

## Genealogical Notes on the Poulton Family - Leland Lewis Duncan

*Provided by Elizabeth Cookson, of Chippenham, Wilts - Ref: Notes collected by her great uncle Leland Lewis Duncan (b.1862), including papers relating to correspondence between his uncle Gordon A. Lewis (b.1846) and Henry Poulton (b.1823)*

### Poulton

(see separate Pedigree of Poulton Family)

Richard Poulton<sup>1</sup> b.    mar<sup>d</sup> Sarah    & had issue with others.

1. Sarah. b.    mar<sup>d</sup> John Morley 1798 & had issue: -

1. John mar<sup>d</sup> Miss Truman

2. Sarah

3. Mary - died unmarried.

4. Elizabeth

5. William.

6. Samuel born    18-, mar<sup>d</sup>    , M.P. for Bristol 1881.

2. William bap<sup>t</sup> at Cookham 1 July 1763, married Catherine Payn at Cookham 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1803 died 12 June 1810 aged 48 & was buried in Cookham Churchyard 19 June 1810 - leaving issue: -

1. Mary Elizabeth b. 16 April 1804, married Dr Henry Burton (brother of Decimus Burton, architect) died 19 April 1839

2. Ellen. b. 22 March 1805 at Maidenhead married 19 May 1834 at Sarratt, Herts, Frederick Lewis & had issue

1. Frederick Burton born 20 April 1835 mar<sup>d</sup> Ada Power, died 6 Jan<sup>y</sup> 1880 & had issue

1. Frederick Henry born 22 April 1859

2. Alfred Charles b. 28 June 1860

3. Ernest b. 29 May 1862

4. Arthur Gordon b. 25 March 1864

5. Herbert Cecil b. 5 March 1866

6. Sidney Horace b. 6 January 68

2. Henry Clutterbuck (second son of Ellen & Frederick Lewis) born 29 December 1836 married Edith Maclean 16 Sept 1871 died 13 Aug 1880 & had issue: -

1. Henry Maclean b. 31 Oct 1873

2. Edith Elizabeth Ellen b. 3 Feb<sup>y</sup> 1875.

3. Llewellyn James b. 26 April 1876

4. Frank Every b. 2 July 1877

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<sup>1</sup>Richard Poulton (? of Sheeppouse Farm near Maidenhead in Cookham Parish) (L.L.D.'s note)

5. Ivor. b. 7 Aug. 1878.

3. James Payn b. 22 April 1839 mar<sup>d</sup> Georgina Brereton & had issue: -

- Now of Gosford N.S.W. (1916)<sup>2</sup>
1. Henry Gordon b. 16 March 1869
  2. Lionel George William b. 31 March 1871
  3. Ellen Elizabeth b. 20 June 1872. dead.
  4. Arthur Fitzgerald b. 24 April 1874
  5. Georgina Margaret b. 18 Feb. 1877
  6. James Payn - b. 1879
  7. Frederick b. 18..
  - 8 & 9 see opposite.

4. Caroline Ellen b. 28 Dec. 1840 mar<sup>d</sup> Leland Crosthwait Duncan 12 Sept 1861 & had issue: -

1. Leland Lewis b. 24 Aug 1862
2. Caroline Annette b. 2 May 1864
3. Amy Adela b. 31 July 1867

5. Gordon Augustus b. 28 Feb. 1846.

3. Caroline b. 16 August 1807 married 19 May 1831 Peter Clutterbuck of Great Stanmore Midd<sup>s</sup> died August 1839 & had issue: -

1. Peter Henry b. 18 June 1832 died 19 May 1861 at Durban, Natal & is buried there
2. Mary Ellen b. 1834
3. Alexander born 1836, mar<sup>d</sup> 5 Nov. 1863 Adelaide Barrow & has issue: -

1. Peter Henry b. 28 Sept 1864 ?1869
2. Ernest b. 20 Oct 1870 died 11 Dec 1886<sup>3</sup>
3. Francis Alexander b. Jan<sup>y</sup> 1878.

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<sup>2</sup>1916. 

1. Henry unmarried
2. Lionel married and now a widower. no children.
4. Arthur married, no children
5. Georgina unmarried
6. James - in Holy orders. Serving as a Lieut in Australian Forces in France. Married Mary Park. Has 2 sons viz Murray and Brereton
7. Frederick married - no children
8. Charles - unmarried
9. Caroline born 5 April 1895 & unmarried.

<sup>3</sup>Newspaper cutting "at Haslar Hospital of typhoid fever Ernest, Engineer Student, HMS Marlborough, 2<sup>nd</sup> son of Alex. Clutterbuck Esq. aged 15 years"

4. Mabel Sophia
5. Rosamond Merryl
6. Eva.
7. Agnes Mary
8. Mary Teresa b. 3 March 1882.
9. Bernard Valentine b. 1883

4. Caroline Emma b. 1838. Mar<sup>d</sup> Samuel Johnstone.

5. Thomas Tarbox b. 1839. died -

4. William b. 9 August 1810 married 1<sup>st</sup> Elizabeth Pitman who was buried 17 Aug 1854 at St Georges Camberwell. He mar<sup>d</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Rebeccah Bray on 22 April 1856 at West Ham & had issue: -

William F. born 5 May 1857 who d. s.p.

