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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*

## All relationships relative to Thomas Richard Archer Briggs (1836 – 1891)

Those with known natural history interests are shown in red

**<sup>1</sup>Thomas Briggs ( - 1847.10.21)**      ←←← Grandfather  
\*\*\* married **Caroline Hiscutt ( )** on **1795.10.21**      ←←← Grandmother

*uncle* **James Briggs (1796.11.11 – infant?)**

*uncle* **Rev John Briggs (1798.4.7 – 1874.12.7)**  
\*\*\* married **Elizabeth Potts (c1792 – 1872.4.4)** on **1826.8.23**

*cousin*      **John Briggs (c1827 – 1871.2.28)**  
*cousin*      **Mary Gwyn Briggs (c1830 – 1883.2.3)**      *Unmarried*

*aunt* **Fanny Briggs (c1800 – after 1871)**  
\*\*\* married **Richard Addis Archer Julian (c1795 – 1872.4.27)** on **1829.2.26**

*cousin*      **Rev. Richard Archer Julian (c1829 – 1860.12.5)**  
*cousin*      **Maria Fanny Clara Julian (c1832 - 1868) [1859: Mrs Rev John Oliver Harris]**  
*cousin*      **Thomas Archer Julian (c1834 – 1924.4.23)**  
*cousin*      **James Archer Julian (1838 - 1846)**  
*cousin*      **Fanny Mary Julian (1839 - 1910) [1858: Mrs Robert A E Scott]**  
*cousin*      **Mary Rebecca Julian (1841 - 1912)**      *Unmarried*  
*cousin*      **Henry Archer Julian (1844 – 1881.10.17)**  
*cousin*      **Caroline Archer Julian (1846 - 1868)**      *Unmarried*  
*cousin*      **Elizabeth Archer Julian (1848 – 1919.10.20) [1888: Mrs J L C Woodley]**  
*cousin*      **Clara Archer Julian (1852 - after 1881)**

*father* **Thomas Briggs (c1805 – 1877.1.20)**  
*mother* \*\*\* married **Maria Elizabeth Archer Julian (c1795 – 1862.21.11)** on **1833.8.10**  
*2<sup>nd</sup> cousins*  
**Thomas Richard Archer Briggs FLS (<sup>2</sup>1836.5.7 – 1891.1.23)**

*Unmarried*

*brother* **Major John Archer Julian Briggs (<sup>3</sup>1838.6.20 – 1929.1.9)**  
\*\*\* married **Emily Stephens (1850.10.29 – 1931.1.20)** on **1872.9.17**

*nephew*      **Rev Frederick Julian Briggs (1874.5.21 – 1947.1.15)**      *Unmarried*  
*niece*      **Katherine Archer Briggs (1876.5.14 – 1945.1.9)**      *Unmarried*  
*niece*      **Mary Archer Briggs (1877.11.8 – 1960.2.23 )**      *Unmarried*  
*niece*      **Margaret Emily Briggs (1880 - 1898)**      *Unmarried*  
*niece*      **Dora Knighton Briggs (1881.9.7 – 1965.5.1)**      *Unmarried*  
*niece*      **Frances Briggs (1883 – 1961.7.11) [1906: Mrs Rev Patrick A Clay]**  
*nephew*      **Thomas Jocelyn Archer Briggs (1884 - 1922.2.15)**      *Unmarried*  
*nephew*      **Charles Churchill Briggs (1886 – 1915.11.8)**      *Unmarried*  
*niece*      **<sup>4</sup>Florence Emma Briggs (1887.8.16 – 1948.3.4)**      *Unmarried*  
*niece*      **Amy Julian Briggs (1889.6.8 – 1956.12.13)**      *Unmarried*

*Continued ..*

*uncle* **Rev Francis Brooking Briggs** (1807 – **1888.8.19**) Devonport  
\*\*\* married **Albertine Augusta Jane Vallack** (c1818 – **1903.9.24**) on **1848.2.7**

*cousin* **Albertine Louisa Briggs** (1848 – **1894.12.12**) [**1880: Mrs Joseph Hearle**]  
*cousin* **Thomas Henry Briggs** (1850 – **1932.3.15**)  
*Chief Cartographer, Admiralty; Unmarried*

*cousin* **Rev Francis William Briggs** (1851.5.21 – **1937.12.21**)  
*cousin* **Amy Charlotte Briggs** (1852 – <sup>5</sup>**1887.7.9**) [**1882: Mrs Rev F C Lang**]  
*cousin* **Sophia Caroline Briggs** (1857.4.1 – **1945.2.19**) *Unmarried*  
*cousin* <sup>6</sup>**Admiral Sir Charles John Briggs KCB** (1858.7.15 – **1951.7.16**)  
*cousin* **Arthur James Briggs** (1861 – after 1881) *medical*

*aunt* **Louisa Briggs** (c1808 – **1869.9.5**)  
\*\*\* married <sup>7</sup>**Oliver William Lang** (1807 – **1867.7.21**) on **1838.12.10**

