

RICHARD FOREMAN PETTMAN

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

Comment:

Richard Foreman Pettman, a tailor and outfitter by trade, was the brother of the Rev. Charles Pettman , Wesleyan missionary to southern Africa.

The 1881 British Census of England and Wales has the following entry:

Name	Relation	Marital Status	Gender	Age	Birthplace	Occupation
Alfred H. NEWE	Head	U	Male	30	Maidenhead, Berkshire	Draper & Outfitter
Basil H. NEWE	Nephew		Male	5	Wood Green, Middlesex	Scholar
Benjamin G. COLLIS	Visitor	M	Male	59	Chelmsford, Essex	Retired Grocer
Caroline ELDRIDGE	Servant		Female	54	Mayfield, Sussex	Housekeeper (Dom)
Emma H. SKILLMAN	Servant		Female	24	Hatfield, Hertford	Drapers Assistant
Fanny WALKLETT	Servant		Female	23	Lechlade, Gloucester	Milliner
Richard F. PETTMAN	Servant	U	Male	24	Whitstable, Kent	Outfitter Assistant (Draper)
Ernest C. RUSSELL	Servant	U	Male	18	London, Middlesex	Drapers Assistant
William J. MANULEY	Servant	U	Male	14	Chalfont St Giles, Buckingham	Drapers Assistant
Hagar SMITH	Servant	U	Female	24	Brighthampton, Oxford	General Servant

At that time, Pettman was living at 59 High St, Bray, Berkshire, England

In 1906, The Medway Medway Council: City Ark reports the following:

Postcard photograph entitled *West End, Chatham High Street* comprising view of section of High Street between St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Chatham/Rochester and Gundulph Road, looking east from point on north side of road, showing mainly range of buildings on south side, right to left, Robert Nelson and Co.'s domestic machinery depot with shop signs advertising Singer sewing machines (no.16), Henry West, milliner and draper's shop (no.18), **Richard F. Pettman, outfitter's shop (no.20)**, Norman and Stigant, solicitors' office (no.22), Thomas E. Howe, photographer's studio (no.24), Jasper and Sons, bakers and confectioners' shop (no.26),

John Highley, watchmaker's shop (no.28), Chatham, Rochester and Gillingham News offices (Parrett and Neves, proprietors) (no.30), entrance to Gundulph Road and Godfrey and Co. Ltd.'s pianoforte and music warehouse (no.32). Street scene shows pedestrians, carriageway, horse-drawn conveyance, lamp standard and banner advertising sale at West's shop. Published by G. and P. Ltd., Wellington Series. circa February 1906. DE402/15/p.15 (L) High Street, Chatham.

This confirms the address on the original piece of postal stationery.

RICHARD FOREMAN PETTMAN FAMILY TREE
(read in conjunction with the family tree of Rev. Charles Pettman)

8. Richard Foreman 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 Foreman b.c. September 1856 (of Chatham, an outfitter, who married Hilda NN) d.c. December 1927 m. NN circa September 1886

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).

References:

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3. FreeBMD <http://freebmd.rootsweb.com/cgi/search.pl>
4. Glanvilles Ancient and Modern <http://www.glanvillenet.info>