

Our Morgan Ancestors from South Monmouthshire

By Brian Hyde

My interest in Family History came about by a strange coincidence. One day in 1975 I went out with my father to the St. Julians Conservative Club where he was a member. While we were there my father said to me "Brian Hyde meet Brian Hyde" and introduced me to one of the other members. I had a conversation with this other Brian Hyde and a lot of strange coincidences came out.

He was roughly the same age as me, his mother was called Nellie as was my mother, his father's middle name was George, and my father's name was George. His Mother and Father were from Newport as were mine. He was born in Newport but I was born in Newmarket, at the nearest Hospital to the Air Force base where we were living at the time.

It suddenly struck me that if my son (born in 1974) or any of my descendants tried to compile a family tree they would more than likely find this other Brian Hyde born in Newport, mother called Nellie, father called 'something' George and would instantly be wrong from the very start.

So I decided there and then to research into my family history and have it available should anyone ever be interested in it.

As my surname is Hyde, I was mostly interested in the Hyde side; but this was a taboo subject with my father - as his own father had run off and left them when my father was young. My father would never speak of his father, so I had a very difficult task to find out any information.

My mother's maiden name was Morgan so this record concentrates on the Morgan family; I have concentrated on mostly direct ancestry but have recorded side branches when I have found them.

Please use this record as you wish but if you think I am wrong or if you wish to add new information. I am particularly interested in family photographs; please get in contact with me on:

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A photo of myself taken in 1950 at Bury St. Edmunds near the married quarters at Stradishall Air Force Base where we lived at the time.

A picture that, when I was younger, was the bane of my life.

Brian Hyde

I was born in 1947.

My father was George Harry Hyde and my mother, Emily Elizabeth Nellie Morgan.

Both of my parents were named after various family members, as was the custom in those days.

My father was 33 and my mother 32 years old.

I was born at the Whitelodge Hospital, Exning, in Newmarket in Suffolk. It was about 10 miles away from the Air Force base where we lived at Stradishall in the married quarters. My father was in the Royal Air Force, he had been in the air force since he was a boy entrant, and for about 18 years at this point.

An interesting point to note is that I was registered by my father and he got my mother's name wrong.

My early life consisted of living at various Air Force bases, my father being posted several times. All were in the east of England, mostly in Lincolnshire & Suffolk. We moved back to Newport in about 1954, and when we first arrived back in Newport we stayed with my Grandparents, (my Mothers Mother and Father) at 8, Poplar Road in Somerton. We stayed there for a few weeks, or even months, until we had a house that my father had bought updated. It was number 43, Eton Road in Newport.

I went to Maindee School for a few years and then on to St.Julians.

My early years were marred by Asthma and I lost a lot of schooling.

Just after I was 15, the Friday that I had finished school my father said to me "I've got you a job, you start in the planning department down the works (Steel Co of Wales) as a runner boy."

My father had left the R.A.F. at this point as was Works Engineer at the Steel Company.

So my first ever job, apart from being a paper boy, was to take drawings, plans and letters around the works.



My Mother, Father and myself taken in 1948



Myself taken in Bournemouth in about 1956

My Parents:-

Emily Elizabeth Nellie Morgan and George Harry Hyde.

My parents married on 21st September 1946 at the Register Office in Newport.

Both of them has been married before and had been divorced. My mother had two children from her first marriage; Idris and Janis. I had always known that my mother was married before, but I was about 18 before I discovered that my father also had been married previously.

My mother told me the tale of how she and my father had known each other from being children, living in the same area. She had married Frank Ernest Rogers and my father married his sister Rose Evelyn

Rogers. They were both the innocent party and both had divorced, they met by chance in Newport when my father was on leave from the Royal Air Force after the war, and said “that was a fine family we married into wasn’t it” and their relationship developed from there.

George Harry Hyde

Was born in Somerton Road, Newport on 12th November 1913. His father working as a roller in the steel works at the time.

Emily Elizabeth Nellie Morgan

Was born the 30th August 1915 at Easton, Winchester where her father was a Blacksmith and at the time he was in the Royal Engineers during the First World War.

He was invalided out of the Army due to the condition of his feet. He had hammer toes - which is still going through the family today. I believe that various other previous ancestors also had this affliction.

My mother was the eldest of four sisters, her three sisters were

Mabel (born 1916), Elsie (born 1921) and Rose (born 1927).