*cousin* **Oliver Thomas Lang** (1840 – <sup>8</sup>before 1874)  
*cousin* **Rev Francis Charles Lang** (1842.12.10 – **1896.3.28**)  
*cousin* \*\*\* married **Amy Charlotte Briggs** (1852 - ) on **1882.10.10**  
*cousin* **Captain Henry Briggs Lang** (1845 - **1896.9.11**)  
*cousin* **Caroline Louisa Lang** (1846 – <sup>9</sup>after 1871)  
*cousin* **Alfred Graham Lang** (1850 – <sup>10</sup>**1905.12.9**) *Unmarried?*  
*cousin* <sup>11</sup>**Sir Frederick William Lang** (1852 – **1937.3.5**) *New Zealand, Unmarried*

*aunt* **Elizabeth Briggs** (c1811 – **1860.12.6**)  
\*\*\* married **Henry Adoniah Vallack** (c1805 – **1877.12.27**) on **1848.5.10**

*No Issue*

*aunt* **Caroline Briggs** (c1816 - **1893.5.26**)  
\*\*\* married **William Allin** (c1804 – **1865.9.23**) on **1842.6.7**

*cousin* **Elizabeth Caroline Allin** (1844 – **1926.3.14**)  
*[1862: Mrs Thomas Archer Julian]*

*cousin* <sup>12</sup>**Mary Louisa Allin** (1846 – after 1901) [**1869: Mrs W H Stainthorpe**]  
*cousin* **Fanny Christiana Allin** (1848.12.8 – **1942.4.14**) *Unmarried*  
*cousin* **Surgeon General William Briggs Allin** (1851.4.17 – **1903.9.8**)  
*cousin* **Julia Bernice Allin** (1853 – after 1920?) [**1875: Mrs James Methven**]  
*cousin* **Rev Alfred Thomas Allin** (1854.10.23 - )  
*cousin* **Lewis Oliver John Allin** (1858 - 1862)

## Sources:

**1795 October 21:** England, Marriages, 1538–1973. Salt Lake City, Utah  
Marriage of Thomas Briggs and Caroline Hiscutt, Stoke Damerel, Devon.

**1796 December 14:** England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah  
Baptism of James Briggs, son of Thomas and Caroline Briggs, Stoke Damerel, Devon; born 1797  
November 11.

**1799 January 1:** England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah  
Baptism of John Briggs, son of Thomas and Caroline Briggs, Stoke Damerel, Devon; born 1798  
April 7.

[In the census of 1861 John gives his place of birth as Devonport]

**1807 April 12:** England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah  
Baptism of Oliver William Lang, son of Oliver and Sally Lang, St Nicholas', Rochester kent.

**1826 August 26:** \*Morning Chronicle

*MARRIED. On the 23d inst., at Stoke Damarel, Devonshire, the Rev. John Briggs, Chaplain of his Majesty's ship Windsor Castle, to Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr. J. Potts, of Devonport.*

**1826 August 26:** \*Oxford Journal

*MARRIED, At Stoke Damerel, Devon, the Rev. John Briggs, Chaplain of his Majesty's ship Windsor Castle, to Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr. Jos. Potts, of Devonport.*

**1829 March 12:** \*North Devon Journal

*PLYMOUTH. MARRIED. On the 26<sup>th</sup> inst. at Stoke Damarel, by the Rev. J. Briggs, R.N. Julian, Esq. only son of Major Julian, of Estover, near Plymouth, to Fanny, second daughter of J. Briggs, Esq. of Devonport.*

[This announcement is rather unsatisfactory, although widely syndicated. Marriage register transcriptions show that the groom was Richard Addis Archer Julian, does the R.N. come from Royal Navy associated with the vicar? Her father was Thomas (as demonstrated by his will). In some papers the J is amplified to John.]

**1833 August 21:** \*Sun (London)

*MARRIED. On the 10<sup>th</sup> inst., at Stoke Damarel, Devonshire, by the Rev. Francis Briggs, Thomas Briggs, Esq., of Fursdon, Egg Buckland, to Maria Elizabeth Archer, youngest daughter of Major Julian, of Eastover, near Plymouth*

[In 1841 Rev Francis Brooking Briggs MA was the instituted at Sutcomb. The patron was Thomas Briggs.]

**1836:** Civil Registration Index

Birth of James Archer Julian registered in Plympton, Devon, second quarter.

**1838 December 15:** \*Exeter and Plymouth Gazette

*MARRIED. Dec. 10 at Stoke Church, Devonport, Oliver William, of the dock-yard, eldest son of Oliver Lang, Esq., of H, M, dock yard, Woolwich, to Louisa, eldest daughter of Thos. Briggs, Esq., of Devonport.*

**1840:** Civil Registration Index

Birth of Oliver Thomas Lang registered in Stoke Damerel, Devon, first quarter.

**1841:** Civil Registration Index

Birth of Mary Rebecca Julian registered in Plympton, Devon, second quarter.

**1842 June 11:** \*Exeter and Plymouth Gazette

*MARRIAGES. June 7, in Sutcombe Church, Devon, by the Rev. Francis B. Briggs, Rector, William Allin, Esq., of Thuborough House, in the parish of Sutcombe, to Caroline, youngest daughter of Thomas Briggs, Esq., of Cleverdon House, in the parish of Bradworthy, Devon.*

**1843 November 1:** Baptism Register, Woolwich

Baptism of Francis Charles Lang, son of Oliver William and Louisa Lang, Naval Architect, Deptford; born 1842 December 10. The officiating minister was Jas. H Lang.

