the city of Salisbury esq deceased, take the surname of Collins, in addition to and after that of Rigby.

In 1832 by three Indentures property on the New Canal at Salisbury was sold by Rev Christopher Rigby Collins, his son Christopher Gerard Rigby Collins and daughters Elizabeth wife of Robert Austin Langworthy, Mary wife of William Webster, Sarah wife of Rev John Walter Phelps and Edith wife of William Somerville Ahmuty (152) to William Bird Brodie son of Rev Peter Bellinger Brodie.

**Elizabeth Collins**

Elizabeth Collins born 1749 daughter of Benjamin Collins by his first marriage to Edith Good married in 1768 Rev Barfoot Colton at St Thomas’s Church, Salisbury. William Collins described her as sister Mrs Elizabeth Colton and by Mary Collins as daughter in law Mrs Colton. Obituary 20 March 1836 At the house of her son in law at Bredon Rectory, Elizabeth relict of Rev Barfoot Colton MA. Canon residentiary of Sarum and Vicar of Shrivenham Berks.

*Alumni Cantabrigienses* Barfoot Colton adm pens Queen’s 11 June 1755. school Eton, migrated King’s 12 March 1756 matric Easter 1756. BA 1760. MA 1763. Fellow of King’s 1759 to 65. Ord deacon Ely 27 Dec 1759. priest 14 Sept 1760. vicar of Shrivenham Berks 1764 to 1803. rector of Somerton Oxon 1769-1803. Prebendary of Salisbury 1783-1803. died December 1803.

William Collins Colton son of Barfoot Colton and Elizabeth Collins attended Wadham College listed in *Alumni Oxonienses* s. Barfoot of Shrivenham cleric. Wadham Coll. matric 5 June 1806 aged 18.

In 1825 William Collins Colton of Middle Hill, Box Wilts and William Gardiner of Exeter College were appointed the trustees of the marriage settlement of Christopher Gerard Rigby Collins and Annabella Mary Gardiner.

*Gentleman's Magazine* 1826 William Collins Colton son of Rev Barfoot Colton late canon residentiary of Salisbury, married Louisa Poyntz second daughter of John Miller late Receiver General for the county of Bedford and niece of General Poyntz At Milton Northamptonshire the Rev W.C. Colton to Louisa Poyntz second daughter of John Miller late Receiver-General and niece of General Poyntz of the 1st Life Guards.