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## **About Natstand family documents:**

A Natstand family document is intended to provide background information concerning the family of a deceased naturalist. It is hoped that such information will form a framework which will help interpret their surviving correspondence, specimens and records. In some cases it will also give an insight into the influences on their early lives and the family constraints within which they worked and collected. We have found that published family data concerning individuals rarely contain justification for dates and relationships and not infrequently contain errors which are then perpetuated. The emphasis in Natstand family documents will be on providing references to primary sources, whenever possible, which will be backed-up with transcriptions.

Although a Natstand biography page will always carry a link to a family document, in many cases these documents will be presented without any further biographical material. We anticipate that this will occur if the person is particularly well known or is someone we are actively researching or have only a peripheral interest in.

### **The following conventions are used:**

Any persons in the family tree with known natural history associations will be indicated in red type. Any relationships will be to the root naturalist unless otherwise stated.

Dates are presented Year – Month – Day

e.g. **1820 March 9** or **1820.3.9**  
**1820 March** or **1820.3**

Dates will be shown in bold type if a reliable reference is presented in the document. In cases where an exact year cannot be given (e.g. it is derived from an age at death), the date will be presented in normal type and preceded with "c" – e.g. c1798. There are some cases where a date is available from a secondary source only (e.g. a published obituary), in these cases it will be presented in italics – e.g. *1823.7.21*

### **Data sources:**

Census data have been used, whenever possible, to confirm relationships; they are not considered a reliable source of data concerning age. Contemporary newspaper family notices are considered as reliable sources of relationships and dates; reports and obituaries are treated more cautiously. Parish records generally provide a reliable source of data and digitised images have been used whenever possible. Any difficulties with transcription will be made clear. In some cases only transcripts have been available; errors here are usually confined to spelling. The most important source of this material is the International Genealogical Index compiled by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Utah. National Civil Registration Indexes are considered reliable, as are probate records.

*Richard Middleton  
James Robert Middleton*

## James William Boulton

James W Boulton was an important Hull naturalist and a founding member of the Hull Natural History Society.

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*brother* **Thomas Boulton (1856 – after 1906)** b. Driffield  
\*\*\* married **Mary Elizabeth Button (c1856 - 1917.2.9)** on **1880.3.20**

*the family moved to Ontario c1906*

*niece* **Ethel Alice A Boulton (1882 - ?)** [1906: Mrs Alfred W Tombs]  
*nephew* **Thomas Alfred Button Boulton (c1884 - 1919.4.5)** b. Leeds  
*niece* **Mary Ada Amelia Boulton (1886 – after 1944)** [1908: Mrs W C Lagden]  
*niece* **Patience Gertrude Boulton (1887 - 1901)** b. Walsall  
*nephew* **Robert Sydney Boulton (1889.4.24 - )** b. Walsall

*sister* **Kezia Ann Boulton (1858 - 1861)** b. Hull

*sister* **Margaret Boulton (1860 - 1861)** b. Hull

*sister* **Margaret Ann Boulton (1862 - 1863)** b. Hull

*sister* **Ada Boulton (1863 – 1937.12.16)** b. Hull  
\*\*\* married **Joseph Barker (c1865 – 1905.4.30)** on **1895.8.3**

*nephew* **Sidney Charles Barker (1901.7.28 – 1972.2.10)** b. Walsall

**Charles Boulton (1823 – 1917.3.29)** *Knaresborough, Innkeeper, Tailor & Grocer*  
\*\*2 married **Margaret Wardell née Stork (1828 – 1915)** in **1888**  
b. North Frodingham

*No Issue*

## Sources:

**1821 July 15:** England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah  
Baptism of Ann Witty, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Witty, Great Driffield, Yorkshire.

**1823 March 26:** England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah  
Baptism of Charles Bolt, son of James and Margt. Bolt, Knaresborough.

**1828 June 8:** England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah  
Baptism of Margaret Stork, daughter of William Stork, North Frodingham, Yorkshire.

