

Family Research Thesis

'Burton, Evans, Cooper & Doubleday of Nottingham'

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Introduction & Preface

In 2009 I wrote a treatise on the life and ancestors of my great-grandfather Joseph Henry Burton DSC, Petty Officer, Royal Navy. As new documents are constantly being scanned and uploaded from archives I thought it a good idea to go back to his supposed family line 7 years later to see if there was any other documented evidence I could uncover to discover his paternity and ancestors.

To bring you up to speed, so far we know that Joseph, from his Royal Navy ratings record, was born in St Peters, Nottingham, this led to finding his birth certificate, which states his mother was a Laura Louisa Burton age 17, but no father is listed thereupon. There are concerns about their origins as both tell 'white lies' on their state documents. Joseph for example on his marriage cert. in 1904 states his father is a 'George Henry Cooper Burton', a name that no man ever beheld. Laura gives three different names for her father also. I gave up at that point.

So as new records have been put online recently I came up trumps by discovering Laura (*his mother's*) baptism, 10 years after she was born, giving another intriguing puzzle and angle to the story, which I shall carefully try and illustrate below. Due to feedback from non-professional and illiterate relatives I have provided simple biographical versions to the more thorough scientific analysis to ease brain strain. The numbers in brackets [00] refer to pictures and transcripts of documents on the following pages, with full citation in reference. This thesis should be considered as an 'addendum' to the "*Joseph Henry Burton DSC, Torpedo Master*" book I published in 2009, which was itself an overhaul of my erroneous outline:- "*The Burton Story*", published in 2001 (*available in select libraries*).

Methodology

For those who doubt, question and dismiss genealogical information, it is good, because no one can be certain if *a* father is actually *the* father unless they carry out blood tests, and that is difficult without a body. Therefore it is necessary to obtain all original documents pertaining to the individual and cross check the information with other sources and people of similar stats to see if they can be eliminated or matched.

If you should become decidedly hostile at the facts I lay out below, remember it is not my intention to sully the memory of our ancestors, we did not choose them, but it is to tell their true stories and origins and highlight the methods employed to get through genealogical brick-walls when faced with illegitimacy, name changes and adultery.

Thus a good example of the detective work employed can be found with Joseph Henry Burton's birth. All we had to go on was that from his Royal Navy rating's record he states being born in St Peters, Nottingham. No baptism for that parish was found, so a trace of the GRO index of births for the whole world, brings up only 12 Joseph Henry Burton's born in 1877, only one of whom was born in Nottingham. On receiving the certificate an exact match of his name, parish location and birth date, 25th March is given. These 3 pieces of matching evidence, to the exclusion of all other possibilities points EXACTLY, 100% to this being the correct document of birth.

Other methods employ countless hours of research into histories of work skills, human migration, social codes, history of buildings and a

PhD degree in gut instinct. No information or idea gets into my thesis without it being carefully reviewed, mulled over, cross checked and corrected, and I always welcome any new ideas that may superseded those where doubt is expressed.

Revision & Update 8th Nov 2017

Every year new data is being dredged up from the dark depths of the archives, so I make it a regular habit to scan for any new data that might prejudice my current thesis. That is true for this update as I discovered that both Laura and her mother Louisa were born with names other than what they were baptised with, and Alfred Henry turns out is not the son of Henry Evans, and gives us a clue to the wider Burton connections. It is difficult for me to impart to a non-researcher how I came about this epiphany in simple layman's terms, because I have been trying to unravel this genealogical puzzle in my head for 16 years. Suffice to say I eliminated all the possible alternatives by cross checking, referring to original state documents and trying alternative routes to the usual when confronted with generations of unmarried single mothers. Suffice to say it is always possible to trace unknowns, as there is always a legalised paper-trail that can still be chased, no matter how many lies they tell on their certificates.

Revision 6th Dec 2017

Additional to the above update, with the revelation over Eliza and Laura's birth names, and Ellen's new son, I made an exertion to find sister Ellen Burton's birth certificate, as it too was "missing in action". As we had her birth date, it was a matter of checking that exact day in the GRO index. The results show that as I had long expected, Henry Evans was her father. This proves he was a long distance bigamist, and probably the father of Laura also. This gives us further puzzles, but certainly downplays the idea of incest. It has me also questioning whether Henry had children in other cities...

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As many researchers continue to delve into the World War One archives, sponsored by families who lost relatives, promoted by the 100 year anniversary of the Great War, such is so with Joseph. An independent researcher on behalf of Nottingham Council wrote biographies of many fallen men from that city for their centenary project. He was completely independent, and swears that he never saw my thesis or book, yet he managed to come up with the exact conclusions I have made here, with less detail. As there was no crossover, and all our factual biographical details match, it means that my research has been vindicated fully.

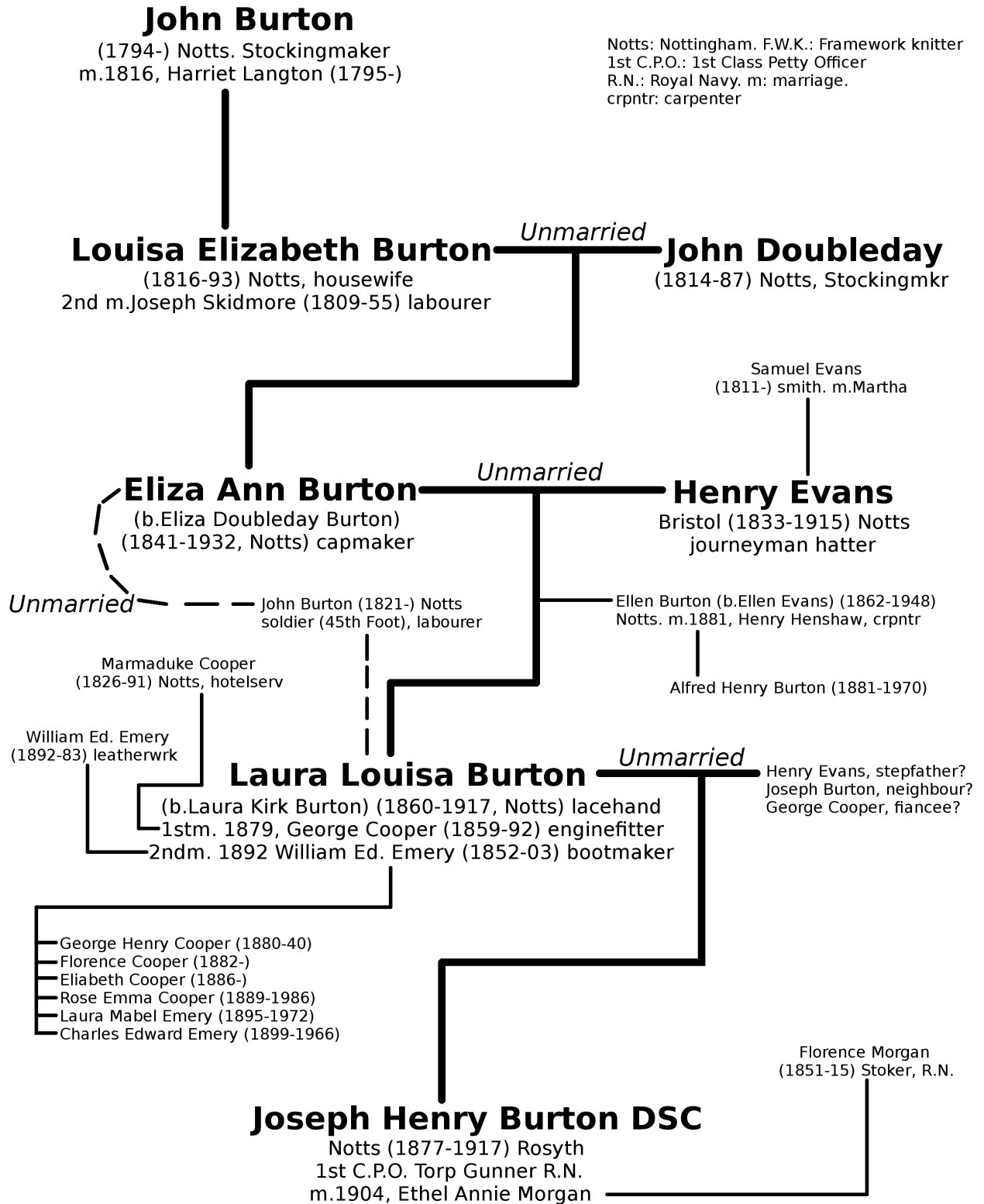
He also, with access to the Nottingham newspaper archive dug out an article written on Joseph himself at the time he was alive, receiving his DSC. It states born in Victoria St Nottingham, and gives his school details, which although didn't lead anywhere, is further concrete proof.

I have also added the original baptism document of his mother Laura and sister, which include their supposed father Henry Evans, but it has been crossed out!

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& Doubleday of Nottingham**

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Burton-Evans-Cooper-Doubleday Family Tree (1794-1917)

Compiled and Revised by James M Burton Dec 2017
from GRO, BDM, Census, Parish Reg, RN Docs

[T1] Simplified version of the Burton family tree

Laura Louisa Burton

(1860-1917) Nottingham, Lace Worker

(Mother to Joseph Henry Burton DSC, G.G. Grandmother to Author)

Simple Version

Laura is the birth mother of Joseph Henry Burton, but the father is unknown. She in turn was born illegitimately as Laura Kirk Burton at 11, Snow Hill in Nottingham while her mother Eliza Ann Burton was making head-caps in the 'slums'. She was baptised Laura Louisa Burton (*a name change to hide the truth of illegitimacy*) with her sister Ellen 10 years after they were born in 1871 by her mother who was still unmarried, and supposed father John Burton (*labourer*). However, Henry Evans, a hat maker from Bristol marries Eliza in 1872 and they are both 'adopted' by him, but it turns out he was having an affair with Eliza from around 1860, so likely the real father of Ellen and Laura. She gives birth to Joseph age 17 at No.4 Victoria Street, Nottingham, upstairs from an architects office (*her step / father worked there as hat maker in the shop below*) while unmarried and working as a cigar maker in a shop across the road at No.7.

She marries George Cooper an engine fitter for the clothing industry in 1879 and they have 4 children in the suburbs of Nottingham. It is possible George was the father of Joseph, as he gives a version of his name, 'George Henry Cooper Burton' on his marriage certificate in 1904, Plymouth. It could even have been her step / father Henry or Joseph Burton, next door neighbour. George died in 1892 of consumption (*tuberculosis*), a bacterial disease and so she marries William Emery a boot maker in the same year and has 2 more children. Joseph runs off to join the Royal Navy at this point. She works for the next 30 years weaving lace products, and dies age 56 of heart failure in 1917.

Scientific Version

Laura Louisa Burton is the stated mother of Joseph Henry Burton. His birth date 25th March 1877 at St Peter's Nottingham was traced from his newly released RN rating's record. On the subsequent matched birth certificate his mother is listed as a cigar maker and that the birth occurred at No.4 Victoria St, St Peter's, Nottingham, but no father is recorded. I could find no record of this young lady being born, married or living anywhere, but a clue came from Joseph's marriage certificate, 18th June 1904, Plymouth to Ethel Annie Morgan, where he states his father is a 'George Henry Cooper Burton' (*engine fitter, deceased*). So I scoured the 1881 census and find her under the name Laura Cooper living with a George Cooper (*engine fitter*) and son Joseph H. Burton in St Peter's Nottingham (*location as per birth cert*). On Laura's 1879 marriage cert. to George she states her father is an Elija Burton (*no occupation*). No trace of a matching Elija could be found.

In 1892 however George dies and Laura remarries same year to a William Edward Emery (*boot maker*) we know this because in the 1901 census she is named Emery but living with daughters Rose, Elizabeth and Florence Cooper from the previous marriage. Joseph had fled to the Navy at this point. Her 2nd marriage cert. states this time that her father is a Henry Evans (*hatter*). So a trace of the 1871 census reveals her age 11, listed as the daughter of Henry Evans (*hatter*) & Eliza A. Evans (*cap maker*) nearby in central Nottingham. At this point I became stumped as to why she would change her name if unmarried to Burton, aged 16, upon becoming pregnant with Joseph, and give her father's name as Elija Burton if her parents were Evans.

So, in 2016 Nottingham baptisms were fully released online,

and I had a "Eureka" moment when I found her record. She was baptised with the name Laura Louisa Burton in 1871 age 11 along with her sister Ellen age 9 in St Mary's, Nottingham. It states on this record that her birth father was a John Burton (*labourer*) and mother Eliza A. Burton, note their address thereupon was 50 Truman St, Nottingham. However earlier in that year on the census, as previously stated, Laura and her sister Ellen are listed with Henry Evans (*hatter*) and wife Eliza A., as parents, and strangely their address is also 50 Truman Street. Living next door to them at No.52 is a family of Burtons (*lace workers*). Note here though that we have an Eliza A., Ellen & Laura in both documents living at 50 Truman St.

In 1872 Eliza A. Burton marries Henry Evans (*hatter*) in St Marks, stating that she is a spinster. Therefore we can safely state that Eliza Anne Burton is the birth mother of Laura & Ellen while unmarried at the time.

As for who Laura's father was, this new baptism complicated things further. If you look closely at her 1st marriage cert. 1879, you will see that it reads *Eliza* Burton not *Eliza* (*no occupation*), and therefore means she did not know who her father was, and states her mother's name instead of nothing. On her 2nd marriage to William Emery in 1892, she has made her mind up that Henry Evans (*hatter*) is her father, since he did adopt her. On her baptism in 1871 however John Burton (*labourer*) is her nominated father, noted on examination of the ACTUAL baptism record, I find the name ~~Henry Evans~~ crossed out, but not obliterated.

If we therefore stretch back to her mother Eliza's marriage to Henry Evans in 1872, we find a John Burton (*bricklayer*) as Eliza's father, and she a spinster. Since the baptism of Laura was made 10 years after her birth and her mother was unmarried, I concluded at the time that the John there (*with same name and occupation*) was possibly Louisa & Ellen's grandfather, standing in for an absentee father by proxy, prompted by faith to sanctify them. Otherwise it I thought it might be either a case of incest or adultery involving a relative from the 'Burton tribe' (*e.g. 1st or 2nd cousin, even brother or father?*) or by sheer great coincidence, an unrelated man with the same surname. My research suggests that in the poor, ill-educated, crowded slums of Nottingham, this was not uncommon.

So I went back a year later and tried to find Laura's birth certificate, and their location in 1861, as it was obscure. This would be simply a matter of elimination. Laura's exact birth date was handily noted on her baptism in 1871 as 4th June 1860. Entering this into the GRO search engine came up with only one choice, a Laura *Kirk* Burton. Intrigued, I took the plunge, and what came back was an exact match in date and circumstance. She was born Laura *Kirk* Burton on that date, with mother Eliza Burton, with no father, not far from where she later lived. To further confirm I had to scour the address she gave, Glasshouse Street, in the 1861 (*April*) census, and nearby in Charlotte St was an Eliza Doubleday, cap-maker (*matching her lifelong employment*) and daughter and Laura Doubleday of exactly 10 months, (*matching the birth date*) lodging with a mixed group in a slum area.

This had me completely stumped again, and I almost dismissed it as a red-herring. But I imagined, if she tells so many lies on her other certificates, this could be another one to cover her tracks, illegitimacy being a punishable offence. So looking for births under Doubleday, I found an intriguing entry Eliza Burton Doubleday, born in the correct date range. She is therefore found in the 1851 census, nearby in Fyne St, aged 9 apprenticed as a cap-maker, her life long career, living with her mother Louisa and father John Doubleday. It is clear Louisa was a spinster, (*as proven below*) thus Eliza born illegitimately could choose between her two alternate names (*further confirmed in her birth cert., see below*).

All this confusion about names hints that they were obviously

trying to hide something here, whether illegitimacy, incest, rape, blackmail, or shame. Technically they weren't breaking the law, they filled in all the forms they were legally obliged to, it's just they told versions of the truth to cover their tracks.

With the revelation that Henry Evans is the father to Laura's sister Ellen, born 1862 (*as proved in her biog below*), and that his name is crossed out on the actual baptism, it is reasonable for me to speculate that Henry might be her father also. If Eliza was down on her luck, and Henry of similar trade calling to the town could give some advantage to her impecunious situation in return for favours, it was worth telling a host of lies for. The John Burton standing in for Henry at the baptism 10 years later was, I believe, a ploy to cover his tracks, being that illegitimacy was frowned upon, socially, and could incur a fine, and possibly prison for a bigamist. OTHERWISE, she was having an affair with BOTH Henry Evans and John Burton, and couldn't decide exactly who was Laura's real father.

So in conclusion, Laura's mother Eliza lied on her marriage cert, her father was John Doubleday not John Burton to hide she was illegitimate. Eliza trained as a cap maker from age 6, and while living in the slums, her father possibly going into the workhouse, she meets Henry Evans a married hatmaker from Bristol. She has an affair with him from 1860-2, producing 2 children, Laura & Ellen. When Henry's wife is about to die he moves to Nottingham and they baptise the children in their name, but at the last minute decide to use a fictitious name John Burton to hide the fact of bigamy and illegitimacy (*or use a stand in neighbour, John*). They marry in 1872 and have no further children. Henry is possible the father of Laura, but definitely of Ellen.

If you the reader remain unconvinced, you'll have to do the research yourself from scratch, but you'll come up with the exact same brick walls as I have in the last 16 years. While thoroughly eliminating all possible alternatives, this is the most clear vision of events so far. So we have several options for Laura's father, but cannot choose one accurately, in order of preference:

Most Likely Scenario

- **Scenario 1:** Laura and Ellen were born to Eliza out of wedlock with Henry Evans, and so they lie on the 1871 census stating they were married and his children, and they tell a further lie on the baptismal record to cover his tracks in the same year, when the authorities get suspicious, by giving a false name of father, John Burton, to absolve himself from paying bastardy order payments or prosecution

Other Possible Scenarios

- **Scenario 2:** Eliza was having an affair with John Burton, nearby, but also with Henry Evans, intermittent visitor, and wasn't sure which one was the real father of Ellen and Laura. However as there was better prospects with Henry, she moved in with him, names Ellen as his daughter, bringing the children, kicking John out of 50 Truman St. John tries to rescue the engagement and so he baptises the children to strengthen their bond. But it didn't work out, and Eliza ends up marrying Henry Evans
- **Scenario 3:** Laura & Ellen's father was John Burton with Eliza, same surname but unmarried. As a labourer he couldn't stick around, and Henry Evans adopted the children and married Eliza, they working with the Burton's next door, distant cousins, as lace clippers, silk winders and hatters together. 10 years later John is legally obliged to baptise the children to prove they weren't Henry's before Eliza marries
- **Scenario 4:** Henry Evans is the real father to Laura and Ellen, but John tries to 'muscle in' on the marriage by having a courting affair and baptises the children as his own to somehow claim ownership in an informal adoption that failed.

As for why she was initially named Laura *Kirk* Burton, we might hazard another guess in that the name may be subtle code for the identity of the absentee father, if it turns out not to be John Burton, or Henry Evans, it's not a very girly name, but no obvious choice comes up. Her birth place 11, Snow Hill shows a mixed group of lodgers in the 1861 census. A wild guess might be that there is a connection with *Kirkland* & Hine, the solicitors and architects office where she later gave birth to Joseph, she being too poor to be able to afford rent in plush office blocks (*see below*), but no further leads. As for the name change to Laura Louisa, as far as I see this was to cover her tracks of illegitimacy and this baptism acting as a change of name certificate, the Louisa added in honour of her grandmother.

As Henry Evans may alternatively have been her stepfather, it may explain why she is unmarried, pregnant age 16 and living in the middle of Nottingham making cigars in 1877. She may have run away after being harshly treated, disregarded or abandoned and thrown out on becoming pregnant accidentally.

Circumstances of Joseph Henry's Birth

The 'address' she gives on Joseph Henry Burton's birth certificate is No.4 Victoria Street, a well to do 'high street' of the period housing banks, post office etc, 'new' buildings built around 1870. I thought that she may be renting a flat here, but her wages as a cigar worker would have been disproportionate to her ability to live there, especially being a single unmarried mother with an illegitimate child.

A typical wage (*in 1889*) was 6 pence per hundred cigars made, making her perhaps 6 shillings a week, rent even for a paupers lodging was 4 shillings a week. That's of course if she was lucky to be employed in a factory that wasn't been hit by cheap foreign imports, or one of the unfortunates who picked up dog ends from the street to make them. So it doesn't necessarily mean she was living there long-term, it merely states that this was where she was staying when the birth occurred.

A clue for this comes from the Nottingham Postal Directory of 1876. The Imperial Buildings (No.16) on Victoria Street housed the postal office, insurance agents, government departments, and most importantly the Registrar of Births for the 'Exchange District', who in that year was William Marriott, the same man who filled in and signed Joseph's birth certificate. Marriott was also a solicitor, stockbroker and ran the 'Imperial Insurance Company' based at, likely running all varying concerns from the same office.

