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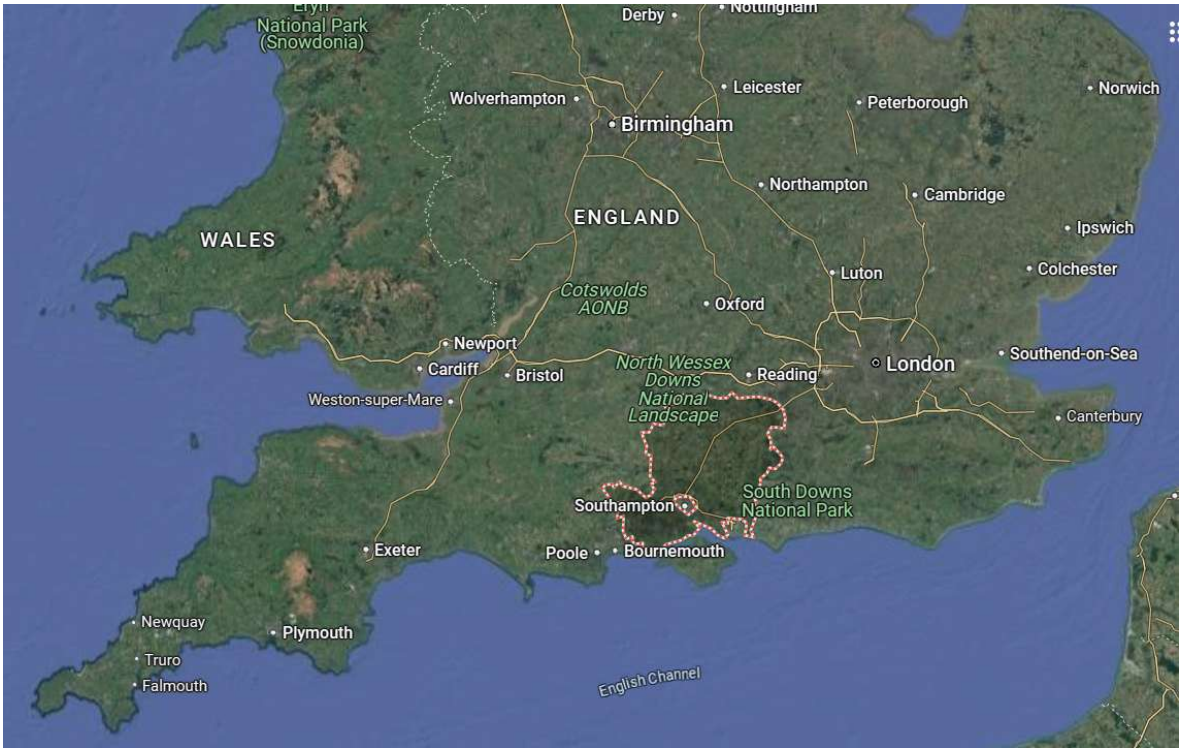
Gregory Watchmakers in Basingstoke, England.

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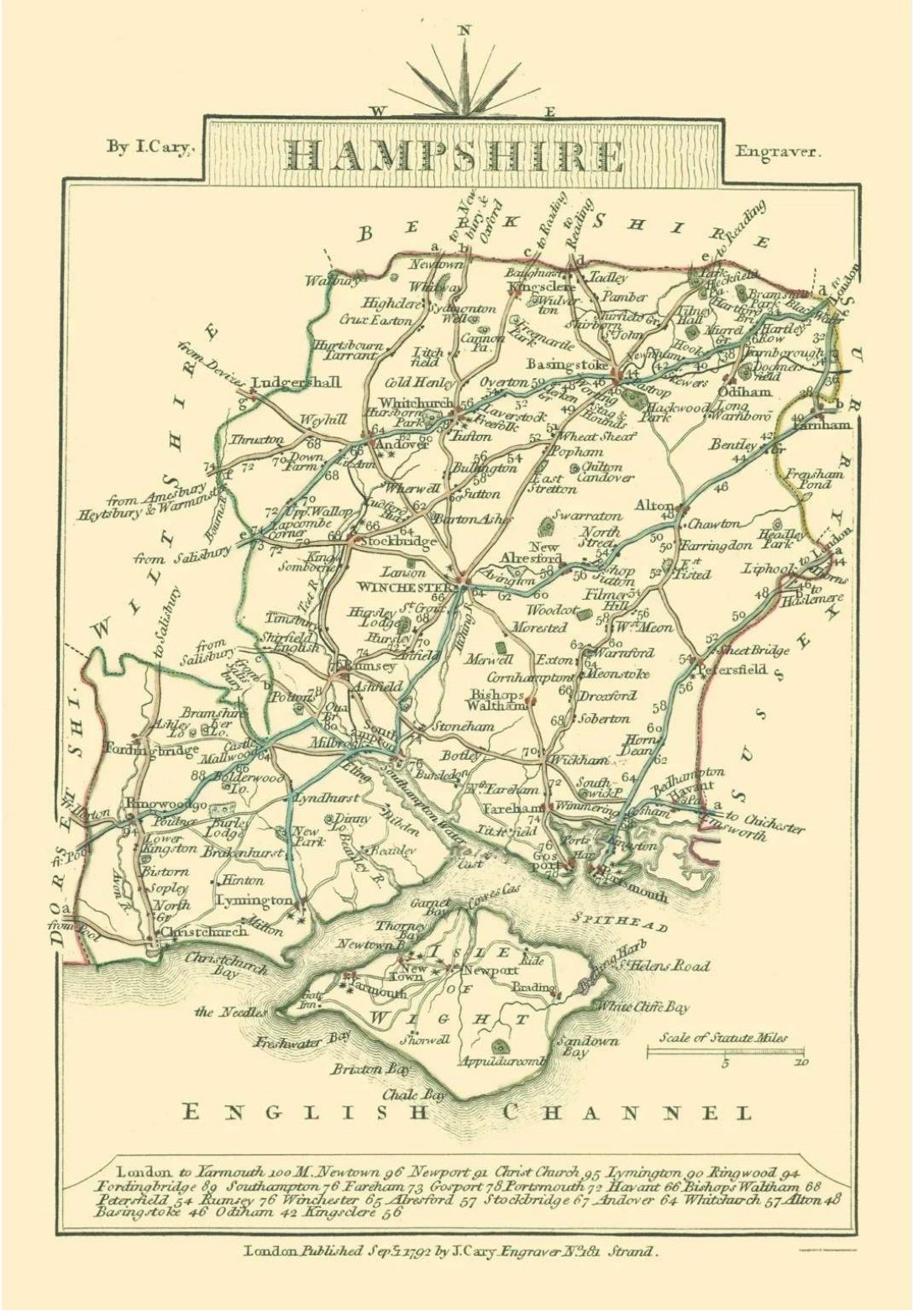
In February 2025 I purchased a verse fusee watch with the maker Jas. Gregory inscribed on the works. There is a serial number of 1010 alongside, but this would require access to the maker's record book for a date. Failing this, one is left with the hallmarks on the silver case to date; 1816. Out of pressing curiosity, I began to research the maker and whatever I might learn about the type of watch. With the large number of Gregorys in Hampshire, UK, it was the last will and testament of James that proved to be the essential key; the Rosetta Stone, if you will. I have a webpage up that more or less summarizes that search, but herein will follow what I have uncovered of the Gregory Family. Given that I live in Connecticut, USA, I am relegated to digitized sources, largely newspaper accounts and ads, and whatever kind person might uncover and share with me from Hampshire County, UK. I am eager for any information and corrections: please reach out to me via my email address, JosMorn@aol.com

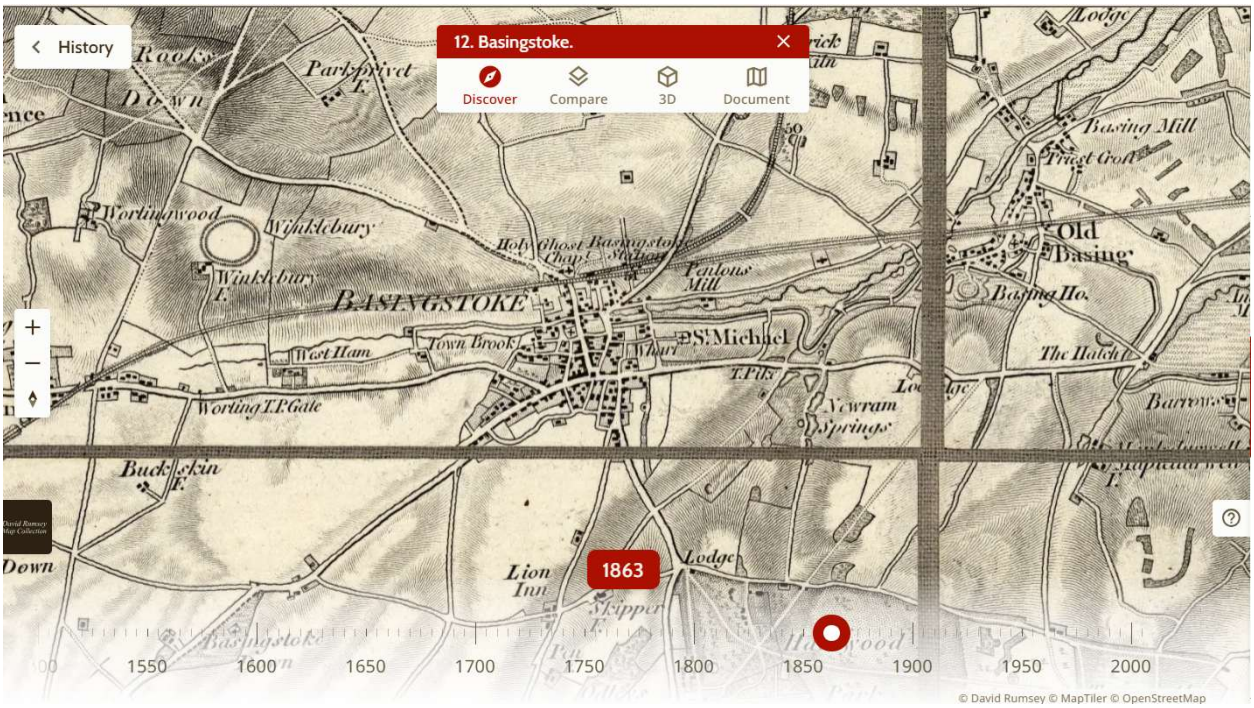
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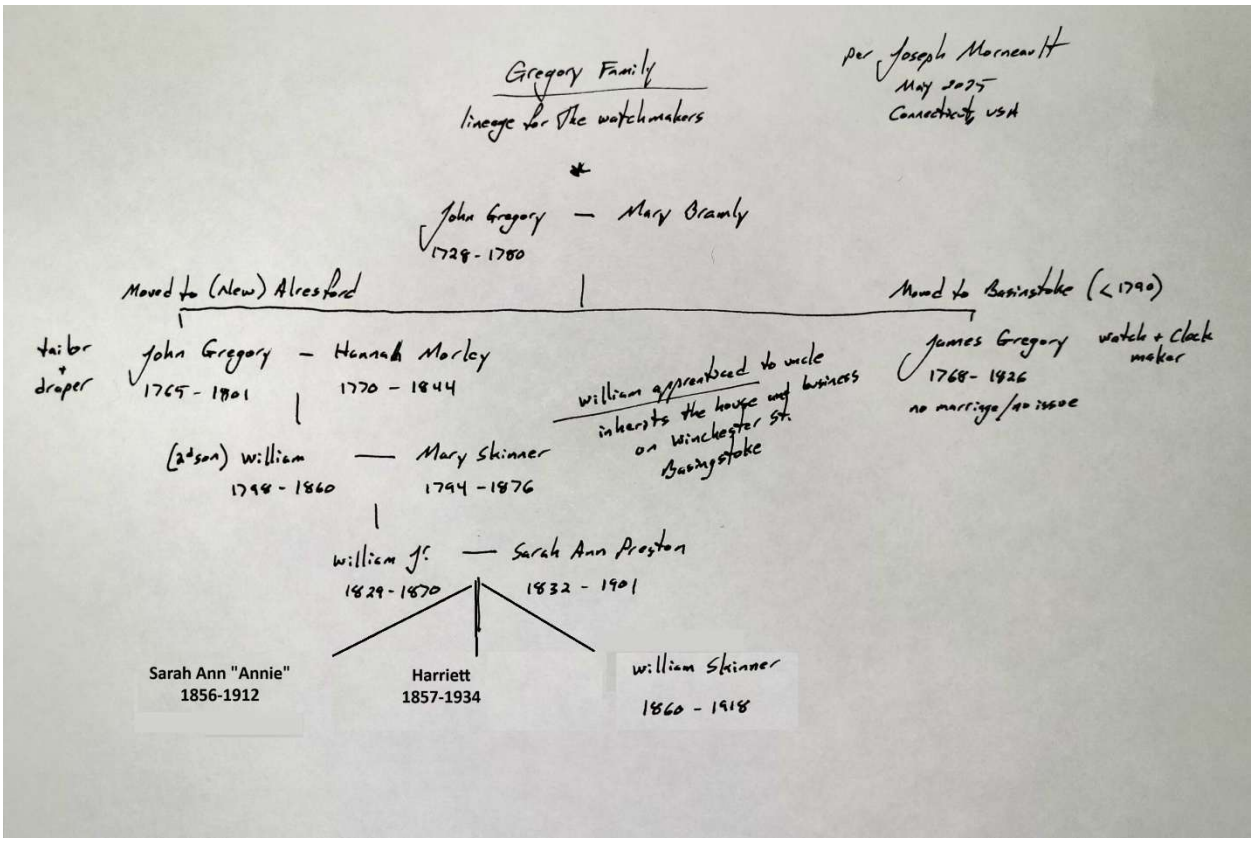


For the benefit of those who are not natives to south central England, I present these maps/images for context.




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Stockbridge
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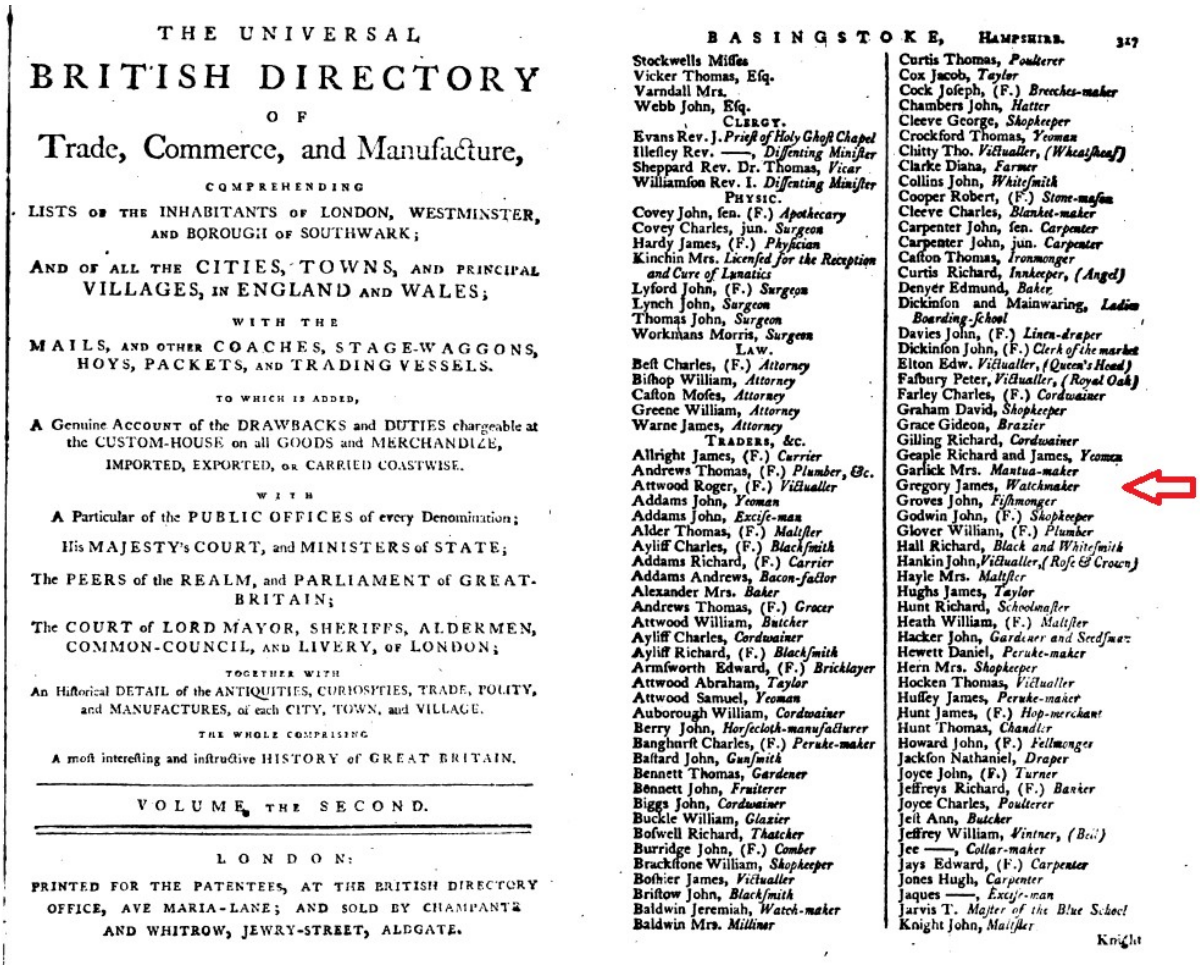


The Gregory Family (watchmakers) tree. Not inclusive of all children; merely showing the lineage of those who learned and continued the watch making and clock making business.

