

CHILDREN OF RICHARD JOHNSON DAVENTRY AND ANN ASHWORTH

(Notes by Jan Wood, 26 Oct 2005)

1. Richard Whitfield ASHWORTH the oldest son of Richard and Ann ASHWORTH, was born on 5 November 1803,¹ probably at Pendleton, in the Borough of Salford, and was named after his father Richard and his uncle John WHITFIELD, a London merchant. He was known as “Whitfield” to the family.

Attended Manchester Grammar, Rugby School, Trinity College, Cambridge, Brasenose College Oxford, but did not take out a degree before he died. He died at Cheltenham on May 23, 1823 according to the Manchester Grammar School register;² or on May 29, 1826, according to the probate calendar of 1873, and an entry in the family papers in Baxter and Somerville solicitors’ collection at Doncaster Archives; or on May 23, 1828 at Cheltenham, according to the entry in *Alumni Cantabrigiensis Part II, 1752-1900*.³ He was buried in the parish churchyard at Cheltenham.⁴

Administration of his effects was granted 47 years later on 5 December, 1873 to his younger brother William Evans ASHWORTH.

2. Thomas Alfred ASHWORTH the son of Richard Johnson Daventry and Ann ASHWORTH, and commonly known as “Alfred”, was born on January 1, 1805⁵ at Manchester, Lancashire.⁶ After his brother died he was the main heir to his father’s and mother’s estates, though annuities were paid to all of ‘Alfred’s’ siblings and many of their offspring under a family settlement.

‘Alfred’ attended Trinity College, Cambridge. In about 1829-1830, he married Harriet ?HALSTEAD who had been born in Manchester in about 1803. Became a clergyman and was Vicar of St Johns, Farnworth, in Deane Parish, Lancashire, from 21 April, 1831 and possibly through to sometime in 1836.⁷ Left the Church of England to join the sect of the Irvingites [the Catholic Apostolic Church] in about 1836, before moving from the Liverpool area to London sometime soon after 1839. By 1851 Harriet and Thomas Alfred were no longer living together – probably because he had already gone insane and was in a lunatic asylum. Thomas ‘Alfred’ ASHWORTH was probably a resident at *Moorcroft House*, a private lunatic asylum, at Hillingdon in Middlesex in 1871, and definitely when the census was taken in 1881.⁸ I suspect that he may have already been there in 1851. He lived there for the rest of his life.

Note that his mother Ann ASHWORTH nee MACAULAY seems to have suffered mental illness at some stage in the 1840s, and her great aunt GIBSON was described as a lunatic. ‘Alfred’ and Harriet’s son Horatio also died in the same lunatic asylum as his father.

¹ *Rugby School Register*, annotated, 1675-1842, p. 195, states that Richard entered the school aged 13 in January 1817, and his birthday was 5 November. See also J. Venn and J.A. Venn, *Alumni Cantabrigiensis Part II, 1752-1900* (Vol. 1: A-C), where he is described as matriculating in Feb 1823 from Brasenose College Oxford, aged 19

² *Manchester School Register, III, part I*, Chetham Society, p. 66

³ Refs given in *Alumni Cantabrigiensis Part II, 1752-1900* are *Alumni Oxoniensis; Rugby School Register; Manchester School Register, III*, 66; Probate Calendar, 1873.

⁴ *Manchester School Register, III, part I*, Chetham Society, p. 66

⁵ *Rugby School Register*, annotated, 1675-1842, p. 195, states that Thomas Alfred entered the school aged 12 in January 1817, and his birthday was 1 January.

⁶ *Alumni Cantabrigiensis Part II, 1752-1900* (Vol. 1: A-C)

⁷ Joseph Foster, *Index Ecclesiasticus*, 1800-1840.

⁸ 1881 census surname index.

Thomas Alfred died on February 5, 1884, aged 79 years⁹ at *Moorcroft House*. He was named on his death certificate as 'Alfred' ASHWORTH, aged 80.¹⁰ He was buried in Hampstead Cemetery.

Reverend Thomas Alfred ASHWORTH'S will, written in 1834, was proved a month after his death, on 8 March 1884, by his widow Harriet ASHWORTH, who was living at Crown Lodge, Haverstock Hill, Hampstead, Middlesex. His personal estate was valued at £4,750.0.5d.¹¹

They had at least five children. Three married and had children.