In the modern numbering system of the street which is even/odd each side, No.4 is at the opposite end, and that system has not changed since 1863. If we compare a 2015 photo of the street with the one taken in 1896, we find the buildings almost the same, but that No.4, in the 1896 photo, was the small thin building between No.2 & No.6. No.6, a former bank was built in 1896 after the demolition of 3 former buildings built 1870, in style to those further up, the map of 1882 and an 1890 photo confirms this. It was imperceptibly and seamlessly extended into No.4 around 1920, demolishing it. You can see this by counting the extra marble columns.

The only tobacco manufacturer listed in the street is at No.7, R & D Underwood (*Richard & Daniel*), a later photo in 1890 shows it (*under new management*) being directly opposite No.4. Listed at No.4 each above the other, is an architect & surveyor - Thomas Chambers Hine ; an insurance agent - Kirkland & Hine ; a men's outfitters (clothing) ; and most importantly a hatter's shop, both under William Henry Mackintosh. Laura's step/father Henry Evans was working as a

hat maker for most of his life in Nottingham. It occurred to me, as Henry an extravagant liar (*see his biog*), was baptised *William Henry*, that there is the distinct possibility he ran his hatters shop under the pseudonym *William Henry Mackintosh!* Note also he named his son (left in Bristol) as Henry William Evans (b.1860).

So my idea is that initially she was indentured to work at the tobacco factory and renting a flat above No.7, and was being kept an eye on by step/father Henry from the ground floor of the hatter's shop, opposite at No.4. When she became heavily pregnant, No.7 became unsuitable and so she was able to short-term rent the garret at No.4 because of the family connections and a friendly architect Thomas Hine, who owned and built the building. She then gave birth at No.4 and by convenience the registrar was just up the road at No.16.

On the other hand, was she somehow managing to long-term rent a high end garret in the high street as an unmarried pregnant mother if she did NOT have family connections to the hatters business and Mr Hine? The 1881 census records around 50 people living there in the flats above the shops on the 'odd numbered' side of the street, listed as drapers, hotel, grocers and dressmakers. No.4 is not listed and therefore an uninhabited shop and office, like most of the other buildings, but at no.5, next to the tobacco makers there is a shop of "dressmakers" with 14 young unmarried women from all over England. Dressmaking for all intents was often a cover for the role of "prostitute". These were poorly paid girls who sewed or made dresses at a piece meal rate and so sometimes turned to sex work for extra income.

That leads me on to Laura... I make the innocent alternative suggestion that her cigar making was a cover for her role as a private call girl, instructed by the "dressmaker" girls next door serving the high powered bankers in the street, with connection to the County Cricket Club at No.2. This is eventually how she became pregnant with Joseph. However I cannot confirm they were anything more than hard working people, or that Laura lived here. This was a governmental street, not one of obvious vice, and privately policed. These dressmakers may have been an empowered group of Christian women who set up shop to actually help those in desperation, and assisted Laura. On the other hand No.4 could even be a false address, she is seen lying on other occasions in documents, and may have slept in the doorway or the workhouse.

Otherwise did she have some arrangement or connection with the white collar workers that supposedly allowed her to rent a room above No.4 if not with her step/father's colleagues? This shop & office building does not seem to me to be a suitable place for a single mother & child to be living in, unless she was in the garret or basement without basic facilities! No one is listed as living there as stated in 1871/81 census. But I am judging from modern standards of course.

Thomas Hine who owned, designed and had built No.4 was the most prolific architect in Nottingham of the period, assigning his name to well over 100 prominent buildings of the period, including Nottingham castle revamp after the riots of 1820. Would a prominent civic gentleman have taken in a destitute unmarried single mother, a common cigar maker from the 1000s of similar girls of the period, unless she was something like a housemaid, related or a servant at the office? Much of his archive remains, including his itinerary for 1877, which points to him being a very busy man, returning from Paris in April of that year, and no mention of small personal details or office gossip.

Whatever her true story I think she would have had a rough time of it if she WAS a single mother, with no family support, making cigars for low

pay, at times deciding whether to feed herself, the child or the rent. George Cooper is the knight in shining armour in this instance, who could have plucked her out of this miserable situation, and of course later pictures of Joseph certainly indicate he was no worse the wear for his early colourful upbringing, in fact it strengthened his vital statistics. I am obviously trying to read between the lines and behind the mirror to make these suggestions, otherwise if we believe all we are told then the whole world becomes rather monotonous. But I enjoy demolishing my own arguments, as I am clearly influenced by own prejudices, lack of evidence and press propaganda of the Victorian era, and so in this case it is still an open verdict on a 150 year old paternity case! So I give some options as to how the real story MAY have played out in order of preference, and my doubts for each:

Most Likely Scenario

- **Scenario 1:** She was being courted by George Cooper who accidentally (!) made her pregnant. They were supported for a time by step / father Henry Evans hat maker whose workplace at No.4, and by association with Mr Thomas Hine, owner, allowed them to rent the garret at No.4 while she worked at the tobacco makers opposite, giving birth to Joseph therein

Other Possible Scenarios

- **Scenario 2:** Henry Evans, as step / father, made Laura pregnant with Joseph age 16, Eliza found out, kicked her daughter out, Henry feeling guilty finds her lodgings in the cigar makers next door to his hatter shop at 4 Victoria St to keep an eye on her, she then giving birth under supervision at the No.4 garret. Joseph's 2nd name Henry is given in his honour
- **Scenario 3:** Laura got pregnant accidentally by next door neighbour Joseph Burton at Truman Street, and was kicked out by her step / father Henry and remained homeless or in the workhouse and so gives a false address, especially as the child was illegitimate (*she lied on further documents also*)
- **Scenario 4:** Laura was living in a flat above the cigar makers at No.7, but was confused by the street numbering, being illiterate, and gave the wrong number (*her marriage cert. 1879 suggests she could at least sign her name*). There is also the chance the address could read 11 not 4, such is the stylised writing, but again, no-one is listed living at No.11 in 1871 or '81
- **Scenario 5:** Laura was renting a flat at No.4 and gave birth there, working as a cigar worker / prostitute / bar maid or employed as an office-maid / servant to the workers at No.4 allowing her to cheaply rent the garret to make ends meet (*seems doubtful that Thomas Hine respected architect would allow such activities on his premises, also no occupants or listing in 1871 or '81 census for No.4*)
- **Scenario 6:** The address refers to Victoria Street in Radford or Mansfield (*highly unlikely the registrar would have allowed Laura to register the birth from an area of jurisdiction outside his patch of St Peters, where this Victoria St is located, it would have been entitled so as Victoria St, Radford, or she sent to the appropriate office*)

Vital Statistics - Laura Louisa Burton

BIRTH: 04 Jun 1860,
11 Snow Hill, St Ann, Notts
b. Laura Kirk Burton (illegitimate)

MARRIAGE: 1st : 25 Dec 1879,
St Anne, Notts. 2nd : 29 Oct 1892,
St Andrew, Notts

DEATH: 22 Apr 1917,
Heart failure,
St Andrew, Notts

BAPTISM: 13 Aug 1871, St Anne, Notts. *bp. Laura Louisa Burton*

NAMES: **Born** Laura Kirk Burton. **Census 1861** Laura Doubleday. **Baptised 1871** Laura Louisa Burton. **Census 1871** Laura Evans. **1st m** Laura Cooper. **2nd m** Laura Emery

HUSBAND 1: George Cooper (1859-1892), engine fitter, Notts

HUSBAND 2: William Edward Emery (1852-1903), boot caster, Notts

FATHER : John Burton? (1820-). Henry Evans? (1833-1915). Elija Burton (?) Unknown?

MOTHER : Eliza Ann Burton (1841-1932, capmaker)

SIBLINGS: Ellen Burton (b.1862, Notts)

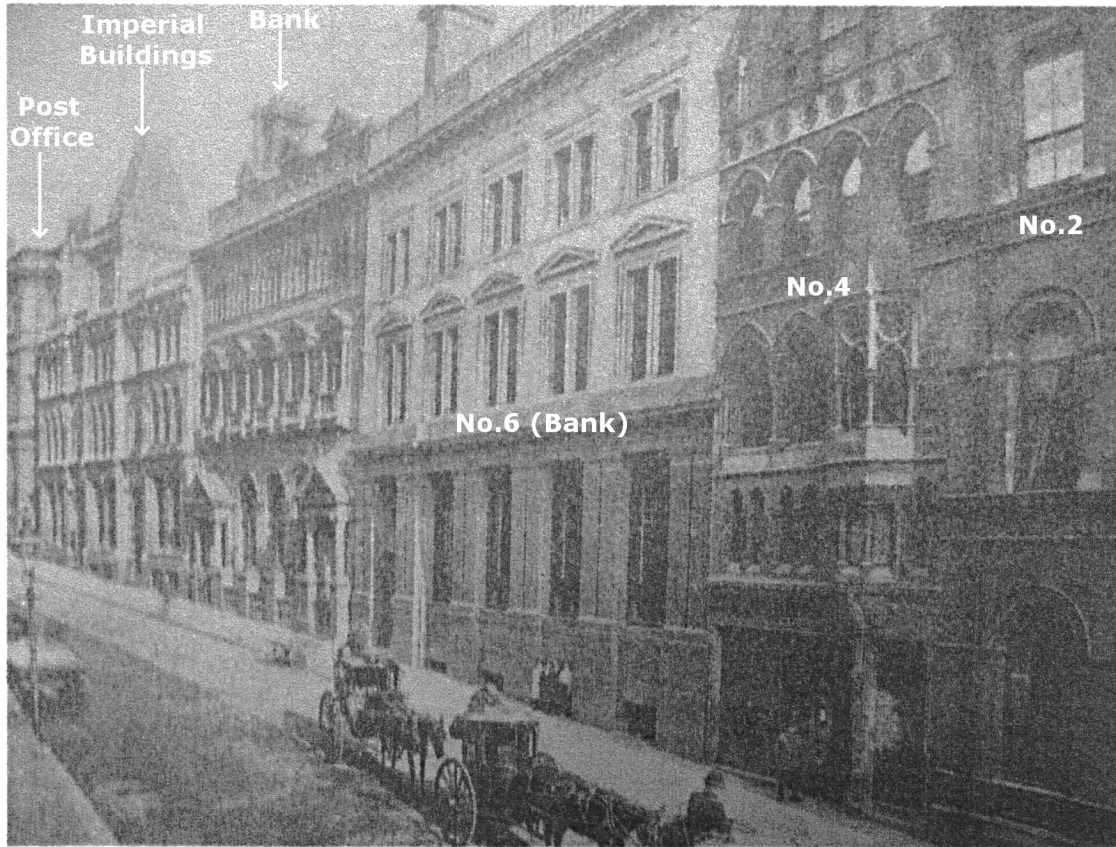
NAME	DATE	RECORD	AGE	ADDRESS	WORK
Laura Kirk Burton	04 Jun 1860	Birth	0	11 Snow Hill, Notts	baby
Laura Kirk Burton	18 Jun 1860	Birth	14d	Crank Court, Notts	baby
Laura Doubleday	02 Apr 1861	Census	10m	Charlotte St, Notts	baby
Laura Evans	02 Apr 1871	Census	11	50, Truman St, Notts	scholar
Laura Louisa Burton	13 Aug 1871	Baptism	11	50, Truman St, Notts	scholar
Laura Louisa Burton	25 Mar 1877	Childbirth	17	4, Victoria St, Notts	cigar maker
Laura Louisa Burton	25 Dec 1879	Marriage	19	Beacon St, Notts	-
Laura L. Cooper	03 Apr 1881	Census	21	3, Orchard Place, Notts	lace clipper
Laura Cooper	05 Apr 1891	Census	31	3, Westminster St, Notts	-
Laura Cooper	25 Jan 1892	Spouse death	32	3, Westminster Terr, Notts	widow
Laura Cooper	29 Oct 1892	Marriage	32	5, Shaws Terrace, Notts	widow
Laura Emery	31 Mar 1901	Census	41	21, Mordey St, Notts	-
Laura Emery	02 Apr 1911	Census	50	1, Arthur Terr, Notts	lace hand
Laura Emery	22 Apr 1917	Death	56	6, Owen St, Notts	widow

CHILDREN of Laura Louisa Burton

- **Joseph Henry Burton** (1877-1917). *Gunner, R.N. Father unknown, possibly Henry Evans or George Cooper. See further entry for detailed analysis*
- **George Henry Cooper** (1880-1940). Father: George Cooper. m.1907, Emma Eliza Oliver (1878-1974). Became district foreman for clerk of works in engineer dep. For Carlton, Notts (*local council*). Left £292 to his wife in probate. Issue: John Henry Cooper (1910-). George Henry Cooper (1912-)
- **Florence Cooper** (1882-). Father: George Cooper. died? married? Emigrated?
- **Elizabeth Cooper** (1886-). Father: George Cooper. died? married? Emigrated?
- **Rose Emma Cooper** (1889-1986). Father: George Cooper. 1st m.1908, Walter Whitchurch (1885-1918) platelayer. Served as Lce Cpl 1/5th Sherwood Foresters, WWI, killed France. Issue: Walter Henry Whitchurch (1908-1995). Florence Whitchurch (1910-). 2nd m.1922, George Smedley (1887-1954), no issue
- **Laura Mabel Emery** (1895-1972) Father: William Edm. Emery. m.Thomas Powell (1893-1966) lorry driver. Issue: Charles Thomas Powell (1915-1976). Raymond Baden Powell (1920-1990)
- **Charles Edward Emery** (1899-1966). *Father: William Edm. Emery. m.1964, Dorothy Schofield (1912-). Lorry driver, died Leicester. Issue: George A Schofield (1932-). Peter Raymond Emery (1938-)*

Analysis of Victoria Street, Nottingham

(birthplace of Joseph Henry Burton, 1877)



[BB1]. Victoria Street, c.1896. This may be the architect's proposition for No.6 cut into an original photo as the building lacks shadow, reflection, looks rather cartoonish, horses are elongated, people in lower window are disproportionate in size to cab driver. Note No.4 has a 'Gothic' style, common features of Thomas Chambers, architect and owner



[BB2]. Victoria Street in 2015. Note No.6 has been seamlessly extended into No.4, demolishing it (in 1920) (count the extra columns). Buildings either side have remained unchanged

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VICTORIA STREET—continued.
Conservative Club House,
 Edwin Brown, sec
Nottingham Joint Stock Bank,
 Thomas Sellers, general man
Nottingham & Midland Counties
Daily Express,
 J. W. Jevons & E. Renals, pub-
 lishers & proprietors, John Ferney-
 hough, man. See advert
 Jevons & Renals, printers & pub-
 lishers. See advertisement

Express chambers.
 Torr Charles Hawley, insurance
 broker, accountant & estate agent
Royal Society for the Prevention of
Cruelty to Animals (Nottingham
 & Notts branch),
 Earl Manvers, president
 Charles Hawley Torr, hon. sec
 Truman Percy Phillip, LL.B. solicitor
 Tyler Alfred, picture dealer
 Thorpe Fredk. Scudding, estate agt

10 Sharp Thomas, tailor & outfitter
 4 Mackintosh Wm. Hy. hatter & outfitter
 4 Hine Thos. Chambers & Son, architect
 4 Kirkland & Hine, insurance agents
Nottingham County Club,
 James Liggins, steward
 here is *Bridlesmith gate*.....

Victoria street, *High street.*
 1 Armitage Samuel Fox, wholesale
 grocer & seedsman. See advert
 5 Brown James S. fancy draper
 Hoyte William Henry, mining sur-
 veyor (Victoria chambers)
 7 Hoyte Mrs. Mary Budd, berlin
 wool repository
 Brown & Smart, cabinet makers
 Underwood R. & D. tobacco & cigar
 manufacturers
Nottingham Journal, William &
 Albert Bradshaw, publs. & proprs
 Lewis & Grundy, ironmongers
 Salt Thomas & Co. brewers,
 Edwin Ward, agent,
 Preston & Wyles, solicitor, Victoria
 Preston Martin Inett, sol. buildings
 Whiteley, Stevens & Co. lace
 lace manufacturers,
 Neumann Saml. tailor & woollen drpr
 Smith John William, artificial florist
 Shaw & Blower, court tailors, habit
 mas. hosiers, outfitters & undertakers
 here is *Carlton street*.....
 GENERAL POST OFFICE,
 Wm. Edwd. Pratt, postmaster
 Thos. Wm. Richards, chief clk

REGISTRARS.

Superintendent Registrar, Martin Inett Preston, Vic-
 toria buildings, Victoria street
Registrar of Marriages for Nottingham District, Wil-
 ham Marriott, Imperial buildings, Victoria street
Registrar of Marriages for Nottingham Town, William
 Carver; *Deputy,* Richard. Thomas Mounteney, 5
 Fletcher gate
Registrars of Births & Deaths:—
Sherwood District, Richard Nightingale, 185 North
 Sherwood street
 District of Exchange, William Marriott, Imperial build-
 ings, Victoria street
 Park Ward, Elijah Straw, 30 Wheeler gate

[BB3]. Post Office Directory 1876, Nottingham, compilation of resident business on Victoria Street from 3 pages. Highlighted: No.4 (hatter and architect), No.7 (cigars) & No.16 (Imperial Buildings & Registrar of births)

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VALUABLE BUILDING LAND
 IN VICTORIA-STREET, AND QUEEN-STREET, IN THE CENTRE OF NOTTINGHAM.

To be SOLD by AUCTION, at the Exchange Rooms, Nottingham, by Messrs. POTT and NEALE, on Tuesday, the 21st day of June, 1864, at Three o'clock p.m. for Four precisely, subject to such conditions as shall then be declared, and in the following or such other lots as shall be decided on at the time of sale, the following PIECES of most eligible LAND in Victoria-street and Queen-street, in the Town of Nottingham:—

LOT 1 A.—Two DWELLING-HOUSES or Tenements, in Warser-gate and Queen-street, lately in the occupation of Mr. Alfred Barker and Mr. William Ruddle, containing, with the land in front next Queen-street, to which the building is to be brought forward, but deducting a portion of the property next Warser-gate, to be added to that street, an area of 84 square yards or thereabouts.

No. of Lot.	Situation of Lot.	Area of Lot in square yards.
1.—	East side of Queen-street	894
2.—	Queen-street and Victoria-street	120
3.—	Queen-street and Bottle-lane	122
4.—	Victoria-street	72
5.—	Victoria-street and Bottle-lane	144
6.—	Ditto ditto	144
7.—	Ditto ditto	144
8.—	Ditto ditto	144
9.—	Ditto ditto	144
10.—	Ditto ditto	153
11.—	Ditto ditto	141
12.—	Ditto ditto	136
13.—	Ditto ditto	131½
15.—	North side of Victoria-street	123
16.—	Ditto ditto	103

Plans and particulars of the Lots may be had at the Office of the Corporation Surveyor, St. Peter's Church Side, Nottingham; or of the Auctioneers.

