

YE STYAN CHRONICLES - PART 16 17  
THE NAUGHTY NINETIES

Your chronicler (YC) is being very naughty by breaking his own rule and reporting a little on contemporaries - mostly activities in 1992. This rule was made because it was not his business to report things that he had been told in confidence or which may cause embarrassment. However he has confined this violation only to information that has been well publicised elsewhere or which was offered by the person concerned.

He hopes that this will make a change from a lot of boring old Family Trees and lists - but the reader will not get away scot-free. The 1891 Census Returns became available this year and several known ancestors of readers were looked up. So here goes.

The 1891 Census

YC's own grandfather was known slightly to at least one person now living and certainly the parents of some readers appear in this listing.

31 Exeter Street, London.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Relationship to Head of Household</u>			<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>
	<u>Marital</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Age</u>		
George Styan	Head	Marr	38	Cabt French Polisher	Middx
Frances do	Wife	M	32		Chelsea
Frances do	Dau	S	14	Cabt Apprentice	do
Robert do	Son	S	12	Scholar	do
Henry do	Son	S	10	do	do
Marion do	Dau	S	8	do	do
Alfred do	Son	S	6	do	do
Frederick do	Son	S	4	do	do
Charles do	Son	S	2		do
Elsie do	Dau	S	4mo		do
Frances Purchase	Mother	Widow	59	Upholstress Cabinet	Middx

(Frances Purchase was in fact Mother-in-Law not Mother and the description as Widow is a polite fiction).

The Census for part of North Yorkshire revealed Thomas Styan (Farmer) age 44 living at Mount Park, Wensley (born at Swinnithwaite) with wife, 1 son, 2 daughters, his mother, brother John and sister Ann. Also 2 farm servants and one domestic. Thomas was the grandfather of some of our readers.

At Moor House, Leyburn was Thomas's brother William Styan (Farmer/Stone Merchant) age 51 (born at Swinnithwaite) with wife, 6 daughters, 4 sons, his sister-in-law, a governess, a visitor, 3 farm servants and one domestic servant. This family has been mentioned in the Chronicles before, in that William was killed as a result of falling into his own quarry, 2 of his sons fought in the Boer War and eventually all but one of the family emigrated to Canada. And now

say CHEESE

Thomas and William were grandsons of William Styan, one-time landlord of the Coverbridge Inn, Spennithorne (a Grade 2 Listed Building). It seems that the Cistercian monks of Jervaulx Abbey created the recipe for Wensleydale cheese and after the Dissolution of the monasteries they passed it to the then innkeeper who continued to make it under the name of Coverham cheese. This continued for many years until it passed into the hands of a company who made it under its present name of Wensleydale cheese. Whether or not old William made Coverham cheese we shall probably never know. For overseas readers Wensleydale is one of our popular English cheeses.

Also in the Census in Hauxwell Village lived a 44-year old Agricultural Labourer John Styan (born at Spennithorne) with his 30-year old wife Jane and month-old son John William. John was almost certainly cousin to the brothers above and little John William was father of one of our readers. John was another grandson of Innkeeper John.

A couple of other Styans were found in the area which YC has so far been unable to place.

NOW THE NAUGHTY BITS

This photograph is that of the biggest group of Styans and spouses that YC has on file. There are 19 Styans, 2 former Styans (ie. married women) and 2 people with Styan ancestry. Some of the Styans are descended from Innkeeper John and some from the Rev Mark who emigrated in the late 1800s. It was taken a couple of years ago in Canada. What about trying to beat that in 1993 when the Canadians come over, and have a few English Styans in the group this time? Has anybody out there already got something to beat that record and which could hopefully be copied?



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SHOWBIZZ STYANS

Several of YC's near relatives have connections with the performing arts. In fact he would say that there could well be an inherited factor.



This photo (Oct 1992) is included because it is rare nowadays to get descendants together of more than 2 of the people listed above in George Styan's family of 1891. It shows YC with 2 cousins, their spouses and one of their sons. (YC being as usual the least photogenic of the group is discreetly positioned at the back).