- **James Gregory.**

James was born on 29 May 1767 in Lasham, Hampshire County, England to John and Mary (Bramly) Gregory; he would be baptized the very same day, according to the records of Saint Mary's Church,[1] Anglican. For a time, the county was called Southampton, which you'll see often, and the short hand for the county to this day is "Hants". Although it seems that John and Mary were lifetime members of that community, I don't have much more information. Mary is cited as local, but I haven't discerned her birth or death records, to date. John and Mary had four children; John (b. and bap. 16 June 1765), James (1768), Job (b. 3 July 1770, bap. 22 July 1770), and Mary (b. 6 May 1776, bap. 9 June 1776).[2]

At some point in his teens, James was presumably apprenticed to a watchmaker. During this time in history, London was the center for watchmaking, and he might have been sent there. However, it was not the only place to learn for there was no formal school; an apprenticeship to a watchmaker interested in taking on one was seemingly the norm, and it could be anywhere. Lasham is a small town south of the city of Basingstoke by about 9 miles (some 14.48 km), and James might have been apprenticed there in the city, a watchmaker being far more likely than in a small town. Until such time that I can at least present a likely master, I can at least state that James set up his business in 1790; aside from a surviving photo of the store (1881?) front showing a placard over the door as "Est. 1790", the first time James appears in the "Universal British Directory of Trade, Commerce, and Manufacture" is indeed in 1790; vol. 2, p.312. James would be shown over the years as a watchmaker, clockmaker, and seller of musical instruments. He appears in following years of this Directory, and is always listed as a watchmaker, rather than a shopkeeper. It is a source of confusion which I address in the first section entitled "James Gregory – a Period Pocketwatch". Everything that I have dug up regarding his vocation suggests that James was a maker of watches and clocks, rather than merely a "front man"; but given the overall evidence and what I have learned of what a "watchmaker" was by the late 18th century, I would think that he was more of what today in the US we might term a "jeweler"; he might well have made some watches and clocks, but he was more likely a retailer and serviceman, able to replace broken parts and generally service the watches and clocks, rather than a dedicated artisanal maker. It does seem, by the various census records and such, that the term "watchmaker", "jeweler", and "silversmith" was used loosely and interchangeably. James is listed in "Watchmakers & Clockmakers of the World", Vol. 2, by Brian Loomis [1976 N.A.G. Press LTD, London]: "GREGORY, James. *Basingstoke*, ca. 1790-1813 C". C=clockmaker, but with at least three watches known still in existance, a few clocks, and other information, watches were certainly part of his work.



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Evans Rev. J. *Prieſt of Holy Ghoſt Chapel*
Illeſley Rev. ——, *Diſſenting Miniſter*
Sheppard Rev. Dr. Thomas, *Vicar*
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PHYSIC.

Covey John, ſen. (F.) *Apothecary*
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Kinchin Mrs. *Licenſed for the Reception and Cure of Lunatics*
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Lynch John, *Surgeon*
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Workmans Morris, *Surgeon*

LAW.

Beſt Charles, (F.) *Attorney*
Biſhop William, *Attorney*
Caſton Moſes, *Attorney*
Greene William, *Attorney*
Warne James, *Attorney*

TRADERS, &c.

Allright James, (F.) *Currier*
Andrews Thomas, (F.) *Plumber, &c.*
Attwood Roger, (F.) *Victualler*
Addams John, *Yeoman*
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Baſtard John, *Gunſmith*
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Chambers John, *Hatter*
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Gilling Richard, *Cordwainer*
Geaple Richard and James, *Yeomen*
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Gregory James, *Watchmaker*
Groves John, *Fiſhmonger*
Godwin John, (F.) *Shopkeeper*
Glover William, (F.) *Plumber*
Hall Richard, *Black and Whiteſmith*
Hankin John, *Victualler, (Roſe & Crown)*
Hayle Mrs. *Maltſter*
Hughs James, *Taylor*
Hunt Richard, *Schoolmaſter*
Heath William, (F.) *Maltſter*
Hacker John, *Gardener and Seedſman*
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Hern Mrs. *Shopkeeper*
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Hunt Thomas, *Chandler*
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Jackſon Nathaniel, *Draper*
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Jones Hugh, *Carpenter*
Jaques ——, *Exciſe-man*
Jarvis T. *Maſter of the Blue School*
Knight John, *Maltſter*

The Universal British Directory of Trade, Commerce, and Manufacture. 1790 London, Vol 2. p.317 This was a publication that covered the period of 1790 through 1798.

The business seems to have always been on Winchester Street… According to the late Basingstoke historian Arthur Attwood, the first location was "where the Johnson's dry cleaners were until recently and before that on the other side of the street (north side) next to the entrance to Joice's Yard." Certainly, his shop was on this second site as late as 1819, but likely earlier. This would be, it seems, 5 - 8 Winchester Street – when I looked in 2025 via Google Maps, it was "The Money Store", but Google says that this is "permanently closed" now. This is rather close to the market square, where Winchester meets London Street. The first location was across the street on the south side, but I am ignorant of the specific address… Not being local, I don't know where the "dry cleaners was until recently". There was a move in 1850, which can be seen below under William Gregory; perhaps *this* was the second location referred to by Attwood? A property search in the local town hall might resolve this.

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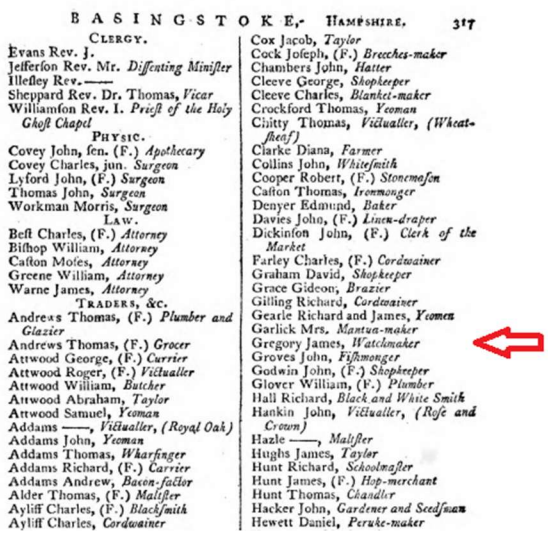
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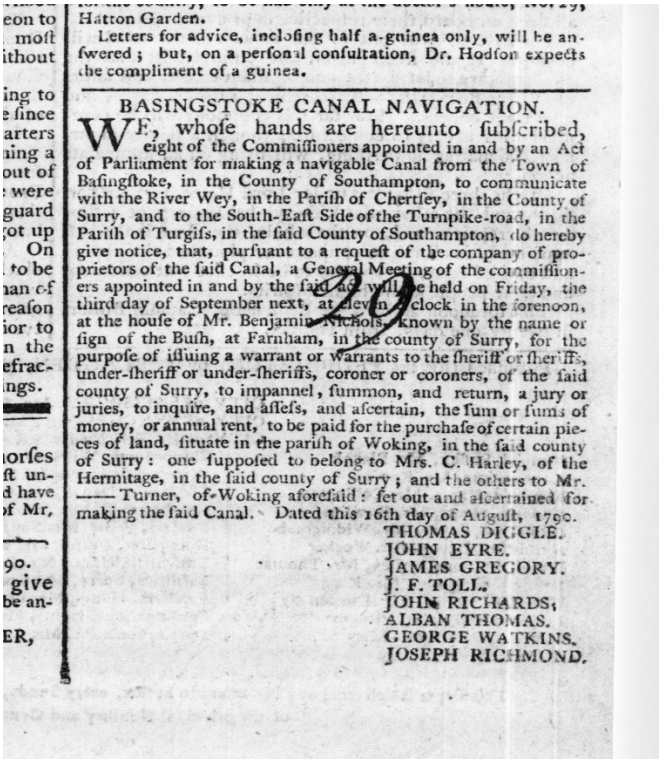
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Hewett Daniel, *Peruke-maker*

Here is the local directory for two years later. Gregory is listed as a watchmaker, as distinguished from a shopkeeper.

In 1790[3] through at least 1793[4] it appears that James got involved in local committee for digging a canal.



Hatton Garden.

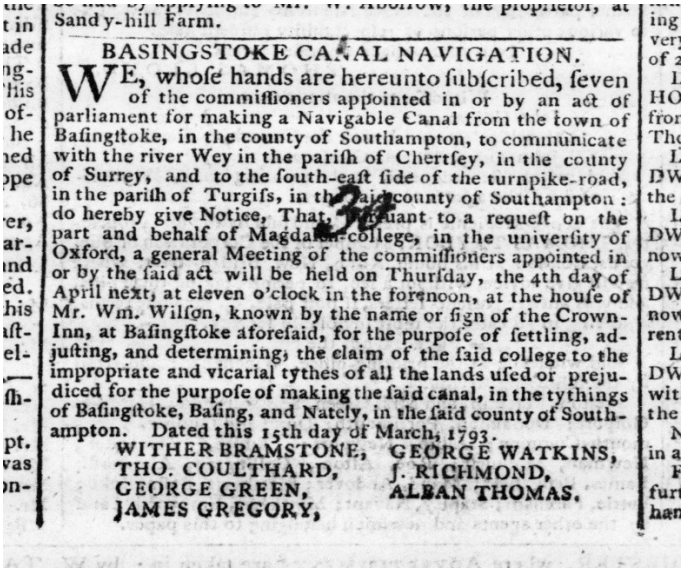
Letters for advice, incloſing half a-guinea only, will be anſwered; but, on a perſonal conſultation, Dr. Hodſon expects the compliment of a guinea.

BASINGSTOKE CANAL NAVIGATION.

WE, whoſe hands are hereunto ſubſcribed, eight of the Commiſſioners appointed in and by an Act of Parliament for making a navigable Canal from the Town of Baſingſtoke, in the County of Southampton, to communicate with the River Wey, in the Pariſh of Chertſey, in the County of Surry, and to the South-Eaſt Side of the Turnpike-road, in the Pariſh of Turgiſs, in the ſaid County of Southampton, do hereby give notice, that, purſuant to a requeſt of the company of proprietors of the ſaid Canal, a General Meeting of the commiſſioners appointed in and by the ſaid Act will be held on Friday, the third day of September next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at the houſe of Mr. Benjamin Nichols, known by the name or ſign of the Buſh, at Farnham, in the county of Surry, for the purpoſe of iſſuing a warrant or warrants to the ſheriff or ſheriffs, under-ſheriff or under-ſheriffs, coroner or coroners, of the ſaid county of Surry, to impannel, ſummon, and return, a jury or juries, to inquire, and aſſeſs, and aſcertain, the ſum or ſums of money, or annual rent, to be paid for the purchaſe of certain pieces of land, ſituate in the pariſh of Woking, in the ſaid county of Surry: one ſuppoſed to belong to Mrs. C. Harley, of the Hermitage, in the ſaid county of Surry; and the others to Mr. —— Turner, of Woking aforeſaid: ſet out and aſcertained for making the ſaid Canal. Dated this 16th day of Auguſt, 1790.

THOMAS DIGGLE.
JOHN EYRE.
JAMES GREGORY.
J. F. TOLL.
JOHN RICHARDS,
ALBAN THOMAS.
GEORGE WATKINS.
JOSEPH RICHMOND.

Also:



Sandy-hill Farm.

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WITHER BRAMSTONE, GEORGE WATKINS,
THO. COULTHARD, J. RICHMOND,
GEORGE GREEN, ALBAN THOMAS,
JAMES GREGORY,

What follows are transcripts of land records provided by Ms. Reavell, mentioning James in 1811, 1814, and his occupation. Note that he indeed listed as a watchmaker and not a vendor or shopkeeper.

42M66/94-95

Title

Lease, release and assignment of mortgage term of 500 years in trust to attend inheritance, concerning premises as detailed in 42M66/81 (BRA 1473)

Date

15 -16 Aug 1811

Description

(i) Richard Jeffreys of Basingstoke, banker, mortgagee
(ii) Martha Adams of Basingstoke, widow, vendor and mortgagor
(iii) Sanuel Doman of Basingstoke, baker, purchaser
(iv) James Gregory of Basingstoke, clock and watchmaker, trustee for Samuel Doman
(v) James Warne of Basingstoke, gent, trustee for Samuel Doman

Alt Ref No

44M69/D1/7/2

Title

Original bundle of deeds labelled 'title deeds relating to two cottages at Lasham purchased from Mr Gregory of Basingstoke by George Purefoy Jervoise, 27 Jul 1814'

Date

1675-1804

Description

In 1695 the two cottages were described as one tenement recently erected on land called Butt Close. By 1811 it had been divided into two tenements and was described as two tenements with gardens and backsides in Lasham

Bundle includes: copy of will of Christopher Cowper, 26 Apr 1700 (item 2)

Owners and occupiers include: Christopher Cowper of Lasham, gent (1675); William Vidler of Lasham, taylor (1675); Sarah Vidler of Northington, widow (1740); Joseph Figgesse of Lasham, husbandman (1740); John Figgesse of Lasham, labourer (1769); Richard Wateridge of Herriard, yeoman (1769); James Gregory of Basingstoke, clock and watch maker (1811); George Purefoy Jervoise (1814)

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Title

Advertisement for lottery tickets sold by J. Gregory, watch and clockmaker, Basingstoke, for Richardson, Goodluck & Co. of London

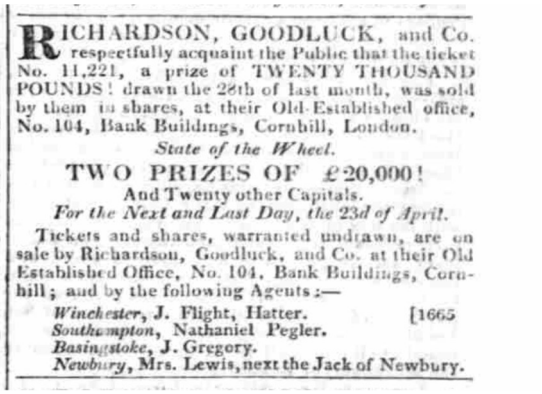
Date

1821

Description

Endorsed : receipt of Gregory to George Purefoy Jervoise, 1821

It appears that along with the watches and clocks that he made, James also sold lottery tickets, per the entry above and this 1822 ad.[5]



RICHARDSON, GOODLUCK, and Co. respectfully acquaint the Public that the ticket No. 11,221, a prize of TWENTY THOUSAND POUNDS! drawn the 28th of last month, was sold by them in shares, at their Old-Established office, No. 104, Bank Buildings, Cornhill, London.

State of the Wheel.

TWO PRIZES OF £20,000!

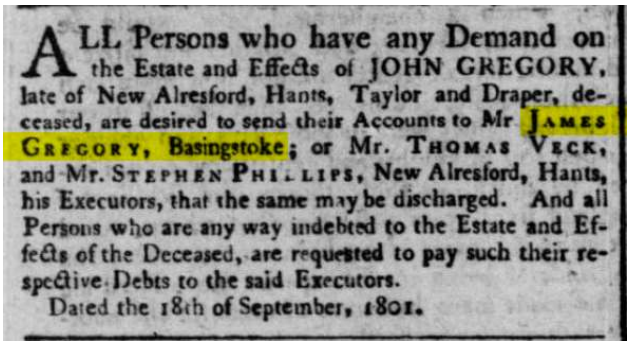
And Twenty other Capitals.

For the Next and Last Day, the 23d of April.

Tickets and shares, warranted undrawn, are on sale by Richardson, Goodluck, and Co. at their Old Established Office, No. 104, Bank Buildings, Cornhill; and by the following Agents:—

Winchester, J. Flight, Hatter. [1665
Southampton, Nathaniel Pegler.
Basingstoke, J. Gregory.
Newbury, Mrs. Lewis, next the Jack of Newbury.

In 1780, the father John had died in Lasham and is buried there. No record have I found for the death of mother Mary as yet; transcriptions of gravestones at the Lasham burial ground do not show Mary and she may well have relocated to live with an adult child in another town, dying there. In 1789, James' elder brother John had removed to New Alresford, Hampshire County[a]. This is to the west and a little south of Lasham, where he set up as a tailor and draper. There, he married Hannah Morley (30 Aug 1790); they had six children: Mary (b. Mar 1792), Harriett (b. Nov. 1793), James (b. Apr 1796), William (b. Apr 1798), Elizabeth (b. May 1799), and a Sarah, for whom I have no record of birth but I did find a record of marriage that indicates that she is a daughter of John and Hannah.[b] James' brother John died around the 1st or 2d of September 1801; he was buried on the 4th, in New Alresford. William would have been 3 when his father died; he lived with his mother and his siblings until he was taken to apprentice with his uncle James when he was about the age of 12 or 13, in 1810/11 (my educated guess, for I have not found a specific record). He moved in with Uncle James in Basingstoke and there learned the trade. Cambridge University Press & Assessment suggests that the average age of a youngster going into apprenticeship in the early 19th century was about 15 and a half years, so perhaps it was more like 1813? Uncle James appears to have served as an executor for his brother's estate.



ALL Persons who have any Demand on the Estate and Effects of JOHN GREGORY, late of New Alresford, Hants, Taylor and Draper, deceased, are desired to send their Accounts to Mr JAMES GREGORY, Basingstoke; or Mr. THOMAS VECK, and Mr. STEPHEN PHILLIPS, New Alresford, Hants, his Executors, that the same may be discharged. And all Persons who are any way indebted to the Estate and Effects of the Deceased, are requested to pay such their respective Debts to the said Executors.
Dated the 18th of September, 1801.

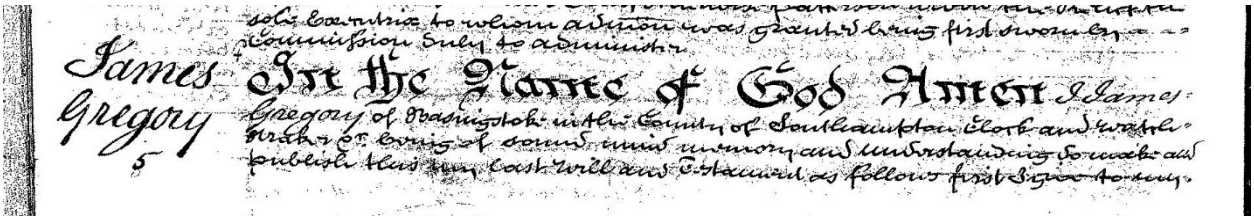
The Hampshire Chronicle, or, Winchester, Southampton, Portsmouth and Chichester Journal. Monday, September 28, 1801. Front page.

Little William may or may not have been the only one working in the shop for James, but it's clear that he was the "son James never had" and would inherit the house and business. Anything inscribed "Jas. Gregory" believed to be sold after his death in 1826 is most likely "stock", sold as an item desired by the purchaser regardless of who's name was inscribed in it.[c] James did not marry and had no children of his own. He continued in the trade until his death in 1826, when his star apprentice, nephew William, was given the house and the business in James' will: see below.

