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Dear Ms Bullin

I have now completed the searches that you requested pertaining to the Thomas family and will detail the outcomes below.

Please find enclosed a copy of the baptism of John Perkins Thomas, Plympton Erle, 21 March 1756

From the baptism register of Plympton Erle

1759 Richard son of Richard and Mary Thomas July 22

Enclosed a copy of the marriage of John Perkins Thomas to Eleanor Rundell 15 November 1779, as you will see from the entry at the time of the marriage Eleanor Rundell was a widow.

From the marriage register of Stoke Damerel

Richard Rundell, Shipwright in the Yard and Eleanor Jacobs of this parish, Spinster were married in this Church by Banns this twenty-third day of May 1768

Both Richard Rundell and Eleanor Jacobs signed the register

Witnesses: Nicholas Rundell Elizabeth Young

I was not able to locate a baptism for Eleanor Jacobs in the Stoke Damerel baptism registers.

Enclosed is a copy of the baptism of Thomas Perkins Thomas, Stoke Damerel, 20 June 1780. Other siblings I located were

From the baptism register of Stoke Damerel

1782 Clarissa daughter of John and Eleanor Thomas August 8

Clarissa Thomas married John Lidstone, 3 June 1803, Stoke Damerel I located them on the 1851 census returns and enclose a transcript of the entry

From the baptism register of Princes Street, Independent Chapel

Entry No 994

1785 John Thomas son of John and Eleanor baptised 23 May

Copies are not available from this register

Stoke Damerel

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From the marriage register of Stoke Damerel

Thomas Thomas of this parish, Shipwright in the Dockyard and Charlotte Wright of this parish, Spinster were married in this Church by Banns this seventh day of April 1806

Both Thomas Thomas and Charlotte Wright signed the register

Witnesses: Jno Bernard?? Wm Roberts

From the baptism register of Stoke Damerel

1810 January 16 Thomas son of Thomas Perkins and Charlotte Thomas born 9 July 1809

1811 July/7 Thomas son of Thomas and Charlotte Thomas born 21 April 1811

Enclosed are copies of the above baptisms

From the baptism register of the Morice Street, Wesleyan Chapel

Entry No 3073

Eleanor Clarinda daughter of Charlotte and Thomas Thomas, Shipwright HM Yard, Plymouth Dock, Stoke Damerel. Born 16 March 1818, baptised 4 January 1819

Copies are not available from this register

I was unable to locate entries for the baptisms of Elizabeth c 1814 and John

With regard to the census information, I searched Gloucester Street in the 1841 census returns and located the following Thomas families, however I do not believe they are "your" Thomas families

From the 1841 census returns of Gloucester Street

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Gloucester Street	John Thomas	51	Shipwright	Not born in County
	John Thomas	15	Apprentice	Born in County
	James Thomas	6		Born in County
Gloucester Street	William Thomas	45	Shipwright	Born in County
	Mary Thomas	15		Born in County

I located Thomas and Charlotte on the 1861 census returns for Plymouth and enclose a transcript of the entry

The time spent on these searches was three hours at £5.00 per hour, the cost of the photocopies was 5 @ 30p = £1.50. **Balance £16.50** Please make cheque payable to S Roberts

I do hope the contents of this report prove of interest to you. Should you require further searches and have need of my services, please do not hesitate to contact me, as I would be pleased to try and assist you.

Yours sincerely

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05 June 2013

Dear Mary

Herewith are the outcomes of some of the searches you requested pertaining to the Thomas family.

Plympton Erle, is also known as Plympton St Maurice.