**1845:** Civil Registration Index  
Birth of Joseph Twydell registered in Downham, Norfolk, third quarter.

**1846 July 4:** \*York Herald  
*MARRIAGES. ... On Tuesday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> ult., at Bethesda chapel, North Frodingham, by the Rev. Daniel Sunderland, Mr. George Ineson, tinner and brazier, to Miss Eleoner Studley. straw bonnet manufacturer, both of the same place. - At the same time and place, Mr. Charles Boulton, sailor[sic], to Miss Ann Witty, both of the same place.*

**1847:** Civil Registration Index  
Birth of James William Boulton registered in Driffield, first quarter.

**1849:** Civil Registration Index  
Birth of Mary Jane Boulton registered in Sculcoates, Yorkshire, first quarter.

**1852 June 22:** England Deaths and Burials, 1538-1991. Salt Lake City, Utah  
Death/burial of Thomas Boulton, age 1, son of Charles Boulton, Holy Trinity, Hull.  
[Civil Registration index gives his age as 2]

**1852 December 10:** \*Hull Packet  
*DEATHS. On the 5<sup>th</sup> December, at Driffield, Charles, the infant son of Mr. C. Boulton, tailor.*

**1854:** Civil Registration Index  
Birth of Susannah Boulton registered in Driffield, Yorkshire, second quarter.

**1856:** Civil Registration Index  
Birth of Thomas Boulton registered in Driffield, Yorkshire, third quarter.

**1858:** Civil Registration Index  
Birth of Kezia Ann Boulton registered in Hull, first quarter.

**1860:** Civil Registration Index  
Birth of Margaret Boulton registered in Driffield, first quarter.

**1861:** Civil Registration Index  
Death of Kezia Ann Boulton (3) registered in Hull, last quarter.

**1861:** Civil Registration Index  
Death of Margaret Boulton (1) registered in Hull, last quarter.

**1862:** Civil Registration Index  
Birth of Margaret Ann Boulton registered in Hull, first quarter.

**1863:** Civil Registration Index  
Death of Margaret Ann Boulton (2) registered in Hull, last quarter.  
[The age does not seem quite right but is just possible with late birth registration.]

**1863:** Civil Registration Index  
Birth of Ada Boulton registered in Sculcoates, last quarter.

**1869 April 16:** \*Hull Packet

*MARRIAGES. Boulton – Parker. – Recently, at Clowes’ Chapel, Jarratt-street, Hull, by the Rev. G. Lamb, Mr. James William Boulton, stonemason, to Fanny Parker, both of this town. ... Twydell – Boulton. – Recently, at Clowes’ Chapel, Jarrat-street, Hull, by the Rev. G. Lamb, Mr Joseph Twydell, shipwright, to Mary Jane Boulton, both of this town.*

**1870:** Civil Registration Index

Birth of Charles William Boulton registered in Drypool, second quarter.

**1870:** Civil Registration Index

Birth of Sarah Ann Twydell registered in Hull, Yorkshire, second quarter.

[The 1939 Register for England & Wales gives her date of birth as **1870 March 24**]

**1871:** Civil Registration Index

Birth of Susannah Twydell registered in Hull, Yorkshire, last quarter.

[The 1939 Register for England & Wales gives her date of birth as **1871 November 20**]

**1872:** Civil Registration Index

Birth of Florence Ada Boulton registered in Drypool, first quarter.

**1872:** Civil Registration Index

Death of Florence A Boulton registered in Sutton.

**1873:** Civil registration index

Birth of Lilian Emily Hindson registered in Hull, Yorkshire, last quarter.

[Her father was an accountant.]

**1874:** Civil Registration Index

Birth of Louisa Boulton registered in Sutton, third quarter.

**1874:** Civil Registration Index

Birth of Thomas Edward Twydell registered in Hull, Yorkshire, third quarter.

[The 1939 Register for England & Wales gives his date of birth as **1874 July 7**.]

**1875:** Civil Registration Index

Marriage of Susannah Boulton and Thomas Twydell Harrison registered in Hull, third quarter.

**1877:** Civil Registration Index

Birth of Henry Boulton registered in Drypool, third quarter.