The Hampshire, England, Church of England Burials, 1813-1921, via Ancestry.com, indicates that James Gregory died in Basingstoke on 5 March 1826, aged 58; not reaching his 59th birthday. His will is also

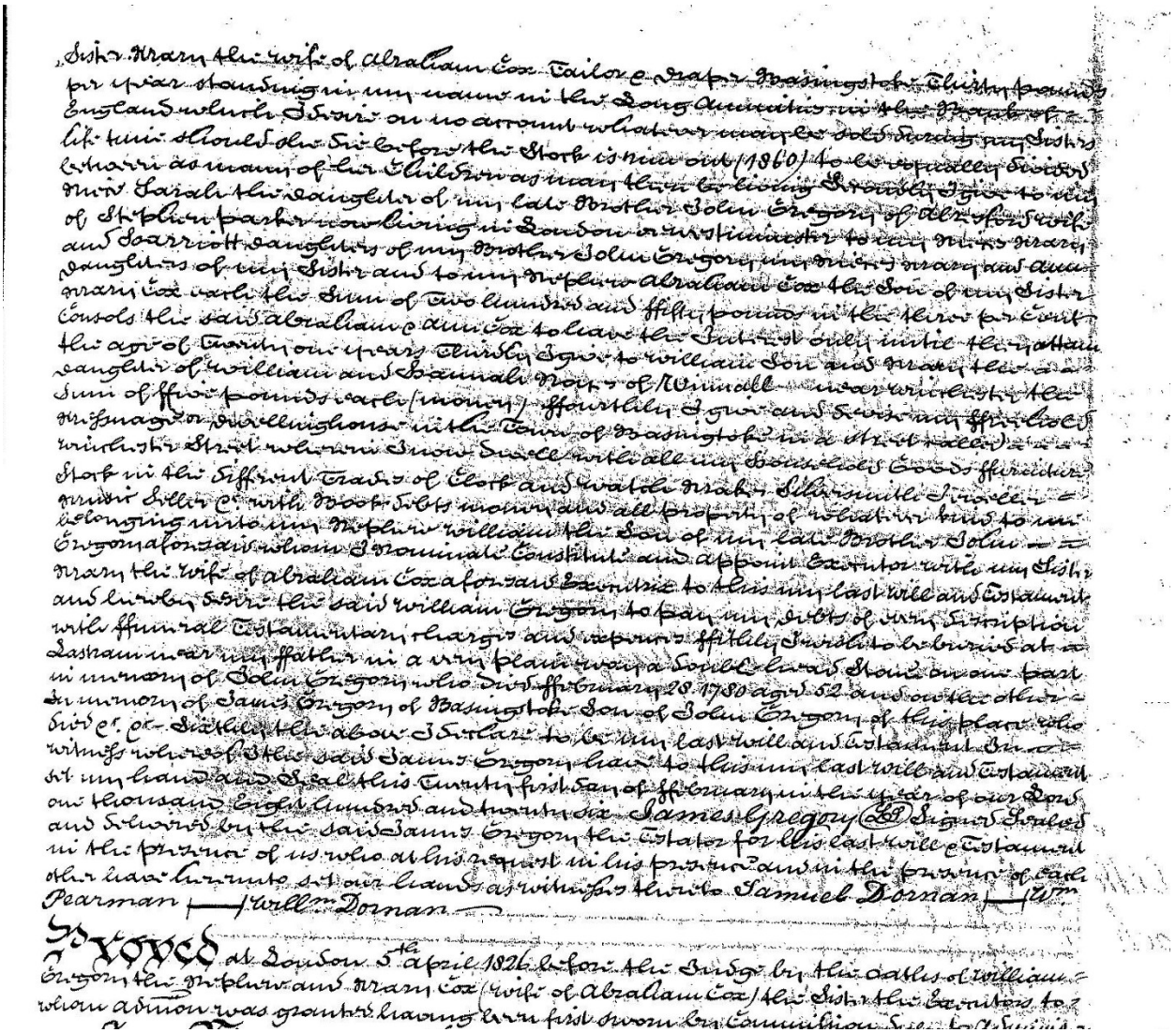
[a] today referred to simply as Alresford, but still distinct from nearby Old Alresford.
[b] Please see the Genealogical Section in Part 3.
[c] I say this for there is someone online who claims to have a James Gregory watch ostensibly dated to 1828, which I have not seen. No serial number cited. If the hallmarks are correct for this, then it is a James Gregory watch inserted into a later case. Not unprecedented.

available through that site, but the image is muddy and difficult to parse out. Donna and Thomas McQuades took up the challenge of deciphering the image, and it became the Rosetta Stone for this quest. Subsequently, I found a much cleaner scan at The National Archives of the UK. The following image is from this latter source. The will of James Gregory: For citation source, it is "Will of James Gregory, Clock and Watch Maker of Basingstoke, Hampshire." Reference: PROB 11/1711/62 Date 05 April 1826 Held at the National Archives, Kew, Richmond, England.



James Gregory 5

In the Name of God Amen I James Gregory of Basingstoke in the County of Southampton Clock and Watch



And what follows is the transcription made by Donna and Thomas McQuades.

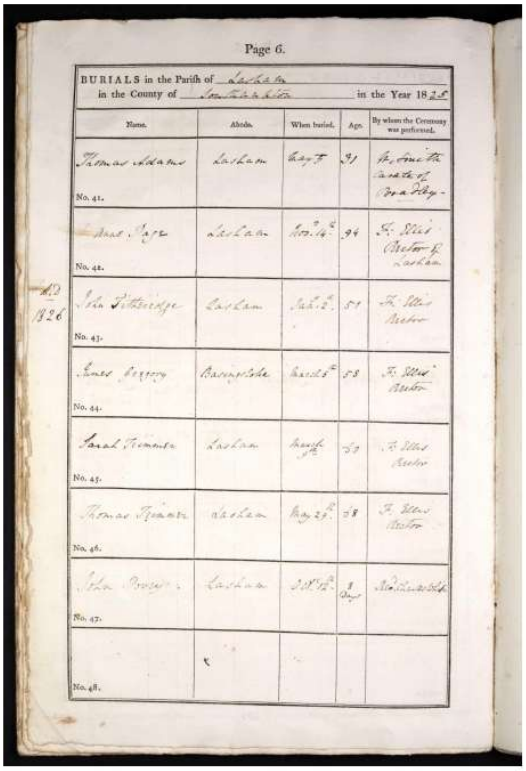
[Transcription of Last Will and Testament of James Gregory (In left margin) James Gregory.

In the Name of God Amen. I, James Gregory of Basingstoke, within County of Southampton Clock and Watch Maker etc. Being of sound mind, memory, and understanding do wish and Publish this my last Will and Testament as follows. First, I give to my Sister Mary the wife of Abraham Cox Tailor & Draper Basingstoke Thirty pounds Per year standing in my account in the Saving Annuities in the Bank of England which I said on no account whatever may be sold during my Sisters Life time. Should she die before the Stock is run out (1860) to be equally divided between as many of her children as may then be living. Secondly, I give to my niece Sarah the daughter of my late brother John Gregory of Alresford, wife Of Stephen Parker now living in London or Westminister, to my nieces Mary and Harriett daughters of my Brother John Gregory, my nieces Mary and Ann daughters of my Sister, and to my nephew Abraham Cox the Son of my Sister Mary Cox each the Sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds in the three per Cent Consols. The said Abraham & Ann Cox to have the interest only until they attain the age of Twenty one years. Thirdly, I give to William Son and Mary the Daughter of William and Hannah Noys of Winnall – now Winchester the Sum of five pounds each (money). Fourthly, I give and I wish my freehold Messuage or dwelling house in the Town of Basingstoke in a street called Winchester Street wherein I now dwell with all my household Goods furniture Stock in the different trades of Clock and Watch Maker, Silversmith, Jeweler, Music Seller, etc with Book, debts, money, and all property of whatever kind to use Belonging unto my Nephew William the Son of my late brother John Gregory aforesaid whom I Nominate Constitute and Appoint Executor with my Sister Mary the wife of Abraham Cox aforesaid Executrix to this my last Will and Testament. And hereby desire the said William Gregory to pay my debts of every description with funeral Testamentary charges and expenses Fifthly I wish to be buried at Lasham near my father in a very plain way a double head stone on one part In memory of John Gregory who died February 28 1780 aged 52 and on the other In memory of James Gregory of Basingstoke – Son of John Gregory of this place who Died etc. etc. – Sixthly the above I declare to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof the said James Gregory have to this my last Will and Testament. Set my hand and seal this Twenty first day of February in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and twenty six James Gregory (LL) Signed Sealed And delivered by the said James Gregory, the Testator for this last Will & Testament In the presence of us who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto set our hands as witnesses thereto Samuel Dornan [-----] Wm 38. Pearman [-----] Will'm Dornan ----- Proved at London 5th April 1826 before the Judge by the oaths of William Gregory Nephew and Mary Cox (wife of Abraham Cox) the Sister the Executors for Whom administration was granted having been first sworn by Commission duly to Administer]

In his will, James left the business to his nephew William; and that he also asked to be buried near his father John Gregory in the Lasham churchyard, which is adjacent to St-Mary's Church and not very far from Basingstoke; John Gregory, who died 28 Feb 1780 in Lasham. Mother Mary is not mentioned. We also now have a family set to follow: It would seem that James never married, nor had any offspring acknowledged in his will. "*I James Gregory of Basingstoke within the County of Southampton, clock and watch maker, &c, &c.*" He cites his living sister Mary, wife of Abraham Cox in Basingstoke, a tailor and draper by trade; their children Mary, Ann, and Abraham, the latter two being under the age of 21 in 1826. James refers to his brother John, long deceased by the time the will is drawn up in Feb 1826, and John's children: Sarah (wife of Stephen Parker of London), and William. William is to be one of the two executors (along with Mary Cox, James' sister), and William will get the house, shop, and business. See the genealogical section in Part 3.

This will was "*proved before the judge*" by the oath of "*William Gregory, the nephew and residuary legatee substituted in the said will to whom administration was granted...*" in London on 5 April 1826.

Below is the record of death and burial of James Gregory – burial, 5 Mar 1826. Fr. Ellis was the rector who buried James, in the Lasham churchyard of St-Mary's, according to his wishes. Today, the headstones have been pulled up and placed alongside the stone wall, I have been informed, and therefore the exact spot of burial is no longer knowable. The Hampshire, England, Church of England Burials, 1813-1921, via Ancestry.com, shown above, indicates that James Gregory died in Basingstoke on 5 March 1826, aged 58.[6]



Page 6.

BURIALS in the Parish of Lasham
in the County of Southampton in the Year 1826

Name.	Abode.	When buried.	Age.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
Thomas Adams No. 41.	Lasham	May 7	91	By Jonathan Curate of Broadley
Mary Sage No. 42.	Lasham	May 14	94	J. Ellis Rector of Lasham
John Fetteridge No. 43.	Lasham	Feb. 2	59	J. Ellis Rector
James Gregory No. 44.	Basingstoke	March 5	58	J. Ellis Rector
Sarah Tremain No. 45.	Lasham	March 19	59	J. Ellis Rector
Thomas Tyler No. 46.	Lasham	May 29	58	J. Ellis Rector
John Bowyer No. 47.	Lasham	April 12	8 Days	Not Baptized
No. 48.				

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Hampshire, England, Church of England Burials, 1813-1921

Record Index

Name: James Gregory
Death Age: 58
Birth Date: 1768
Residence Place: Basingstoke
Death Date: 1826
Burial Date: 5 Mar 1826
Burial Place: Lasham, Hampshire, England
Parish as it Appears: Lasham

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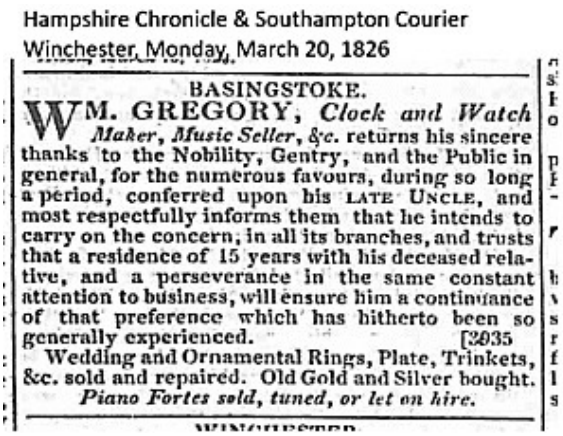
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Hampshire Archives and Local Studies; Winchester, England, UK; Reference: Anglican Bishops' Transcripts

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Original data: Anglican Parish Registers. Winchester, Hampshire, England: Hampshire Archives and Local Studies.

- **William Gregory**

Born in April 1798 in New Alresford, Hampshire. As stated earlier, he moved to Basingstoke as a youngster to live with his uncle James and to learn the watch making trade. William was 28 when his uncle died, and he served as one of the two executors for the estate and will. William inherited the house, property, and business. The following year, on 6 Aug, in New Alresford, he married Mary Skinner and brought her back to the Winchester Street house in Basingstoke.



Hampshire Chronicle & Southampton Courier
Winchester, Monday, March 20, 1826

BASINGSTOKE.

WM. GREGORY, *Clock and Watch Maker, Music Seller, &c.* returns his sincere thanks to the Nobility, Gentry, and the Public in general, for the numerous favours, during so long a period, conferred upon his LATE UNCLE, and most respectfully informs them that he intends to carry on the concern, in all its branches, and trusts that a residence of 15 years with his deceased relative, and a perseverance in the same constant attention to business, will ensure him a continuance of that preference which has hitherto been so generally experienced. [2035

Wedding and Ornamental Rings, Plate, Trinkets, &c. sold and repaired. Old Gold and Silver bought.

Piano Fortes sold, tuned, or let on hire.

WINCHESTER.

William and Mary (Skinner) had three children: James (b. July 1828), William Jr. (b. 5 Sep. 1829), and Harriett (b. June 1832). William Jr was baptized on 6 Dec 1829 at Christchurch, Basingstoke, England. William continued the business – making watches, clocks, and selling musical instruments; I have no evidence that he would have taught his wife any of the trade, but we know that he did teach his sons. Having said this, it seems that clockmaking might have become less of a focus for the business; he trained his eldest son James to work the clocks, while the next son William Jr would focus on watches. James would move out of the home some time after 1851 and presumably took his skills as a "clockmaker" with him.

The image on the following page is from the Hampshire Advertiser and Salisbury Guardian of 16 Apr 1836. Note the comments that would have referred to William Sr as a watch maker.

16 April 1836

BASINGSTOKE, APRIL 16.

...ing week, when a full house is expected.

The General Quarter Sessions for this town took place on the 8th inst. when John Taylor stood indicted for stealing a pair of stockings the property of Mr. Francis Moth, the grand Jury ignored the Bill.—Thomas Penn, for stealing part of a chine, the property of Christopher Edward Lefroy, esq. the prisoner pleaded guilty—one month's imprisonment and hard labour at Winchester.—John Aslett, for stealing a watch the property of Mr. Renouf. It appeared in evidence that the prisoner brought the watch to Mr. Gregory, watch-maker, for sale, on the 17th of March last; he stated to Mr. Gregory that he bought it at a shop in the High-street, Winchester, about four years ago, and that he paid 3*l*. 10s. or 3*l*. 12s. for it. Mr. Gregory on examining the watch saw his private mark in the inside, which led him to refer to his book, and there he discovered that it was a watch that he had repaired for Mr. Renouf, between five and six years ago, he told the man that the watch belonged to a person in the town, and he went in the next room and desired his son to fetch Mr. Renouf, upon turning round he discovered that the man was gone, he followed, overtook and brought him back, he asked him what made him run away, he said he did not know and appeared frightened, he afterwards let him go away upon promising to call again in the afternoon, but he did not call again, he had not seen him since till he saw him in custody at the Town Hall on the day he was committed, at his examination the prisoner stated in his defence, that he changed a watch of his with a pedlar at Winchester fair about four years since for this watch and a sovereign, the prisoner brought no witnesses. The Jury retired for about twenty minutes and returned a verdict of

It would seem that Gregory's also sold lottery tickets. See the images below.

Hampshire Advertiser and Salisbury Guardian. 18 Jan 1834

Losses occasioned by Lightning are made good.

NEXT WEDNESDAY.

THE GLASGOW LOTTERY,
Authorised by Act of Parliament,
Will be drawn at COOPER'S HALL, in the City of London.

On WEDNESDAY NEXT,
The 22nd of this Month, JANUARY.

The SCHEME contains the following large Prizes, besides 1995 others of smaller amount.

1	of £15,000 is	£15,000
1	10,000	10,000
1	5,000	5,000
1	3,000	3,000
1	2,000	2,000
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4	1,000	4,000

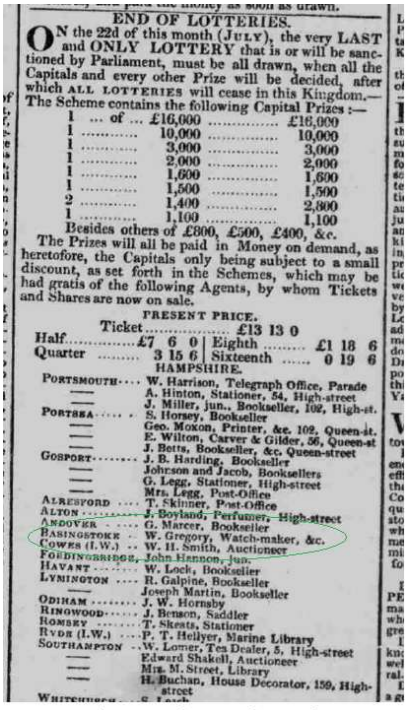
Together with Prizes of £500, £400, £200, £100, &c. &c. &c.

Each PRIZE will be paid in MONEY, as soon as drawn.

Deducting only a small commission, as stated in the Schemes at large, which may be had, gratis, at all the Offices. The following Persons are the authorised Agents for the Sale of Tickets and Shares.

HANTS.

SOUTHAMPTON.. W. LOMER, Tea Dealer, 5, High St.
N. PEGLER, 151, High Street
E. SHAKELL, Auctioneer
Mrs. M. STREET, Library
H. BUCHAN, House Decorator, 159, High Street
ALRESFORD.... T. Skinner, Post Office
ALTON..... J. Boyland, Perfumer, High Street
ANDOVER..... G. Mercer, Bookseller
BASINGSTOKE .. W. Gregory, Watchmaker
COWES..... W. H. Smith, Auctioneer
FORDINGBRIDGE John Hannen, Jun.
GOSPORT..... J. B. Harding, Bookseller
Jacob and Johnson, Booksellers
Geo. Legg, Stationer, High Street
Mrs. Legg, Post Office



END OF LOTTERIES.

