

## Thomas and Catherine Batt

Thomas Batt was born on 19<sup>th</sup> October, 1785<sup>1</sup> in Orcheston,<sup>2</sup> Wiltshire to Thomas and Elizabeth Batt.<sup>3</sup> He was baptized at St. George's, Orcheston, Wiltshire on 6<sup>th</sup> November, 1785.<sup>4</sup> Thomas married Catherine Munday on 7<sup>th</sup> August, 1809.<sup>5</sup> Both Thomas and Catherine were aged 23 years old at the time of their marriage,<sup>6</sup> and were both listed as being from Netheravon Parish.<sup>7</sup>

Catherine was the daughter of John and Hannah Munday, and was baptized on 9<sup>th</sup> October, 1785 in Netheravon Parish.<sup>8</sup>

The entry in the Netheravon Parish registers for Thomas and Catherine's marriage is as follows:

	No 169
Thomas Batt	of [this] Parish a Bachelor
	and Catherine Munday
same Spinster	of [the] _____
were	
Married in this [Church] by [Banns]	
this seventh	Day of August
and nine	in the Year One Thousand eight Hundred
by me W. <sup>m</sup> Jones Curate of Enford	
This Marriage was	Thomas Batt
solemnized between Us	Catherine Munday
In the	James Perrett
Presence of	Jos Cozens

-Marriage of Thomas Batt to Catherine Munday. 1809.-  
(Source: Netheravon Parish registers.)

Thomas and Catherine had six children, they were:

- (1) John, born 6<sup>th</sup> November, 1810.<sup>9</sup> He married Mary Ann Whitmarsh on 28<sup>th</sup> April, 1831.<sup>10</sup> He died 31<sup>st</sup> January, 1870.<sup>11</sup>
- (2) George, born 31<sup>st</sup> December, 1812.<sup>12</sup> He married Maria Napper on 1<sup>st</sup> October, 1838.<sup>13</sup> Maria died 11<sup>th</sup> February, 1853.<sup>14</sup> He then married Charity White on 9<sup>th</sup> August, 1860.<sup>15</sup> He died 11<sup>th</sup> January, 1890.<sup>16</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Hand written notes by George D. Nalder. Great-Great Grandson. Batt family tree. Undated.

<sup>2</sup> 1861 census. 7<sup>th</sup> April, 1876. Parish of Boxford. Ref: R.G. 9/721.

<sup>3</sup> St. George Parish baptism register. Baptism of Thomas Batt. 1785.

<sup>4</sup> St. George Parish baptism register. Baptism of Thomas Batt. 1785.

<sup>5</sup> Netheravon Parish Register. Marriage of Thomas Batt to Catherine Monday [sic]. 1809.

<sup>6</sup> Hand written notes by Rhoda Margetts. Great Granddaughter-in-law. Batt family tree. Undated.

<sup>7</sup> Wiltshire Marriage index. 1538-1837. Marriage of Thomas Batt to Catherine Munday. 1809.

<sup>8</sup> Baptismal records. Netheravon Parish. Wiltshire. Baptism of Catherine Munday. 1785.

<sup>9</sup> Hand written notes by Rhoda Margetts. Great Niece-in-law. Batt family tree. Undated.

<sup>10</sup> Fittleton Parish Register. Marriage of John Batt to Mary Ann Whitmarsh. 1831.

<sup>11</sup> Death certificate of John Batt. District of Epsom, Surrey. 1870.

<sup>12</sup> Hand written notes by Rhoda Margetts. Great Niece-in-law. Batt family tree. Undated.

<sup>13</sup> Marriage certificate of George Batt and Maria Napper. District of Wallingford. Counties of Berkshire and Oxford. 1838.

<sup>14</sup> Death certificate of Maria Batt. District of Wallingford. Berkshire. 1853.

<sup>15</sup> Marriage certificate of George Batt to Charity White. County of Oxford. 1860.

<sup>16</sup> 'Oxford Chronicle and Berkshire Gazette' newspaper. 18<sup>th</sup> January, 1890. Death Notice.

- (3) Hannah Elizabeth, born 25<sup>th</sup> April, 1815.<sup>17</sup> She married James Nalder on 12<sup>th</sup> May, 1838.<sup>18</sup> She died 5<sup>th</sup> October, 1891.<sup>19</sup>
- (4) Mary, born 16<sup>th</sup> April, 1816.<sup>20</sup> She died after 27<sup>th</sup> April, 1817.<sup>21</sup>
- (5) Joseph, born 4<sup>th</sup> June, 1821.<sup>22</sup> He married Caroline<sup>23</sup> Amelia Elizabeth Moore in 1843.<sup>24</sup> He died 9<sup>th</sup> March, 1861.<sup>25</sup>
- (6) Thomas, born 21<sup>st</sup> April, 1827.<sup>26</sup> He married Amy Wait in 1848.<sup>27</sup> He died 10<sup>th</sup> August, 1860.<sup>28</sup>

