

**John Lester #1123 ref .<sup>1</sup>****I. ... Lester #1122.**

- A. **Francis Lester #1113** b. \_\_\_\_ 1668, ref .,<sup>1</sup> m. **Rachel Tavener #1114**, (daughter of William Tavener #1118) ref .<sup>1</sup> Francis died \_\_\_\_ 1738.
1. **John Lester #1116** b. \_\_\_\_ 1701, ref .,<sup>1</sup> m. **Elizabeth Goldwyn #1213**. John died \_\_\_\_ 1775.
  2. **Sarah Lester #1208** b. \_\_\_\_ 1710,<sup>2</sup> d. \_\_\_\_ 1785.<sup>2</sup>
  3. **Francis Lester #1115** ref .<sup>1</sup> Francis became a Roman Catholic and disappeared from the family.
  4. **Issac Lester #1117** b. \_\_\_\_ 1718, ref .,<sup>1</sup> m. **Amy Bowles #1214**. Issac died \_\_\_\_ 1778.
  5. **Susannah Lester #1209** b. \_\_\_\_ 1720,<sup>2</sup> d. \_\_\_\_ 1785.<sup>2</sup>
  6. **Benjamin Lester #660** b. \_\_\_\_ 1724, ref .,<sup>3</sup> m. **Susannah Tavener #661**, b. \_\_\_\_ 1723, Trinity, (daughter of Jacob Tavener #1112) d. \_\_\_\_ 1799. Benjamin died \_\_ Jan 1802,<sup>4</sup>. Month of death.<sup>1</sup> [ref M1947] Benjamin Lester was a merchant of Poole, Dorset with extensive interests in Portugal and Italy. He was MP for Poole and Mayor of Poole. There is a diary written by him of the French occupation of Trinity in 1762 and of the problems of the settlement at Trinity and the Lester fleet of ships about 1770.
    - a. **Francis Lester #662** b. \_\_\_\_ 1751, d. \_\_\_\_ 1752.
    - b. **Rachael Lester #663** b. \_\_\_\_ 1752, m. **Richard Austen #667**.
    - c. **Sir John Lester #664** b. \_\_\_\_ 1754, ref .,<sup>3</sup> m. (1) **Love Rawling Eppes #757**, m. (2) **Anne Russel #668**. Sir died \_\_\_\_ 1805. [ref M1947] Sir John was knighted by George III. When he died with no heir, the Lester property went to the Garlands. Business came to an end in 1860. The property remained with the family until 1905 when it was sold by Lester Vallis Lester-Garland.
      - (1) **Benjamin Lester #669** (son of Sir John Lester #664 and Anne Russel #668) b. \_\_\_\_ 1783, d. \_\_\_\_ 1787.
    - d. **Susannah Lester #665** b. \_\_\_\_ 1756, bap: 20 Jul 1757, Trinity,<sup>5</sup> d. \_\_\_\_ 1778.
    - e. **Amy Lester #152** b. \_\_\_\_ 1759, m. \_\_\_\_ 1799,<sup>4</sup> **George Garland #151**, b. \_\_\_\_ 1753, East Lulworth, England,<sup>4</sup> (son of Joseph Garland #35) d. \_\_\_\_ 1825, Wimborne, England.<sup>4</sup> Amy died \_\_\_\_ 1819. **George**: [RIGGS] Inherited from his father-in-law, Benjamin Lester, one of the largest and most prosperous mercantile establishments involved in the Nfld. fish trade. Company was based in Poole, with Nfld HQ in Trinity. [ref CUFF] George established business on his own account in 1805. He moved to Poole as a young man to start a business in the corn trade. At Poole, he came into contact with Benjamin Lester (#660), who carried on an extensive business in the Newfoundland fishery. In 1799 he married Lester's daughter and joined Benjamin Lester and Co. He gained partial control of the Lester estate upon his father-in-law's death in 1802. He changed the name of the firm in 1805 and had full control of one of the largest firms in the Newfoundland trade by 1813. He managed mercantile holdings stretching from Conception Bay to Labrador, although the Newfoundland end of the trade was headquartered in Trinity, TB. He never visited Newfoundland himself, depending instead on agents in Trinity, who included his sons and many other relatives. He later passed over to his sons the right to manage the business without him. He was active in English politics, was MP for Poole 1801-06 and mayor in 1788 and 1810.
      - (1) **Benjamin Lester Garland #156** b. \_\_\_\_ 1779, d. 14 Jul 1838, Paris, France.<sup>6</sup> Changed surname to Lester in 1805. Ref [HOW] gives his name as Benjamin Sester Lester at time of death. [How] also says "late of Stone Cottage, Dorset".
      - (2) **Joseph Galston Garland #157** b. \_\_\_\_ 1781, d. \_\_\_\_ 1854. Twin (Francis Penton). [MMPD] Navy career.
      - (3) **Francis Penton Garland #158** b. \_\_\_\_ 1781, d. \_\_\_\_ 1849. [MMDP] Stayed in