ON the 22d of this month (JULY), the very LAST and ONLY LOTTERY that is or will be sanctioned by Parliament, must be all drawn, when all the Capitals and every other Prize will be decided, after which ALL LOTTERIES will cease in this Kingdom.—The Scheme contains the following Capital Prizes:—

1 ... of ...	£16,000	£16,000
1	10,000	10,000
1	3,000	3,000
1	2,000	2,000
1	1,600	1,600
1	1,500	1,500
2	1,400	2,800
1	1,100	1,100

Besides others of £800, £500, £400, &c.

The Prizes will all be paid in Money on demand, as heretofore, the Capitals only being subject to a small discount, as set forth in the Schemes, which may be had gratis of the following Agents, by whom Tickets and Shares are now on sale.

PRESENT PRICE.

Ticket..... £13 13 0
Half..... £7 6 0 | Eighth £1 18 6
Quarter ..... 3 15 6 | Sixteenth 0 19 6

HAMPSHIRE.

PORTSMOUTH.... W. Harrison, Telegraph Office, Parade
— A. Hinton, Stationer, 54, High-street
— J. Miller, jun., Bookseller, 102, High-st.
PORTSEA..... S. Horsey, Bookseller
— Geo. Moxon, Printer, &c. 102, Queen-st.
— E. Wilton, Carver & Gilder, 36, Queen-st
— J. Betts, Bookseller, &c. Queen-street
GOSPORT..... J. B. Harding, Bookseller
— Johnson and Jacob, Booksellers
— G. Legg, Stationer, High-street
— Mrs. Legg, Post-Office
ALRESFORD .... T. Skinner, Post-Office
ALTON..... J. Boyland, Perfumer, High-street
ANDOVER..... G. Mercer, Bookseller
BASINGSTOKE .. W. Gregory, Watch-maker, &c.
COWES (I.W.) .. W. H. Smith, Auctioneer
FORDINGBRIDGE, John Hannon, jun.
HAVANT..... W. Loch, Bookseller
LYMINGTON .... R. Galpine, Bookseller
— Joseph Martin, Bookseller
ODIHAM..... J. W. Hornsby
RINGWOOD..... J. Benson, Saddler
ROMSEY..... T. Skeats, Stationer
RYDE (I.W.) .... P. T. Hellyer, Marine Library
SOUTHAMPTON .. W. Lomer, Tea Dealer, 5, High-street
— Edward Shakell, Auctioneer
— Mrs. M. Street, Library
— H. Buchan, House Decorator, 159, High-street
WHITECHURCH.... S. Lock

Hampshire Telegraph and Sussex Chronicle - 7 July 1834

Alt Ref No

42M66/112

Title

Assignment of mortgage for residue of 500 year term, concerning property as detailed in 42M66/89 (BRA 1473)

Date

5 Dec 1835

Description

(i) William Flower of Stantons Farm, Kingsclere, gent; John Hawkins of Welford, Berkshire, gent; Francis Cox of Aldermaston, Berkshire, surgeon; executors of Letitia Dicker, late of Baughurst, widow, deceased, mortgagee, in 42M66/89
(ii) William Moody of Basingstoke, pastry cook, mortgagor
(iii) William Gregory of Basingstoke, watchmaker, new mortgagee

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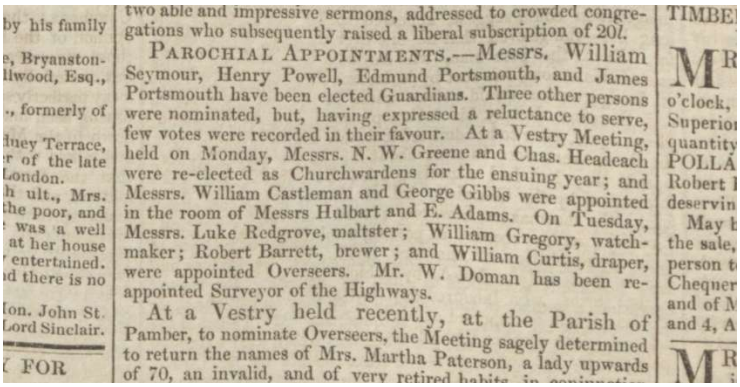
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Bond: William Moody of Basingstoke, pastry cook, bound to William Gregory of Basingstoke, watch maker, to secure repayment of mortgage, in 42M66/112, on 5 Jun 1836 (BRA 1473)

Date

5 Dec 1835

William may have become a church overseer, per the following announcement:[7] With a couple of other William Gregorys in the city at this time, I may be wrong about this and would welcome any further elucidation.



two able and impressive sermons, addressed to crowded congregations who subsequently raised a liberal subscription of 20*l*.

PAROCHIAL APPOINTMENTS.—Messrs. William Seymour, Henry Powell, Edmund Portsmouth, and James Portsmouth have been elected Guardians. Three other persons were nominated, but, having expressed a reluctance to serve, few votes were recorded in their favour. At a Vestry Meeting, held on Monday, Messrs. N. W. Greene and Chas. Headeach were re-elected as Churchwardens for the ensuing year; and Messrs. William Castleman and George Gibbs were appointed in the room of Messrs Hulbart and E. Adams. On Tuesday, Messrs. Luke Redgrove, maltster; William Gregory, watchmaker; Robert Barrett, brewer; and William Curtis, draper, were appointed Overseers. Mr. W. Doman has been re-appointed Surveyor of the Highways.

At a Vestry held recently, at the Parish of Pamber, to nominate Overseers, the Meeting sagely determined to return the names of Mrs. Martha Paterson, a lady upwards of 70, an invalid, and of very retired habits, in conjunction

The image below is a watch made by William Gregory Sr, silver paired case, ploughing scene on dial, c.1842. Owned by the Hampshire Cultural Trust.



This might be our William Sr, possibly serving on the town council, but further research is required to be certain. Found in the Hampshire Advertiser, 8 Nov 1845.

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thought it politic to let him go for the present; upon which the mob desisted and returned to the harbour. Since then summonses have been served on Thorne and several others, who will appear on Tuesday.

BASINGSTOKE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.—Mr. Charles Webb, Mr. Thomas Downs, and Mr. Edward Adams were re-elected; and Mr. Henry Downs, Mr. George William Leigh, and Mr. William Gregory were elected.

WINCHESTER BOROUGH COURT.——(Before the Mayor and Justices).

Edward Hobbs, for stealing a riding cane, with silver ferrol, the

Berkshire Chronicle, 8 Nov 1845.

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after a previous conviction. A presentment was made by the Grand Jury respecting the revival of a court for the recovery of small debts.

BASINGSTOKE

On the 1st inst. an election for six councillors was held at the Town-hall, when Mr. Charles Webb, Mr. Thomas Downs, and Mr. Edward Adams, were re elected; and Mr. Henry Downs, Mr. George Wm. Leigh, and Mr. William Gregory, were elected in the room of Mr. James Carter, Mr. N. W. Green, and Mr. George Penton.

On Wednesday evening a boy was seriously injured on our common by the bursting of a serpent against his leg. Fears are entertained that he must suffer amputation.

At a petty sessions held at the Town-hall, on Tuesday, before the Mayor and town magistrates, police superintendent Stephen Franklin was fined 15s., including costs, for assaulting David Tubb; and Thomas Dormer appeared to an information exhibited against him for letting off fireworks in the streets, but was dismissed from an error in the information.

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MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ACT.—On Saturday last an election took place for four councillors in this borough,

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A side note of a journeyman worker – "a watch maker, in the employ of Mr. Gregory" – for William Gregory… Mr. Joseph Sansom. There is very little evidence of employees outside of the family members in the business, so this is certainly of interest.

The Hampshire Independent
Sat. Aug. 12, 1848

most uninitiated.

BOROUGH PETTY SESSIONS.—Joseph Sansom, a watch maker, in the employ of Mr. Gregory, for an assault on Thomas Smith, landlord of the Hut public-house, on the Cliddesden road, on the 1st instant, was fined 16s. penalty and costs.—John Clark, of Worting End, labourer, was charged with stealing a half sovereign and other monies, the property of Mr. Edward Hutchins of that place, on the night of the 5th instant. It appeared that Clarke had gone into the cottage of the prosecutor about half-past ten in the evening, for the purpose of lighting his pipe, and finding the latter asleep in a chair, seized the opportunity of taking the money from his pocket. The loss was discovered by Hutchins in about an hour, and the prisoner having been apprehended admitted the theft, but said he found the money on the table, and took it only for a lark; committed for trial.

BASINGSTOKE CORN MARKET.—Wheat, 46s. to 58s. per

By the start of 1850, William had relocated the business a couple of rods down Winchester St, which is believed to be the continued location until the early 20th century and the end of the business.[8]

January 2, 1850.

CHANGE OF RESIDENCE.

W. GREGORY,

WATCH MAKER, SILVERSMITH, JEWELLER, AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENT SELLER,

BASINGSTOKE,

RETURNS his sincere thanks to those ladies and gentlemen, and the public generally, who have supported him so many years in the above business, and begs to apprize them that he has REMOVED from his late residence, to a house in Winchester-street, nearly opposite the Post Office, Basingstoke, where he hopes, by strict attention and moderate charges, to merit a continuance of their favours.

N.B. Piano Fortes tuned and kept for sale or hire on moderate terms.

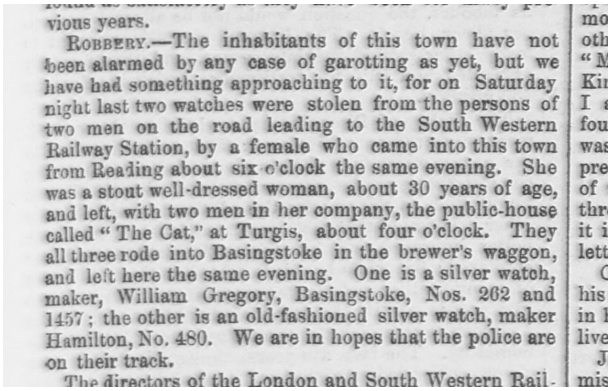
On 24 July 1850, a pledge was signed by a collection of locals in the "North Hants of Hampshire, England", addressing a desire to "promote and support a fair for the sale of wool, to be held annually at Basingstoke". Among the signers was William Gregory of Basingstoke.[9]

In the 1851 census covering Basingstoke, Hampshire, William is listed as head of household at 54 Winchester St. Born in "Hampshire, Alresford" and 58 yrs of age, watch maker, the house also had Mary, wife, 57, also from "Alresford". Then there was 22 yr old son James, a clockmaker; William, 21, watch maker; 18 yr old daughter Harriett; and house servant 18 yr old Ann Martin. William Sr. employed "one man",[10] which would be besides family members. Perhaps it was still Joseph Sansom.

William is also listed in "Watchmakers & Clockmakers of the World", Vol. 2, by Brian Loomis [1976 N.A.G. Press LTD, London]: "GREGORY, William. *Basingstoke*. 1830-1867."

On 9 Jan 1855, son William Jr. married Sarah Ann Pelton of Basingstoke[11] and she moved into the Winchester house/shop with her new in-laws. She would take up watchmaking and become part of the family business.[12]

This a couple of years later, and referred to in the Berkshire Chronicle of 24 January 1857, a robbery of two Gregory pocket watches occurred. I think that it would be interesting if numbers 262 and 1457 should turn up in someone's collection today!

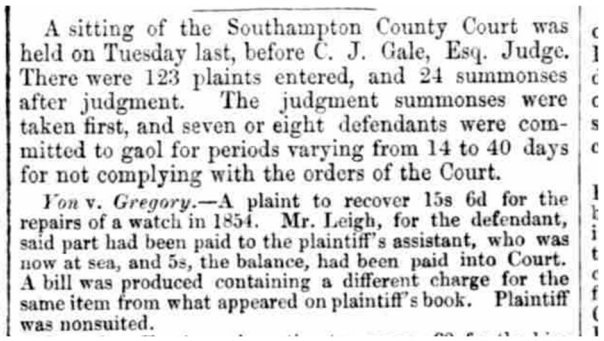


vious years.

ROBBERY.—The inhabitants of this town have not been alarmed by any case of garotting as yet, but we have had something approaching to it, for on Saturday night last two watches were stolen from the persons of two men on the road leading to the South Western Railway Station, by a female who came into this town from Reading about six o'clock the same evening. She was a stout well-dressed woman, about 30 years of age, and left, with two men in her company, the public-house called "The Cat," at Turgis, about four o'clock. They all three rode into Basingstoke in the brewer's waggon, and left here the same evening. One is a silver watch, maker, William Gregory, Basingstoke, Nos. 262 and 1457; the other is an old-fashioned silver watch, maker Hamilton, No. 480. We are in hopes that the police are on their track.

The directors of the London and South Western Rail-

And then this…[13]



A sitting of the Southampton County Court was held on Tuesday last, before C. J. Gale, Esq. Judge. There were 123 plaints entered, and 24 summonses after judgment. The judgment summonses were taken first, and seven or eight defendants were committed to gaol for periods varying from 14 to 40 days for not complying with the orders of the Court.

Von v. *Gregory*.—A plaint to recover 15s 6d for the repairs of a watch in 1854. Mr. Leigh, for the defendant, said part had been paid to the plaintiff's assistant, who was now at sea, and 5s, the balance, had been paid into Court. A bill was produced containing a different charge for the same item from what appeared on plaintiff's book. Plaintiff was nonsuited.

In the Berkshire Chronicle of 3 January 1857, a report was printed regarding a burglary of some valuable antique coins. The accused fenced the coins, one of which was to William Gregory, who would give testimony in court to this effect.

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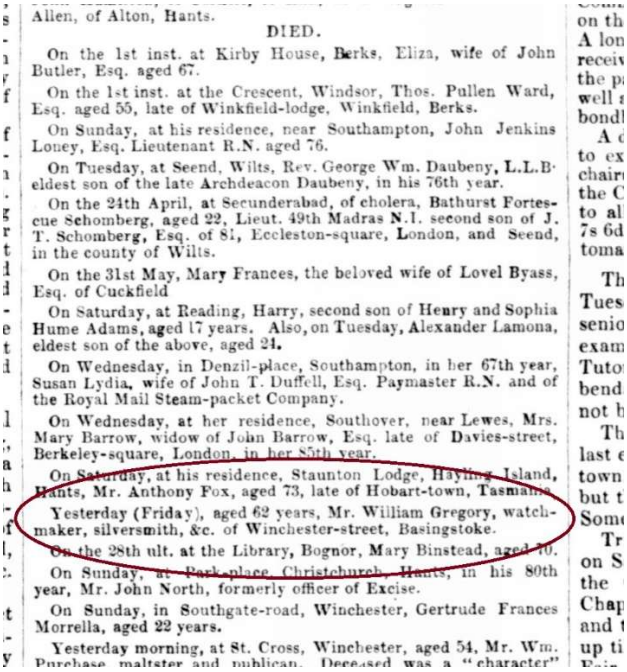
FRIDAY, DEC. 26.

(Present: E. Currie and E. Arbuthnot, Esqrs.)

Thomas Speen, an interesting youth, who it appeared never knew his parents, but, as was stated in court, was about fourteen or fifteen years back found in the parish of Speen, Berks, and has since been known by the name of "Speen," was brought up in the custody of J. Peachey, gamekeeper to W. Kingsmill, Esq., of Sydmonton Court, Hants, charged with wilfully and maliciously committing damage to yew and holly there growing on Sydmonton Common, on the 24th December.—William Butler, a labourer on the estate, who was instructed to look after the common, as people made such depredations just at this time of the year by cutting holly and evergreens, said he was on the common on Wednesday, the 24th Dec., and saw the defendant in a tree; he had a bill-hook in his hand, and had cut the holly and other shrubs produced. Apprehended him, and took what he had cut away. The quantity shown to the bench consisted of the top of a young yew tree and a large "nitch" of holly, &c., enough to fill a donkey cart, and no doubt the defendant would have made a pretty penny of it at the various shops in Newbury, whither he stated he was going with the same.—Convicted in penalty of 6d., damage 6d., and costs 4s., to be paid in a fortnight.

