

REV. CHARLES PETTMANN

The CORRESPONDENCE SERIES is an investigation into the background of recipients of British pre-stamped postal stationery. The "collection" was purchased in South Africa in 1999 as a job lot, the which took me six months to sort and mount, creating a collection spanning 140 years. I have no idea of the provenance.

The Reference work is British Postal Stationery, A K Huggins.1970. The first date with catalogue number refers to the year when the pre-stamped envelope was first issued; the second, the year when the envelope was actually used.

Philatelic Description of the item of Postal Stationery:

- 1893 (EP36)_Mr R F Pettman, 20 High Street, Chatham 1893
- 1892 (CP27)_Revd C Pettman, The Manse, Graaf Reinet, S Africa (actually used from London JU 27 1899)
- 1902 (RP24Gb)_The Rev. C Pettman, The Parsonage, King William's Town, South Africa (actually used from Gresham House 26OC 1906)
- 1902 (EP43)_Rev. Charles Pettman, Wesleyan Minister, Queenstown, Cape Colony, South Africa (actually used from Leeds SEP 4 1908)
- 1911 (EP50)_Rev. Charles Pettman, Wesleyan Minister, Queenstown, Cape Colony, South Africa (actually used from London JUL 4 10)
- 1911 (EP53)_Rev. Charles Pettman, Wesleyan Minister, Kimberley, Cape Colony, S Africa (actually used from Bristol 1914)

Comment:

Charles Pettman, the son of Richard Pettman and Mary Wells was born in Whitstable on 14 August 1851 ⁱ. Brought up as a Baptist, he became a Methodist local preacher while in business in Folkestone. He attended the Richmond Theological College from 1873 to 1876, ⁱⁱ where after, ordained, he went to South Africa. There he became the first minister of any denomination to serve in East London. He laid the foundation stone of the Central Methodist Church in East London; thereafter serving in Port Elizabeth, King William's Town, Graaf-Reinet, and Kimberley.

He went to Queenstown in 1907 where he remained for the rest of his life. For 5 years, he was secretary, and in 1910 President, of Conference of Methodist Church of Southern Africa. In Queenstown, he was member of Town Council and chairman of the library committee. A respected clergyman and pioneer philologist and lexicographer, he became best known for his writings about South African place names and colloquialisms, embodied in his treatise Afrikanerisms. He died in Queenstown on 4 April 1935.

In his will, Charles Pettmann left his books, stamps and savings of £ 3178/4/2 to the Queenstown Library directing that "the Africana be kept together and intact".

Publications authored or compiled by Charles Pettmann:

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2. Pettman, C (1851-1937). South African place names : past and present. Publ: Johannesburg : Lowry, 1935.

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4. Pettman, C (1851-1937). South African Methodist place names Publ: Queenstown: Daily Representative Limited, 1923.
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6. Pettman, C (1851-1937). Hottentot place-names : read 17 July, 1920.
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CHARLES PETTMAN FAMILY TREE

1. NN Pettman Abt 1580
2. Robert Pettman b. Abt 1615/1616 Littlebourne, Kent d. Jun 1685 St. George's Par, Canterbury, Kent Burial: 9 Jun 1685 St. John The Eva, Ickham, Kent
Marriages (first) Margery MARY Abt 1645 (second) Joan MILES 24 Oct 1640 Sturry Or Westbe, Kent
3. Thomas Pettman b. 1644 Chislet, Kent, d. Jan 1682 Chislet, Kent Burial: 1 Feb 1682 St. Mary The Vir, Chislet, Kent, England Marriage Elizabeth PENNY 19 Jan 1674 St. Mary The Vir, Chislet, Kent, England
4. Thomas Pettman b. 1680 Chislet, Kent ~ 9 Dec 1680 St. Mary The Vir, Chislet, Kent d. Jan 1731 Sturry, Kent Burial: 20 Jan 1731 St. Nicholas, Sturry, Kent, England
Marriages (first) Susannah COURT 20 Mar 1707 St. George The Matryr, Canterbury, Kent (second) Susan SIMMONS 13 Aug 1720 Christchurch Cat, Kent, England
5. Thomas Pettman b. 1720 Herne, Kent ~ 13 Jan 1720 St. Martin's, Herne, Kent
Marriages (first) Elizabeth Abt 1741 (second) Mary RUSSELL 14 Jun 1752 St. Mary The Vir, Chislet, Kent
6. John Pettman b. 1752 Chislet, Kent ~ 17 Dec 1752 St. Mary The Vir, Chislet, Kent d. 1808 Whitstable, Kent, England Marriages (first) Elizabeth BROADBRIDGE 3 Jul 1783 All Saints, Whitstable, Kent (second) Alice MANTELOW 7 Aug 1794 All Saints, Whitstable, Kent
7. Robert Pettman b. 1784 Whitstable, Kent shipwright d. 22 Feb 1873 Whitstable, Kent m. circa 1835 Eliza b. 1808 Seasalter, Kent
8. Richard Pettman b. 1822 Whitstable, Kent a master baker of Whitstable married 11 Jun 1850 Christchurch, Canterbury Cathedral, Kent Mary Wells, aged 24 years of the Archbishop's Palace, daughter of Blott Wells at Christ Church Canterbury. Offspring:
 - 8.1 Charles b. 1851 (missionary to South Africa),
 - 8.2 Richard b.c. December 1852 (of Chatham, an outfitter, who married Hilda NN),