Poole and looked after John Lester's business.

- (4) **Lester Garland** #159 b. \_\_\_\_ 1783, d. \_\_\_\_ 1798, Leghorn.<sup>7</sup>
  - (5) **George Bingley Garland** #160 b. \_\_\_\_ 1784, d. \_\_\_\_ 1790.
  - (6) **Maria Cliner Garland** #161 b. \_\_\_\_ 1787, ref .,<sup>8</sup> d. \_\_\_\_ 1790.
  - (7) **John Bingley Garland** #162 b. 29 Nov 1791, Poole, England,<sup>9</sup> ref .,<sup>10</sup> m. (1) \_\_\_\_ 1822,<sup>9</sup> **Deborah Vallis** #658, b. \_\_\_\_ 1799,<sup>8</sup> (daughter of Samuel Vallis #1201 and Deborah Gregory #1202) d. 3 Jul 1839, France,<sup>11</sup> m. (2) **Frances Maria Read** #163, d. aft 12 Jul 1875.<sup>9</sup> John died 12 Jun 1875, Stone Park, Wimborne, England, buried: Garland Memorial Chapel, Poole. Carried on an extensive business at Trinity. Elected first member for Trinity District in 1832 when Nfld. granted representative government. First speaker of the House of Assembly 1833. Mayor of Poole, England, 1824. Lived the life of a country gentleman at Lesson House & Stone. Was high sheriff of Dorset in 1827. Oldest magistrate in the country. ref: various, incl. MOSD, RIGGS
    - (a) **Rev. George Vallis Garland** #881 (son of John Bingley Garland #162 and Deborah Vallis #658) b. \_\_\_\_ 1824,<sup>8</sup> bap: \_\_\_\_ 1893,<sup>8</sup> ref .<sup>9</sup>
    - (b) **Rev. Lester Garland** #165 (son of John Bingley Garland #162 and Deborah Vallis #658) b. \_\_\_\_ 1828,<sup>8</sup> bap: \_\_\_\_ 1896,<sup>8</sup> ref .<sup>9</sup> Changed his name to Lester Lester to preserve the Lester name. See reference RIGGS. Changed is name in 1854, according to HAN96.
    - (c) **Amy Lester Garland** #882 (daughter of John Bingley Garland #162 and Deborah Vallis #658) b. \_\_\_\_ 1831,<sup>8</sup> ref .,<sup>9</sup> m.<sup>9</sup> ... **Pyper** #891.
    - (d) **Marie Georgina Garland** #883 (daughter of John Bingley Garland #162 and Deborah Vallis #658) b. \_\_\_\_ 1833,<sup>8</sup> ref .,<sup>9</sup> m.<sup>9</sup> ... **Cass** #890. Marie died \_\_\_\_ 1884.<sup>8</sup>
    - (e) **Eileen Blanche Garland** #884 (daughter of John Bingley Garland #162 and Deborah Vallis #658) b. \_\_\_\_ 1835,<sup>8</sup> ref .,<sup>9</sup> m.<sup>9</sup> ... **Plumtree** #889. HAN96 says Ellen, not Eileen
    - (f) **Margaret Deborah Garland** #885 (daughter of John Bingley Garland #162 and Frances Maria Read #163) ref .,<sup>9</sup> m.<sup>9</sup> **Edward M. Cooksley** #888, ref .<sup>8</sup>
    - (g) **Frances Augusta Garland** #886 (daughter of John Bingley Garland #162 and Frances Maria Read #163) b. \_\_\_\_ 1841,<sup>8</sup> ref .,<sup>9</sup> m.<sup>9</sup> ... **Swiny** #887. Frances died \_\_\_\_ 1875.<sup>8</sup>
    - (h) **John Bingley Garland** #915 (son of John Bingley Garland #162 and Frances Maria Read #163) ref .<sup>8</sup>
  - (8) **George Garland** #164 b. \_\_\_\_ 1793, d. 20 Feb 1833, Dorset,<sup>12</sup> buried: St. Paul's Cemetary, Trinity, Nfld. <sup>12</sup> Merchant and Magistrate. Came to Nfld in 1819 for 1st time probably. [RIGGS] Entered into partnership with brother John Bingley Garland and their father in 1819. Appointed justice of the peace. [Beamish] John and George worked in Lisbon at the Portugese end of the trade for Hart, Garland and Robinson before going to Nfld.
  - (9) **Amy Garland** #166 b. \_\_\_\_ 1795, m. \_\_\_\_ 1814,<sup>1</sup> **Christopher Spurrier** #659, (son of William Spurrier #1127) ref .<sup>8</sup> Amy died \_\_\_\_ 1840. **Christopher**: Nfld. Merchant.
    - (a) **Amy Spurrier** #1124 b. \_\_\_\_ 1815, ref .<sup>1</sup>
    - (b) ... **Spurrier** #1125 ref .,<sup>1</sup> d. \_\_\_\_ 1818.
    - (c) ... **Spurrier** #1126 b. \_\_\_\_ 1821, d. \_\_\_\_ 1821. Stillborn.
  - (10) **Maria Ursula Garland** #167 b. \_\_\_\_ 1797, d. \_\_\_\_ 1840.
  - (11) **Augustus Lester Garland** #168 b. \_\_\_\_ 1799, d. \_\_\_\_ 1839.
- f. **Sarah Lester** #666 b. \_\_\_\_ 1763, m. **James Pointer** #670.
7. **Rachael Lester** #1210.
  8. **William Lester** #1211.

