

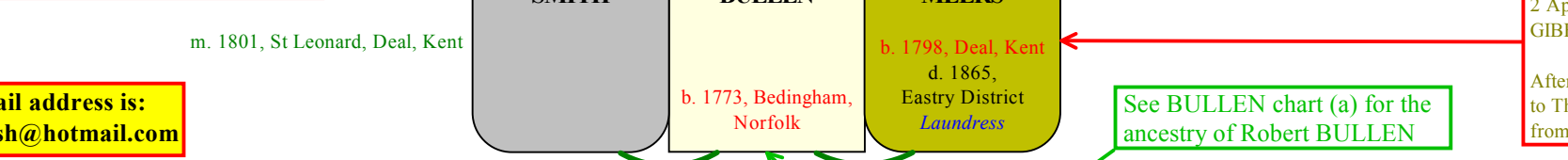
Evidence from contact William Harrold that his ancestor Robert BULLING/BULLEN, who married Catherine SMITH in St Leonard's, Deal, on 6 Oct 1801, is to be identified with Robert BULLEN, baptised 1773 in Bedingham, Norfolk, son of James BULLEN and Elizabeth PAGE.

There is a Robert BULLART serving on HMS Overysseel which was at the Downs anchorage (Dover harbour) at the same time as the marriage. The muster (payroll) records show Robert BULLART was on HMS Overysseel for about 5 years, and later, on HMS Amphion. These records show him born in 1773 and usually from Biddenham. Crucially, there is a witness to the marriage, a Fred WILLIAMS, who also appears in the Admiralty records on the same ship. The ship records are from ADM 136/1374 held at the PRO in Kew. Robert appears in Deal hospital records at the right time to get married.

Robert and Catherine BULLING baptised a son William Richard in Deal in 1805. In 1824, William BULLEN and his wife Mary Ann were moved from Morningthorpe, Norfolk back to Walmer/Deal, Kent, under the Settlement Act. Morningthorpe is about 4 miles east of Bedingham. (Walmer Poor Law records Arch/Ref U3/60/13/98.)

William Harrold was the first to inform me of this connection between our families having seen Robert BULLEN on my BULLEN chart (a). I am very grateful to him for sharing this information with me and also for sharing with me his transcripts of Walmer Parish registers which have helped me to research this branch of my BULLEN family tree.

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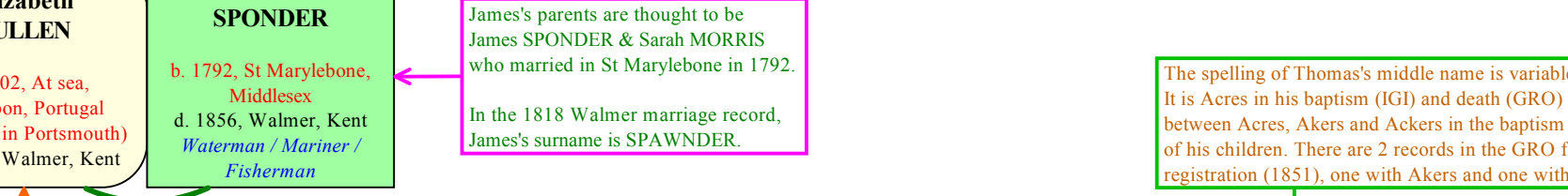


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There is a baptism in the IGI of Jane MEARS, daughter of John & Jane MEARS in Deal on 2 April 1802. Possible mother's maiden name - GIBBS or LAWRENCE.

After Robert BULLEN died, Jane was remarried to Thomas NORRIS, a mariner with children from an earlier marriage.

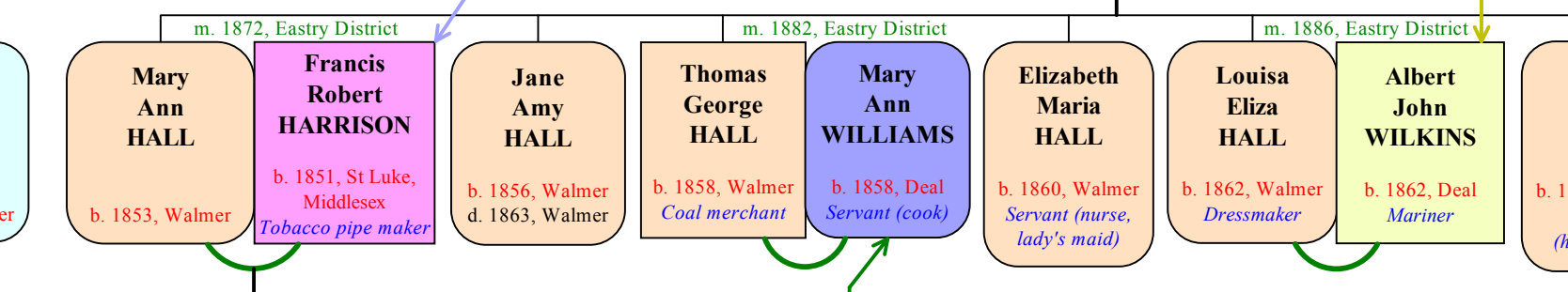
See BULLEN chart (a) for the ancestry of Robert BULLEN



James's parents are thought to be James SPONDER & Sarah MORRIS who married in St Marylebone in 1792. In the 1818 Walmer marriage record, James's surname is SPAWNDER.