BURGLARY AT TADLEY.—Thomas Cripps, labourer, of Tadley, who has a particular desire to see the world, but who is at present a candidate only for a pleasant trip across the herring pond, was brought up in the custody of the police, charged with feloniously breaking into and stealing from the dwelling house of William Hasker, farmer, of Tadley, on Sunday the 21st Dec., a quantity of old silver coins, of the reigns of Charles the Third of Spain, Charles the Second and George the Third of England, also other monies, to the value of 1l. 18s., a bottle of wine, and part of a meat pie, the latter of which it is supposed the prisoner consumed in the house.—William Hasker said: On Sunday last I left my house about half-past two o'clock in the afternoon; my housekeeper left with me. I saw her lock the door. We went to chapel, returned about 4 o'clock, and found the window broken and the blind down. Thought some one had been in the house. Examined a bureau in the kitchen, it had been opened, and one of the drawers left open, and some papers disturbed. There was some money in the drawer when I left home; I cannot say exactly how much.—Mary Elliott deposed: I am housekeeper to prosecutor. On Sunday afternoon I went to chapel with my master. I locked the door of the house. On our return I unlocked the door and went in. Master said, "I think the house has been robbed." I went up stairs, and on looking into my box found three old five shilling pieces had been taken away. Those now produced I identify as mine, and which were in my box. The piece produced by Mr. Horan is a silver piece of the reign of Charles the Third of Spain. The two other pieces produced by William Barber are of the reigns of Charles the Second and George the Third. I also missed other coins from the same box, and a bottle of grape wine from the cellar.—David James, a labourer, of Tadley, proved seeing the prisoner about a quarter after three on the day named go along the road near the prosecutor's house. Witness spoke to and was answered by the prisoner; he was going in a contrary direction to Mr. Hasker's house.—William Gregory, silversmith, of Basingstoke, gave evidence as to purchasing one of the coins of the prisoner for 4s. 3d. on Tuesday, the 23d Dec. The coin was of the reign of Charles of Spain, and is the one now produced by the witness Barber. Gave it to Barber about an hour after the prisoner had left my shop. This witness identified the prisoner as the party selling him the coin.—George Loten Hillier, another silversmith of Basingstoke, stated that the prisoner came into his shop about nine o'clock on Tuesday morning, when he asked witness to buy a coin of George the Third; bought it, and gave the prisoner 3s. 4d. for it. Placed it in one of his drawers in a box.—Catherine Barter, a widow, of Basingstoke, proved that the prisoner came to her "eating-house" and bought three pennyworth of victuals; he tendered what she thought was a five shilling piece, and she gave him the change, 4s. 9d. Afterwards sent the piece to be examined, and it turned out to be bad. Marked it and gave it to the witness Horan on the following day.—William Barber, a police-constable of the Hants Constabulary stationed at Baughurst—a very clever officer, who has upon various occasions shown much acuteness in working up cases of felony in his district, and to whom great praise is due for his indefatigable exertions in searching for the prisoner and stolen property in this case—gave evidence of unusual length, the most important parts of which we can only find room for. He stated that on Sunday evening 21st Dec., about five o'clock, he first received information of this robbery—went to the house—found a pane of glass in window broken. From information received he went to prisoner on the next day where he was at work, asked him what time he went by Mr. Hasker's, on Sunday afternoon? Prisoner said "about half-past three." Asked him if he (prisoner) met any one? Said "no." Asked him (prisoner) if he noticed Mr. Hasker's house? And he said "Yes, I noticed the window shutter was put to." On Tuesday went to Basingstoke, met prisoner, about one o'clock, coming from the direction of Mr. Gregory's shop. Prisoner said "what brought you here." I said "I don't know." Went to Mr. Gregory's and enquired if he had bought any old coins, he said he had, and gave me the one I now produce, dated 1679. Subsequently went to Mr. Hillier's and in his absence I received a coin from Mrs. Hillier. Afterwards saw Mr. Hillier who identified it as the piece he had purchased of the prisoner, this piece is dated 1809. I then met with another police constable and described the prisoner to him, wishing him to be on the look-out and watch his movements. Soon after I saw the prisoner in custody and then told him the charge against him was that of breaking into Mr. Hasker's house and stealing monies to the amount of £1 18s., likewise three five-shilling pieces and some old coins, a bottle of wine, and a part of a hogmeat pie. The prisoner made no reply.—Superintendent Edmund Horan produced the coin he received of the witness Mrs. Barter, dated 1777, and stated that whilst in the cell at Kingsclere, the prisoner made a voluntary statement to witness, the effect of which was to implicate another person in the robbery and that the prisoner found the coins under the hedge, but Police-constable Barber stated that he had heard as much, at Tadley, and had made a strict investigation of the matter, and more than that a dozen people were ready to prove that the party named by the prisoner was never near the spot during any part of the day when the robbery took place. Prisoner in reply to usual caution declined to say anything, and was committed to take his trial at the next quarter sessions at Winchester. Prisoner had not been home many days, having suffered a term of imprisonment at Winchester, for stealing a parcel of drapery from a cart on the highway, between Basingstoke and Pamber, on the 19th September last, belonging to Sarah West of Tadley, widow.

William Sr died on 8 June 1860. He was buried four days later in Basingstoke, South View Cemetery: formerly known as Holy Ghost Cemetery. He had written his will on 27 April 1844, with the typical plans for what to leave his widow Mary, what to liquidate and then clean away debts, what to invest, and for the children named: James (16), William (15), and Harriet (12). The solicitor had been James Holding, and a second witness was Henry Willis, a saddler in town. William's will was proven on 19 August 1861 with the executors being his widow Mary and her brother Thomas Skinner.[14] Mary was cited as living in Alresford at the time that the will was proven, probably having moved back in with family. The business head was now William Jr.



Allen, of Alton, Hants.

DIED.

On the 1st inst. at Kirby House, Berks, Eliza, wife of John Butler, Esq. aged 67.

On the 1st inst. at the Crescent, Windsor, Thos. Pullen Ward, Esq. aged 55, late of Winkfield-lodge, Winkfield, Berks.

On Sunday, at his residence, near Southampton, John Jenkins Loney, Esq. Lieutenant R.N. aged 76.

On Tuesday, at Seend, Wilts, Rev. George Wm. Daubeny, L.L.B. eldest son of the late Archdeacon Daubeny, in his 76th year.

On the 24th April, at Secunderabad, of cholera, Bathurst Fortescue Schomberg, aged 22, Lieut. 49th Madras N.I. second son of J. T. Schomberg, Esq. of 81, Eccleston-square, London, and Seend, in the county of Wilts.

On the 31st May, Mary Frances, the beloved wife of Lovel Byass, Esq. of Cuckfield

On Saturday, at Reading, Harry, second son of Henry and Sophia Hume Adams, aged 17 years. Also, on Tuesday, Alexander Lamona, eldest son of the above, aged 24.

On Wednesday, in Denzil-place, Southampton, in her 67th year, Susan Lydia, wife of John T. Duffell, Esq. Paymaster R.N. and of the Royal Mail Steam-packet Company.

On Wednesday, at her residence, Southover, near Lewes, Mrs. Mary Barrow, widow of John Barrow, Esq. late of Davies-street, Berkeley-square, London, in her 85th year.

On Saturday, at his residence, Staunton Lodge, Hayling Island, Hants, Mr. Anthony Fox, aged 73, late of Hobart-town, Tasmania.

Yesterday (Friday), aged 62 years, Mr. William Gregory, watchmaker, silversmith, &c. of Winchester-street, Basingstoke.

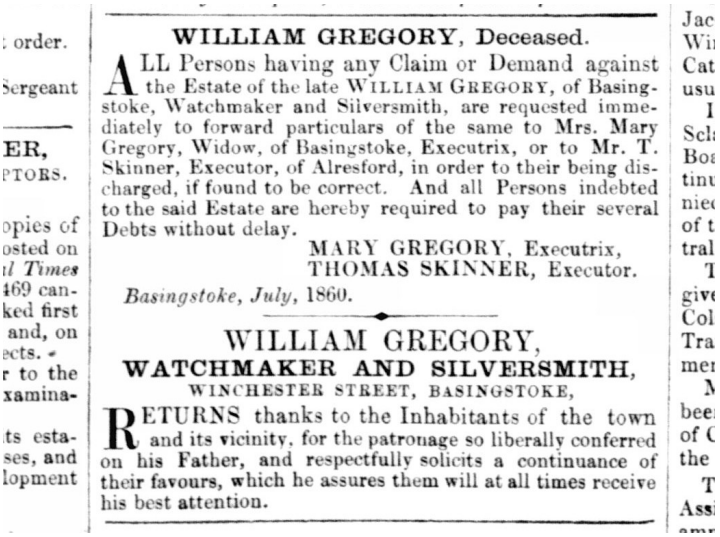
On the 28th ult. at the Library, Bognor, Mary Binstead, aged 10.

On Sunday, at Park-place, Christchurch, Hants, in his 80th year, Mr. John North, formerly officer of Excise.

On Sunday, in Southgate-road, Winchester, Gertrude Frances Morrella, aged 22 years.

Yesterday morning, at St. Cross, Winchester, aged 54, Mr. Wm. Purchase, maltster and publican. Deceased was a "character"

Hampshire Chronicle, 9 June 1860.



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WILLIAM GREGORY, Deceased.

ALL Persons having any Claim or Demand against the Estate of the late WILLIAM GREGORY, of Basingstoke, Watchmaker and Silversmith, are requested immediately to forward particulars of the same to Mrs. Mary Gregory, Widow, of Basingstoke, Executrix, or to Mr. T. Skinner, Executor, of Alresford, in order to their being discharged, if found to be correct. And all Persons indebted to the said Estate are hereby required to pay their several Debts without delay.

MARY GREGORY, Executrix,
THOMAS SKINNER, Executor.

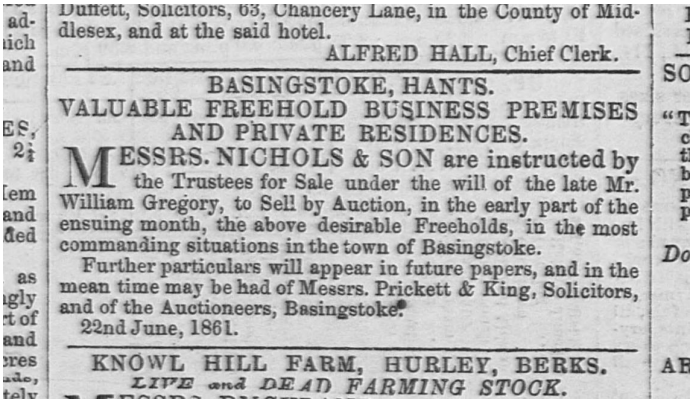
Basingstoke, July, 1860.

WILLIAM GREGORY,
WATCHMAKER AND SILVERSMITH,
WINCHESTER STREET, BASINGSTOKE,

RETURNS thanks to the Inhabitants of the town and its vicinity, for the patronage so liberally conferred on his Father, and respectfully solicits a continuance of their favours, which he assures them will at all times receive his best attention.

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Public ad/call-in for estate of William Sr.: The Hampshire Chronicle, 14 July 1860. This is an unusual advertisement in that Gregorys doesn't really seem to have placed ads in the various newspapers at all. At least not that I have been able to dig up after hours of scouring the digitized journals. There are other watch makers/sellers who do throughout the 19th century, but not our people, it seems.



Duffett, Solicitors, 63, Chancery Lane, in the County of Middlesex, and at the said hotel.

ALFRED HALL, Chief Clerk.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.

VALUABLE FREEHOLD BUSINESS PREMISES AND PRIVATE RESIDENCES.

MESSRS. NICHOLS & SON are instructed by the Trustees for Sale under the will of the late Mr. William Gregory, to Sell by Auction, in the early part of the ensuing month, the above desirable Freeholds, in the most commanding situations in the town of Basingstoke.

Further particulars will appear in future papers, and in the mean time may be had of Messrs. Prickett & King, Solicitors, and of the Auctioneers, Basingstoke.

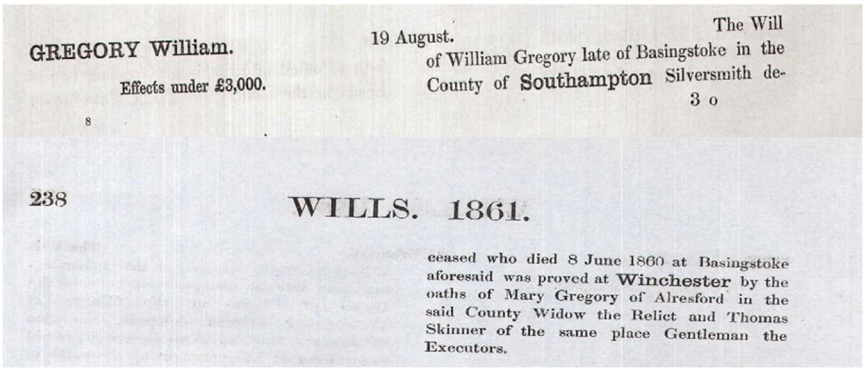
22nd June, 1861.

KNOWL HILL FARM, HURLEY, BERKS.

LIVE and DEAD FARMING STOCK.

Berkshire Chronicle, 22 June 1861.

Probated property[15] Widow Mary is listed as "head of household" in the 1861 census. This is conflict with the proving of the will declaring that she was living at that time in Alresford, but perhaps she was still listed as "head of household" at the time the census was taken, but then removed to Alresford by the time the will was proven.



GREGORY William. Effects under £3,000.

19 August. The Will of William Gregory late of Basingstoke in the County of Southampton Silversmith de-

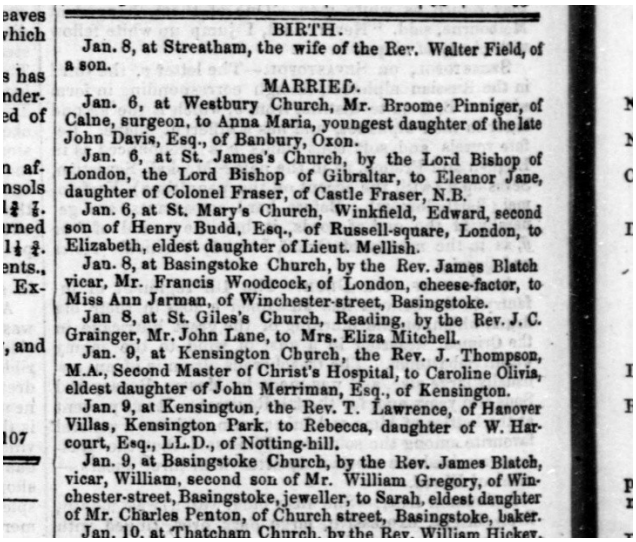
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ceased who died 8 June 1860 at Basingstoke aforesaid was proved at Winchester by the oaths of Mary Gregory of Alresford in the said County Widow the Relict and Thomas Skinner of the same place Gentleman the Executors.

- **William Jr.**

As mentioned above, William Jr (25) married Sarah Ann Penton (23) on 9 January 1855,[16] moving her into the household. When her father-in-law died five years later, Sarah appears to have become the business driver; William Jr appears to have had lingering health issues, although I do not have information as to what he was suffering from. I conclude that he relied heavily upon his wife along with whatever possible but as yet not documented apprentice/worker to operate the business during his last years. Widow Mary doesn't appear to have been the one to take over the business and may have been content to be the family matriarch. William Jr and Sarah had six children: Sarah Ann – called "Annie" (b. 1856), Harriett – called "Hartie" (b. Oct 1857. She went on to marry Arthur James Lear with no known children), William Skinner (b. 1859, bap.[17] 30 Dec 1859), James (b. 1861 and died 4 days later), Thomas Skinner (b. 1863 and died aged 4 yrs), and Charles (b. 1866 and lived but 10 days).[18] Please see the Gregory Genealogy in the 3d section. There also doesn't appear to be a worker listed in subsequent census returns, so perhaps it was family-only by this point. Clockmaking seems to have left the immediate family business; where William Jr's brother James wound up, I have been unable to ascertain. I suspect that he continued the clockmaking aspect of the business, though.



BIRTH.

Jan. 8, at Streatham, the wife of the Rev. Walter Field, of a son.

MARRIED.

Jan. 6, at Westbury Church, Mr. Broome Pinniger, of Calne, surgeon, to Anna Maria, youngest daughter of the late John Davis, Esq., of Banbury, Oxon.

Jan. 6, at St. James's Church, by the Lord Bishop of London, the Lord Bishop of Gibraltar, to Eleanor Jane, daughter of Colonel Fraser, of Castle Fraser, N.B.

Jan. 6, at St. Mary's Church, Winkfield, Edward, second son of Henry Budd, Esq., of Russell-square, London, to Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Lieut. Mellish.

Jan. 8, at Basingstoke Church, by the Rev. James Blatch vicar, Mr. Francis Woodcock, of London, cheese-factor, to Miss Ann Jarman, of Winchester-street, Basingstoke.

Jan 8, at St. Giles's Church, Reading, by the Rev. J. C. Grainger, Mr. John Lane, to Mrs. Eliza Mitchell.

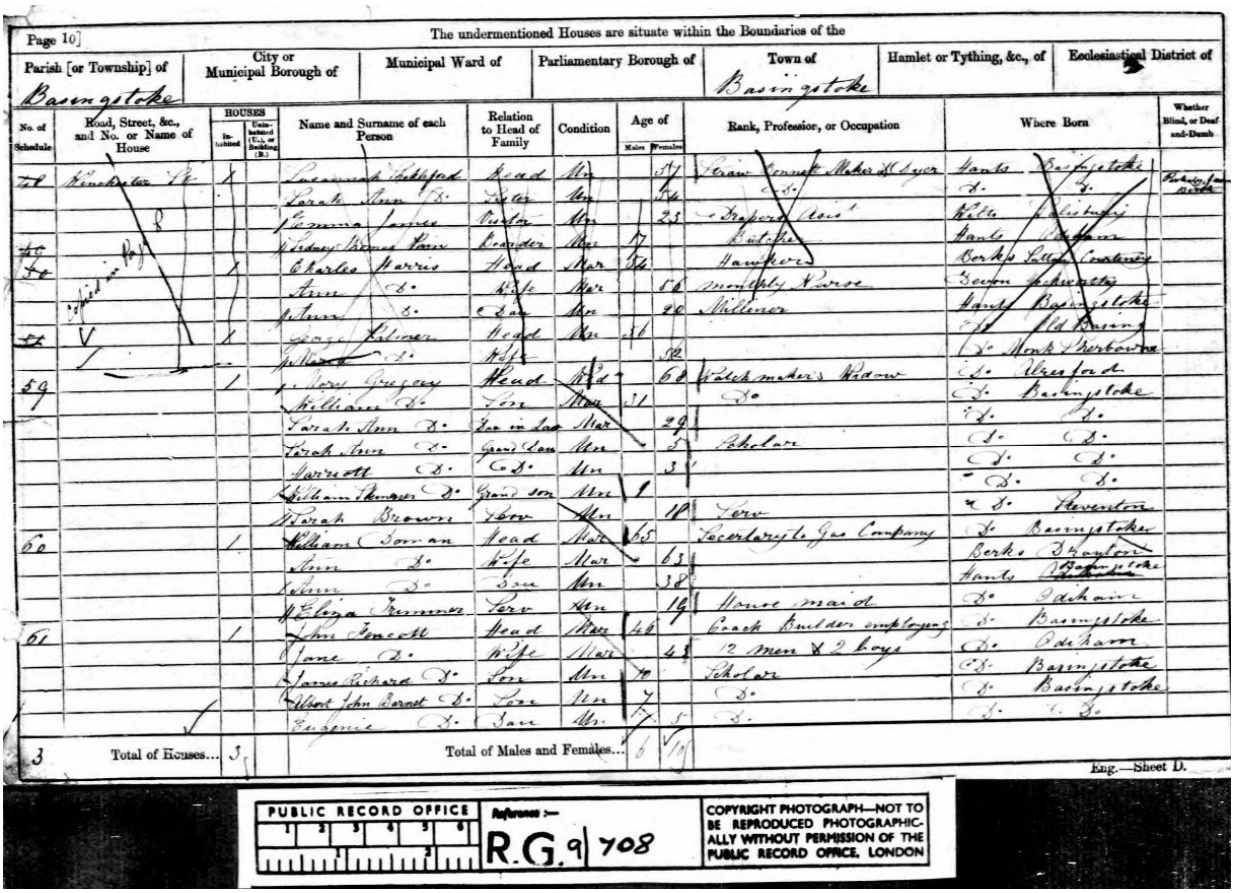
Jan. 9, at Kensington Church, the Rev. J. Thompson, M.A., Second Master of Christ's Hospital, to Caroline Olivia, eldest daughter of John Merriman, Esq., of Kensington.

