

GRATIA VISITS ENGLAND, Absorbs Scenes of Dunham History



Again we are very pleased to have an article by Gratia D. Mahony, who took a vacation from her life in Russia this past spring to visit England. Here she reports on areas of special significance to all Dunham descendants. Also we have a photo of Gratia, taken in Bratislava by her daughter, Jane Howington, while visiting with her mother there. Thanks to Jane for sending the picture on to DD.

Gratia is back in Bratislava after a lovely vacation in England. Gratia and Ken spent several days in London, and then rented a car and made a circuit of England and Wales. This was basically a sightseeing excursion for us both, so little genealogical research was done. However, there are two experiences that I'd like to share with the Dunham-Donham list. They follow in two parts.

Part I--Tuesday, May 6, 1997

This day was to be devoted to genealogy. A recent discovery published in *The American Genealogist* last October proved that the John Dunham (on my mother's line) came from Langford in Bedfordshire, and that his first wife was Susan Kaino (or Cainhoe) of Clophill--a small village a few miles away. Other families from Bedfordshire and several of the nearby villages came with the pilgrims to Plymouth in 1620. The Tilley family (on my father's side) came from Henlow, also in Bedfordshire and only two miles south of Langford.

So, our purpose was to drive through these small villages to get a sense of the country and proximity of the towns to each other. We went first through Henlow (noting the old church which we would come back to see); and on to Langford. Here we found the old St. Andrew's Church and I took some black and white photos (for possible use in my Dunham Genealogy). We walked among the headstones in the burial yard surrounding the church, but the stones here now dated no earlier than the mid 1800s.

We went next back to Henlow to the old church there and again I took photos of the church, plus a photo of a large stone cross placed in the church yard as a memorial "To the Glory of God and in Reverent Memory of all the Faithful departed Who are Buried in the Church Yard of Our Lady of Henlow this cross is dedicated". Apparently the church yards are reused as burial sites for parishioners, and after a certain time the old stones are cleared (sometimes being lined up along an outside wall of the burial ground), and the area is reused for more recent burials.

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This does not mean that there is no record of the church members. There are parish registers for many of these old churches and many of them have been published and are available to researchers (which is how the marriage record of John Dunham and Susan Kaino/Cainhoe, and the baptismal record of their first son John was located). John Dunham, son of John and Susan was baptised 19 Feb. 1614 in Henlow; ref. TAG Vol.71,p. 132.

We next drove a little way west to the village of Clophill where the Cainhoe family came from. In addition to the road atlas that I purchased in London, I had purchased a reprint of the Old Series of Ordnance Survey map. On looking carefully at this I noted that there were several sites surrounding Clophill with indications of Cainhoe family ownership, ie: Cainhoe Castle, Cainhoe Park, and Cainhoe Manor. We drove around this area, and went up the hill towards the village of Haynes where we stopped also. As we came back down the hill we saw the ruins of the old Clophill Church. We returned to the present village of Clophill and stopped at the new church (built in 1845) to take a photo. The lych-gate from the old church on the hill was brought down and set in the foreyard of the new church.

All the land we saw that day was beautiful rolling pastures and many of these pastures were surrounded by hedge rows. There were numerous fields of mustard which added bright yellow patches to "England's green and pleasant land". The old towns looked prosperous--the houses being built and rebuilt and new ones added. All were well cared for and the villages looked neat and clean. There was a lovely thatched roof house in Clophill, one of many thatched roof houses with pretty gardens that we saw.

(to be continued in Part II)

F. S. Dunham Writes on Women

The very first letter to his intended, Leah Ann Handy, from Francis S. Dunham (1812-1856)(8) (Deacon John 1, John 2, John 3, Ebenezer 4, Ebenezer 5, Jonathan 6, Ralph 7) was written in January, 1842, & was apparently a response to a question of hers as to what qualities, in his view, made a woman attractive & lovable.

“:Berlin, Md., Jan. 19, 1842. My dear girl; Do you recollect on a certain occasion last summer giving us a specimen of the gradations in style of address to be used in a love correspondence? Though you did not at that time intend it as a lesson for me, you will perceive that I learned it perfectly; so well indeed that, omitting the initial & the intermediate steps, I have at the very outset seized upon the “cap of the climax.” You will not, I trust, be seriously offended with me for the omission, since you are yourself the cause of that, & that in more than one sense. And moreover I am persuaded that from a knowledge of my character & habits, you should not expect from me a mere love letter, got up accordingly to the most approved styles. Epistles of the kind are usually filled with expressions indicative of feelings, or rather which should indicate feelings. In this respect I feel myself compelled to depart from the ordinary course, since there is scarcely any conceivable mode of expression which has not been appropriated to the ideal & the fictitious sentimental. Love between the sexes, like honor among men, is left without an honest language. As regards the expression of feeling, there is another difficulty: I find it much easier to state an opinion than to analyze a feeling. Were I called upon, for instance, to give an analysis (to p. 3)

F. S. DUNHAM LETTER (from p. 2) of my feelings toward you at this moment, the only result of such an analysis would probably be, 'I love,'

Will you permit me, then, instead of an expression of feelings, to state an opinion? It shall be in answer to the question, "**What are the qualities in woman which shall assure the lasting affection of a reasonable man?**" And in the first place I would remark that beauty of person & the graces of manner are important auxiliaries in securing the attention, but they can do no more. The man who worships the reigning belle of today finds it an easy matter to transfer his devotion to the beauty of tomorrow. Brilliancy of intellect, vivacity of wit are apt to dazzle the imagination & not unfrequently warp the judgment; but unsupported by more enduring qualities, they invariably lose their influence.