8.3 Wallace b.c. June 1853 (a Baptist minister at Bath, New Park, Streatham, and Spurgeon's Tabernacle, Elephant and Castle, London who married circa June 1878 Annie CALLINGHAM).

8.1 Charles Pettman b. Whitstable, Kent 14 August 1851 d. Queenstown ⁱⁱⁱ, Eastern Cape 4 April 1935 [MOOC 6/9/4587.45337] m. Grahamstown 6 Nov 1880 ^{iv} Annie Alicia GLANVILLE b. 9 March 1852 ~ 18 July 1852 Bangalore, Tamil Nadu, India (daughter of Thomas Burt and Wilmot Glanville) d. 18 October 1926 [MOOC 6/9/3080.13649]. Offspring:

8.1.1 Richard Glanville Pettman b. Uitenhage July 1882 d. Kenilworth 4 November 1928 ^v [MOOC 6/9/3428.20561] m. Johannesburg Mary HAYES b. 22 February 1899 ^{vi}.

8.1.2 Glanville Pettman b. Durban c. 1885 d. Kimberley 24 March 1918 ^{vii} [MOOC 6/9/1220.3635]

8.1.3 Walter Pettman d. 1967 ^{viii} m. Rita BLYHM

8.1.4 Harold Pettman d. 1968 ^{ix} m. Ruby CRESPIAN (born BOLTON)

8.1.5 Edith Pettman d. 1964 m. Stanley Vincent MARSHALL d. 1949

8.1.6 Muriel Natalie Pettman d. 1965 m. Roland NITSCHKE

Genealogical information is drawn from the following sources which are not *ad idem* one with the other: Death Notices, South African Archives Repository, Cape Town; Church of the Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Family Search for much of the cascade (1580_1822); Glanvilles Ancient and Modern (the addition of the second name Foreman); FreeBMD (speculative births and marriage details); Hector Davie (details relating to Richard Pettman 1822 and offspring)

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12. Alphabetical arrangement of Wesleyan Methodist ministers, 1887 ^x. Rev. William Hill. 1888. Later edited: Rev. David J. Waller. Publ: Hazell, Watson & Viney Ltd, London and Aylesbury. 1896
13. Richmond college, 1843-1943. Frank Henry Cumbers. Publ: The Epworth Press, London. 1944
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15. Glanvilles Ancient and Modern <http://www.glanvillenet.info>

END NOTES

ⁱ Birth Registered in September quarter of 1851 in the district Blean in the county of Kent

ⁱⁱ Alphabetical arrangement of Wesleyan Methodist ministers, 1887.

ⁱⁱⁱ When CP died, lived 45 Prince Alfred Street, Queenstown

^{iv} In the presence of witnesses: Ernest Glanville and Wilmot Glanville

^v A bank clerk, formerly he lived "Glanville" Kings Road, Kingwilliamstown. He died at "Oslo" Gibson Road, Kenilworth, Cape

^{vi} Charles Pettmann left her £ 500 life-time usufruct which she lost when she married ATTWELL, James Henry Cecil.

^{vii} He was unmarried and a bank clerk

Commonwealth War Graves Commission: PETTMAN, GLANVILLE. Nationality: South African. Rank: Private. Regiment/Service: South African Infantry. Unit Text: 4th Regt. Age: 32. Date of Death: 24/03/1918. Service No: 16828. Additional information: Son of Rev. Charles and Annie Alicia Pettman, of 45, Prince Alfred St., Queenstown, Cape Province. Served with 3rd Regt. in East Africa. Buried Cemetery: Pozieres Memorial, The Somme, France

^{viii} When CP died, lived "Glanville" Kings Road, Kingwilliamstown

^{ix} When CP died, lived 1 Grey Street, Queenstown. Death Notice NAB MSCE REFERENCE 2890/1968

^x The full title is:

An alphabetical arrangement of all the Wesleyan-Methodist ministers, and preachers on trial, in connection with the British and Irish conferences: showing the circuits and stations to which they have been appointed from the commencement of their itinerancy to the conference of 1887 : also a list of the presidents of the conference from 1791 to 1887 ; and an alphabetical list of the ministers who have died in the work : together with a list of ministers in connection with the French, the Australasian, the South African, and the West Indian conferences, who entered the ministry previous to the constitution of these affiliated conferences