[At the same ceremony William Metcalf Lang, son of Charles Edward and Jane Lang, Greenwich, Admiralty clerk, was baptised.]

**1844 March 15:** England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah  
Baptism of Elizabeth Caroline Allin, daughter of Wm and Caroline Allin, Sutcombe, Devon.

**1844:** Civil Registration Index

Birth of Henry Archer Julian registered in Plympton, Devon, third quarter.

**1845:** Civil Registration Index

Birth of Henry Briggs Lang registered in Medway, Kent, first quarter.

**1846 March 29:** England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah  
Baptism of Mary Louisa Allin, daughter of Wm and Caroline Allin, Sutcombe, Devon.

**1846:** Civil Registration Index

Death of James Archer Julian registered in Plympton, Devon, second quarter.

**1846:** Civil Registration Index

Birth of Caroline Archer Julian registered in Plympton, Devon, first quarter.

**1846 December 9:** England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah  
Baptism of Caroline Louisa Lang, daughter of Oliver William and Louisa Lang, St Mary's, Chatham, Kent.

**1847 December:** The Gentlemans' Magazine p667

*OBITUARY. October 21. At Devonport, Thomas Briggs, esq. late of Devonport dockyard.*

**1848 February 16:** \*Western Courier, etc.

*MARRIAGES. Feb. 7, in the Parish Church, Sutcombe, by the Rev. W. S. Hore, Francis Brooking Briggs, M.A. Rector of Sutcombe, to Albertine Agnata Jane, second daughter of the late William Vallack Esq of Kingsand in this county.*

**1848:** Civil Registration Index

Birth of Elizabeth Archer Julian registered in Plympton, Devon, second quarter.

**1848 May 13:** \*Exeter and Plymouth Gazette

*MARRIAGES. May 10, at Sutcomb Church, by the rev. Francis B. Briggs, the Rector, Henry A. Vallack, Esq., of Great Torrington, to Elizabeth, third daughter of the late Thomas Briggs, Esq., of Devonport.*

**1848 November 26:** England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah  
Baptism of Albertine Louisa Briggs, daughter of Francis Brooking and Albertine Augusta Jane Briggs, Sutcombe, Devon.

**1849 January 10:** England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah  
Baptism of Fanny Christiana Allin, daughter of William and Caroline Allin, St Mary's, Chatham, Kent.

[The 1939 Register for England and Wales gives her date of birth as 1849 December 8, she was living in James Place, Portland Square, Plymouth.]

**1850 February 10:** England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah  
Baptism of Thomas Henry Briggs, son of Francis Brooking and Albertine Augusta Jane Briggs, Sutcombe, Devon.

**1850 April 3:** England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah  
Baptism of Alfred Graham Lang, son of Oliver William and Louisa Lang, St Mary's, Chatham, Kent.

**1850:** Civil Registration Index  
Birth of Emily Stephens registered in Tavistock, Devon, last quarter.

**1851:** Civil Registration Index  
Birth of William Briggs Allin registered in Torrington, Devon, second quarter.  
[The Army Lists provide his birth date as 1851 April 17]

**1851 June 22:** England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah  
Baptism of Francis William Briggs, son of Francis Brooking and Albertine Augusta Jane Briggs, Sutcombe, Devon.  
[Venn gives a birth date of May 21 in the list of Cambridge Alumni.]

**1852 April 16:** England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah  
Baptism of Frederick William Lang, son of Oliver William and Louisa Lang, St Mary's, Chatham, Kent.

**1852:** Civil Registration Index  
Birth of Clara Archer Julian registered in Plymouth, Devon, third quarter.

**1852 October 3:** England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah  
Baptism of Amy Charlotte Briggs, daughter of Francis Brooking and Albertine Augusta Jane Briggs, Sutcombe, Devon.

**1853 May 18:** England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah  
Baptism of Julia Bernice Allin, daughter of Wm and Caroline Allin of Thuborough, at Sutcombe, Devon.

**1854 November 4:** \*Western Times  
*BIRTHS. Oct. 23, at Thuborough House, near Holsworthy, the wife of William Allin, Esq., of a son.*  
[Alfred Thomas Allin]

**1857 April 10:** Baptism Register, St Lawrence, New Brentford, Middlesex  
Baptism of Sophia Caroline Briggs, daughter of Frances Brooking Briggs and Albertine Augusta Jane Briggs of New Brentford Parsonage, Clerk (incumbent); born 1858 July 15.  
[The 1939 Register for England and Wales gives her date of birth as 1857 April 1. She was living in Richmond Surrey with Caroline D[orothy] Lang (1884.2.6 -).]

**1858 April 29:** England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah  
Baptism of Lewis Oliver John Allin, son of Wm and Caroline Allin of Thuborough, at Sutcombe, Devon.