7th June, 1864. WM. ENFIELD, Town Clerk. 9579

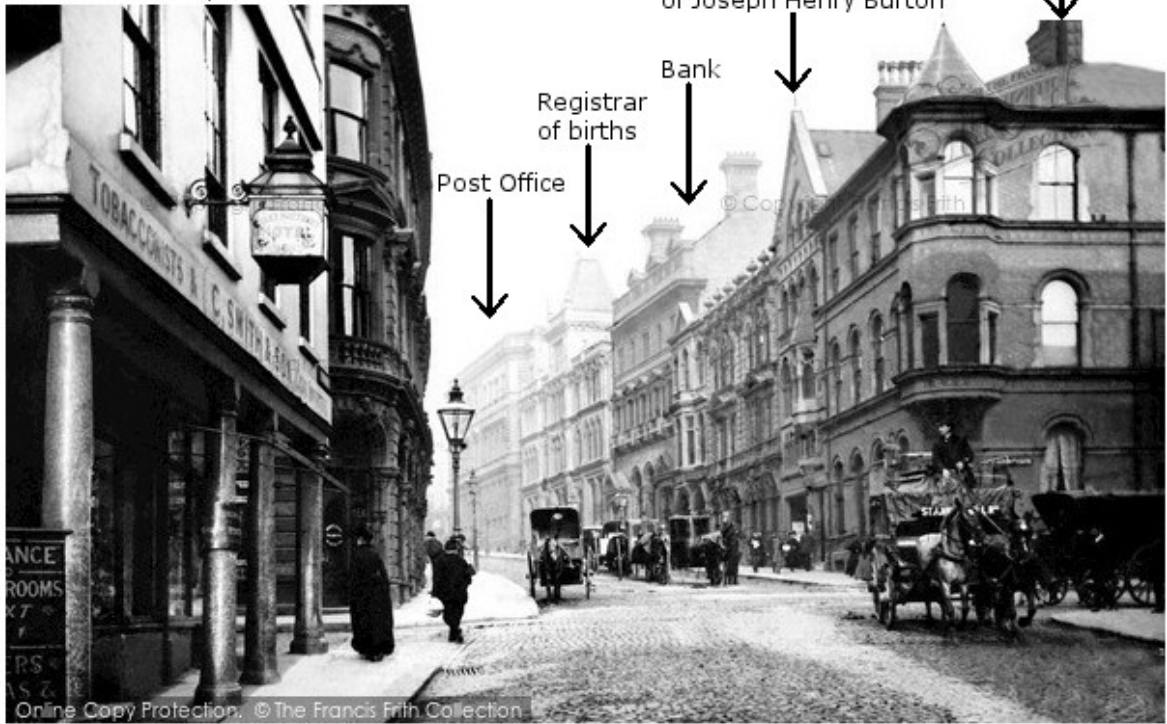
THE Extensive SALES of TIMBER, on the Estates of the Right Hon. the Earl of Scarborough, will take place by POTT and NEALE, at

[BB4]. Notts Guardian 1864, auction of Victoria St building plots inc No.4, proof that No.4 Victoria St. was built from new from that year

No.7, in 1876 was D. Underwood, cigar manufacturer - workplace of Laura

No.4, office of Thomas Chambers Hinde, architect. Birthplace of Joseph Henry Burton

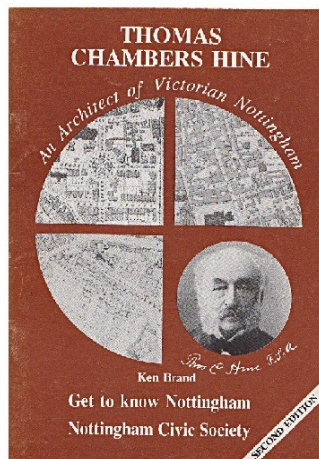
No.2 Notts County Cricket Club (also built by Hinde)



Nottingham, Victoria Street 1890

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[BB5]. Victoria Street, Nottingham, c.1890. This earlier photo taken before No.6 was built, shows No.7, a tobacconist (now under new owners) & No.4 on the right hand side



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THOMAS CHAMBERS HINE, ESQUIRE, DECEASED.
VALUABLE FREEHOLD PROPERTIES IN REGENT STREET AND VICTORIA STREET, NOTTINGHAM, AND LEASEHOLD PROPERTIES IN NOTTINGHAM PARK.

TO be SOLD by AUCTION, by Mr. NEALE, at the Mart, Wheeler-gate, Nottingham, on Tuesday, the 30th day of May, 1899, at Three for Four o'clock in the Afternoon precisely, subject to conditions to be then declared, and in the following or such other Lots as may be agreed upon at the time of sale.

LOT II.
A FREEHOLD SALESHOP and OFFICES, No. 4, Victoria-street, Nottingham. Tenants, Mr. T. R. Smith and Messrs. Burton and Briggs (solicitors). This Lot has the qualified use of the two adjoining vaults under the causeway of Victoria-street, and is situate close to the Great Market-place, and is in one of the most eligible situations, either for business or professional purposes.

After Robert Evans left the partnership in 1867, Hine took his son, George Thomas, as a partner. The first notable venture of T.C. Hine and Son was the County Club at the junction of Victoria Street and Bridlesmith Gate which opened in 1869. A few years later in 1872, Hine moved his architectural practice to new offices he had designed at 2 Victoria Street adjoining the County Club premises. The family home remained in Regent Street. The County Club, much altered at ground floor level, now houses a building society. Alas, the distinctive Hine tower on its corner has long been removed, but the original 'string' of decorative tiles displaying the club motif and the entwined letters N.C. (Nottinghamshire Club) survives. Hine's office disappeared in 1920-1 when the Midland Bank's premises were extended.

[BB6 & BB7 & BB8]. Evidence to show that Thomas Chambers Hine designed, built, owned & used No.2 & No.4 Victoria Street

1881 England Census for Mary Brown												
Nottinghamshire > Nottingham St Mary > Exchange > District 1												
The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the												
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Class Parish [or Township] of	Municipal Borough of	Municipal Ward of	Parliamentary Borough of	Town or Village or Hamlet of	Urban Sanitary District of	Rural Sanitary District of	Ecclsiastical Parish or District of					
St Mary's	Nottingham	St Mary	Nottingham		Nottingham		St Mary					
No. of Occupied Houses or PARTS of HOUSES	No. of Houses or PARTS of HOUSES	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON-DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday of		Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN	If			
					Male	Female			(1) Deaf-and-Dumb	(2) Blind	(3) Imbecile or Idiot	(4) Lunatic
37	5 Victoria St	1	James C. Brown	Head	M	39	Mantle Maker	Workworth, Derby				
			Mary Brown	Wife	F	31	Dressmaker	Cropwell Bishop, Notts				
			Ruth Tulbury	Sister	F	21	Mantle Maker	Cropwell Bishop, Notts				
			Frances A. Warsall	Assistant	F	30	Dressmaker	Wolverhampton, Staffs				
			Elizabeth A. Taylor	Assistant	F	21	Dressmaker	Valley, Warwick				
			Sarah A. Bailey	Assistant	F	22	Dressmaker	Clapham, Surrey				
			Lydia Burgers	Assistant	F	21	Dressmaker	Salisbury, Wiltshire				
			Anne L. Burgers	Assistant	F	21	Dressmaker	Tydd St Mary, Lincoln				
			Louisa C. Jeaves	Assistant	F	16	Dressmaker	London, Greenbury				
			Alice A. Jeffery	Assistant	F	18	Dressmaker	Worcestershire				
			Annie A. Child	Assistant	F	20	Dressmaker	Weymouth, Dorset				
			Jeorgena White	Servant	F	22	Female Servant	Horncastle, Lincoln				
			Emely Falkner	Assistant	F	22	Mantle Maker	Warwickshire				

[CC2] 1881 census for 5, Victoria Street, Nottingham.

NAME	RELATION	MARITAL	AGE	DOB	SEX	WORK	BIRTHPLACE
James C. Brown	Head	Married	39	1842	M	Mantle Maker	Workworth, Derby
Mary Brown	Wife	Married	31	1850	F	Dressmaker	Cropwell Bishop, Notts
Ruth Tulbury	Sister	Unmar	21	1860	F	Mantle Maker	Cropwell Bishop, Notts
Frances A. Warsall	Assistant	Unmar	30	1851	F	Dressmaker	Wolverhampton, Staffs
Elizabeth A. Taylor	Assistant	Unmar	21	1860	F	Dressmaker	Valley, Warwick
Sarah A. Bailey	Assistant	Unmar	22	1859	F	Dressmaker	Clapham, Surrey
Lydia Burgers	Assistant	Unmar	21	1860	F	Dressmaker	Salisbury, Wiltshire
Anne L. Burgers	Assistant	Unmar	21	1860	F	Dressmaker	Tydd St Mary, Lincoln
Louisa C. Jeaves	Assistant	Unmar	16	1865	F	Dressmaker	London, Greenbury
Alice A. Jeffery	Assistant	Unmar	18	1863	F	Dressmaker	Worcestershire
Annie A. Child	Assistant	Unmar	20	1861	F	Dressmaker	Weymouth, Dorset
Jeorgena White	Servant	Unmar	22	1859	F	Female Servant	Horncastle, Lincoln
Emely Falkner	Assistant	Unmar	22	1859	F	Mantle Maker	Warwickshire

[CC3] 1881 census & transcription of [CC2] for 5, Victoria Street, Nottingham. Were these 11 unmarried "dressmakers" from all over England what they claim to be? Part time prostitution for upper-class clientèle was tolerated and popular...just another idea

Joseph Henry Burton DSC

(1877-1917) Nottingham, Plymouth, Royal Navy
(Son of Laura Louisa Burton ; G. Grandfather to the Author)

Simple Version

Joseph was born at No.4 Victoria Street, Nottingham in 1877. His mother Laura was working as a cigar maker in a shop opposite, and her step father working as a hatter at No.4. Laura marries a George Cooper in 1879, and he is possibly the father of Joseph, as marked in the 1881 & '91 census, although by law he does not have to take the Cooper name if he was neither baptised thus or his birth cert. changed. However, it is still debatable whether Henry Evans, Laura's step / father is *his* father through 'incest' or Joseph Burton, the boy next door at Truman St. After his adopted father George dies in 1892 and mother remarries, he runs off to join the navy.

On his marriage cert. to Ethel Annie Morgan 1904, Plymouth he records his father's name as 'George Henry Cooper Burton' (*engine fitter, deceased*) to mask any embarrassment that may arise at being found illegitimate and not being able to join the navy and Freemasons (*note a man of that name that man never existed*). He has a successful career in the Royal Navy becoming a leading Torpedo Gunner and 1st Class Petty Officer, travelling to South Africa, Canada, Hong Kong and the Mediterranean. He is awarded the Distinguished Service Cross in 1914 for saving many seamen's lives at the battle of Dogger Bank aboard HMS Lion in World War I. He unfortunately drowns in 1917 off HMS Tower age 40 on training manoeuvres in Rosyth, Scotland when the war is coming to an end, see more below. He left 1 son and 2 daughters.

Scientific Version

Obviously from Laura's evidence we can gravitate more accurately into deciding who the father of Joseph Henry Burton might be. Because we now know that his mother Laura did not change her name to Burton before his birth (*as previously thought*), her next door neighbour Joseph Burton in the 1871 census is unlikely to have been the father (*although we can still speculate on that*) and that he was probably a distant cousin to her mother Eliza who baptised her in that same year age 11. Whether Henry Evans is her father or step father and was an 'incestuous bigamist' and also the father to Joseph, I can give no judgement, other than the fact that many lies were told in state documents by all parties to cover up the truth. It seems a deplorably impossible concept to imagine that your grandfather could also be your father, but it is not beyond the realms of human possibility. As for the prostitution idea, I could still throw it in there, what if she was having an affair with a rich banker on Victoria Street? It might explain the hooked nose some of us have inherited. Stranger things happened in the Nottingham slums.

It is strongly implied therefore that George Cooper is his father for that he is listed as his son in the 1881 and '91 census, and a version of his name appears on Joseph H.'s marriage certificate (*as George Henry Cooper Burton*). He may have been behind the scenes supporting her before marriage, George had trained in 'engineering' at an industrial school, and the clothing industry was booming in that period, his wages as an 'engine fitter' may have been above average. Although noted they lived in the back to back, quickly built terraced houses of Nottingham that quickly degenerated into slum areas.

I think the fact that although Joseph was considered a bastard and survived the Victorian period when many single mothers were often ostracised from community and family, ending up in the workhouse and "selling" their babies to those who murdered for profit, is testimony to the good natured mother that Laura indeed was. So we have again 5 scenarios but not one to choose, in order of preference, below.

Most Likely Scenario

- **Scenario 1:** *George Cooper is the father. Evidence: A: declared as father in 1881 & '91 census. B: 1904 Marriage cert, George Henry Cooper Burton (deceased) named as father. C: took in Laura and Joseph, married Laura his mother 1879*

Other Possible Scenarios

- **Scenario 2:** *Henry Evans is the incestuous step / father. Evidence: he is the supposed father to Laura on the A: 1871 census and B: 1892 2nd Marriage cert, but conflicting evidence on her C: 1871 baptismal record and 1879 marriage suggests he adopted her and therefore unrelated. D: birth cert 1877, Joseph's 2nd name is Henry, traditionally a first born son is given part of his father's name in honour. E: Joseph never had a baptism performed. F: no father on birth cert. G: lies about father's name on his marriage cert 1904 to hide illegitimacy*
- **Scenario 3:** *Henry Henshaw is the father (later husband of his aunt Ellen Burton). Evidence: married Ellen in 1881, so in 1877 he would have been 18, could he have courted Laura before Ellen and changed his mind? Joseph's 2nd name is Henry, traditionally a first born son is given part of his father's name in honour*
- **Scenario 4:** *Joseph Burton is the father (distant cousin to Laura). Evidence: A: lived next door to her in the 1871 census, child named in honour. B: Laura baptised by John & Eliza A. Burton in 1871, giving address as 50, Truman St, the same address given earlier in the year on the census by Henry Evans, Eliza A. and Laura, living next to a family of Burtons at no.52*
- **Scenario 5:** *A white collar worker on Victoria St. is the father. Evidence: A: 1877 birth cert, single mother living at a high rent address, but living on low wages. B: 1876 Directory, Henry Evans step/father was a hatter, a hat shop was based at No.4 Victoria St. C: In 1881 census, 14 "dressmakers" living at No.5 opposite, possibly prostitutes*

New information on Joseph's naval career, the newly released Freemasons index records confirms again he was a petty officer before 1908. The 100th anniversary of the Great War stirred up researchers, one writing up a biography of Joseph as a naval man of Nottingham, independence of study matches with all information I give here. He found a local newspaper article from 1915, when Joseph was alive, and likely to have been questioned regards his origins when receiving his DSC. It confirms therein born in Victoria Street, gave his native school as being St. Ann's Well-road, and that he was a warrant officer.

Many of the school log books of that school survive. I studied each one carefully for any mention of a Joseph, sadly to no avail. There were lists of children awarded scholarships, prizes, those who were very naughty, truant, sick or even died, but seems he was of average disposition, which is why he ended up a labourer then drafted into the navy. The school is demolished, but noted that it was shaped like a ship, which may have influenced his occupational choices.

Also included was a new reference from the Army & Navy Gazette describing how Joseph and his lieutenant drowned in 1917:

"Acting Lieutenant Donald Fairfax Mackeson, who died on Dec. 1, aged twenty-three, was the younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Peyton Mackeson. of 40 A, Hyde Park Gate, S.W. Entering Osborne in 1907, he became Midshipman in 1912, Sub-Lieutenant in March, 1915, and Lieutenant in Jan 1917. He lost his life while setting an example in securing to a buoy one of his Majesty's torpedo-boat destroyers, of which he was 1st Lieutenant. The incident occurred in heavy weather and after dark. Lieutenant Mackeson's action is described by senior officers as being an example of fearlessness in the face of danger and also of great devotion to duty which will not be forgotten so long as the flotilla exists. Lieutenant Mackeson was a grandson of Admiral John Moresby and the only naval representative in the present generation of the late Admiral of the Fleet, Sir Fairfax Moresby, G.C.B." 'Army and Navy Gazette,' 29th December 1917

We know that Joseph's death is recorded on HMS Towers log shortly after, as being lost to the sea when a landing craft collapsed while being lowered into the sea, and that the weather was much rougher than I previously gathered, we therefore presume he proceeded to rescue his officer in a final act of bravery which failed.

Vital Statistics - Joseph Henry Burton

BIRTH: 25th Mar 1877
St Peters, Notts (*illegitimate*)

MARRIAGE: 18th June 1904
St James, Plymouth

DEATH: 1st Dec 1917
HMS Tower, Rosyth

WIFE: Ethel Annie Morgan (1879-1959) Plymouth; f: Florence Morgan (1851-1915) stoker, RN

MOTHER: Laura Louisa Burton (1860-1917), lace worker (*illegitimate*)

FATHER: George Cooper? (1859-92) engine fitter. Joseph Burton? (1853-1930) lace worker.
Henry Evans? (1833-1915) hatter, grandfather? Unknown Notts man?

DATE	RECORD	AGE	ADDRESS	WORK	BIRTHPLACE
25 Mar 1877	Birth	00	4 Victoria Rd Notts	baby	St Peters Notts
25 Dec 1879	Marriage	19	Beacon St, Notts	(mother marriage)	
03 Apr 1881	Census	04	3, Orchard Place, Notts	-	Notts
- - - 1887	Newspaper	10	St Anne's School, Notts	scholar	Notts
05 Apr 1891	Census	14	3, Westminster St, Notts	-	Notts
28 Jul 1893	RN Record	16	HMS Impregnable, Devon	labourer	St Peters, Notts
31 Mar 1901	Census	24	HMS Niobe, Gibraltar	Leading Seaman	St Peters, Notts
12 Apr 1904	Masons	27	50, Ker St, Plymouth	Petty Officer (1st C)	-
12 Jul 1904	Masons	27	50, Ker St, Plymouth	Petty Officer (1st C)	-
18 Jun 1904	Marriage	27	50, Ker St, Plymouth	Petty Officer RN	-
22 Jun 1905	RN Record	27	HMS Niobe	Petty Officer (1st C)	St Peters, Notts
26 Mar 1908	RN Record	31	HMS Defiance	Acting Gunner (T)	St Peters, Notts
27 Mar 1908	Navy List	31	HMS Defiance	Acting Gunner (T)	-
29 Jun 1909	Letter	32	HMS Talbot, Scapa Flow	Gunner (T)	-
02 Apr 1911	Census	34	HMS Pincher, Dorset	Gunner (T)	Notts
24 Jan 1915	Medal Roll	38	HMS Lion, Dogger Bank	Gunner (T)	-
03 Mar 1915	Newspaper	38	Notts Evening Post	Gunner (T)	St Peters, Notts
03 Mar 1915	Gazette	38	HMS Lion, Dogger Bank	Gunner (T)	-
30 Aug 1916	Letter	39	HMS Lion	Gunner (T)	-
01 Dec 1917	Ship's Log	40	HMS Tower, Rosyth	Gunner (T)	-
01 Dec 1917	Death	40	HMS Tower, Rosyth	Gunner (T)	-
29 Dec 1917	Gazette	40	HMS Tower, Rosyth	Gunner (T)	-

1924	Legacy	-	Plymouth Memorial	Gunner (T)	
2006	Speech	-	Masonic Hall	Gunner (T)	St Peters, Notts
2009	Book	-	Amazon	Gunner (T)	St Peters, Notts
2017	Remembrance		100th Anniversary	Gunner (T)	St Peters, Notts

CHILDREN of Joseph Henry Burton

- **Winifred Ellen Burton.** b.1905, Devonport. m. Oct 1934, Devon, Robert William Thomas Payne, schoolmaster. d. 1989, Kent. ISSUE: Josephine E Payne, (1937-206), m.Dr Johann Mulnier of Mauritius
- **Marjorie Inez Burton.** b.1907, Devonport. b.1943 Harry Trethewy Burrows (1915-92) Tech, MoD, son of John Thomas Ladbroke Burrows, RN. WORK: Leading tracer, MoD, RN, Bath. 8th Dec 1972: Imperial Service Medal. b.1986, Somerset
- **Kenneth Joseph Burton.** b.1912, Devonport. d.1976, Plymouth. m.1936, Devonport, Vera Kate Daspher. Bushey Masonic Schl. Bickle Engineering apprenticeship, marine eng. Plymouth Argum rugby club. Small bore rifle winner. WORK: 1933-45. Police Constable, Devon & Fort William. 1945-72 RFR RN, 2nd engineer, lieutenant? Suez. Imperial Service Medal 1973. ISSUE: Joan Burton, 1938. Priscilla Burton, 1939. Viveen Burton, 1940. Miles Kenneth Burton, 1944. Joseph Neil Burton, 1945

Eliza Ann Burton

(1841-1932) Cap maker, Nottingham

(Mother to Laura Louisa Burton ; G.G.G. Grandmother to the Author)

Simple Version

Eliza Ann Burton is the birth mother to Laura Louisa Burton. She was born Eliza Burton Doubleday (*her parents were unmarried*). She was forced into work by poverty and circumstance at age 6 into an apprenticeship, making lace caps, in the slums of Nottingham, in which career she continued her whole life. In 1860-2 she has an affair with Henry Evans, a journey man hatter from Bristol, and possibly also John Burton, a labourer and ex-soldier, living round the corner, and gave birth to Laura and Ellen in the slums. She baptised the sisters at St Mary's, Nottingham in 1871, 10 years after they were born, while she was unmarried, giving John Burton as the father, but her partner at the time was Henry Evans, hatter. In 1872 she marries Henry Evans. She makes caps and hats for many years in the area, before dying at the ripe age of 91.

Scientific Version

So far Eliza is documented as the birth mother to Laura Louisa Burton. She also has an obscure background that is hard to trace directly.

In the 1891 census, at no.26 Bullivant Rd, while her husband Henry Evans is possibly working as a hatter in the London trade, a Louisa Skidmore, widow, is living with her, listed as her birth mother. Obviously this is not her maternal name, so through tortured searching I found that Louisa had 'married', aged 46 in 1862 to a Joseph Skidmore (*labourer from Derby*), and had no children with him. Joseph was a widow of Harriet Towle who had died in 1857 leaving 3 children. He took in Louisa therefore as a 'housemaid' in around 1861, as listed in the census, note that she is unmarried at that point. Therefore if Eliza was born in 1841 she must have also been the product of illegitimacy, how traditions carry on.

