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## *Descendants of William Cooper*

### *Generation No. 1*

#### 1. WILLIAM<sup>1</sup> COOPER He married ELIZABETH.

Children of WILLIAM COOPER and ELIZABETH are:

2. i. NATHAN<sup>2</sup> COOPER, b. Abt. 1742, Leicester, Leicestershire; d. 06 Jun 1827, Leicester, Leicestershire.
- ii. ELIZABETH COOPER, b. Abt. 1743, Leicester, Leicestershire.

More About ELIZABETH COOPER:

Christening: 07 Feb 1743, All Saints, Leicester, Leicestershire

- iii. WILLIAM COOPER, b. Abt. 1744, Leicester, Leicestershire.

More About WILLIAM COOPER:

Christening: 15 Mar 1744, All Saints, Leicester, Leicestershire

- iv. FRANCES COOPER, b. Abt. 1746, Leicester, Leicestershire.

More About FRANCES COOPER:

Christening: 21 Oct 1746, All Saints, Leicester, Leicestershire

- v. JOHN COOPER, b. Abt. 1746, Leicester, Leicestershire; d. 1820, Leicester, Leicestershire.

Notes for JOHN COOPER:

John Cooper is mentioned in the will of his brother, Nathan, dated 1817. He is not mentioned in any of the subsequent codicils dating from 22 January 1822 so it is likely that he died before then.

As his brother was in the Leicester Militia it is likely that he is the lieutenant John Cooper of the Leicester Militia who died at Leicester in 1820 age 75. He received his commission as a lieutenant on 7 March 1790.

The records of St Nicholas, Newcastle upon Tyne show the burial on 10 October 1796 of Eleanor Cooper, illegitimate daughter of Lieutenant Cooper of the Leicester Militia.

More About JOHN COOPER:

Christening: 21 Oct 1746, All Saints, Leicester, Leicestershire

- vi. THOMAS COOPER, b. Abt. 1747, Leicester, Leicestershire.

More About THOMAS COOPER:

Christening: 28 Feb 1747, All Saints, Leicester, Leicestershire

### *Generation No. 2*

2. NATHAN<sup>2</sup> COOPER (*WILLIAM<sup>1</sup>*) was born Abt. 1742 in Leicester, Leicestershire, and died 06 Jun 1827 in Leicester, Leicestershire. He married ESTHER PARK 27 Nov 1795 in St. John, Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland. She was born Abt. 1773, and died Bef. 13 Jan 1832 in Leicester, Leicestershire.

Notes for NATHAN COOPER:

Nathan was commissioned as a Captain Lieutenant of the Leicestershire Militia on 17 June 1776. He was included in the muster rolls and pay lists up to 1820. He became a Captain on 27 April 1811. There was also a John Cooper who was commissioned as a Lieutenant on 7 March 1790, perhaps this was Nathans brother?

His marriage license dated 1795 described him as a Gentleman aged 40.

Nathan Cooper, of Leicester in the county of Leicester, Gentleman, made a long and complicated will dated

23 October 1817. He makes some specific bequests. Unto my wife Esther Cooper, all and singular my household goods and furniture, plate, silver and china. To my son Nathan, my silver tobacco box. To my daughter Julia, my smallest gold watch. To my son William, my silver watch. He makes a specific provision for his daughter, Elizabeth, the wife of William Shaw. His brother, John Cooper, is left £55. In a codicil to his will dated 31 January 1822 Nathan Cooper refers to his daughter Elizabeth, the wife of Lieutenant William Shaw. He also refers to his infant children but does not name them. In a codicil to his will dated August 1823 Nathan Cooper refers to the marriage of his daughter Julia to Jhn Edward Cade. In a codicil to his will dated 18 January 1827 Nathan Cooper makes references to his daughters, Sophia Cooper, Caroline Cooper and Mary Cooper. He also refers to his sons but unfortunately does not name them. In a codicil to his will dated 26 January 1827 Nathan Cooper refers to his daughter, Julia Cade having departed this life leaving two infant daughters, Romana Cade and Harriett Cade. He also refers to their father, John Edward Cade. The will of Nathan Cooper was proved at London on 27 July 1827. He was living in Rutland street, Leicester when he died.  
The inscription on his grave stone reads "Nathan Cooper died 6 June 1827 aged 85. Commissioned with the Leicestershire Militia in 1760."

More About NATHAN COOPER:

Burial: 11 Jun 1827, Leicester, Leicestershire

Christening: 26 Nov 1742, All Saints, Leicester, Leicestershire

Notes for ESTHER PARK:

Esther Parke gave her age as 22 in her wedding license dated 1795. She was living in Rutland street, Leicester when she died.

