

William MEWIS (1789-1815)

Baptism Register St Edith, Tamworth, Staffordshire
1806 Dec 27 Mary daughter of William and Mary Harvey Mewis

Ancestry: Naval and Military Courts Martial Registers 1806-1830 – National Archives Reference ADM 194/42
William Henry Mewis. Trial date: 26 Aug 1813. Vessel: Hazard (Sloop)

Will of William Mewis otherwise William Henry Mewis dated 24 Sep 1814 Proved 1815
Mentions his father Thomas Mewis; sisters Elizabeth Hannah and Catherine; brothers Thomas, James and Joseph; daughter Mary

Baptism Register St Martin Birmingham, Warwickshire
No.569 Louisa Maria daughter of William and Mary Harvey Mewis of High Street, Purser in the Navy was baptised 29 December 1814.

Marriage Register St Martin Birmingham, Warwickshire
No.123 Joseph Olarensaw of this parish, widower and Mary Harvey Mewis of this parish, widow were married by Licence 10 September 1821 in the presence Jemima Clarke, Charles Clarke and James Tomlins

Burial Register St Thomas Birmingham, Warwickshire
No.1048 Mary Harvey wife of Joseph Olarensaw of Monument Lane, Edgbaston was buried 09 October 1837 aged 60 years.

Royal Navy unpaid pensions – Claims by Next of Kin - National Archives Reference ADM 45/8/975
This is the last Will and Testament of me Mary Harvey Olarensaw of Edgbaston near Birmingham in the County of Warwick. First I direct all my debts to be paid and subject thereto. I give devise and bequeath all my household goods and furniture... linen and all my personal estate wheresover and whatsoever in possession, reversion, remainder or... unto Louisa Maria Mewis and I appoint my said daughter Louisa Maria sole Executor of this my Will. In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this fifteenth day of February 1837 in the presence of James Tomlins and John Sleight Heddesly.

Widow's Pension due £10. Claim received 21 October 1837 No.2/975. Name of deceased: Mrs Mary Harvey Olarensaw formerly Mewis, widow of Mr William Henry Mewis a Purser RN died 02 October 1837. Name and address of claimant: Miss L. M. Mewis, Monument Lane, Edgbaston, Birmingham.

Marriage Register St Philip Birmingham, Warwickshire

No.284 Thomas Tibbatts of full age, bachelor, farmer of Harborne, son of William Tibbatts, farmer and Mary Mewis of full age, spinster of Bristol Street, daughter of William Henry Mewis, purser in the Navy were married by Licence 10 Jun 1842 in the presence of Ann Tomlins and James Tomlins.

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 29 Aug 1842 Marriage

On the 24th June at St Martin's Church, Thomas, youngest son of Mr William Tibbatts, farmer of Harborne to Mary, eldest daughter of the late William Henry Mewis, R.N.

