

Memorial 37

JOSEPH POWELL [Snr] died 28 June 1818

JOSEPH POWELL [Jnr] died 26 March 1832

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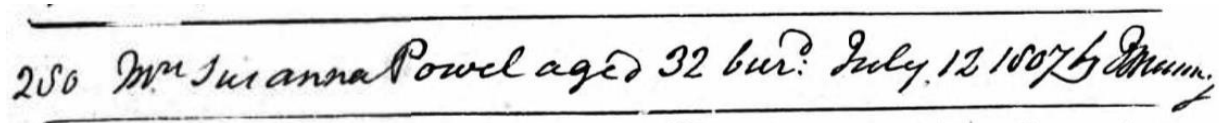
Joseph Powell senior was born on 31 January 1764 the youngest son of George and Elizabeth Powell (see **Memorial 59**). Joseph became a merchant in Exeter and married his first wife, Elizabeth Swain, in



Ottertton on 24 November 1789. The marriage record shows that Joseph was living in Holy Trinity Parish in Exeter at the time. Joseph's sister Ann Powell signed the marriage register as a witness. The couple were married for eleven years when Elizabeth died - "*Sunday last died, Mrs Powell, wife of Mr Powell, of this city merchant.*"¹ A note in the Dissenters Graveyard Accounts Book shows that on 6 March 1801, 10 shillings was received "...for a Wall Grave made for Mrs Powell".² No burial record for Elizabeth Powell has been found.

Joseph married for a second time the following year - "Saturday last was married at Kenton, Mr Powell, of this city, merchant, to Miss Woodgate of London."³ Joseph, described as a widower, married Susanna Woodgate by licence. Again, Joseph's sister Ann witnessed the marriage register, but this time she signed in her married name – Ann Drewe (see **Memorial 29**). Joseph and Susanna had three children - Mary Elizabeth (born 11 May 1803), Joseph (born 27 January 1806) and Frederick (born 27 March 1807). Mary Elizabeth died aged 2 years and was buried in the graveyard in May 1805. The following year on 23 May 1806 Joseph was buried in the graveyard

aged 4 months. In each case the accounts showed that Joseph's walled grave was opened for the burials. Susanna Powell died after a very short illness on Monday 6 July 1807 and was buried in the family's walled grave on 12 July 1807. She was 32 years old.



Joseph married his third and final wife, Louisa Cort, on Saturday 15 December 1810 at Reading. Louisa was the daughter of the late Henry Cort, of London and had been baptised in Gosport, Hampshire on 12 July 1786.⁴

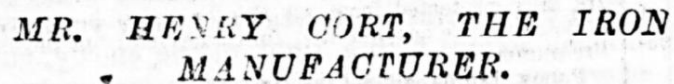
¹ *Exeter Flying Post*, Thursday 5 March 1801, accessed on www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk.

² Dissenters Burial Ground. Report, Accounts from 1782 to 1832.

³ *Exeter Flying Post*, Thursday 8 July 1802 accessed on www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk.

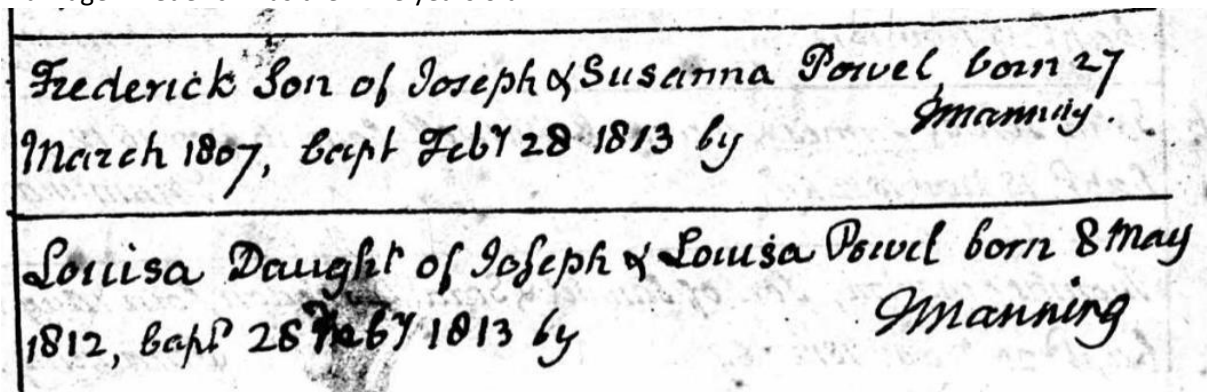
⁴ Gosport Parish Records, CHU 23/1A/6, accessed on www.findmypast.co.uk.