**1858 August 15:** Baptism Register, St Lawrence, New Brentford, Middlesex  
Baptism of Charles John Briggs, son of Frances Brooking Briggs and Albertine Augusta Jane Briggs of New Brentford Parsonage, Clerk (incumbent).  
[The 1939 Register for England and Wales gives his date of birth as 1858 July 15. He is living with female relatives at Willow House, Calne & Chippenham, Wilts.]

**1858:** Civil Registration Index  
Marriage of Fanny Mary Julian and Robert Anthony Edward Scott registered in Plymouth, last quarter.  
[Robert Scott (1817 - 1903) was a Rear Admiral. He was a widower.]

**1859:** Civil Registration Index  
Marriage of Maria Fanny Caroline Julian and John Oliver Harris registered in Plymouth, last quarter.

**1860 December 13:** \*North Devon Journal

*DEATHS. 6<sup>th</sup> inst., at Great Torrington, Elizabeth, the beloved wife of Henry A. Vallack, Esq., solicitor, aged 49.*

**1861 May 21:** Baptism Register, New Brentford, Middlesex

Baptism of Arthur James Briggs, son of Frances Brooking Briggs and Albertine Augusta Jane Briggs of New Brentford, Clerk (incumbent).

**1861 July 9:** Probate Register, Principal Registry

Records the death of Rev Richard Archer Julian, late of Lavia House near Plymouth, at Dinan, Cotes du Nord, France, on 1860 December 5. Administration to his widow Mary Katharine Julian. [His wife was the daughter of Stephen Prentis of Dinan, Brittany.]

**1862:** Civil Registration Index

Marriage of Thomas Archer Julian and Elizabeth Caroline Allin registered in Plymouth, Devon, third quarter.

[They were cousins]

**1862:** Civil Registration Index

Death of Lewis Oliver John Allin registered in Plymouth, last quarter.

**1863 February 6:** Probate Register, Exeter

records the death of Maria Elizabeth Archer Briggs (wife of Thomas Briggs) of Plymouth, on 1862 November 21. Probate to Thomas Briggs.

**1867 April 9:** Probate Register, Exeter

Records the death of William Allin of Plymouth on 1865 September 23. Will proved by his relict Caroline Allin.

[The long delay and small value of the estate £450 suggests that times were difficult.]

**1867 July 27:** \*South London Chronicle

*DEATHS. On the 21<sup>st</sup> inst., at his residence, Vanbrugh-park, Blackheath, Oliver William Lang, Esq., late Master Shipwright of the Royal Dockyard, Chatham.*

**1868:** Civil Registration Index

Death of Caroline Archer Julian (21) registered in Plymouth, Devon, first quarter.

**1868:** Civil Registration Index

Death of Maria Fanny C Harris (34) registered in Mile End Old Town, London, last quarter.

**1869 September 28:** Marriage Register, Kentish Town, Middlesex

Marriage of William Henry Stainthorpe (bachelor full age) law student of [Salip?] Street, son of John Stainthorpe, Solicitor, and Mary Louisa Allen (spinster full age) of [Charles?] Plymouth, daughter of William Allen, Gentleman. Witnesses John William Graham and Mary [Hammats?].

[There is clear intent to misrepresent here – he was a divorcee and her name was Allin not Allen.]

**1869 October 6:** Probate Register, Principal Registry

Records the death of Louisa Lang, widow, of 2 Vanburgh-park, Blackheath, Kent, on 1869 September 5. Will proved by Rev Francis Charles Lang, the son, and Rev James Henry lang of Charlton.

**1871 March 3:** \*Exeter and Plymouth Gazette

*DEATHS. BRIGGS. – Feb. 28, at Ker-street, Devonport, John, the only son of the rev. John Briggs, aged 44.*

**1872 April 8:** \*Western Times

*DEATHS. BRIGGS.- April 4, at Ker-street, Devonport, the wife of Rev. John Briggs, formerly Chaplain of H. M.'s Dockyard, aged 80.*

**1872 April 30:** \*Western Times

*DEATHS. JULIAN. – April 27, at Laira House, suddenly, Richard Addi[s] Archer Julian, Esq., D.L., aged 79.*

**1872 September 21:** \*Belfast Newsletter

*MARRIAGES. BRIGGS – STEPHEN – Sept. 17, at Christ Church, Plymouth, by the Rev. James Metcalfe, assisted by the Rev. W. H. Allin, John A. Julian Briggs, Capt. 18<sup>th</sup> Royal Irish Regt., to Emily, second daughter of the late John Wills Stephen, Esq., Beer Ferrers, Devon.*

[The use of Stephen rather than Stephens was repeated in an announcement in the Pall Mall Gazette, it is an error.]

**1874 July 3:** England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah

Baptism of Frederick Julian Briggs, son of John Archer Julian Briggs and his wife Emily, St. Peter and St. Paul, Fareham, Hants.

[His date of birth is provided by the 1939 Register of England and Wales as 1874 May 21. He is living in Fursdon, Crownhill, Plympton with various siblings.]

