

William Meredith, Pavior, of Bloomsbury

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In 1795 his death 'at an advanced age' is announced in *The Times*

William MEREDITH ?

A list of Westminster voters of 1749 has a William Meredith, Drury Lane, Paviour

William MEREDITH of Hyde Street, Bloomsbury, London, Pavior [1,2] d. 4 Feb 1795 [17] Will proved 28 Feb 1795 [2] m. Unknown

William junior of Hyde St is referred to in 1784, so his father may have been William as well. Alternatively the William junior could be his son

A clue to the source of the Meredith fortune is given in the following printed anecdote [11]: 'I met with a Mr. Thos. Gilliland, who was well acquainted with Wm Meredith Esq, of Harley-Place, who had the paving of Maryle-bone parish, and died worth £70,000'.

An account of 1793 names William Meredith of Hyde St as a subscriber to the Welsh Society that supported a Charity School in Gray's Inn Road.

William Meredith inherited the pavior business his father [2]

William MEREDITH of 3, Harley Place St. Marylebone Parish 1756/7-1831

George Meredith was an architect and 'Surveyor of Islington'. He was a pupil and assistant to John Yenn 1782-1785 [11]

George MEREDITH 1762-1831 of 6, Nottingham Place St. Marylebone Parish m. 6 Jul 1799 [5] = Esther Gray SAUNDERS b. 11 Dec 1779 d. 7 Apr 1857 [13]

Esther Gray, dau. of Edward Gray Saunders who m. Mary Esther Burbidge 19 Sep 1778 [5]. Sister of George Saunders architect c.1762-1839 who reconstructed the roof of the Sheldonian Theatre in 1803 [11]

Elizabeth MEREDITH m. bef. 1789 [2] = John YENN b. 26 Feb 1750 [5] d. 1821

Indirect evidence for this marriage from the sources. John was the son of John Yenn and Elizabeth. His sister Mary Ann m. 22 Apr 1779 [5] Valentine Atwood and is mentioned in his Will

Mary MEREDITH m. bef. 1789 [2] = John WILLIAMS

Susanna MEREDITH [2] m. 4 Mar 1797 = William DAY

The Meredith address in [7] is given as both Nottingham Place and Berrington Court Worcestersv. Burke [8] says that George Meredith of Berrington Court was High Sheriff of Worcestershire in 1829.

Georgina Esther MEREDITH b. 21 Jun 1800 [5] bap. 16 Aug 1900 [5] m. 7 Feb 1833 [7,8] d. ca. 1881 [14] Rev. Edward HIGGINS of Kingsland rectory [7] of Bosbury House, Hereford [8] b. 23 May 1803 [8]

Ellen MEREDITH b. 24 Nov 1801 [5] bap. Dec 1810 [5] m. 6 Jun 1835 Rev. Frederick William HOPE 1797-1862 [6,9]

No children

Rev. F.W. Hope was a renowned entomologist and a Fellow of the Royal Society

William George MEREDITH b. 23 Jul 1803 [5] bap. 11 Aug 1803 [5] d. Jul 1831 in Cairo, from smallpox [12]

Engaged to Sarah Disraeli, sister of Benjamin Disraeli Travelled with Disraeli 1830-1831 [12]

Augusta YENN c.1794-1869 [14] m. 1834 = Martin THACKERAY 1783-1864

Martin Thackeray was the brother of William Makepeace Thackeray whose only son Richmond Thackeray was the father of the author and critic William Makepeace Thackeray.

Susanna Mary YENN d. 1845 [10]

Susanna Yenn was an artist and is mentioned on the Royal Academy of Arts website [10]

Elizabeth YENN m. 1814 [16] = Peter Edward FLANAGAN

Elizabeth Flanagan, widow, is enumerated with Martin and Augusta Thackery in the 1851 and 1862 censuses

Mary Meredith WILLIAMS [3] b. 18 Aug 1788 [5] bap. 13 Sep 1788 [5] St Dunstan in the West

2 other baptisms to a John and Mary Williams at St Dunstan in the West: Caroline Williams 24 Mar 1793 [5] Catherine Williams bap. 30 Jul 1779 b. 15 Jul 1779 [5]

William DAY b. 15 Dec 1797 bap. 10 Jan 1798 [5]

Richard DAY b. 17 Apr 1801 bap. 7 May 1801 [5]

Ann Catherine DAY b. 28 Mar 1802 bap. 14 Apr 1802 [5]

baptisms at St Anne Soho Westminster:

Ellen Gray HIGGINS b. 10 May 1834 bap. 14 May 1834 [5] m. 30 Sep 1852 [5] d. 1910 [14] Robert Baskerville Rickards MYNORS [5,8]

Children all born at Evancoed, the family seat of the Mynors. No succession.

1. Willoughby Baskerville MYNORS b: 25 Nov 1854 d. 1914
2. Arthur Clinton Baskerville MYNORS b: 17 Aug 1856
3. Beatrice Elinor MYNORS b: 16 Dec 1857 d. 1857
4. Charles Baskerville MYNORS b: 9 Apr 1859 d. 1863
5. Audley Baskerville MYNORS b: 28 Nov 1861
6. Elinor Mary MYNORS b: 6 Aug 1864 [15]

Theoretic Arithmetic of the Pythagoreans By Thomas Taylor (1816) p. xxv

WILLIAM DAY and WILLIAM GEORGE MEREDITH, the relatives of his much esteemed and honoured friends, WILLIAM and GEORGE MEREDITH, Esqs, the first of these youths being the nephew of both, and the second, the son of the latter of his friends. From the fair hopes which their great proficiency in learning have hitherto raised in all that know them, there is every reason to expect that they will eventually be no less an ornament to their country than an honour to the family to which they belong. And he requests they will permit him thus to dedicate this work to them, both as a testimony of gratitude to their above mentioned relations, and an indication of his great personal regard for them, and his sanguine expectations of their future renown.

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