

Marriage at Constantine 19 Nov. 1640 <sup>(1)</sup> Thomas Cock and Mary Pearse.

12 Jan. 1642/3 Robert s. Thomas Cock and Mary bapt.

14 Dec. 1643 Christopher s. " " " " "

We have no other baptisms discernable, but the Will shows other children:

James

Nicholas

Thomas, and four youngest children:

William

Walter

Richard

Benjamin all presumably under 21

He mentions a brother, John Cock, so Thomas and John would have been born in the first quarter of the 17th century, I imagine. As only Thomas Cock appears in the 1641 Returns as being over 18, John was probably a younger brother. There may have been a sister, Alice. In the Poll Tax Returns for 1660 Thomas Cock was paying £15.6.0. for Penalguy and along with him were named his wife, Mary, and his sons, Robert and Christopher together with someone named Alice Treglowna, who could have been his sister. He paid a Hearth Tax on 4 hearths, one having been "stopt up". The tax must have been such that it would seem many of the inhabitants of a house would block off a chimney to save paying it. One of the Trewren family (Henry witnessed Thomas's Will) John Trewren, was noted as having "11 now but 9 to be found". Henry Trewren lived nearby at Tucoyes and William Pierce, his brother in law, lived at Trevesis with Julian his wife, and Alice Pierce, Widow, who must have been the mother of William and Thomas Cock's wife, Mary. I expect this is now called Trevease to the north of the parish.

\* There is a Will for John Cock in 1686 which has not yet been examined. An earlier name which would not be decipherable in the registers is Christopher Cocke who died c. 1627 but there are only Letters of Administration which are unlikely to give any information. Perhaps he was the father of Thomas and John and possibly Alice.

The Bodmin details are: Thomas s. of Thomas Cocke 8 Jan. 1566  
Christopher s. " " 28 Dec. 1567 and again 6 Apr. 1575  
Alice d. John Cock 3 Mar. 1579  
Thomas Cox & Alice Opie m. 23 May 1575

Constantine Robert s. Thomas Coke and Jane 20 Jul. 1595

I think the different spellings are only because of the early dates. This Bodmin and early Constantine information was from the CFI (Mormon Computer File Index) and all came under the section for Cock/Cocke.

\* The earliest marriage at Constantine was John Cocke and Joan ----man in 1580

Now we come to the generation following Thomas and Mary Cocke and I think that their son, Robert, m, arried at Wendron in 1665. Penalguy where the family lived is close to the parish border with Wendron. :-

26 June 1665 <sup>(2)</sup> Robert Cock and Jane Jago.

their son 29 Sep. 1679 Robert s. of Robert and Jane Cock bapt. Constantine.  
" " Peter was baptised 10 July 1675.  
" dau. Jane " " 16 Feb. 1685/6

<sup>(3)</sup> Robert Cocke Junr. married Mary Walters, alias Carne, 10 June 1710. Their children:

25 Apr. 1711 Jane d. Robert Cock and Mary  
20 Oct. 1713 Alice " " " "  
19 May 1716 <sup>(4)</sup> ROBERT s. " " " " (to marry Radigund Nicholls)  
5 Jan. 1718/19 John " " " "

\*\* Robert Cocke's Will of 1732 in which he is described as a Yeoman named his wife, Mary; His son John and daughters Jane and Alice, also Mary and Elizabeth whose baptisms I have not yet found, and his son Robert who was made sole executor. He also appointed his wife, Mary, and his brother, Peter, Trustees and Guardians of his children. Peter's own Will made in 1741 described him as a Gentleman who made his Will because of "infirmity of age and weak in body". In fact, he was 67 and did not die until 1755. These two latter Wills have not yet been copied.

The information regarding Peter Cocke and Radigund you already have except possibly the burial of Radigund Cock on 28 June 1790 at St. Keverne. Richard s. of Peter and Mary Cock was buried on 30 Dec. 1806.

Other burials: 7 Dec. 1826 Peter Cock of Lesneage aged 75  
17 Oct. 1836 Mary widow of Peter Cock, Ladenvean, aged 64.