Eliza also declares she is unmarried in her 1872 marriage to Henry Evans. However on the 1871 census at 50 Truman St. they are recorded as married, with daughters Laura Louisa & Ellen by the censor. In Louisa & Ellen's baptisms later in that year, before the marriage, she declares she is the mother living at 50 Truman St., but that John Burton (*labourer*) is the father of the children, note the name ~~Henry Evans~~ is crossed out in the document. If she is listed as unmarried on her marriage cert. and is courting Henry Evans at the same time as the baptism, then her 'partner' John Burton with the same surname is likely a distant cousin, or by coincidence of having the same surname, or fictitious.

Note that on her 1872 marriage cert. she states her father is John Burton (*bricklayer*) and that on the 1871 baptism states her 'partner' is John Burton (*labourer*). Therefore from similar names, occupations and circumstance I believed at the time this was the grandfather standing in for an absentee father of the children at the baptism, because of a dispute with bigamist Henry Evans, who claimed the children as his own in the 1871 census. However I found her 2nd daughter Ellen was born Ellen Evans (*as her exact birth date was handily given at her baptism*), proving Henry was having a long distance affair 10 years before the baptism, and WAS the real father, at least, of Ellen. Whether Laura is also his daughter I cannot tell, maybe she was also courting John Burton, which is why he turns up at the baptism, if not to protect Henry against charges of illegitimacy and bigamy perhaps.

I failed to find a birth certificate for Eliza at the time, but with the revelation that she is found separate from her mother in 1861, (*as described in Laura Louisa's biog*) living in the slums with a 10m old old child with surname

Doubleday, I found her in 1851 census living with John Doubleday and mother Louisa Burton, unmarried. Therefore, she lied about her father being John Burton on her marriage certificate, as I found her birth certificate stating her original name was Eliza Burton Doubleday. This was all a pretence to hide the fact that she and her daughter were illegitimate. Note something happened around 1861 for her father to disappear, he did not die as he is seen working a framework knitter (*of stockings*) until his death. This is why Louisa had to go into service for John Skidmore and Eliza is left roaming the slums. Possible he went to prison / workhouse.

Therefore in conclusion, the John Burton mentioned in the 1871 baptism of her two illegitimate daughters and her 1872 marriage cert is not her father standing in by proxy, but a distant cousin or fictitious. John Doubleday was her father, she born illegitimately. The revelation that Henry Evans was the father to her 2nd child Ellen Burton, reveals that he was having a long distance secret affair, or liaison of convenience, for trade purposes. Eliza, a cap-maker in dire circumstances, Henry similar trade, hatter, saunters into town, charming Eliza with discounted lace in return for "*personal favours*", perhaps. I can only suggest that she names John Burton as the father of Ellen and Laura 10 years after birth to protect Henry from charges of bigamy and illegitimacy, OR she was having an affair with both John and Henry and could not decide who was the father of her children.

Vital Statistics - Eliza Ann Burton

NAMES: Eliza Ann Burton, aka, Eliza Burton Doubleday Elizabeth Doubleday, Eliza Doubleday, Eliza Burton, Elizabeth Burton, Elizabeth Ann Burton, Eliza Ann Evans, Eliza Evans

BIRTH: Apr 1841, Notts
St Mark, Notts, (*b.Eliza Burton
Doubleday, illegitimate*)

MARRIAGE: 2nd Dec 1872
Henry Evans Notts.

DEATH: Sep qtr 1932,
91 yrs

HUSBAND: Henry Evans (1833-1915) hatter

FIANCÉE : had an affair while unmarried in 1860> with Henry Evans (*hatter*) and possibly also John Burton (*labourer*)

FATHER : John Doubleday (1814-1887) stocking-maker, m.1842 to>

MOTHER : Louisa Elizabeth Burton (1818-93), 2nd m.1862? Joseph Skidmore (1809-85)

DATE	RECORD	AGE	NAME	ADDRESS	WORK
04 Jun 1841	Birth	0	Eliza Burton Doubleday	Smith's Yard	baby
30 Mar 1851	Census	9	Eliza Doubleday	39 Fyne St	Lacecap maker
04 Jun 1860	Birth da.	19	Eliza Burton	11 Snow Hill	mother
18 Jun 1860	Birth da.	19	Eliza Burton	Crank Crt, Glass St	mother
07 Apr 1861	Census	20	Elizabeth Doubleday	Charlotte St.	cap maker
05 Sep 1862	Birth	21	Eliza Evans	Herbert St.	mother
02 Apr 1871	Census	30	Eliza A. Evans	50, Truman St.	-
13 Aug 1871	Child Baptism	30	Eliza Ann Burton	50, Truman St.	-
02 Dec 1872	Marriage	32	Eliza Ann Burton	Penrhyn Terr.	-
03 Apr 1881	Census	41	Eliza Evans	26, Bullivant St.	lace cap hand
05 Apr 1891	Census	49	Eliza Evans	26, Bullivant St.	cap maker
31 Mar 1901	Census	59	Eliza A Evans	26, Bullivant St.	cap maker, plain
02 Apr 1911	Census	70	Eliza Evans	26, Bullivant St.	hair net threader
Sep qtr 1932	Death	91	Eliza Evans	Notts	-

Note: all records state Nottingham as birthplace, and address

CHILDREN of Eliza Ann Burton

Laura Louisa Burton (1860-1917). Father: Henry Evans? John Burton? See above entry for more info.
Ellen Burton (1862-48). Father: Henry Evans. m.Henry Henshaw. See below entry for more info.

Henry Evans

(1833-1915) Hatter, Nottingham

(Step / father to Laura Louisa Burton ; G.G.G. Grandfather-in-law? to the Author)

Simple Version

Henry Evans was born to Samuel & Martha Evans in Bristol in 1833. He trained as a hatter under James Hodges in that city and marries Henrietta Sanbrook when he completes his apprenticeship in 1853 aged 21. He has 5 children, but as a journeyman hatter he finds himself in Nottingham around 1860 whose population and industry was exploding. He has an affair with Eliza Ann Burton and has at least one child with her in 1862. His 1st wife dies or emigrates, so he marries Eliza in 1872. He makes bowler and top hats in the back of a shop at No.4 Victoria Street Nottingham, on the main high street, workplace of rich businessmen. He died age 83 in 1915.

Scientific Version

Henry Evans is at present the supposed father to Laura Louisa Burton. On her 2nd marriage cert. in 1892 he is named as her father and working as a hatter (*hat maker*), but not on her 1879 marriage cert or 1871 baptism. We trace him from this to living in Nottingham in the March 1871 census with Laura and Ellen 'daughters' and wife Eliza Ann 'wife' in the same employment at 50 Truman St. However as Laura and Ellen's baptisms in Aug 1871 state that a John Burton and Eliza A. Burton are their parents also living at 50 Truman St., and as Eliza A. is listed unmarried on his marriage cert in 1872, we concluded at the time that he lied on the census and had adopted the children. However the revelation that Ellen was in fact the daughter of Henry, and his name is crossed out on the actual baptismal record complicates things, but does prove he was having a secret long distance affair with Eliza, 10 years before they were baptised.

He accomplished this as he was a "journeyman hatter", he could set up shop anywhere with the tools he had made in his apprenticeship, obviously Eliza with a similar trade and in dire circumstance welcomed his attentions. Why then did Henry choose Eliza over his first wife who he left "to die" down in Bristol? Could it have been creditors on his tail, was his marriage on the rocks, or was there the possibility that she actually found out about the affair?

He is reliably traced further in the Notts census until his death, but gives conflicting evidence for his place of birth. For example, while living at 26 Bullivant Street he gives his birthplace as London, Southwark in 1901, but Cirencester, Gloucester in 1911. Therefore I ordered his marriage cert. to Eliza dated 1872, on which it states he is a widow, with no father listed! So then we were in a conundrum as to which end of England he originated. He is either telling 'white lies' to cover his tracks or he actually doesn't know. If he did originate in Cirencester then it would be very straightforward to tracing his family back to 1500, as the parish records are so well preserved. But no trace of him can be found in either parish so far, assuming that he was baptised of course!

However from his 1st marriage cert (*discussed below*) he gives Samuel Burton a silversmith as the name of his father, and the only Henry being baptised in 1833 with such a named father and occupation in the UK was in Bristol (*I later found his baptismal name was William Henry, but to save sanity will stick with Henry*). I therefore deduce that his father may have moved from Cirencester to Bristol to Southwark to work, and that Henry was taken on as an apprentice by charitable master hatter James Hodges into the Bristol hat trade, as a suitable 'hatter's apprentice' is found while searching under his 'alias' birthplace 'Southwark, Surrey' at

No.7, Victoria St, St Paul of that city in 1851, just round the corner from his father Samuel's house where he had lived in 1841. (*Could it be divine coincidence that Laura his step daughter gave birth to Joseph Henry at the exact same named place, Victoria Street, but 120 miles away in Nottingham 26 yrs later?!*)

It was common for sons of skilled tradesmen to be 'traded' for apprenticeship aged around 14 through the network of friends and family in a similar occupation. Otherwise, his father may have been in the army or removed to prison from Bristol and Henry abandoned in a charitable boys home in Southwark from where he was 'rescued', explaining why he was uncertain of his birthplace having moved around so much, but there is no evidence of that. I have a speculative report of a William Henry of similar circumstance and age being in the court system for unspecified crimes, but cannot follow that up.

I have proven it is him by stating the fact that his details in Bristol exactly match those given by Henry later in life, and that no other candidate matches as closely in circumstance, trade and vital statistics, if you consider also the following facts of his status as widow on his 2nd marriage and 1st marriage in Bristol.

From Bristol when he passed his apprenticeship aged 21 my investigations determine he married a Henrietta Sanbrook in 1853, from a family of silk hat makers and sought to set up his own business or partnership in Bristol, recorded on the 1861 census at Cherry Lane (*while up in Nottingham, Eliza Anne is single with new born child*). This couple cannot be found together in the 1871 census, only Henrietta is alone at the same address, with children, but Henry is found in Nottingham with Eliza. He was acting as a travelling salesperson for the hatters company placing orders for his master and found himself drawn to Nottingham, a booming town with good business opportunity for a hatter and was introduced to Eliza, she working a silk cap maker, a similar trade, and had 2 daughters, Ellen & possibly Louisa illegitimately with her. He then set up shop and with help from his extended Burton family (*lace makers*) next door at Truman St. and made hats possibly under or as William Henry Mackintosh on Victoria St., Nottingham.

Whether Henrietta dies in 1872 which allows him to marry Eliza in the same year I can't determine. After 16 years of intermittent searching for his first family, under aliases, workhouses, name changes, emigration, not even a hint of their fate comes to light. It's as if he buried them under the patio, and no questions were asked. There is a chance that as her brother John emigrated to America, and she living in Bristol, it would have been quite easy to jump aboard ship, taking her 5 abandoned children with her.

His 2nd wife Eliza states she gave birth to 7 children on the 1911 census, but I find only Ellen reliably by their liaison. Even Alfred Henry turns out wasn't his son. I think the number is in addition to the 5 children from Henry's previous marriage to Henrietta and Eliza's 2 illegitimates. Note there, it is declared that 5 of those children had died. We know Eliza and Ellen were still alive in 1911. Therefore this seems to be the fate of his Bristol family. It could have been due to circumstances outside his control, like typhoid. But of course, no doubt it is probably another lie to cover his back.

Tracing a name like Henry Evans back to his 1st marriage with conflicting details and whereabouts was a task, but eliminating all other conflicting possibilities, the Henrietta marriage in Bristol 1853 is the most reliable due to exact matching personal information, circumstance and trade.

He therefore was a long distance bigamist, but I can give no light on whether he was incestuous father, he seems a respectable gent, no obvious criminal background, well connected with a skilled profession, but I suppose that may

have earned his favour. The fact that Joseph and Alfred have a 'Henry' as their second name might just be in his honour as a kind and generous gentleman, and not a raving sex mad hatter. There is also still the mystery of where he was in the 1891 census, as he cannot be directly traced, a fellow researcher has him doing trade in London, with a matching birthplace 'Lambeth', by coincidence, the exact time when Joseph Henry Burton would have been starting to ask questions as to his paternity.

As we are 100% sure of his 1872 2nd marriage, his status as widow, and the fact that a John Burton (*with Henry Evans name crossed out*) baptises Laura and Ellen in 1871 giving the address as 50 Truman St. while Henry was living at the same address in the same year, that he lied on that same census about being married to Eliza, but told the truth about being the father of Laura and Ellen. It is possible that he states he is married to avoid some embarrassment about this, or the census taker overlooked it if they were engaged to be married. He could of course be trying to avoid the charge of bigamy, if he had left Bristol and Henrietta behind and being chased by creditors, a common fate of sink or swim hatters. There was obviously some good/bad reason for him abandoning his wife and children to the tumultuous seas of Bristol, never to be traced again. Obviously I could be missing something here, but with 16 years dedicated to unravelling and thoroughly checking every document and conflicting evidence, this is the closest to the truth of his white lies that we come to uncovering.

As a postscript, noted that Henry is such a prolific liar, on almost every state document he puts his hand to, I make the following suggestion also, that as his presumed daughter Laura Louisa gave birth to Joseph Henry in 1877 at 4 Victoria Street, which while not a suitable place for child rearing, did contain the hatter's shop *William Henry Mackintosh*. It my supposition that this was a pseudonym for *William Henry Evans* (his baptismal name), and why Laura was allowed to stay there while Sir Thomas Hine landlord was away in Paris. Note also he named his son (left in Bristol) as Henry William Evans (b.1860).

Victorian Hatters

Apprenticeship hat makers were taken on age around 14 for 7 years usually within the family and those in trade, a fee was paid to the master who taught, clothed and fed him. He was taught to make a felt makers bow and with a supply of wool, a fire, bason (kettle) and plank of wood could set up trade anywhere. Commercial travellers went to seek orders and sent them back to the company. Hatters were often creditors to suppliers, and so relied on cash, but had little stock or land, so many hatters went bankrupt at height of trade 1840.

Initially Henry would have trained in making common felt hats, bowler and top hats and the like, doing a roaring trade no doubt in growing Nottingham as a skilled craftsman, as everyone wore one in those days. It was a subtle social code, you could tell a man's social status and work by looking at the colour, shape and quality. Bowler hat making involved steaming felt (*a conglomerate of wool*) pressing to shape over a mould and then trimming and sewing. Top hats were made by steaming gossamer and calico to shape over a mould and covering with shiny silk, a much more skilled operation. His 2nd wife Eliza also made 'caps' of lace and hair nets. Later he refined his art and was making silk plush tops hats, that the upper classes wore. Stories of mercury & arsenic poisoning among the hat makers were true, but was being slowly eliminated by the time he was being trained in the craft. He was hat making into his 70s and died 83, which sounds like a man of sound mind, but I have not seen his death cert.

The circumstantial evidence from his step daughter giving

birth at No.4 Victoria St., Notts, while working at the cigar makers opposite, point to this being where his workplace was based, as a W.H. Mackintosh, hatter and tailor sold his wares here. No.4 was a long thin building and there is scope for having workshops at the back end of this. I find no trace of him owning a business, and so likely a worker all his life living in the terraced back streets of middle class Notts.

Synopsis of "is Henry Evans the same man in Bristol as Nottingham?"

- Same name Henry Evans, in Notts & Bristol
- Same occupation 'silk hatter' in Notts & Bristol
- Eliza Burton single mother cap maker with child Laura in Notts slums in 1861 census, Henry, hatter, in Bristol married
- Ellen Burton born 1862 to Eliza Burton, spinster in Notts, named Ellen Evans on birth cert, with Henry Evans, journeyman hatter as father
- Henry's wife Henrietta alone with children Apr 1871, Henry in Notts with Eliza, Laura & Ellen, status 'married', but not
- Henry Evans name crossed out on Laura & Ellen's baptism, Aug 1871 replaced with fictitious name John Burton, 10 years after their birth
- Henrietta & family cannot be found in Bristol after 1872, Henry marries Eliza in that year in Notts. Does not list a father in this 2nd marriage cert, also status widow
- Gives conflicting evidence for birthplace in 1871 & 1911 census as Cirencester, but Southwark in 1881 & 1901 census while living with Eliza and children at 26, Bullivant Rd, Notts. 1851 Census in Bristol he also states Southwark
- Laura gives birth to Joseph Henry at 4 Victoria St Notts, 1877 below is a hatters shop William Henry Mackintosh, a pseudonym for William Henry Evans, listed 1876 directory
- For above, Henry found to be baptised as William Henry. From 1st marriage to Henrietta gives father as Samuel Evans, silversmith he found a few doors down from Henry & Henrietta married, in 1851 census
- For above, Samuel's distinct occupation, found in Bristol baptism registers as William Henry 1833
- Names first child Henry William Evans 1860

Vital Statistics - Henry Evans

BAPTISM: 27th Oct 1833
Bristol, Glouc as William Henry

MARRIAGE: 1st : 22nd May 1853,
St Philip, Bristol. 2nd : Dec 1872,
St Mark, Nottingham

DEATH: Mar qtr 1915,
Notts. Aged 83.

WIFE 1: Henrietta Sanbrook (1838-1872, Bristol) ; f: John Sanbrook (1806-38, Bristol)

WIFE 2: Eliza Ann Burton (1841-1932, Notts) ; f: John Doubleday (1818-87, Notts)

NAMES: Baptism 1833: William Henry Evans. **All Others:** Henry Evans

BIGAMY: possibly married Eliza in Notts while wife Henrietta still living, was having affair with Eliza from 1860. **INCEST:** possibly father of Joseph Henry Burton by Laura Louisa Burton (*daughter*) and Alfred Henry Burton via Ellen Burton (*daughter*)

FATHER: Samuel Evans b.c.1811, Bristol. **MOTHER:** Martha b.c. 1811, Glouc

SIBLINGS: Samuel Evans b.1832. Charles Evans b.1832. Eliza Evans b.1835. Maria Evans b.1838.

DATE	RECORD	AGE	ADDRESS	WORK	BIRTHPLACE
27 Oct 1833	Baptism	0	Bristol	baby	-
30 Mar 1851	Census	18	7, Victoria St, Bristol	apprentice hatter	Southwark, Surrey
22 May 1853	Marriage	21	Bristol	hatter	-
07 Apr 1861	Census	28	2, Cherry Ln, Bristol	silk hatter	London, Lambeth
06 Jun 1862	Birth Child	29	?	journeyman hatter	-
02 Apr 1871	Census	38	50, Truman St, Notts	hatter	Cirencester, Glouc
02 Dec 1872	Marriage	39	Penrhyn St, Notts	hatter	-
- - - -1876	Directory	43	4 Victoria St	hatter	-
03 Apr 1881	Census	48	26 Bullivant Rd, Nott	hatter	Southwark, Surrey
05 Apr 1891	Census	58	170 Waterloo Rd Lnd	journeyman hatter	London, Lambeth
31 Mar 1901	Census	62	26 Bullivant Rd Notts	silk hatter	Southwark, London
02 Apr 1911	Census	72	26 Bullivant Rd Notts	hatter	Cirencester, Glouc

Note: status widow 1872 and 1891, married 1871, 1901, 1911

CHILDREN of Henry Evans

BIRTH NAME	PLACE	MOTHER	WORK
1859 Henry Evans	Bristol	Henrietta Sanbrook, died, emigrated or married?	
1860 Laura Louisa Evans?	Nottingham	Eliza Ann Burton (see entry above)	
1861 Mary Ann Evans	Bristol	Henrietta Sanbrook, died, emigrated or married?	
1862 Ellen Evans	Nottingham	Eliza Ann Burton (see entry below)	
1863 William Evans	Bristol	Henrietta Sanbrook, died, emigrated or married?	
1868 Frederick Evans	Bristol	Henrietta Sanbrook, died, emigrated or married?	
1870 George Evans	Bristol	Henrietta Sanbrook, died, emigrated or married?	

John Burton

(1820-1900?) Solider, labourer, Notts

(Father? to Laura Louisa Burton ; G.G.G. Grandfather? to the author)

From the collected evidence above we can cast doubts over whether the John Burton, labourer, listed as the 'father' on Laura and Ellen's baptisms in 1871 is a real person or not. However I can divine that Henry Evans would have been known to the local vicar, and for him to stand in as the father would have left him open to the charge of bigamy. Therefore this John Burton could have been doing a favour, as a distant cousin, by standing in for Henry. Eliza and John both being Burton, could pretend that they had married previously, but this another big lie that could be uncovered, but I suppose it was a lesser risk? (*Alternatively as Henry's name is crossed out on the original baptismal record, they might have just made the name up on the spot after momentarily dithering and regretting declaring the "Henry Burton" bit.*)

As for tracing a man matching this description, if he exists, we don't have much to go on, but that he was a labourer, and local to the area, which narrows the choices down. I thought at first there may be a connection with the other Burton's living on Truman St over the years, but the John Burton I traced through that line who might have been the father ends up as married and a framework knitter in 1861, but, still, living very close to Eliza. It might just then be coincidence of them having a similar surname that they ended up co-working and cohabiting at Truman Street, perhaps originating from a more distant relation. Notes for research:

- Alfred Henry Burton, Eliza's grandson lived at 23 Truman St around 1914 during the Great War, while serving as a soldier. His son Arthur R. Burton lived later with a John Henry Langland Burton whose grandfather was John Burton, framework knitter, whose father William Burton, tailor lived on Mill Stone Street, same street and same time, 1841, as John Doubleday, Eliza's father.
- Lettice (*or Letitia*) Burton lived at 20 Truman St, c.1885 before marrying John Dearcy, and thence 5 William Square, c.1887 where previously Eliza was living with John Skidmore, Letitia was the grand-daughter of William Burton, above.
- Philip Burton et al, lace and silk workers lived next door to Eliza at 52 Truman Street from 1871, and granddaughter Thirza at no.60 until 1891, likely contributing to Henry and Eliza's hat making business. However I cannot find a reliable John in that line, or indeed a connection to Eliza.