My Mother spent her early years living with her mother and father in 21 Capel Street in Pill in rented rooms, and spent a few years at Tredegar Wharf School. When her Mother and Father were allocated a council house at 8 Poplar Road in Somerton, she went to Maindee School for a term or two while waiting for a place at Eveswell School. At 11, she went to Hatherleigh School.

Her father, like so many of his generation, suffered finding work in the 1920’s and 1930’s in the depression after the First World War, and times were tough.

My mother, as soon as she was able to leave school, was sent out to work, to help the family’s finances. She was ‘in service’, working as a live in maid at a house in the Handpost area. For many years the house was the Red Cross Offices. She remained ‘in service’ there until she left to get married to Frank Rogers.



Anthony Evan Morgan and Emily James Wedding Day | May 1915



in 1916 with Emily Elizabeth Nelly Morgan

My Morgan Grandparents

Anthony Evan Morgan and Emily James

Anthony Evan Morgan was born in Caerwent on 7th March 1888, where his father had a business. The house and business was, and still is, located on the main A48 adjacent to the North Gate pub.

In those days the North Gate was called The Ship Inn, and was a Coaching stop on the road from Newport to Chepstow. His father had a contract to repair coaches and their wheels, and is down in records as a coachsmith and wheelwright.

Anthony Evan Morgan had a lot of brothers and sisters and they all had a trade – and Anthony Evan Morgan trained as a blacksmith.

Emily James was born in Llanvair Discoed on 8th May 1890 where her father was an agricultural worker. They lived right at the top of the quite steep hill that runs up the side of the pub in the village, in an area called The Slades. The James family had lived there for generations, and they were all Coopers or Barrelmakers.

Emily James' mother was 45 when Emily was born, and unfortunately died when Emily was about 15. So Emily was taken to Newport after this, and was found a job 'in service' as a live-in maid. She remained there until she married Anthony Evan Morgan.

Anthony Evan Morgan moved to Newport with his mother, father, brothers and sisters, and lived in 54 Alma Street. I think it was as early as 1905, but they definitely were by the time of the 1911 Census. He was working for an Iron Foundry in Newport. Most of the research seems to show it was for W.A.Baker. He enlisted for the First World War, and was in the Royal Engineers as a blacksmith.

My Grandparents married in the Church in London Street in Newport, on 1st May 1915 and went to live at Winchester close to the Army Camp, where my mother was born.

Anthony Evan Morgan worked at W.A.Baker as a general blacksmith. One of the pieces he was involved with was making the railings and gates at Tredegar House just outside Newport. He also made the railings around Llandegveth reservoir.

Emily Morgan died on 11th June 1965 and Anthony Evan Morgan died on 17th September 1965. Both are buried at Christchurch Cemetery, Newport.

My Morgan Great Grandparents

Charles Askew Morgan and Alice Maria Stephens

Charles Askew Morgan was born 9th December 1856 in Holborn, London, where his father was working at the time. He was born at 16 Benjamin Street, Saffron Hill. He had an older sister named Mary Ann Morgan, born in 1851 St.Luke's, also in London.

Mary Ann (aged 11) and Charles Askew (aged 4) were christened in Undy Parish Church on 10th November 1861. (*re Poor Law rules*)

On the 1861 Census, Charles Askew (aged 4) was with his parents at 54 Brick Lane, St.Luke's, Finsbury, London. His sister Mary Ann (aged 10) was at Dancing Place, in Undy, Monmouthshire, with her aunt and uncle William and Mary Adams (nee Morgan). Also at the house was Elizabeth Morgan (aged 70), who was Charles Askew Morgan (Snr) and Mary Ann Adams' mother.

Mary Ann Morgan marries in Newport in Sept Quarter 1878, to Edward Burford, who was a train driver. They have 6 children, 5 of whom survive. They move around with Edward's job and live in Newport, Paddington on the 1901 Census, and Oxford on the 1911 Census.

Charles Askew Morgan and Alice Maria Stephens had met and married in Newport. Charles was a carpenter, and Alice 'in service'. They married in Newport in 1877, and their first children (a set of twins) were born in Newport. All indications suggest that Alice was perhaps staying with her parents in Frederick Street, Newport.

They soon moved to Caerwent, and by the 1881 Census, were living next door to the Post Office in the middle of the village. Charles Askew working with his father in his Wheelwright and Carpentry business, next door to the Northgate pub.