More About ESTHER PARK:

Burial: 13 Jan 1832, Leicester, Leicestershire

More About NATHAN COOPER and ESTHER PARK:

Marriage: 27 Nov 1795, St. John, Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumberland

Children of NATHAN COOPER and ESTHER PARK are:

3. i. ELIZABETH<sup>3</sup> COOPER, b. 16 Nov 1794, Newmarket St. Mary, Suffolk; d. 18 Aug 1879, Geraldton, Western Australia, Australia.
4. ii. JULIA COOPER, b. 05 Oct 1797, St. Margaret's Leicester, Leicestershire; d. Abt. 1826.
- iii. WILLIAM COOPER, b. 20 Mar 1799, St. Margaret's Leicester, Leicestershire; d. Bet. 1817 - 1822.

Notes for WILLIAM COOPER:

William was mentioned in a his fathers will dated 1817 and 1822.

More About WILLIAM COOPER:

Christening: 26 Mar 1799, St. Margaret's Leicester, Leicestershire

5. iv. NATHAN COOPER, b. 19 Jan 1802, St. Margaret's Leicester, Leicestershire; d. Bet. Jan - Mar 1870, Chealsea, London.
6. v. CAROLINE COOPER, b. 16 Aug 1803, St. Margaret's Leicester, Leicestershire; d. Bet. Apr - Jun 1883, Blaby, Leicestershire.
7. vi. SOPHIA COOPER, b. Abt. 1806, Dover, Kent; d. 02 Feb 1874, Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire.
8. vii. MARY COOPER, b. Bef. 17 Apr 1811, Hastings, Sussex.
9. viii. PETER COOPER, b. 08 Jun 1814, Liverpool, Lancashire, England; d. 06 Jul 1854, Appleby, Leicestershire.

*Generation No. 3*

**3.** ELIZABETH<sup>3</sup> COOPER (NATHAN<sup>2</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>1</sup>) was born 16 Nov 1794 in Newmarket St. Mary, Suffolk, and died 18 Aug 1879 in Geraldton, Western Australia, Australia. She married WILLIAM SHAW 08 Apr 1813 in Dublin, Ireland. He was born 10 Jun 1788 in Liverpool, Lancashire, England, and died 05 May 1862 in Upper Swan, Western Australia, Australia.

Notes for ELIZABETH COOPER:

Elizabeth was also called Eliza or Betsy. There are several of Elizabeth's personal documents, including diaries, correspondence and photographs, in the state library of Western Australia. She is remembered as a botanical painter and writer and was interested in the natural sciences, writing long letters to her Leicestershire friend, Ellen Waghorne, on the curious flora and fauna, geological structures and indigenous inhabitants of her new home. She was an excellent pianist and needlewoman (a youthful sampler of 1803 survives) and painted watercolour specimens of native flowers. She taught her daughter, Elizabeth, to play piano on a neighbour's grand piano and the younger children went to a local brushwood school. One of her early letters describes their original plaster and dab home, a structure 39 by 12 feet divided into three rooms by canvas partitions. The main room having a fireplace and two small gothic windows purchased in Leicestershire. Her sketch of the cottage drawn in 1831 shows it with a trellised kitchen behind.

More About ELIZABETH COOPER:

Christening: 17 Nov 1794, Newmarket St. Mary, Suffolk

Notes for WILLIAM SHAW:

William Shaw was an army man, he fought at Waterloo (The battle of Waterloo was in 1815.), served in the rifle brigade and was a captain in the Leicestershire militia. Ensign Wm Shaw of the Leicester militia became second lieutenant on 25 Feb 1813 and joined the 95th regiment of foot. He is listed at this rank and regiment in the 1814 and 1815 army lists, in the 1818 army list he is a 1st lieutenant in the rifle brigade, he achieved this rank on 26 June 1817. In the 1821 army list he is listed on half pay. He remained on half pay until the 1829 list, when he emigrated to Australia. He is not mentioned in the army lists after 1829. He arrived in Western Australia on the ship Egyptian on 13 Feb 1830 with his wife, Elizabeth and 6 children. A further 3 children were born in Australia. A letter written by Peter Cooper Hardy in 1907 indicates that William was "the first police magistrate in Perth and Hobart under Sir John Franklin, afterwards he moved to Bellview (sic), Upper Swan." He was granted 7,000 acres in the Avon district and 1,000 acres in the Swan River Colony which he named Belvoir.

More About WILLIAM SHAW and ELIZABETH COOPER:

Marriage: 08 Apr 1813, Dublin, Ireland

Children of ELIZABETH COOPER and WILLIAM SHAW are:

- i. NATHANIEL CHAPMAN<sup>4</sup> SHAW, b. 24 Jun 1816, Howth, Dublin, Ireland; d. 15 Apr 1852, Bunbury, Western Australia, Australia.
- ii. CHARLES WILLIAM SHAW, b. Abt. 1818, Shorncliffe, Kent; d. 10 Nov 1830, Upper Swan, Western Australia.

Notes for CHARLES WILLIAM SHAW:

Charles and his brother Frederick drowned in an accident ten months after arriving in Australia.