Jan. 9, at Kensington, the Rev. T. Lawrence, of Hanover Villas, Kensington Park, to Rebecca, daughter of W. Harcourt, Esq., LL.D., of Notting-hill.

Jan. 9, at Basingstoke Church, by the Rev. James Blatch, vicar, William, second son of Mr. William Gregory, of Winchester-street, Basingstoke, jeweller, to Sarah, eldest daughter of Mr. Charles Penton, of Church street, Basingstoke, baker.

Jan. 10, at Thatcham Church, by the Rev. William Hickey,

Berkshire Chronicle, 13 Jan 1855 See the marriage announcement at the bottom, Jan. 9, at Basingstoke Church…



Page 10] The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the

Parish [or Township] of Basingstoke | City or Municipal Borough of | Municipal Ward of | Parliamentary Borough of | Town of Basingstoke | Hamlet or Tything, &c., of | Ecclesiastical District of

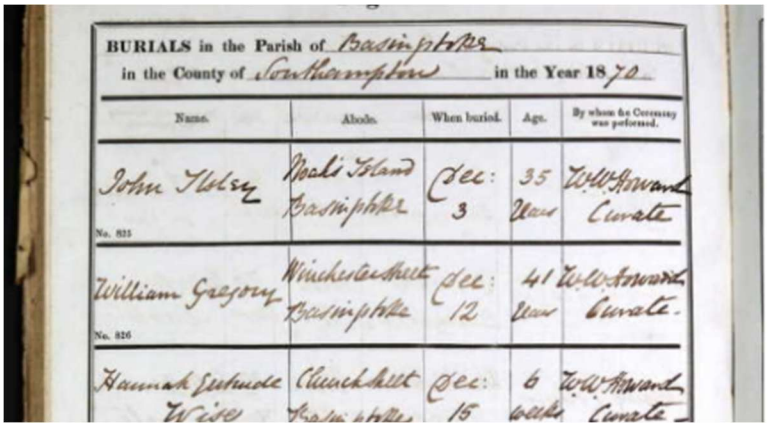
No. of Schedule	Road, Street, &c., and No. or Name of House	HOUSES Inhabited	HOUSES Uninhabited (U.) or Building (B.)	Name and Surname of each Person	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of Males	Age of Females	Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether Blind, or Deaf and Dumb
58	Winchester St.	1		Susannah Coldfoot	Head	Wid		57	Grocer Draper Maker & Mayor	Hants Basingstoke	
				Sarah Ann D.	Dr	Un		24	D.	D. D.	
				Emma James	Visitor	Un		23	Draper Asst	Wilts Salisbury	
59				Lindsay Thomas Parr	Boarder	Mar	27		Builder	Hants Odiham	
59		1		Charles Harris	Head	Mar	34		Hairdresser	Berks Lower Combe	
				Ann D.	Wife	Mar		36	Municipal Nurse	Devon Ashwater	
				Ann D.	Dau	Un		20	Milliner	Hants Basingstoke	
60		1		George Skinner	Head	Un	26			Wilts Alderbury	
				Mary D.	Wife			32		Dorset Monk Thorbourne	
59		1		Mary Gregory	Head	Wid		68	Watchmaker's Widow	Hants Ufford	
				William D.	Son	Mar	31		D.	D. Basingstoke	
				Sarah Ann D.	Son in law	Mar		29		D. D.	
				Sarah Ann D.	Grand Dau	Un		5	Scholar	D. D.	
				Harriott D.	Do.	Un		3		D. D.	
				William Skinner D.	Grand son	Un	1			D. D.	
				Sarah Brown	Serv	Un		18	Serv	D. Preventon	
60		1		William Sowan	Head	Mar	65		Secretary to Gas Company	D. Basingstoke	
				Ann D.	Wife	Mar		63		Berks Boyton	
				John D.	Son	Un		38		Hants Basingstoke	
				Eliza Timmins	Serv	Un		19	House maid	D. Odiham	
61		1		John Fennell	Head	Mar	48		Coach Builder employing	D. Basingstoke	
				Jane D.	Wife	Mar		43	12 men & 2 boys	D. Odiham	
				James Richard D.	Son	Un	10		Scholar	D. Basingstoke	
				Albert John Barrett D.	Son	Un	7		D.	D. Basingstoke	
				Eugenie D.	Dau	Un	5		D.	D. D.	
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Above is the return for the 1861 census in England lists Mary, 68, as "head of household" and "watch maker's widow" at the Winchester St shop/house. Her son, 31 yr old William (Jr), is a watch maker. His wife, 29 yr old Sarah is not listed with a profession, and for the children there is Sarah (Jr), age 5, listed as a "scholar" or student; 3 yr old Harriott; 1 yr old William Skinner; house servant Sarah Brown, age 18.[19]

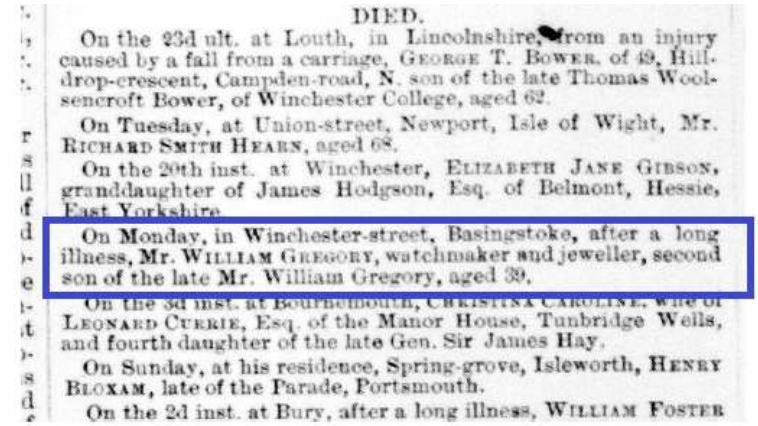
William Jr died on Monday, 5 Dec 1870, age 41, 18 months after his father.[20] He was buried seven days later in Basingstoke – South View Cemetery: formerly known as Holy Ghost Cemetery.[21]



BURIALS in the Parish of Basingstoke
in the County of Southampton in the Year 1870

Name.	Abode.	When buried.	Age.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
John Tilley No. 825	Neals Island Basingstoke	Dec: 3	35 Years	W.W. Howard Curate
William Gregory No. 826	Winchester Street Basingstoke	Dec: 12	41 Years	W.W. Howard Curate.
Hannah Gertrude Wife	Church Street Basingstoke	Dec: 15	6 weeks	W.W. Howard Curate

The Hampshire Chronicle, Southampton and Isle of Wight Courier, 10 Dec. 1870…



DIED.

On the 23d ult. at Louth, in Lincolnshire, from an injury caused by a fall from a carriage, GEORGE T. BOWER, of 49, Hilldrop-crescent, Camden-road, N. son of the late Thomas Woolsencroft Bower, of Winchester College, aged 62.

On Tuesday, at Union-street, Newport, Isle of Wight, Mr. RICHARD SMITH HEARN, aged 68.

On the 20th inst. at Winchester, ELIZABETH JANE GIBSON, granddaughter of James Hodgson, Esq. of Belmont, Hessie, East Yorkshire.

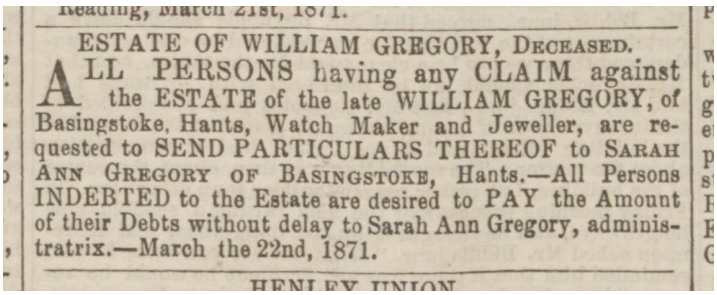
On Monday, in Winchester-street, Basingstoke, after a long illness, Mr. WILLIAM GREGORY, watchmaker and jeweller, second son of the late Mr. William Gregory, aged 39.

On the 3d inst. at Bournemouth, CHRISTINA CAROLINE, wife of LEONARD CURRIE, Esq. of the Manor House, Tunbridge Wells, and fourth daughter of the late Gen. Sir James Hay.

On Sunday, at his residence, Spring-grove, Isleworth, HENRY BLOXAM, late of the Parade, Portsmouth.

On the 2d inst. at Bury, after a long illness, WILLIAM FOSTER

Reading Mercury, 25 March 1871



Reading, March 21st, 1871.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM GREGORY, DECEASED.

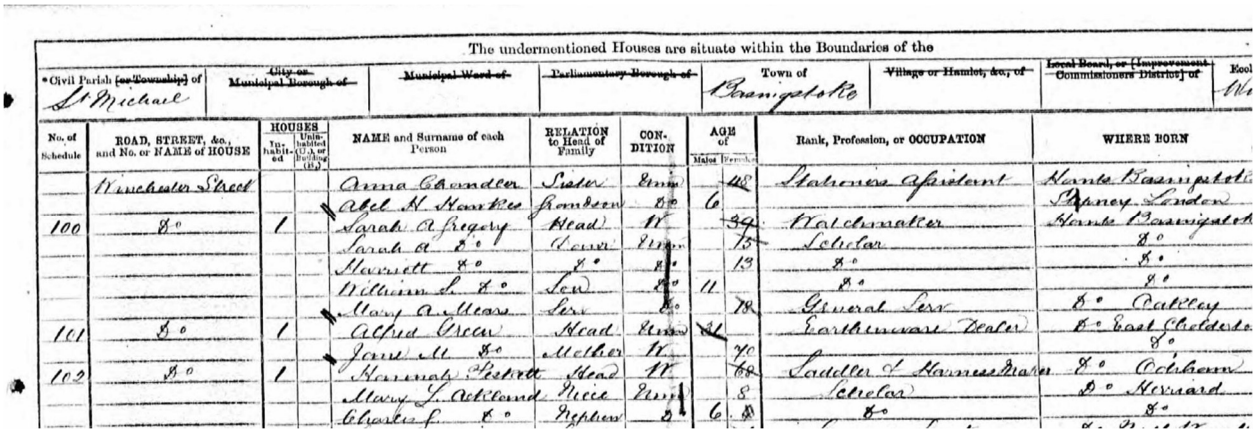
ALL PERSONS having any CLAIM against the ESTATE of the late WILLIAM GREGORY, of Basingstoke, Hants, Watch Maker and Jeweller, are requested to SEND PARTICULARS THEREOF to SARAH ANN GREGORY OF BASINGSTOKE, Hants.—All Persons INDEBTED to the Estate are desired to PAY the Amount of their Debts without delay to Sarah Ann Gregory, administratrix.—March the 22nd, 1871.

HENLEY UNION

By the time William Jr died, Mother Mary seems to have moved to live with her widowed daughter Harriett Bullions in Lambeth, London, England until her death on 14 January 1873. See the Gregory Genealogy in part 3. William had penned his final will and testament on 25 November 1867, with John w. Lamb, solicitor and F. Larenby of Hampshire Bank, Basingstoke, clerk, as witnesses. The beneficiaries were widow Sarah Ann and a Mr. Henry Fowler, both executors for the estate. The children are not mentioned by name. The will would be proven on 6 March 1871.[22] Like with his father, the house and business was not mentioned in the will or as part of the estate, so I conclude that it was either considered co-owned by the widow/family, or another legal arrangement was made separate from the will and therefore not probated.

➢ Sarah Ann Gregory

Upon her husband's death, widow Sarah continued the business. Some records list her as S.A. Gregory – Basingstoke, which you'll see below. While the conventional view of watchmakers in history being done by male craftsmen, it seems more realistic to my experience in other fields that women did indeed work in this field, even if societal convention might expect the face of the business to be her male counterpart. Perhaps being the widow of a local watch maker gave extra clout to continue on her own. In any event, the census of 1871 clearly states that Sarah Ann Gregory worked as a "watch maker" in her own right. Or at least ran the business, having other do the servicing and repairs while she was the mistress of the shop.



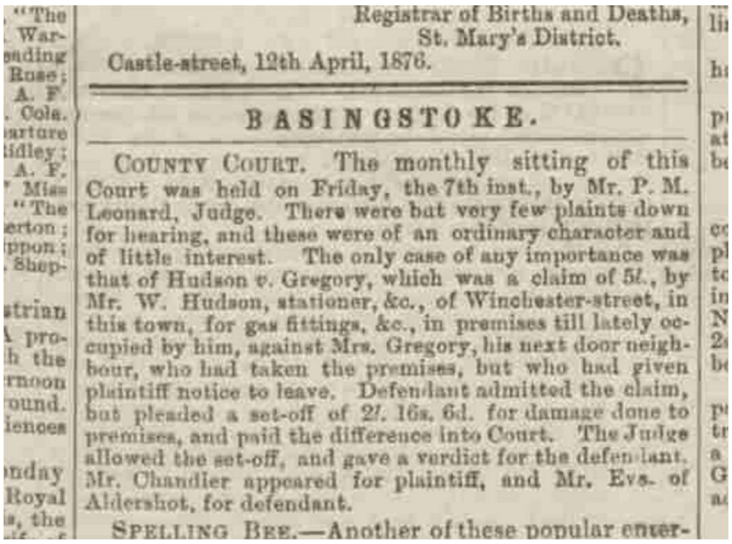
The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the

No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES Inhabited	HOUSES Uninhabited	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CONDITION	AGE Males	AGE Females	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN
	Winchester Street			Anna Chandler	Sister	Widow		48	Statoners Assistant	Hants Basingstoke
				Abel N Hawkes	Boarder	Bach	6			Surrey London
100	Do	1		Sarah A Gregory	Head	W		34	Watchmaker	Hants Basingstoke
				Sarah A Do	Dau	Unm		15	Scholar	Do
				Harriett Do	Do	Do		13	Do	Do
				William S Do	Son	Do	11		Do	Do
				Mary A Mears	Serv	Do		18	General Serv	Do Ashley
101	Do	1		Alfred Oscar	Head	Unm	24		Earthenware Dealer	Do East Chelderto
				Jane M Do	Mother	W		70		Do
102	Do	1		Hannah Pestell	Head	W		68	Saddler & Harness Maker	Do Odiham
				Mary L Ashland	Niece	Unm		8	Scholar	Do Newark
				Charles F Do	Nephew	Do	6		Do	Do

Detail from the 1871 Census[23]

The Winchester Street house/shop had Sarah Ann Gregory as head of household and watch maker. The children were Sarah Ann (Jr) age 15, Harriett age 13, and William Skinner age 11; all "scholars", or students. There was also an 18 yr old house servant, Mary A Mear.

It appears that there was a property on Winchester St that belonged to the Gregorys (or recently purchased by) in addition to their home/shop, for in April 1876, Sarah decided to evict the renter/shopkeeper, W. Hudson – stationer, for damages done to said property.[24]



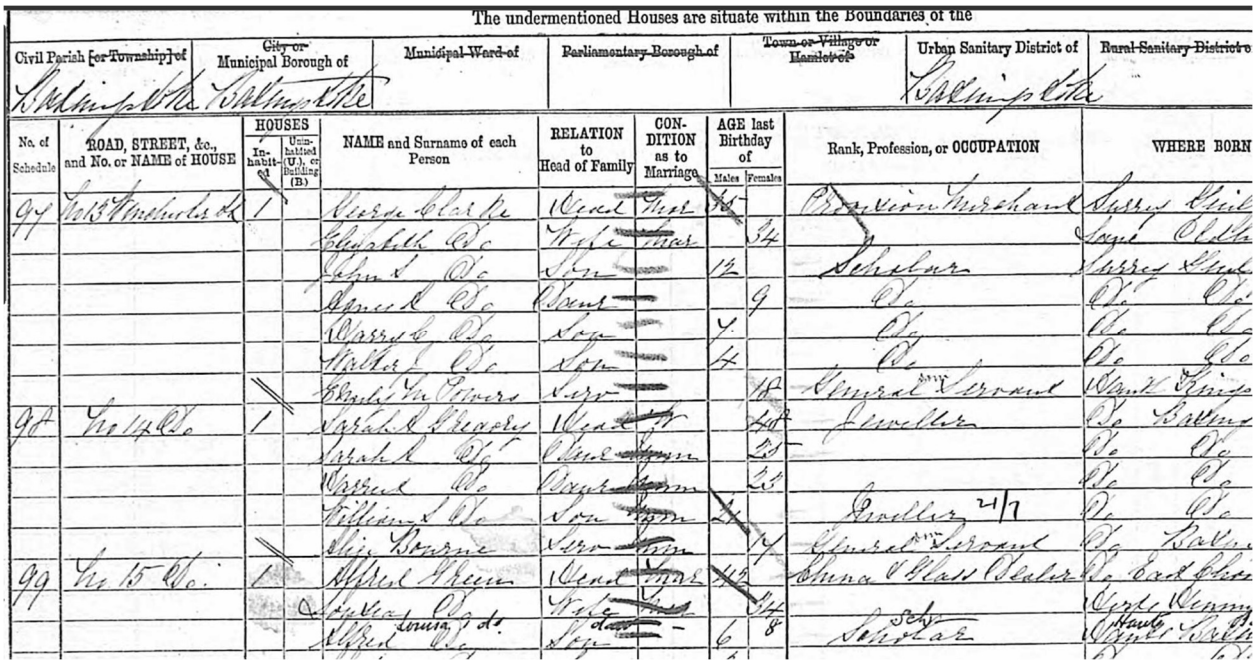
Registrar of Births and Deaths,
St. Mary's District.
Castle-street, 12th April, 1876.

BASINGSTOKE.

COUNTY COURT. The monthly sitting of this Court was held on Friday, the 7th inst., by Mr. P. M. Leonard, Judge. There were but very few plaints down for hearing, and these were of an ordinary character and of little interest. The only case of any importance was that of Hudson v. Gregory, which was a claim of 5*l.*, by Mr. W. Hudson, stationer, &c., of Winchester-street, in this town, for gas fittings, &c., in premises till lately occupied by him, against Mrs. Gregory, his next door neighbour, who had taken the premises, but who had given plaintiff notice to leave. Defendant admitted the claim, but pleaded a set-off of 2*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.* for damage done to premises, and paid the difference into Court. The Judge allowed the set-off, and gave a verdict for the defendant. Mr. Chandler appeared for plaintiff, and Mr. Evs. of Aldershot, for defendant.

