

THE STYAN HUNTERS

Your Chronicler (YC) has reported in the past that Styans are pretty rare beasts and is gratified to hear from others that they have had success in tracking down yet more of the species at a rate which leaves him overwhelmed with data despite his attempts to get it computerised.

Much information also puts flesh on the bones of known family branches already mentioned in these Chronicles whilst some hunters have discovered new territories to pioneer - like Australia - and Australian Styans have recently been identified from two independent sources, opening up horizons unsuspected by YC. So though they are rare the species does not appear to be endangered.

Which is more than can be said for this little chap

STYAN'S PANDA.

Many people on seeing this creature for the first time are surprised that there are other pandas besides the well-known black and white Giant Panda. This picture gives no clue as to colour but Styans' Panda is predominately light brown and it is about the size of a fox. The first specimen (dead of course) was sent by F.W.Styan from Western China to the Natural History Museum in 1897 and as it was found to be rather larger than the Red Panda already



known to exist in the Himalayas it was given subspecies distinction and in 1902 it became officially known as Styans' Panda. Following the unfreezing of US relations with China 2 female specimens were sent to San Diego Zoo in 1979 and 2 males in 1980 in the hope that they would form the nucleus of a breeding colony. By November 1985 the little dears had done what comes naturally but the patter of tiny paws had still to be heard. YC knows of no other specimens outside China and does not know what their remaining breeding prospects are nor what their life expectancy is. Long life was however granted to F.W.Styan's own mother who lived to 101 but since she was only a Styans by marriage she cannot qualify as the most durable Styans. This title is still held by

WILLIAM STYAN

a member of our main Family Tree who featured in an earlier part of

these Chronicles and who missed his hundredth birthday by 4 months. Born in Leyburn, Yorks in 1881, the 5th of 14 children whose father died in a quarry accident in 1898 he enlisted in the Imperial Yeomanry in January 1900 aged 20, two days after his brother John had done so and they both served in the Boer War (John dying on the ship home). William was discharged in June 1901 but re-enlisted in January 1902 and was sent back to South Africa where he was discharged at his own request 7 months later. That information came from his Army Records.



Will Styan, 1972.

His great-niece supplied the following. He then joined the Police out there but the

following year on hearing that his other brothers had gone to Canada he returned home and then went to Canada, at first to Ontario and later to Saskatchewan and became one of the pioneers of the Strasbourg area there. By 1915 his mother and all his sisters but one had also gone to Canada. He married in 1929 but never had any children and died in May 1981. His eldest sister also reached 99 whilst a younger sister is now a lively 97. Another Canadian Styans with a significant army record was

MAJOR CHARLES STYAN



He was a very distant relative of the above family and in 1913, aged 23 he joined a Major (Quebec) unit of the Canadian Army Reserves and on the outbreak of WW1 in Aug. 1914 went to France with the 48th Highland Regt with his cousin Horace Cox (whose mother was a Styans) with whom he is here seen prior to departure (Charles on the right). Horace was killed and in 1918 Charles was wounded after surviving all the bloodiest battles in which the Canadians fought. After the war he resumed his part-time soldiering where he was C.O. of the Major unit which eventually became an Artillery battery. He and many other related Styans were very active in amateur operatics and the local ice-hockey team. In 1939 he was recalled to the Colours but was not sent overseas (being now about 50) and was eventually discharged in 1946, 33 years after first enlisting. This information was provided by his son, a keen Styans Hunter. This year YC received a visit from Charles's greatnephew now

resident in California and who is another Styan Hunter (who supplied the Panda picture) and who seemed pleased to see that YC had a photograph of the Mazox hockey team with his own father in it and a map of Mazox in which he located his own boyhood home. He himself had incidentally served in the Canadian Army in UK for most of WW2.

Whilst over here on this visit he did a spot of Styan hunting in Yorks which was very helpful to YC. Included in this was the enclosed photograph of the

HAROLD STYAN YOUTH CENTRE

in Harrogate (with our hunter suitably posed in front). YC's attention was first drawn to this by a Styan Hunter from Cambridge who happened to see it whilst passing on a bus one day. Harold Styan (1895-1982) was also a twig on our Tree and a celebrated



athlete and Youth Leader (mentioned in an earlier number of these Chronicles) whose activities ranged from performing gymnastics "on the Halls" before WW1 to teaching boxing post-WW2 in an upper room of his own house (which room he turned into a gymnasium). He received the MBE in recognition of his services to youth (and running the

Harold Styan Youth Centre was a part of this). Of course Canadians do not have a monopoly in Styan Hunting. The following photo was supplied by a Styan descendant in Yugoslavia. This is a picture of Corporal

JAMES TYNE

c1915. a 3rd generation Regular Soldier and YC's father's cousin. The name Tyne came about by accident when James' father (Robert Styan) enlisted in the Grenadier Guards as an 18-year old in 1868 and they spelt his name wrong and he was too nervous to correct them! James's grandfather served in the 2nd