3. William Evans ASHWORTH the third son of Richard and Ann ASHWORTH was born between 1805 and 1809 at Salford, Lancashire. He remained a bachelor,¹² and lived in various lodgings in Southport, Lancashire, for most of his life. He did not seem to work, but was described as a gentleman and lived on his own means. William Evans ASHWORTH was the executor of his father Richard ASHWORTH'S will; and his mother Anne ASHWORTH'S will in September 1867. He was also administrator of his brother Whitfield ASHWORTH'S effects on 5 December, 1873,¹³ and the administrator of the effects of his brother Charles Howard ASHWORTH on 6 August 1874.

William Evans ASHWORTH died on 17 February 1894. His will was proved on 17 July 1894 by his nephew, the Reverend Thomas Alfred STOWELL.¹⁴

4. Anne Susannah Lacey ASHWORTH the daughter of Richard and Ann ASHWORTH was born in about 1807-1810 at Pendleton, Lancashire.

You know the history of your own line so I will only add the following in case any of it is new:

In 1861 when the census was taken, the Reverend Hugh STOWELL, aged 61, Rector of Christ Church, Salford, was living at 11 Gore Crescent, Pendleton, in the parish of St Mary's Eccles, with his wife Anne S. STOWELL aged 51, four of their daughters, their fatherless niece Harriett HAUGHTON, and three servants.¹⁵

Canon Hugh STOWELL'S 64 year old widow Anne was living at 132 Bolton Road, Pendleton in the ecclesiastical parish of St Thomas and the town of Salford, Lancashire, when the census was taken in 1871. Her unmarried daughter 'Sophia', aged 34, was at home with her, and they employed a live-in cook and a female servant to care for them.¹⁶

In 1881, when the census was taken, Anne was a '72' year old widow, living at Oak Cottage, Singleton Road, Broughton in Salford, Lancashire with her two unmarried daughters and two servants - a cook and a housemaid.¹⁷

Anne Susannah STOWELL of Oak Cottage, Singleton Road, Higher Broughton in the Borough of Salford died on 23 January 1889 at Oak Cottage. Her will was proved at Manchester in 1889 by the two executors - her son the Reverend Thomas Alfred STOWELL of 46 The Crescent, Salford, and Joseph RICE of Park Hall,

⁹ Death Certificate, Alfred Ashworth.

¹⁰ *Alumni Cantabrigiensis Part II, 1752-1900* (Vol. 1: A-C); Death Certificate, 1884.

¹¹ Will of Thomas Alfred Ashworth, written 1833 [copy purchased from Probate Sub-Registry, York]; Probate Calendar, 1884

¹² 1881 census surname index

¹³ Probate Calendars, 1867 and 1873.

¹⁴ Probate Calendar, 1894.

¹⁵ 1861 census, Lancashire, Pendleton [RG9/2906].

¹⁶ 1871 census, Lancashire, Salford, Pendleton [RG10/4011/114/11].

¹⁷ 1881 census on-line [RG11/3955/70/41]

Hayfield near Stockport in the county of Derbyshire, gentleman. Her effects were valued at £15,938.6s.8d.¹⁸

5. Sarah Maria ASHWORTH the daughter of Richard Daventry Johnson ASHWORTH and his wife Ann, was born in about 1807-8. She married Robert MARTINDALE in about 1835. He had been born in Westminster, London in about 1802 or 1803.¹⁹ They apparently lived at St. Bees in Cumbria in about 1835 to 1836, probably while Robert trained to be a clergyman at St Bees Theological College.²⁰ He held various curacies in Cheshire and Lancashire before moving to London. Robert was the incumbent of St James, Kennington Road, Lambeth, Surrey, from 1844 for a few years. Sarah died young in 1849. In 1850 and 1852, Robert MARTINDALE was listed in the Clergy Lists, but without a cure, but then moved up to Yorkshire and back again to a lectureship and a curacy at St James the Great parish in Bethnal Green, where he was living in 1861.

I don't think that Robert had much money of his own, The Doncaster-based attorney, Mr BAXTER, supervised the MARTINDALE children's finances and organised their education and careers in the later 1850s even though their father was still alive. The MARTINDALES received rents from the ASHWORTH family estate at least up to 1888.