From the baptism registers of Plympton Erle

- 1761 February 12 Copernicus son of Richard and Mary Thomas
- 1762 December 27 Telemachus Shakespear son of Richard and Mary Thomas
- 1764 December 7 Polyhymnia daughter of Richard and Mary Thomas
- 1767 February 19 Ulysses Achilles son of Richard and Mary Thomas (photocopy enclosed)
- 1770 June 15 Polly Thalia daughter of Richard and Mary Thomas

From the burial register of Plympton Erle

- 1770 November 24 Polyhymnia Thomas a child
- 1770 October 15 Richard Thomas
- 1784 July 13 Mary Thomas

From the marriage register of Stoke Damerel

John Lidstone of this parish, joiner in the Dockyard and Clarissa Thomas of this parish, spinster were married in this Church by Banns this third day of June 1803

John Lidstone signed the register Clarissa Thomas made her mark

Witnesses: John Thomas Wm Roberts

Eleanor Clarinda Richardson was matron of the Stoke Damerel Workhouse at the time of the 1861, 1871 and 1891 census. See enclosed transcript. I located the following in the 1857 Directory for Stoke Damerel

"The New Workhouse is a handsome and spacious edifice, in a very healthy situation on an eminence near the northern limits of the parish, about a mile and a half from Devonport. It was built from designs furnished by Mr Norman and is capable of containing 700 inmates. There are about 40 boys attending the school under the tuition of Mr John Creber and about the same number of girls are instructed by Miss Jane E Webb. The internal arrangements of this building reflect the highest credit upon the Governor and Matron, Mr Francis Peters, Governor, Mrs E Richardson, Matron"

1853 March quarter George Thomas Richardson Plymouth Sb 229

It would therefore seem that Eleanor Richardson had returned to Plymouth by 1853 when her son George was born. George Richardson is still living at the Workhouse in 1881

George Thomas Richardson Visitor Unmarried 28 Grocer Devon Devonport

John Thomas *Wm Roberts* *28*

Have we seen for this one?

*1853
1856*

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visited Thomas Thomas and his daughter Jessica on the 1891 census returns at 13 Stuart Terrace
see enclosed manuscript

With regard to the death of Elizabeth Thomas, I am not able to look at death certificates these are
only available through the Register Office. I can look at burial entries in the parish burial registers

I looked for the burial of Elizabeth Thomas but was unable to locate in the parish registers. I also
searched Ford Park Cemetery, the most local public cemetery but again drew a blank. I have
searched all the registers available in Stoke Damerel, Devonport for her baptism. As a matter of
interest could you let me know where and when her brother John was baptised as I cannot locate
that entry either?

PWDRO have several maps of Plymouth but I have not found one for 1840. The ones for 1862 and
1881 are available.

Any maps of Tiverton would be held at the DRO in Exeter. Some of the Tiverton parish registers are
available for me to search in the PWDRO, so it would depend on the dates of the deaths that you
were searching.

The time spent on these searches has been about 2 1/2 hours per hour, the cost of the photostats was
£15.00. I had made a check on the 15th of Oct.

With regard to the discovery of the papers and the date of the correspondence, I have not
yet been able to find any papers which would help to identify the date of the correspondence.

Best wishes
Nick

Time to date 2 hours.
Estimated time to complete 1 hour for Thomas (Thomas 1-2 hours for Copernicus / Richard
Having cleared the decks of other work, I hope to be in a position to complete all outstanding tasks this coming week.
Best wishes
Nick

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Dear Mary,
First, may I offer my apologies for not getting back in touch sooner. I have been lacking the career of Thomas Thomas
and investigating Copernicus and Richard Thomas. The latter two require some further work, but I have made further
progress with Thomas Thomas.
Having checked the correspondence ledgers for Cardiff, I uncovered a series of letters regarding his appointment. He
was transferred to Cardiff on 16 August 1841 from Bristol, and remained there until his promotion and transfer to Liverpool in 1845.
From my previous search, I have already reported that he remained there until his retirement and transfer to pension on
3 March 1873. I looked in the establishment list for 1835 under Bristol Plymouth Exeter Dartmouth Poole Weymouth
Lyme Looe Fowey Falmouth Gweek Truro Penzance Selly Stives Passow Bidefor Barnstaple Tracombe
Wharfedale Bridgewater and all Welsh ports but could not find him listed. My next priority is to check the correspondence
starting with the date of his transfer to Cardiff in the hope of tracking down his earlier career.

