# The Lives of Henry and Rachael's other Children

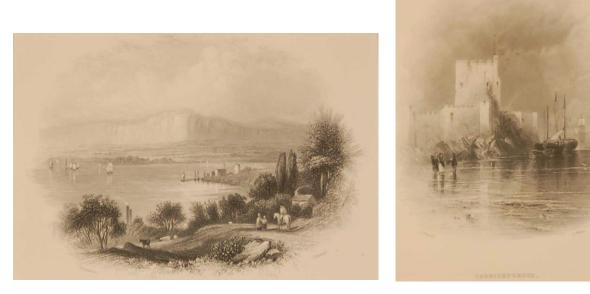
William John Grinton is my great grandfather so he will have a web page to himself. Henry and Rachael had 5 other children and this is what we know of their lives:

## Child 1: Rachael Spears Grinton

Rachael was born in Carrickfergus County Antrim, Ireland on 6<sup>th</sup> June 1851 where her father was a Coastguard. She was baptised on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1851. The family remained in Ireland until Henry's death in 1868 when Rachael would have been 17 years old.

From 1822 when the Coastguard was formed several different departments were responsible for the Coastguards. After 1856 the duties of the Coastguard were defending the coast, providing a reserve for the Royal Navy, and preventing smuggling. [ National Archives <u>https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/coastguard-officers/</u>]

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Members of the [Coastguard] Service were normally recruited from the Royal Navy and early retirement was also the norm unless a man went on for promotion to Officer. Chief But it didn't do

for Coastguards to become too well acquainted with the local people, and they were transferred quite frequently, movement taking place precisely during the period when the men were marrying and their families were being born.[ <a href="https://www.genuki.org.uk/big/Coastguards">https://www.genuki.org.uk/big/Coastguards</a>]. Such was the case with Rachael's family although they tended to stay in County Antrim between Carrickfergus and Larne before moving to Dunany Point when Henry did become Chief Officer.

The initial role of the Coast Guard was that of revenue protection, but as smuggling declined, and after it was transferred to the Admiralty in 1856, the Coast Guard took on the role of defending the coastline and acting as a Naval Reserve. [https://www.fingal.ie/sites/default/files/2021-06/burning-of-coast-guard-stations.pdf]. By the time Rachael was born Henry's role would have been less of a policing of the seas role and perhaps this made it easier for the family to integrate within the community. One would expect that Rachael had an Irish accent.

Carrickfergus has for generations sent men and boys to earn their living at sea. By 1850 the private schools in Carrickfergus offered classes in navigation for "young gentlemen wishing to go to sea". In February 1861 the opening of the National Model School on the Belfast Rd Carrickfergus led to the availability of instruction for the general population. [Carrickfergus across the centuries: А walk through the historic town and harbour. 2020 https://issuu.com/meabc/docs/carrickfergus\_through\_the\_centuries] . I wonder if this means Rachael may have attended the school for a couple of years before the move to Dunany.

Rachael was 17 when Henry died and the family moved back to Gilligham , Chatham England where her Uncles John Walford and Christopher Daines lived. You can imagine she would have been a support for her mother with the raising of her siblings. The photo below of Rachael is an Allison & Allison photo. Photographer Herbert Thackwray Allison, was born in Bradford in 1854. He and his brother came to Ireland in 1881 and set up a photographic business, trading as Allison & Allison, in Belfast, where they had branches at Donegall Square North and Queen's Arcade. Towards the end of the century, as the art and practice of taking photographs developed and expanded, the Allisons spotted a niche in the market outside Belfast and set about establishing country branches in Dundalk (1896), Armagh (1900), Newry, (1903) and Warrenpoint (1905). [https://www.flickr.com/photos/proni/collections/72157627259985069/]. This is too late as Rachael was already in England. Did Samuel and Rachael return to Ireland at some stage? The photo reference could well be Dundalk or Dublin. Their children were born in Luton Kent in 1878 and 1879. If they did return to Ireland then it would have been after 1881 when the Allisons established themselves. Rachael was very beautiful.

In the 1871 Census we see the family living at 122 Newnham St Chatham with Uncle Christopher a boarder as well as a 22 year old gentleman named Samuel Batchelor who was an artisan & well engineer from Frindsbury Kent. [See photo below about that time as it is taken in Chatham]. These photos were courtesy of the Batchelor family and obtained online.