William Poulton died 30 Nov. 1885 leaving no surviving issue - and the main line of this branch thus became extinct.

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***Tomb in Cookham Churchyard, Berks.***

“Sacred to the Memory of Mr William Poulton - late of Maidenhead who departed this life June 12<sup>th</sup> 1810 aged 48 years.

*O may I in the Judge behold  
My Saviour & my friend,  
And far beyond the reach of death  
With all His Saints ascend.”*

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***From the Gentleman's Magazine: -***

1798 - at Cookham, Berks, Mr John Morley, of Milk St London, to Miss Poulton, of Maidenhead.

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***Notes***

On reference to the earliest dates and names in the Parish Register it appears probable that the Poulton family was settled in the Parish of Cookham prior to the reign of Charles the 2<sup>nd</sup> as in 1665 (the year of the Great Plague) and within the subsequent 8 years, we meet with the names of 3 members of the family, William, John and Christopher, who were respectively at that period, in the positions of householder and parishioners, as appears by the incidental references in the entries, or the additions to the names, in the Register of burials. And this, as to Christopher at least, seems to be confirmed by the fact that the Tombstone to his memory and that of his Wife, placed in the Churchyard in 1687 (and which has recently been renovated by members of the family) is of a character leading to the conclusion that he was a person of some

consideration and position in the parish, which must then (from the comparatively few entries in the Registers up to that period) have been but sparsely populated (although the Village of Cookham was formerly a market town and the Tolls of the "new" market are noted in Domesday book as amounting to 20/-), and by the tradition in the family that a considerable estate in the parish, on the banks of the Thames (near to or perhaps including, White Place where our great grandfather, Richard Poulton, was born) was the property of one of our ancestors.

The earliest existing Register commences in 1655, the 6<sup>th</sup> year after the execution of Charles the 1<sup>st</sup> and comprises birth (or baptisms) marriages and burials in one Volume. The Vicar is of the opinion that the Register or Registers previously in existence was or were destroyed during the Civil War, and it seems probable that no record was kept for some years previously to 1655. The earliest entries in the Register before referred to are very irregular and scanty, giving the idea of unsettled times, and of entries in a book, brought into use subsequently to the first date therein appearing, from loose memoranda previously existing. In this early Register the ink is much faded and many of the entries are in handwriting scarcely legible.

It seems to be doubtful whether the Christopher Poulton before referred to who was in his 70<sup>th</sup> year when he died in 1687, was an ancestor in the direct line as we have always supposed him to have been (Margin note: see now Appendix B and the further evidence clearing up this doubt). If the Christopher Poulton born in 1682 is identical with Christopher, the husband of Edith Poulton, and the father of Richard Poulton, our great grandfather, then our direct ancestor, the father of that Christopher, was William Poulton, and the Christopher of 1687 was probably a collateral relative, and might have been an uncle of the Christopher born in 1682. The identity above suggested is at least probable, as the last mentioned Christopher would have been 23 years of age when Elizabeth the first named child of Christopher and Edith, was born, but a question then arises as to who Christopher Poulton Junior (1715 and 1720) could have been. The entries in the Registers do not throw any light on that question, as the only Christopher living (so far as the Registers afford evidence) from 1687 up to 1709, was Christopher, the husband of Edith. His son Christopher, born in 1709, could not have been the Christopher of 1715 (the father of Robert) as he was then only about 6 years old. Looking at the consecutive order of the dates of the baptism of the children of Christopher & Edith, it would seem as though Robert born and buried in 1715 must have been one of their children as, without that supposition there is an otherwise unaccountable (though of course naturally possible) gap in the ranks of those children which Robert would just fill up, and on that supposition Christopher Poulton Jnr. would have been identical with Christopher Poulton the husband of Edith. But the fact remains, in opposition to that theory, that all the other children are mentioned as children of Christopher & Edith Poulton and that in 1720 there were undoubtedly two Christophers as the "Christopher Poulton" buried in that year is described as "Christopher Poulton Junr." and he was survived by another Christopher Poulton buried in 1723.

Of course, the Christopher Poulton Junr. buried in 1720 may have been the Christopher born in 1709, but he could not have been the Christopher of 1715 because, as before remarked, at that time he was only about 6 years old, and the probability is that the Christopher buried in 1723 was the husband of Edith, and our great great grandfather (see now Appendix B as to this).

In the 18<sup>th</sup> Century two William Poultons appear in the Pedigree - one in 1736, 1738, as the husband of Elizabeth Poulton, the other in 1745-6-9 as the husband of Sarah Poulton. One of them was probably the William son of Christopher Poulton born in

1708, and the inscription on the tombstone (date 1766) of William, the husband of Sarah, describes him as Brewer "of this Parish". This tombstone together with those of his wife and 2 sons are placed close to those of other members of the family of Christopher Poulton, father of Richard P. but there is no other identifying link.