They went on to have 10 children, and all but one survived. One of these children, Anthony Evan Morgan, was my grandfather. There are a lot of cousins.

Charles Askew Morgan's father, Charles Askew Morgan (snr) died in 1883, and Charles Askew took over his business they remained in Caerwent for about another 20 years. They moved into Newport in the

early years of the 20th Century, and lived at 54 Alma Street. Charles Askew Morgan working as a wheelwright for the Alexandra Dock Company.



Charles Askew Morgan (jnr) and Alice Maria Stephens and family

My Morgan Great Great Grandparents

Charles Askew Morgan and Emma Bo(w)yer

Charles Askew Morgan (Snr) was born in Crick in Mathern Parish, and was christened in the small church at St.Pierre on 2nd February 1823. He had an older sister, Mary Ann Morgan, also christened at St.Pierre on 28th November 1819. His father was a shoemaker named James Morgan, and his mother Elizabeth (nee Price).

Times were very hard for shoemakers in the 1820's, and James Morgan, his wife Elizabeth, Mary Anne and Charles Askew were named on a removal order from Caerwent on 28th December 1826. (Under the poor law if you became dependant on the parish, they held a court at the church where you were cross examined, and forcibly returned to your parish of your birth. In James Morgan's case, it was St.Arvals)

Some of the poor law books from St.Arvals survive but Charles Askew Morgan is not mentioned but I suspect he was apprenticed as soon as he was old enough.

Charles Askew Morgan is next found in London, on the 1841 Census; living at 20 Ashton Street, Tower Hamlets as a Blacksmith (aged 18).

Charles Askew Morgan had an older half brother named James, from his father's first marriage, who was also living in London at the time, but I don't know if they knew each other.

Charles Askew Morgan meets Emma Boyer (Father named Robert Bowyer), and they marry in Greenwich on 20th June 1847. They don't seem to be living together full time, as on the 1851 Census, Charles Askew Morgan is lodging at Tower Hamlets working as a Carpenter (aged 27). Emma Boyer is living with her mother and older brother at their pub, her father having died in 1844. However, given that the census records who was staying in the house for that one night, it may be she was simply visiting them.

Later in 1851, they are living together as they have a daughter named Mary Ann Morgan (named after his older sister), born in St. Luke's London.

Charles and Emma have a son Charles Askew Morgan, born 9th December 1856 at Benjamin Street, Saffron Hill (still in St Luke's).

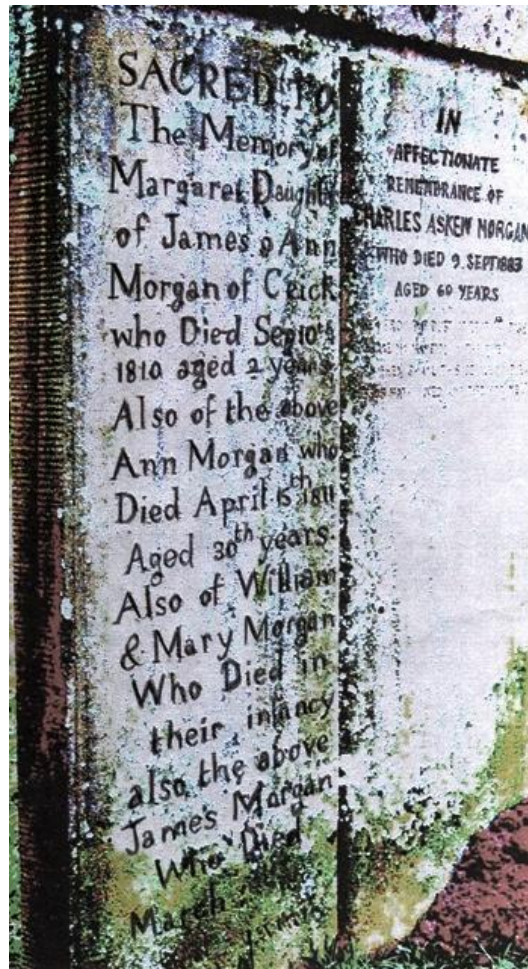
On the 1861 Census, their daughter Mary Ann is living with his older sister and widowed Mother in Undy, Monmouthshire. They are still in London, 54 Brick Lane, Finsbury. Charles is listed as a Coach Builder - but soon they all move to Undy.

On November 10th 1861, both of their children are christened in Undy Parish Church. Mary Ann was aged 11, and Charles Askew 4. They say their father was an Anchor Smith – which is a slightly fanciful title.