Therefore if the John in the baptism was a labourer, that indicates low skill employment and likely did not have an apprenticeship in the lace trade, therefore from outside the area, or indeed the military. I found of course only one John Burton of ex-military status in Nottingham fitting this criteria:

- Private John Burton, single, *labourer*, born 1820 in Lowdham, Nottingham.
- Came home from 16 years service in the Cape of Good Hope, S. Africa, 45th Nottingham Foot Infantry in 1857 to Nottingham
- Traced in the Apr 1861 census as a labourer living with his mother in central Nottingham lace trade, at Barker Street, not 100m from Glasshouse Street, where Eliza Ann was living in the slums.
- The conception date for Laura, Sept 1859, with Eliza matches with the dates he was in Nottingham from 1857-61

Again, I cannot prove this is him, but the circumstantial evidence all seem to point in his direction to the exclusion of the other 50 or so candidate Johns in the immediate area : single, labourer, same name, living close to Eliza, randy soldier on home leave at exact date of conception. In 1871 the years of the baptisms he even 'runs' off to live in Liverpool with his fiancée, 20 years younger, where he is seen as a Chelsea Pensioner (Ex army) for the next 30 years, and so could not be questioned about the children.

In conclusion, as Eliza's 2nd daughter was born to Henry Evans, it seems likely to me that Laura was also, unless she was courting both of them. Why then John is mentioned on the baptism as father, we can only guess. Either it is to protect Henry from charges of bigamy and illegitimacy or was somehow dressing up the truth within the community to hide some shame. Or maybe some other mind boggling concept like playing one man off against the other, and the strange things that women's minds conjure up.

John Burton – Vital Statistics

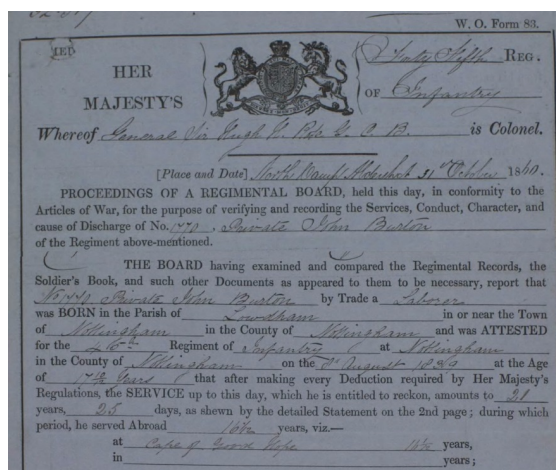
BAPTISM: 14 March 1820, Lowdham, Nottingham to John & Mary Burton. (*Only match for Lowdham*). If his military records are correct (*which most often they are not*) he is aged 17 10/12 months on 8 Aug 1839, his sign up, thus an alternate date of birth is 8 Oct 1821, Lowdham.

MARRIAGE: co-habited with status 'married' in 1861 after army discharge but did not betroth, an Elizabeth, dressmaker, born 1840, who gives both Melbourne, Leics, and later London as her birthplace

DEATH: unknown, could be Liverpool or maybe came back to Notts to die

DATE	RECORD	AGE	ADDRESS	WORK	NOTES
14 Mar 1820	Baptism 0		Lowdham, Notts	baby	only matching baptismal
08 Oct 1821	Birth	0	Lowdham, Notts	baby	alternate birth from army rec.
08 Aug 1839	Military 17		Lowdham, Notts	soldier	signs up in Nottingham
08 Oct 1839	Military 17		Cape Good Hope	soldier	45th Foot Infantry
01 Sep 1857	Military 37		Nottingham	soldier	further 3 years in army in UK
Sep 1859	Calculation	39	Glasshouse St?	labourer	suggested conception for Laura
04 June 1860	Birth	40	?	?	birth of Laura in Notts
17 Oct 1860	Military 40		Nottingham	labourer	discharge from army
07 Apr 1861	Census 41		Barker St, Notts	labourer	living with mother & fiancée
Jan 1862	Calculation	41	Notts	?	suggested conception for Ellen
06 Sep 1862	Birth	42	Notts	?	birth of Ellen in Notts
02 Apr 1871	Census 51		Plumer St. Liverpool Chelsea	Pnsr	living with fiancée
13 Aug 1871	Baptism 51	-	-	labourer	baptism of Laura Louisa
03 Apr 1881	Census 61		44 Plumer St. Livp	Army pens.	single
05 Apr 1891	Census 71		50 Highfield St. -	lodger	single

Note: All birthplaces for above records is Lowdham, Notts



[BB9] Soldiers record, 1860, for Pvt John Burton no.1770, War Office

Ellen Burton

(1861-1948) Lace worker, Nottingham

(Sister to Laura Louisa Burton ; G.G.G. Aunt to the author)

Ellen, like her sister Laura was born illegitimately to Eliza Ann while she was working as a cap maker in the slums of Nottingham, and given the birth name Ellen Evans. Her father was Henry Evans, a journeyman hatter, who was having a secret long distance affair from Bristol. She is baptised 10 years later by Eliza and a John Burton as Ellen Burton, who for now was acting as father to hide the fact of illegitimacy and bigamy by Henry (*or a fictitious name*).

By age 18 is within the family business of hat making, working as a lace jennier, which entailed spinning threads of cotton or silk on a spinning wheel to make a thicker thread. In 1880, while unmarried she gives birth to Alfred Henry Burton, this was a surprise anomaly that turned up in my 2017 revision.

In the April 1881 census he is listed as the son of Henry Evans. However a fellow cousin and researcher found his WWI military documents by accident, listed as Alfred Henry Burton, contained therein was his birth certificate (*unusually*), giving mother as Ellen Burton, no father, living at 26 Bullivant Street, the same as the 1881 census. Ellen in Oct 1881 then married Henry Henshaw a carpentry joiner, and have an amazing 14 children together. So we can again debate whether Henry Evans or Henry Henshaw is the father of Alfred, we can't perform a DNA test. She survives until 1948, working in the lace industry, dying age 86 in the Notts area.

Vital Statistics - Ellen Burton

Birth: 6th Sep 1862, Notts.
(*illegitimate born Ellen Evans*)

Marriage: Oct Qtr 1881
Notts.

Death: Sep 1948
Notts

Names: Ellen Burton aka Ellen Evans, Ellen Henshaw

Father: John Burton? Labourer, Notts. **Mother:** Eliza Ann Burton

Husband: Henry Henshaw (1859-) carpentry joiner, Notts

Children: Alfred Henry Burton (1880-1970). Lilly Henshaw (1883-). Harold Henshaw (1883-). Feley Henshaw (1886-). Leonard Henshaw (1887-). Thomas Henshaw (1891-). Fred Henshaw (1893-). Joseph Samuel Henshaw (1894-1946). Ellen Henshaw (1897-). Percy Henshaw (1897-). Laura Henshaw (1900-16). Florence Henshaw (1901-54). Louise Henshaw (1901-). Florrie Henshaw (1902-).

DATE	RECORD	AGE	NAME	ADDRESS	WORK
05 Sep 1862	Birth	00	Ellen Evans	Herbert St.	baby
2 Apr 1871	Census	09	Ellen Evans	50 Truman St.	scholar
13 Aug 1871	Baptism	09	Ellen Burton	50 Truman St.	-
3 Apr 1881	Census	19	Ellen Evans	26 Bullivant Rd.	jennier
- Oct 1881	Marriage	19	Ellen Burton	-	-
5 Apr 1891	Census	29	Ellen Henshaw	16 Bullace Rd.	-
31 Mar 1901	Census	39	Ellen Henshaw	22 Bullace Rd.	-
2 Apr 1911	Census	49	Ellen Henshaw	18 Reform Terr.	lace clipper
Sep 1948	Death	86	Ellen Henshaw		

Note: All addresses, Nottingham.

Alfred Henry Burton

(1880-1970) Lace worker, Soldier, Notts

(niece to Laura Louisa Burton ; G.G. Uncle to the author)

I include Alfred's story here as initially I thought he might be the key to discovering who the father of Ellen and Laura Louisa might be. At first it was though Alfred was the son of Henry Evans Hatter and Eliza Burton, due to him being listed so in the 1881 census. However a fellow researcher and cousin in 2017 happened to stumble upon his WWI military record which contained his birth certificate (*unusually*). He is listed therein as the son of Ellen Burton, birth occurred at 26 Bullivant St, same as where he was in the 1881 census. No father is listed, so we can debate whether it is Henry Henshaw, who Ellen later married in that year, or Henry Evans, father.

We can gravitate towards the Henshaw option for the following reasons: In his military records and on the 1911 census, the name Henshaw is scrubbed out, at least 10 times, and in its place Burton is superimposed. I think that as Alfred was brought up in the Henshaw household, he obviously identified with that name. However when the thorough military inspectors questioned him as to his paternity and his birth certificate was produced he realised he was in fact an illegitimate Burton, and so his previous names were scrubbed (*they didn't usually check such things, as I see examples of lies about age reported all over to get out or into the army*).

However there is the anomaly that he married in 1902 under the name Burton, so we can question his reasons for doing this, again hiding something (*of course this could have been amended later by the registrar*). His wife Florence is interesting in that she was a British subject born in Calais, her father John Taylor, in the lace trade, possibly a travelling tradesman in France, he also born there, difficult to trace origins at present.

His role in WWI is nothing remarkable, but for the fact that he survived it, serving in the 3rd Durham Light Infantry battalions as a private, wounded in the elbow and discharged in 1918, with nephritis, an auto immune disease. The 1939 register sees him back in Nottingham at 23, Truman Street, bath attendant, 3 doors down from where his supposed distant cousin Letitia (*nee Burton*) and Henry Darcy lived around 1885 before marriage, and 20 doors down from no.50 where Eliza Burton was in 1871. Could he have inherited the lease from on one of their properties? That could have meant those former two might be the link to finding John Burton, if he was their father, thus also supposed surrogate father to Ellen his mother. Alfred's only son Arthur R. Burton also gave a tantalising hint, in that he, in 1939 is living at 102 Manning St as a bookbinder with a John Henry Langland Burton, who is the grand-son of a John Burton, who in 1861 was working in the lace industry in the same district as Eliza. These two families indeed DO trace back to that same John Burton, but he has been eliminated from the enquiry as he does not fit the criteria, occupation and circumstance (*see John Burton entry above*).

We also have a curious anomaly in the 1891 census that throws the spell further into flux. In that year, Henry Evans (*his great-grandfather*) is missing from his home at 26 Bullivant St (*we have a speculative entry for him being up in London on a trade mission*). However in that same census Alfred with his mother Ellen and father Henry are not listed as Henshaw, but as Evans at Bullace Road. We know this is them as they are in the same street, with same ages and names in 1901, listed as Henshaw. Very strange indeed, again this fog of mystery hiding some anomaly. I don't think it would be humanly possible that Henry Henshaw is an alias for Henry Evans, and he living alternately as a married man to Eliza AND

his daughter, fathering 14 children with her, fooling enumerators, registrars, and his children for 30 years, that would be quite mental. Indeed Henry Henshaw is reliably traced in all census us to 1948, eliminating this fanciful idea, but still causes confusion over why they named themselves Evans. One supposes that as her husband was a joinery carpenter, away from home in that year, she was flummoxed in her perturbed circumstance and gives her birth surname in a sudden lapse of concentration, *or it was just another lie to cover her tracks.*

Vital Statistics – Alfred Henry Burton

BIRTH: 17th Dec 1880 **MARRIAGE:** 8th Mar 1902 **DEATH:** Apr 1970
 St Anne, Notts Notts Notts

NAMES: Alfred Henry Burton aka Alfred Burton, Alfred Henry Evans, Alfred Henry Henshaw

FATHER: Henry Henshaw / Henry Evans? Mother: Ellen Burton

WIFE: Florence Elizabeth Taylor (1879-1947), b.France da to John Henry Taylor, b.France

CHILDREN: Arthur R. Burton (1916-52) book binder, Notts, no issue

DATE	RECORD	AGE	NAME	ADDRESS	WORK
17 Dec 1880	Birth	00	Alfred Henry Burton	26 Bullivant Rd.	baby
03 Apr 1881	Census	01	Alfred Henry Evans	26 Bullivant Rd.	baby
05 Apr 1891	Census	11	Alfred Evans	16 Bullace Rd.	scholar
31 Mar 1901	Census	20	Alfred Henshaw	22 Bullace Rd.	general labourer
08 Mar 1902	Marriage	21	Alfred Henry Burton	? ?	
02 Apr 1911	Census	30	Alfred Henry Burton	2 Peas Hill	brass bobbin winder
- - 1913	Military	32	Alfred Henry Burton	20 Hartwell St.	brass bobbin winder
- - 1915	Military	34	Alfred Henry Burton	23 Truman St.	Infantry, pvt.
19 Mar 1919	Military	38	Alfred Henry Burton	23 Truman St.	nephritis
29 Sep 1939	Census	59	Alfred Henry Burton	23 Truman St.	public bath attend.
Apr 1970	Death	89	Alfred Henry Burton	? ?	

Note: all addresses and place of birth are Nottingham.

Louisa Burton

(1816-1893) Lace worker, Notts

(Grandmother to Laura Louisa Burton ; G.G.G.G. Grandmother to the Author)

In the 1891 census, at no.26, Bullivant Rd, while husband Henry Evans is away possibly working in the London hat trade, a Louisa Skidmore, widow, is living with Eliza Ann, listed as her birth mother. Obviously this is not her maternal name, so through tortured searching I found that Louisa had "married", aged around 46 in 1862 to a Joseph Skidmore (labourer from Derby), and had no children with him. They are seen living together in 1871 & '81 at Beacon Street, the same address her granddaughter Laura Louisa lived at for a time before marriage in 1879.

Joseph was a widow of Harriet Towle who had died in 1857 leaving 3 children. He took in Louisa therefore as a 'housemaid' in around 1861, as listed in the census, note that she is unmarried at that point. Therefore if Eliza was born in 1841, Louisa her mother was unmarried in 1861, and Eliza states her father is John Burton in 1872, she must have also been the product of illegitimacy, how traditions carry on. However, I find no proof that Louisa married Skidmore.

From further traces of her daughter Eliza and granddaughter Laura (*evidenced in above biogs*), we find that Louisa was co-habiting with a John Doubleday, frame work knitter of stockings in 1841-51. They do marry, but after the birth of Eliza, thus a proven product of illegitimacy, named Eliza Burton Doubleday on her birth cert. to prove that (*she later drops the Doubleday part*). Then something occurs in around 1861 that separates the family in three parts, John the father missing, Louisa found with John Skidmore above, and Eliza with daughter Laura in the slums. Possible John when to prison, but he continues as a frame work knitter until his death in 1887.

Louisa is reliably born to parents John Burton and Harriet Langford, baptised in 1816, Notts, he also a frame work knitter of stockings. Finding their origins is a task for another session.

Vital Statistics- Louisa Burton

BAPTISM: 14 Jun 1816
St Peters, Notts

MARRIAGE:
Apr 1842, Notts

DEATH: Apr qtr 1893,
Notts. Age 78 yrs

NAMES: Louisa Burton, aka, Louisa Elizabeth Burton, Louisa Doubleday, Louisa Skidmore

HUSBAND : John Doubleday (1814-87), Notts, framework knitter

FIANCÉE 2 : Joseph Skidmore (1809-85), Derby, labourer, widow of Harriet Towle. 1809-57.

FATHER : John Burton b.c.1794 m.6 Mar 1816, St Peters, Notts

MOTHER: Harriet Langford b.c.1794

CHILDREN: Eliza Ann Burton (1841-1932) ; (see above entry)

DATE	RECORD	AGE	NAME	ADDRESS	WORK
14 Jun 1816	Baptism	00	Louisa Elizabeth Burton	Middle Hill, St Peters	baby
04 Jun 1841	Child Birth	25	Louisa Doubleday (Burton)	Smiths Yard	?
06 Jun 1841	Census	25	Louisa Doubleday	Mill Stone Lane	Wife
Apr 1842	Marriage	26	Louisa Burton	Notts	?
30 Mar 1851	Census	35	Louisa Doubleday	49 Fyne St.	Lace runner
07 Apr 1861	Census	45	Louisa Burton	3,William Square	Housekeeper
02 Apr 1871	Census	55	Louisa Skidmore	18 Beacon Street	Wife
03 Apr 1881	Census	65	Louisa Skidmore	18 Beacon Street	Wife
05 Apr 1891	Census	75	Louisa Skidmore	26, Bullivant Street	Pensioner
Apr qtr 1893	Death	77	Louisa Skidmore	Notts	-

Note: all records state Nottingham as birthplace, and address

John Doubleday

(1814-1887) Nottingham

(Grandfather to Laura Louisa Burton ; G.G.G.G. Grandfather to the Author)

Baptised to parents John and Jane Doubleday while living at Pilcher's Gate, in the very heart of the Nottingham lace markets. Obviously then apprenticed from a young age in lace making, mastering the art of silk and cotton stocking making on a machine known as a frame work knitter, probably working on a piece meal basis from home. He pairs up with Louisa Burton, a lace runner (*embroidering onto lace*) and they sire Eliza Ann in 1841 while unmarried. They hurriedly marry in 1842, but have no further children. In 1861 the family splits three ways, John perhaps in debt, prison or trade mission, his wife moving in with Joseph Skidmore, Eliza pregnant and living in the slums. Careful combing of relevant documents might reveal his fate.

However he is back on his feet in 1871 living with an Elizabeth Wilson, widow, in the same trade and continues so until his death age 73 in 1887. He never drops the status of marriage in the census, this might explain why Louisa could never marry Mr Skidmore perhaps.

Vital Statistics - John Doubleday

BAPTISM: 11 Sep 1814
St Mary, Notts

MARRIAGE:
Apr Qtr 1842, Notts

DEATH: July Qtr 1887
Notts. Age 73 yrs

NAMES: John Doubleday

WIFE : Louisa Burton (1816-93) lace runner, Notts

FIANCÉE : Elizabeth Wilson (1822-) widow, lace worker, Notts

FATHER : John Doubleday b.c.1787. m.1808. Framework knitter, shoemaker, Notts

MOTHER: Jane Upton b.c.1787

CHILDREN: Eliza Ann Burton (1841-1932) ; (*see above entry*)

DATE	RECORD	AGE	NAME	ADDRESS	WORK
11 Sep 1814	Baptism	00	John Doubleday	Pilcher Gate	baby
04 Jun 1841	Child Birth	27	John Doubleday	Smith's Yard	F.W.K.
06 Jun 1841	Census	27	John Doubleday	Mill Stone Lane	F.W.K.
Apr 1842	Marriage	28	John Doubleday	Notts	?
30 Mar 1851	Census	37	John Doubleday	49 Fyne St.	F.W.K.
02 Apr 1871	Census	57	John Doubleday	7 Cherry Place	F.W.K.
03 Apr 1881	Census	67	John Doubleday	26 Stanhope St	F.W.K.
Jul qtr 1887	Death	73	John Doubleday	Notts	-

Note: all records state Nottingham as birthplace, and address.

F.W.K.: frame work knitter of stockings

George Cooper (Croxen)

(1859-1892) Engine Fitter, Nottingham

(Husband to Laura Louisa Burton ; Father? to Joseph Henry Burton ;
G.G. Grandfather? to Author)

George, considering the evidence presented above, appears to be (*at present*) the birth father of Joseph H. Burton. He may have been courting Laura as teenagers and got a bit excited. It was common in the 'poorer' sections of society to have children before marriage as it was costly to do so and buy a house. Although when I say poor, his fiancée was renting an expensive flat on Victoria St! He may have been earning a good wage as an 'engine fitter' and supporting her behind the scenes.

He was born out of wedlock to Marmaduke Cooper, a porter at the Black Boy Hotel & Susannah Croxen, in Nottingham, and named as George Cooper Croxen, but later adopts his father's surname. His later employment as an 'engine fitter' in the clothing industry suggests he had an apprenticeship in engineering at one of the 'Poor Union' industrial schools, as I find no reliable trace of him in 1871. The late Victorian weaving machines were complex and dangerous machines, and as this trade was booming at the period and Nottingham growing fast, we would assume he made a better than average working wage. However, his addresses after marriage in 1879 suggest rapidly built, crowded terraced houses, which quickly degenerated into 'slums', note every house he lived in has been bombed or demolished.