The William Poulton married in 1803<sup>4</sup> was Dr. Poulton, of Maidenhead, son of Richard Poulton (by his 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage) and brother of Mrs. Swallow, and Mrs. Morley.

(signed) H. Poulton

### ***Appendix (A)***

In tracing the Pedigree from the Registers etc. there is the further difficulty that some of the entries and inscriptions may relate to the Poultons now and for several years past settled in Cookham Village, who were probably a branch of the original family - but the family names, not of a common order, such as Christopher and Edith, the former of which continued, at least, from 1617 to 1743 (when our great uncle of that name was born) and the latter, modified from Edith, its original form, into Eadey, Eady, or Edy, the latest instances of which are Eady Wildman Swallow (wife of Mr. W.W. Morley) a daughter of Richard Poulton our great grandfather and Edith, eldest daughter of Richard Swallow Poulton, assist in identifying our ancestors.

The Christian name "Sicily" (1673) is undoubtedly merely a corrupted form of the proper name Cicely.

In 1673 the surname is written "Powton" and in 1687 Poulten. The former occurs in the Register only, and the entry was apparently made by some illiterate person (probably the Parish Clerk). The termination "ten" in 1687, occurs also on the Tombstone, but it will be observed that in the two earliest entries in the Register, the termination is "ton" as at present.

It is believed that the only now surviving grandchild of our great grandfather, Richard Poulton, of Sheephouse, by descent from his 1st wife is Mrs. Taylor of Maidenhead, formerly Eady Poulton, daughter of Charles Poulton.

### ***Appendix (B)***

Since the forgoing was written a copy of the Will of the Christopher Poulton of 1687 has been obtained from the Register of Wills of that year in the Archdeaconry Court of Berks. It is dated 7<sup>th</sup> July 1683, and its contents appear conclusively to shew that (as generally supposed hitherto) he was in the direct line of ancestry, and that he was the great grandfather of Richard Poulton, our great grandfather. It would seem that after the death of his 1st wife Sicily or Cicely, he married again, as he mentions "Joyce, my now loving wife". He had 2 sons, namely Christopher the elder (who at the date of the will appears to have been unmarried and to have been residing with his father as the will gives to him (with a pecuniary legacy) "one flock bed, one bedstead which he now lieth upon and one covered, one blankett, one flock boulder, two pare of hempen sheets and what else belongs to ye said bed" and William the younger, to whom he gives (amongst other things) 2 Tenements "in the towne of Cookeham and all ye rest of my goods and chattles". William P was also appointed sole executor and proved the will, and he

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<sup>4</sup>Note by Elizabeth Cookson "was a Banker & I have his will"

bequeaths £5 to his grandson Christopher Poulten son of his son William Poulten to be paid to him on his attainment of 21.

There is therefore little doubt that the testator's son Christopher was the Christopher who was buried in 1723 (the probability is that he was never married). And that the testator's grandson Christopher was the ancestor who is referred to in the Parish Registers as the husband of Edith, and also as Christopher Poulton Junr.

Whether the Wm. Poulton of 1665 is identical with William, the younger son of the testator Christopher, remains doubtful, but it seems scarcely probable, as the first named William was evidently a householder (having a servant) in that year, whereas the son (who was apparently the eldest son) of the 1<sup>st</sup> named William was not born until 1682, and it may fairly be assumed that such birth was within a year or two of the father's marriage & settlement in the Parish as a householder.

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***On tomb close by S. Porch Cookham***

Here lyeth the bodys of Christopher POULTEN and Sicily his wife of this Parish. He dyed May ye 8<sup>th</sup> 1687 in ye 70<sup>th</sup> yeare of his age.

She dyed April 21<sup>st</sup> 1673 in ye 69<sup>th</sup> yeare of her age.

In hopes of a joyfull Resurrection.

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***Maidenhead Advertiser Wednesday July 22, 1885***

**DEATH OF MR. R.S. POULTON** - We regret to have to record the death on Wednesday last of Mr. R.S. Poulton, a well-known resident of Maidenhead. Mr. Poulton had joined his family at Folkestone, and though he had been unwell for some time previously, his condition had given rise to no alarm, and his death was an unexpected calamity. General sympathy attends his relatives in their bereavement. Mr. Poulton, who was only 55 years of age, was the representative of a good old Maidenhead family. His father died about 18 months since at a patriarchal age. His son, Richard Swallow Poulton, took a zealous part in the volunteer movement, and on his retirement from the force a few years ago, he held the rank of Quartermaster-Sergeant. He was elected to the Town Council, and served for a short term the office of Alderman. His connection with municipal affairs obtained for him the undesirable distinction of raising a precedent and settling a point in the administration of the Corrupt Practices Act. He was technically joined as a respondent in the Municipal Election petition in 1878. On appeal, however, he obtained a ...<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>5</sup>The remainder of the obituary is missing from Elizabeth's copy.