On the 1871 Census, they are living at Knollbury Common, Undy. Charles Morgan aged 48 is a Coachsmith; and Emma is 43, Mary Ann 20, and Charles 14.

By the time of the 1881 Census, Charles and Emma were living at Caerwent. Charles had taken over the Wheelwright's business next to the Northgate Pub. He was employing 4 men in 1881, one of those was his son, Charles Askew Morgan (Jnr)

Charles Askew Morgan (Snr) died in 1883, and is buried on 10th September 1883 in Portskewett Churchyard - in the same grave as his father James Morgan.



Photograph of the gravestone in Portskewett churchyard (digitally enhanced)

Also buried here in Portskewett is Charles Askew Morgan, and Emma's granddaughter Emma Ellen Burford (aged 2 years) of 20, Albert Terrace Newport, buried 8th December 1883.

Emma survived her husband, and as their son Charles Askew has taken over the business, she moves away to Newport. On the 1891 census, she can be found living alone at 16 Albert Terrace, Baneswell, Newport living on her 'own means'. Her age is given as 61, but she was really 64.

On the 1901 Census she has moved back to Undy, living at Mill Common, but still living alone, on her 'own means'. Her age given as 67, but she really was 74.

She dies 1907 in Undy, and is buried in Portskewett – this time her given age was true age of 80.



Emma Boyer 1828 - 1907 from an oil painting from within the family
(she was not French but born in London her father was named Robert Bowyer)

My Morgan Great Great Great Grandparents –

James Morgan and Elizabeth Price

James Morgan was baptised on 1st November 1772, in St. Arvans parish church. His father George Morgan, and his mother Bridget (nee Lewis).

Although he was christened at St.Arvens, they lived high on the hill to the north of St.Arvens, in the Parish of Penterry. Penterry Village no longer exists, only bumps are visible in the field surrounding the church. The church is still intact (the only thing remaining there) and the vicar of St.Arvens is also responsible for it - and had been since the time of our ancestors. They still hold a service once a year in the church.

The next time I can find James Morgan is in the Parish of Mathern. There is a possible first Marriage to Mary Blann on 24th September 1797. James Morgan is called Shoemaker of this Parish, and he is aged 24. This marriage is not certain, but probable. Mary must have died however we have not found it, yet.

The next sighting is also in the parish of Mathern. A James Morgan and his wife Ann have children christened. I have not yet found their marriage, but the most probable is James Morgan married to Ann Waters in St.James, Bristol on 9th March 1801. (Bristol seems to have been a surrogate capital of Wales in those days, and quite a few people from South Monmouthshire go to Bristol to get married.)

James Morgan and Ann's first child William, is christened in Mathern on 21st February 1802; tragically he is buried on 1st May 1803.

Their second son James is christened on 20th November 1803, and this James survives, ends up in London, marries a Sarah Ann Burley on 10th September 1828, at St.James, Westminster. They do well and have a family and descendants.

James Morgan and Ann's next child is another William, christened 18th December 1808 at Portskewett. Also christened the same day is Mary, a daughter. These two children were probably not babies, but a year or two old when christened. This William also does not survive, and is buried in Portskewett on 3rd June 1810.

A further daughter, Margaret, is born and christened at Portskewett on 28th October 1810. She also does not survive, there is an entry in Portskewett Parish register for the 2nd September 1811 - when their two children Mary, Margaret, and James Morgan's wife Ann are all buried on the same day. Something disastrous must have happened to the family.

Only James Morgan, (aged 39) and his son James (aged 7) survive.

He seems to return to their rented house at Crick, because the next time he is found is in another marriage at Mathern, on 9th October 1815, to Elizabeth Price who is 14 years his junior. James is 42 years old. He is called Shoemaker of Runston (the area North of the present A48 at Crick was called Runston). Runston village also does not exist any more.

Their first child is a girl they call Mary Ann. She is christened at the small church attached to the manor house of St.Pierre, on 28th November 1819. He is still described as Shoemaker of Runston. Incidentally, the curate at the church of St.Pierre was called Charles H Morgan.

Their second child was named Charles Askew Morgan, also christened at St.Pierre on 2nd February 1823. This was the first person to have the name Askew that is still going through the family today. As yet I have not found the reason for the name. At this time James Morgan was 50 years of age.

Shoemakers had a very hard time in the 1820's, because of the availability of factory made shoes, and James becomes unemployed.

