

William FRYER	died 1827 aged 66 years
Mary FRYER	died 1818 aged 49 years
William Frederick FRYER	died 1790 aged 6 weeks
Matilda Ann FRYER	died 1796 aged 7 years
Frances Harriet FRYER	died 1798 aged 15 months
Lavinia FRYER	died 1823 aged 13 months

There is no known headstone for the FRYER family but we know, from records that there was a family 'cave' at the graveyard and a 'burial ground'.¹ As William is recorded as William Fryer jun'r on the register of his children's baptisms, we can assume that his father was also called William.² There are a number of people with the surname FRYER in the graveyard³ but we can only be certain that those mentioned above are of the same family buried there.

William FRYER was born circa 1761 as the record of his death in 1827 shows him as being 66 years of age.⁴ In April 1788, he married Mary COSSERAT, the daughter of Nathaniel Elias COSSERAT, at St Mary Arches, Exeter.⁵ According to the records on Ancestry.co.uk and Find My Past they had 11 children:-

Matilda Ann	born 02 March 1789	died 23 Oct 1796
William Frederick	born 03 March 1790	died 20 April 1790
William George	born 12 February 1791	
Sophia Mary	born 04 March 1792	
Caroline Elizabeth	born 27 October 1793	died 1860
Frances Harriet	born 12 July 1797	died 1798
Frederick William	born 15 April 1799	died 28 July 1879
William Henry	born 18 October 1801	
John Hubert	born 03 February 1804	
Ann(e) Cosserrat	born 14 December 1810	died 15 April 4 1873
Rebecca Jane	born 1811	

Records show that, in 1790, when their son, William Frederick, was born the family lived in the parish of St Edmunds on the Bridge.⁶ By 1796, when their daughter, Matilda Ann, died they had moved to the parish of St Olave's.⁷ They stayed for only a short time as, by 1798, when their daughter, Frances Harriet, died they had moved to the parish of St Thomas near Exon.⁸ In 1816, the family were living in Okehampton Street, Exeter.⁹

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Mary died in 1818 ¹⁰ and William married Ann(e) ENDICOTT on 13 May 1819 in Drewsteignton Church, Devon.¹¹

According to William's Will,¹² William and Ann(e) had four children:-

William John

Merlin

Alfred

Lavinia born 28 February 1822 died 30 March 1823

William was buried on 26 June 1827.¹³ In 1841 Ann(e) was living in Cowick Street, St Thomas, Exeter.¹⁴ She died on 10 November 1854 at No.1 The Friars, Exeter¹⁵ and was buried on 15 November 1854 in the parish of Ide, Devon.¹⁶

Additional information concerning William's children

Sophia Mary Fryer married John Cockram in 1823 at St Mary Steps, Exeter.¹⁷ In 1841 John and Mary were living in Market Place, Penzance with their three children, Sophia (aged 15), Ann (aged 13) and William (aged 11). John is described as a Chemist.¹⁸ In 1851 Sophia was living at 7 North Parade, Penzance with her son, William H Cockram, aged 22, who is described as a Chemist Assistant Journeyman. Sophia is described as a Lodging House Keeper.¹⁹ She died in 1852 in Penzance.²⁰

Their first child, Sophia Mary Cockram, was born on 26 August 1824 in Penzance. On the certificate of birth, John Cockram is described as a Druggist.²¹ Sophia married Frederick Robion de la Trehonais on 18 June 1845 in Penzance.²²

Caroline Elizabeth Fryer married George Robbins Gliddon on 26 July 1828 at St.Sidwells, Exeter.²³ In 1841 they were living in Southernhay, Exeter with three children, George (aged 11), Frederick (aged 8) and Emily (aged 5). George is described as an Accountant. Also living at the address was Caroline's sister,

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Rebecca Yule (aged 30 sic.).²⁴ George (senior) died on 15 November 1856 “at his residence in Southernhay after three years of severe illness”.²⁵

In 1861, Caroline and her daughter, Emily, were living at 44 Southernhay along with several servants and residents. They are both described as Lodging House Keepers.²⁶ Caroline died on 20 April 1863.²⁷

Frederick William Fryer died on 28 July 1879 in Parr Street, Exeter aged 79 years. His occupation is given as Accountant and cause of death was Senile Decay and Cardiac Disease.²⁸

John Hubert Fryer According to the 1851 census, he was a Chemist/Druggist and lived at 28 Briton Side, Parish of Charles the Martyr, Plymouth. He is shown as being a widower but, to date, we have been unable to find a marriage.²⁹

Rebecca Jane Fryer married Samson Yule on 09 September 1837 at St David’s, Exeter. The marriage certificate shows him as Gentleman.³⁰ In 1843 he is shown as a Mariner.³¹

In 1844, Rebecca married Henry Mayne, a Captain (Half Pay)/Army who was born in Ireland.³² In 1861, they were living at St. George’s Square, Worcester with two daughters and one servant.³³

Ann(e) Cosserat Fryer married the Reverend Edgecombe Rimell, Vicar of Maristow, Devon, on 24th May 1843, at Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire.³⁴ She died, a widow, on 15 April 1873 at 22 Cheltenham Place, Plymouth.³⁵

William John Fryer possibly born in March 1816!!!! This William John Fryer is the son of Anne Endacott and was born at Whitestone, Exeter, according to one of the Public Trees on Ancestry. Of course, this would mean that he was born William Fryer’s first wife, Mary, died but he did marry Anne Endicott later so who knows!!!! What we know for certain is that William John Fryer was a “Clerk on Railway” in 1851³⁶ and that he married Catherine Batt on 15 January 1852 at St. Marylebone Church, Middlesex.³⁷

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Merlin Fryer was born on 29 August 1820.³⁸ Just before his 16th birthday, Merlin is shown as Clerk to William Marks Benison, Attorney.³⁹ He married Margaretta Brutton in 1844⁴⁰ and in 1851 he is described as an Attorney at Law and living with his wife and two servants at Matford Lodge, Exeter.⁴¹ He died on 16 April 1885.⁴²

Alfred Fryer married Mary Anne Halhed on 9th January 1849 at the Mission Church, Chitlayong, East Indies. He is shown in the newspaper report as Captain Alfred Fryer, of the Honourable Company's schooner, SPY. Mary Anne was the youngest daughter of F.J.A Elson, Esq.⁴³

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