[The 1939 Register for England & Wales gives his date of birth as **1877 May 26**.]

**1877:** Civil Registration Index

Birth of William Richard Harrison registered in Sculcoates, last quarter.

[The 1939 Register of England and Wales gives his birth as **1877 October 15**.]

**1879:** Civil Registration Index

Birth of Florence A Boulton registered in West Sculcoates, third quarter.

**1879 December 21:** Baptisms Register, Raventhorpe, Yorkshire

Baptism of Charlotte Ann Balme, daughter of John William and Martha Elizabeth Balme, Boot & Shoe Maker, of Williamson[?] Street born December 12.

[The 1939 Register for England & Wales confirms her date of birth as **1879 December 12**.]

**1880 March 20:** England, Marriages, 1538–1973. Salt Lake City, Utah

Marriage of Thomas Boulton, son of Charles Boulton, and Mary Elizabeth Button, daughter of Alfred Guy Button, at St James’, Hull, Yorkshire.

**1882:** Civil Registration Index

Birth of Ethel Alice A Boulton registered in Goole, third quarter.

**1884:** Civil Registration Index

Death of Ann Boulton registered in Goole, Yorkshire, second quarter.

**1886:** Civil Registration Index

Birth of Mary Ada A Boulton registered in Walsall, first quarter.

**1887:** Civil Registration Index

Birth of Patience Gertrude Boulton registered in Walsall, third quarter.

**1888:** Civil Registration Index

Marriage of Charles Boulton and Margaret Wardell registered in Hull, last quarter.

[Margaret was the widow of Thomas C Wardell, joiner of Hull. Margaret Stork married Thomas Charles Wardell, a widower, in 1853. Charles would have inherited several step-children. Margaret's father, William, was a tailor born in Gembling.]

**1889:** Civil Registration Index

Birth of Robert Sydney Boulton registered in Walsall, second quarter.

[His Canadian WW1 CEF Personal file gives a date of birth of 1889 April 24.]

**1892:** Civil Registration Index

Marriage of Charles William Boulton and Emily Woodall registered in Sculcoates, third quarter.

**1892:** Civil Registration Index

Death of Emily Boulton (23) registered in Hull, Yorkshire, last quarter.

**1893:** Civil Registration Index

Marriage of Sarah Ann Twydell and Charles William Selby registered in Sculcoates, Yorkshire, third quarter.

**1894:** Civil Registration Index

Marriage of Susannah Twydell and Charles Clarkson Dalton registered in Hull, Yorkshire, third quarter.

**1895 August 3:** Andrews Collection. Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies, Canterbury, Kent, England.

Marriage at the Baptist Church, Walsall, of Joseph Barker (29) bachelor, house painter, of 22 Thorpe-road, Walsall, son of Dennis Barker (dec) Customs House clerk, and Ada Boulton (28) spinster of 31 Arundel-street, Walsall, daughter of Charles Boulton, tailor. Witnesses Thomas and Ethel Boulton.

**1897:** Civil Registration Index

Marriage of Charles William Boulton and Lilian Emily Hindson registered in Sculcoates, first quarter.

[Lilian was the eldest child of accountant Joseph Hindson.]

**1897:** Civil Registration Index

Marriage of Henry Boulton and Sarah Elizabeth Boulton registered in Sculcoates, Yorkshire, last quarter.

**1898: Civil Registration Index**

Birth of Charles Edward Boulton registered in Sculcoates, Yorkshire, first quarter.

[The 1939 Register for England & Wales gives his date of birth as **1898 February 12.**]

**1900:** Civil Registration Index

Birth of George Frederick Boulton registered in Sculcoates, third quarter.

[The 1939 Register for England & Wales gives his date of birth as **1900 July 3**]

**1901:** Civil Registration Index

Birth of Sidney Charles Barker registered in Walsall, Staffordshire, third quarter.

[Andrews Newspaper Index cards give – son of Joseph a Railway Painter and Ada formerly Boulton, born **1901 July 28**, Thorpe Road, Walsall. This is confirmed by the 1939 Register of England & Wales and his death registration record.]

