SLATTER, Alfred Joseph Payne

Born May 1841, Birmingham. Died 1 Mar. 1897, Durban.

Butcher, carrier, dairyman, poulterer.

1841.05.00 Born Birmingham. (CSO 2284)(Tomb WSC)

1851.12.30 Aged 9, he arrived at Port Natal on the *Iris* with his father [*sic*] William Slatter. They were both intermediate passengers. (Hatt. Lists)

1856 Called as a witness in an attempted rape on a Miss Butler in Pinetown. Said he was not in Pinetown on the night in question. (CSO 2245 no. D480 dated Oct. 1856)

1856.09.30 William Slatter of Pinetown, butcher, made a deposition that his brother Alfred lived with him and that he was in Pinetown on the night of the attack on Miss Butler. (AGO Dep. 1/4/3 p. 444)

1856.10.00 Alfred Slatter, an inhabitant of Pinetown, aged 14, has been arrested for perjury. (*NM* 03.10.56)

1856.10.23 Writing from Pinetown, William Slatter enclosed a memorial from 99 people from the town and County of Durban asking for the liberation from incarceration in Durban of his younger brother Alfred. The first signatures on the memorial were those of William and John C. Slatter. (CSO 2245 no. D480 dated Oct.1856)

1856.11.00 Alfred released from perjury charge. (*NM* 13.11.56)

1861.06.00 Rachel Hogarth [*sic*], servant from Kilham, came on the *Barbadoes*. (Akitt Lists). Her passage money was ensured by John Hogarth [*sic*]. (EI 65)

1862.10.18 On Saturday 18 October the butcher’s shop in West Street [Durban], formerly the property of Wm Leathern will be opened by Alfred Slatter in the same business as here before. (*NS* 18.10.62)

1864.02.29 Appointment to see Dr Aldridge of Pietermaritzburg. Only visit. (Dr A’s ledger p. 532)

1864.07.08 At age 28 [*sic*] he got licence to marry Rachel Hoggarth, 22, born in Kilham, Yorkshire. He was born in Birmingham. (CSO 2284)

1864.07.12 He and Rachel were married at the house of George Wood in Pmb. He was 28 [*sic*], butcher, bachelor of Pmb. and she was Rachel Hoggarth, 23, spinster. (RSC II/5/55 no. 16) Witnesses: George and Rebecca Wood. (R. Wes. Pmb.)

1864.09.25 First visit of Rachel to Dr Aldridge. She visited him again on 26 and 27. Confinement, no date. (Dr A’s ledger p. 908)

1876.09.25 Rachel’s uncle John Hoggarth, labourer of Pietermaritzburg, died. He was a cousin of John Hesslewood. Alfred Slatter filled in the death notice. (MSCE 4/232)

1888 Of Durban, a carrier. (MSC 56/1888)

1896.06.30 Sued for judicial separation by Rachel on grounds of cruelty. He was a carrier of Durban. They have eight children, three of whom are minors – Elizabeth, George and Edward. Alfred has always been addicted to drink and she and the children often had to run and hide from him in the Bush. He also beat her when he was drunk. She now lives with her married daughter. He owns leasehold Lots 1 & 2 and freehold Lot no. 3, Block B, Prince Street, Addington. (RSC II/5/55 no. 16)

1896.08.20 Rachel granted separation and alimony. (RSC II/5/55 no. 16)

1897.03.01 Died in Durban aged 56, of Addington, commonly known in Natal as Alfred, poulterer and dairyman. Wife was Rachel. (Tomb WSC)(MSC 35/1897)

1916.08.00 Rachel died aged 75. (Tomb WSC)

CHILDREN

**Mary Hoggarth** (Oct. 1864, Pmb. – Aug. 1944 Dbn)

1864.10.00 Mary Hogarth [*sic*] born Pmb. (R. Cong. Pmb.)

1886.12.27 Married Edwin Landsell. (R. Cong. Dbn)

1922.07.00 Edwin Landsell died aged 62. (Tomb WSC)

1944.08.00 Mary Hoggarth died aged 79. (Tomb WSC)

**William Robert** (30 Jul. 1866, Dbn –)

1866.07.30 William Robert born Dbn. Father a butcher. (*T. of N.* 08.08.66)

1897.03.12 Of Zeerust, South African Republic, executor of estate of A.J.P. Slatter gave P/A to James Hansford, carrier, to dispose of goods and property in Slatter’s estate. (RSC 1V/6/1 No. 17)

**Evelina** (10 Feb. 1869, Dbn –)

1869.02.10 Evelina born. Father a butcher. (D G R Births)

**Ellen Elizabeth** (16 Jul. 1870, Dbn –)

1870.07.16 Ellen Elizabeth born. Father a butcher. (D G R Births)

1892.07.12 Married William Lord, engineer, both of Addington, Dbn. Witnesses: Elizabeth A Slatter, Alfred Slatter and ? Southall. (R.St P. Dbn)

**Alfred Israel** (12 Nov. 1872, Dbn – 18.11.1900, Malvern, near Dbn)

1872.11.12 Alfred Israel born. Father a butcher. (D G R Births)

1893.12.00 Land surveyor, m. Mary Emily Jewitt, both of the Point, Dbn. (R. St P. Dbn)

1900.11.13 Sworn land surveyor, made his will at Malvern. (MSC 224/1900)

1900.11.18 Died at Malvern aged 28. (Tomb WSC)(MSC 224/1900)

1935.11.00 Mary Emily died aged 60. (Tomb WSC)

1918.00.00 Married St Peter’s, Eton Square, London. Elsie Honoria, b. 24 Aug. 1896, dau. of the late Alfred I. Slatter of Dbn. and g-dau of the late Capt L. Jewitt and sister of Wing Commander L.H. Slatter CBE, DSC, DFC of the RAF, to Lieut Henry William Chiazzari, 7th London Regt, of Richmond, Natal. 2 sons. Address: Illovo Nek, Richmond. (WWN p. 49, 1933). Len Chiazzari, architect, a son of this marriage, age about 95, lives in Richmond with his wife Laura. Address: P.O. Box 93, Richmond, Natal, 3780.

**Elizabeth Ann** (11 Dec. 1876 Dbn –)

1876.12.11 Elizabeth Ann born. Father a butcher. (D G R Births)

**George Payne** (6 Nov. 1878, Dbn. – 9 Feb. 1903, Dbn.)

1878.11.06 George Payne born. Father a carrier. (D G R Births)

1903.02.09 Died in Dbn, aged 26. He was a clerk. (MSC 58/1903)

1903.02.00 Died aged 23 [*sic*]. (Tomb WSC)

**James Edward** (3 Jun. 1880, Dbn –)

1880 .06.03 James Edward born. Father a butcher. (D G R Births)

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