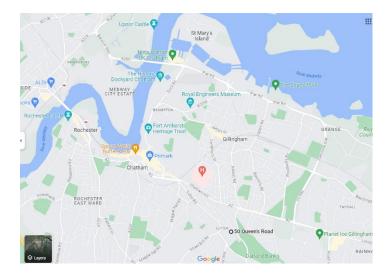
On 24<sup>th</sup> May 1876 Rachael married Samuel at the Parish Church, Gravesend. His occupation at marriage being a well boarer and hers nothing. At the time of marriage Samuel was living in Luton and Rachael in Gravesend. Samuels' father John is an Engineer and Henry is not listed as deceased and his occupation is in the Royal Navy given that by this time the Coastguard had come under the Admiralty. Her married sister Sarah Jones was a witness as was John Nettlingham. We do not know his connection.

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2 years later their first child arrived **William John Batchelor** born 13<sup>th</sup> January 1878 in Luton Kent. Their second child **Ella Batchelor** joined the family on 5<sup>th</sup> July 1879 again born in Luton Kent. More on them in the grandchildren of Henry and Rachael.

The 1881 Census has the family living with grandma **Rachael Daines Grinton** at 51 Queens Rd, Chatham along with my Nana Eva Alice Grinton aged 1 and **Sarah Maria Grinton Jones** and her daughter Ethel aged 3 years. Samuel is 31 yrs old. 50 Queens Rd is now a park or has been built over but you can see what the buildings may have been like below for #51.





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By now the 3 women Rachael Snr, Rachael Jnr and Sarah had been living with each other for 20 years.

In 1901 the 3 women were living at 5 Granville Rd Gravesend and Sarah was heads of the household. Rachael Batchelor was listed as her sister and none of the Batchelor children were present. Ethel Sarah's daughter remained with the women. She was 23 years old.

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4 years later in 1905 we know Samuel is working in Rhodesia as he is shot dead by misadventure. A court case into his death showed us that Samuel had been working in South Africa on the Rand on and off for some time and was well known. Mr Slade who shot him on 12<sup>th</sup> August 1905 had known him since 1888 and they were partners on contracts in the Rand. Testimony says that Samuel has been used to the veld life for years indicating he worked away from England and in tough conditions for years.



The court case essentially says Samuel visited his friend Mr Slade at his Chambers cnr 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Jameson St Bulawayo on night of 12<sup>th</sup> August. Mr Slade's testimony states he had been burgled a number of times prior to that night and purchased a revolver to protect himself. That night the men had been socialising and drinking whisky and Samuel had nowhere specific to sleep so Mr Slade offered him a bed on the floor of his Chambers. Sometime during the night Samuel has gotten up and gone into Mr Slade's bedroom where he was shot by Mr Slade who thought he was a burglar. Mr Slade was found not guilty and Samuel's death was by misadventure. Samuel's funeral took place in Bulawayo on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August and the newspaper The Bulawayo Chronicle reports that mention of his family in England was made. Samuel is buried in Bulawayo cemetery. Rachael clearly came out to Bulawayo as we have a photo of her taken there but it must have been after the death of her husband.

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#### Inquest and Verdict.

The magisterial enquiry was continued on Monday at the Police Court re-Surding the denth of Mr. Sacouel Batchelor, on Suturday morning at Slade's Chambers, situated at the corner of 12th Avenue and Jameson Street, Mr. J. P. de Smidt occupied the bands the bench.

Mr. R. A. Letts (Cecil Roberts and Letts) appeared on behalf of Mr. Slade.

Mrs. Angelina Matthews, the first witness, said that she occupied one of the cottages on Mr. Slade's stand. On Saturday morning, about haif-past three she was disturbed by a revolver shot. Immediately afterwards Mr. Slade passed the window of Iser room and returned with Mr. Heppel. Witness did not know Mr. Batchelor. Dr. W. M. Eaton, the District Surgeon, another witness, said that he was called to Mr. Slade's stand about 5 o'clock on Saturday morning. When he got there, he saw a body lying in Mr. Slade's room. It was afterwards removed to the gaol, and a post-mortem oxamination held about 11 o'clock. Witness at this stage handed in his certificate which