Having done this research before receiving your latest letter, I was not aware that you had marriages for Peter and Mary's daughters, but will set them out for the record:

29 Aug. 1822 Charles Fegen Lieut. Royal Marines Soj. and Bach. o.t.p. and  
b 1797 (25) Alice Cock, Spin. Wit: Peter Cock; Joseph Withers.

27 Jul. 1826 John Whiston of St. Just in Roseland and Sophia Cock b 1803 23 yrs  
Wit: Peter Cock; Alice Fegen.

20 June 1833 John Gordon Joyce and Harriet Cock (b) 1799 34 yrs  
Wit: George Boone; Wm. Mildren.

Did you find the base son of Elizabeth Cock bapt. 24 Oct. 1813 ? John Henry.

He married Mary Ann Tripconey on 15 Dec. 1835. Wit: George Trip; John George.  
He signed his name and she made her mark.

Harriet and John Gordon Joyce are interesting. At the baptism of a daughter there is some information:

27 Apr. 1834 Ann Gordon d. of John Gordon and Harriet Joyce of Porthoustock,  
Gentleman.

They lost a son, Alexander Gordon Joyce of Treloyan aged 1 bur. 11 Nov. 1841

They appear in the 1851 Census:

Treloyan

John Gordon Joyce aged 50	Farmer 7acres emp. 1 lab.	b. <u>Leith, Scotland</u>
Harriet	" 45 ?	St. Keverne
John G.	" 15	"
Ann G.	" 12	"

but sadly the last named was to die:

Ann Gordon Joyce bur. 1 Aug. 1854 aged 15

I noticed another JOYCE :

9 Feb. 1834 Ann d. Austin and Elizabeth Joyce of Coverack, Seaman

but did not find him in the Census.

Charles and Alice Fegen had the following children baptised at St. Keverne:

6 Nov. 1823 Charles  
19 Oct. 1825 Matilda Sarah Jane  
8 May 1827 Brenton and Alice (presumably twins)

To follow:

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2 Florence Terrace,  
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4th August, 1982.

Dear Mrs. Hohnen,

Your letter of 26 July arrived this morning, and you will be thinking it is another quick reply, but in actual fact I have done the work entailed in this present report over the last week or two, in preparation for a sudden influx of family visitors in the month of August, resulting in a cut-down on work in Truro until the school holidays are over. We have a 12 year old grandson from Cardiff for several weeks, but my daughter in Penryn, who also has children, takes him off my hands for the present during the daytime, but goes away herself on the 17th, when we shall have to think of fresh entertainment for him.

You certainly have a family that was well rooted in Constantine in the COCK line I did a brief check on their origin before they arrived in Constantine but as the early registers have many blanks there must be names that are missing. If they did come from elsewhere, then Bodmin seems a likely place, as the names "Robert" and "Christopher" occurred there as Christian names in the COCK family.

After I had spoken to Mr. Douch, I realised that you had not actually visited the Library at the Museum, and I now wonder if you did get to the Record Office, as I had supposed. Mr. Douch promised to look out your letter, but I have not been to the Library for two weeks. However, I did find the stone for Peter Cock in the churchyard at St. Keverne when we were over there early last week, but could not decipher the verse I should not think it could have been put there by the children of his second marriage or their own mother's name would have been added, so it must have been the ROGERS family I should think. I did not look into that in the registers of St. Keverne, as your line came from the second wife, whose burial I found. Knowing you had details of your line from Robert's children, I did not do baptisms, but concentrated up to 1812 for those and burials for a longer period. I covered Constantine fairly thoroughly and now have an earlier Will than Peter Cock's, that of Thomas Cock which is one of the best I have ever seen (1669) and is your direct ancestor. I am sure you will enjoy it. I will give you other information on a separate sheet.