He dies aged 32 of consumption (tuberculosis) a common airborne bacteria in insanitary Nottingham of the period, today defeated with antibiotics. I have no 'new' info to add to George's biography.

Vital Statistics - George Cooper (Croxen)

BIRTH: 2nd Dec 1859
St Peters, Notts

MARRIAGE: 25th Dec 1879
St Andrew, Notts

DEATH: 25th Jan 1892
Notts

WIFE: Laura Louisa Burton (1860-1917), Notts

FATHER : Marmaduke Cooper (1826-1891), Notts

MOTHER: Sussanah Croxen (1828-1885), Crowland, Lincs ; f: Thomas Croxen, innkeeper

SIBLINGS: Ann Croxen Cooper (1856-). George Cooper (1859-1892). Mary Croxen Cooper (1861-).
Louisa Cooper (1863-). Elizabeth Cooper (1865-)

CHILDREN: see *Laura Louisa Burton, wife (previous entry)*

DATE	RECORD	AGE	ADDRESS	WORK	BIRTHPLACE
02 Dec 1859	Birth	00	Nottingham	baby	Notts
07 Apr 1861	Census	02	Leen Side, Notts	baby	Notts
25 Dec 1879	Marriage	20	Beacon St, Notts	beam finisher	-
03 Apr 1881	Census	22	3, Orchard Place, Notts	frilling machine fitter	Notts
05 Apr 1891	Census	32	3, Westminster St, Notts	fitter	Notts
25 Jan 1892	Death	32	3, Westminster Terr, Notts	-	Notts

Marmaduke Cooper

(1826-1891), porter, publican, Nottingham

(Grandfather? To Joseph Henry Burton ; G.G.G. Grandfather? to the Author)

Marmaduke is one of those characters that turns up in every family tree, a loveable rogue if you will, and as a bonus, has an unusual name! As the supposed step / grandfather to Joseph Henry I'm sure he may have had some influence upon him. He is the 2nd son of James Cooper a lace worker, but turns against this monotonous work, as he is seen age 15, and probably before this age as a 'boots', a shoe cleaner and general dogsbody at the large prominent Black Boy Hotel on the main thoroughfare of the city. Ladies & gentlemen of the period would depart their horse and coaches at the hotel and if they were lucky, got in without treading through the muddy manure ridden streets. They would have expected their shoes to be sparkling by morning. It was a dusk 'till dawn job, but may have come with free food and lodge, and who knows perhaps his cheeky grin got him a tip now and again.

He seems to have saved up enough to be able to purchase a licence to run the George & Dragon on the same street around 1854. However the devil gets the better of him and is before the magistrate 3 times for running the pub outside permitted hours. In the court it says he had 9 tailors and a coach builder lodging with him (*Marmaduke describes them as 'tramps' i.e. travelling tradesmen*) and poured half a pint for one before 12 on a Sunday, when everyone was expected to be in church. He was fined 6 shillings, a weeks wages.

In 1850 he decides to marry Harriet Barker, a lace making girl and they have one child together. Whether because of personality clash or infertility Marmaduke decides to 'plough other fields' and is having an affair with a Susannah Croxen from c.1856, and had 3 children by 1861. In the census of that year Harriet is living alone with her only child, having dropped the Cooper name, and Marmaduke unmarried and living with Sussanah and the 3 children nearby. His 1st wife conveniently or otherwise dies in 1863 allowing him to marry Sussanah.

He continues his employment as a porter in the Black Boy Hotel, but a life around drink fuelled people inevitably influences him, and is fined twice for being drunk and disorderly and swearing outside a cafe in 1873 & '75. What he got up to when the Police were not watching we can but wonder.

A hard working, hard drinking life in the slums of Nottingham certainly took their toll, and in 1888 he is found destitute and in the Union workhouse. This coincided with the death of his wife and the demolition of his place of work around that time. He is visited and cared for by close family, going home for Xmas, and although listed as 'old and inform' continues to work till his death at Bunker's Hill hotel. His end is unremarkable considering his circumstance, that of pneumonia in 1891, attended by his daughter Louisa Cooper.



[BB10] Dickens, Charles. *The Dickens Souvenir Book*. London: 1912

Vital Statistics - Marmaduke Cooper

BIRTH: 4th Dec 1825,
St Helen, Notts

MARRIAGE: 1st: 19th May 1850,
St Mary, Notts. 2nd: 26th Jun 1864,
St Mary, Notts

DEATH: 24th May 1891,
Union Workhouse

1st WIFE: Harriet Barker (1823-63), Notts ; f: James Barker (1799-1872), lace worker

2nd WIFE: Sussanah Croxen (1828-1885), Crowland, Lincs ; f: Thomas Croxen, innkeeper

FATHER : James Cooper (1795-1865), Notts, lace worker

MOTHER: Elizabeth Wallis (1801-1889), Worc?

SIBLINGS: Samuel Cooper (1823-). Thomas Cooper (1831-). William Cooper (1832-).
Ann Cooper (1835-). Reuben Cooper (1836-). Fanny Cooper (1838-1905). Elizabeth Cooper (1841-).
Harriet Cooper (1843-)

DATE	RECORD	AGE	ADDRESS IN NOTTS	WORK	BIRTH
04 Dec 1826	Baptism	00	Stapleford, Notts	baby	Stapleford, Notts
06 Jun 1841	Census	15	Black Boy Hotel, Long Row	servant	Notts
19 May 1850	Marriage	24	Black Boy Hotel, Long Row	servant	-
30 Mar 1851	Census	25	Black Boy Hotel, Long Row	boots	Stapleford, Notts
?? ??? 1854	Directory	28	George & Dragon, North St	victualler	-
01 Jan 1857	News	31	George & Dragon, North St	victualler	-
07 Apr 1861	Census	35	Leen Side, Notts	porter	Stapleford, Notts
26 Jun 1864	Marriage	38	Butcher Street, Notts	porter	-
02 Apr 1871	Census	45	2, Exchange Close, Notts	porter	Stapleford, Notts
29 Aug 1873	News	47	Notts	-	-
10 May 1879	News	53	Notts	-	-
03 Apr 1881	Census	55	2, Exchange Close, Notts	porter	Stapleford, Notts
24 May 1889	Workhouse	63	Workhouse, 57 Union Rd, Notts	labourer	-
05 Apr 1891	Census	65	Workhouse, 57 Union Rd, Notts	porter	Stapleford, Notts

CHILDREN of Marmaduke Cooper

BIRTH	NAME	PLACE	MOTHER	WORK
1852	Ann Cooper	St Mary, Notts	Harriet Barker	m. Hodgson
1856	Ann Croxen Cooper	Peterborough?	Susannah Croxen	D / M / E
1859	George Croxen Cooper	St Peters, Notts	Susannah Croxen	Engine fitter
1861	Mary Croxen Cooper	Notts	Susannah Croxen	D / M / E
1863	Louisa Cooper	Notts	Susannah Croxen	D / M / E
1865	Elizabeth Cooper	Notts	Susannah Croxen	D / M / E

* D / M / E : died married or emigrated?

Documented Evidence for Joseph Henry Burton & Laura Louisa Burton

The following list of documents follows the logical sequence of searches made within BDM, national registers and census to discover the whereabouts of that person at that particular time, each snippet of info leads to the next.

From Joseph Henry Burton's R.N. seniority record [A1] we track his R.N. ratings record [A2] which leads to his birth certificate [B1] in St Peters, Notts, 1877, giving the name of mother Laura Louisa Burton, which with reference to Joseph's marriage cert [C1] in 1904, which gives the name of father as 'George Henry Cooper Burton' (*a fictitious name*) he is traced to the 1881 [D1] and 1891 [E1] census for Notts where his mother Laura is married to George Cooper, which leads to her 1st marriage cert 1879 [F1].

In the 1901 census [G1] we find her remarried to William Emery with 3 daughters Cooper from previous marriage, which leads to the death cert. of George Cooper in 1892 [H1] and Laura's 2nd marriage cert. same year [J1], where we find her supposed father's name Henry Evans (*hatter*), thence to the 1871 census [K1] at 50 Truman St. where she is living with Henry Evans and Eliza A. Evans (*Note Burton family next door*). Henry Evans marriage cert. to Eliza Ann Burton, 1872 [L1] reveals Eliza as her mother, but Henry Evans is probably not her father. Her baptismal record in 1871 [M1] states John Burton as father, and mother Eliza A. Burton, also recorded at 50 Truman St. Notts, but note name **Henry** crossed out on actual baptism record [M4].

A search for her birth certificate reveals only one option [Y1] for a Laura Kirk Burton, same birth date 4 Jun 1860 and mother as baptism, but no father [M1]. This gives place of abode as Glasshouse St. A search of the April 1861 census reveals Eliza, capmaker (*matching occupation and age*) and Laura age 10 months (*matching birth date*) living nearby at Charlotte St. with a mixture of families under the name Doubleday [Z1]. A search for Eliza Doubleday reveals her as born Eliza Burton Doubleday [AB1] as her mother Louisa was unmarried. The John Burton noted as father to Eliza in marriage cert. [L1] is therefore fictitious as proven to be John Doubleday in [AB1 + AC1]. Eliza, father John, mother Louisa Doubleday seen in 1851 census [AC1].

P.R.O. KEW.

Joseph Henry Burton D.S.C

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Date of Birth	25 March 1877	Seniority as { Acting Gunner (T) 27 March 1908. (Confirmed 27 th March 1909.) Chief Lieutenant.
Date of Passing	22 May 1905	
Class of Certificate	First	
Depôt	Devonport	

[A1]. Joseph H. Burton Royal Navy Seniority Record

Name in full	<i>Joseph Henry Burton</i>					Date of Birth	<i>25 March 1877</i>
						Place of Birth	<i>St Peter's Nottingham</i>
						Occupation	<i>Labourer</i>
Date and Period of C. S. Engagements.	Age.	Height. Ft. in.	Hair.	Eyes.	Complexion.	Wounds, Scars, Marks, &c.	
<i>25 March 1895</i>	<i>12 years</i>	<i>5-11 3/4</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>Fresh</i>		
<i>21 March 07</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>5-9</i>	<i>B. Bro.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>2 spots tattooed on l. forearm.</i>	

[A2]. Joseph H. Burton Royal Navy Rating Record

Name: Joseph Henry Burton. **Date & Place of birth:** 25th March 1877, St Peters Nottingham.
Occupation: Labourer. **Date of Engagement:** 25 Mar 1895 (12 yrs, age 18) (21 Mar 1907 to completion). **Date of passing:** 22 May 1905. **Class of cert:** First. **Depôt:** Devonport
Seniority: Acting Gunner (Torpedo) 27 Mar 1908 (Confirmed 27th Mar 1909).
Wounds, scars, marks: 2 spots tattooed on left forearm

[A3] Transcripts of A1 & A2

REGISTRATION DISTRICT										
Nottingham										
1877 BIRTH in the Sub-district of Exchange in the County of the Town of Nottingham										
Columns-	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
No.	When and where born	Name, if any	Sex	Name and surname of father	Name, surname and maiden surname of mother	Occupation of father	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar	Name entered after registration
495	25th Mar 1877 4 Victoria Street	Joseph Henry	Boy		Laura Louisa Burton a Cigar Maker		L. L. Burton Mother 4 Victoria Street Nottingham	9th April 1877	William Marriott	Registrar

[B1] Birth certificate for Joseph H. Burton

No.: 495. **Sub District:** of Exchange (St Peters), Nottingham. **When & Where Born:** 25th March 1877, 4 Victoria Street. **Name:** Joseph Henry. **Sex:** Boy. **Name & Occupation of father:** . **Name & maiden name of mother:** Laura Louisa Burton, a cigar maker. **Signature, description & residence of informant:** L.L. Burton, mother, 4 Victoria Street, Notts. **When registered:** 9th April 1877. **Signature of registrar:** William Marriott, Registrar

[B2]. Transcript of [B1] birth certificate for Joseph Henry Burton

1904 Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church of St. James in the County of Devon								
Columns	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
215	Jun 18th 1904	Joseph Henry Burton	27	Bachelor	1st Class Petty Officer R.N.	50 Ker St. Devonport	George Henry Cooper Burton (deceased)	Engine Fitter
		Ethel Annie Morgan	24	Spinster		39 Garden St. Devonport	Florence Morgan	H.M. Dockyard

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Anglican Church by Edward G. Coles or after by me, Edward G. Coles Vicar of St. James Devonport

This Marriage was solemnized between us: Joseph Henry Burton and Ethel Annie Morgan in the Presence of us: Florence Morgan and Emily Elizabeth Kelly

[C1]. Marriage certificate for Joseph Henry Burton

1904 Marriage solemnized at the Parish church in the Parish of St James County of Devon. No.: 215. **Date:** Jun 18th 1904. **Name:** Joseph Henry Burton, 27, Bachelor, 1st Class Petty Officer Royal Navy, 50 Ker St, Devonport. **Father's Name:** George Henry Cooper Burton (deceased). **Father's Work:** Engine Fitter. **Name:** Ethel Annie Morgan, 24, Spinster, -, 39 Garden St. Devonport. **Father:** Florence Morgan, H.M. Dockyard.

[C2]. Transcript of [C1] marriage certificate for Joseph Henry Burton

1881 England Census for Laura L. Cooper										
Nottinghamshire > Nottingham St Nicholas > Castle > District 7										
The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the										
Chap Parish (or Township) of	Municipal Borough of	Municipal Ward of	Parliamentary Borough of	Town or Village or Hamlet of	Urban Sanitary District of	Rural Sanitary District of	Ecclesiastical Parish or District of			
St. Nicholas	Nottingham	Market	Nottingham		Nottingham		St. Nicholas			
No. of House	ROAD, STREET, Lane, or NAME of HOUSE	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON-DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday of	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN	ii (1) Deaf and Dumb (2) Blind (3) Imbecile or Lame (4) Lunatic		
219	3, Orchard Place Orchard St.	George Cooper	Head	Mar	24	Building Machine Fitter	Nottingham			
		Laura L. de	Wife	Mar	20	Wife	do			
		Joseph H. Burton	Son		14		do			
		George H. Cooper	Son		14		do			

[D1]. 1881 census for 3, Orchard Place, Nottingham

Civil Parish: St Nicholas. **Municipal Borough:** Nottingham. **Municipal Ward:** Market.
Sched.: 219. **Name of Street:** 3, Orchard Pl., Orchard St.

George Cooper	Head	M	21	Frilling machine fitter	Notts
Laura L. Cooper	wife	M	21	Lace clipper	Notts
Joseph H. Burton	son	Un	4	-	Notts
George H. Cooper	son	Un	4m	-	Notts

[D2]. Transcript of [D1] 1881 census for 3, Orchard Place, Nottingham

1891 England Census for Laura Cooper																
Nottinghamshire > St Mary > Nottingham North East > District 10																
The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the																
Administrative County of Nottingham		Page 17														
Civil Parish	Municipal Borough	Municipal Ward	Urban Sanitary District		Town or Village or Hamlet	Parliamentary Borough or Division	Ecclesiastical Parish or District									
St Mary	Nottingham	Mapperley	Nottingham		Nottingham	St Anne's	St Anne's									
Col. 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
No. of Sched.	ROAD, STREET, etc. and No. or NAME of HOUSE	In-charge	HOUSES	Number of rooms	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON-DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday of	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION	Employer	Employed	Where Born	WHERE BORN			(1) Deaf and Dumb (2) Blind (3) Lunatic, Imbecile or idiot
112	Westminster St.	1	4	4	George Cooper	Head	M	31	Fitter	X		St Anne's	St Anne's			
					Laura	wife	M	31				St Anne's	St Anne's			
					Joseph H	Son	Un	14				St Anne's	St Anne's			
					George H	do	Un	11				St Anne's	St Anne's			
					Florence	dau	Un	9				St Anne's	St Anne's			
					Elizabeth	do	Un	6				St Anne's	St Anne's			
					Rose E	do	Un	2				St Anne's	St Anne's			

[E1]. 1891 census for 3, Westminster Street, Nottingham

Civil Parish: St Mary. **Municipal Borough:** Nottingham. **Municipal Ward:** Mapperley.
Parish: St Anne. **No. of sched.:** 112. **Name of Street:** 3, Westminster St.

George Cooper	Head	Mar	31	Fitter	Notts
Laura Cooper	wife	Mar	31	-	Notts
Joseph H. Cooper	son	Un	14	-	Notts
George H. Cooper	son	Un	11	-	Notts
Florence Cooper	dau	Un	9	-	Notts
Elizabeth Cooper	dau	Un	6	-	Notts
Rose E. Cooper	dau	Un	2	-	Notts

[E2]. Transcript of [E1] 1891 census for 3, Westminster Street, Nottingham

1879. Marriage solemnized at St Anne's Church in the Parish of St Anne's Notts in the County of Nottingham								
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
85	December twenty-fifth 1879	George Cooper	20 years	Bachelor	Beam Finisher	Beacon St	Marmaduke Cooper	Porter
		Laura Louisa Burton	19 years	Spinster		Beacon St	Eliza Burton	

Married in the St Anne's Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by William Henry Mason or after Banns by me,

This Marriage was solemnized between us, George Cooper and Laura Louisa Burton in the Presence of us, William Henry Mason & J D Lewis Vicars of St Anne's

[F1]. Marriage cert for George Cooper & Laura Louisa Burton, 1879

Solemnized at St Anne's Church in the Parish of St Annes, Notts, County Notts
No. 85. Date: 25th Dec 1879. **Name:** George Cooper, 20, Bachelor, Beam Finisher, Beacon St.
Father: Marmaduke Cooper, Porter. **Name:** Laura Louisa Burton, 19, Spinster, -, Beacon St.
Father: Eliza Burton, -.

[F2] Transcript of [F1] 1879 marriage cert for George Cooper & Laura Louisa Burton 1879 Marriage

1901 England Census for Laura Emery

Nottinghamshire > Nottingham > Nottingham North East > District 63

Administrative County		The undermentioned Houses are situate within the boundaries of the										Page 98					
Civil Parish		Ecclesiastical Parish		County Borough, Municipal Borough, or Urban District		Ward of Municipal Borough or of Urban District		Rural District		Parliamentary Borough or Division		Town or Village or Hamlet					
Nottinghamshire		St. Mathias (Part)		Nottingham (Part)		Manvers (Part)				East Division (Part)							
Col.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
No. of HOUSE	ROAD STREET, No. and No. or NAME of HOUSE	Uninhabited	In tenement	Part in tenement	Part in street	Name and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	Sex	Age last Birthday	Profession or Occupation	Employer, Worker, or Own account	If Working at Home	WHERE BORN	(1) Deaf and Dumb	(2) Blind	(3) Lunatic	(4) Inebriate, Feeble-minded
142	21 Mordey St.					Laura Emery	Head	Mar	40				de				
						Florence Cooper	dau	Un	19	Hosiery	de		de				
						Elizabeth Cooper	de	Un	15	Errand Girl	de		de				
						Rose E. Cooper	de	Un	12		de		de				
						Laura Emery	de	Un	5		de		de				

[G1]. 1901 census for 21, Mordey Street, Nottingham

Civil Parish: Nottingham. Parish: St Mathias. County Borough: Nottingham. Ward: Manvers. No. of sched. 142. Name of Street 21 Mordey St.

Laura Emery	Head	Mar	40	-	Notts
Florence Cooper	dau	Un	19	Hosiery	Notts
Elizabeth Cooper	dau	Un	15	Errand Girl	Notts
Rose E. Cooper	dau	Un	12	-	Notts
Laura Emery	dau	Un	5	-	Notts

[G2]. Transcript of [G1] 1901 census for 21, Mordey Street, Nottingham

No.	When and where died	Name and surname	Sex	Age	Occupation	Cause of death	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar
321	Twenty-fifth January 1892 3 Westminister Terrace Westminster Street Notts	George Cooper	Male	32 years	Machine fitter	Consumption asthenia Certified by N. Wright 29th	L.L. Cooper Widow of deceased In attendance 3 Westminister Terrace Nottingham	Twenty-fifth January 1892	H. Clark Registrar

[H1]. Death cert. for George Cooper, 1892

No. 321 Name: George Cooper. Age: 32. Sex: Male. Occupation: Machine fitter. When & where died: 25th Jan 1892, 3 Westminister Terr., Westminister St. Cause of death: Consumption, asthenia, certified by N. Wright. Signature, description name of informant: L.L. Cooper widow of deceased in attendance. 3, Westminister Terr. Notts. When registered: 25th Jan 1892. Signature of registrar: H. Clark, Registrar .