He is obviously evicted from their cottage, and is hauled up in front of the magistrates in Caerwent. Under examination under oath, he reveals his parish of birth as being St.Arvals. Under the poor law they are transported to St.Arvals, where they remain on the parish relief.

The Poor Law books from St.Arvals from this time still exist in the Gwent Record Office, and there are entries in the Overseer's book from 1827 to 1834. James Morgan was paid 2/6d per week out of the parish funds. In 1835, this was reduced to 1/6d a week (I suspect this was when Charles Askew was sent to be apprenticed - but no entries found as yet). The final entry in the book says "Paid James Morgan 11 weeks at 1/6d a week from 31st March 1835".

Monmouthshire }
TO WIT. }

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the Parish of
Caerwent in the said County of
Monmouth, to remove and convey and to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the
Poor of the Parish of *Saint Arvans*
in the County of *Monmouth*
to receive and obey, and to each and every of them.

Forasmuch as Complaint hath been made to us, whose Hands and Seals are
hereto set, Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, in and for the said County of Monmouth
(whereof One is of the Quorum), by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish
of *Caerwent* in the said
County of Monmouth, That

James Morgan and
Elizabeth his Wife and their two
Children namely Mary seven aged
seven years and Charles aged
four years have

come to inhabit in the said Parish of *Caerwent*
not having acquired or obtained any Legal Settlement therein, and *are* actually become
and *are* chargeable to the same Parish: WE, the said Justices, upon examina-
tion do adjudge the said Complaint and Premises to be true: and We do further, upon the
examination of the said *James Morgan*
taken upon Oath, as otherwise, adjudge that the last Legal Settlement of the said *James*
Morgan Elizabeth his Wife and Mary Ann
and Charles their Children
was and is in the said Parish of *Saint Arvans*
in the said County of *Monmouth*

These are therefore in His Majesty's Name, to will and require you, the
said Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the said Parish of *Caerwent*
or to some or one of you, to remove and convey the said

James
Morgan Elizabeth his Wife and Mary
Ann and Charles their Children

from and out of your said Parish unto the said Parish of *Saint Arvans*
and *them* to deliver to the Churchwardens and Overseers of
the Poor of the same Parish, or to some or one of them, together with a Duplicate of this our Order,
who are hereby required to receive and provide for *them* according to Law. Given under
our Hands and Seals this *twenty eighth* day of *December*
in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and *twenty six*

J. Baldwin
J. W. Jones

James Morgan, his wife Elizabeth and their daughter Mary Ann move to Undy, where they rent a small cottage. On the 1841 Census they are living in Undy. He was still described as a shoemaker. He was aged 69.

On the 1841 Census their son Charles Askew Morgan is in Tower Hamlets, London, described as a Blacksmith.

Their daughter Mary Ann Morgan marries William Adams in Undy on 14th October 1841. After William Adams' death, Mary Ann Adams remarries in Newport on 30th November 1868, to Anthony Evan Roberts aged 49. She moves to Cardiff, and dies there on 27th September 1899.

James Morgan dies in Undy on 3rd March 1845, and is buried in Portskewett Churchyard, aged 73.

My Great Great Great Great Morgan Grandparents

George Morgan and Bridget Lewis.

The first information I have of this couple, is that they are the first entry in a new Parish Register book at Penterry, getting married on 29th May 1760. The previously used book from Penterry is in the National Museum of Wales in Aberystwyth.

He was a widower, and she a widow, so both had been married before, and these details have yet to be found. An interesting point is that their witnesses at the wedding were a James Morgan, and a John Morgan.

George Morgan's first wife was named Hannah, they had 5 children – Sarah (born 1747), George (born 1749), Hannah (born 1752), Anne (born 1758), and Richard (born 1759). All were christened in St.Arvals.

George Morgan and Bridget had 5 children – Jane (born 1762), Betty (born 1764), Charles (born 1766), James (born 1st November 1772 - our ancestor), and Bridget (born 1775). All, again, christened in St.Arvals.

Several of the other children survived, and had descendants.

Although all of their children were christened at St.Arvals, the family lived at Penterry, on the old manor of Portcasseg.

George Morgan did not own the house, but was renting it.

I have been able to search some of the old manorial records of the Manor in Portcasseg, and have discovered the following:

Up until 1755, the house was owned by William Morgan (butcher) who died in Chapel Hill (the next parish above Tintern). Before the Manorial Court on 13th October in 1755, a James Morgan (Blacksmith) of Bedminster in Bristol came to claim his inheritance – which seems to have been granted.