London Evening Standard 07 Aug 1845

Birmingham, Tuesday night. Today Messrs Vanwart, Bolton, Clarke, and Beilby, borough magistrates, were engaged investigating a case which excited considerable interest in the town. It was a charge of embezzlement, preferred by the post-office authorities against Miss Louisa Maria Mewis, who for some years past has had the superintendence of the receiving office at Edgbaston. Mr Peacock, solicitor, of London, attended on the part of the authorities. Mr Harding was solicitor for the prisoner. At one o'clock Miss Mewis, who had been in custody during the preceding day, was brought into the private room, and from her attire and general appearance, and previous station, excited a good deal of interest. The first witness examined was Mr Edward Bird, the chief clerk of the Birmingham post-office, and he stated that in consequence of instructions which he received, he directed a letter to be written and sent through the Edgbaston post-bag to Mr Groves, of Frederick-street, Edgbaston. There was a twopenny stamp put on the envelope, but the contents of the letter were made heavy to render it liable to a surcharge of fourpence more. He, however, did not surcharge it, but sent it with the twopenny stamp upon it. Benjamin Rowe, one of the clerks, was present, and made up the bag, and he (Mr Bird) saw all leave the office safe, in the care of their regular carrier. In the evening he went to Mr Grove's house, and there received the same letter from that gentleman, after he had received it in due course from the postman of Edgbaston. Mr Bird here produced the letter, and said it was not in the same state as when he saw it put into the bag at Birmingham. It had now written upon it the words, "Above one ounce 4d. extra." In the evening of the same day Miss Mewis sent to the office in Birmingham what was termed an office bill, containing an account of all monies received that day for letters and surcharges, and that bill he now produced, but it did not contain any return of the surcharge made by Miss Mewis for Mr Grove's letter. It ought to have contained that surcharge because it was the duty of the prisoner to make all such returns. In the hurry of business, letters sometimes went from the office at Birmingham to receiving-houses not surcharged; but it was the duty of the receiver to attend to the omission, and having received the money to make a proper return of it to him daily. Cross examined by Mr Harding – In the office bill then produced there was not a line for a return of surcharges; he could not tell why there was not such a printed line; the regulation emanated from the General Post Office. He did not know that there existed any impression amongst receivers that such surcharges were to be considered fees or perquisites. If any such notion existed, it was a very wrong one, for which there was no foundation; but, in fact, no such impression did exist. Mr Spurrier, solicitor, who attended with Mr Peacock, then referred to the act of Wm. IV., by which it is provided that if any post-office receiver shall embezzle money belonging to the Crown, he or she shall be subjected to transportation for any term not exceeding 14 years. Mr Roe, who sealed up the letter directed to Mr Groves; Josh. Hampton, the letter-carrier, who received it surcharged from Miss Mewis; Mr Wainwright, clerk in the Birmingham office, who produced the prisoner's daily office bill, in which the deficiency occurred; Mary Ann Phipps, servant of the prisoner, who proved that the letters received at the Edgbaston office passed through

the prisoner's hands, were all examined, and proved the misappropriation of the 4d which was surcharged by her. Mr Bird was then re-examined by Mr Harding, when he admitted that the letter sent to Mr Groves was written and prepared expressly for the purpose of detecting the prisoner. It was directed by him, in accordance with instructions from London, and in consequence of suspicion previously entertained respecting the prisoner. Two other charges of a similar nature were then gone into, and proved against the prisoner; after which she was ordered to be committed to the assizes. Mr Harding applied to have the prisoner admitted to bail, and the magistrates consented to allow the prisoner to enter into sureties – two of £25 each, and herself in £50., upon each charge. The names of two respectable gentlemen were handed in, and the prisoner was liberated in the evening. She will be tried at Warwick in the course of the week.

Aris's Birmingham Gazette 11 Aug 1845 Warwickshire Summer Assizes

Louisa Maria Mewis, the mistress of the Branch Post-office at Edgbaston, pleaded guilty to the charge of embezzlement on which she had been committed, and was sentenced to three months imprisonment.

Preston Chronicle 23 Aug 1845

Miss Louisa Maria Mewis the postmistress at Edgbaston, stands committed for trial at the ensuing Warwick Assizes, charged with embezzling money letters.

1851 Census Harborne Rectory, Harborne, Kings Norton, Staffordshire & Warwickshire

Thomas TIBBATTS	Head	41yrs	Farmer of 95 acres employing 1 in and 1 our door labourer	b Harborne, Staffordshire
Mary TIBBATTS	Wife	42yrs	Farmer's Wife	b Tamworth, Staffordshire
William J. P. TIBBATTS	Son	4yrs		b Harborne, Staffordshire
James TYGE	Servt	32yrs	Farm Labourer (unmarried)	b Ireland

Marriage Register Christ Church Southport, North ..., Lancaster

No.462 Edward Fletcher, 56 years, bachelor, corn merchant of Southport, son of James Fletcher, Jeweller and Louisa Maria Mewis, 45 years, spinster of Southport, daughter of William Henry Mewis, Purser in the Navy were married by Licence 02 June 1859 in the presence of John White and Mary Jane Walker.

National Probate Calendar 1860

14 June. The Will of Edward Fletcher late of the Promenade Southport in the County of Lancaster Corn Merchant deceased who died 31 December 1859 at the Promenade aforesaid was proved at Liverpool by the oath of Louisa Maria Fletcher of the Promenade aforesaid Widow the Relict and the sole Executrix. Effects under £450.