stage handed in his certificate which contained the following: The body presented the following appearance: There was a penetrating wound about half an inch is dism-eter, the edges of which were darkened, on the outer side of the right arm. There were no other signs of injury. On opening the signs of injury. right arm. There were no other signs of injury. On opening the obest, the pleural cavity on the right side was found to contain about two quarts of blood ; the right lung had a circular wound rather more than half an inch in diameter, which penetrated the upper lobe near its lower margin and the lower lobe at its upper margin. The fourth rib on the right side was fractured and was perforated by an opening about the size of that in the lung. Embedded in the spinal casal was a revolver bullet. Death was in my opinion due to injuries to the right lung, spical cord, and internal hermorrhage, the result of a gran about of a gun shot.

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Des scorenee in any way. Detective Delabay also gave evi-dence. He said that a burglary was perpetrated about two months ago at Mr. Slade's room, Mr. Slade, himself hr. Since's room, Mr. Sinde himself losing a purse and some cash, and Mr. Bray, a friend of his, losing several cheques. On the avening of the 28th of July another burglary was reported at the same place, the purse of the several property being taken then amounting in value to over £170. A pane in the window in Mr. Slade's room 'was broken then

Mr. Slade then gave evidence. His statement was as follows: I am a mining contractor and own some property in town. I reside on one of my properties, which is at the corner of Jameson Street and 19th Avenue. During the past few months, some burglaries have been committed there. The first was that to which Detective Delahay referred, a purse and cheques using taken, but the second one was

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Cross-examined: When Mr. Bas-chelor went to bed, he took off his boots. I do not know that he took anything else off. He has been used to a veld life for years. I could not say what awoke me. I did not hear him go out. The moon was abining and there was a light yellow blind on

oots and has after he had been shot. By Mr. de Smidt: What motive could he have had in going out at that time of night? Witness: I am under the impres-

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say into he was accustomed to walk in his sleep ? I do not. There might be someone in Plumtree, where he has heen living for the past two years. This concluded the evidence taken

yesterday before the lunch hour. Mr. Letts submitted that the evidence clearly showed death was due to mis-adventure: Slade and Batchelor had been the greatest friends and backgor had been the greatest friends and there was no question of animus. Slade mistook him for a burglar when he entered the room, and would never have fired the shot if he had had any monimum that the means a back him suspicion that the man was Batchelor. Mr. De Smidt replied that he had been very well satisfied with the manner in which Mr. Slade had given his evidence, but he would like to have further isformation on two points, viz, "Why did Batchelor go at of the room" and "why did he not answer when he was: challenged."

On the resumption of the Court at 2.30 o'clock, Mr. Slade being recalled, said that it had been his experience when Batabelor visited him at other times, for Batabelor to leave the room during the night. When he did so, however, he always left the door open. Mr. J. W. Ross, of the Charter

Mr. J. W. Koss, of the Charter Hotel, another witness, added similar testimony. Batchelor, he said, had been a visitor of his many times when he leased the Fourtain Hotel at Unsure Batchelon more than the at Umguss. Batchelor was ac-customed to leave his room nearly every night for some time, owing to a long standing kidney trouble. Mr. Letts informed the Court that

Mr. Lette informed the Court times be could bring another witness to give similar evidence. On the conclusion of this evidence Mr. de Smidt said that on the additional evidence which had been brought forward he thought that he brought forward he thought that he was quite institut la food in bring-ing in a verdict of 'death by misadvecture (applanae in Coart) from a shot fired from a revolver by Mr. Slade. The charge against Mr. Slade would be cancelled for the researt. The Attenues for the present. The Attorney-General, if he disagreed from his (Mr. de Smidt's) view of the case, could of course charge Mr. Slade again.

The. funeral of the late Mr. Batchelor took place on Sunday afternoon. The group around the afterboon. The group around the grave in the Bulawayo Gemetery contained many old friends of the deceased, some of whom had known him from the early days of the Rand and as far back as the Barberton boom.

boom. • The service was conducted by the Rev. T. H. Jones, who made a sym-pathetic reference to the family of the decensed (he leaves a wife and children in England), and to the man who had been Mr. Batchelor's friand, and who, in conse-quence of his death, was in so much trouble here. trouble here.

Rachael Spears Grinton Batchelor in the 1939 register was living at 8 Napier Rd Northfleet Kent as a retired widow. Her sister Sarah had died in 1912 and her children were well and truly grown up. A woman named Frances F Fuller was living with her. France's occupation was unpaid domestic duties.