SPELLING BEE.—Another of these popular enter-

Ten years later, the 1881 Census lists Sarah Ann as a "jeweler", which I find to have been a term used interchangeably with "silversmith" and "watch maker"; a major source of confusion. In our era, we see a clear distinction, but perhaps then not so much a difference.[25]



The above is the detail from the 1881 Census, showing that the house/shop was numbered as "No. 14 Winchester Street". (Had they moved the shop? Or had the house numbers been changed? Other evidence show that the shop had been at 5 Winchester St since the days that James owned and ran the business. Or perhaps #14 is mislabeled?). Sarah Ann Gregory, 48, head of household and a "jeweler". Daughters Sarah Ann, 25, and Harriott, 23, have not married and live at home, as does William Skinner, 21. William S. is listed also as a "jeweler", and we know with further information that he has learned watch making from his mother and will take on the business in his own right. There is also house servant: Alice Bourne, 14.

Based upon data found below, I think that Sarah trained her children in watchmaking to assist in the family business. You will see that William Skinner continued as the head of the business, but daughter Sarah appears to have worked in the shop, too. To what level of her participation was, I do not know.

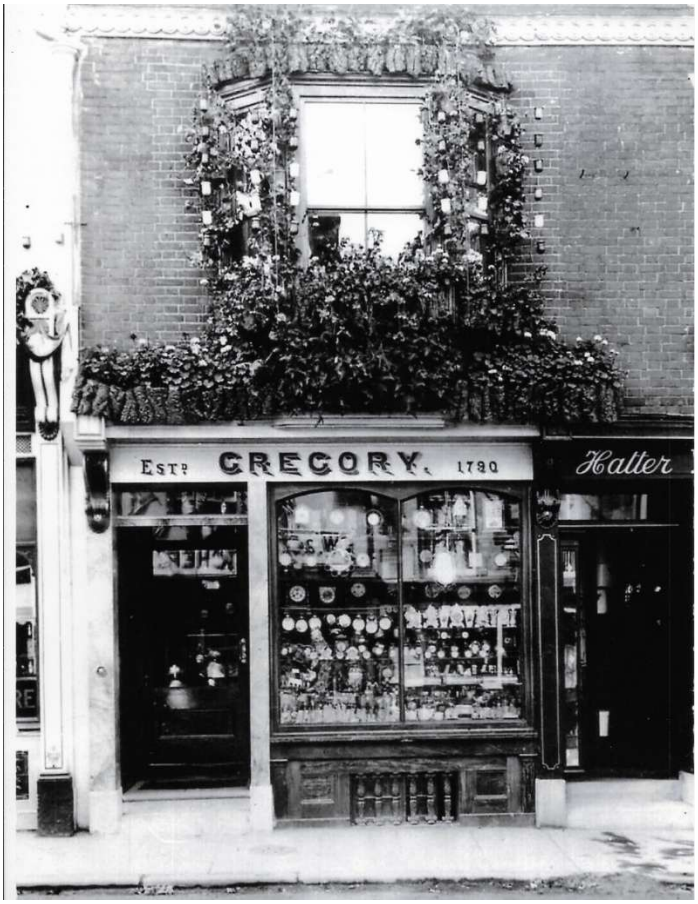
Sarah appears in "Watchmakers & Clockmakers of the World", Vol. 2, by Brian Loomis [1976 N.A.G. Press LTD, London]: "GREGORY, Mrs. S. A. *Basingstoke.* 1878"

UK, City and County Directories, 1766-1946: England, Hampshire, Basingstoke. *1885 Kelly's Directory*

Greenwood Arthur M.A., LL.D., F.G.S.E. boys' boarding & preparatory school, Flaxfield college — L
GregorySarah Ann(Mrs.), watch maker, Winchester street
Gregory Stph. The Victory P.H. Essex rd
Hailstone Cornelius, cart & waggon

In communication with Debbie Reavell of the Basingstoke Heritage Society, the north side of Winchester St location was The Crown Inn entrance surviving as Joice's Yard. The current business there is Spotlight UK

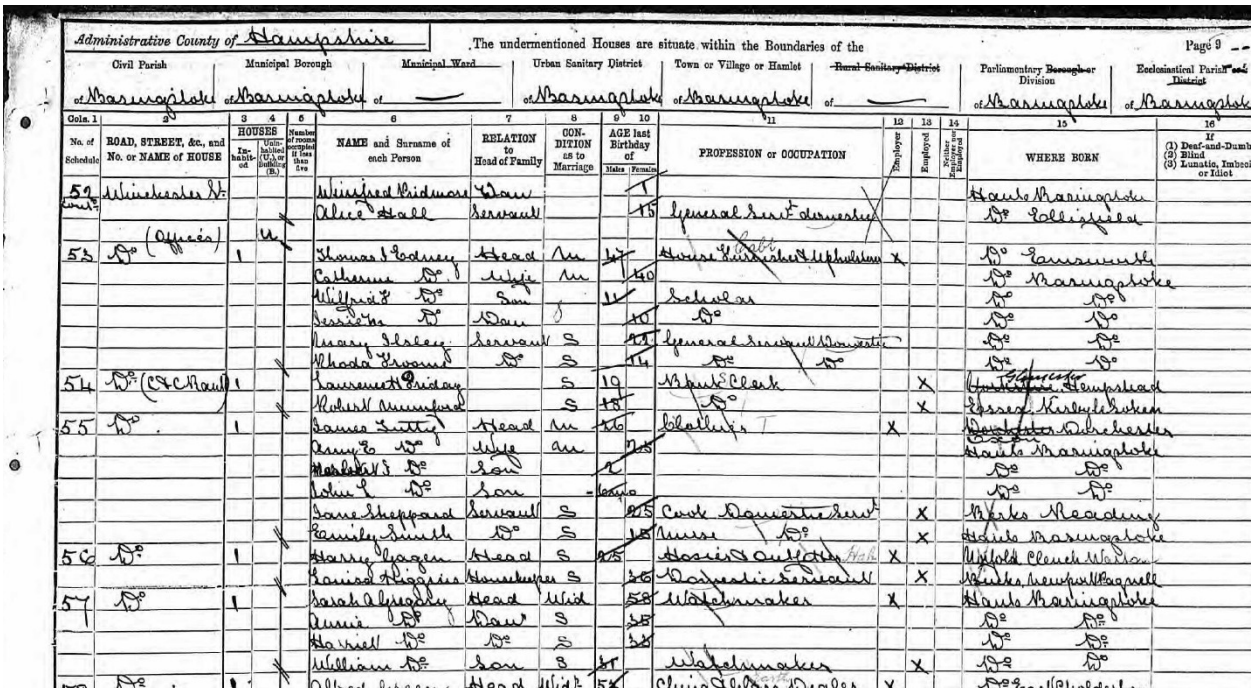
Charity Shop. Below is a photo of the Gregory shop taken for the 1887 Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria; note that this would be *after* William Sr. had moved the shop property in 1850.



And a more recent image of the very same shop today: Thank you, Richard Arnold. May 2026

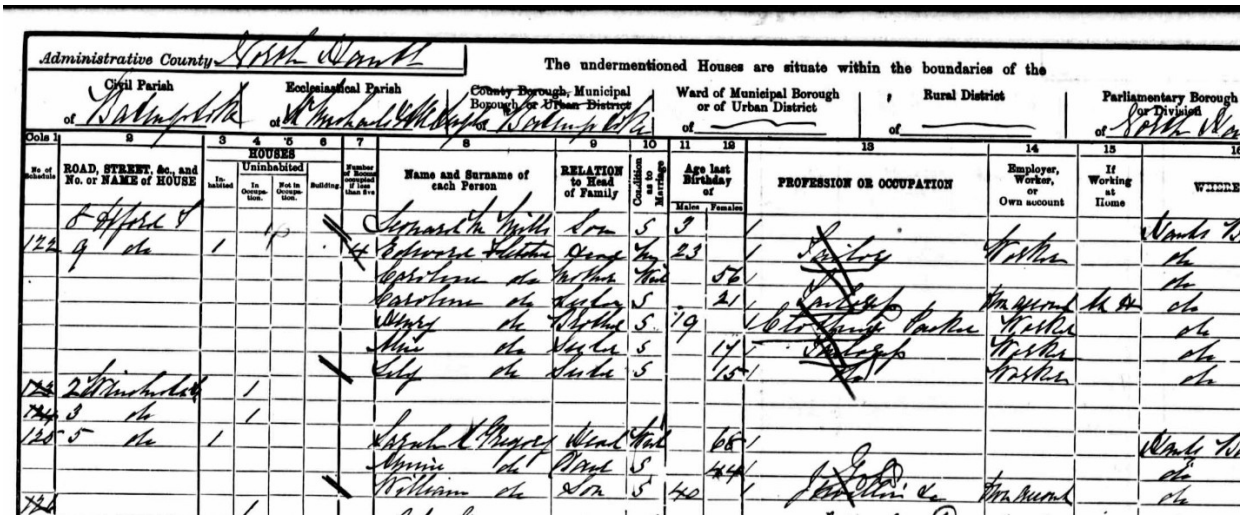


The 1891 Census:[26]

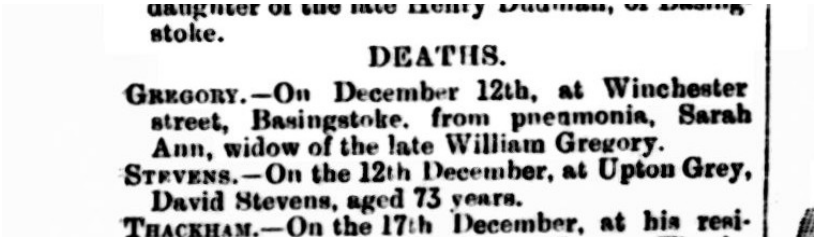


Sarah, age 58, is still listed as a "watchmaker" and is still head of household. Daughter Sarah Ann – called "Annie" here, age 35, and daughter Harriott – called "Hartie", age 33, still live at home. William S., 31, is also listed as "watchmaker". No house servant listed.

By the 1901 census, it is clear that mother Sarah, 68, has retired.[27] Harriott had married and gone, but Annie, 44, and William S. 40, are still in residence, with William listed as "jeweler" and now the head of the business. Sister Harriott married Arthur James Lear on 11 February 1895, moving to a house on Beaconsfield Road, while other sister Sarah (Annie) appears to have never married. Please see the Gregory Genealogy in Part 3.



The following year, Sarah died at home, age 69, of pneumonia on 12 December 1901,[28] and is buried with her husband in the South View Cemetery,[29] grave G151 (Also known as Holy Ghost Cemetery or Basingstoke Old Cemetery) in Basingstoke.



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DEATHS.

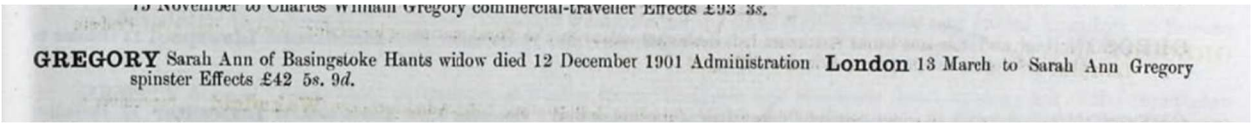
GREGORY.—On December 12th, at Winchester street, Basingstoke. from pneumonia, Sarah Ann, widow of the late William Gregory.

STEVENS.—On the 12th December, at Upton Grey, David Stevens, aged 73 years.

THACKHAM.—On the 17th December, at his resi-

There does not seem to have been a final will and testament for Sarah Ann, or at least it doesn't survive. Her estate was probated on 13 March 1902, when she was declared "intestate".[30] She left behind a gross value of estate at £42/5/9 and a net personal estate value of £10/4/10. Clearly the family house and business had already been transferred to the adult children who would be the final proprietors of the family business.

England & Wales, National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations), 1858-1995: Gregory, Sarah Ann. 13 Mar 1903 probate.



GREGORY Sarah Ann of Basingstoke Hants widow died 12 December 1901 Administration London 13 March to Sarah Ann Gregory spinster Effects £42 5s. 9d.

➢ William Skinner Gregory and sister Sarah Ann (called "Annie")

William S. was merely 10 when his father died. His mother, Sarah, kept up the business and was even cited as a local watchmaker in her own right. In 1881, William S. was 21 and cited as a jeweler and watchmaker, still in residence with his mother at the Winchester St house & shop. Upon his mother's death in 1901, he assumed control of the business. William Skinner never married. According to a newspaper announcement of the passing of his sister Annie, she had apparently been an active business partner in greater or lesser capacity during her life. She had also never married.

Harriett "Hartie" had married on 11 February 1895 to a local solicitor, Arthur James Lear. They lived at 29 Beaconsfield Rd in Basingstoke. It was a quieter area of the city from the bustle of Winchester St. On 24 August 1897, while away on business, Arthur was hit by a train while crossing the tracks and killed instantly. They had no children from their three years of marriage, and Hartie's siblings were invited to come stay at the Beaconsfield Rd home.

In April 1902, William filed a complaint: On 20 March, William "jeweler of Winchester Street" had won three lots at auction, which included some carpenter's tools, some galvanized iron sheets, and a workbench, from a carpenter who was supposedly going out of business. William paid for the goods the following day, to be delivered to the Beaconsfield Road house. However, most of the won goods were not to be found. A police investigation found that they had been taken back by the original owner and "hidden". The magistrate found the defendant guilty, fining him 2, seven days imprisonment, and presumably the goods were handed over to William.[31]



endorsed all that Mr. Rossiter had said.

BASINGSTOKE TRADESMEN'S GOODS STOLEN.

SUSPECTS CHARGED AT READING.

At the Reading Borough Police Court, on Wednesday, before Mr. J. W. Martin (in the chair) and other magistrates, William Taylor, 127, Sherwood-street, Reading, and William Thrift, Westbourne-terrace, Oxford-road, Reading, were charged on remand with stealing and receiving, in July last, a quantity of silver-plated goods, together of the value of £4. 2s. 9d., in transit from Birmingham to Basingstoke. Mr. D. H. Witherington prosecuted on behalf of the G.W.R. Company, and Mr. F. J. Ratcliffe defended Thrift. Mr. James Saunders, Superintendent of the Detective Department at Paddington station, watched the case on behalf of the G.W.R. Company.

William Hill, of St. Michael's School House, Bordesley-street, Birmingham, and clerk in the employ of Messrs. G. E. Hawkins and Co., of Birmingham, electro-plate manufacturers, proved that on July 3rd he executed an order for goods for Mr. Gregory, of Basingstoke. He recognised a number of the articles produced.

Hedley M. Maskell, of Gosbrook-road, Caversham, foreman porter in the employ of the G.W.R. at Reading, stated that on July 4th he received the box at Reading, and he subsequently transferred it to the truck numbered 35,804, which was going to Basingstoke. The truck was sent out of the shed into the yard, near the West Junction.

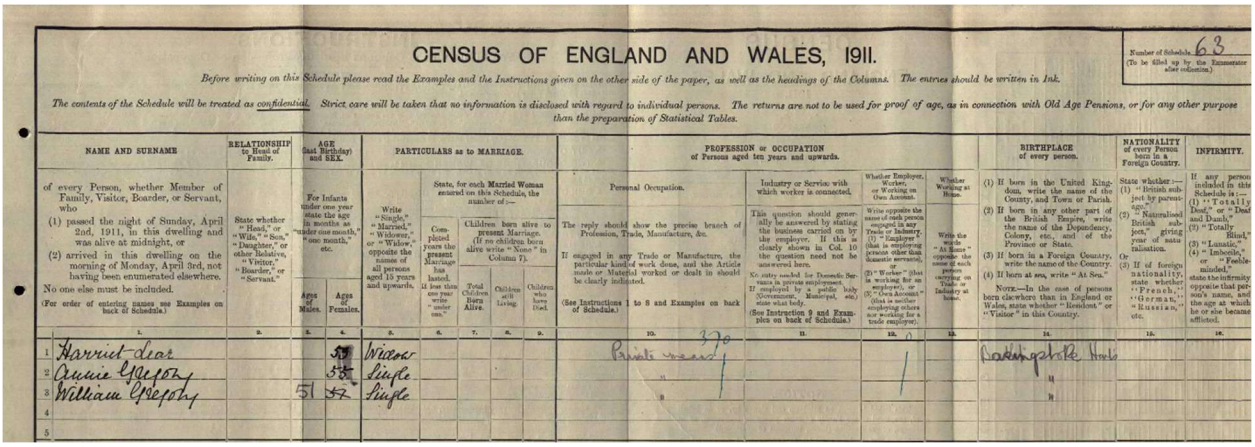
Thomas Jackson, a checker in the employ of the G.W.R. Company at Basingstoke, stated that on July 5th he received a truck numbered 36,804 from Reading. He also received an invoice on which was entered "A box of electro-plate for Gregory, Winchester-street, Basingstoke." The box, however, was not in the truck.

Mr. William Skinner Gregory, of Winchester-street, Basingstoke, jeweller, etc., said he never received the box of goods ordered. He positively identified the knives (produced) as some which he had sent to Messrs. Hawkins and Co., of Birmingham, to be re-bladed.

Evidence was given of arrest and of the finding of the goods at the prisoners' houses and the accused were remanded for a week, on the application of Mr. Witherington, who said that other charges would be preferred against the prisoners.

Hampshire Observer and Basingstoke News - Saturday 07 October 1905

By the 1911 Census,[32] all three siblings are officially living at the 29 Beaconsfield Road house that Harriott had shared with her husband until his death. All are listed as "private means", so I surmise that they are retired. There are a few mentions of "Wm. Gregory" participating in the local church, although no further details to clearly indicate that it is our man.



CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

Number of Schedule 63 (To be filled up by the Enumerator after collection.)

Before writing on this Schedule please read the Examples and the Instructions given on the other side of the paper, as well as the headings of the Columns. The entries should be written in Ink.

The contents of the Schedule will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is disclosed with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of age, as in connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.

