

Esther Lanyon nee Brenton

Item	Data	Reference	Notes	
Person	Esther Lanyon	1		
Date of birth	September 1816	1		
Location of birth	St. Merryn Parish, Cornwall	1	1	
Fathers name	John Brenton	1		
Mothers name	Elizabeth Rindle or Rundle	1		
Married to	Josiah Lanyon	1		
Marriage date	9 October 1838	1		
Date of death	23 January 1892	1,2		
Death location	Chicago, Illinois	1		
Burial location	Oak Woods Cemetery, Chicago	1, 2		

Reference

1. Documents in Richard Fred Lanyon's possession and interviews with descendants.
2. Oak Woods Cemetery Records explained in another document.

Notes

1. While in Cornwall in 1981, I visited the St. Merryn Parish Church on September 28. It sits on a height of land about one mile from the coast and is often buffeted by north or westerly winds. See pages 3 and 4. The church and grounds are well kept. The Brenton name was found on several plaques, monuments and gravestones. On a display of the Protestation Role of 1642, there appears the name John Lanyon. However, no Brentons appeared. A WWI memorial listed several Brentons. An interior plaque listed pupils names for Sunday School in 1825 and among them were five Brentons, one being Esther, perhaps my great grandmother.

Page 2 is a photo of Esther when she was 70 years old or older.



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Dear Mr. Lanyon,

Greetings, thank you so much for your so kind cheque - and warm greetings from us here to you and yours for 1982.

I have of course passed your cheque to Mrs. Paul, Treasurer of the Coat of Arms Restoration Appeal, who suggests you would like to know that the fund now stands at a little over £1000.

I am sure you will get my point, when I say that for village churches in small communities to have these beautiful things is as much headache as it is privilege. Over the next year or two we have several thousands of pounds to spend on the church roof, which is what architects here call 'nail-sick' - which means that by constant flexing due to high winds, and because of salt-laden air, the fixing nails have enlarged the holes in the slates. With the consequence that whenever we have our (frequent!) gales we lose slates by the dozen! (A further 53 removed after the gales just before Christmas!)

So taking that into account, the Coat of Arms must remain something of a 'luxury' to which we felt it wrong to devote actual church income (which just keeps heads above water), but to raise the money for the Charles II coat of arms by separate fund. So it is a great pleasure and encouragement to learn the pleasure it gave to you from so far away, and of your St. Merryn connections.

I have taken the liberty of quoting from your letter in this month's Parish Magazine - 'hot from the presses' via the Vicarage duplicator this morning! - and you may be interested to know that one member who got her copy in the post office came hotfoot in

to tell me that she was taking another copy straight round to a Mrs. Elsie Gray, a great worker for the local Red Cross, and whom my informant thinks may well be a Brenton. We wait and see!

Are you sure you mean 'Rindle' ? There are Rendle's and Rundle's in Cornwall, and I know families of both these names (not in St.Merryn). But Rindle is a new one to me.

I will keep your splendid and interesting letter by me for the sake of anyone who responds to the bit in the mag. Thank you again for it, and for the kindness of your cheque. (You may be pleased to see from the mag. that in making your kind gift you are in good company.....!)

With blessings from the Lord and all good wishes:

Michael Jonathan