**1874 December 11:** \*Western Times

*DEATHS. BRIGGS. – Dec. 7, at 34, Ker-street, Devonport, the rev. John Briggs, B.A., late Chaplain of H.M. Dockyard, aged 76.*

**1875 April 3:** \*Glasgow herald

*MARRIAGE. At St Andrew's Church, Plymouth, on the 2d inst., by the Rev. H. A. Greaves, M.A., vicar of Charles Church, Plymouth, JAMES METHVEN, linen manufacturer, Glasgow, eldest son of the late Wm. Methven, Millhill, Banffshire, to JULIA BERNICE, youngest daughter of the late WILLIAM ALLIN, Esq., of Thuborough House, North Devon. – No cards.*

**1876:** Civil Registration Index

Birth of Katherine Archer Briggs registered in Colchester, Essex, second quarter.

[Birth date from 1939 Register of England and Wales, Fursdon, Crownhill, Plympton with various siblings ]

**1877 February 9:** Probate Register, Exeter

Records the death of Thomas Briggs, late of Plymouth, on 1877 January 20. Will proved by his son Thomas Richard Archer Briggs.

[The civil Registration index gives his age as 72.]

**1877:** Civil Registration Index

Birth of Mary Archer Briggs registered in Stoke Damerel, Devon, last quarter.

[Birth date from 1939 Register of England and Wales, Fursdon, Crownhill, Plympton with various siblings ]

**1878 January 3:** \*North Devon Journal

*DEATHS. VALLACK. – Dec. 27, at his brother's residence, St. Michael's-terrace, Stoke, Devonport, after a long illness, Henry Adoniah Vallack, of Torrington, solicitor, and coroner for the Okehampton district.*

**1880 February 12:** \*North Devon Journal

*MARRIAGES. HEARLSE – BRIGGS. – Feb.7, at new Brentford Church, by the Rev. F. W. Briggs, brother of the bride, assisted by the Rev. F. C. Lang, Joseph Hearle, of Lifton, North Devon, to Albertine Louisa, eldest daughter of the Rev. F. B. Briggs, Vicar of New Brentford.*

**1880:** Civil Registration Index

Birth of Margaret Emily Briggs registered in Stoke Damerel, Devon, third quarter.



**1880:** Civil Registration Index

Birth of Dora Knighton Briggs registered in Stoke Damerel, Devon, last quarter.

[Birth date from 1939 Register of England and Wales, Fursdon, Crownhill, Plympton with various siblings ]

**1882 March 22:** Probate Register, Principal registry

Records the death of Henry Archer Julian, late of the Azores, on 1881 October 17. Administration to Thomas Archer Julian of Plymouth, the uncle and guardian of Sophie Annie Julian, spinster, a minor, the daughter and only next of kin.

**1882 October 18:** \*Hampshire Telegraph

*MARRIAGES. LANG – BRIGGS – On the 10<sup>th</sup> inst., at the Parish Church, New Brentford, by the Rev. F. W. Briggs, Vicar of St. Matthias, Bethnal-green, and the Rev. R. Bowen-Jenkins, Rector of Llanfrynach, the Rev. GF. C. Lang, Chaplain Royal Navy, to Amy, second daughter of the Rev. F. B. Briggs, Vicar of New Brentford.*

[Very much a family occasion.]

**1883 February 6:** \*Portsmouth Evening News

*DEATHS. BRIGGS – On the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst., at 7, Landsdowne-place, Plymouth, Mary Gwyn, daughter of the late Rev. John Briggs, for many years Chaplain H.M.'s Dockyard, Devonport.*

**1883:** Civil Registration Index

Birth of Frances Briggs registered in Stoke Damerel, Devon, second quarter.

**1884:** Civil Registration Index

Birth of Thomas Jocelyn A Briggs registered in Plympton St Mary, Devon, last quarter.

**1886:** Civil Registration Index

Birth of Charles Churchill Briggs registered in Plympton St Mary, Devon, second quarter.

**1887:** Civil Registration Index

Birth of Florence Emma Briggs registered in Plympton St Mary, Devon, last quarter.

[Birth date from 1939 Register of England and Wales, Fursdon, Crownhill, Plympton with various siblings ]

**1888:** Civil Registration Index

Marriage of Elizabeth Archer Julian and John Lewis C[yprian] Woodley registered in Plympton, St Mary, second quarter.

[John was a librarian.]

**1888 August 22:** \*Middlesex Independent

*DEATH. BRIGGS. – On the 19<sup>th</sup> inst., the Rev. Francis Brooking Briggs, M.A., for 35 years Vicar of New Brentford, aged 81. The funeral will take place at 3 o'clock on Thursday at the New Brentford Cemetery.*

**1889:** Civil Registration Index

Birth of Amy Julian Briggs registered in Plympton St Mary, Devon, third quarter.

[Birth date from 1939 Register of England and Wales, Fursdon, Crownhill, Plympton with various siblings ]

**1891 February 24:** Probate Register, Exeter

Records the death of Thomas Richard Archer Briggs, gentleman, of Fursdon, Egg Buckland, Devon, on 1891 January 23. Administration to his brother John Archer Julian Briggs, retired Captain and honorary Lieutenant-Colonel, the residuary legatee.

**1893 November 11:** Probate Register, Exeter

Records the death of Caroline Allin, widow, of Portland-square, Plymouth, on 1893 May 26. Probate to Rev. Alfred Thomas Allin.