[H2]. Transcript of [H1] death cert. for George Cooper, 1892

1892. Marriage solemnized at St. Andrew's Church, in the Parish of St. Andrew Nottingham in the County of Nottingham								
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
22	Twenty-ninth October 1892.	William Emery	32	Bachelor	Boot-caster	5 Shaw's Terrace	David Emery	Boot-caster
		Laura Cooper	32	Widow		Shaw's Terrace	Henry Evans	Hatter
Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by _____ or after Banns by me, _____								
This Marriage was solemnized between us, { William Emery Laura Cooper			in the Presence of us, { William Wall Emma Emery & her mark			Frederick B. Poyer Curate		

[J1]. Marriage cert for Laura Louisa Cooper (nee Burton) & William Emery, 1892

Marriage Solemnized at St Andrew's Church in the Parish of St Andrew, Notts in Notts County. Date: 29th Oct 1892. No. 22. Name: William Emery, 32, Bachelor, Boot caster, 5 Shaw's Terrace. Father: David Emery, Boot Caster. Name: Laura Cooper, 32, Widow, -, Shaws Terrace. Father: Henry Evans, Hatter

[J2]. Transcript of [J1] 1892 marriage for Laura L. Cooper (nee Burton) & William Emery 1892

1871 England Census for Laura Evans

Nottinghamshire > St Mary > St Ann > District 21

Page 60] The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the										
* Civil Parish of	City or Municipal Borough of	Municipal Ward of	Parliamentary Borough of	Town of	Village or Hamlet, &c. of	Local Board, or (Improvement) Commission District of	Ecclesiastical District of			
St Mary	Nottingham	St Ann	Nottingham	Nottingham		Nottingham				
No. of Schedules	ROAD, STREET, &c. and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES (Uninhabited (U.) or (H.)	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON-DITION	AGE of	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN		Whether 1. Deaf-and-Dumb 2. Blind 3. Imbecile or Idiot 4. Lunatic
317	52 Truman St	1	Phillip Burton	Head	Mar	45	Lace maker	Notts Radford		
			Elizabeth	wife	Mar	42	Lace cleaner	Notts		
			Joseph	son	Un	18	Silk hatter winder	Notts Radford		
			Samuel	son	Un	16	Porter	Notts		
318	50 do	1	Henry Evans	Head	Mar	38	Hatter	Glouc Cirencester		
			Eliza A.	wife	Mar	30	-	Notts		
			Laura	dau.	Un	11	Scholar	Notts		
			Ellen	dau.	Un	8	Scholar	Notts		

[K1]. 1871 census for 50 & 52, Truman St., Nottingham

Civil Parish: St Mary. **Municipal:** Nottingham. **Ward:** St Anne. **Borough:** Nottingham

No.317. Street Address: 52 Truman St.

Phillip Burton	Head	Mar	45	Lace maker	Notts, Radford
Elizabeth Burton	wife	Mar	42	Lace cleaner	Notts
Joseph Burton	son	Un	18	Silk hatter winder	Notts, Radford
Samuel Burton	son	Un	16	Porter	Notts, Radford

No.318. Street Address: 50 Truman St.

Henry Evans	Head	Mar	38	Hatter	Cirencester, Glouc
Eliza A. Evans	wife	Mar	30	-	Notts
Laura L. Evans	dau.	Un	11	Scholar	Notts
Ellen Evans	dau.	Un	8	Scholar	Notts

[K2]. Transcript of [K1] 1871 census for 50 & 52, Truman St., Nottingham

1872. Marriage solemnized at St. Mark's Church in the Town of Nottingham in the County of Nottingham

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
212	December 24 1872	Henry Evans	39	Widower	Hatter	Penrhyn Terrace	-	-
		Eliza Ann Burton	32	Spinster	-	Penrhyn Terrace	John Burton	Brick-layer

Married in the Church of St. Mark's according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by me after Banns by me.

This Marriage was solemnized between us: Henry Evans in the Presence of us, Thomas Brocklehurst Pyppell G. Bical Eliza Ann Burton Louisa Brocklehurst

[L1]. Marriage cert for Henry Evans & Eliza Ann Burton, 1872

Marriage solemnized at St Marks Church in the town of Nottingham in the County of Notts. No. 212. Date: 20th Dec 1872 **Name:** Henry Evans, 39 (1833), Widower, Hatter, Penrhyn Terrace. **Father:** -, -. **Name:** Eliza Ann Burton, 32 (1840), Spinster, -, Penrhyn Terrace. **Father:** John Burton, Bricklayer.

[L2]. Transcript of [L1] 1872 marriage cert for Henry Evans & Eliza Ann Burton 1872

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Nottinghamshire baptisms Transcription

First name(s)	Laura Louisa
Last name	Burton
Birth year	1860
Birth date	04 Jun 1860
Baptism year	1871
Baptism date	13 Aug 1871
Denomination	Anglican
Church	St Ann
Baptism place	Nottingham
Father's first name(s)	John
Father's last name	Burton
Mother's first name(s)	Eliza Ann
Mother's last name	Burton
Residence	50 Truman St

Nottinghamshire baptisms index 1538-1917 Transcription

First name(s)	Ellen
Last name	Burton
Birth year	1862
Birth date	06 Sep 1862
Baptism year	1871
Baptism date	13 Aug 1871
Denomination	Anglican
Church	St Ann
Baptism place	Nottingham
Father's first name(s)	John
Father's last name	Burton
Mother's first name(s)	Eliza Ann
Mother's last name	Burton
Residence	50 Truman St
County	Nottinghamshire
Country	England
Record set	Nottinghamshire Baptisms Index 1538-1917

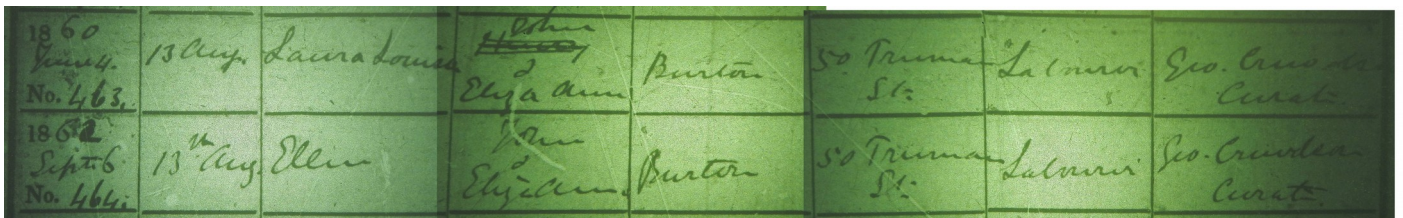
[M1]. Transcript of baptism for Laura Louisa Burton, and Ellen Burton, 1871

First name(s): Laura Louisa. **Last name:** Burton. **Birth date:** 04 Jun 1860. **Baptism date:** 13 Aug 1871. **Denomination:** Anglican. **Church:** St Ann's, Nottingham. **Father's name:** ~~Henry~~ John Burton (labourer). **Mother's name:** Eliza Ann Burton. **Residence:** 50 Truman St., Nottingham. **Record set:** Nottinghamshire baptisms.

[M2]. Transcript of **[M1 + M4]** baptism for Laura Louisa Burton, 13 Aug 1871

First name(s): Ellen. **Last name:** Burton. **Birth date:** 06 Sep 1862. **Baptism date:** 13 Aug 1871. **Denomination:** Anglican. **Church:** St Ann's, Nottingham. **Father's name:** John Burton (labourer). **Mother's name:** Eliza Ann Burton. **Residence:** 50 Truman St., Nottingham. **Record set:** Nottinghamshire baptisms

[M3]. Transcript of **[M1 +M4]** baptism, for Ellen Burton, 13 Aug 1871



[M4] Baptismal record for Laura Louisa Burton, and Ellen Burton, 1871

NOTE: (Transcript for **M4** is as **M2+M3** above but with name ~~Henry~~ (Evans) crossed out above Eliza Ann and replaced with John)

Superintendent Registrar's District <i>Nottingham</i>										
Registrar's District <i>Byron</i>										
18 <i>60</i> . BIRTHS in the District of <i>Byron</i> in the County of <i>the Town of Nottingham</i>										
No.	When Born.	Name, if any.	Sex.	Name and Surname of Father.	Name and Maiden Surname of Mother.	Rank or Profession of Father.	Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant.	When Registered.	Signature of Registrar.	Baptismal Name if added after Registration of Birth.
<i>26</i>	<i>4th June 1860</i>	<i>Louisa Kirk</i>	<i>Girl</i>		<i>Eliza Burton</i>		<i>X The mark of Eliza Burton mother Crank Court Glasshouse Street Nottingham</i>	<i>Eighteenth June 1860</i>	<i>C. Hibberd Registrar</i>	

[Y1] Laura Louisa Burton birth cert 4th June 1860.

District: Byron, Nottingham. **No.26.** **When born:** 4th June 1860, 11 Snow Hill. **First Name:** Laura Kirk. **Sex:** Girl. **Name of Father:** - - . **Name and Maiden name Mother:** Eliza Burton. **Signature & Address:** X the mark of Eliza Burton, mother, Crank Court, Glasshouse Street, Notts. **Reg:** 18th June 1860. Cn Hibberish, Registrar.

[Y2] Transcription of [Y1]: Laura Louisa birth cert : 4th June 1860.

1861 England Census for Elizabeth Doubleday											
Nottinghamshire > St Mary > St Ann > District 06											
Parish [or Township] of	City or Municipal Borough of	Municipal Ward of	Parliamentary Borough of	Town of	Hamlet or Tything, &c., of	Ecclesiastical District of					
<i>St Mary</i>	<i>Notm</i>	<i>St Ann</i>	<i>Notm</i>	<i>Notm</i>		<i>St Mark</i>					
No. of Schedule	Road, Street, &c., and No. or Name of House	HOUSES		Name and Surname of each Person	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of		Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether Blind, or Deaf and Dumb
		In-structed	Un-instructed				Male	Female			
<i>92</i>	<i>Charlotte St</i>	<i>1</i>		<i>Thomas Wooley</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>61</i>		<i>Frame Work Knitter</i>	<i>Ireland</i>	
				<i>Keziah Wooley</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>58</i>		<i>Laundress</i>	<i>Notm St Mary</i>	
				<i>Arthur Wooley</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>3m</i>		<i>-</i>	<i>"</i>	
				<i>Elizabeth Doubleday</i>	<i>Lodger</i>	<i>Un</i>	<i>20 (1841)</i>		<i>cap maker</i>	<i>"</i>	
				<i>Laura Doubleday</i>	<i>daughter</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>10m (1860)</i>		<i>-</i>	<i>"</i>	

[Z1] 1861 Census for Louisa & Laura Doubleday (Burton)

Parish: St Mary. **Borough:** Nottingham. **Ward:** St Ann. **District:** St Mark. **Schd:** 92. **Address:** Charlotte St.

Head: Thomas Wooley M 61 frame work knitter Ireland
Wife: Keziah Wooley M 58 laundress Notts
Grandson: Arthur Wooley - 3m - Notts
Lodger: Elizabeth Doubleday Un 20 (1841) cap maker Notts
Lodgers dau: Laura Doubleday - 10m (1860) - Notts

[Z2] Transcript of [Z1] 1861 census for Louisa & Laura Doubleday (Burton)

Superintendent Registrar's District <i>Nottingham</i>										
Registrar's District <i>Saint Ann</i>										
18 <i>41</i> . BIRTHS in the District of <i>Saint Ann</i> in the <i>Parish</i> of <i>Nottingham</i>										
No.	When Born.	Name, if any.	Sex.	Name and Surname of Father.	Name and Maiden Surname of Mother.	Rank or Profession of Father.	Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant.	When Registered.	Signature of Registrar.	Baptismal Name if added after Registration of Birth.
<i>163</i>	<i>4th June 1841</i>	<i>Eliza Ann Burton</i>	<i>Girl</i>	<i>John Doubleday</i>	<i>Louisa Doubleday formerly Burton</i>	<i>Framework Knitter</i>	<i>The mark of Louisa Doubleday mother Smith's Yard St Mary</i>	<i>Eighteenth June 1841</i>	<i>James Wilcockson Registrar</i>	

[AB1] birth cert. For Eliza Ann Burton (born Eliza Burton Doubleday) 1841

No.163. **Birth:** 4th June 1841, Smith's Yard, St Mary, Nottingham. **Name:** Eliza Burton, girl. **Father:** John Doubleday (framework knitter). **Mother:** Louisa Doubleday (formerly Burton). Mark of mother, Smith's Yard. **Reg:** 18th June 1841. James Wilcockson, Registrar.

[AB2] Transcript of [AB1] birth cert. For Eliza Ann Burton (born Eliza Burton Doubleday) 1841

1851 England Census for Eliza Doubleday
Nottinghamshire > Nottingham St Mary > St Ann > 07d

Parish or Township of		Ecclesiastical District of		City or Borough of		Town or Locality		Willing of	
St. Mary, Nottingham				Nottingham		St Ann of Nottingham			
No. of Inhabitants	Name of Street, Place, or Road, and Name or No. of House	Name and Surname of each Person who abode in the house, on the Night of the 30th March, 1851	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of		Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether Blind, or Deaf, or Dumb
					Male	Female			
	50 49, Fyne Street	John Doubleday	Head	M	35		Framework Knitter	Nottingham	
		Louisa do	Wife	M	36		Lace Runner	Nottingham	
		Eliza do	dau	Un	9		Lacecap maker	Nottingham	
		John Boori	Serv	M	14		Footwork Knitter	Nottingham	

[AC1] 1851 Census for John & Louisa Doubleday

Parish: St Mary, Nottingham. **Borough:** Nottingham. **Schd:** 50. **Address:** 39 Fyne St.
 John Doubleday Head M 35 1816 male framework knitter Nottingham
 Louisa Doubleday Wife M 36 1815 fem lace runner Nottingham
 Eliza Doubleday dau Un 9 1842 fem lacecap maker Nottingham

[AC2] Transcript of [AC1] 1851 Census for John & Louisa Doubleday.

Documented Evidence for Henry Evans & Eliza Ann Burton

From the evidence above we can lead onto Laura's parent. Henry as noted in [L1] above marries Eliza in 1872. With ref. to the 1871 census [K1] above we see he was lying about being married or censor took it for granted they were married. This is confirmed again by the baptism of Laura and Ellen in 1871 [M1+M5] above. We trace him from these family details to living in the 1881, 1901 and 1911 census in Nottingham and dying in 1915.

Tracing Henry before 1871, he gives no name for his father, but we know he was a widow from [L1] above. He gives conflicting evidence for his birthplace on the 1901 Notts census [N1] as Cirencester, Glouc, but on the 1911 Notts census [P1] as London, Southwark while living at 26, Bullivant St. He consistently works as a hatter. No trace of him is found in Cirencester or Southwark but a Henry Evans, 'apprentice hatter' is living in Bristol in 1851 [Q1], with the birthplace 'Southwark, Surrey'. A trace of marriages matches him to a Henrietta Sanbrook m.1853 [R1] with father Samuel Evans, who are both working as hatters in the 1861 census [S1] at Cherry Lane, just round the corner from where Samuel used to live. Henrietta is found living alone with children, same address, but with married status in the 1871 census [T1], while Henry is up in Nottingham [K1].

We prove Henry is a bigamist from Ellen Burton's birth cert. [AD1]. She is born Ellen Evans, on 5th Sep 1862, Notts, giving name of father Henry Evans, journeyman hatter, and Eliza Evans nee Burton. I have proven that Henry is married and based in Bristol in 1851-61 [Q1] [S1] and married Henrietta in 1853 [R1], while Eliza was a spinster in 1872 marriage [L1].

Eliza in the 1891 census [U1] can be seen living with her mother Louisa Skidmore while Henry is away on business, possibly up in London. Louisa is found married and living with a Joseph Skidmore (*labourer*) in the 1881 & 1871 census [V1] in Beacon Street, the same address as her granddaughter Laura Louisa gave on her marriage cert 1879 [F1]. In the 1861 census [X1] we see they are co-habiting, she is listed as Louisa Burton, unmarried, as a housemaid to Joseph Skidmore a widow. Their marriage cert. isn't found, they did not marry, with no issue. Evidence for Eliza's birth name Eliza Burton Doubleday is given in [Y1], [Z1], [AB2] and [AC2] above.

1901 England Census for Henry Evans
Nottinghamshire > Nottingham > Nottingham North East > District 12

Administrative County		The undermentioned Houses are situate within the boundaries of the										Page 95			
NOTTINGHAM.		Civil Parish		Ecclesiastical Parish		County Borough, Municipal Borough, or Urban District		Ward of Municipal Borough or of Urban District		Rural District		Parliamentary Borough or Division		Town or Village or Hamlet	
Nottingham		St Ann of Nottingham		St Ann of Nottingham		Nottingham		St Ann of Nottingham		Nottingham		Nottingham		Nottingham	
No. of Inhabitants	ROAD, STREET, &c. and No. or NAME of HOUSE	Uninhabited	MOVERS	Name and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	Condition	Age last Birthday of		PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION	Employer, Worker, or Own account	If Working at Home	WHERE BORN	Defects		
							Male	Female					(1) Deaf and Dumb	(2) Blind	
	181 26 Bullivant St			Henry Evans	Head	M	62		Hatter			London, Southwark			
				Louisa do	Wife	M	69		Widow			Nottingham			

[N1]. 1901 census for 26, Bullivant Street, Nottingham

Civil: Nottingham **Parish:** St Andrews **County :** Nottingham **Ward :** Robin Hood **Sched.** 181
Street name, 26, Bullivant Street

Henry Evans Head M 62 Silk hatter, silk plush London, Southwark
 Eliza A Evans Wife M 59 Cap maker, plain hat Notts

[N2]. Transcript of [N1] ; 1901 census for 26, Bullivant Street, Nottingham

1911 England Census for Henry Evans
 Nottinghamshire > Nottingham > Nottingham North East > 15

NAME AND SURNAME	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family	AGE (Last Birthday) and SEX	PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE					PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Persons aged ten years and upwards					BIRTHPLACE of every person	NATIONALITY of every Person born in a Foreign Country	INFIRMITY
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
Henry Evans	Head	75	Married	7					Hatter	576			London Southwark	30	
Eliza Evans	Wife	70	Married 530	4	2	5			Hat Threader	872			Nottingham		

(To be filled up by the Enumerator)

I certify that—
 (1) All the ages on this Schedule are entered in the proper sex columns.
 (2) I have entered the names and families in Columns 3 and 4 respectively, and have compared their names with the total number of persons.
 (3) After making the necessary corrections I have registered all persons on the Schedule whom I regard as being in the family, and have corrected such as appeared to be erroneous.