**1901:** Civil Registration Index

Death of Patience Gertrude Boulton registered in Walsall, last quarter.

**1901 December 22:** England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah  
Baptism of Phyllis Boulton, daughter of Henry and Sarah Elizabeth Boulton, Hull.

[The 1939 Register for England & Wales gives her date of birth as **1901 November 29.**]

**1902 July 27:** England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah

Baptism of James Henry Boulton, son of Charles William and Lillian[sic] Boulton, Hull, Yorkshire.

**1903:** Civil Registration Index

Death of Sarah Elizabeth Boulton (26) registered in Sculcoates, third quarter.

**1905 April 30: 1895 August 3:** Andrews Collection. Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies, Canterbury, Kent, England.

Death of Joseph Barker, railway painter, at 22 Thorpe-road. Informant Ada Barker (widow).

**1905:** Civil Registration Index

Marriage of Henry Boulton and Charlotte Ann Balme registered in Sculcoates, third quarter.

**1906:** Civil Registration Index

Death of Thomas Twydell Harrison registered in Goole, Yorkshire, third quarter.

**1906 July 7:** \*Walsall Observer, and South Staffordshire Chronicle

*HEDNESFORD.*

*Wedding —A pretty and interesting wedding was that which took place on a recent date at St. Augustine's Church. Hednesford. The bride was Miss Ethel Boulton, eldest daughter of Mr. W. Boulton Hednesford, and the bridegroom Mr. Alfred Tombs, second son of Mr. Alfred C. Tombs, South Street Walsall. Mr. Austin Whitehouse officiated as best man. The bride, **who was given away by her father**, looked charming in a white silk dress, with net over ... The bridesmaids were Miss Ada Boulton and Miss Ada Tombs ...*

[The 1911 census shows that Alfred was a Walsall baker.]

**1906 December 23:** England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah

Baptism of Doris Lilian Boulton, daughter of Charles William and Lilian Emily Boulton, Hull, Yorkshire.

**1908 December 9:** Marriages, York, Toronto, Ontario

Marriage of William Charles Lagden (25, bachelor), marble cutter, Baptist, son of Frederick Lagden and Sarah Cook, and Mary Ada Amelia Boulton (22, spinster), C of E, daughter of Thomas and Marie J [?] Boulton.

[Thomas died in York, Toronto, on 1944 February 18. Ada notified the death.]

**1909 May 30:** England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah

Baptism of Olive Boulton, daughter of Charles William and Lilian Emily Boulton, Hull, Yorkshire.

**1910:** Civil Registration Index

Birth of Gladys Boulton registered in Sculcoates, Yorkshire, third quarter.

[The 1939 Register for England & Wales gives her date of birth as **1910 July 25.**]

**1913:** Civil Registration index

Death of Joseph Twydell registered in Hull (Humber ward), Yorkshire.

**1914:** Civil Registration Index

Death of Charles W Boulton (44) registered in Sculcoates, Yorkshire, last quarter.



**1915:** Civil Registration Index

Death of Margaret Boulton (87) registered in East Sculcoates, Yorkshire, third quarter.

**1917:** Civil Registration Index

Death of Charles Boulton (94) registered in Sculcoates, first quarter.

**1917 February 9:** Death Records, York, Ontario

Death of Mary Elizabeth Boulton (60yrs 11mo), widow, daughter of Alfred Button and ? Scott.

**1917 April 23:** Probate Register, London

Records the death of Charles Boulton of the Charter House, Kingston-upon-Hull, on 1917 March 29. Probate to James William Boulton, mason, and Thomas Edward Twydell, solicitor's clerk.

**1919 January 19:** \*Hull Daily Mail

*DEATHS. BOULT. – On Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>, at 13, Exchange-street, James Henry, aged 16 years, youngest son of the late Chas. Wm. and L. E. Boulton. Interred Western Cemetery, Thursday.*

**1919 April 5:** Death Register, County of York, Ontario

Death of Thomas Alfred Button Boulton (24yrs 9mo 22days).