- iii. ELIZABETH CAROLINE SHAW, b. 23 Apr 1820, Leicester, Leicestershire; d. 30 Mar 1873, Dandaragan, Western Australia, Australia; m. FRANCIS WHITFIELD, Jul 1843, Upper Swan, Western Australia, Australia.

More About FRANCIS WHITFIELD and ELIZABETH SHAW:

Marriage: Jul 1843, Upper Swan, Western Australia, Australia

- iv. FREDERICK JAMES SHAW, b. Abt. 1823, Leicester, Leicestershire; d. 10 Nov 1830, Upper Swan, Western Australia.

Notes for FREDERICK JAMES SHAW:

Frederick and his brother Charles drowned in an accident 10 months after arriving in Australia.

More About FREDERICK JAMES SHAW:

Christening: 23 Aug 1823, Thrussington, Leicester

- v. MARY LOUISA BIRDSALE SHAW, b. 08 Dec 1825, Birstall, Leicester; d. 19 Oct 1918, Toodyay,

Western Australia, Australia; m. JOHN NICOL DRUMMOND, Feb 1852, Western Australia.

More About MARY LOUISA BIRDSALE SHAW:  
Christening: 23 Jan 1826, Birstall, Leicester

More About JOHN DRUMMOND and MARY SHAW:  
Marriage: Feb 1852, Western Australia

- vi. GEORGE EDWARD SHAW, b. 03 Jul 1828, Leicester, Leicestershire; d. 09 Dec 1875, Upper Swan, Western Australia, Australia.

Notes for GEORGE EDWARD SHAW:  
George is said to have had a son, Willy Shaw, with an aboriginal women, Mary Ballapon, from the Nyoongar tribe.

More About GEORGE EDWARD SHAW:  
Christening: 17 Aug 1828, Thrussington, Leicester

- vii. LUCY ELLEN SHAW, b. 27 Jan 1832, Upper Swan, Western Australia, Australia; d. Jan 1905, Geraldton, Western Australia, Australia; m. MAJOR LOGUE, 03 Apr 1856, Western Australia.

More About MAJOR LOGUE and LUCY SHAW:  
Marriage: 03 Apr 1856, Western Australia

- viii. ROBERT CASSON SHAW, b. 04 Mar 1834, Upper Swan, Western Australia, Australia; d. 24 Mar 1919, Australia; m. LUCY STEELE.

Notes for ROBERT CASSON SHAW:  
About 1861 Bob was being sued by Mary Bray for the maintenance of her illegitimate child.

- ix. HESTER FRANCIS SHAW, b. Abt. 1838, Upper Swan, Western Australia, Australia; d. Abt. 1929, Northam, Western Australia, Australia; m. JAMES MCLEAN DEMPSTER, 1880, Western Australia.

More About JAMES DEMPSTER and HESTER SHAW:  
Marriage: 1880, Western Australia

4. JULIA<sup>3</sup> COOPER (*NATHAN*<sup>2</sup>, *WILLIAM*<sup>1</sup>) was born 05 Oct 1797 in St. Margaret's Leicester, Leicestershire, and died Abt. 1826. She married JOHN EDWARD CADE 27 Sep 1821 in St. Margaret's Leicester, Leicestershire, son of JAMES CADE and ANNA WRIGHT. He was born Bef. 26 Jun 1798 in Spondon, Derbyshire, and died 1848 in Melbourne, Australia.

More About JULIA COOPER:  
Burial: 20 Jan 1827, St Martins, Leicester  
Christening: 11 Oct 1797, St. Margaret's Leicester, Leicestershire

Notes for JOHN EDWARD CADE:  
John was on a list of 469 voters who qualified by freehold in the River Plenty electors list, district of Bourke, Melbourne, Australia published on 8 Aug 1845 by the Melbourne courier.

More About JOHN EDWARD CADE:  
Christening: 26 Jun 1798, Spondon, Derbyshire

More About JOHN CADE and JULIA COOPER:  
Marriage: 27 Sep 1821, St. Margaret's Leicester, Leicestershire

Children of JULIA COOPER and JOHN CADE are:

- i. ANNA ROMANA<sup>4</sup> CADE, b. Abt. 1822, Leicester, Leicestershire; d. 1895, Tarraville, Victoria, Australia; m. DAVID DUNCAN.

More About ANNA ROMANA CADE:  
Christening: 06 Jan 1823, Leicester, Leicestershire

- ii. HARRIETT WRIGHT CADE, b. Abt. 1825; d. 1913, South Fitzroy, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia; m. JOHN THOMAS FURNISS, 14 Jan 1843, Melbourne, New South Wales, Australia.

