



# I'ANSON TIMES

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The most exciting thing to happen since the last issue of the 'I'Anson Times was the production of "Sweet Lass" at Richmond's Georgian Theatre in June 1979. However, in the hope of obtaining a script from Angus Goodfellow - co-author of the musical play, I shall defer any enlargement of this topic to a future issue. I would, however, like to thank all those in Richmond who made the evening such a success, and who welcomed the I'Anson family members with such open arms.

In this issue I am publishing a letter from Mr and Mrs Robert I'Anson of Florida, USA. Sorry I have not asked your permission Bob, I don't suppose you knew you were going to be the author of this issue. Bob's ancestry appears to be from the same branch of the family as the 'Sweet Lass'. To confirm many points in his papers and to correct some others I also publish a reprint of William Mangles I'Anson's article from the Yorkshire Archaeological Journal of 1924 (with acknowledgements to the Yorkshire Archaeological Society). I am gratified that, in a footnote, the writer of this article mentions the senior figure of my I'Anson branch - the late Colonel I'Anson of Howe Hall.

Tom Wolstencroft

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Dear Tom and Ann

I am enclosing for your I'Anson collection a couple of items. The newspaper article I believe is self-explanatory. The other data was obtained from my father's older half-sister Stella. I obtained it from her daughter-in-law, Mrs Melville I'Anson Bryant of Mathews, Virginia. I found it interesting in that it contains an obvious amount of truths, half-truths and romanticisms. Stella was 12 years old when her father, Dr Richard I'Anson, died in 1888. I believe that most of the information was word of mouth rather than research. Anyhow the distortions are interesting, for instance how did Purbeck become 'Pepther'? Also note that we (i.e. my line) I'Ansons married into the female line of the Armistead family twice in the course of one century.

My sister Nancy who lives in a Washington D.C. suburb will probably get down to the Library of Congress and see if she can expand on any of this information.

As you can see by our new address we finally got moved into our new house. We moved up here the first week in August. We are very happy here and if we can sell our house in the Keys we may be able to try another trip to England provided that the Dollar doesn't keep falling. Speaking of the falling Dollar, it would be a bargain for you to visit us. Our sub-division has 2 Swimming Pools and we are less than 1 mile from the ocean. We are about 50 miles North of Miami and about 200 miles South of Orlando (Disneyworld), with good motorways to both. We would be happy to put you up.

Hope you and yours are all healthy and prospering,

Best Regards, Bob and Betty I'Anson

Our list of members grows. I would especially welcome our first overseas member from Canada. Please disregard the variation in spelling, this has happened over the two centuries of her families settlement in Canada. I trust her researches will fill an issue or of these days.

Miss Peace Marie Gerson 1045 Main Street East  
Apartment 3  
Hamilton  
Ontario  
Canada

Mr and Mrs Henry I'Anson  
"Highland Laddie"  
Beldershaw Bank  
West Auckland  
Co Durham

Mr Wilfred I'Anson  
22 West Green Houghington  
Warrington  
Co Durham

Mrs Audrey I'Anson  
114 Northgate Street  
Bury St Edmunds  
IP 33 1HQ

(Mrs I'Anson has kindly sent me a photoprint of an I'Anson Family Tree. This tree fits perfectly onto the published tree in Bryan I'Ansons History. It also confirms and shows the ultimate history of many I'Anson entries in the Fingall Parish Register, which were extracted for me by my Uncle Charles I'Anson Wolstencroft.)

It gave me the various dates and locations of Birth of the Family. The census of the N Riding of Yorks 1871 can be checked at County Record office Council Buildings Northallerton

TOWN OF THIRSK YORKS 1871

STREET & NAME & HOUSE	NAME AND SURNAME	RELATION TO HEAD OF FAMILY	CONDITION	AGE OF		RANK PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN
				MALES	FEMALE		
2 ST	JOHN I'ANSON	HEAD	MARRIED	35		STONEMASON	RIPON YORKS
TTO	GRACE I'ANSON	WIFE	MARRIED		35	HOUSEWIFE	MORPETH NORTHUMBERLAND
ITTO	ELIZA	DAUGHTER	—		10	SCHOLAR	LEEDS
TTO	JAMES LANGLANDS	SON	—	8		SCHOLAR	LEEDS
TTO	JOHN ROBERT	SON	—	6		SCHOLAR	LEEDS
TTO	WILLIAM LANGLANDS	SON	—	4		—	LEEDS
TTO	MARY LANGLANDS	DAUGHTER	—		3	—	THIRSK
ITTO	FRANCES ANNE	DAUGHTER	—		1	—	THIRSK
				NO	4	4	