Finally I give, as the result of some experience & MUCH observation, that the sterling qualities of the heart, truth & purity of character can, & only they can, ensure the entire & lasting affection of a rational man.

It is to such, dear lady, that I offer the homage of a heart which, however little worth in other respects, I would fain have you believe HONEST. I believe I know you too well to attempt to flatter you by any mention of the outward attractions which first drew me towards you, & suffer me to add, as another opinion of mine, that the woman who is not willing to be loved for the sake of herself as an intelligent & moral being, independent of all considerations extrinsic, is not The fact is that I could not consider myself((eligible to court her?)) until I obtained credentials from the right authority; & I beg to assure your kind father.....warmest acknowledgments are due, & that it was not want of serious reflection on my part previous to addressing him. The note itself, I fear, seemed very abrupt. I judged proper to make the request, not presuming that he was bound to consider it AT ALL. Anything further then, according to my view, would have been impertinent. I am however not very deeply versed in such matter, &, as you are aware, never consult any but my own views of propriety.

You will think this a very rambling epistle--half essay, half explanation. But independent of my general habit of rambling & speculation, I have been afflicted with a cold in my head for the past week, which prevented me from thinking consecutively on any subject for more than a few minutes at a time. You might suppose perhaps that the cold had descended from the head to my style of writing, but I assure you that is not the case. The pulsations of the heart, if I know myself, as true & regular. FRANCIS S. DUNHAM."



Twin daughters Dale D. & Donna D. Dunham, of Raymond H. & Agnes M. (Hassell) Dunham

THERE'S JUST ENOUGH space for the pretty little twin daughters of Raymond H. Dunham (1910-1986)(11) (John 1, Benijah 2, Edmond 3, Jonathan 4, Jonathan 5, Jonathan 6, Nahum 7, Samuel 8, Henry 9, James H. 10) to squeeze in here. They are Dale (now Mrs. Chuck Gaa) & Donna (now Mrs. Hawks), who thoughtfully provided this photocopy.

Announcement

Gratia Mahony has advised DD about a new service that those on our mailing list who have e-mail capabilities may want to use. It is the DUNHAM-DONHAM MAILING LIST, created by James Streeter. Its purpose is (not unlike our own) to further the current understanding & knowledge about the history of families of both of these spellings of the surname. To subscribe to the List, send an e-mail to

james@usroots.com

To post a message to the List, send to

Dunham-Donham@nebr.dsenter.com

Newsletter Business

Here's the story on *Dunham Dispatch*: Because of our very large mailing list, it has been necessary to drop down to an every-other-month publication schedule. It was just too costly to send issues out every month! Unhappily, the drop in outgoing mail has resulted in a comparable drop in **incoming** mail -- & we have to have those materials in order to create newsletters. (You don't want to read only about Editor Kitson's Dunham ancestors!) For this reason, further cuts in distribution may become necessary. Those affected will be those who **don't** send materials.

Here's a reminder of the types of items we want:

- 1/ pictures (old or new) of Dunham descendants (of ANY surname)
- 2/ old letters to or from Dunham descendants (of any surname)
- 3/ newspaper clippings pertaining to same
- 4/ memoirs, documents, etc.

Also, DD needs your Dunham ancestry as far back as you have it. (This does **not** apply to those readers whose material has appeared in DD, complete with the known ancestral line. Obviously, we have your information.)

We're happy to publish queries relating to Dunham family members & happy to assist with readers' researches, but that is not our primary purpose. That primary purpose is to collect information on Dunham families & to share & preserve the human interest stories about them.

Please send what you can; don't delay.

ORISKANY, 1923
 Feb 12
 Edward G. Dunham, Civil War Veteran, Succumbs to Long Illness.
 Oriskany, Feb. 13.—At the home of his daughter, Mrs. Rees A. Jones, Sunday, occurred the death of Edward G. Dunham. His death was due to complications.
 Mr. Dunham was born in Bridgeport, N. Y., February 10, 1839, and there his early life was spent. In the same town, on August 1, 1861, he married Miss Phoebe Ang Traver. On the breaking out of the Civil War, Mr. Dunham enlisted in the 157th Regiment, New York Volunteers, and served until the close of the war. He participated in every battle fought by his regiment.
 He is survived by his wife, one sister, Mrs. Alice Gearhart of Rochester, two daughters, Mrs. Rees Jones of Oriskany and Mrs. Charles Meyers, five grandchildren and three grandchildren.

DD thanks P. C. Alger, Derry, NH, for this 1923 obituary from Oriskany, NY. We've been unable to identify Edward G. Dunham. Can anyone help with this?