More About JOHN FURNISS and HARRIETT CADE:  
Marriage: 14 Jan 1843, Melbourne, New South Wales, Australia

5. NATHAN<sup>3</sup> COOPER (*NATHAN*<sup>2</sup>, *WILLIAM*<sup>1</sup>) was born 19 Jan 1802 in St. Margaret's Leicester, Leicestershire, and died Bet. Jan - Mar 1870 in Chelsea, London. He married ELEANOR BATTAMS 12 Aug 1834 in Clerkenwell, Middlesex. She died Bet. 1838 - 1851.

Notes for NATHAN COOPER:

In the 1841 census Nathan was living in Warwickshire with his 4 year old daughter, Ellen. He was described as an artist his other daughter, Mary was not with them. In the 1851 census he was a widower, living in Leicester with his two daughters and was described as a portrait and animal painter.

More About NATHAN COOPER:  
Christening: 24 Jan 1802, St. Margaret's Leicester, Leicestershire

More About NATHAN COOPER and ELEANOR BATTAMS:  
Marriage: 12 Aug 1834, Clerkenwell, Middlesex

Children of NATHAN COOPER and ELEANOR BATTAMS are:

- i. ELLEN<sup>4</sup> COOPER, b. Abt. 1836, Leicester, Leicestershire.

Notes for ELLEN COOPER:

Ellen and Mary never married and lived together in London. In the 1861 census they were still living with their father in Kensington and were described as artists. In the 1871 census they were living in lodgings in Chelsea and were described as photographic portrait painters. In the 1881 census they were described as having dividends from good stock and in the 1891 and 1901 census they were described as living on their own means.

- ii. MARY COOPER, b. 14 Sep 1838, Chelsea, London.

6. CAROLINE<sup>3</sup> COOPER (*NATHAN*<sup>2</sup>, *WILLIAM*<sup>1</sup>) was born 16 Aug 1803 in St. Margaret's Leicester, Leicestershire, and died Bet. Apr - Jun 1883 in Blaby, Leicestershire. She married GEORGE JULIAN DIBBEN 17 Dec 1834 in Birmingham, Warwickshire. He was born Abt. 1811 in Leicester, Leicestershire, and died 02 Aug 1891 in Leicester, Leicestershire.

Notes for CAROLINE COOPER:

In a codicil to his will dated 18 January 1827 Nathan Cooper refers to his daughter Caroline Cooper. She was therefore living and unmarried at this date. Her nephew, Peter Cooper Hardy, mentions her in a letter dated 1907 as having married major (or mayor?) Shaw of Bristol who moved to Upper Swan. He has clearly confused Caroline with her sister, Elizabeth, who married Lieutenant William Shaw who moved to Upper Swan.

A book about Caroline's sister, Elizabeth Shaw, "To be heirs forever" by Mary Durack, indicates that Caroline died in Chelmsford, Essex before 1862. This is not correct, perhaps it refers to another sister.

More About CAROLINE COOPER:  
Christening: 21 Aug 1803, St. Margaret's Leicester, Leicestershire

More About GEORGE DIBBEN and CAROLINE COOPER:  
Marriage: 17 Dec 1834, Birmingham, Warwickshire

Children of CAROLINE COOPER and GEORGE DIBBEN are:

- i. GEORGE JULIAN<sup>4</sup> DIBBEN, b. Abt. 1836, Leicester, Leicestershire.
- ii. LUCY CAROLINE DIBBEN, b. Bef. 26 Apr 1837, Leicester, Leicestershire.
- iii. EMMA DIBBEN, b. Bef. 23 Sep 1838, Belgrave, Leicestershire.
- iv. ELEANOR DIBBEN, b. Bef. 27 Nov 1839, Leicester, Leicestershire.
- v. LUCY CAROLINE DIBBEN, b. Bef. 21 Apr 1841, Leicester, Leicestershire.
- vi. EDWARD BLAKE DIBBEN, b. Bef. 01 Mar 1843, Leicester, Leicestershire.
- vii. FANNY DIBBEN, b. Bef. 28 May 1845, Leicester, Leicestershire.
- viii. ARTHUR DIBBEN, b. Bef. 24 Feb 1847, Leicester, Leicestershire.

7. SOPHIA<sup>3</sup> COOPER (*NATHAN*<sup>2</sup>, *WILLIAM*<sup>1</sup>) was born Abt. 1806 in Dover, Kent, and died 02 Feb 1874 in Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire. She married (1) JOHN HORTON HARDY 16 Oct 1834 in St. Margaret's Leicester, Leicestershire, son of JOSEPH HARDY and ELIZABETH HORTON. He was born 15 May 1791 in Birmingham, Warwickshire, and died 06 Apr 1837 in Birmingham, Warwickshire. She married (2) JOSEPH DIXON Bet. Oct - Dec 1840 in Aston, Warwickshire. He was born Abt. 1799 in Curdworth, Warwickshire, and died Bef. 1871.

Notes for SOPHIA COOPER:

In the 1871 census Sophia is living with her son, Charles and is described as an annuitant.