Rachael died aged 91 years in Maidstone district Kent most likely in the October of 1942. The exact date is not known.

## Child 2: Henry James Grinton

Henry was born in Larne County Antrim Ireland on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1854. All we know to date of Henry is that he was indentured on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1869 at the age of 15 yrs to the Merchant Navy. He joined at Cardiff on the ship Pearl.

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## Child 3: Sarah Maria Grinton

Sarah was born circa 1855 in Larne County Antrim Ireland. She married William Henry Jones on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1868 at the Register Office District of Medway Kent. There are no records which can tell us about their lives except for the census records which indicate that from 1881-1901 Sarah is listed as married therefore William is alive. At no time is there a census with William present in the household. Sarah and her daughter Ethel lived with the two Rachael's throughout this period. By 1911 the census lists Sarah as a widow so we can place Williams death between 1901 and 1911. A search of death records for William Henry Jones produced thousands of records. All we can assume is that William may have been a seaman given he was away from the household for every census or its possible Sarah and Ethel did not live with him for reasons perhaps of abuse.

We know Sarah and William had a daughter Ethel Grinton Jones in December 1877 as she was baptised on 9<sup>th</sup> December 1877 in Luton Kent . This is an area of Chatham and so associated with the docks and seafaring. The 1911 census seems to point to Sarah having 1 child born alive and 1 child deceased meaning Ethel may well have died between 1901 and 1911 also. This would place her age between 24-34 yrs. The 1901 census has Ethel aged 23 yrs living with her mother and the two Rachaels. Ethel is a confectioners sweet assistant. No records at this point in time can be found.

It is very likely that Eva Alice Grinton my nanna named her daughter Ethel [Aunty Ett] after her cousin Ethel Jones. Nanna emigrated to Australia in 1913 and Aunty Ett was born in 1918. Was Ethel's death perhaps a reason to honour her by naming her first born daughter after her cousin?

Sarah died between October and December 1912 in Medway district aged 57 years.

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## Child 5: Jane Louisa Grinton

Jane was born on 5<sup>th</sup> December 1859 in Carrickfergus Ireland. She was baptised on January 11<sup>th</sup> 1860. We know a lot more about Jane and her family. Jane married Arthur Edward Philbrick on 27<sup>th</sup> September 1885 in the Parish Church of Sutton Surrey UK. Family researcher Phil Grinton detailed the record of marriage [ also on their marriage certificate below] which told us a little about Arthur and his family:

### The groom was a bachelor schoolmaster residing in Sutton whose father George Edward Philbrick was a butler.

Jane at the time of her marriage was living in Sutton. Family did not witness the marriage.

The 1891 census tells us the family were living at 3 Oakhill Road Sutton with Arthur being an Elementary school teacher. It also identified that Arthur was born on the Isle of Wight at St Helens. [Reference: Vol 2B Page 487] By then Jane and Arthur had 3 children: Rachel Grinton Philbrick born 1887 in Cheam Surry; Arthur George Edward Philbrick born between Oct-Dec 1889 in Cheam and died 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 1924 his father is buried with him; Beatrice Sarah Philbrick born 1889 in Cheam. They went on to have 2 more children Dorothy Ethel Philbrick born 1892 in Sutton in the ecclesiastical parish of Benhilton and Harry Alfred Philbrick born 30<sup>th</sup> May 1893 in Sutton. More on them in the grandchildren of henry and Rachael.

In 1911 the family were living 47 Cranfield Rd Brockley South in the County of Deptford St Paul. By this stage Arthur is an Assistant teacher with the County Council. Rachael, Beatrice, Dorothy and harry are still living with them. Harry's war record indicates the family were still at this address in 1913 at the outbreak of WW1. Harry appears to have joined the armed forces in 1912. Electoral records for 1927 show Arthur and Jane are still at this address.

Arthur died on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1934 still living at 47 Cranfield Rd Brockley. His probate records show he left an estate worth 1604 pounds 7 shillings and 5 pence which was left to Jane. Arthur is buried at Lewisham in the Brockley and Ladywell Cemeteries. He was buried on 5<sup>th</sup> November 1934.

