

### Friends of Havant Cemeteries Self-guided walk 3: the Dissenters Cemetery

In 1851 when Sir George Thomas Staunton granted land at New Lane, Havant, for new cemeteries, two distinct sections were created: one for Church of England burials and one for Dissenters. At the time this distinction was of huge significance: a Church of England employer would probably not take on a dissenter and intermarriage was frowned upon. The Dissenters were members of a number of different groups who separated from the Church of England in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries. Some of these groups emigrated to the New World and still have a strong presence there today, while in the United Kingdom those who remained have gradually been assimilated into groups such as the Methodists, Congregationalists and Baptists.

A laminated copy of a large hand-drawn plan of the Dissenters Cemetery, showing some 320 graves and probably 1000 burials, date and author unknown, is held at the Spring Arta and History Centre in Havant and can be viewed in the research room. The original is held at the Hampshire Archives in Winchester. The grave numbers in this walk refer to this plan. Gillian Peskett has also written a very detailed guide to the Dissenters Cemetery listing all monumental inscriptions, some no longer legible, Havant Borough History Booklet 12, available on the Spring website.

The Friends of Havant Cemeteries, in existence since 2014, carry out sensitive maintenance of this and the other two cemeteries on this site. Our maintenance sessions take place on the last Tuesday morning of each month from 10-12 and we welcome new volunteers.

#### Smolden (graves 54 and 55)

There are two graves commemorating the Smolden/Smalden/Smaldron family on the northern side of the cemetery.

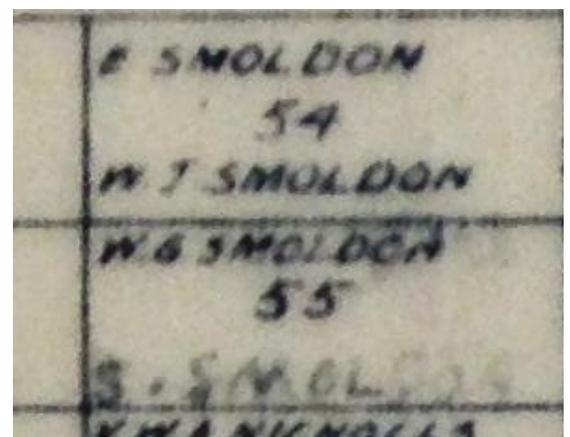
In the 1861 census John Smalden, a blacksmith aged 44 from South Molton, Devon, was living at 2 Nelson Place, Southwark, with his wife Elizabeth, aged 46, from Exeter, and sons John, aged sixteen, born in Exeter, and 7-year-old William, a scholar born in St Saviour, Surrey (a Southwark parish). Ten years later William Smalden aged 17 was on HMS Narcissus “bearing the flag of Rear Admiral Fredk Beauchamp P. Seymour” which at the time of the census was “between Lucia and Jamaica, at Sea, Lat 16.44 N, 68.17W”, under Captain William Codrington Esquire. In 1881

William was an Able Seaman serving under Captain Willam H Maywell in Farm Cove, Sydney, NSW on HMS Emerald and in 1891 William, married and a Petty Officer First Class, was on the Volage

([https://www.battleships-cruisers.co.uk/hms\\_volage.htm](https://www.battleships-cruisers.co.uk/hms_volage.htm)) at Spithead under Captain William Acland. At the time his wife Sarah was living in Londesborough Road, Southsea, with 7-year-old son William James. William James appears also to have joined the navy but died aged 22 in 1907, and his stone, which also

commemorates his grandmother Elizabeth (wife of John) who died in 1894 aged 79, is adjacent to that of William George and Sarah.

By 1901 William George was a pensioner living at 5 North Street, Havant, (2 doors away from the George Inn, now opposite Waitrose with its name still readable) with Sarah and boarder Charles Molyneux aged 22. William died five years later at the age of 52 and his inscription reads “Come all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11.28). In 1911 Sarah, a widow aged 39, was a boarding house keeper at Exeter House, North Street, Havant, with two boarders, Harvey and Ernest Freeston, both leather workers “fleshing sheep skins” from Salisbury, and an adopted son Alfred Stingemore aged 17. In 1939 Alfred was living in Gravesend, Kent, a labourer, with his wife Clara, and he died in 1951.



