

1. **Georgina Vittery FRANCE**, b. 1881 in West Derby, resided 1925 in Hillfields, Kempley (From the Rudyard Collection Box 1 1012 Scope notes and content 1-780 RK to G vittery France Esq, October 1925 TLS, 1 leaf type booksellers description, 1 leaf. Re using lines from poem.), d. 3rd May 1940 in 'Sunnyside' Middle Lane, Headley Heath, occupation 1903 Actress. Living at 29 John Shepley Street, Hyde when marriage took place, same as husband. In 17 October 1925 Rudyard Kipling replied to a letter from a 'George Vittery France' living at Hillfields, Kempley, Dymock, Glos. RK says 'Dear Sir/ In reply to your letters of the 10th and the 16th, I shall be pleased to have you use the the four lines you mention of my poem "If" on the introductory page of the Third Part of the book you have in preparation. May I send you my best wishes for its success. Yours sincerely (Signed Rudyard Kipling) The letter is dated 17 October 1925 and is written from Kiplings home, Batemans at Burwash, Sussex.

She married Charles WHITLOCK, married 29-May-1903 in Hyde Chapel, Gee Cross, Hyde, Cheshire, b. 1860, occupation Actor (In 1901-02 had a play called 'The Missionary' performed at Theatre Royal, Exeter. It's creators were John Tully(Director), Nina France(Actor), John Brownson(Actor) and Charles Whitlock (author)).

Parents

2. **John Vittery FRANCE**, b. 14-Aug-1842 in Brixham, Devon, baptized 8-Sep-1842 in Brixham Parish Church, d. 8 AUGUST 1902 in Aged Mariners Home Liscard Birkenhead, resided 1881 in 105 Moscow Drive, West Derby, Lancs, occupation 1864 - 1901 Merchant Seaman (Master mariner ticket 30173, certified as Second Mate at Plymouth on 20 January 1864.

Described as Marine Steam Ship Superintendent on John Douglas FRANCE birth registration documents. Formerly of Liskeard and Liverpool, merchant service. Is probably at the Derby Pleasure Gardens IOM in 1891.

Ships:

1864 47776: FIDELIA: 10/3 Liverpool - Genoa . 5/8Quebec to Newcastle . 3rd Mate on CAIRO 20451 : 13/12Liverpool - Genoa .

1865:3M- CAIRO: Naples - Liverpool15/2 . CAIRO:20451 26/2Liverpool - Gibraltar . Alexandria - Liverpool 27/4. 2 M - Frankfurt :1677: 2/5 Liverpool - Oporto. 18/5 Oporto-Liverpool. 1/6 Oporto - Liverpool. 3M-CAIRO: Liverpool-Gib 29/5. Liverpool-Genoa 12/9. Alexandria-Liverpool 16/11.

1866 3M SONIA 17476 : Liverpool-Alexandria1/1. Alexandria-Liverpool 19/3. 3M CALPER? 23706 Liverpool-Trieste24/5. Aneome?-Liverpool 19/7. 2M CAIRO: Liverpool-Oporto 24/5. Telmar?-Liverpool 1/11. Liverpool-Triest 7/11.

1867: Venice-Liverpool 14/1.2M CAIRO 20451: Liverpool-Genoa 22/1. Discharged sick at Leghorn 7/2. Genoa - Liverpool 20/3. 2M : ALBANIAN 19715: Liverpool-Trieste11/4. Aneone-Liverpool 23/5. Liverpool-Gib 29/5. Cheple-Liverpool 17/7. 4M ENGLAND 29996 9/9 Liverpool- Bombay . Bombay-Portsmouth 7/10.