Total:
 Males 1 Females 1 Persons 2

(To be filled up by, or on behalf of, the Head of Family or other person in occupation, or in charge, of this dwelling.)
 Write below the Number of Rooms in this Dwelling (House, Tenement, or Apartment). Count the kitchen as a room but do not count outhouse, landing, lobby, closet, bathroom, nor warehouse, office, shop.
 I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 Signature: Henry Evans
 Postal Address: 26 Bullivant Street, Nottingham

[P1]. 1911 census for 26, Bullivant Street, Nottingham

District Nottingham, **Address** 26 Bullivant Street, Nottingham

Henry Evans Head 78 m Hatter Cirencester, Glouc
 Eliza A. Evans wife 70 m Hair net threader Notts

Years married: 50. **Children born:** 7. **Children alive:** 2. **Children dead:** 5

[P2]. Transcript of [P1] ; 1911 census for 26, Bullivant Street, Nottingham

1851 England Census for Henry Evans
 Bristol > St Paul > St Paul > 2k

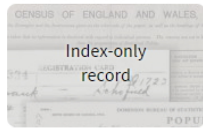
Parish, or Township of St Paul	Ecclesiastical District of	Name of Street, Place, or Road, and Name or No. of House	Name and Surname of each Person who abode in the house, on the Night of the 30th March, 1851	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of		Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether Blind, or Deaf, and Lame
						Males	Females			
		7 Victoria Street	James Hodges	Head	Un	40		Hatter	Oxford Headon	
			George Green	Lodger	u	41		Cutler	Bristol	
			Henry Evans	Apprentice	u	18		Hatter Apprentice	Southwark Surrey	
			Eliza Ridley	Lodger	u	26		Dress Maker	Wington Somerset	
			Elizabeth Bowbeer	u	u	21		Hat Trimmer	Bristol	

[Q1]. 1851 census for 7, Victoria Street, Bristol

Parish of St Pauls City of Bristol Sched 164

James Hodges Head Mar 40 Hatter Oxford, Headon
 George Green Lodger Mar 41 Cutler Bristol
 Henry Evans Apprentice Un 18 Hatter Apprentice Southwark, Surrey
 Eliza Ridley Lodger Un 26 Dress maker Wington, Somerset
 Elizabeth Bowbeer Lodger Un 21 Hat trimmer Bristol

[Q2]. Transcript of [Q1] ; 1851 census for 7, Victoria Street, Bristol



Report issue

Name: Henry Evans
 Gender: Male
 Marital Status: Single
 Age: 20
 Birth Date: 1833
 Marriage Date: 22 May 1853
 Marriage Place: Church of St Phillip and Jacob, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England
 Father: Samuel Evans
 Spouse: Henrietta Sanbrook
 FHL Film Number: 1596780
 Reference ID: page 140 Cert 279

[R1]. Transcript of 1853 marriage for Henry Evans & Henrietta Sanbrook, Bristol

1861 England Census for Henry Evans
 Gloucestershire > Bristol St James > District 08

Page 10 The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the

Parish [or Township] of	City or Municipal Borough of	Municipal Ward of	Parliamentary Borough of	Town of	Hamlet or Tything, &c., of	Ecclsiastical District of			
St James	Bristol	St James	Bristol						
No. of Schedule	Road, Street, &c., and No. or Name of House	HOUSES In which the Census is taken	Name and Surname of each Person	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of	Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether Blind, or Deaf, and Dumb
39	2, Cherry Lane	1	Mary Ann Davis	Head	Wid	64	Chimney Sweeper	Bristol	
			Henrietta Evans	Daughter	M	23	Hat Trimmer	Bristol	
			Henry Evans	Son-in-law	M	28	Silk Hatter	London Lambeth	
			Henry Evans	Grandson	-	2		Bristol	
			Mary Ann Evans	Grandau	-	1m		Bristol	
			William Wright	Lodger	Wid	60	Silk hatter	London, St Pauls	
			Joseph Geachem	Lodger	Un	34	Silk Hatter	London Lambeth	

[S1]. 1861 census for 2, Cherry Lane, Bristol

Parish: St James **City:** Bristol. **Municipal Ward:** St James. **Sch.:** 39
Street name: No. 2, Cherry Lane

Mary Ann Davis	Head	Wid	64	Chimney sweep	Bristol
Henrietta Evans	Dau	M	23	Hat trimmer	Bristol
Henry Evans	Son in law	M	28	Silk hatter	London, Lambeth
Henry Evans	Grandson	-	2	-	Bristol
Mary Ann Evans	Grandau	-	1m	-	Bristol
William Wright	Lodger	Wid	60	Silk hatter	London, St Pauls
Joseph Geachem	Lodger	Un	34	Silk Hatter	London, Lambeth

[S2]. Transcript of [S1] ; 1861 census for 2, Cherry Lane, Bristol

1871 England Census for Henrietta Evans
 Gloucestershire > St James > St James > District 8

Page 10 The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the

Civil Parish [or Township] of	City or Municipal Borough of	Municipal Ward of	Parliamentary Borough of	Town of	Village or Hamlet, &c., of	Local Board, or Sanitary Authority, or District of		
St James	Bristol	St James	Bristol			Bristol		
No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES In which the Census is taken	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON-DITION	AGE of	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN
5	Cherry Lane		Henrietta Evans	Head	Mar	32	Dressmaker	Bristol St James
			William Evans	son	-	8	Scholar	do
			Frederick Evans	son	-	3	do	do
			George Evans	son	-	6m	do	do

[T1]. 1871 census for Cherry Lane, Bristol

Parish: St James. **Municipal Ward:** Bristol. **Sch.** 51. **Street:** Cherry Lane

Henrietta Evans	Head	Mar	32	Dressmaker	Bristol
William Evans	son	-	8	Scholar	Bristol
Frederick Evans	son	-	3	Scholar	Bristol
George Evans	son	-	6m.	-	Bristol

[T2]. Transcript of [T1] ; 1871 census for Cherry Lane, Bristol

1891 England Census for Eliza Evans															
Nottinghamshire > St Mary > Nottingham North East > District 17															
Administrative County of <i>Nottinghamshire</i>		The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the													
Civil Parish of <i>St Mary</i>		Municipal Borough of <i>Nottingham</i>		Municipal Ward of <i>Robin Hood</i>		Urban Sanitary District of <i>Nottingham</i>		Town or Village or Hamlet of <i>Nottingham</i>		Rural Sanitary District of		Parliamentary Borough or Division of <i>Nottingham</i>		Ecclesiastical Parish or District of <i>St Mary</i>	
Page 23															
No. of Schedules	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES Inhabited (U) or not (N)	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON-DITION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthlay of	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN	If (1) Deaf and Dumb (2) Blind (3) Lunatic, Imbecile or idiot						
167	<i>Beaumont St</i>	1	<i>Eliza Evans</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>49</i>	<i>Cap maker</i>	<i>Notts</i>							
			<i>Louisa Skidmore</i>	<i>mother</i>	<i>Wid</i>	<i>76</i>	<i>Own means</i>	<i>Notts</i>							

[U1]. 1891 census for 26, Bullivant Street, Nottingham

Civil Parish: St Mary **Municipal Ward:** Nottingham **Urban Town:** Robin Hood
Schd: 167. **Street:** 26, Bullivant St.

Eliza Evans Head Mar 49 Cap maker Notts
 Louisa Skidmore mother Wid 76 Own means Notts

[U2]. Transcript of [U1] 1891 census for 26, Bullivant Street, Nottingham

Superintendent Registrar's District <i>Nottingham</i>										
Registrar's District <i>Saint Ann</i>										
1862. BIRTHS in the District of <i>Saint Ann</i> in the County of the Town of <i>Nottingham</i>										
No.	When Born.	Name, if any.	Sex.	Name and Surname of Father.	Name and Maiden Surname of Mother.	Rank or Profession of Father.	Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant.	When Registered.	Signature of Registrar.	Baptismal Name if added after Registration of Birth.
315	<i>5th September 1862</i> <i>Herbert Street</i>	<i>Ellen</i>	<i>girl</i>	<i>Henry Evans</i>	<i>Eliza Evans formerly Burton</i>	<i>Hatter</i> <i>Journeyman</i>	<i>X The mark of Eliza Evans mother</i> <i>Herbert Street Nottingham</i>	<i>Twenty Third</i> <i>September 1862</i>	<i>Samuel Tomkinson</i> <i>Registrar</i>	

[AD1] Birth cert for Ellen Burton (Evans) 5th Sept 1862

District: St Anne's, Nottingham. **No.** 315. **When:** 5th Sept 1862, Herbert Street. **Name:** Ellen Evans. **Father:** Henry Evans, journeyman hatter. **Mother:** Eliza Evans, formerly Burton. **Signature:** "X" the mark of Eliza Evans mother, Herbert Street, Nottingham. **Registered:** 23rd Sept 1862. Samuel Tomkinson, Registrar.

[AD2] Transcript of [AD1] birth cert for Ellen Burton (Evans) 5th Sept 1862

1871 England Census for Louisa Skidmore										
Nottinghamshire > St Mary > Byron > District 8										
The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the										
Civil Parish (or Township) of	City or Municipal Borough of	Municipal Ward of	Parliamentary Borough of	Town of	Village or Hamlet, &c., of	Local Board, or (Improvement Commissioners) District of	Ecclesiastical Parish or District of			
<i>St Mary</i>	<i>Nottingham</i>	<i>Byron</i>	<i>Nottingham</i>	<i>Nottingham</i>		<i>Nottingham</i>	<i>St Mary</i>			
No. of Schedules	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES Inhabited (U) or not (N)	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON-DITION as to Marriage	AGE of	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN		
118	<i>18 Beacon St</i>	1	<i>Joseph Skidmore</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>Labourer</i>	<i>Nottingham</i>		
			<i>Louisa Skidmore</i>	<i>wife</i>	<i>Wid</i>	<i>53</i>				

[V1]. 1871 census for 18, Beacon Street, Nottingham

Parish: St Mary. **Borough:** Nottingham. **Ward:** Byron. **Sch:** 118. **Street:** 18 Beacon St.

Joseph Skidmore Head Mar 55 Labourer Notts
 Louisa Skidmore wife Mar 53 - Notts

[V2]. Transcript of [V1] 1871 census for 18, Beacon Street, Nottingham

1861 England Census for Louisa Burton
 Nottinghamshire > St Mary > St Ann > District 12

Page 4											
The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the											
Parish (or Township) of	City or Municipal Borough of	Municipal Ward of	Parliamentary Borough of	Town of	Hamlet or Tything, &c., of	Ecclesiastical District of					
St. Ann's	Nottingham	St. Ann's	Nottingham	Nottingham		St. Mark					
No. of Schedule	Road, Street, &c., and No. or Name of House	HOUSES		Name and Surname of each Person	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of		Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether Blind, or Deaf and-Dumb
		In	Commenced				Males	Females			
2	William Square	1		Joseph Skidmore	Head	Mar	51		Bricklayer (lab)	Derby	
				Emma Ann Lee	grandau	Mar	13		Lace worker	Notts	
				Louisa Burton	house keeper	Un	43		Housekeeper	Notts	

[X1]. 1861 census for William Square, Nottingham

Parish: St Mary. **Borough:** Nottingham. **Ward:** St Anns. **Sch.:** 23 **Street:** William Sq.

Joseph Skidmore	Head	Wid	51	Bricklayer (lab)	Derby
Emma Ann Lee	grandau	Mar	13	Lace worker	Notts
Louisa Burton	house keeper	Un	43	Housekeeper	Notts

[X2]. Transcript of [X1] ; 1861 census for William Square, Nottingham

Evans, Cooper, Burton Family Timeline

f: father. **m:** mother. **w:** wife. **s:** son. **da:** daughter. **ch:** children. **St.:** street. **St:** saint. **H:** head. **No.:** number. **Rd:** road. **Terr:** terrace. **FWK:** frame work knitter (stockings). Unless in brackets, place ref. to an address in Notts

DATE	RECORD	NOTTINGHAM PLACE	NAME & EVENT
1810-20's			
11 Sep 1814	Baptism	St Marks	John Doubleday f: John & m.: Jane Upton
14 Jun 1816	Baptism	St Peter's	Louisa Elizabeth Burton f:John & m:Harriet Langford
14 Mar 1820	Baptism	St Mary, Lowdham	John Burton f:John Burton FWK & m.Mary
1830's			
8 Aug 1839	Military	Nottingham	John Burton signed up for 21 yrs service 45th Foot
27 Oct 1833	Baptism	(St James, Bristol)	Henry Evans, baptism, f: Samuel & m: Martha Evans
1840's			
4 Jun 1841	Birth Cert	Smith's Yard	Eliza Burton Doubleday. f: John Doubleday. m: Louisa Doubleday (Burton)
6 Jun 1841	Census	Mill Stone Lane	John (stockinger) & Louisa Doubleday da. Eliza Doubleday (baby)
Apr 1842	Marriage		Eliza Burton & John Doubleday
1850s			
30 Mar 1851	Census	(Eugene St. Bristol)	H: Samuel Evans (smith). w: Martha Evans
30 Mar 1851	Census	(7, Victoria St. Bristol)	Henry Evans (apprentice hatter) to H: James Hodges (hatter)
30 Mar 1851	Census	49 Fyne St.	John (stockinger) & Louisa Doubleday (lace runner) da. Eliza Doubleday, (cap maker)
22 May 1853	Marriage	(St Philip, Bristol)	Henry Evans (hatter, f: Samuel Evans) & Henrietta Sanbrook (f: John Sanbrook)
01 Sep 1857	Military	Nottingham	John Burton home on leave from S. Africa in Notts
Sep 1859	Date Calculate	Nottingham	John Burton, labourer, suggested conception date for Laura with Eliza at Glasshouse street
1860's			
04 Jun 1860	Birth Cert	11 Snow Hill	Laura Louisa Burton, birth date at 11 Snow Hill. m.Eliza working at Crank Court, Glasshouse St.
07 Apr 1861	Census	3,William Square	H: Joseph Skidmore (labourer). Louisa Burton Housekeeper
07 Apr 1861	Census	Barker St.	John Burton, single labourer with mother
07 Apr 1861	Census	Charlotte St.	Idgr: Elizabeth Doubleday (cap maker). da: Laura Doubleday (10m baby)
07 Apr 1861	Census	(Cherry Lane,Bristol)	H: Henry Evans (silk hatter). w: Henrietta Evans. s: Henry. da: Mary Ann
Jan 1862	Date Calculate	Notts	Henry Evans suggested conception date for Ellen with Eliza
06 Sep 1862	Birth Cert	Notts	birth of Ellen Evans in Notts
10 Jun 1864	News	Victoria St.	Auction of land plots on the former land of demolished Chandler Lane, No.4 listed

DATE	RECORD	NOTTINGHAM PLACE	NAME & EVENT
1870s			
?? ??? 1870	Listed Building	Victoria St.	Most of Victoria St. buildings built by Robert Evans, architect – Thomas Chambers Hine
02 Apr 1871	Census	(Cherry Lane, Bristol)	H: Henrietta Evans m. with 3 s. Frederick, William, George Evans. No husband present
02 Apr 1871	Census	50, Truman St.	St Mary. H: Henry Evans (hatter). w: Eliza A Evans. da: Laura & Ellen Evans
02 Apr 1871	Census	52, Truman St.,	St Mary. H: Philip Burton, s: Joseph Burton & family (lace workers)
02 Apr 1871	Census	(Plumer St. Liverpool)	John Burton, Chelsea Pensioner (birthplace Notts) living with fiancée
13 Aug 1871	Baptism	St Mary Church	Laura Louisa Burton (age 10) baptised. f: Henry John Burton (labourer) & m:Eliza A Burton. 50 Truman St
13 Aug 1871	Baptism	St Mary Church	Ellen Burton (age 8) baptised. F: John Burton (labourer) & m:Eliza A. Burton. 50 Truman St.
25 Dec 1872	Marriage	St Mark Church	Eliza A. Burton (spinster, f: John Burton, bricklayer) & Henry Evans (hatter, no father). Penrhyn Terr.
?? ??? 1876	Directory	4, Victoria St.	Mackintosh W.H., (hatter & tailor), shop
?? ??? 1876	Directory	7, Victoria St.	Underwood, R.& D., (cigar manufacturer / tobacconist)
?? ??? 1876	Directory	4, Victoria St.	Thomas Chamber Hine, (architect, surveyor & insurance agent), office
?? ??? 1876	Directory	16, Victoria St.	William Marriott, (registrar of births for Exchange, Notts), office
25 Mar 1877	Birth	4, Victoria St.	Laura Louisa Burton (cigar maker) gives birth to Joseph Henry Burton. Father unknown
25 Dec 1879	Marriage	St Anns	Laura Louisa Burton (spinster, f: (Eliza Burton (mother) & George Cooper (beam finisher, f: Marmaduke Cooper, porter). Beacon St.
1880s			
?? ?? 1881	Directory	Victoria St.	No.4, W.A. Smith, (picture frame maker), shop. No.2, Thomas Chamber Hine, (architect, surveyor & insurance agent), office
03 Apr 1881	Census	3, Orchard Place	H: George Cooper (frilling machine titter). w: Laura L. Cooper (lace trimmer). s: Joseph H Burton. da: Florence,Rose, Eliz. Cooper
03 Apr 1881	Census	5, Victoria St.	"Dressmakers" shop with 14 girls from all over England (possibly part-time prostitutes)
03 Apr 1881	Census	26, Bullivant Rd.	H: Henry Evans (hatter). w: Eliza Evans. da: Ellen Evans. s:Alfred Henry

DATE	RECORD	NOTTINGHAM PLACE	NAME & EVENT
1890s			
?? ??? 1890	Photo	Victoria St.	No.4, 6 & 8 before demolition. No.7, C.Smith & Son, tobacconist (opposite No.2, County Club)
05 Apr 1891	Census	3, Westminster St.	H: George Cooper (fitter). w: Laura Cooper. s: Joseph H. Cooper. da: Florence, Rose, Eliz. Cooper
05 Apr 1891	Census	26, Bullivant Rd.	H: Eliza A. Evans (cap maker). M: Louisa Skidmore (pensioner). No husband present
25 Jan 1892	Death	3, Westminster Terr	George Cooper (machine fitter), consumption. informant: L.L. Cooper (wife)
29 Oct 1892	Marriage	St Andrews	Laura Cooper (f: Henry Evans, hatter) & William Emery (Boot caster, f: David Emery, boot caster)
25 Mar 1893	Royal Navy	(Devonport)	Joseph H. Burton signs up for 12 years Navy Service. Birthplace: St Peters, Nottingham
?? ??? 1896	Listed Building	No.6, 8,10 Victoria St.	No.6, 8, 10 demolished to build No.6, a large bank
?? ??? 1896	Photo	Victoria St.	No.6 architects impression, No.4 prior to demolition
1900's			
31 Mar 1901	Census	21, Mordey St.	H: Laura Emery (lace worker). da: Florence, Rose, Eliz.Cooper
31 Mar 1901	Census	(HMS Niobe, Gibraltar)	Joseph H. Burton, (seaman). Birth: St Peter, Notts
31 Mar 1901	Census	26, Bullivant Rd.	H: Henry Evans (silk hatter). w: Eliza Evans
12 Apr 1904	Masonic	(Aubyn Lodge, Plymouth)	Joseph Henry Burton (1st C. P.O.R.N.) 50, Ker St, initiated into Freemasons
18 Jun 1904	Marriage	(St James, Plymouth)	Joseph Henry Burton (Petty Officer, R.N., 50 Ker St., f:(George Henry Cooper Burton, engine fitter) & Ethel Annie Morgan, (39 Garden St. f: Florence Morgan, HM Dockyard).
02 Apr 1911	Census	1, Arthur Terr.	H:Laura Emery (lace hand). ch:Laura & Charles Emery
02 Apr 1911	Census	(HMS Pincher, Dorset)	Joseph H. Burton (leading seaman). Birth: Notts
02 Apr 1911	Census	26, Bullivant Rd.	H: Henry Evans (hatter). w: Eliza A. Evans (hair net threader)
3 Mar 1915	News	HMS Lion	Distinguished Service Cross awarded to Joseph Henry Burton for action at Dogger bank in 1914
?? Mar 1915	Death	Nottingham	Henry Evans death
22 Apr 1917	Death	6, Owen St.	Laura Louisa Emery, heart failure. informant: da: R.E. Whitchurch (Rose nee Cooper)
01 Dec 1917	Death	(HMS Tower,Rosyth)	Joseph Henry Burton (R.N. drowning)
?? ?? 1920	News	No.4 Victoria St.	Demolished No.4 on extension of bank (No.6)
1924	Memorial	(Plymouth Hoe)	Name of Joseph Henry Burton embossed on plaque commemorating war dead
2000's			
?? ?? 2004	Speech	(Plymouth)	St Aubyn Masonic Lodge gives speech on former members, Joseph Henry Burton included
01 Jun 2009	Book	(Aberdare)	James M Burton, descendant of Joseph Henry Burton, writes his biography

Conclusions

It is very easy for us in the modern age to judge the seemingly low moral standards of our ancestors, but we were not there at the time to witness their true situation, station and character. All we get is a glimpse through a lace shrouded key hole into the minutiae of their situation, if we are lucky, once every 10 years.

Obviously I can gather that as labourers and lace workers living in cramped slum conditions they were, in the Victorian class system, considered the lowest of the low and some could turn to vice, drink and incest. But this resulted from lack of education, moral codes being enforced and wages so low they might starve for days, leading to a kind of feverish madness at being trapped. I personally believe from looking at the records that they were a hard working happy bunch on the whole, and went through much pain and struggle so that we can now personally benefit from the comforts of the modern age.

I am not particularly embarrassed about the triple generation illegitimacy, but can understand now why some families do not wish to find out about their past, and actively destroy written evidence. But, obviously, thanks to the prescient efforts of diligent Crown recorders and registrars their efforts were in vain!

I reiterate my applause for Joseph Henry at having the guts and determination to wrench himself out of the abyss of poverty and ignorance of Nottingham and for the Royal Navy and Freemasons for giving him the guided steps to fame and glory, albeit for his 'mysterious & accidental' death off a fully manned ship right at the end of the war. It was as if the dirty, diseased slum conditions in which he so desired to escape from and the opposing clean and disciplined worldliness of the navy had been created specifically in dual dimensions through years of thorough state craft and political propoganda so that these men WOULD be drawn to that life and face the ultimate sacrifice. Whether the millions of slaughtered in World War I was justified on the grounds of over population, it is certain that the FINEST men of the age went to their deaths leaving the enfeebled behind, making a complete antithesis of that argument.

I have learnt that when facing a brick wall regards tracing legitimate ancestry, all the plugs must be pulled. Name changes, informal adoption, illegitimacy, incest, miss-transcriptions, criminal proceedings and misfortune must all be taken into consideration. The smallest detail about a person can lead to an explosion of information leading to treatise such as this! I hope the way I explained how I traced my ancestors with the help of the internet will be an inspiration to those who face similar juxtapositions.

And of course I must warn the unwary researcher that any of the above documented and well researched information can change at any time if new batches of documents are released or search engines are updated.

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