**1894 December 20:** \*Royal Cornwall Gazette

*DEATHS. HEARLE – At Penley Villa, Kingsand, Plymouth, Dec. 12, Albertine Louisa, the wife of Joseph Hearle, of Lifton, North Devon.*

**1896 March 31:** \*St James's Gazette

*POLITICS AND PERSONS ... It is not often that a naval chaplain sees any fighting; but it was the lot of the Rev. Francis C. Lang, who died on Saturday Lewes, to be in more than one disturbance. He served in the Valorous on particular service in 1872, and in the Active, on the West Coast of Africa, in 1873-77. He received the Ashantes medal 1874, served in the River Congo expedition 1875, and was wounded in the expedition on the same river in 1876. He received a medal for Egyptian service 1882. From 1883 to 1885 he was on the Hercules at Portland, and in the latter year was in the naval establishments, Cape of Good Hope, leaving, in 1891, to take the chaplaincy of the naval prison at Lewes, which post he held at the time of his death.*

**1896 May 22:** Probate Register, London

Records the death of Rev Francis Charles Lang of the royal naval prison, Lewes, on 1896 March 28. Probate to Sophia Caroline Briggs, spinster.  
[Sophia was his sister-in-law.]

**1898:** Civil Registration Index

Death of Margaret Emily Briggs registered in Plympton, St Mary, Devon, first quarter.

**1896 October 2:** \*Kentish Mercury

*OBITUARY. We have record the death by the capsizing of a boat belonging to H.M.S. Narcissus on September 11th, at Fish River, Grossevitch Bay, of Captain Henry Briggs Lang, R.N. Captain Lang, who was born in 1845, was a son of the late Mr, Oliver Lang, Chief Constructor of the Navy, and first cousin to Mr. C. D. Lang, of Greenwich, Comptroller of the Post Office Savings Banks. He entered the Royal Navy as a cadet in December, 1859, became sub-lieutenant in June, 1885, lieutenant in August, 1866, commander in March, 1880, and captain in June, 1889. Captain Lang, who commissioned the Narcissus, first-class cruiser, for service on the China station last November, was midshipman on board the line-of-battle ship Bombay when she took fire and blew up with a loss of ninety-seven officers and men off Monte Video 1864.*

**1903 October 3:** \*Army and Navy Gazette

*Col. William Brigge[sic] Allin, Royal Army Medical Corps, officiating P.M.O., Bombay, died at Landour, Mussorie, on the 8th ult. of heart failure. He was on the point of retirement. He joined the Army Medical Service Feb. 4, 1877; became Surgeon-Major July 9, 1896; and Colonel, R.A.M.C., Nov. 29, 1900. He served in the Afghan War, 1878-80 (medal with clasp); with the Nile Expedition, 1884-85, having charge of the field hospital at Gakdul Wells (mentioned in despatches, promoted Surgeon-Major, medal with clasp, and Khedive's star); and in the Isazai Expedition, 1892. During the early part of the war in South Africa he was P.M.O. of an infantry division (mentioned in despatches, promoted to the rank of Colonel, and medal with clasp). Subsequently he was given the local rank of Surgeon-General in South Africa, and in the autumn of last year was appointed P.M.O. of the Bombay and Nagpore Districts.*

**1903 December 12:** Probate Register, London

Records the death of Albertine Augusta Jane Briggs of Richmond, Surrey, on 1903 September 24. Probate to Thomas Henry Briggs Esq. and Rev Francis William Briggs.  
[The Civil Registration Index gives her age at death as 85]

**1906:** Civil Registration Index

Marriage of Frances Briggs and [Rev] Patrick Andrew Clay registered in Plympton St Mary, Devon, second quarter.

**1910:** Civil registration Index

Death of Fanny Mary Scott (70) registered in Tonbridge, Kent, first quarter.  
[She was buried in Islington]

**1912:** Civil Registration Index

Death of Mary R Julian (69) registered in Plympton, Devon, first quarter.

**1915:** Probate Register, Exeter

Records the death of Lieutenant Charles Churchill Briggs, R.N., of Fursdon, Egg Buckland, on 1915 November 8. Administration to John Archer Julian Briggs, retired lieutenant colonel.

**1919 October 23:** \*Western Morning News

*DEATHS. WOODLEY. – At Evadine, Mannamead, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 1919, Elizabeth Archer, dear wife of John Lewis Cyprian Woodley, and daughter of the late Richard Addis Archer Julian, D.L., co. Devon. Service at Emmanuel Church To-day at Two p.m. Interment at the Corporation Cemetery.*

**1922 February 18:** \*Western Morning News

*DEATHS. BRIGGS. – February 15<sup>th</sup> at Fursdon, Crownhill, Thomas Jocelyn Archer, second son of Lieut-Colonel Briggs, aged 37 years. No flowers or mourning, by request. Funeral Egg Buckland Church Monday, the 20<sup>th</sup>, at 11.30.*