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[The style suggests that this was contributed by Tom Sheppard. The Boulton family moved to Hull earlier than stated here – certainly before the birth of James' sister Mary Ann early in 1849. In 1851 the census shows the family at Adelaide-street, Hull. They do, however appear to have returned to Driffield for a few years in the mid 1850s.]

**1929 August 19:** \*Hull Daily Mail

*DEATHS. BOULT. – At 50, Washington-street, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 1929. Louisa, dearly-loved and eldest daughter of Fanny and the late J. W. Boulton. Interred Northern Cemetery, Tuesday, 2.45.*

**1929:** Civil Registration Index

Death of Fanny Boulton (84) registered in Sculcoates, last quarter.

**1933 March 9:** Probate Register, London

Records the death of Mary Jane Twydell, widow of Washington-street, Hull, on 1933 February 9. Probate to Thomas Edward Twydell, solicitor's clerk.

**1935 September 20:** \*Hull Daily Mail

*MARRIAGES. MULHALL – BOULT. – Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, 1935, Bertram Edward Mulhall, of Leeds, to Gladys, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Boulton, 21, Wensley-avenue, Hull.*

**1938 February 23:** Probate Register, London

Records the death of Ada Barker, widow, of Off Licence, Shaw-lane, Gentleshaw near Rugeley, Staffordshire, on 1937 December 16. Administration to Sidney Charles Barker, fitter.

**1945 March 13:** \*Hull Daily Mail

*DEATHS. BOULT. – March 11<sup>th</sup>, Charles Edward (Ted), beloved eldest son of Lilian E. and the late Charles Wm., and loving brother of George, Doris and Olive. At rest.*

**1950 October 6:** \*Hull Daily Mail

*DEATHS. BOULT. – October 5, suddenly, at 5, Folkeston-st., Lilian Emily, aged 76 years, beloved wife of the late Charles William Boulton and dearly loved mother of George Doris Olive and the late Charles Edward, in-law Milly, and loving gran of Ron, Jim, Jean and Brenda. Service King's Hall, 2pm Monday, prior to interment Western Cemetery. At rest.*

**1955:** Civil registration Index

Death of Susannah Dalton (84) registered in Hull, Yorkshire, first quarter.

**1955 November 25:** Probate Register, Birmingham

Records the death of Sarah Ann Selby, widow, of Birmingham, on 1955 October 22. Administration to Ann Elizabeth Goodhall (wife of Sydney Neville Goodhall).

[The Civil Registration index gives her age as 35 but this seems to be an error. Sarah Ann Boulton had one child, Ann Elizabeth Selby, who married Sydney N Goodhall in Aston in 1917. I believe the executor to be Sarah Ann's daughter.]

**1957:** Civil Registration Index

Death of Florence Ada Boulton (78) registered in Hull, Yorkshire, last quarter.

**1960:** Civil Registration Index

Death of Thomas E Twydell (85) registered in Hull, Yorkshire, first quarter.

**1961:** Civil Registration Index

Death of Henry Boulton (83) registered in Hull, first quarter.

**1972:** Civil Registration Index

Death of Sidney Charles Barker (70), born 1901 July 28, registered in Walsall, Staffordshire, first quarter.

**1972 April 21:** Probate Register, Birmingham

Records the death of Sydney Charles Barker of Walsall on 1972 February 10.

**1974:** Civil Registration Index

Death of George Frederick Boulton, born 1900 July 2, registered in Holderness, Yorkshire, first quarter.

[Note it is one day earlier than the 1939 register day.]

**1985:** Civil Registration Index

Death of Doris Lilian Boulton, born 1906 November 27, registered in Beverley, Yorkshire, first quarter.

**1986:** Civil Registration Index

Death of Olive Boulton, born 1909 May 8, registered in Hull, Yorkshire, second quarter.

**1993 December:** Civil Registration Index

Death of Gladys Mulhall (83), born on 1910 July 25, registered in Bournemouth, Dorset.

**2000 May:** Civil Registration Index

Death of Phyllis Boulton (98), born on 1901 November 29, registered in Hull, Yorkshire.