1868: 4M: ENGLAND 2/11 Liverpool-NYork. 12/12 NYork-Liverpool. 4M HELVETIA 51401 28/12 Liverpool -Alvaria? 1969: 20/2 Alvaria?- Liverpool.2M OSIRIS 26141 28/7 Liverpool- Lady? 4/9 ??-Liverpool. 4M PENNSYLVANIA 47600: 20/10 Liverpool-Boston. 29/11 NYork - Liverpool. 1/12 Liverpool-NYork. 1870: 7/1 NYork-Liverpool. 17/1 Liverpool-N York. 28/2NYork-Liverpool.7/3 Liverpool-NYork. 17/4 NYork-Liverpool. 20/4 Liverpool- NYork. 27/5 NYork-Liverpool. 31/5

Liverpool-NYork. 9/7NYork-Liverpool. 4/9 Liverpool-NYork. 6/10NYork-Liverpool. 1M AMERICANA 35249: 10/10 Liverpool-Bombay. (Next voyage unreadable).

1871: 15/11 Liverpool - Aden (A collision at Aden. Official Inquiry 27/4/72 at Aden. No blame attached to Officers. BM8966/72.)

Ships logs and crew agreements

1865 - BT99/246– Cairo o/n 20451
Reg 36/6/59 Tonnage 995
Owners JJ Bibby – Liverpool

‘Voyage from Liverpool to Genoa and back to a final port of discharge in the UK not to exceed six months...

Entry of John Vittery France, 3rd Mate (last ship, Cairo)
Signed 12 Sep 1865.

‘The crew shall consist of 3 mates Cap’t, Bs’n, Cook, 8 Seaman and 8 Firemen.’
He also served on 29 June 1865 and 13 Dec 1864 (he had come from the Corra Linn).

1868 - BT99/470 -- England o/n 29996
Port of registry – Liverpool
Date of registry – 24/1/66
Owner National Steamship Company
Master William Heslop Thompson – b Belfast 29
Voyage – Liverpool to Bombay or any ports in China Eastern Arabian and Red Seas and back to a final port of discharge in UK and not to exceed 3 years.

John Vittery France – signed 7 Sept 1867 – previous ship Albanian.

1869 - BT99/473 – Americana o/n 35249
John V not on this voyage, but this makes interesting reading, a seaman jumps ship with his chest, and then is seen back in Liverpool!). He left no will, and died alone. One daughter was living back in the Isle of Man, the other two were performing on stage somewhere. He married Clara Frances Elizabeth SMITH, married 22-Feb-1875 in St George the Martyr, Southwark, Surrey.

3. **Clara Frances Elizabeth SMITH**, b. 1855 in Tamworth, Stafford, d. 1888 in Tamworth, Stafford, buried 11TH JUNE 1888 in Parish of St George Douglas IOM.

Grand Parents

4. **Nathaniel Cranstoun FRANCE**, b. 30 JUNE 1792 in Brixham, Devon, baptized 26-Jul-1792 in St Marys Brixham, d. 3-Mar-1849 in Brixham, Devon, buried 10-Mar-1849 in St Marys Brixham, military 26 AUGUST 1814 Seniority date, occupation 1814 Lt RN(1814)/Coastguard (Nathaniel Cranstoun FRANCE

Nathaniel C FRANCE is son of Rtd Cdr N Thomas FRANCE who died in 1835, grandson of N FRANCE Esq Surgeon RN, a veteran who died in 1812 and great-grandson of the Nathaniel FRANCE Esq., Collector of the Customs at Waterford.

This officer entered the Navy 2 July 1798 as Fst cl. Vol., on board the TIGRE 74, Capt Sir William Sidney Smith, under whom in 1799 he assisted in the defence of St Jean d'Acre.

During the last 2 years of the French revolutionary war he served in the Mediterranean on ALLIANCE 20 with Capt John Meliush. From March 1804 to October 1809 he served on CHARGER with Lt Cdr John Aitkin Blow. He saw much boat service and attended the expedition to Copenhagen and the Walcheren.

After 18 months as Acting Sub Lt of the BLOODHOUND with Lt Cdr Thomas Warrant he then had two years in the AQUILON 32, with Capt William Bowles.

He was confirmed to Lt on 26 August 1814 in the INDEFATIGIBLE with Capt John Fyffe. He left the Royal Navy on 26 June 1816.

Mr France who until lately held an appointment in the Coast Guard has been for 18 years employed either in that service, or in command of a Revenue Cruiser.