When Thomas and Catherine had their eldest two children baptised (John, 1810 and George, 1813) they had them baptised in Netheravon<sup>29</sup> – the same parish that they were living in at the time of their marriage, in 1809.<sup>30</sup> However, all the other children of Thomas and Catherine's were baptised in Enford, a contiguous parish to Netheravon,<sup>31</sup> from 1815.<sup>32</sup> Certainly, some of Thomas and Catherine's children were born in Enford.<sup>33</sup> Enford was also the parish in which several of Thomas' siblings were baptised in as early as 1788.<sup>34</sup> The baptisms of Thomas and Catherine Batt's children are reflected in the church records:

- 11<sup>th</sup> November, 1810:** Baptism of John in Netheravon.<sup>35</sup>  
**18<sup>th</sup> April, 1813:** Baptism of George Batt in Netheravon.<sup>36</sup>  
**14<sup>th</sup> May, 1815:** Baptism of Hannah in Enford.<sup>37</sup>  
**27<sup>th</sup> April, 1817:** Baptism of Mary in Enford.<sup>38</sup>  
**15<sup>th</sup> July, 1821:** Baptism of Joseph in Enford.<sup>39</sup>  
**6<sup>th</sup> May, 1828:** Baptism of Thomas in Enford.<sup>40</sup>

As late as December, 1830, the Batt's were still living near Netheravon, Wiltshire, as evidenced by the following newspaper report:<sup>41</sup>

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<sup>17</sup> Hand written notes by Rhoda Margetts. Great Niece-in-law. Batt family tree. Undated.  
<sup>18</sup> Marriage certificate of Hannah Batt to James Nalder. 1838. Parish of Boxford. Berkshire.  
<sup>19</sup> Death certificate of Hannah Nalder. Ref: 14003.  
<sup>20</sup> Hand written notes by George D. Nalder. Great-Great Nephew. Batt family tree. Undated.  
<sup>21</sup> Birth and Christening Index of England. Christenings at 'All Saints', Enford Parish. Wiltshire. 1538-1975.  
<sup>22</sup> Hand written notes by George D. Nalder. Great-Great Nephew. Batt family tree. Undated.  
<sup>23</sup> 1851 census. 30<sup>th</sup> March, 1851. Parish of St. Nicholas. Town of Newbury. Ref: H.O. 107/1685.  
<sup>24</sup> British birth, death and marriage index. Hungerford District. Vol 6. Page 281.  
<sup>25</sup> Death certificate of Joseph Batt. District of Reading. 1861.  
<sup>26</sup> Hand written notes by George D. Nalder. Great-Great Nephew. Batt family tree. Undated.  
<sup>27</sup> British birth, death and marriage index. Newbury District. Vol 6. Page 323.  
<sup>28</sup> 'The Primitive Methodist Magazine'. 1860. Vol. XVIII. Page 719. Obituary of Thomas Batt.  
<sup>29</sup> Baptismal records. Netheravon Parish. Wiltshire. Baptism of John Batt, 1810 and George Batt, 1813.  
<sup>30</sup> Wiltshire Marriage index. 1538-1837. Marriage of Thomas Batt to Catherine Munday. 1809.  
<sup>31</sup> Parish map of Wiltshire. Wiltshire records office.  
<sup>32</sup> Baptismal register. Enford Parish. Baptism of Hannah, 1815; Mary, 1817; Joseph, 1821; and Thomas 1828.  
<sup>33</sup> Joseph, born 1821 in Enford. 1851 census. Parish of St. Nicholas. Town of Newbury. Ref: H.O. 107/1685. Thomas, born 1827 in Enford. 1861 census. Parish of Boxford. Ref: R.G. 9/721.  
<sup>34</sup> Baptismal register. Enford Parish. Wiltshire. Baptism of James and George Batt. 1788.  
<sup>35</sup> Baptismal records. Netheravon Parish. Wiltshire. Baptism of John Batt. 1810.  
<sup>36</sup> Baptismal records. Netheravon Parish. Wiltshire. Baptism of George Batt. 1813.  
<sup>37</sup> Birth and Christening Index of England. Christenings at 'All Saints', Enford Parish. Wiltshire. 1538-1975.  
<sup>38</sup> Birth and Christening Index of England. Christenings at 'All Saints', Enford Parish. Wiltshire. 1538-1975.  
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<sup>40</sup> Birth and Christening Index of England. Christenings at 'All Saints', Enford Parish. Wiltshire. 1538-1975.  
<sup>41</sup> 'Salisbury and Winchester Journal' newspaper. 13<sup>th</sup> December, 1830. 'Advertisements'.

