

Louisa DOEG buried August -September 1835 age 7 months
H. B. DOEG buried 3rd December 1835 age 3
William DOEG (1) buried 18th March 1850 age 51, a Fuller
Ellen DOEG buried 24th March 1850 age 26, wife of William Doeg Junior

William Doeg (1) was born in Norwich on the 10th November 1801 to James and Deborah Doeg and was baptised on 6th December 1801 at Saint James, Pockthorpe, Norwich.¹

James his father, a tailor by trade moved many times from Exeter to Norwich, York and Canterbury. Deborah, William's mother, née Ferris, was born in Exeter and was married to James at St. Thomas the Apostle on 6th September 1790.²

James and Deborah had a total of six children that we have traced; Sarah³, David, William, James, Mary and Ann.⁴

William married Sarah Langston on 6th May 1821 in Exeter's Holy Trinity Church.⁵ Their six children, Emma Langston, William Samuel, Maria Elizabeth, H.B, Ellen, Louisa⁶ and Louisa Mary⁷ were all born in Exeter.

By 1841 they were living in Red Lion Court, Magdalene Road with their children Emma (17), William (15), Maria (12), Ellen (9) and Sarah's mother Mary Langston. They had buried two of their children, Louisa and H.B. in 1835.

William, like his father before him worked in the textile trade but as a Fuller and is noted as being Beadle at Tuckers Hall in 1850 however he had fallen on hard times and even by 1835 had to take in clothes for cleaning.⁸ Perhaps as a side line to this business, as how else would a poor man gain access to silk and silk velvets, he made patchwork quilts.⁹ In the 1851 census Sarah his wife, Emma and Ellen two of his daughters are needlewomen and milliners so it is possible he gained materials from them. Described as 'an industrious man' he had taken one of his quilts to exhibit before Queen Victoria for which she gave him £5 in token of her approval. Earl Fortescue, the Lord Steward, suggested he had a raffle for the quilt amongst members of his own family. The quilt was won by the Lady Fortescue for Sir John Hamlyn Williams, Bart. William was described as 'poor, but industrious and honest'.¹⁰

¹ 'England, Select Births and Christenings, 1538-1975' access via Ancestry.co.uk

² 'England, Select Marriages, 1538-1973' access via Ancestry.co.uk

³ 'England and Wales Christening Index 1530-1980' access via Ancestry.co.uk

⁴ 'England, Select Births and Christenings, 1538-1975' access via Ancestry.co.uk

⁵ 'England, Select Marriages, 1538-1973' access via Ancestry.co.uk

⁶ 'England and Wales, Non-Conformist and Non-Parochial Registers, 1567-1970' access via Ancestry.co.uk

⁷ 'England and Wales Civil Registration Birth Index, 1837-1915' access via Ancestry.co.uk

⁸ 'Besley's Exeter Directory' for 1835.

⁹ 'Exeter and Plymouth Gazette' Saturday 29th May 1847

¹⁰ 'Exeter Flying Post' 19th August 1847

“The quilt, we hear, will be disposed of on Friday next, at 12 o'clock at the Royal Subscription Rooms.”¹¹

Sir John Hamlyn Williams was associated with Clovelly House in Devon and it would be of interest to know whether the quilt still exists.

William died on 5th March 1850 after suffering with asthma for over 8 months. He was buried in the Dissenters graveyard on 18th March.¹²

Ellen Doeg, née Hutchings, also buried in the graveyard was born to John and Ellen Hutchings in 1824.¹³ John her father was a shipping agent in Exeter. She married William Doeg's son William Samuel Doeg in July 1848¹⁴ and their only son Charles Gordon Grant Doeg was born just three months later.¹⁵ Unfortunately, Ellen died in 1850 at the age of only 26.¹⁶ William went on to marry twice more.

A brother of Ellen Doeg, Philip Hutchings¹⁷, is also buried in the Graveyard as are other members of William Doeg's extended family. William's sister Ann married Henry Bielfeld¹⁸ and William's sister Mary married Thomas Linscott.¹⁹

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¹¹ Exeter Flying Post 19th October 1848

¹² Exeter Flying Post - Thursday 07 March 1850

¹³ 1841 England Census accessed via Ancestry.co.uk

¹⁴ 'England and Wales Civil Registration Marriage Index' accessed via Ancestry.co.uk

¹⁵ 'England and Wales Civil Registration Birth Index, 1837-1915' accessed via Ancestry.co.uk

¹⁶ 'Georges Meeting Burial Register 1837-1882 (DRO3693D/R1), South West Heritage Trust.

¹⁷ As above, note 16

¹⁸ See Bielfeld biographies on EDGT website

¹⁹ See Linscott biographies on EDGT website