He was married in 1820 to Ann, only daughter of John VITTERY a ship owner, by whom he has 11 children.). No will found, His father must have given him his second name from the Captain of the HMS Reasonable - Right Honourable James Cranstoun. He married Ann(e) VITTERY, married 16-Jul-1820 in Brixham, Devon.

5. **Ann(e) VITTERY**, b. 1800 in Brixham, Devon, baptized 3rd December 1800 in Brixham, Devon, d. 10-Nov-1865 in Brixham, Devon, buried 18-Nov-1865 in Brixham St Mary.

Great Grand Parents

8. **Nathaniel Thomas FRANCE**, b. 1766 in Plymouth, baptized 11th Apr 1766 in Plymouth, St Andrew, d. 1st June 1835 in Brixham, buried 6th June 1835 in St Marys Brixham, military 27th April 1795 Seniority date, occupation 1791 Cdr Royal Navy (SHIPS: 7.2.1780 - 27.12.1781- Princess Amelia. 28.12.1781 - 2.5.1782 - Berwick. 3.5.1782 - 11.4.1783 - Princess Royal. 1.11.1783 - 8.10.1787 - Rattler. 9.10.1787 - 16.2.1788 - Orion. Queen Charlotte ,no date. Success, no date. Reasonable(will made when a Masters Mate on 12 June 1793); Mutine , Manger. 1795, Lieutenant. Assistance 1797 - Inspector. 1797-July 1798 - Sick - Was involved with the Mutiny at the Nore - pleads in letters to Admiralty for time to recover. Tigre- No date yet confirmed - appointment letter from Tigre to Alliance. From Sidney Smith is dated 7th June 1799, but he asks for time to arrange family affairs (death of uncle) on Dec 19th 1800 . Alliance - 1799 -1800. HM Hired Tender Lyra - June 1803& Sep 1803 - He writes with his account of men pressed into Naval Service - and gives the voyage details. Transit - no date details. 1835 dies at Brixham.). His first will was made on board HMS Reasonable when he was a Master's Mate, 12th June 1793. He gave and bequeathed all to his 'Dear Wife Susanna, residing at St Andrews Street, Plymouth. Second will made at Brixham 1832, and proved August 1835, P.C.C. He left in consols @62 £399.10s.6d to his wife Susanna. To his wife he also left all his household furniture, to his son Nathaniel Cranstoun his watch and seals, the family pictures, his sea bureau and family bible. He married Susanna BARTLETT, married 24th Mar 1791 in Brixham, Devon, by licence.
9. **Susanna BARTLETT**, d. 17TH MAR 1847 in Bellair Street, Plymouth. Samuel BARTLETT m Elizabeth ADAMS 19 Dec 1758 Brixham St Marys

Elizabeth bp 16 May 1762

Samuel bp 9 May 1764
 Deborah bp 19 Dec 1765
 Mary bp 7 Jan 1768
 Susannah bp 28 Dec 1769
 Jenny 26 Mar 1772
 Christopher bp 3 Feb 1774
 Richard bp 5 Mar 1776.

10. **John VITTERY**, b. 1766 in Brixham, Devon, d. 5 APRIL 1845 in Brixham, Devon, occupation 1841 Shipowner. Leaves a house to be lived in by a Susanna GOODSPEED, til she died. Not member of family, Susanna died Mar Q 1843 Totnes 9 397. He married Anne HYNE, married 20th July 1798 in Brixham, Devon.

11. **Anne HYNE**.

