

THOMAS FOX SIMPSON Esq

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:

1881-1883 (EP29a) T F Simpson Esq., 3 Church Street, Tunbridge Wells

Comment:

Thomas Fox Simpson of Messrs Stone & Simpson, Solicitors, in Tunbridge Wells, Kent. In 1893 the Borough of Royal Tunbridge Wells was granted a separate Commissioner of the Peace, and magistrates were chosen from all classes of society. Thomas Fox Simpson was the first Magistrates' Clerk, a man of fine presence who exercised considerable influence in the young borough. He was president of a very successful debating society which met weekly at the Pump Room. His portrait hangs in the Town Hall of Royal Tunbridge Wells.

Thomas Fox SIMPSON * Thorpe Abbots, Norfolk, abt 1828 † Tunbridge Wells, Kent September 1894 aged 67 married (first) Maria (Marie) NUNN * Bury St Edmunds abt 1830 † Tunbridge Wells, Kent between 1881-1885. Offspring of the order of 6 sons and 5 daughters.

Thomas Fox SIMPSON * Thorpe Abbots, Norfolk, abt 1828 † Tunbridge Wells, Kent September 1894 aged 67 married (second) 1886 in n Cheltenham, Glos Elizabeth Ann FRENCH * 17 August 1850, Newport Pagnell, Bucks, † 7 July 1934, Tunbridge Wells, Kent (her second) in Cheltenham, Glos * abt 1828 † September 1894 aged 67.

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Household:

Name	Relation	Marital Status	Gender	Age	Birthplace	Occupation
Thomas F. SIMPSON	Head	M	Male	53	Thorpe Abbotts, Norfolk, England	Solicitor
Maria SIMPSON	Wife	M	Female	51	Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, England	Solicitor Wife
John S. SIMPSON	Son	U	Male	20	Tunbridge Wells, Kent, England	Undergraduate Oxford
Dora SIMPSON	Daur	U	Female	19	Frant, Sussex, England	Solicitors Daur
Harry E. SIMPSON	Son	U	Male	18	Tunbridge Wells, Kent, England	Solicitors Articled Clerk
Charles E. SIMPSON	Son	U	Male	17	Tunbridge Wells, Kent, England	Scholar
George M. SIMPSON	Son	U	Male	14	Tunbridge Wells, Kent, England	Scholar
Margaret SIMPSON	Daur		Female	12	Tunbridge Wells, Kent, England	Scholar
Alice M. SIMPSON	Daur		Female	11	Tunbridge Wells, Kent, England	Scholar
Eva M. SIMPSON	Daur		Female	10	Tunbridge Wells, Kent, England	Scholar
Guy SIMPSON	Son		Male	6	Tunbridge Wells, Kent, England	Scholar
Caroline PAINE	Serv	U	Female	26	Wadhurst, Sussex, England	Cook Domestic Serv
Harriett PEARCE	Serv	U	Female	22	Tunbridge Wells, Kent, England	Housemaid Domestic Serv
Lydia L. FRY	Serv	U	Female	21	Tunbridge Wells, Kent, England	Housemaid Domestic Serv

Source Information:

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Census Place Tonbridge, Kent, England

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Richard Lucksford of Tunbridge Wells, farmer died on 11 Mar 1866 and his will was proved on 6 Apr 1866. On 7 Aug 1866 the trustees sold the property, then occupied by Jonathan Wallis, Robert Luck, George Mabb and Joseph Rogers to James Lucksford of Speldhurst, farmer (the son of Richard Lucksford, born on 18 Jun 1819 and baptised at Rotherfield) and his trustee Thomas Fox Simpson of Tunbridge Wells, gent.

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and magistrates were chosen from all classes of society. Thomas Fox Simpson was the first Magistrates' Clerk, a man of fine presence who exercised considerable influence in the young borough. He was president of a very successful debating society which met weekly at the Pump Room. His portrait hangs in the Town Hall. He was succeeded in office by his son, the late Colonel **A. T.** Simpson.

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Simpson, Godfrey William. 1881-4. Son of Thomas Fox Simpson.
[Hilda Fisher SIMPSON](#) b: DEC QR 1886 in Tunbridge Wells, Kent

Frederick Nunn (b Ixworth , Suffolk, 1837, d 1870) was the son of a Solicitor/Magistrate's Clerk in Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.
In 1851 he was resident (presumably not an inmate?) at Bury St Edmunds goal, named as the nephew of the Governor of the goal, Patrick McIntyre (member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, not in practice) and his wife Elizabeth Orridge. In 1859 he played first class cricket for Cambridge University. He graduated with a BA, and, in 1861, was living or visiting his sister Marie and her husband Thomas Fox Simpson, solicitor, in Tunbridge Wells. He had died by 1870, aged 33

(sgd) Thomas Fox Simpson Tunbridge Wells Solr.
(Sgd) Fras. Boreham Tunbridge Wells clerk to Messrs Stone & Simpson Solicitors.

[Elizabeth Ann FRENCH](#) (Charlotte WEBB², Charlotte (TAYLOR?)¹) was born 17 AUG 1850 in Newport Pagnell, Bucks, and died 7 JUL 1934 in Tunbridge Wells, Kent. She married [Edward FISHER](#) SEP QR 1878 in Newport Pagnell, Bucks. He was born 1828 in Blandford, Dorset, and died SEP QR 1881 in Tunbridge Wells, Kent. She married [Thomas Fox SIMPSON](#) MAR QR 1886 in Cheltenham, Glos RD. He was born abt 1828, and died SEP 1894 aged 67.

Births Jun 1887 (>99%)

Simpson Thomas Frank [Romney M.](#) 2a1015

Marriages Mar 1903 (>99%)

Simpson Thomas Frederick [Medway](#) 2a852

Deaths Sep 1894 (>99%)

Simpson Thomas Fox 67 [Tunbridge](#) 2a343

Marriages Dec 1911 (>99%)

SIMPSON Thomas F [Romney M.](#) 2a2583

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