"18 March 1874 the will of Sophia Dixon late of 20 Guy street Warwick in the county of Warwick widow who died 2 February 1874 at Rickmansworth in the county of Hertford was proved by Thomas Dixon of Rickmansworth Chemist and Druggist the son and Charles Walkinshaw of Birmingham in the said county Accountant Executors." Thomas Dixon was her son and Charles Walkinshaw her son-in-law.

Notes for JOHN HORTON HARDY:

John was a widower from Birmingham.

More About JOHN HARDY and SOPHIA COOPER:

Marriage: 16 Oct 1834, St. Margaret's Leicester, Leicestershire

Notes for JOSEPH DIXON:

Joseph was a maltster and farmer. From the 1841 census it that appears that he had a daughter, Maria, from a previous marriage.

More About JOSEPH DIXON and SOPHIA COOPER:

Marriage: Bet. Oct - Dec 1840, Aston, Warwickshire

Children of SOPHIA COOPER and JOHN HARDY are:

- i. PETER COOPER<sup>4</sup> HARDY, b. 17 Aug 1835, Birmingham, Warwickshire; d. 21 Oct 1915, Colac, Victoria, Australia; m. MARY ANN KYNE, 31 Mar 1862, Melbourne, Australia; b. Abt. 1839, London; d. 01 Apr 1916.

Notes for PETER COOPER HARDY:

Below is a transcript of a letter written by Peter Cooper Hardy in Colac 29 September 1907 when he was 73 years of age. There are some inaccuracies which could be down to transcription errors, poor recollection by Peter, family stories which have been distorted over time or just plain mistakes.

"A true copy of my parents and who they are. I was born 16th August 1836, at Birmingham, England. (St Mary's Square).

My father's name was John Horton Hardy, Esq., gentleman. When he died he was buried in the family vault in the centre aisle, under the pulpit.

My mother was the third daughter of Captain Cooper of Leicester. My grandfather, Captain Cooper of the 3rd Lancers under the Duke of Rutland, my mother being born in Leicester.

My grandfather, Captain Hardy, a true friend of Nelson on board the Victory, where my grandfather was at the time Nelson was shot, he died in my grandfather's arms.

Captain Cooper, my grandfather had two sons - Peter, Dr Cooper of Appleby House, Derbyshire, Nathan, gentleman, of Leicester, also two daughters who were oil painters to our late Queen Victoria at Buckingham Palace where they were indoor residents for years.

My aunt Mary married J C Burton, wool broker, of Warwick. After uncle died John C Richard Burton

went to Sydney and opened a large fancy wool repository in George street, opposite the post office. Aunt Caroline married Mayor Shaw of Bristol and he was the first police magistrate in Perth and Hobart under Sir John Franklin, afterwards he moved to Bellview, Upper Swan.

My sister Julia, 1 year 9 months younger than I, married Charles Walkenshaw, Birmingham, he was mayor of Birmingham.

I was educated at Mr. B???? Castle Bromwich boarding school. I was married at St James, Melbourne, 31st March 1862 to Mary Ann Kyne, eldest daughter of Edward Kyne, Regent Park, London. I have five children.

Sophia Wakefield Hardy - Mrs James Denmead

Minnie Julia Hardy - Mrs R Lochner

Peter Cooper Hardy - my son

Ada Cooper Hardy - Mrs Anderson

Beatrice Maude Hardy - Mrs Emeny"

The information can mostly be verified but with some errors. His grandfather, Captain Cooper served under the Duke of Rutland in the Leicester Militia, not the 3rd Lancers. His paternal grandfather was not the captain Hardy who served with Nelson. The two painters were granddaughters, not daughters of Captain Cooper and it is unlikely that they were residents at Buckingham Palace, the archivist there has no record of them. It is unlikely that his aunt Caroline married a mayor Shaw, he is refering to his aunt Elizabeth who married a lieutenant Shaw who moved to Belvoir, Upper Swan. Charles Walkenshaw does not appear in a list of the mayors of Birmingham.

Peter arrived in Melbourne, Australia on 31 August 1857.

More About PETER COOPER HARDY:

Christening: 10 Sep 1835, Birmingham, Warwick

More About PETER HARDY and MARY KYNE:

Marriage: 31 Mar 1862, Melbourne, Australia

- ii. JULIA SOPHIA HARDY, b. 08 Feb 1837, Birmingham, Warwickshire; d. Bet. Oct - Nov 1906, Reading, Berkshire; m. CHARLES WALKINSHAW, 1860, Aston, Warwickshire; b. Abt. 1835, Birmingham, Warwickshire.

More About JULIA SOPHIA HARDY:

Christening: 02 Mar 1837, Birmingham, Warwick

Notes for CHARLES WALKINSHAW:

In the 1881 census Charles was a general manager in a chemical works. He was an executor of the will of his mother in law, Sophia Cooper.