1861 Census Harborne Rectory, Harborne, Kings Norton

Thomas TIBBATTS	Head	51yrs	Landed Proprietor	b Harborne, Staffordshire
Mary TIBBATTS	Wife	51yrs		b Tamworth, Warwickshire
William J. P. TIBBATTS	Son	14yrs	Scholar	b Harborne, Staffordshire
James McHALE	Servt	25yrs	Agricultural Labourer	b Ireland
Amplis WOODHOUSE	Servt	18yrs	House Servant	b Quinton, Worcestershire

Staffordshire Advertiser 21 Feb 1863 Copy of Returns

Manchester and Liverpool District Banking Company – Persons of whom the Company or Partnership consists... Louisa Mary Fletcher, Southport, widow

Marriage Register Christ Church, Southport, Lancashire

No.232 John Gardom Wood, 66yrs, widower, draper of Wakefield, son of John Wood, manufacturer and Louisa Maria Fletcher, 50yrs, widow of Southport, daughter of William Henry Mewis, Purser in the Navy were married by Licence 1st January 1867 in the presence of Thomas Wood and Ellen... and J. S. Wood.

1871 Census The Rectory, Harborne, Staffordshire

Thomas TIBBATTS	Head	69yrs	Landowner	b Harborne, Staffordshire
Emily S. TIBBATTS	Wife	49yrs		b Birmingham, Warwickshire
William P. T. TIBBATTS	Son	24yrs	Farmer's Son (unmarried)	b Harborne, Staffordshire
Harriet PARTON	Servt	21yrs	General Servant (unmarried)	b Glazeley, Salop

1871 Census 43 Promenade, Hanley Terrace, Southport, Lancashire

Louisa M. WOOD	Head	55yrs	Lodging House Keeper (married)	b Birmingham, Warwickshire
Ellen EMANUEL	Servt	44yrs	Domestic servt (widow)	b Dublin, Ireland
Ann BOND	Servt	40yrs	Domestic servt (unmarried)	b Isle of Wight
Mary L. TEBBUTES	Niece	26yrs	(unmarried)	b Harborne, Staffordshire

Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer 24 Jul 1872 Death

July 18, suddenly, at 6 College Grove, Wakefield, aged 72, Mr John Gardom Wood.

National Probate Calendar 1888

23 June. The Will of Louisa Maria Wood late of 43 Promenade Southport in the County of Lancaster Widow who died 4 June 1888 at 43 Promenade was proved at Liverpool by Charles Timothy Bradbury of Riversdale Bardsley near Ashton-under-Lyne in the said County Cotton Manufacturer the sole Executor. Personal Estate £10,367 9s 4d.

1891 Census The Old Rector House (Old Church Road), Harborne, Staffordshire

Thomas TIBBATTS	Head	82yrs	Retired Farmer	b Harborne, Staffordshire
Emily S. TIBBATTS	Wife	77yrs		b Birmingham, Warwickshire
Martha COWEN	Servt	70yrs	Housekeeper (widow)	b Birmingham, Warwickshire
Thomas RICHMONT	Servt	43yrs	Agricultural Labourer (single)	b Preston Bagot, Warwickshire

Burial Register St Peter, Harborne

No.1324 Thomas Tibbatts of Harborne was buried 25 April 1891 aged 83 years.

Probate Calendar 1891

15 June. The Will of Thomas Tibbatts late of the Old Rectory Harborne in the County of Stafford Gentleman who died 21 April 1891 at the Old Rectory was proved at Lichfield by Emily Scott Tibbatts of the Old Rectory Widow the Relict and Daniel Whitehouse of St. Leonard's Selborne-road Handsworth in the said County Manufacturer the Executors. Personal Estate £136 16s 4d.

Probate Calendar 1918

Mary Louisa Tibbatts of 36 Clarence-road Harborne Birmingham spinster died 20 February 1918 Probate Birmingham 23 May to the reverend James McEwan clerk and Fred Harsley M.A. Effects £4,065 6s 6d.

Probate Calendar 1921

William John Payton Tibbatts of 17 Serpentine-road Harborne Birmingham gentleman died 20 December 1920 Administration Birmingham 10 March to Mary Ellis widow. Effects £7987 2s 9d.