**RUNAWAY APPRENTICE.**

**WHEREAS, RICHARD AMOR,**  
my Apprentice, absented himself from my house,  
without leave, on Friday, the 3d instant. He is about  
nineteen years of age, and is of a dark complexion. Had  
on, when last seen, a fustian jacket, dark velveteen  
trousers, and a black beaver hat.

This is to give Notice, that whoever shall harbour or  
employ the above-named William Amor, after this  
public announcement, will subject himself to prosecution.

**THOMAS BATT, Carpenter and Joiner,  
Haxton, near Netheravon, Wilts.**

**Dec. 11, 1830.** [7030]

-Notice of runaway Apprentice placed by Thomas Batt.-  
(Source: 'Salisbury and Winchester Journal' newspaper. 13<sup>th</sup> December, 1830.)

Some-time between mid December, 1830<sup>42</sup> and 1847<sup>43</sup> Thomas Batt moved from Wiltshire to Berkshire. Possibly, the move from Wiltshire to the neighbouring county of Berkshire was in response to Catherine Batt, Thomas' wife, dying in 1829.<sup>44</sup> Catherine, aged 40,<sup>45</sup> was buried in Enford on 1<sup>st</sup> February, 1829.<sup>46</sup> She was from Fittleton at the time of her death.<sup>47</sup> It should be noted that Haxton, Batt's town of residence, is in the Fittleton Parish; and Fittleton Parish is contiguous to Enford Parish.<sup>48</sup> James Batt, Thomas' brother, and Catherine's brother-in-law, was also listed as being from Fittleton at time of his death 6 years earlier [1823].<sup>49</sup>

The proximity of Haxton, near Netheravon, to Fittleton, Catherine's 'abode' at the time of her death, is best described in a newspaper report of the dramatic fire at Haxton in 1837:

*"We last week gave an account of a fire at Fittleton. In naming the place we were incorrect, it was at Haxton, near Netheravon, which adjoins the former place. Eight cottages, six barns, and some outhouses were destroyed. It is supposed that the fire was accidental, arising from an overheated flue....."*<sup>50</sup>

Of course, the move from Wiltshire to Berkshire may have also been in response to the Haxton fire of 1837,<sup>51</sup> or alternatively it could have been for a variety of other, now unknown, reasons. A contemporary newspaper relates the dramatic effect of the Haxton fire on those living there at the time:

*"A subscription has just been set on foot to relieve the necessities of the poor of Fittleton[sic], who suffered in the late calamitous fire which happened there on the 25th ult by which event upwards of fifty poor persons, having nothing but their labour to depend on, were deprived of almost all the necessities of life. The subscription, we learn, is limited to one shilling from each individual....."*<sup>52</sup>

<sup>42</sup> 'Salisbury and Winchester Journal' newspaper. 13<sup>th</sup> December, 1830. 'Advertisements'.

<sup>43</sup> 'Kelly's Berkshire Directory'. 1847.

<sup>44</sup> England deaths and burials index. 1538-1991. Burial of Catherine Batt. 1829

<sup>45</sup> Enford Parish register. Wiltshire. Burial of Catherine Batt. 1829.

<sup>46</sup> England deaths and burials index. 1538-1991. Burial of Catherine Batt. 1829.

<sup>47</sup> Enford Parish register. Wiltshire. Burial of Catherine Batt. 1829.

<sup>48</sup> Parish map of Wiltshire. Wiltshire records office.

<sup>49</sup> Enford burial index. Wiltshire. 1813-1872. Burial of James Batt. 1823.

<sup>50</sup> 'Wiltshire Independent' newspaper. 1<sup>st</sup> June, 1837.

<sup>51</sup> 'Wiltshire Independent' newspaper. 1<sup>st</sup> June, 1837.

<sup>52</sup> 'The Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette' newspaper. 29<sup>th</sup> June, 1837.



-Map showing location of Haxton to Fittleton.-  
(Source: 'Andrews' and Dury's Map of Wiltshire', 1810.)

Initially, the Batt family may have moved from Wiltshire to Hoe-Benham, Berkshire,<sup>53</sup> about 4.5 miles north of Newbury.<sup>54</sup>

The early years of the Batt family are referred to in the publication 'The Primitive Methodist Magazine' which carried an obituary of Thomas Batt jnr., Thomas and Catherine's son:

*"Thomas Batt, lived at Hoe-Benham, and died at Littlemore Asylum, Oxfordshire. He was born in Enford, Wilts., April 21<sup>st</sup>, 1827. His parents [sic] removed into Berkshire, while Thomas was still young, and they came to reside at Hoe-Benham. I have been informed that his parents were strictly moral, and trained up their children to attend the State Church. No doubt their conduct restrained Thomas in early life....."*<sup>55</sup>