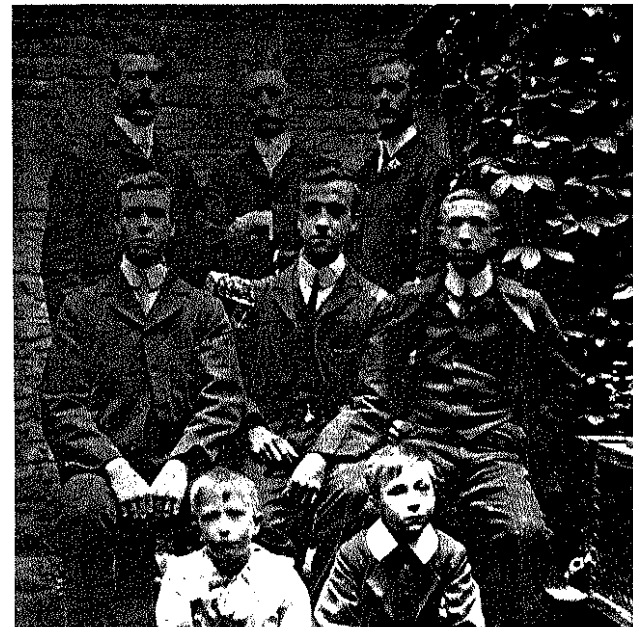
Life Guards from 1827-1852. his father in the Grenadier Guards and

Royal Fusiliers from 1868-1893 and James himself joined the Grenadiers some time before WW1. He died of wounds in 1917 aged 27. His cousin John William Styan was killed in 1916 aged 17, the eldest of 5 children and an only son (though he had a posthumous brother). More

fortunate were YC's father's brothers. YC's father was one of the seven sons of

GEORGE STYAN

here seen in about 1905 with all of them. Alf (in the middle) died in 1913 but all the remaining 6 served in WW1 and all survived which must have been a rare blessing. It was the son of the youngest of these (who sometimes Styan Hunts) who recently sent YC a document from a US genealogical research organisation which listed all the Styan households they knew of in US, Canada and Australia. How they collected their data is unknown to YC but their conclusions do not differ greatly from his.



They summarise them thus:	<u>United States</u>	<u>Canada</u>	<u>Australia</u>
Total Est. No. Households	15	59	22
No. Households in List	13	45	22
Total Est. Population	44	212	85
No of States, Provinces or Territories where families lives	7	7	3
Most populous State &c.	Illinois	B. Columbia	Queensland

YC knows there are errors and omissions because they list people who have been dead for years and some as separate households who are clearly in the same family. Nevertheless they do have many that are new to YC and it also confirms what we started off with - that Styans are pretty rare beasts.



STOP PRESS

As if to give support to the comment at the beginning about the rate of inflow of information a couple of items have arrived since this part of Ye Chronicles was compiled which YC thinks are worthy of inclusion.

First is a letter from yet another Canadian Styan. He reported that during his WW2 service in UK from 1939 -1943 he stayed with Styan relations in the Huddersfield area on leaves in 1941 & 1942 prior to his departure for active service in Sicily & Italy in 1943. Due to the loss of his address book he lost touch with them in 1942.

YC is happy to report that said relations - who got a mention in a recent part of these Chronicles (in a dental context) - live just around the corner from YC's brother - so communication has been restored after a slight hitch of 45 years. The outcome of this is not YC's business. The other new item also has dental connotations and relates to a previously mentioned person in these Chronicles and was

DR. STYAN,
146 & 147, EAST STREET, LEEDS,
 (BOTTOM OF KIRKGATE)

MAY be consulted on all Disorders incident to the Human Frame, Daily from Eight o'Clock in the Morning to Ten at Night FRONT SURGERY, 147, East Street, and the BACK SURGERY and PRIVATE ENTRANCE in Maude's Yard.

N.B. BLEEDING AND TEETH VERY CAREFULLY EXTRACTED
 On the most approved Plan, which never breaks or injures the Jaw Bone, as is too commonly the case with those who practice without being perfect.

LADIES and GENTLEMEN WAITED ON at their own Residences as usual, if required. Medicines sent to all parts of the Kingdom.

Introduction of anaesthetics the concept of breaking the jawbone as a side effect of tooth extraction may leave some of our more sensitive readers aghast. YC wonders about those patients he treated prior to achieving that perfection of which he was so justly proud.

And now - Puzzle Corner.

For readers who might be curious about where all these people fit into the Family Tree YC could say that they have all been identified in previous Parts of these Chronicles and that sorting it out on Christmas afternoon would be an absorbing activity. For the less analytically inclined the answer is given in the enclosed diagram. An attempt has been made to correct errors made in earlier Trees and some readers might like to spot these.

F. W. Styan of panda fame is not yet known to be related to anybody else mentioned herein (except his own Mum) and some relationships are not proven beyond doubt (as shown by ?) but apart from that they all have Whixley Styan roots.

sent by an accomplished Styan Huntress in London. It concerns James Styan who practiced as a bonesetter & chemist &c. in the mid 19th Century in Leeds. This advertisement appeared in "Charlton's Leeds Directory Advertiser" late in 1846 and since it predates the

JAMES STYAN 1684-1728