9. **Abraham Lester** #1212.

<sup>1</sup> BEAM D. Beamish, J. Hillier and H. Johnston, "Mansions and Merchants of Poole" ISBN 07137 0836 0

<sup>2</sup> HAN82 Gordon Hancock, "A Biographical Profile of 18th and Early 19th Century Merchant Families and Entrepreneurs in Trinity, Trinity Bay", as extracted from a copy donated to the Trinity Museum in 1982.

<sup>3</sup> M1947 Parish registers, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Trinity, Nfld., 1753-1867 (M.G.9, I2, Volume 1), National Archives, Ottawa Notes signed by G.H. Lester-Garland, Bath, 1956

<sup>4</sup> CUFF Robert H. Cuff, Melvin Baker and Robert D.W. Pitt (eds.), Dictionary of Newfoundland and Labrador Biography, 1990, Harry Cuff Pub., ISBN 0-921191-51-0 120

<sup>5</sup> M1947 Parish registers, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Trinity, Nfld., 1753-1867 (M.G.9, I2, Volume 1), National Archives, Ottawa

<sup>6</sup> HOW Vital Statistics and Items from Newspapers of Newfoundland from 1834 to 1854, compiled by Mildred Howard 11

<sup>7</sup> MMPD "Mansions and Merchants of Poole and Dorset", by Derek Beamish, John Hillier, HFV Johnstone, Poole Historical Trust, 1976. (info supplied by Betty Ingham via email on 97-05-02)

<sup>8</sup> HAN96 Gordon Handcock, correspondence dated August 27, 1996 to WJG which included information on the Garland-Lester family tree compiled a few years before.

<sup>9</sup> RIGGS Bert Riggs, article in the Memorial University of Newfoundland Gazette, Volume 28, Number 17, April 25, 1996. Bert is an archivist for the Centre for Newfoundland Studies Archives, located on level one of the QE II Library, MUN. 12

<sup>10</sup> MOSD H.M. Mosdell, M.B., "When Was That, A Chronological Dictionary of Important Events in Newfoundland Down to and Including the Year 1922" 61

<sup>11</sup> HOW Vital Statistics and Items from Newspapers of Newfoundland from 1834 to 1854, compiled by Mildred Howard 14

<sup>12</sup> NLGS database record # 02010147. Query date: August 31, 1996.