My Grandmother is not Present on the 1871 census as her birth took place in 1879

While I know by tradition the names of my Great Grandparents The Birth certificate of my Grandmother for 1879 confirmed them. A note of warning for I'Anson engineers. Thirsk Registry office disclaimed any record of the Birth of Jane Isobel I'Anson in 1879 which troubled me greatly.

However on Business in London, I had an hour to spare and checked at Somerset House. The entry was there in the

office. I wrote again to ~~submit~~ in a rather ironical manner including with the letter, the Somerset House index no!

The reply and the certificate came back, abject apologies the entry had been indexed locally under JANSON!

Moral being, if you suspect anything after being told there is no certificate, get them to check under J.

~~to be continued~~

As a start then, like myself you should collect all the legends and hear-say from Parents and relatives. then confirm or disprove it, with hard documentary evidence from Birth Death and Marriage certificates.

Census Returns as you can see are very useful. they commenced in 1841, and have carried on every ten years since then. However all returns under 100 years old are confidential, so the latest census freely available for inspection is 1871

CENSUS RETURNS OVER 100 YEARS IN GENSUS ROOM OF PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE CHANCERY LANE LONDON (APPLY FOR READERS TICKETS)

Microfilm copies for the old North Riding are in various Municipal Libraries Leeds, Bradford Rotherham Sheffield Regarding the East Riding, to the best of my knowledge, the Record Office at Beverley does not

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descent is through my Paternal Grandmother Jane Isobel I'Anson

Jane was born in Thrusk in 1879 the tenth of ten children of John and Grace I'Anson.

John my Great Grandfather was a Monumental Stonemason, many a worthy Thrusk or Lowerby citizen was laid to rest, with a handsome carved memorial, wrought by his hands, and I understand the fabric of Thrusk Parish Church benefited by his attentions.

John I'Anson was a native of Ripon, and he married Grace Langlands, daughter of James and Mary Langlands originally of Morpeth Northumberland, at Lowerby Danish Church March 17th 1860. At the time of his marriage John was lodging in Leeds, and the couple settled there in Dover Street off Busley Rd.

Employment was plentiful in Leeds at the time. John had been working on the building of Leeds Town Hall and was most certainly present on the occasion of its opening by Queen Victoria in 1858, when it ~~to~~ was estimated that 200,000 <sup>people</sup> ~~who~~ were crowded into <sup>the</sup> streets, decorated with coloured lamps. for the ~~Queen's visit~~ <sup>Queen's visit</sup>  
Years later, when John was visiting Leeds, accompanied

decorating the Town Hall facade. and told her that he assisted in fitting them in position. The lions were an afterthought not being put in position until 1866/7

There is a Leeds joke about on New Years Night the stone lions are said to descend from their plinths at midnight, and saunter round the Town Hall square!

Grandmother used to laugh and say "Father fixed them too well for that to happen!"

John P'Anson also worked on Leeds Infirmary and the building of Leeds Bridge, but his artistic talents made him prefer work of a more ornamental kind and the family left Leeds for Thurst in 1868.

They had a family by this time

Eliza 1860 (named after John's mother)

James <sup>Langlands</sup> 1862 (Father of our member James Langlands P'Anson)

John Robert 1864 (Father of Mrs Downs of Thurst) 80

William Langlands 1866 (Father of George Victor Langlands P'Anson)

All these children were baptized at St Georges by George St <sup>of Waine</sup> 82

Leeds. Now famous as St Georges crypt, where people "down and out" are given a meal.

The ~~Family~~ Families first residence in Thurst was 17 Long Street. (When I went to see it. I found it had become a little bicycle shop!) ~~etc~~

It was the Census Return for this address in 1871

Usually if you don't over-do it, and an accurate address is supplied (from a local Registration Certificate) Record Office Archivists will look up a postal query. However remember Archivists are busy people & employed in preserving records; answering queries is really goodwill on their part!