More About CHARLES WALKINSHAW and JULIA HARDY:

Marriage: 1860, Aston, Warwickshire

Children of SOPHIA COOPER and JOSEPH DIXON are:

- iii. CHARLES COOPER<sup>4</sup> DIXON, b. Abt. 1841, Curdworth, Warwickshire; d. Bet. Apr - Jun 1892, Birmingham, Warwickshire.

More About CHARLES COOPER DIXON:

Christening: 12 Oct 1841, Curdworth, Warwickshire

- iv. THOMAS DIXON, b. Abt. 1843, Curdworth, Warwickshire.

Notes for THOMAS DIXON:

In the 1851 census Thomas was staying with his half sister, Maria, a school mistress, and was described as her cousin. In the 1861 census he was boarding with John Williams, a chemist and druggist, to whom he was apprenticed. He was a chemist and druggist in subsequent census. His mother was staying with him when she died in 1874.

More About THOMAS DIXON:

Christening: 19 Jul 1843, Curdworth, Warwickshire

- v. NATHAN COOPER DIXON, b. Bet. Apr - Jun 1845, Curdworth, Warwickshire; d. 06 Sep 1877, Tipton,

Staffordshire.

**8. MARY<sup>3</sup> COOPER** (*NATHAN<sup>2</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>1</sup>*) was born Bef. 17 Apr 1811 in Hastings, Sussex. She married (2) **JOHN PALMER BURTON** 17 Dec 1835 in Birmingham. He was born Abt. 1809 in Warwick, Warwickshire, and died Bef. 22 Feb 1853 in Rothley, Leicestershire.

Notes for MARY COOPER:

Mary was a widow and described as a dressmaker in the 1861 census. Her sons, William, Frederick and Richard were living with her.

Notes for JOHN PALMER BURTON:

In the 1851 census John is described as a worsted spinner. In a letter written by Peter Cooper Hardy is the following extract: "My aunt Mary married J.C. Burton, wool broker of Warwick. After uncle died John C Richard Burton went to Sydney and opened a large, fancy wool repository in George street, opposite the post office."

More About JOHN PALMER BURTON:

Burial: 22 Feb 1853, Rothley, Leicestershire

More About JOHN BURTON and MARY COOPER:

Marriage: 17 Dec 1835, Birmingham

Child of MARY COOPER is:

- i. **RICHARD<sup>4</sup> BURTON**, b. 1858, Coleshill, Warwickshire.

Children of MARY COOPER and JOHN BURTON are:

- ii. **REBECCA<sup>4</sup> BURTON**, b. 1838, Warwick, Warwickshire.

More About REBECCA BURTON:

Christening: 27 Oct 1838, Warwick, Warwickshire

- iii. **JOHN BURTON**, b. 1840, Warwick, Warwickshire.

More About JOHN BURTON:

Christening: 18 Jul 1840, Warwick, Warwickshire

- iv. **MARY ESTHER BURTON**, b. 1842, Warwick, Warwickshire.

More About MARY ESTHER BURTON:

Christening: 06 Jul 1842, Warwick, Warwickshire

- v. **JULIA BURTON**, b. 1845, Leicester.
- vi. **WILLIAM C BURTON**, b. 1846, Leicester.

Notes for WILLIAM C BURTON:

William was described as a 15 year old glass stainer in the 1861 census.

- vii. **FREDERIC ARTHUR BURTON**, b. 1850, Rothley, Leicestershire.

**9. PETER<sup>3</sup> COOPER** (*NATHAN<sup>2</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>1</sup>*) was born 08 Jun 1814 in Liverpool, Lancashire, England, and died 06 Jul 1854 in Appleby, Leicestershire. He married **MARY JEKEN KINGSFORD** 19 Aug 1841 in Hackney, Middlesex, daughter of **KENNETT KINGSFORD** and **MARY JEKEN**. She was born Jan 1818 in Beeleigh, Maldon, Essex, and died 05 Jul 1910.

Notes for PETER COOPER:

Peter Cooper was born 8 June 1814 in Liverpool, Lancashire. We know he was born in Liverpool from the



1851 census. We have the date from his application to the Society of Apothecaries; which also tells us that his father was Nathan Cooper of Leicester. His marriage certificate confirms Nathan Cooper as his father. A search of all church records in Liverpool has failed to reveal any record of the birth or christening of Peter Cooper. He was just 13 when his father died in 1827 and his mother died in 1832 when he was 17. On 30 November 1833 he became an apprentice Apothecary. See below. He was apprenticed to Joseph Wright Cade, the brother of John Edward Cade who married Peter's sister, Julia.