29/10/2004

Original Message
From: Nick Barratt
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Subject: apologies and update



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10 February 2004

Dear Mary

As promised further details that I have managed to glean pertaining to the Thomas family. My apologies for having kept you waiting for so long.

A search of the 1841 census returns for Devonport revealed the following.

Extracted from the 1841 census returns for Stoke Damarel

Mount Street	Thomas Thomas	60	Shipwright	Born in County
	Charlotte Thomas	55		Not Born in County
	Eliza Thomas	25		Born in County
	John Thomas	20		Born in County
	Richard Thomas	15		Born in County
	Lucy Perkins	60	Independent	Born in County
Gloucester Street	John Lidstone	63	Joiner	Born in County
	Clariss Lidstone	50		Born in County
	Caroline Lidstone	35		Born in County
	Louisa Lidstone	30		Born in County
	Clariss Lidstone	20		Born in County
	John P Thomas	85	Independent	Born in County

As you know I was unable to locate the burial of Elizabeth Thomas in the parish registers, so I looked at a map of Plymouth dated 1881 and I noticed another burial ground near Cobourg Street, the burial ground no longer exists, the Germans during the Plymouth Blitz and the city planners during the 1950's obliterated it. However a burial register has survived and I found the following.

From the Ebenezer Methodist Chapel Register of Burials, Plymouth

1839	George Thomas son of Thomas and Charlotte Thomas	21 Mount Street, Devonport		
	June 1	9 years and 11 months		
1842	Richard Thomas	Mount St, Devonport	December 26	19 years
1865	Charlotte Thomas	Cobourg St, Plymouth	March 17	80 years
1869	Elizabeth Thomas	Cobourg St, Plymouth	March 6	54 years
1872	Thomas Perkins Thomas	83 Cobourg St, Plymouth	December 26	92 years
1881	George Thomas Richardson	Devonport Workhouse	August 13	28 years
1902	Eleanor C Richardson	Endsleigh Place, Charles	November 16	84 years

I searched for the marriage of Richard Thomas and Mary . . . , finally locating it in St Andrew, Plymouth.

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From the marriage register of Plymouth, St Andrew

Richard Thomas of this parish and Mary Eveleigh of the parish of Plympton Maurice were married in this Church by Banns, published before Lady Day last, on the thirteenth day of April 1754

Both Richard Thomas and Mary Eveleigh signed the register

Witnesses: Ann Perkins Henry Whitfield

I then searched for the baptism of Richard Thomas. As you can see from the following entries, I believe I have the correct Richard, mainly because of the Copernicus connection. A more extensive search of the registers may fill in some of the "gaps"

From the baptism register of Plymouth St Andrew

1746 March 24 Copernicus son of Richard and Jane Thomas
1742 April 5 Richard Thomas about 10 years old

From the baptism register of Plymouth, Charles the Martyr

1727 October 8 Jane daughter of Richard and Jane Thomas
1729 January 18 Rachel daughter of Richard and Jane Thomas

From the marriage register of Plymouth, St Andrew

1726 Richard Thomas and Jane Cragoe Banns

I located Thomas P Thomas on the 1871 census returns and enclose a copy of the transcript.

I searched the local newspapers at the time of the death of Fleanor Clarinda Richardson's death. I was unable to locate a death notice, nor an obituary. I was hoping to find an obituary to perhaps indicate when she retired as Matron of the Devonport Workhouse, this would have enable me to search the local papers for a mention of it, however this was not possible.

The time spent on these searches was five hours at £5.00 per hour **Balance £25:00** Please make cheque payable to S Roberts

I do hope the enclosed information proves of interest to you, if you require further searches and if you trust me to do them, please do not hesitate to contact me, as I am always pleased to be of assistance

With best wishes

Sally