Elizabeth's birth place is recorded as "At Sea" in the 1851 census, and as Lisbon in the 1861, 1871, and 1881 censuses. Elizabeth was baptised 10 October 1802 in St Thomas, Portsmouth. From information provided by my contact, William Harrold, I have learnt that Robert's ship Hyperion sailed for Lisbon on 18 Oct 1802, returning on 10 Dec, under her captain Hardy (of Trafalgar). The dates don't quite tally but this does give some idea of what might have happened and what Elizabeth might have been told about her birth.

John's parents are thought to be William and Sarah ELSDEN. William was in the Navy. Sarah was born in Ripple, Kent.



Francis's parents were William HARRISON and Rosina Ann [PAGE] who were married on 15 July 1844 in St Giles Cripplegate, Middlesex. William was a tobacco pipe manufacturer.

There is a marriage recorded in 1891 in Eastry District between Jane Amy HALL & Benjamin CAPP or Henry Walter RICHARDS. Please let me know if you have information.

There is a marriage record in 1896 in Eastry District between Emily Ada HALL and John Hixon COOPER or Ernest John GARNER. Please let me know if you have information.



Francis's parents were John THOMAS SKINNER and Sarah Jane SKINNER who were married at St Thomas, Portsmouth, on 9 Nov 1862. Both parents were born in Deal.

It is possible that Emma took to calling herself Mabel. She may be identified in 1891 census with Mabel ELSDEN, age 23, working as a confectioner's assistant and lodging in Marylebone. She may have married as Mabel Emma J. ELSDEN in 1905 in Kensington District to either William John WOODROFFE or Ludolph A. WUSTERMANN. This is speculative. Please contact me if you have evidence.



According to my contact Margaret [Miller] Brown, Francis and Emily had a daughter Eleanor Ivy Harrison, born in 1897. I cannot locate Eleanor in the 1901 census. She was not recorded with Francis and Emily who only had their baby son Francis, age 5 months, with them on census night. Margaret's information comes from burial records of Eythorne Baptist Church where, buried in the same plot, were Emily (in 1914), Francis (in 1953) and Eleanor (in 1962). I have located Eleanor's birth (GRO 1st qtr 1897 Greenwich District).

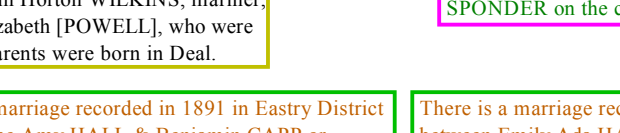
The spelling of Thomas's middle name is variable in the records. It is Acres in his baptism (IGI) and death (GRO) records. It varies between Acres, Akers and Ackers in the baptism records (IGI) of his children. There are 2 records in the GRO for his marriage registration (1851), one with Akers and one with Akous.

In 1891, Thomas is recorded as mariner, while his wife Mary is lodging house keeper with daughters Jane and Susannah being assistant (lodging house keeper).

Ann and Thomas HALL were sister and brother. The marriage of their parents is recorded in the IGI on 28 November 1825 in Deal, Kent, between Charles Henry HALL & Elizabeth PROPERT. Thomas was baptised in Deal on 23 December 1829. Ann was baptised on 17 June 1831.

Albert's parents were John Horton WILKINS, mariner, and his wife Susanna Elizabeth [POWELL], who were married in 1854. Both parents were born in Deal.

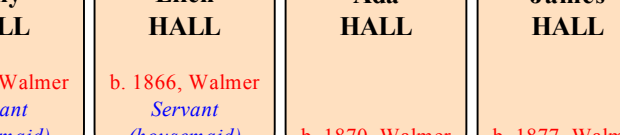
The spelling of this family surname is variable in the parish records between SPONDER, SPAWNDER, SPAUNDER and SPOUNDER. I have stuck to SPONDER on the chart but have indicated where the records vary from this.