He promptly sold it to William Young, also a butcher, of Chapel Hill. A fine of 7/2d was payable to the Lord of the Manor.

Bridget Morgan died and was buried in Chapel Hill on 28th December 1790. George Morgan continued to live in the house in Portcasseg until his death in 1794.

I have not been able to work out what relationship our George Morgan was to either William Morgan, or the other James Morgan. More research on the Manorial records is required, and a trip to the Bristol Record Office.

That is as far as I can go back at the moment, to around 1715-25 in Portcasseg.

ST ARVANS PARISH REGISTER

The wife of John Long was buried the seven and twentieth day of December 1756
 Mary the daughter of John ^{and Hannah} Price was baptized the nineteenth day of June 1757
 Barbara the wife of Lewis Lawrence was buried the nineteenth day of July 1757
 Thomas the son of Morgan Philip and Elizabeth his wife was baptized the
 seventh day of August 1757
 Elizabeth Powell single woman was buried the thirtieth day of September 1757
 Catharine the wife of Thomas King was buried the twenty fourth day of December 1757
 Anne the daughter of George Morgan of St. Asaph was baptized the third day of September 1758
 Anne the daughter of John Henry single woman was baptized the third day of September 1758
 William Walder sent was buried the twentieth day of October 1758
 Anne Margaret of Allet Spenser was buried the third day of November 1758
 Grace the daughter of William and Margaret Morgan was baptized the 25 day of January 1759
 Hannah the daughter of John and Hannah Price was baptized the tenth day of June 1759
 Harriet the daughter of Joseph and Margaret Annely was baptized the twentieth day of June 1759
 John the son of Thomas and Kati Walder was baptized the fifth day of July 1759
 Morgan the son of Morgan and Betty Philip was baptized the second day of October 1759
 John the son of John and Elizabeth Howell was baptized the eighth day of November 1759
 Richard the son of George Morgan of St. Asaph was baptized the twenty ninth day of November 1759
 John Massey Labour was buried the fourth day of January 1760
 John Jones Labour was buried the twenty ninth day of January 1760
 Walter Giles Labour was buried the eighth day of June 1760
 Joanna the daughter of William and Alice Morgan was baptized the eleventh day of July 1760
 Betty the daughter of James and Jane Powell was baptized the thirtieth day of July 1760
 Thomas the son of Thomas and Mary Watkins was baptized Aug 3/1760
 Barnard the son of Joseph and Margaret Annely was baptized the fifth day of September 1760
 Betty daughter of James and Jane Powell was buried Decem: 24 1760
 Mary wife of Thomas Jones was buried Decem: 27 1760
 David Jones was buried December 31. 1760

Mary daughter of John & Mary Morgan was baptizd Feb. 3. 1761
 William son of William & Sarah Williams was baptizd Feb. 7. 1761
 Sarah daughter of John & Hannah Price was baptizd March 29. 1761
 George son of Henry & Mary Moxley was baptizd July 12. 1761
 James Price was buried September 21. 1761
 Mrs Elizabeth Morris Widow was buried September 27. 1761
 Isaac son of John & Mary Howell was baptizd Oct. 18. 1761
 Thomas Jones of Chapel Hill was buried Oct. 23. 1761
 Sarah daughter of James & Anne 1761

Copy of St Arvans Parish Records 1756 to 1761



Picture taken in the Wheelwright Yard next to the Northgate

Identity of the person is not certain. It is possibly Charles Askew (senior).

UNDY PARISH REGISTER		1861 No. 460.					
	Sept 30 1861	Amelia James daughter of	James and Eliza	Williams	tinogastell Undy	journeyman Shoemaker	M ^r Jones vicar of Undy
11 years old when Baptized W ^m Jones	Nov 10 1861	Mary Ann	Charles & Emma	Morgan	St. Lulls London	Anchor Smith	M ^r Jones vicar
11 years old when Baptized W ^m Jones	Nov 10 1861	Charles son of	Charles & Emma	Morgan	St. Lulls London	Anchor Smith	M ^r Jones vicar
	Dec 8 1861	Elizabeth daughter of	James and Elizabeth	Sheppard	Undy	Labourer	M ^r Jones vicar

Copy of 10th November 1861 Undy Parish Register (Anchorsmith)