**1924 April 24:** \*Western Morning News

*DEATHS. JULIAN. – On the 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 1924, at Broomhill, Harford, Ivybridge, Capt. Thomas Archer Julian, J.P., late Oxfordshire Light Infantry (suddenly), in his 90<sup>th</sup> year. Funeral service at Harford Church at 10.30 a.m. on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> inst. No flowers or mourning. Funeral quite private, by his request.*

**1926 March 16:** \*Western Morning News

*DEATHS. JULIAN. – On March 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6, Portland-villas, Plymouth, Elizabeth Caroline Julian (widow of the late Capt. T. A. Julian, of Broomhill, Ivybridge), passed peacefully to her rest. Funeral at Christ Church, Plymouth, Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> inst., at Eleven o'clock. Interment at Hartford, Ivybridge.*

**1929 January 12:** \*Western Morning news

*DEATHS. BRIGGS. – At Furston, Crownhill, on January 9<sup>th</sup>, John Archer Julian Briggs, Lieutenant-Colonel, late 18<sup>th</sup> Royal Irish Regt., aged 91 years. Funeral 11.30 on Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, at Eggbuckland. No mourning or flowers, by his own wish.*

**1931 March 24:** Probate Register, London

Records the death of Emily Briggs, widow, of Fursdon, Crownhill, Devon, on 1931 January 20. Probate to Katherine Archer Briggs and Florence Emma Briggs spinsters.

**1932 April 14:** Probate Register, London

records the death of Thomas Henry Briggs of Richmond, Surrey, on 1932 March 15. Probate to Rev Francis William Briggs, Sir Charles John Briggs K.C.B. and Nathaniel Salmon Hearle, solicitor.

**1937:** New Zealand Cemetery Records, Waikaraka, Auckland

Death of Frederick Wm Lang, 86 [he was 85] born England

**1938 March 22:** Probate Register, London

Records the death of Rev Francis William Briggs of Anderton, Cornwall, on 1937 December 21. Probate to Sir Charles John Briggs K.C.B. retired Admiral R.N.

**1942 June 19:** Probate Register, Bodmin

Records the death of Fanny Christiana Allin, spinster, of Loddiswell, Devon, on 1942 April 14. Probate to John Henry Pethybridge, solicitor, and Major William Adam Bastard Conran.

**1945 August 13:** Probate Register, Llandudno

Records the death of Katherine Archer Briggs, spinster, of Fursdon, Crownhill, Devonshire, on 1945 January 9. Administration to Amy Julian Briggs, spinster.

**1945 August 28:** Probate Register, Llandudno

Records the death of Sophia Caroline Briggs, spinster of Richmond, Surrey on 1945 February 19, Administration to Sir Charles John Briggs and Caroline Dorothy Lang, spinster.

**1947 January 17:** \*Western Morning News

*DEATHS. BRIGGS. – On Wednesday, Jan. 15 at Fursdon, Crownhill, the Revd. Frederick Julian Briggs, eldest son of the late Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Briggs. late Vicar of St. Margaret's, Barbados, and for 30 years working in Barbados. Funeral at Egg Buckland Monday, Two p.m. No flowers, no mourning, at his request. No letters please.*

**1949 September 13:** Probate Register, London

Records the death of Florence Emma Briggs, spinster, of Fursdon, Crownhill, Devon, on 1948 March 4. Probate to Mary Archer Briggs, spinster.

**1951 October 1:** Probate Register, Winchester

Records the death of Sir Charles John Briggs K.C.B. of Biddestone, Wiltshire, on 1951 July 16. Probate to dame Frances Mary Briggs, widow, captain Thomas Vallack Briggs O.B.E. and Edmund Portman Awdry, solicitor.

**1957 March 26:** Probate Register, Exeter

Records the death of Amy Julian Briggs, spinster, of Crownhill, Devon, on 1956 December 13. Probate to Mary Archer Briggs and Dora Knighton Briggs, spinsters.

**1961 January 13:** Probate Register

Records the death of Mary Archer Briggs, spinster, of Plymouth on 1960 February 23. Probate to Dora Knighton Briggs, spinster, and Henry Elliot Turner, solicitor.

**1961 November 7:** Probate Register, London

Records the death of Frances Clay, widow, of Edgeware, Middlesex, on 1961 July 11. Probate to Peter Jocelyn Cruickshank Clay, caterers buyer.  
[The Civil Registration Index gives her age as 78]

**1965 August 2:** Probate Register, Exeter

Records the death of Dora Knighton Briggs, spinster, of Plymouth on 1965 May 1. Probate to Leonard James Kingston, caterer, and Mrs Patricia Elizabeth Archer Kingston.

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<sup>1</sup> The National Archives; Kew, England; Prerogative Court of Canterbury and Related Probate Jurisdictions: Will Registers; **PROB 11/2064/230**

The relationships are confirmed by the will of Thomas Briggs, proved 1847 November 22 by his daughter Elizabeth. Thomas held property in Bircham and owned Bircham Mill, Egg Buckland.

" ... my eldest son the Reverend John Briggs Clerk (now Chaplain of Her Majesty's Dockyard at Devonport) ..."

" ... unto my second son Thomas Briggs

" ... my youngest son the Reverend Francis Brooking Briggs Clerk now Rector of Sutcombe in the County of Devon ..."