NAME AND SURNAME of every Person, whether Member of Family, Visitor, Boarder, or Servant, who (1) passed the night of Sunday, April 2nd, 1911, in this dwelling and was alive at midnight, or (2) arrived in this dwelling on the morning of Monday, April 3rd, not having been enumerated elsewhere. No one else must be included. (For order of entering names see Examples on back of Schedule.)	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family. State whether "Head," or "Wife," or "Son," or "Daughter," or other Relative, or "Visitor," or "Boarder," or "Servant."	AGE (last Birthday) and SEX. For Infants under one year state the age in months as "under one month," "one month," etc. Ages of Males.	Ages of Females.	PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE. Write "Single," "Married," "Widower," or "Widow," opposite the names of all persons aged 15 years and upwards.	State, for each Married Woman entered on this Schedule, the number of:— Completed years the present Marriage has lasted. If less than one year write "under one."	Children born alive to present Marriage. (If no children born alive write "None" in Column 7). Total Children Born Alive.	Children still Living.	Children who have Died.	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Persons aged ten years and upwards. Personal Occupation. The reply should show the precise branch of Profession, Trade, Manufacture, &c. If engaged in any Trade or Manufacture, the particular kind of work done, and the Article made or Material worked or dealt in should be clearly indicated. (See Instructions 1 to 8 and Examples on back of Schedule.)	Industry or Service with which worker is connected. This question should generally be answered by stating the business carried on by the employer. If this is clearly shown in Col. 10 the question need not be answered here. No entry needed for Domestic Servants in private employment. If employed by a public body (Government, Municipal, etc.) state what body. (See Instruction 9 and Examples on back of Schedule.)	Whether Employer, Worker, or Working on Own Account. Write opposite the name of each person engaged in any Trade or Industry. (1) "Employer" (that is employing persons other than domestic servants), or (2) "Worker" (that is working for an employer), or (3) "Own Account" (that is neither employing others nor working for a trade employer).	Whether Working at Home. Write the words "At Home" opposite the name of each person carrying on Trade or Industry at home.	BIRTHPLACE of every person. (1) If born in the United Kingdom, write the name of the County, and Town or Parish. (2) If born in any other part of the British Empire, write the name of the Dependency, Colony, etc. and of the Province or State. (3) If born in a Foreign Country, write the name of the Country. (4) If born at sea, write "At Sea." NOTE.—In the case of persons born elsewhere than in England or Wales, state whether "Resident" or "Visitor" in this Country.	NATIONALITY of every Person born in a Foreign Country. State whether:— (1) "British subject by parentage," or (2) "Naturalised British subject," giving year of naturalisation. Or (3) If of foreign nationality, state whether "French," "German," "Russian," etc.	INFIRMITY. If any person included in this Schedule is:— (1) "Totally Deaf," or "Deaf and Dumb," (2) "Totally Blind," (3) "Lunatic," (4) "Imbecile," or "Feeble-minded," state the infirmity opposite that person's name, and the age at which he or she became afflicted.
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1 Harriet Lear			59	Widow					Private means				Basingstoke Hants		
2 Annie Gregory			55	Single					"				"		
3 William Gregory		51	57	Single					"		1		"		
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With no children to leave the business to, William S and sister Annie decided to shutter the watchmaker's shop and retire. In June 1907, the Gregory siblings put up the Winchester Street properties for sale. This is the evidence that the 1850 location, where the family business would be until the end, was indeed at 5 - 7 Winchester St.

Hampshire Observer and Basingstoke News - Saturday 01 June 1907



BASINGSTOKE.

The finest position in the Town.

Notice of Sale of the

Valuable FREEHOLD PROPERTY,

Comprising the commanding Business Premises known as Nos. 5 and 7, WINCHESTER STREET, BASINGSTOKE, occupied as to No. 5 by the Misses Gregory, No. 6 being now vacant, but recently occupied by Mr. Gagen, having an extremely VALUABLE FRONTAGE to the Main Street, which will be SOLD by AUCTION by

MESSRS. SIMMONS and SONS at the Red Lion Hotel, Basingstoke, on Wednesday, June 19th, 1907, by instruction of the owner.

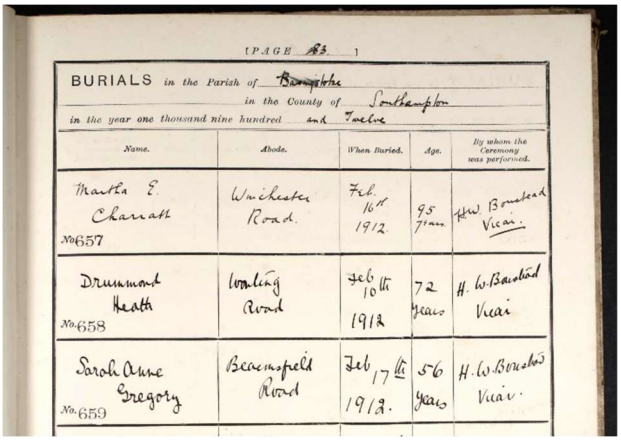
Particulars and conditions of sale may be obtained in due course of H. Wills Chandler, Esq., Solicitor, Basingstoke; or of the Auctioneers, at their Offices, Basingstoke, Reading, and Henley-on-Thames.

I haven't been able to find any further records of the sale of the business and property from my vantage point in Connecticut, and it must be for someone local to Basingstoke to follow through on this, should someone wish to nail down some of the finer points of this paper.

29 Beaconsfield Road, Basingstoke, in February 2026.



The sale of the Winchester St location is hinted at within Annie's obituary. According to her death notice, Annie also worked in watch making, helping her brother in the shop.[33] She had been active in the church, serving as a Sunday school teacher. I consider her to be equally a watchmaker in the family, although I have little information on her. Both Annie and William S had lived at the Winchester St house/shop, but appear to have moved in with sister Harriott for their final years before renting out the old home and then selling. All seem to have been in less than stellar health. Annie would die age 56 on 17 February 1912 and then buried next to her mother in South View Cemetery.[34]



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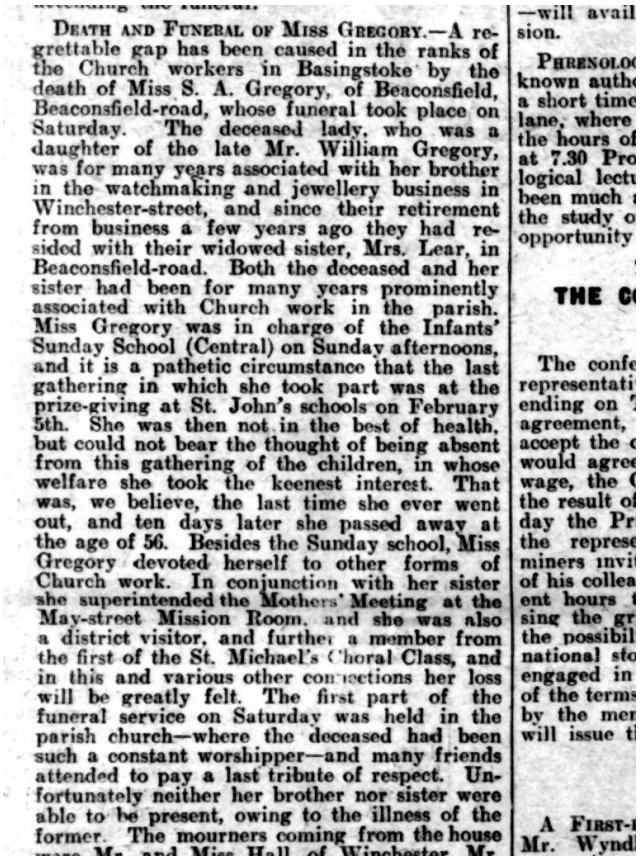
BURIALS in the Parish of Basingstoke
in the County of Southampton
in the year one thousand nine hundred and Twelve

Name.	Abode.	When Buried.	Age.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
Martha E. Charratt No 657	Winchester Road.	Feb 16th 1912.	95 7 mon.	H.W. Bousfield Vicar.
Drummond Heath No 658	Worting Road	Feb 10th 1912	72 years	H. W. Bousfield Vicar
Sarah Anne Gregory No 659	Beaconsfield Road	Feb 17th 1912.	56 years	H. W. Bousfield Vicar.

Hampshire Archives and Local Studies; Winchester, England, UK; Reference: Anglican Bishops' Transcripts – via Ancestry.com

GREGORY Sarah Ann of 29 Beaconsfield-road Basingstoke **Hampshire** spinster died 14 February 1912 Administration **London** 26 March to Harriet Lear widow. Effects £2127 12s. 1d.

Principal Probate Registry; London, England; Calendar of the Grants of Probate and Letters of Administration made in the Probate Registries of the High Court of Justice in England; 1858-1995



DEATH AND FUNERAL OF MISS GREGORY.—A regrettable gap has been caused in the ranks of the Church workers in Basingstoke by the death of Miss S. A. Gregory, of Beaconsfield, Beaconsfield-road, whose funeral took place on Saturday. The deceased lady, who was a daughter of the late Mr. William Gregory, was for many years associated with her brother in the watchmaking and jewellery business in Winchester-street, and since their retirement from business a few years ago they had resided with their widowed sister, Mrs. Lear, in Beaconsfield-road. Both the deceased and her sister had been for many years prominently associated with Church work in the parish. Miss Gregory was in charge of the Infants' Sunday School (Central) on Sunday afternoons, and it is a pathetic circumstance that the last gathering in which she took part was at the prize-giving at St. John's schools on February 5th. She was then not in the best of health, but could not bear the thought of being absent from this gathering of the children, in whose welfare she took the keenest interest. That was, we believe, the last time she ever went out, and ten days later she passed away at the age of 56. Besides the Sunday school, Miss Gregory devoted herself to other forms of Church work. In conjunction with her sister she superintended the Mothers' Meeting at the May-street Mission Room, and she was also a district visitor, and further a member from the first of the St. Michael's Choral Class, and in this and various other connections her loss will be greatly felt. The first part of the funeral service on Saturday was held in the parish church—where the deceased had been such a constant worshipper—and many friends attended to pay a last tribute of respect. Unfortunately neither her brother nor sister were able to be present, owing to the illness of the former. The mourners coming from the house

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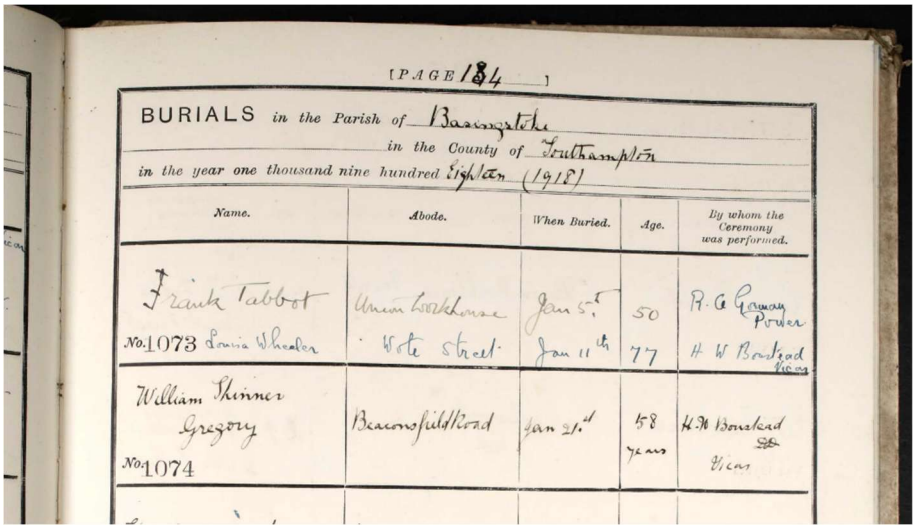
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Hampshire Observer and Basingstoke News. 21 February 1912.

Burial of William Skinner Gregory, 21 January 1918.



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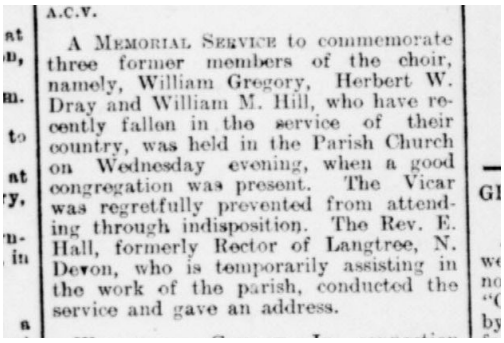
BURIALS in the Parish of Basingstoke
in the County of Southampton
in the year one thousand nine hundred Eighteen (1918)

Name.	Abode.	When Buried.	Age.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
Frank Tabbot	Union Workhouse	Jan 5th	50	R. G Gamage Porter
No. 1073 Louisa Wheeler	Vote Street	Jan 11th	77	H W Bousfield
William Skinner Gregory	Beaconsfield Road	Jan 21st	58 years	H.W. Bousfield
No. 1074				

Hampshire, England, Church of England Burials, 1813-1921 - Ancestry.com

William S died on 17 January 1918 and was buried in South View Cemetery,[35] Basingstoke, Hampshire, UK. Plot G232 "*58 years Watchmaker Beaconsfield Road Basingstoke*", alongside his sister Annie and mother Sarah Ann. Beaconsfield Road is where his sister Harriott (widow Lear) lived, and where sister Annie had retired to until her death in 1912. His estate probated 22 May 1918.[36] [*Gregory, William Skinner of Beaconsfield-road Basingstoke, Hampshire. Died 17 January 1918. Probate London 22 May to Harriet Lear widow. Effects £ 3625 15s. 7d. Resworn £13125 15s. 7d.*]

I don't think that William S had served during the Great War, but the following article is of interest given the date; too early for the later William Gregory; of Leicester with a dependent "Mrs. Sarah Ann Gregory" and who died on 16 October 1918 of wounds. Despite the similar names, the town is different and the timeline as well, this is an example of how easy it is to confuse two or more people, what with similar family names.

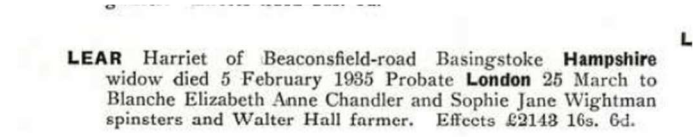


A.C.V.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE to commemorate three former members of the choir, namely, William Gregory, Herbert W. Dray and William M. Hill, who have recently fallen in the service of their country, was held in the Parish Church on Wednesday evening, when a good congregation was present. The Vicar was regretfully prevented from attending through indisposition. The Rev. E. Hall, formerly Rector of Langtree, N. Devon, who is temporarily assisting in the work of the parish, conducted the service and gave an address.

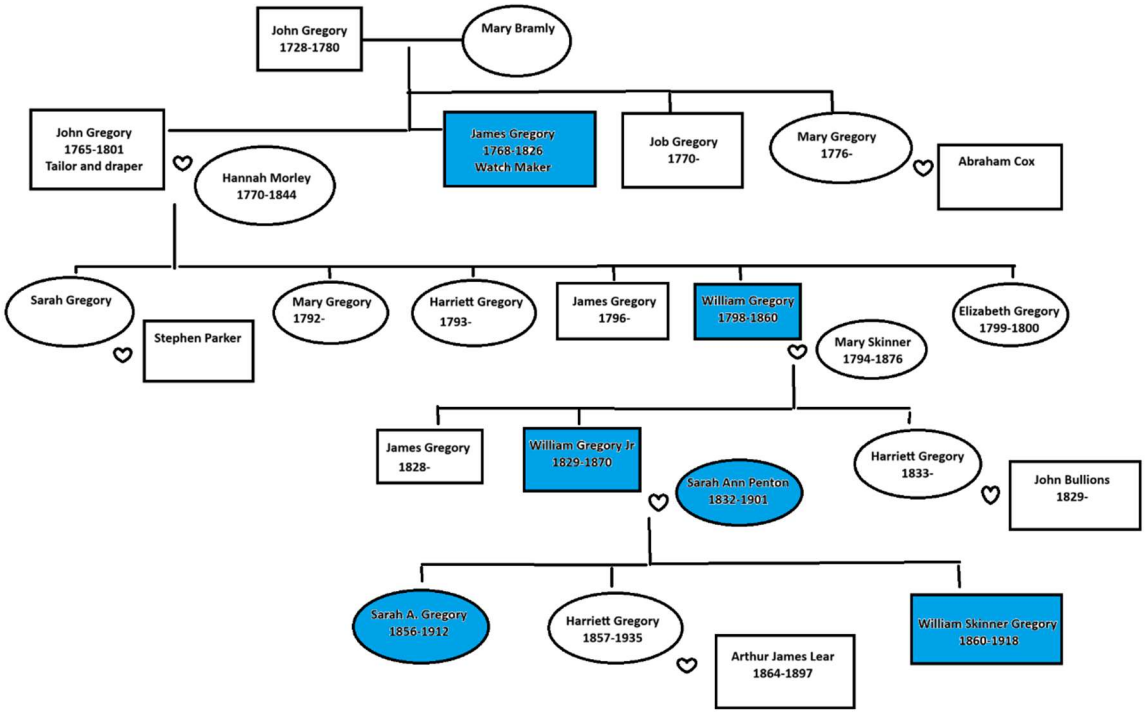
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With the passing of Harriott on 5 Feb 1935, this ended the lineage of those Gregorys in the watchmaking trade.[37] There are no immediate lineage family members through William Jr. Gregory and Sarah Ann Penton.



LEAR Harriet of Beaconsfield-road Basingstoke **Hampshire** widow died 5 February 1935 Probate **London** 25 March to Blanche Elizabeth Anne Chandler and Sophie Jane Wightman spinsters and Walter Hall farmer. Effects £2143 16s. 6d.

The Gregory Family of watchmakers. The blue fills are the known makers in the family.



Summation

Although not particularly documented in the history books on the topic, James Gregory may have made watches and clock but was better documented as a "watchmaker" in the vein of today's jewelers; providing service maintenance and repairs, between 1790 and his death in 1826. The Gregory family (watchmakers, clock makers) were locally known but not on a wider basis; finding any reference to them outside of Basingstoke or Hampshire is simply not possible. James, unmarried and without children, had taken in his nephew as an apprentice; this boy, William, would inherit the business and house upon James' death. William married and among their children was William Jr, who also learned the trade and would also inherit the lot, training his wife Sarah Ann Penton as well. When William Jr passed, widow Sarah Ann continued the business, training their children, with son William Skinner Gregory taking over as head of business when Sarah Ann retired, aided by sister Sarah Ann "Annie", until they both retired sometime after 1905. I see no passing of the business to anyone "in the family" after this point and conclude that Gregory's, as a watchmaking shop, ceased about 1906/7. From 1790 to 1906, that's a run of 116 years and four generations. I do not have access to any surviving family papers or photos/pictures/images.

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