Great Great Grand Parents

16. **Nathaniel FRANCE**, d. 3-Apr-1812 in Plymouth, St Andrew, occupation 1756 Surgeon RN. Surgeons mate, Rupert Hospital Ship. Left in his will £40 to his wife Elizabeth all the plate household furniture & everything else that belonged to her before their marriage. To his son Nathaniel Thomas his gold watch and an old seal set in gold. Mourning ring and his mothers wedding ring, a silver box with a German Crown, gold sleeve buttons and old silver half pint cup. Other ships, Ipswich, Rupert, Flamboroughs Prize, Diligence, Spy, Wasp, Kent, Viper, Ardent, Phoenix, Princess Amelia, Powerful, Culledon. He married (1) Jenny STEPHENS, married 2-Dec-1756 in Plymouth, St Andrew, b. 1730, d. 24-Dec-1780, buried 29-Dec-1780 in Plymouth, St Andrew. He married (2) Elizabeth CHAMPION, married 16-May-1784 in Plymouth, St Andrew.
17. **Jenny STEPHENS**, b. 1730, d. 24-Dec-1780, buried 29-Dec-1780 in Plymouth, St Andrew.
20. **Samuel VITTERY**, b. 1726 in Brixham, Devon, baptized 30-Mar-1726 in Brixham, Devon, d. 1802, occupation 1802 SHIPOWNER. He married Mary ROWE, married 21-May-1761 in Brixham St Mary.
21. **Mary ROWE**, b. 1734 in Brixham, d. 1816, baptized 9th September 1734 in Brixham St Mary. 6 children baptised to Thomas & Grace ROW, George 29 Jan 1722, Elizabeth 14 May 1724, Catherine bp 27 Sep 1726, Grace bp 25 Mar 1729, Thomas bp 9 Sep 1734 and Mary..... No marriage in Brixham for Thomas & Grace in Brixham, but a marriage in Exeter Cathedral of Thomas Rowe to Grace GILLARD may be possible, [IGI]

3rd Great Grand Parents

32. **Thomas FRANCE**, occupation 1732 Merchant of Waterford. Freeman of Waterford, 1 Jan 1718, 'Thomas France, junior, merchant'. Mentioned in will of father, 1720.
 O'Bryne's Dictionary of Naval Biography: entry for Nathaniel Cranston France states that his great grandfather was 'Nathaniel France, collector of customs at Waterford'. However, his great grandfather has now been proved to be Thomas France and a search made in the Gentleman's Almanack failed to uncover any evidence that he was collector of customs at Waterford.

As Thomas France, Esq., subscribed to : 'Memoirs of the Wars of the Cevennes' (Dublin, 1729); 'A de Solis y Ribadeneyra,, The History of the Conquest of Mexico by the Spaniards', vol 1 (Dublin, 1727); John Gay, 'Poems on several occasions' (Dublin 1729); 'The History of ...Gil Blas of Santillane', vol 1 (Dublin, 1730).
 As Thomas France, subscribed to : 'A Translation of the Second Book of Horace's Epistles' (Dublin, 1731).
 As Captain Thomas France subscribed to : 'The Antient and Present State of the County and City of Waterford...' (Dublin, 1746) (Ancestry.co.uk).

M.I. St Olaves Church Waterford 1752 = Captain. He married Rose MACDONNEL, married 23-Nov-1732 in Kilmeadon Nr Waterford, Ireland.

33. **Rose MACDONNEL**, d. 2-Mar-1790 in Cork. Will proved PC Armagh 1 June 1793 Mentions eldest son Nathaniel, second son Rev Arthur France of Mallow, clerk, youngest dau Elizabeth Wilson, wife of Robert, eldest dau Rose Symes of London, widow, son-in-law Henry Ivie.
40. **John VITTERY**, baptized 1-Jan-1681. He married Grace ?, married 1709 in Possibly at Dartmouth.
41. **Grace ?**, d. 1759.

4th Great Grand Parents

64. **Thomas FRANCE**, b. C1670, d. 1720 in Waterford, occupation 1695 Clerk in Holy Orders, precentor of Waterford Cathedral, occupation 1697 School master of Free School. From Alumim Dubliniensis: Thomas France admitted sizar (Mr Harvey) 2 June 1686 aged 16 son of Oliver, Theologus(no further particulars), BA Spring 1691; MA Summer 1693.

From S Pender (ed) Council Books of the Corporation of Waterford 1662-1700 (Dublin, 1964)

P324 Item 2036 (date of meeting 7 Oct 1695): Rev Mr France recommended to be the new school master by the Bishop of Waterford, and £10pa to be added to the schoolmaster's salary for the first three years of his tenure.