Henry Cort (c.1740–1800) was an English ironmaster and has been called the Father of the British Iron Trade.⁵ During the Industrial Revolution he used innovative



production systems to refine iron from pig iron to wrought or bar iron. Louisa was one of thirteen children born to Henry and his wife Elizabeth (née Heysham).⁶

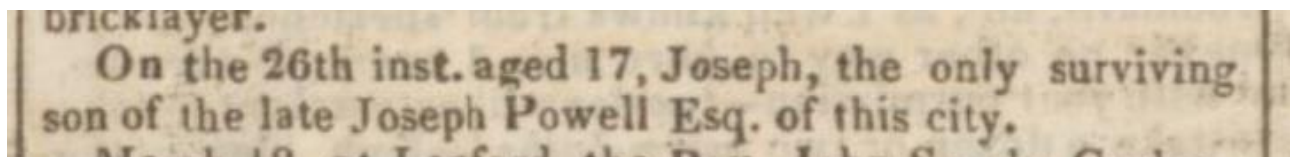
Joseph and Louisa had three children; Louisa, born 8 May 1812; Joseph (Jnr), born in May 1815 and Elizabeth born on 28 September 1816. All three of Joseph and Louisa's children were baptised by James Manning who was Minister at George's Meeting in South Street, Exeter.⁷ Their first child Louisa was baptized on 28th February 1813 – the same day as Joseph's son Frederick from his second marriage. Frederick was then five years old.



Sadly, Frederick died on 12th April 1821 aged 14 years and was buried three days later at St Thomas's Square non-conformist burial ground, Hackney, Middlesex.

Joseph Powell senior was buried in Exeter Dissenters' graveyard on 2 July 1818.⁸ His will had been written two years before his death with a codicil added a year later. Joseph left everything to the benefit of his wife Louisa and his children.

The second name on the memorial – Joseph Powell (Jnr) was his 17 year old son from his third marriage.⁹



⁵ *Sun (London)*, Tuesday 29 July 1856, accessed at www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk.

⁶ Wikipedia entry for Henry Cort - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_Cort.

⁷ England & Wales, non-Conformist and Non-parochial Registers, 567-1936, Devon, RG4/965 Piece 0965.

⁸ England & Wales, Non-Conformist and Non-Parochial Registers, 567-1936, Devon, RG4/965 Piece 0965.

⁹ *Western Times*, Saturday 31st March 1832 accessed at www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk.

Joseph and Louisa's eldest daughter, Louisa, married Dr William Benjamin Carpenter, son of the unitarian minister Revd Lant Carpenter and his wife Hannah (née Penn) on 24th October 1840.^{10,11} Louisa survived William by two years and died at their home (56 Regent's Park Road, London) on 5th October 1887, aged 75.

Elizabeth Powell married John Phipson, a widower, on 7th October 1848 and they had one daughter – Annie Cort Phipson (born 1851) who never married. Elizabeth died in Hendon, Middlesex, on 6th October 1900 aged 83 years.

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¹⁰ *Sherborne Mercury*, Monday 9 November 1840, accessed at www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk.

¹¹ Wikipedia entry for W. B. Carpenter MD CB FRS - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Benjamin_Carpenter.