Jane went on to live another 19 years. We know from the 1939 Register that she was living independently at 47 Cranfield Rd and that William Henry Farnes a bus conductor was also living there- most likely a boarder as he was born in 1890.

Jane died on in the late January or February of 1953 and was buried on 18<sup>th</sup> February 1953 at Lewisham also. A search of Brockley and Ladywell cemetery gravestones cannot find Jane's there. A search of all Lewisham cemeteries through Find a grave failed to turn up any evidence of where jane is buried or rests if she was cremated.

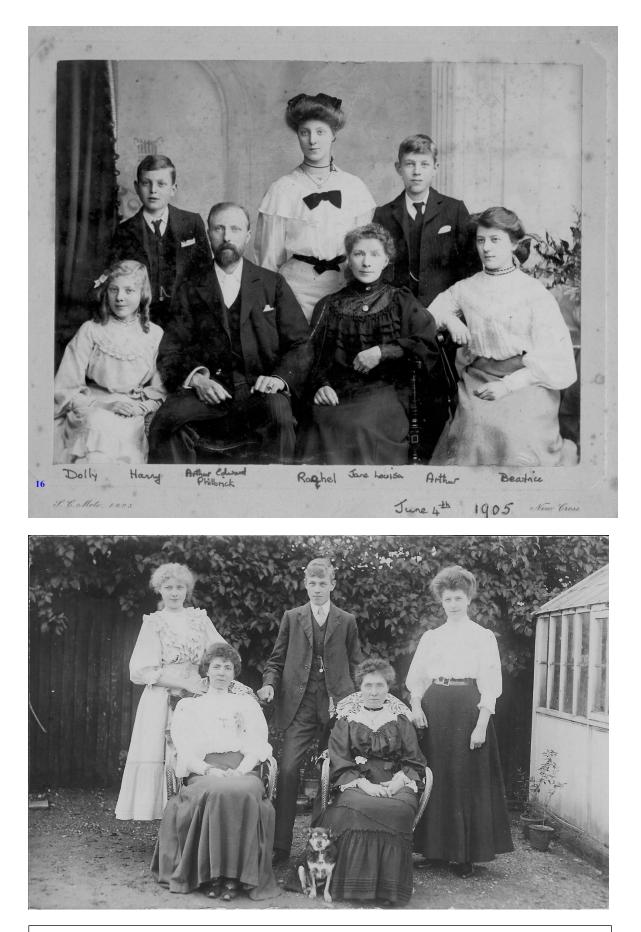
Brockley and Ladywell Cemeteries (also known as Ladywell and Brockley Cemetery) were opened within one month of each other in 1858 and are sited on adjacent plots of previously open land. The two component parts are characteristic examples of the first wave of Victorian public cemeteries and are now part of the Brockley Conservation Area.....Until 1948, the two cemeteries were completely separate, being divided by a wall. Ladywell Cemetery, which was previously known as Lewisham Cemetery, stands to the east of the wall and Brockley Cemetery, formerly Deptford Cemetery, lies to the west. Both cemeteries hold a wealth of historical interest. Evidence of Deptford's seafaring past can be found in the many inscriptions and adornments on the headstones. [ ref: Wikipedia].

Jane of all of the Grintons appears to have had the most stable life. Photos below sourced from family researchers descended from Harry.



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Arthur Edward Philbrick and Jane Louisa Grinton -also below



Front left to right- Rachel and Jane Back left to right: Dorothy Harry and Beatrice

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Child 6: George Daines Grinton

Gravestone in Brockley Cemetery for Arthur. There is no grave record for Jane in Brockley cemetery. This grave contains Arthur George Edward and Arthur George Philbrick- son and father.

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George like his siblings was born in Ireland in Carrickfergus on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1862. The 1871 census after his father died lists him as a scholar living with the family in Gillingham Chatham. The 1881 census sees him unmarried and living with his mother , sisters and nieces and nephews at 51 Queens Rd Chatham. George is a steam sawyer. I believe this is a wood cutter in a steam sawmill. Possible sawmills of the time around Chatham were Brunel's' Sawmill at Chatham Dockyard which might be a good contender as to where George worked. There were many mills around Chatham and an article highlights the life of the community around them . http://www.chathamhistoricalnh.org/uploads/1/9/0/8/190850/newsletter march 2019 final copy 2[2045].pdf

Nothing more is known of George.