## Horscroft (grave 58)

Henry Thomas & Eliza Horscroft were married on 26<sup>th</sup> February 1863 at Frant, Sussex. They had three children: first a boy, Henry S born Tunbridge Wells 1864, then a daughter, Ada Elizabeth born Maidstone, 1866 and a son, Theodore Brougham, born Maidstone, 1868. In 1871 Henry T aged 30 was listed as a carpenter journeyman born in Brighton, and the family were living in the Stone Street area of Maidstone, Kent, Eliza aged 31, and the children were 7, 5 and 2. Things had changed considerably by 1891: Henry T and Eliza were living at Portland Terrace, Havant (which no longer exists) and Henry was now Superintendent of a Temperance Society and Ada a dressmaker. Henry died in 1893 and his stone is also on the northern side of the cemetery.

Ada married James Herbert Marshall from Havant and in 1911 the widowed Eliza (born in Harting) was living with James and Ada and their three daughters at Hazeldene, Knox Road, Havant. James was a grocer and baker. The 1920 Kelly's directory lists him with his shop at 55 West Street.

ward, 115 New road, Bournemouth	Marks Albert Ernest, 5 Charminster road, Bournemouth
es. Calmore, Netley mpton	†*Markwell T.S. Gosport st. Lymington
3 Hertford st. Landport	Marlow S. Wood green, Salisbury
es, 2 Dover street, Southampton	Marsh Chas. E. 93a, Queen st. Portsea
Weymouth terrace, Southampton	Marsh Ernest, Hambledon, Cosham
o Church rd. Landport	†*Marshall James Herbert, 55 West street, Havant
15 May st. Basingstoke	Marshall Josph. S. Milton, New Milton
2 Brook st. Basingstoke	Marshall Miss Louisa, 16 St. Thomas' street, Lymington
Muscliffe rd. Winton,	†*Marshall Robert G. 419 Commercial road, Landport
p. Selborne, Alton	Martin & Sons, King's Somborne,
102 High st. Eastleigh	

## Arter (grave 132)

The Arters were and a large and significant Havant family with descendants still living in Havant. Grave 132 houses six burials: John, Emily, Maria Ann, and daughters Louisa, Maria and Alice Emily.

John Arter was born in Havant on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1811, and died 24<sup>th</sup> August 1885 aged 74 yrs. He was married twice, his firstly to Emily on 1<sup>st</sup> April 1834 in St. Faiths Havant. Emily nee Wrapson 1814-1865 died aged 52. His second wife Maria Ann nee Tillyer was born in Middlesex around 1827 and died 9<sup>th</sup> June 1891 aged 64.

In 1841 John & Emily Arter are listed as living in West Street, Havant. John is listed as Ironmonger with Rebecca 6, Emily 4, George 2, and 1 month old James. One other person is listed (Elsie, 15 years old, possibly a servant).

Ten years later in 1851 John Arter now aged 39 is still an Ironmonger employing two men, listed as living in East Street, Havant with Emily (38 yrs) and 16 year old daughter Rebecca, sons George 11 years, William 9 years, John Jnr 3 years, and daughters Emma 5 years, and Martha 10 months. Also listed is 16 year old niece Emma Wrapson from Fareham. They have a 19 year old general servant.

By 1881 John and second wife Maria Ann were still in East Street, John now 69 and Maria 54. Also living in the same building is John Arter (Jnr) aged 34 yrs born 1847) also listed as an Ironmonger. Three daughters are also shown on this census: Mary 1852-1919, Louisa 1858-1902, Alice Emily 1863-1947; and a 15 year old girl servant. In the 1891 Census the widowed Maria A. Arter is shown as living "on her own means" in East Street Havant. Also living in the home is John (Jnr), Ironmonger, now aged 43 and the two daughters of John & Emily, Mary and Alice E Arter also both listed as 'living on her own means'.

John Arter (Jnr) of Ivy Lodge (now replaced by a modern building housing the Guinness Partnership), 33 East Street, retired Ironmonger, died 1<sup>st</sup> June 1906, probate granted to Louis Aime Dubois Hotel Keeper (Bear Hotel) and Arthur Arter Ironmonger, estate £14384 0s. 6d. An Ancestry Family Tree lists John Arter & Emily Wrapson as having had 13 children, all born in Havant between 1835 and 1863.