They had at least five children – two sons and three daughters, but it is likely that none of them had any offspring themselves. The older son and all of the daughters did not marry. The younger son's fate is not clear.

6. Percy Macauley ASHWORTH the fourth son of Richard and Ann ASHWORTH was born in about 1810. Percy Macauley was the youngest of the ASHWORTH brothers to attend Manchester Grammar School, being admitted on January 26, 1826. He took part in the speeches of 1826 and 1827, and was admitted as a commoner of Wadham College, Oxford, graduating with a B.A. on 7 Nov 1833 having been awarded the Newdigate Prize in English verse in 1831, the subject of which was *The Suttees*.²¹

He became a barrister at law like his father, and never married.

He died on 10 or 11 Nov 1844, at New Rooms, Lower Bridge Street, Chester, aged 34 years, of delirium tremens, so he was obviously an alcoholic. George Ward, informant, was present at the death.²²

He was buried in Chester, St. John parish churchyard.²³ He was the first boy to be named Percy in the Ashworth family [I think the name comes from the MACAULEY family] and any descendant who bore that name was named after him.

7. Harriet Sophia ASHWORTH the seventh child and third-born daughter of Richard ASHWORTH and his wife Ann was born in about 1812-1813 in Pendleton, Lancashire.²⁴ At the age of about 21 or 22, she was married on 1 July 1834 at Chester Holy Trinity to the Reverend John HAUGHTON, who had been born about 1803 in Tamlaght O'Crilly, County Derry. He was the eldest son of Reverend John HAUGHTON Senior, who had

¹⁸ National Probate calendar, 1889.

¹⁹ 1861 census, Bethnal Green, St James the Great [RG9/258/17/57].

²⁰ *Crockford's Clerical Directory*, 1860 [SOG, London].

²¹ *Admission Register, Manchester School*, ed. Rev. J F Smith, Vol. III (1807-1837, pt II) Chetham Society, Vol 94, 1874.

²² Death certificate, 1844.

²³ Addenda: *Admission Register, Manchester School*, ed. Rev. J F Smith, Vol. III (1807-1837, pt II) Chetham Society, Vol 94, 1874.

²⁴ 1851 census, Yorkshire, Rotherham District, Maltby RD, Hooton Levitt, parish of Maltby

also been born in County Derry in 1774, and who was incumbent of churches in Kensington [London] and Middleton, Lancashire.

Harriet's husband John HAUGHTON Junior was admitted aged 18, as a pensioner to Pembroke College, Oxford in 1821; he was President of the Oxford Union in 1824. He had some younger brothers who attended Manchester Grammar like Harriet's brothers, and who were also all clergymen.

The Reverend John HAUGHTON was the Perpetual Curate of Ainsworth (or Cockey Moor) near Bury in Lancashire, from 1828 to sometime before 1835? [when another incumbent is given].²⁵ He left the Church and joined the sect of the Irvingites, like his brother in law Thomas Alfred ASHWORTH, probably at about the same time.

John and Harriet HAUGHTON lived in Liverpool in the 1840s. Their daughter Harriett was born there. I suspect they had a couple of sons as well, called Henry and Philip, but I cannot prove that yet.

Reverend John HAUGHTON died on January 28, 1848, aged only about 44 years, and was buried at the Parish Church in Kensington, London, where his father had been living when he was a child.²⁶ I am not sure yet when Harriet died. She was still alive in 1851. In 1861 when the census was taken, her daughter 20 year old Harriett HAUGHTON was living at 11 Gore Crescent, Pendleton with her uncle, and aunt, the Reverend Hugh STOWELL, Rector of Christ Church, Salford and his wife Anne Susannah.

8. Charles Howard ASHWORTH the fifth son of Richard ASHWORTH and his wife Ann was born ?

He remained unmarried, and lived at Pendleton, Lancashire, where he had grown up.²⁷ I am not sure what his occupation was. He died in or after 1841 at -----, unmarried and intestate. Administration of his effects was granted to his brother William Evans ASHWORTH of 178 Great Clowes Street, Higher Broughton, Lancs., many years later, on 6 August 1874. His effects were valued at under £200.²⁸

