Charles EVERY buried 07 May 1825 Edward EVERY buried 12 June 1827 Edward EVERY buried 28 July 1831

There is no known headstone for these children.

Charles was buried 07 May 1825, aged 1 year and 11 months and on that day his father paid 8 shillings for the grave.<sup>1</sup>

The first child named Edward was buried on 12 June 1827 aged 8 years.<sup>1</sup> His father paid 4 shillings for the opening of the grave for burial.<sup>1</sup> The Burial Register also shows that Edward was born on 2 May 1819.<sup>1</sup> He was baptised on 29 May 1825 by Rev. J. Manning along with his siblings (see below).<sup>2</sup> The second child named Edward was buried on 28 July 1831 aged 3 years and 5 months.<sup>1</sup> His father paid 4 shillings for the opening of the grave for burial.<sup>1</sup>

In the Burial Register, Charles's father is shown as Richard EVERY, who's occupation was Scrivener.<sup>1</sup> The entries concerning the two boys named Edward shows their father as an Attorney. A Scrivener was a scribe or notary – a person who could write legal documents for Court etc. When the other two boys were buried, he is described as an Attorney<sup>1</sup> so perhaps he had not qualified as an Attorney when his first son died.

The entry in the Burial Register relating to the second Edward, shows his mother as Sarah Every.<sup>1</sup>

In addition to the three children named above, Richard and Sarah EVERY were parents to seven other children<sup>2</sup>:-

Frederic born 26 April 1811
Richard born 09 April 1813
Jane born 11 March 1815
Louisa born 13 December 1816
Elizabeth born 29 September 1821

Charles dob unknown but under 21 years in 1851<sup>7</sup> William dob unknown but under 21 years in 1851<sup>7</sup>

Edward (born 2 May 1819 – see above) and all the above, with the exception of Charles and William who were yet to be born, were baptised on 29 May 1825 by Re. R. Manning.<sup>2</sup>

Richard EVERY (senior), Attorney at Law, lived in Bampfylde House, Bampfylde Street, Exeter. This house was owned by the Right Hon. Lord Poltimore of Poltimore House whose family name was Bampfylde. Richard EVERY also rented a house, called Holmbush, in Alphington Road, Exeter from Thomas Edward Drake Esq.

On 5 February 1829, Frederic EVERY was sworn in as Clerk to an Attorney, John PIDSLEY and, the following year, on 16 November, his brother, Richard EVERY (junior) was sworn in as Clerk to his father, Richard EVERY (senior)<sup>3</sup>. In 1833, his offices were in New Buildings, Gandy Street, Exeter<sup>10</sup>.

Sadly, Richard EVERY (junior) died on 16 July 1838, aged 25. In his last Will & Testament, made on 6 December 1837, he states, "...I desire that my brother and Executor hereonafter named will permit my body to be opened if it will afford any satisfaction or information as to the nature or extent of my disease and the nature of my death. I wish to be buried in as plain a manner as possible and I expressly prohibit the use of plumes and hatbands...." <sup>4</sup> He was interred in the Exeter catacombs on 20 July 1838 – "The first sepulture in the catacombs took place on 20 July 1838 when the coffin of Richard Every was slid into position in one of the loculi that had been formed within the underground

arches. Every remained in sole possession until 13 March 1841, when Frances Grant became the catacombs' second occupant"<sup>5</sup>. His Death Certificate shows that he died of Consumption.

The 1851 census, taken on 30 March 1851, shows Richard (senior) living at Alphington Road, Exeter with his wife, Sarah, his daughters, Jane and Louisa and Edith, his grand-daughter, plus three servants<sup>6</sup> yet, when he made is last Will & Testament on 13 October 1851, his address is given as Bampfylde House<sup>7</sup>. So, perhaps the family alternated their living quarters.

The 1851 census also shows Frederic EVERY, his wife, Mary Hughes EVERY, their two daughter, three sons, Jane WESTBEARE (his aunt), three servants and a Governess living at 47 Southernhay, Exeter<sup>6</sup>.

Unfortunately, Frederic EVERY was declared a Bankrupt in 1856. His address is given as ".....of Bampfylde Street and of Holmbush, Alphington Road" and he is described as a Scrivener Dealer and Chapman<sup>8</sup>. The Land Tax he owed on the above houses (£4 on Bampfylde House and £2.4s.9p on Holmbush) was auctioned at the Globe Hotel, Exeter on 17 December 1856<sup>9</sup>.

Richard EVERY (senior) died in 1851 and his wife, Sarah, died in 1866, aged 78 years.

There is a conundrum around the marriage of Richard EVERY (senior). It is believed that he married Sally WESTBEARE (a minor) in 1810. Sally was the daughter of John WESTBEARE of St. Thomas, Exeter<sup>11</sup>. There are no further references to Sally and Richard's wife, throughout, is named Sarah. However, it is noted that on the 1851 census, their son, Frederic and his family also have living with them Jane WESTBEARE who is described as Frederic's aunt<sup>6</sup>. I have found the death of Sarah EVERY on Ancestry.com but there is no trace of a Sally EVERY on the family history websites. Therefore, I have made the assumption that Sally is, in fact, Sarah EVERY.

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