

CHAPTER THREE

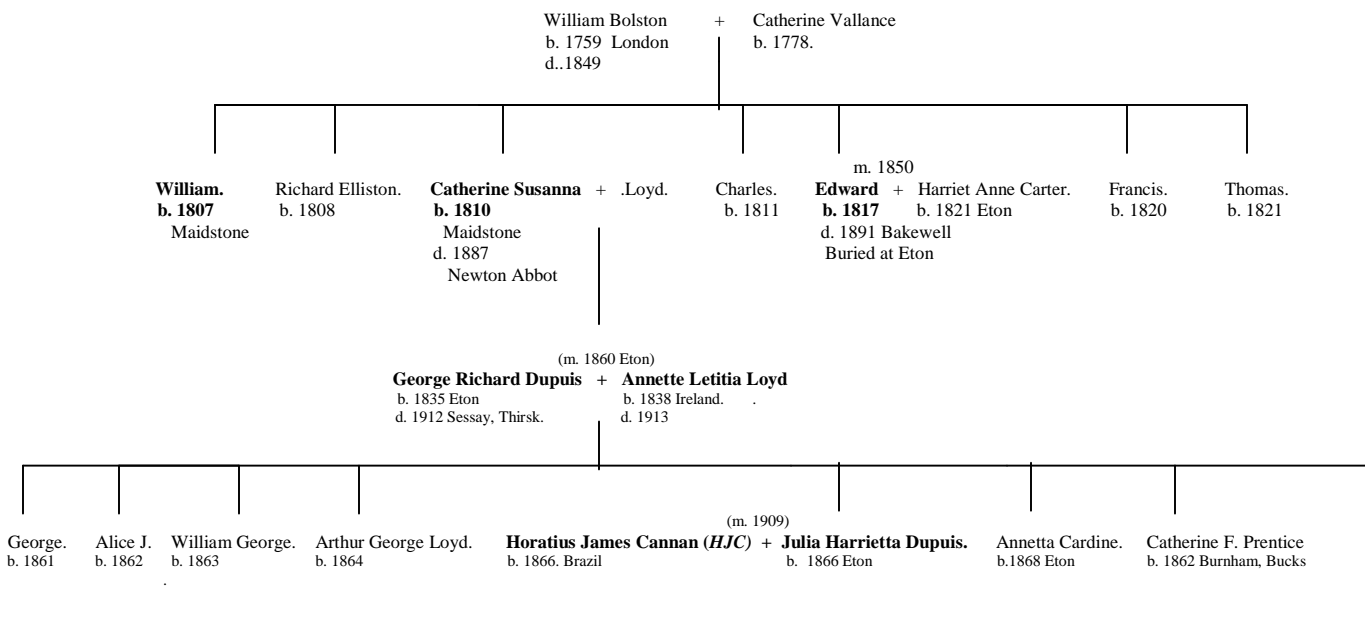
THE BALSTON FAMILY

Julia Harrietta Dupuis was related to the Balston family.

The Balston family go back some time. Let's start with John Balston born in Bridport, Dorset in 1690 and his wife Sarah Pomeroy born in 1698 in Allington, Dorset. Two of their sons, Joseph and his elder brother Samuel, went to London in about 1740 where Samuel became a woollen draper and in time a member of the Goldsmiths' Company but then went bankrupt! Joseph was admitted to the Paviours Company and married Evison Johnson of Wellingore, Lincs.

There was a son called William, born in London in 1759 ^(21aviii).

PART OF THE BALSTON FAMILY TREE



William married Catherine Vallance she was born in 1778. They produced numerous children. One called William, born in 1807 and in particular one of his sisters, Catherine Susannah born in 1810. They were both born in Maidstone, Kent where the Balston family now lived.

Catherine Susannah married Lloyd in 1831 at the family home “Spring Fields House”, Maidstone ^(21avii). In the 1851 census she is residing in Boxley, Maidstone, shown as head of house, widow, with Annette Letitia Lloyd and Fanny Cath. Lloyd, both her daughters ^(21aviiia & 21aviib). In the 1871 census she is shown as widowed at Spring Fields ^(21aii). She died in 1887 at Newton Abbot aged 77. Possibly she was staying with Edward John Gore Dupuis at Alphington ^(21aviic).

As stated under the ‘Cannan Family’, there is a record of a marriage between Horatius James Cannan (**H.J.C.**) and Julia Harrietta Dupuis in June 1909 at St Marylebone, London ^(18&19).

Julia H. Dupuis was born in Eton in 1866 ⁽²⁰⁾ the same year as **H.J.C.** In 1891 ^(28 & 28a) there is a Julia H. Dupuis born 1866, in Eton, with a father George R. Dupuis aged 56 also born in Eton and a mother Annetta L. aged 53, born in Ireland and at the time all residing in Sessay, Yorkshire. This is the Julia that became the wife of **H.J.C.**

In the 1871 census ^(21, 21ai & 21aii), it shows a head of the house as William Balston born in Maidstone in 1807 who was the son of William (b.1759) and Catherine Vallance. The census shows that William Balston employed 250 people in the paper manufacturing industry. Obviously they were a well to do family residing in “Spring Field House”, Maidstone, Kent ^(21aii).

Julia Harrietta Dupuis and her parents were visiting “Spring Field House” at the time of the 1871 census.

Catherine Susanna’s daughter, Annette Latitia Loyd, born 1838 in Ireland ^(21 & 21aiii), married George Richard Dupuis on 9th August, 1860 at Eton ^(21b) and thus in the 1871 census ^(21aii), George Richard Dupuis is shown as *nephew in law* to William Bolston. Their daughter, Julia H. Dupuis, is shown as *grand niece*, again to William Bolston. It’s all a bit muddling! ^(See above and the tree Annex Aii).

The Balston tree shows a number of other children for William, (b. 1759), including Edward, who was born in Maidstone in 1817.

Edward is possibly our most probable link with St. Tudy!!

During the 1841 census he was residing at Eton his age is shown as 20 years? His Profession is not clear. Possibly cleric. In fact he was 23 years old.

He continued to be involved with Eton College throughout most of his life.

He was an Assistant Master from 1840 to 1860 and Head Master from 1862-8. Later he was a Fellow of the college.

He was ordained deacon in 1841, Priest at Lincoln in 1842. He was rector of Hitcham (?), Berks from 1868-9 and vicar of Bakewell, Derby from 1869 to 1891. He was Rural Dean in 1872 and by 1873 he had become Archdeacon of Derby (all under 21aiii).

Obviously he became very much involved with the local community in Derby. In 1874 he recommended that the Lady Manner's School "should be closed and the funds from the sale be allowed to accumulate until a suitable solution be found to reopen the school..."(21aiv).

As Archdeacon of Derby, I would assume that he may well have known of a local "lad" from within his diocese that was joining the Priest-Hood; one Henry Edwin Eardley. Henry Edwin Eardley was 14 years old when Edward Balston became Archdeacon of Derby and within six years we shall see he was at the Theological College in Islington.

Edward Balston married Harriet Anne Carter in Burnham in 1850. She was born in Eton in 1819.

In the last year of his life, Edward Balston visited Eastbourne, Sussex; he died 1891 in Bakewell (21av and 21avi) and was buried at Eton (21aiii).