To comment further on your letter - I am sure I have seen, on local TV, the cairn you speak of. It was some years ago now, but I see from the current phone directory that there is still a B. Treloar at Boswidden Farm, Penponds, so he may still be living there, unless it is a son. Did you get the little book about Penponds when you were there? I am afraid the book on Constantine is now very rare and I was lucky to get my copy a very long time ago from Salisbury, of all places, when we were passing through, and even then it cost me £10. I can only give you extracts in the report. References are scattered and it would hardly be worth photo-copying them. The book is very factual. Charles Henderson was a historian and it was his friend, Dr. Mayne, who actually owned Bufton, who took photographs and helped with illustrations of old crosses and other antiquities which are referred to in the book. He used material which was not then (1930's) available in Cornwall, but which has since been published, such as the Protestation Returns of 1641 when men over the age of 18 in almost every parish, were required to swear allegiance, and in the 1660s when people with hearths had to pay a tax and so we get a picture of the size of house they lived in.

Radigund is a very interesting name, sometimes spelt Redigund. I have come across it more frequently than one would expect. You mention "Alice" too and that was another name that occurred in Bodmin. I doubt if you would have found any graves for COCK in Constantine churchyard. It is not recorded within the Church because I have an index, and from previous searching I have not found anything terribly early in the graveyard, but before I finish this report I will check a list that was given to me some years back when they were clearing grass and undergrowth and exposing the stones. Of course the name probably continued there after your branch had gone to St. Keverne, so there could be some later ones. "Peter Cock" who died in 1755 should have had one as he was a gentleman!

You say it has puzzled you that the date 1841 occurs in the corner of the stone for Peter Cock. In tracing the St. Keverne line - other children of Peter and his second wife, I have sorted out what became of the other sisters, and they seem to have married quite well. One of them, Harriet, married John Gordon Joyce in 1833 and they had a son, Alexander Gordon, buried in 1841. He is not named on the stone, or we might have thought he was buried with his grandfather, but Harriet would hardly have had her own mother's name on the stone. Now that we



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Whether Mary was literate or not, her daughters certainly were. I think it was probably usual for sons to be educated but not necessary for daughters. You asked about schooling in your previous letter, and in 1807 I noticed the burial of a John Silwood, "late Schoolmaster", so there was probably provision for schooling made prior to that date probably because of the number of people living in St. Keverne from other parts. Speaking of Mary Munday, there was a Mark Mundy in St. Keverne about the same time, so he may have been related. When I hear that surname, I always think of Mullion, because there had been a number of them there from the commencement of registers, and I have worked on one branch before. I don't think they were any more than small farmers. She died at Ladn Vean which is out of St. Keverne Churchtown on the same side as Lesneague, so perhaps she lived with another member of the family. I enclose a photo-copy of a cutting from the local paper some years ago which I thought a very good description of the reasons that led to so many small farmers emigrating. I could understand a move to Crowan especially if he married a girl from across the county, but the move to Altarnun on the far side of Bodmin Moor is another matter. He was still farming, evidently. Have you the details from the 1851 Census? I wonder if the name occurred elsewhere in the Parish that might indicate a move by someone else in the family - possibly Catherine's. You mention her brother, Hugh, and Leedstown which I expect you know lies in Crowan.

I am sending this letter and report off, leaving the map and wills to follow as they have been ordered, and will be collected next week. Please excuse hand written finish but family have arrived to stay until the end of the month and I have had to put the typewriter out of reach. I did a quick check of the CFI on Friday because St Anthony in Menage is out of circulation for repair being very frail but no mention of Redigon Nicholls except for one much earlier in Wendron:

Redigand Nicholls d. Robert Nicholls 24 Jul. 1609.

I also checked Mary Mundy and there was only one, at Mullion, as I suspected:-

19 Jan. 1772 Mary d. of John Munday  
but no marriage of the parents at Mullion. There was another dau. Julian bapt previously.

24 Apr. 1768 Julian d. of John Munday, and the year before

24 Jan. 1767 John s " " "

Yours sincerely

Betty Farrell.

P.S. I think Mark Mundy, who I mentioned, was baptised at Mullion:

28 Mar. 1775 Mark Shepherd s. Wm. Mundy

He was buried 7 Feb. 1848 at the age of 72 and lived at Coverack.

Possibly William and John Mundy were the sons of Thomas &

Florence Mundy bapt. 25 Apr. 1722 and 15 Mar. 1723/4 respectively