" ... eldest daughter Louisa Lang wife of Oliver William Lang Esquire and now of her Majesty's Dockyard at Chatham ..."

" ... my second daughter Fanny Julian in the event of her surviving her husband Richard Addis Archer Julian now of Estover House in the Parish of Eggbuckland ..."

" ... my third daughter Elizabeth Briggs ... "

" ... three grandsons John Pitts Briggs (eldest son of the said Reverend John Briggs) Thomas Briggs (eldest son of the said Thomas Briggs my second son) and Oliver Thomas Lang (said son of the said Oliver William Lang) ... "

" ... my youngest daughter Caroline Allin wife of William Allin the younger Esquire ... granddaughter Elizabeth Allin (daughter of the said William Allin and Caroline Allin his wife)"

" ... my sister Sarah Mill ... Eliza Mill and Margaret Mill daughters of the said Sarah Mill ..."

" ... my dear friend and relative William Francis Sheppard ..."

<sup>2</sup> T R A Brigg's date of birth is taken from his Obituary (with portrait) – Rogers, W. Moyle. 1891. *Journal of Botany*, **29**, 97 - 106.

<sup>3</sup> J A J Brigg's birth date is given in various editions of the Army List.

<sup>4</sup> **1930 April 10:** \*Western Morning News

*BLACKCAP'S EARLY ARRIVAL Sir, - I see one of your correspondents feels there should be some confirmation of the early arrival of the blackcap warbler this year. I can vouch for only one the 5th, as is evidently one our resident ones; and has been singing every day since. I heard a short stave of its song on the 4th, but waited to report until had both heard and seen it on the 5th. Yesterday I had very near view, coming unexpectedly within five yards of it. One or two pairs of blackcaps usually nest here. I have only known them miss one year, when the cocks arrived as usual, but apparently the hens missed this locality, as after waiting and singing for three or four weeks the cocks also departed. I was surprised to hear a hen blackcap had been seen in the north of Devon, as they do not arrive here usually until a fortnight or more after the cocks. The marsh and coal-tits - the only birds it would be easy to confound with the blackcap—I know well. FLORENCE E. BRIGGS. Fursdon, Crownhill, April 8.*

Florence continued to contribute similar notes from Fursdon on birds and insects to the Western Morning News until 1939.

<sup>5</sup> Find A Grave, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 25 November 2019), memorial page for Amy Charlotte Lang (unknown–9 Jul 1887), Find A Grave Memorial no. 178480787, citing Seaforth Old Burying Ground, Seaforth, City of Cape Town Metropolitan Municipality, Western Cape, South Africa ; Maintained by Peter H (contributor 47423563) .

This fits in with her husband's movements; he was the navy chaplain at the Cape of Good Hope 1885 – 1891.

<sup>6</sup> Admiral Sir Charles John Briggs became third Lord of the Admiralty in 1910, following Sir John Jellicoe.

<sup>7</sup> In 1861 Oliver William Lang was the Master Shipwright at Chatham Navy dock yard.

<sup>8</sup> His brother Henry Briggs Lang was described as second surviving son on his marriage in 1874.

<sup>9</sup> In 1871 Caroline Louisa Lang was staying with her cousin Rev Francis Brooking Briggs and his family in New Brentford.

<sup>10</sup> In 1901 he is living alone at 1 Kempsford Road, Lambeth but is described as married and a "doctor's messenger." He was admitted to the Workhouse at Lambeth on 1903 May 16. Here he is described as a "medical assistant" and single. He discharged himself a few days later. There were many such incidents. On 1905 December 9 Alfred Lang (52) died in Caterham Workhouse. It is difficult to be absolutely sure of his identity but throughout his admissions to the workhouse he consistently gives various medical related professions. In 1871 when he was living with his brother, Rev Francis C Lang, in Charlton, London, he is described as "Student of Medicine". The London burial records show that an Alfred Graham Lang was buried in Southwark on 1905 December 16.

<sup>11</sup> Sir Frederick William Lang was the speaker of the New Zealand House of Representatives, 1913 – 1922. He had emigrated to New Zealand in 1872 and was created a Knight Bachelor in 1916.

<sup>12</sup> On 1867 April 20 Mary Louisa Allin inadvertently entered into a bigamous marriage with the Liverpool Attorney William Henry Stainthorpe (1839 - ). They were married in Plymouth and then returned to Liverpool. He was brought before the Magistrate in Liverpool on 1867 May 11 by her brother-in-law, the recently retired Army captain, Thomas Richard Julian. The prisoner was not given bail. The case came to trial in August and Stainthorpe was imprisoned for twelve months with hard labour. On his release his wife sued for divorce and a decree nisi was issued. They were married in Kentish Town in 1869 and by the 1971 census they are living in Hexham, Northumberland and he is described as "Solicitor waiting for admission acting as a Solicitors [hearagay?] clerk." They are presumably here because his father, John, was a solicitor in the town. Their daughter Mary Louise Hendrey Stainthorpe was born in Manchester in 1874. An item in the 1880 December Police Gazette suggests that he was on-the-run for embezzlement.

She descended into a life of poverty in the London workhouses ...