In May 1835 he commenced lectures for 21 months at University College Hospital (London?). See below. On 27 April 1838 Peter Cooper was admitted to membership of the Royal College of Surgeons. The entry of his name in the members list ceases after 1843 when his name is included in a list of Members who have made no return of their place of residence. On 3 January 1839 Peter Cooper became a Licentiate of the Society of Apothecaries (LSA). This is an extract from his application:

"Mr Peter Cooper, candidate for a certificate of qualification. Son of Nathan Cooper, late of Leicester, deceased. An apprentice to Mr Joseph Wright Cade of Breaston In Co. of Derby, Apothecary for 5 years. Indenture dated 30 November 1833. Testimonial of moral character Mr Cade. Age Dec(lared) Born 8th June 1814. Lectures commenced May 1835. 21 months attendance at University College Hospital."

In the 1841 census Peter Cooper is living on his own (with one servant) in Appleby, Leicestershire. His occupation is given as Surgeon. On 19 August 1841 Peter Cooper married Mary Jeken Kingsford in the Parish Church of South Hackney, Middlesex. He was of full age, occupation Surgeon, residence Appleby, Leicestershire. Father Nathan Cooper, Officer. The marriage was by license. There is no further information on the License application, which is dated 18 August 1841, only one day before the wedding. The witnesses were all Kingsfords. It seems likely that the couple met during Peter's time at University College Hospital.

In 1845 Peter Cooper became a member of the Royal College of Physicians.

In the 1847 Provincial Medical Directory was the following entry:

"Cooper, Peter, Appleby, Leicestershire. Physician and Surgeon. Roy. Coll. Phys. Lond. 1845; MRC(Member of Royal College of Surgeons) 1838: LSA 1839. In practise with J Taylor in Appleby."

Peter Cooper appeared in this directory every year from 1845 until 1854. In the 1851 census for Appleby, Leicestershire, Peter Cooper is the head of a large household with his wife, 5 children, 2 visitors and 6 servants. His occupation is given as Physician, Surgeon and General Practitioner. He is listed as 37 years old, which ties in with an 1814 date of birth. Peter Cooper made a very simple will on 8 April 1851:

This is the last will and Testament of me, Peter Cooper of Appleby in the county of Leicestershire, M.D. I devise and bequeath all my here and present estate unto my dear wife, Mary Jeken Cooper absolutely and I appoint my said wife sole executor of this my will and testament, which I have executed by my hand this eighth day of April in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty one. The will was proved in London on 6 June 1855. On 6 July 1854 Peter Cooper was to die tragically from brain disease, in Appleby, leaving a heavily pregnant wife with six children.

More About PETER COOPER:

Burial: 11 Jul 1854, Appleby, Leicestershire

Notes for MARY JEKEN KINGSFORD:

Mary's address on her marriage certificate was Tryons Place, presumably in South Hackney. After the wedding she moved to Appleby, Leicestershire, where her Doctor husband lived. After she was widowed she continued to live in Appleby with her children for some years, she was listed as living in Appleby in Whites 1857 directory of Derbyshire and is still in Appleby in the 1861 census. By the 1881 census she had moved to Kent to live with some widowed/unmarried aunts and cousins.

In the 1901 census she was living on her own, with a servant, in Lambeth and was described as living on her own means.

More About PETER COOPER and MARY KINGSFORD:

Marriage: 19 Aug 1841, Hackney, Middlesex

Children of PETER COOPER and MARY KINGSFORD are:

- i. MARY KINGSFORD<sup>4</sup> COOPER, b. 24 Jul 1842, Appleby, Leicestershire; d. 23 May 1920, Dishforth, Yorkshire; m. SAMUEL ARNOTT, 30 Sep 1874, Appleby, Leicestershire; b. 23 Nov 1846, Plumbland, Cumberland; d. Bet. Oct - Dec 1916, Yorkshire.

Notes for MARY KINGSFORD COOPER:

Rachel Rawlinson nee Arnott has in her possession a passport belonging to Mary Kingsford Cooper which shows that she visited Canada when she was 17 (1860?). She was not living at home in the 1861 census, nor was her brother, William perhaps he had gone to Canada with her. She is said to have come from an upper class medical family. Rosemary Hills nee Arnott has inherited a salt spoon with a family crest on it which came from Mary. In her old age she is said to have consorted with gypsies. The age she gave in both the 1881 and 1891 census was 4 years younger than her actual age.

More About MARY KINGSFORD COOPER:

Christening: 14 Sep 1842, Appleby, Leicestershire

Notes for SAMUEL ARNOTT:

Samuel was an assistant master at a school in Holbrook, Suffolk in the 1871 census. In Bulmer's directory of 1890 there is an entry for Topcliffe Township, "Free Grammar School; Samuel Arnott, Master". He is described as a schoolmaster, Topcliffe in the 1891 census and as an undergraduate of London University and schoolmaster, living in Topcliffe, in the 1881 census. Shortly after 1891 he lost his position as master of the little school in the churchyard at Topcliffe because of the actions of "the bad old vicar" (per KKA, son) and turned to innkeeping for a livelihood. People used to come out from York in carriages. It may have been near a river. In the 1901 census he was a licensed victualler in Newton upon Ouse. He could speak Russian and assisted with horse imports from Russia in WW1. (per KKA, son)

More About SAMUEL ARNOTT and MARY COOPER:

Marriage: 30 Sep 1874, Appleby, Leicestershire

- ii. WILLIAM KENNETT COOPER, b. 11 Feb 1844, Appleby, Leicestershire; d. 13 Jun 1872, Appleby, Derbyshire.