Always remember to enclose S.A.E with your queries. Incidentally our Editor would also be grateful for the above to answer our hand letters.

Here is the addresses of three County Record Offices

North Yorks.

County Record Office  
N Yorks County Hall  
Northallerton

Durham

County Record Office  
County Hall  
Durham

Northumberland

County Record Office  
Melton Park  
North Gosforth

Newcastle upon Tyne.

In closing I would recommend D'Anson members interested in tracing their ancestry, to join the Family History Society for their County

Yorkshire

Yorkshire Archaeological Society  
Family Studies Section

Leedsford Youth  
Leeds LS166DW

Durham and Northumberland

Mr J A Readdie  
38 Archery Rise

Nevilles Cross

Durham DH1 4JQ

subs £2 per year Quarterly magazine  
monthly meetings

subs £1 per year bi-monthly newsletter  
monthly meetings

The Hanson Ancestry of Thomas Henry Wobtercraft will  
as be continued.

Bibliography

at Great Hall for Leeds (The Dalesman)

Victorian Cities Vera Briggs



The Court of Chancery has for centuries set to settle disputes over land tenure, title, etc. contents of wills and Wards of Court. The documentation left in the wake of all these deliberations is immense. and the number of people recorded, Defendants, Plaintiffs and Witnesses, make a valuable contribution to Family History.

Early this century an index was prepared of English names appearing in the records, and I have extracted all references to the name I'Anson.

The bundles of records are stored at the Public Record Office Chancery Lane London. and are available for inspection. Alternatively, Photocopies can be ordered by Post; a typical order however would cost in the region of £10, so personal inspection is easier on the pocket! (make sure to apply for readers ticket beforehand). +

Here is the list: \_\_\_\_\_

IANSON BRYAN 1740

TOWN DEPOSITIONS BUNDLE NO 1547  
INITIAL LETTER OF SUIT I

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BRYAN IANSON NAMED IN WILL OF JAMES ELLIS  
OF WARDOUR ST WESTMINSTER (BRICKLAYER)  
P.C.C 9 GREENLY

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JOHN I'ANSON 1760

CHAN PRO 1758/1800 BDL 512 SUIT 35

CHAN PRO 1758/1800 BDL 488 SUIT 30  
WILLIAM I'ANSON 1784  
CHAN PRO 1758/1800 BDL 593 SUIT 28  
WILLIAM I'ANSON 1784  
CHAN PRO 1758/1800 BDL 592 SUIT 41  
JOHN I'ANSON 1796  
CHAN PRO 1758/1800 BDL 669 SUIT 1  
HENRY SAMUEL I'ANSON 1794  
CHAN PRO 1758/1800 BDL 652 SUIT 4  
THOMAS I'ANSON DIED 1788  
CHAN PRO 1758/1800 BDL 616 SUIT 10  
MARY I'ANSON 1794  
CHAN PRO 1758/1800 BDL 652 SUIT 4  
FRANCES I'ANSON 1794  
CHAN PRO 1758/1800 BDL 652 SUIT 4  
ELIZABETH I'ANSON 1788  
CHAN PRO 1758/1800 BDL 616 SUIT 10  
RALPH I'ANSON 1788  
CHAN PRO 1758/1800 BDL 616 SUIT 10  
MARGARET I'ANSON 1800  
CHAN PRO BDL 692 SUIT 38  
JOHN I'ANSON DIED 1800  
CHAN PRO BDL 692 SUIT 38  
JOHN I'ANSON 1799  
CHAN PRO 686 SUIT 17  
WILLIAM I'ANSON 1799  
CHAN PRO 686 SUIT 34  
WILLIAM I'ANSON 1793  
CHAN PRO BDL 645 SUIT 9