'Upon reading a letter from the lord bishop of this diocese, concluded that ten pounds sterling per annum shall be added by this corporation to the new schoolmaster's salary for the space of three years from this entrance, sollicit the reverend Mr France recommended by his Lordship and that he have the city's presentation accordingly.

p331, item 2061 (date of meeting 28 Aug 1696):

'Also that half a years salary be paid the master of said (Free) school, being fifteen pounds end the first instant.'

pp337-8, item 2085 (date of meeting 22 Apr 1697)

'Also concluded the Reverend Mr Thos France have a year's salary as schoolmaster last Candlemas paid him by the sheriff receiver.'

p342, item 2102 (date of meeting 29 Oct 1697)

Also the reverend Mr Tho France ... to be admitted free of this city.

p344, item 2110 (date of meeting 26 Mar 1698)

The reverend Mr France is to be paid his salary as master of Free School.

p346, item 2120 (date of meeting 29 June 1698)

Then a letter from the lord bishop was read, and concluded that the reverend Mr Tho France shall be presented to the vicarages of Dunhill, Newcastle and Gilcagh resigned by Mr Alexander Alcock to his lordship, as per said letters appears. Item 2121 = above letter dated 29 June 1698.

p348, item 2128(date of meeting 27 Aug 1698)

(A letter dated 4 July 1689 from Nathaniel, Bishop of Waterford & Lismore to John Mason esq mayor of Waterford with the aldermen and common council, was read, advising the council of the institution of Mr Thomas France to the vicarages mentioned above)

p358: Meeting of 4 June 1700: entry repayment of £50 to Mr Thomas France, schoolmaster Legatee of Nathaniel Foy, Bishop of Waterford & Lismore: £5 for preaching his funeral sermon, on condition that he speak nothing about his person good or ill.

Precentor Waterford Cathedral. A mention is made to a Thomas France 'kinsman' of Nathaniel Foy Bishop of Waterford in the bishops will of 1707 where the bishop leaves money for a funeral sermon and money to a school. Ref is Hansards 'History of Waterford' reprinted by Waterford Co Council. ISBN no 0 9532022 0 8 page111.

Memorial Inscription, St Olave's Church, Waterford City

(From Michael O'Sullivan, Local History Advisor, The Waterford Room, Waterford Municipal Library, Lady Lane, Waterford. Tel: (051) 73501).

'Here lyeth the deceased part of the family of the Rev. Thomas FRANCE Precentor of the Cathedral Church of Waterford 1714. Also the deceased part of the family of his son Captain Thomas FRANCE 1752.'

From H Cotton, Fasti Ecclesiae Hibernicae(Dublin, 1847-78):

Vol 1, p144: Waterford - Precentors: Thomas France MA, collated 27 May 1704 as Precentor of Waterford, also elected one of City's Proctors in Convocation.

Vol 1, p.155: Waterford Prebendaries: In 1699, the Prebendaries of Waterford were vacant, but proxies were charged for each, two of which were payable by Rev Thomas France, vicar of Kilmeadon, Kilbride, etc. In 1730 under sequestration to Rev John Fell.

Vol 1,p. 180: Lismore - Treasurers: 1696 - 1721, Thomas France MA, Precentor of Waterford. Executor and Legatee of Rev Robert Gibbon (an uncle of his wife's), will proved PCA 27 June 1721: bequeathed lands of Dervodstown and Paristown, Westmeath and all other lands in trust: also £150. He married Barbara ?.

65. **Barbara ?**, d. 21 JUNE 1711, buried 23 JUNE 1711 in St Olaves, Waterford. Niece of Nathaniel Foy, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore.

80. **William VITTERY**, b. 1656. He married Susanna LAVERANCE, married 7th March 1676 in Churston Ferrers.

81. **Susanna LAVERANCE**.

5th Great Grand Parents

128. **Oliver FRANCE**, b. 1636 in Adlington, Lancs, baptized 25-Mar-1636 in Standish, Lancs. From Alumni Dublinienses:

Oliver France, admitted sizar (Mr Henry Hielden, Rivington), 17 January 1658/9 aged about 20 son of Thomas, born Adlington in Co. Lancs.

6th Great Grand Parents

256. **Thomas FRANCE**. He married Alice LIPROT, married 3 OCT1619 in Standish, Lancs.

257. **Alice LIPROT**.