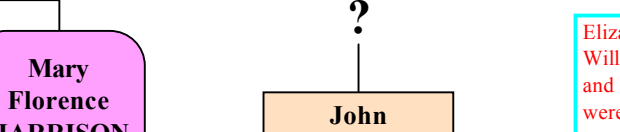
Susannah SPONDER (b. 1838, Walmer; d. 1912, Walmer; Servant / Grocer)

John Robert SPONDER (b. 1840, Walmer; d. 1844, Walmer)

Thomas George SPONDER (b. 1843, Walmer; d. 1897, Eastry District; Mariner / Boatman)



Martha ELLIOTT (b. 1857, Camden Town, Middlesex)



Robert BULLEN (b. 1829, Walmer; d. 1894, Walmer; Mariner / Boatman)

Mary Jane BULLEN (b. 1832, Walmer; Servant (housemaid) / Innkeeper)

Thomas Richard BULLEN (b. 1834, Walmer; d. 1843, Walmer)

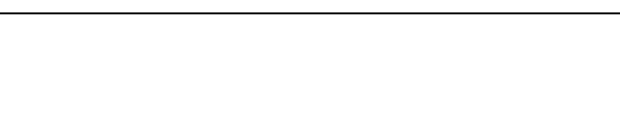
James Henry BULLEN (b. 1837, Walmer)

Margaret BULLEN (b. 1839, Walmer; Servant)

John Fortescue BULLEN (b. 1841, Walmer; d. 1920, Walmer; Mariner / Waterman / Channel pilot)

Louisa Elizabeth BULLEN (b. 1844, Walmer; d. 1890, Eastry District; Servant (lady's maid))

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Elizabeth's parents were William Reuben CANNON and Eliza [PARKER] who were married in 1858.

After her husband, James SPONDER, died, Elizabeth was remarried in 1899 to widower Frank James SHEPPARD in Evesham.

William's parents were Joseph WAY, a porter with South Western Railways, who was born in Moreton, Dorset, and his wife Mary A. [FOOT], born in Shaftsbury, Dorset, who were married in Lambeth District in 1876. Information on this marriage has come from contact Derek Way.

Caroline married firstly Herbert CAVE in 1912. She married secondly William H. PAINE in 1921. Both marriages in Eastry District. Info from Derek Way.

Charles's parents were William Charles SPARROW and Emma [SILK], who were married in Caine, Wiltshire, in 1848.

There is a death of Eliza Margaret SPONDER, age 43, recorded in Lambeth in 1897 (GRO). If this is the right person, then she may be identified with the person who was baptised Eliza Margaret PERKES, daughter of George and Margaret PERKES on 25 May 1851 in Dudley (IGI). This couple's marriage was between George PERKS and Margaret PHYSON in Tipton, Staffordshire, on 15 October 1839 (IGI). The 1861 census shows George as labourer, born in Dudley, and Margaret as cap maker born in Germany.

Information from Derek Way:  
"Sadly he died at the age of just 17, when his ship the HMS Hampshire went down during the first World War with Lord Kitchener aboard.  
The wreck of HMS Hampshire is today in 70 metres of water around 1 to 1 1/2 miles off Marwick Head. Standing out on the high cliffs of Marwick Head you can see the Kitchener Memorial. This Memorial was erected in 1926 funded with money raised by the people of Orkney. The Kitchener memorial is the nearest land point to the sinking of the HMS Hampshire.  
Field Marshal Earl Kitchener of Khartoum on that corner of his country, which he had served so faithfully, nearest to the place where he died on duty. He and his staff perished, along with the officers and nearly all of the men of the H.M.S. Hampshire, on the 5th June 1916."

From War Graves Commission website (casualty number 3038584):  
William Charles James John SPARROW, Boy 1st Class Royal Navy, H.M.S. Hampshire, service number J/32562  
Died 5th June 1916, age 17 years, son of Mrs. C. Sparrow, of 27, York Rd., Lower Walmer, Deal.

There are no children apparent in the censuses from these last three marriages of Richard.

Richard's parents were John WILDS and Mary Ann [BINFIELD], who married in Deal, in 1812. Richard was baptised there in 1813.

In the 1841 census, Richard is recorded in DEAL, age 25, with Margaret WILDS (30), John WILDS (16), and Thomas WILDS (9). It looks like Richard has his first wife and two sons with him, but I cannot confirm this because the 1841 census did not record family relationships. In subsequent censuses (1851-1881) Richard is recorded in Walmer.

In 1845 Margaret WILDS died. Richard married Jane SPONDER in 1846. Jane died in 1856.

In 1857, Richard married widow Eliza Foreman [AXON] BEECHAM, whose first husband was John Daniel BEECHAM. Eliza died in 1875.

Finally, in 1877, Richard married widow Sarah Watson [ARNOLD] ELLENDEEN, whose first husband was John ELLENDEEN.

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