Notes for WILLIAM KENNETT COOPER:

William has not yet been found in the 1861 census. In the 1871 census he was staying in a boarding house in Lambeth, London and was unmarried, he was described as a corn merchant. He was also described as a corn merchant on his death certificate.

More About WILLIAM KENNETT COOPER:

Cause of Death: Cerebral disease

Christening: 25 Jun 1844, Appleby, Leicestershire

- iii. FREDERICK KINGSFORD COOPER, b. 29 Nov 1846, Appleby, Leicestershire; d. 10 Apr 1913, Littlehampton, Sussex; m. CATHERINE WARD, 11 Nov 1869, Christchurch, New Zealand.

More About FREDERICK KINGSFORD COOPER:

Christening: 25 Apr 1847, Appleby, Leicestershire

More About FREDERICK COOPER and CATHERINE WARD:

Marriage: 11 Nov 1869, Christchurch, New Zealand

- iv. JOHN JEKEN COOPER, b. 15 Jun 1848, Appleby, Leicestershire; d. 16 Mar 1905, Malaga, Spain; m. MARGARET JANE GARDEN, 07 May 1879, Dalton in Furness, Lancashire; b. Abt. 1856, Dalton in Furness, Lancashire.

Notes for JOHN JEKEN COOPER:

John died of tuberculosis in Malaga, Spain.

Inscription in the English cemetery in Malaga, Spain, "John Jeken Cooper, died 16th March 1905, aged 56 years. The third son of Mary Jeken and the late Dr. Peter Cooper of Appleby, Leicestershire. Erected by his wife, mother, brother and sisters."

From the probate register "Cooper John Jeken of Hacienda de Giro Malaga Spain died 16 March 1905. Probate London 1 August to Margaret Jane Cooper widow. Effects £400."

In the 1861 census John was a pupil boarding at Christs Hospital school in London. In the 1891 census he was a consulting mining engineer and lived in London, two doors down from his brother, Peter. In the 1901 census he is described as a mining engineer. He is listed as a member of the Institute of Mining and Metallurgy 1892-1893.

More About JOHN JENEN COOPER:  
Burial: 17 Mar 1905, Malaga, Spain  
Christening: 02 Mar 1849, Appleby, Leicestershire

More About MARGARET JANE GARDEN:  
Christening: 29 Jun 1856, Dalton in Furness, Lancashire

More About JOHN COOPER and MARGARET GARDEN:  
Marriage: 07 May 1879, Dalton in Furness, Lancashire

- v. EMMA FRANCES COOPER, b. 23 Nov 1850, Appleby, Leicestershire; d. 01 Feb 1939, Upper Norwood, Surrey.

Notes for EMMA FRANCES COOPER:  
In the 1901 census Emma was unmarried and living with the family of her sister Annette in Eastbourne.

More About EMMA FRANCES COOPER:  
Christening: 09 Jan 1851, Appleby, Leicestershire

- vi. ANNETTE COOPER, b. 09 Jul 1852, Appleby, Leicestershire; d. Bet. Oct - Dec 1945, Eastbourne, Sussex; m. HENRY DENT GARDNER, Bet. Jan - Mar 1880, Dartford, Kent; b. Abt. 1848, Kensington; d. Bet. Jul - Sep 1922, East Sussex.

Notes for HENRY DENT GARDNER:  
Henry was a clock manufacturer. In the 1901 census he is described as a retired chronometer maker.

More About HENRY GARDNER and ANNETTE COOPER:  
Marriage: Bet. Jan - Mar 1880, Dartford, Kent

- vii. PETER COOPER, b. 03 Aug 1854, Appleby, Leicestershire; d. 1926, Kent; m. CLARISSA BROCKBANK, 09 Jul 1879, Liverpool, Lancashire, England; b. 27 Sep 1855, Liverpool, Lancashire, England; d. 27 Mar 1930.

Notes for PETER COOPER:  
Peter was born one month after the death of his father but despite never knowing him, he followed in his father's footsteps. In the 1881 census he was a General Practitioner in Lee, Kent. In the 1891 and 1901 census he was living in Greenwich.

More About PETER COOPER:  
Christening: 21 Sep 1854, Appleby, Leicestershire

More About PETER COOPER and CLARISSA BROCKBANK:  
Marriage: 09 Jul 1879, Liverpool, Lancashire, England