Thomas Batt was a carpenter as early as 1817 when his daughter, Mary, was baptised in Enford, Wiltshire.<sup>56</sup> It appears that Thomas was a carpenter for most of his life, certainly this was his occupation in 1830;<sup>57</sup> again in 1838 when two of his children were married;<sup>58</sup> and in 1861, at the taking of the census.<sup>59</sup> It is also the occupation recorded on his death certificate of 1871.<sup>60</sup>

Thomas Batt, died aged 85, on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1871,<sup>61</sup> in Wickham Heath, Boxford.<sup>62</sup> Thomas' cause of death was certified as 'Infirmities of Age'.<sup>63</sup> As Thomas had died the day prior to the taking of the 1871 census, held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April, he is naturally not recorded in the census returns for that year.<sup>64</sup> Interestingly, his daughter-in-law, Amy, and grandson, George, were still found living at Wickham

<sup>53</sup> 'The Primitive Methodist Magazine'. 1860. Vol. XVIII. Page 719. Obituary of Thomas Batt.

<sup>54</sup> Parish maps of Berkshire.

<sup>55</sup> 'The Primitive Methodist Magazine'. 1860. Vol. XVIII. Page 719. Obituary of Thomas Batt.

<sup>56</sup> All Saints Parish Church baptismal records. Enford, Wiltshire. Baptism of Mary Batt. 27<sup>th</sup> April, 1817.

<sup>57</sup> 'Salisbury and Winchester Journal' newspaper. 13<sup>th</sup> December, 1830. Classified advertisement.

<sup>58</sup> Marriage certificate of Hannah Batt to James Nalder. 1838. Parish of Boxford. County of Berkshire.

Marriage certificate of George Batt to Maria Napper. 1838. District of Wallingford. Counties of Berkshire and Oxford.

<sup>59</sup> 1861 census. 7<sup>th</sup> April, 1861. Parish of Boxford. Ref: R.G. 9/721.

<sup>60</sup> Death certificate of Thomas Batt. Berkshire District. Ref: Vol. 2C. Page 177.

<sup>61</sup> Death certificate of Thomas Batt. District: Berkshire. Vol: 2C. Page: 177.

<sup>62</sup> Death certificate of Thomas Batt. District: Berkshire. Vol: 2C. Page: 177.

<sup>63</sup> Death certificate of Thomas Batt. District: Berkshire. Vol: 2C. Page: 177.

<sup>64</sup> 1871 census. 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 1871. Parish of Boxford. Ref: R.G.10/1251.



Heath at the time of the 1871 census, as they were in the 1861 census;<sup>65</sup> which would suggest that George had still lived with Amy up until the time of his death. Thomas was buried in St. Andrew's Church, Boxford on 5<sup>th</sup> April, 1871.<sup>66</sup>



-George Batt. Undated.-

(Source: *Ida Margetts. Great Granddaughter.*)



-Hannah Elizabeth Nalder (nee Batt).-

(Source: *Kerry Jones. Great-Great Granddaughter.*)

One of Thomas' daughters, Hannah Elizabeth Nalder<sup>67</sup> (nee Batt<sup>68</sup>), immigrated to Australia onboard the 'Carleton',<sup>69</sup> arriving in July, 1857.<sup>70</sup> Hannah's emigration was followed by her nieces, and two of Thomas' granddaughters, Catherine Munday Margetts<sup>71</sup> and Mary Ann Wheeler,<sup>72</sup> emigrating in 1890,<sup>73</sup> and 1903<sup>74</sup> respectively.

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<sup>65</sup> 1861 census. 7<sup>th</sup> April, 1861. Parish of Boxford. Ref: R.G. 9/721.

<sup>66</sup> Burial register for Boxford. Burial of Thomas Batt. 1871. Parish of Boxford. District of Newbury.

<sup>67</sup> Marriage certificate of Hannah Batt to James Nalder. Parish of Boxford. Berkshire. 1838.

<sup>68</sup> Hand written notes by Rhoda Margetts. Great Niece-in-law. Batt family tree. Undated.

<sup>69</sup> Public Records Office, Victoria. Index to Assisted British Immigration. 1839-1871.

<sup>70</sup> 'The Argus' newspaper. 13<sup>th</sup> July, 1857. 'Shipping Intelligence'.

<sup>71</sup> Marriage Certificate. Marriage of Frank J. Margetts to Catherine M. Batt. County of Oxford. 1883.

<sup>72</sup> 'The Reporter' newspaper. 26<sup>th</sup> February, 1915. Obituary of Mary Ann Wheeler.

<sup>73</sup> 'The Argus' newspaper. 14<sup>th</sup> June, 1890. Shipping report.

<sup>74</sup> 'Camberwell and Hawthorn Advertiser' newspaper. 27<sup>th</sup> February, 1915. Obituary of Mary Ann Wheeler.