Photo right is the back Row of photo below (Lo = Louise)



Mary Arthur Martha Lo Charles Ebenezer  
Watts Bess



Jack Maria John Rebe  
Tullier Arter



George

**ARTER FAMILY GROUP**

(Photo from Family Tree member in Ancestry)

**Randall (graves 314 and 315)**

Sarah Jane Randall had a sad life. She lost two sons Herbert William and Ernest as infants. Her husband William Pitman died aged only 34, sons Harry Edwin and Percy died aged 19 and 28, and daughter Kate died at the age of 11. Sarah Jane died in 1918 aged 67, having outlived them all. William Pitman Randall was baptised on 19 August 1849, the child of James, a labourer, and Eliza, in Chaldon Herring, Dorset, and in 1881 was a draper aged 31 living in North Street with Sarah Jane 29, Kate 4, Harry 2 and Percy 5 months. The widowed Sarah thrived though, and in 1891 she was the draper, at 48 North Street, with Harry, Percy, and a servant Alice Kynariou. By 1901 Sarah Jane was at 10 North Street, a draper and outfitter, with Percy aged 20 and 16-year-old Emily Clarke as servant. In 1911 she was at the same address "at home" which presumably meant she was retired, and she died in 1918.



Grave 314 commemorates Harry Edwin Randall who died on his 19th birthday, Dec 8, 1897, and Percy Randall died April 23, 1909 age 28, also Sarah Jane wife of William Pitman Randall died Sep 28, 1918 age 67. William Pitman husband of S. J. Randall died April 15, 1883, also Herbert William, died May 12, 1879 age 1 year 7 months, also Ernest, died Dec 27, 1882 age 10 months 2 weeks, also Kate, died Dec 8, 1887 age 11 years 3 months. Grave 315 houses William (1883) and Sarah Jane Randall (1918). There is also a footstone with initials W.P.R 1883, H.W. 1879, E 1882 and K 1887 which are assumed to refer to William Pitman, Herbert William, Ernest and Kate

**Davies, (grave 140) – chemists and dentists**

In 1881 Philip & Fanny Davies were living and running a Grocer's Shop in Church Street, Twyford, Hurst, Berkshire, employing three men and a boy. Three sons were listed: Philip Percival (aged 8 yrs, born 1<sup>st</sup> January 1873 in Twyford, Berkshire), John Mc Farlan (aged 6 yrs) and Charles Sidney (aged 5yrs). Ten years later Philip and Fanny were living at 49 Prospect Road, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, Philip's occupation Commercial Traveller for Confectionery

and Tobacco. By now John McFarlan was 16, an Auctioneer's Clerk and Charles Sidney aged 15 was a Chemist's Apprentice. In 1901 Philip and Fanny Davies were living in 16 West Street, Havant with their son Philip P. Davies, aged 28, a Chemist employing a Chemist's Assistant Charles Gresswell and an apprentice, his 15 year old nephew Charles J.C. Phillips from Wiltshire. In 1911 the elder Philip, now aged 64 and Fanny, 60, were living at Trouville, Craneswater Avenue, Southsea with their Housemaid Hilda (aged 15 years).

Philip Percival Davies (son) appears to be the founder of Davies the Chemist in West Street, Havant. He is also shown as a Dental Surgeon of Magnolia House, 27 East Street, Havant on the 1939 Register (plus his record is marked as Hants Special Constabulary). In 1923 Charles Sidney Davies was a Pharmacist, John McFarlan Davies a Signwriter and Philip Percival Davies Dentist

Philip Percival married Alice Mary (Born 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 1880 in Eastbourne, Sussex), they had three children, Mary Phillipa Davies (Born approx. 1907 In Havant) and Jeffery Philip Davies (Born approx. 1908 in Havant). One child did not survive. Philip Percival Davies died 9<sup>th</sup> March 1943 at the War Memorial Hospital Havant. Philip Davies (snr) died 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1923 and Fanny died 30<sup>th</sup> January 1914 aged 64 yrs