By chance one of this group is a well qualified music teacher, one is a recognised authority on the theatre and another plays the organ in church. Another is a keen amateur Thespian - but as the spouse of a Styan that doesn't really count!

Not everybody's tastes in entertainment are alike and those who like the BBC TV Series 'Ello Ello' may not go for Paul McCartney's Liverpool Oratorio. But greatgrandchildren of the above George Styan have featured in both. They are both first cousins - once removed to YC and are hence 2nd cousins to each other (as indeed is the aforesaid music teacher). The credit below this picture is the first time YC has actually seen our revered name on the telly. (Nov 1992).



This one might be called the BIG TIME. Yes that is Dame Kiri chirping away in the background in Liverpool Cathedral and our family member was the mezzo-soprano. (Dec 1991).

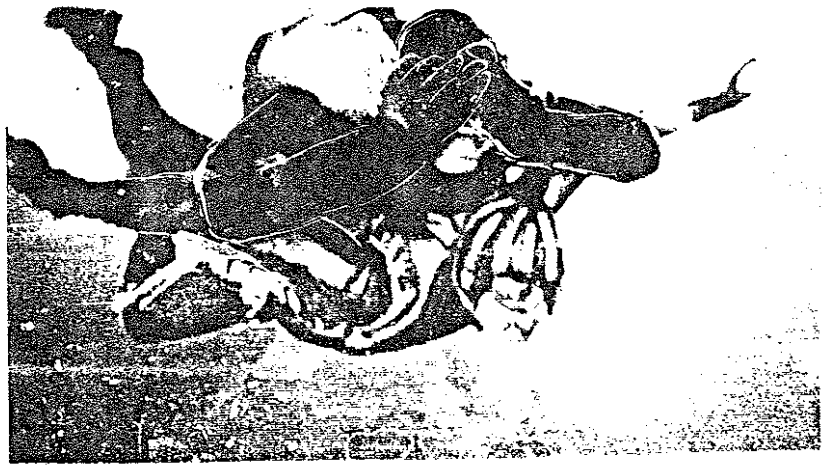


And now THE CAPTION COMPETITION

My caption is ..... (Not more than 12 words)

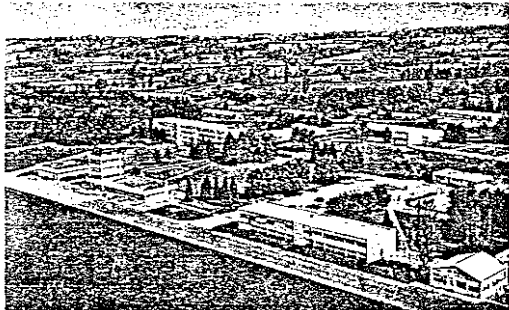
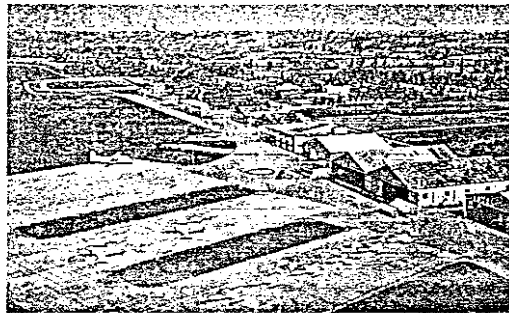
The unnamed Styan at the bottom apparently believes he is a sparrow whilst his accomplice - who appears to be having a piggyback ride - obviously takes a more realistic view of things.

(For sticklers for accuracy they really have just fallen out of an aeroplane at 9000 feet - rather careless of them some may think). Nov 1992.



And now for something completely irrelevant.

## Saint-Yan



Many years ago YC reported that there was a town in France called ST-YAN (Short for Saint Yan). This year a Styan from British Columbia whilst on holiday in France went there and subsequently sent YC this postcard. St-Yan is located about 60 miles NW of Lyon and about 20 miles SW of the town of Paray. (Get out your atlases children). YC started to enquire about its history and population - but then he thought nobody really wants to know; and if they are all that keen they will find out for themselves.

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