

William Huxham died 1839 Ironfounder

Elizabeth Huxham died 1832 aged 54

There is no stone for this family but burial records show:

Elizabeth Huxham died in 1773 wife of William Huxham

Mrs Huxham died 1781

Huxham an unnamed child died 1803

Huxham an unnamed infant died 25 March 1809

Ellen Huxham died 1818 aged 3 and a half daughter of William an Ironfounder.

Mr Huxham died Jan 1820 aged 84

Elizabeth Huxham died 14 July 1832 aged 54 wife of William Huxham

There is no record of the first Elizabeth Huxham elsewhere.

William Huxham was born in about 1774 the son of George Huxham and Mary Vavasour and baptised in Plymouth at the Batter Street Presbyterian Church.¹ George Huxham and Mary Huxham his parents are probably the Mrs Huxham who died in 1781 and Mr Huxham who died in 1820 aged 84.

William married Elizabeth Spicer Drewe in 1795 at St Martins Exeter.²

They had at least 9 children:

William b: June 1795 and baptised in Plymouth.³

George b:1798⁴

John b:1800⁵

Henry b:1803⁶

Frederick 1805⁷

George, John, Henry, Frederick and Emily were all baptised at George's Meeting House in 1810⁸

Mary Vavasour 1811⁹

Ellen 1815 to 1818¹⁰

Charles 1818¹¹

There are records of 4 of the children surviving to adulthood. There are records of unnamed child deaths/burials for 3 other children in 1803, 1809 and 1813.¹²

1804 A partnership between William Huxham and Samuel Kingdon was dissolved and the business was carried on by William Huxham.¹³

1815 A Commission of Bankruptcy was awarded against William Huxham for The Iron Foundry in Ewings Lane.¹⁴ Despite this he seems to have continued in business.

¹ England and Wales Non Conformist and Non Parochial Registers 1567-1970

² England Selected Marriages 1538-1973

³ England and Wales Non Conformist and Non Parochial Registers 1567-1970

⁴ England and Wales Non Conformist and Non Parochial Registers 1567-1970

⁵ England and Wales Non Conformist and Non Parochial Registers 1567-1970

⁶ England and Wales Non Conformist and Non Parochial Registers 1567-1970

⁷ England and Wales Non Conformist and Non Parochial Registers 1567-1970

⁸ England and Wales Non Conformist and Non Parochial Registers 1567-1970

⁹ England and Wales Non Conformist and Non Parochial Registers 1567-1970

¹⁰ England and Wales Non Conformist and Non Parochial Registers 1567-1970

¹¹ England and Wales Non Conformist and Non Parochial Registers 1567-1970

¹² England and Wales Non Conformist and Non Parochial Registers 1567-1970

¹³ London Gazette November 6th 1804

¹⁴ London Gazette April 8th 1815

1819 William Huxham wrote a long letter to the Exeter Flying Post concerning the beating of his son by a master at school and action he took against this - *"On 5th May 1813 at nine in the morning my son returned from school and immediately informed me he had left it because he had missed a word and that he was about to be flogged for his defcalation"*.

William Huxham visited the school and spoke to the master and thought that they had agreed to let the matter rest. However when the boy returned to the school the next day *"Mr T came to him and called 3 or 4 boys from their seats and took the defenceless victim by legs and arms and laid him prostrate on the desk.....when he inflicted a punishment on him which would perhaps disgrace a Turk or Algerine."*¹⁵

He continues to be horrified about the treatment of his son by this master. It is most likely, given the date, that the son was Frederick who was his oldest surviving son.

1821 Fire destroys iron foundry and smithy in Ewings Lane. Business was later resumed.¹⁶

1822 Patent: Improvements to roof construction.¹⁷

1827/1830/1831/1832/1833/1836/1837 William Huxham is listed as an Iron Founder in Shilhay^{18/19}, one of four in that part of Exeter.

Elizabeth Huxham died July 14th 1832.²⁰

William Huxham died August 27th 1839.^{21/22}

1840 Will of William Huxham.²³

His will originally made John Holland of Crediton and Jonathan Glyde of St Thomas executors, advisors and assigners for his will. It must have been written over time because of the various mentions of his sons some of whom were no longer alive when he dies but was finalised in 1827.

Frederick and Charles possibly took over the business, however it soon becomes a partnership with James Armitage Brown who married their sister Mary.²⁴

Emily Drewe Huxham married James Strick son of John Strick a cornfactor in 1839 in St Thomas.²⁵ He seems to have come from Wales and moved back to Wales with his family.²⁶ He is variously listed as an insurance agent and a coal merchant. They had 4 children Mary, James, Emily and Frank²⁷.

¹⁵ Exeter Flying Post August 19th 1819

¹⁶ Exeter Flying Post February 22nd 1821

¹⁷ Hereford Journal July 24th 1822

¹⁸ Pigots Directory 1830

¹⁹ Exeter Pocket Journal 1827, 1831, 1833, 1834, 1836, 1837

²⁰ England and Wales non Conformist and non Parochial Registers 1567-1970

²¹ England and Wales Civil Registration Death Index

²² Western Morning News August 31st 1839

²³ Prerogative Court of Canterbury PROB11 Devon Wills Index 1163-1999

²⁴ Western Times October 19th 1839

²⁵ England Selected Marriages 1538-1973

²⁶ 1841 Census

²⁷ England Selected Births and Christenings 1538-1975

Mary Vavasour Huxham married James Armitage Brown in 1842 who became a partner in the business ²⁸. They had 5 children: Ralph, Charles, Edward, Margaret and Mary ²⁹. Only Mary married. ³⁰

1846: Huxham and Brown are listed as Iron Founders and Smiths on Commercial Road ³¹.

There is no mention of the family in the 1841 Census

1851

Family were living at 52 Alphington Road/Sydney House (which no longer exists but stood beside Sydney Place on Alphington Street). The residents were Frederick Huxham, Charles Huxham and James and Mary Brown and their 5 children. The business employed 41 men and boys. ³²

Frederick Huxham died on November 1st 1859. ^{33\34}

He left very little money but this could have been because it was tied up in the business. ³⁵

There is no mention of the Huxhams in the 1861 Census although their brother in law James Brown, his wife Mary and 5 of their children are listed. ³⁶

1871

Charles Huxham was living at Sydney House Alphington Road. James Brown, his wife Mary and 3 of their children also lived in the house.

Charles Huxham was a partner in the business with James Brown employing 48 men and 8 boys. ³⁷

1881

James Brown a manufacturing engineer was living at 2, Regents Park Heavitree with his wife Mary Brown and 3 children. He employed 44 men and boys. There is now mention of Charles Hexham who does not appear elsewhere in the census, although he died at this address 8 years later. ³⁸

Charles Huxham died on March 14th 1889. ³⁹

1891

James Brown a steam engineer manufacturer was living at 2, Regents Park with 3 of his adult children. ⁴⁰

²⁸English Select Marriages 1538-1973

²⁹ England Select Births and Christenings 1538-1970

³⁰ England Select Marriages 1538-1973

³¹ Piggots Directory 1846

³² 1851 Census

³³ England and Wales Civil Registration Death Index 1567-1790

³⁴ Western Times November 5th 1859

³⁵ England and Wales National Probate Calendar Index of Wills and Administration 1858-1966

³⁶ 1861 Census

³⁷ 1871 Census

³⁸ 1881 Census

³⁹ England and Wales Civil Registration Death Index

⁴⁰ 1891 Census