9. Emily ASHWORTH the ninth child and fourth daughter of Richard and Ann ASHWORTH was born between about 1818 and 1821 in Pendleton, Lancashire.²⁹ Emily married Lyons KERANS Esquire, surgeon, probably in 1847, though I cannot find their marriage in English General Register Office marriage indexes. He was from an Irish family, and had been born in Ireland in about 1813 or 1814,³⁰ and they may have married overseas. His brother was the doctor Lawrence Clarke KERANS, M.D of Ahascragh, Galway, Ireland. One of Emily and Lyons' daughters married her first cousin, Dr Lawrence Clarke KERANS' son in 1874, and first cousin Mona STOWELL was one of the witnesses. Emily and Lyons lived in Cheshire and South Yorkshire during the first years of their marriage, always in great style, and accumulated a lot of debts. Emily's elderly mother Ann ASHWORTH lived with her for many years. Lyons KERANS never appeared to practise as a surgeon but lived a gentleman's life, mainly on his mother-in-law's money. Over time they moved to smaller and smaller houses, though they always employed plenty of servants; from Yorkshire they moved to *Fulwood Park*, Aigburth (a suburb of Liverpool) and then by 1861 on to Victoria Terrace, Beaumaris, Anglesey in North Wales.

²⁵ Manchester School Reg, III, Part II, p. 184; *Alumni Cantabrigiensis Part II, 1752-1900* (Vol. III (G-J) p. 288.

²⁶ Manchester School Reg, III, part II, p. 185.

²⁷ Probate Calendar, 1874.

²⁸ Probate Calendar, 1874.

²⁹ 1851 census, Yorkshire, Rotherham District, Maltby RD, Hooton Levitt, parish of Maltby

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Emily KERANS died sometime after 1861. It is possible that she was the woman of that name who died at the age of 53 in the March quarter of 1871. This death was registered in the Registration District of Rugby. Her husband probably outlived her and I suspect that he returned to Ireland.

They had at least six children - 4 sons and 2 daughters. One son was the Conservative Member of Parliament for Lincoln between 1886 and 1892.³¹

10. Frederick Harold ASHWORTH who was probably the sixth and youngest son of Richard and Ann ASHWORTH,³² was born in about 1822-1823 in Pendleton, Lancashire.³³

Like his father, he was a barrister at law and lived as an adult at Salford in Lancashire.

Frederick Harold ASHWORTH was married to Emily [?] JONES³⁴ sometime soon after the census had been taken in March 1851. Emily had been born in Chorley, Lancashire, in about 1828 or 1829. They had at least one surviving child, a son, born in Wigan, Lancashire, in about 1851 or 1852, and named after his father.³⁵

Frederick Harold ASHWORTH wrote his will on 20th November 1858. He died on 8 December 1865 at Pendleton, Lancashire, when he was aged 42 or 43.³⁶

In 1871 when the census was taken, Emily ASHWORTH, a widow aged 43, was living at 32 Sea Bank Road, North Meols, in Southport, Lancashire, with her 19 year old son Frederick H. ASHWORTH, and her nephew and niece, Sarah and Charles KERANS. Emily was living on the proceeds of properties which she was renting out to tenants.³⁷ In 1881, Emily ASHWORTH, widow, was aged 54, and was still living at 32 Sea Bank Road, North Meols, in Southport, Lancashire, with her 29 year old son Frederick H. ASHWORTH – both mother and son were described as of “no occupation”. Living with them were Emily’s two sisters, Annie M. JONES, a spinster [?] aged 66, and Eliza WINSTANLEY, a widow, aged 67 – both born in Chorley.³⁸

³¹ Obituary of son Col. Percy George Kerans, London Times newspaper, 1938

³² Manchester Grammar Register states that Richard and Ann ASHWORTH had six sons altogether.

³³ 1851 census, Yorkshire, Rotherham District, Maltby RD, Hooton Levitt, parish of Maltby

³⁴ In 1881 census, Emily’s sister Annie JONES appears to have been a single woman.

³⁵ 1871 census, Lancashire North Meols twp, Holy Trinity parish, Talbot Ward, Southport [RG10/3874/-/42].

³⁶ Probate Calendar, 1866

³⁷ 1871 census, Lancashire, North Meols twp, Holy Trinity parish, Talbot Ward, Southport [RG10/3874/-/42].

³⁸ 1881 census, Lancashire, North Meols twp, Holy Trinity parish, Talbot Ward, Southport [RG11/3750].