THOMAS I'ANSON 1788  
CHAN PRO BDL 616 SUIT 10  
WILLIAM I'ANSON 1788  
CHAN PRO 616 SUIT 10  
JOHN I'ANSON 1745  
CHAN PRO BDL 212 SUIT 30  
WILLIAM I'ANSON JUNIOR 1787  
CHAN PRO 156 SUIT 12  
ELIZABETH I'ANSON 1787  
WILLIAM I'ANSON "  
RALPH I'ANSON "  
THOMAS I'ANSON "  
CHAN PRO BDL 616 SUIT 12  
WILLIAM I'ANSON 1792  
CHAN PRO BDL 190 SUIT 25  
WILLIAM I'ANSON 1718  
AN APPRENTICE NAMED IN  
INL 1/6 FOL 185  
PARENTAGE IN REGISTER  
EDWARD I'ANSON 1766  
JAMES I'ANSON "  
JOSHUA I'ANSON "  
ISAAC I'ANSON "  
HENRY I'ANSON  
CHAN PRO BDL 354 SUIT 26  
WILLIAM I'ANSON 1756  
CLOSE ROLL 5996 ENTRY 7  
MEMBRANE 4  
SIR THOMAS I'ANSON BART 1731  
CHAN PRO 1714/58 BDL 2739  
SUIT 35  
~~THOMAS I'ANSON BART~~  
SIR THOMAS I'ANSON BART 1731  
CHAN PRO 1714/58 BDL 2709  
SUIT 39  
JOHN I'ANSON  
AN APPRENTICE NAMED IN  
INL 1/16 FOL 54  
PARENTAGE IN REGISTER  
WILLIAM I'ANSON 1779  
CHAN PRO BDL 14 SUIT 22

ABRAHAM I'ANSON 1761  
CHAN PRO 1758/1800 BDL108 SUIT 34

BRYAN IANSON  
AN APPRENTICE NAMED IN  
INL 1/11 FOL 13  
NO PARENTAGE IN REGISTER

WILLIAM I'ANSON 1790  
CHAN PRO 1758/1800 BDL169 SUIT 33

WILLIAM I'ANSON 1791  
CHAN PRO 1758/1800 BDL176 SUIT 40

ELIZABETH IANSON 1798  
CHAN PRO 1758/1800 BDL 241 SUIT 22

WILLIAM I'ANSON 1798  
CHAN PRO 1758/1800 BDL 241 SUIT 22

BRYAN I'ANSON (DEAD) 1751/ESTHER IANSON  
CHAN PRO 1758/1800 BDL 756 SUIT 20

LEONARD I'ANSON OF HUNTON N. YORKS 1698  
YEOMAN 40  
IS A DEPOIMENT IN CHAN DEPOSITIONS  
BEFORE 1714 BDL 29 SUIT 14

WILLIAM I'ANSON 1783  
CHAN PRO BDL 447 SUIT 96

JOHN IANSON 1778  
CHAN PRO BDL 422 SUIT 58

WILLIAM I'ANSON 1781  
CHAN PRO BDL 463 SUIT 9

HENRY I'ANSON 1764  
CHAN PRO 522 SUIT 25

I'ANSON LATE SAMSON MARGARET  
CHAN PRO BDL 522 SUIT 25

BRYAN IANSON 1760  
CHAN PRO BDL 512  
SUIT 35

JOHN I'ANSON 1760  
C 12 989/16

BRYAN I'ANSON 1760  
C 12 989/16

JOHN I'ANSON 1795  
C 12 962/21

WM I'ANSON 1776  
C 12 929/13

WM I'ANSON 1787  
C 12 942/16

WM I'ANSON 1785  
C 12 926/9

LEONARD IANSON (DEAD) 1769  
C 12 1040/3

WM I'ANSON 1784  
C 12 925/23

The very least information available in these documents is the age, occupation and residence of the defendant, Plaintiff and all witnesses. The names above could be a selection of all three categories.

If my suggestions for raising funds meet with any response. I propose to gradually purchase this material (Photocopies) from the Public Record Office, so many items per year, if one or two exploratory purchases make us feel the cost is justified.

If as a group we find it ~~unwise~~ ~~to~~ ~~find~~ ~~a~~ ~~place~~  
of records in this way, a suitable depository will be  
required. I have a feeling that the Librarian at Richmond

York would be delighted to have an I'Anson Archive.

The location would be highly suitable on both  
historic grounds, and it still being <sup>reasonably</sup> ~~the~~ centre of the  
I'Anson settlement area in Yorks, Lincoln and Northumberland